

The Sideliner

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Under the Master's Hat

Worshipful Master

My personal journey from West traveling East has been nothing short of incredible.

I'd like to thank all of the Brothers who have traveled this same path before me. Their leadership and lasting legacy upon the craft hasn't gone unnoticed.

To all of our younger Brothers, who have yet to reach the East, I encourage them to keep working their way up the winding stairs.

My goals for the ensuing year as I set the craft at work are:

- To make our ritual more precise
- To offer more family oriented events
- To make Wadsworth Lodge more public to



- our friends and candidates
- To create more opportunities for fellowship
- To offer more Masonic Education

I'm excited to see where this year will take us.

S&F
Andrew Groff

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UNDER THE MASTER’S HAT (CONT’D)

Wadsworth Lodge 2018 – 2019 Trestle Board

September 12, 2018	Welcome back/Assign parts for 1st degree/Brother Bring a Friend night
September 26, 2018*	District Deputy Grand Master’s Apron Presentation
October 14, 2018*	Table Lodge
October 24, 2018*	First Degree Exemplification
November 14, 2018*	Years of Service Awards
November 28, 2018	Brother Bring a Friend night - Event TBA
December 15, 2018	Holiday Party
December 26, 2018	Lodge Dark
January 9, 2018	Assign Parts for the 2nd degree/Educational Program TBA
January 23, 2019	Annual Pool Tournament and Brother Bring a Friend night
February 13, 2019	Annual Reports Night
February 27, 2019*	Second Degree Exemplification
March 13, 2019	Brother Bring a Friend night - Event TBA
March 27, 2019	Move Up Night
April 10, 2019*	Third Degree Exemplification
April 24, 2019*	District Deputy grand Master’s Visit
May 8, 2019*	Election and Installation of Officers
May 22, 2019	Business Meeting

“*” Indicated Tuxedos to be worn

(Practice Nights on Wednesdays before Degree at 7:00p.m.)
 * Tuxedos for these events all others Business Attire.

Sickness and Distress:

After almost a lifetime at Carol Ann Drive, Bill Ogren is contemplating a move to an Assisted Living Facility.

Robert and Louis Emory's father has been diagnosed with cancer.

Niels Jurgensen passed away suddenly of a heart attack on June 4.

Glad Tidings:

We will be helping to support four campers to Camp Turk this Summer. Richard and Kimberly Kantowitz. The other two are Ray Gaul's granddaughters Rayann and Joslyn Hunt.

Our new Senior Warden Louis Emory and Raeanne Wright are expecting around mid November. He says he still needs to pop the question but they are closing on their new house at the end of June! So sometime after that.

On Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at the 237th Annual Communication the M.W. Jeffrey M. Williamson presented The Chancellor Robert R. Livingston Award

to our very own, R.W. Steve King, for his years of service and dedication to The Chancellor Robert R. Livingston Library and the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

Our very own, Rob Emory played a pivotal role in a local beer tasting event, which was held on Saturday, May 19th, at the Albany Institute of History and Art. This was a fund raising event for the Institute.

News from Florida, Richard Powell and some of the Brothers at Mount Dora had a fund raiser this past year. They raised \$150,000. This help with a new driveway, some landscaping and many other improvements and programs.

IN MEMORIAM

Bro. John D. Denuccio, Jr.

Became a Mason April 8, 1964

Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on April 22, 1964

Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on May 27, 1964

Raised to the **Supreme Lodge on High April 2, 2014**

IN MEMORIAM

W.: George E. Kirk, Jr.

Became a Mason February 12, 1958

Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on March 12, 1958

Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on March 26, 1958

Raised to the **Supreme Lodge on High March 5, 2018**

IN MEMORIAM

W.: Niels Carl Jurgensen

Became a Mason March 16, 2006

Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on October 25, 2006

Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on December 13, 2006

Raised to the **Supreme Lodge on High June 3, 2018**

Please communicate sickness and distress and/or glad tidings. Brothers, we will never have knowledge to give support to our Brothers, their Widows or Orphans unless we communicate. Harmony is the support of all institutions, especially this of Our Great Masonic Lodge, Wadsworth #417.

Around the District:

District Web Page *Old 17th.org*

Masters and Officers Association

This year there will be a surviving spouse luncheon at the Cyprus Shrine on July 30th.

At the April meeting the aim was to find ways to do things together as a District. One activity is to make appearances at various parades.

The Association is going to be overhauling their By-Laws. This endeavor will be headed by Ryan Cerone and R.: W.: Michael Weisburg.

The Masters and Officers meetings are held on the last Monday of the month, except for December and

May-August. Meetings are at either Evening Star Lodge in Latham or the Albany Temple.

The Regional Food Bank volunteering, sponsored by St. George's Lodge, will be on hiatus over the Summer.

R.: W.: Jerry McCall, W.: Andy Groff and W.: Michael Hernandez made an appearance at the Bethlehem Memorial Day Parade.



District Deputy Grand Master Visits					
Tuesday	October 9, 2018	Victor Lodge #680	Tuesday	January 22, 2019	Evening Star Lodge #75
Monday	October 15, 2018	Mount Vernon Lodge #3	Thursday	January 31, 2019	Clinton Lodge #140
Tuesday	October 23, 2018	Beukendaal #915	Monday	February 4, 2019	Mt Zion Lodge #311
Thursday	November 1, 2018	Berne Lodge #684	Thursday	February 28, 2019	Van Rensselaer Lodge #87
Monday	November 12, 2018	Masters Lodge #5	Wednesday	March 6, 2019	Schenectady Lodge #1174
Tuesday	December 4, 2018	Ancient Temple #14	Tuesday	March 14, 2019	Apollo-King Solomon's Lodge #13
Thursday	January 10, 2019	St. George's Lodge #6	Tuesday	April 9, 2019	Noah Lodge #754
Tuesday	January 15, 2019	Bethlehem Lodge #85	Thursday	April 18, 2019	Gutenberg Lodge #737

Poet's Corner:

Our Mother

Today is the day to honor the one.
Who radiates warmth like the rays of the sun.

Her days begin early and end very late,
She must care for the children and give to her mate.

When a child has a problem that's too great to bear,
She'll take time from her own life to listen and care.

When the children are sick and they cry in the night,
The touch of a mother makes everything right.

As her children grow older and cause her more grief,
She must ask of the lord, "when do I get relief?"

With teenage children, her love is still strong,
Though they often tell her she's done it all wrong.

As the years hurry by and the children are grown,
The hard part is watching them go on their own.

For in spite of the anguish, the toil and the grind,
She's taught them to grow up and leave her behind.

She would do it all over, this mother and wife.
For the love of her family's the joy of her life.

For we all have a mother, each daughter and son,
And I think we should tell her, the job was well done

Happy Mother's Day
William E. Ogren
May, 1983



Tales of the Ring

This one falls under Brother helping Brother.

MOVING DAY

In the spring of 2004 I had to relocate a retail business and move the inventory, fixtures and equipment. I had mentioned this casually to a couple of Masons before a regular meeting a few days earlier. I had already lined up movers to come in and take care of it.

On the morning of the move, totally unexpected and unrequested, Brother Jim Van Sant

pulled up an hour before the movers arrived, and backed his trailer to the door. Brother Jim then took it upon himself to take apart all the computer, phone and electrical device connections, take them to the new location, and reinstall everything. What a great favor! And a great brother!

David Ross
 Pickens Star Lodge No. 220 F.& A.M.
[Jasper, Georgia, USA](#)



Summer Events

Our new Master W.: Andy Groff has planned a number of events for the upcoming Summer months. These are both designed to be get togethers for brothers, family and friends. They will also be

opportunities to meet potential petitioners as part of the Northstar program. Some of the programs are free (theatre in the park) or bring something to eat (Picnic). We plan to help with subsidizing the price of the other events.

Thursday	June 21	Valley Cats vs. Lowell Spinners baseball 7pm. at the Joseph Bruno Stadium.
Saturday	July 7	Albany Empire vs. Philadelphia Soul Arena football 6pm. at the Times Union Arena. Brothers, family, friends and prospective petitioners welcome
Saturday	July 21	“Damn Yankees” at the Washington Park Playhouse 8:00pm. Free seating on the lawn. Friends and Family welcome
Thursday	August 9	“How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying” at the Washington Park Playhouse 7:30pm. Free seating on the lawn. Friends and Family welcome
Saturday	August 11	Wadsworth Annual Family Potluck Picnic at the Henry Hudson Park, Selkirk, NY. See the following article.
Monday	August 24	District Wide golf outing being planned. It will be at Colonie Municipal Golf Course. \$110 per Brother, which will include green fees as well as a number of other items... more info to come! But Andy would like to start fielding a team of Brothers if there is interest.
Sometime	July or August	Jim Van De Wall is looking to fill a car or two or three!, with Brothers interested in going to NH to charter a fishing boat.

WADSWORTH ANNUAL PICNIC

The Pavilion at Henry Hudson Park is ready and waiting all that is needed are Brothers from Wadsworth and the District, their families and friends. This is a great time to get together and catch up, especially if you have not gone to any of the other events his Summer. It is also a great “Brother Bring a Friend” event. We hope to have a couple of potential candidates joining us.



This year we are inviting the Old 17th District to join us. In addition our guest for the afternoon will be

the Rensselaer County Search and Rescue, from East Greenbush, NY. Please checkout their website, go to “Menu” and click on “About”, to read more about this 100% volunteer organization. Since 1975 they’ve relied solely upon their own individual means and donations from the community, to provide highly specialized search and rescue skills when called upon.

Save the date August 11. The location is Henry Hudson Park in Bethlehem. It is located behind the Old Bethlehem Elks Club on NY Route 144 turn onto either Barent-Winnie Road or Lyons Road they both take you to the park and then look for the pavilion.

The event will be from Noon to Dusk. Burgers and hot dogs will be supplied. The admission is some kind of dish, salad, snack etc.

Come and join us for a relaxing fun filled afternoon at the beautiful Town Park along side of the Hudson River. There will be lots to do. There is the pavilion picnic area, Horseshoe pit, Volleyball court, Playground, Softball field, Fishing, and even a boat launch if you have one.

Please let Bruce Susser know if you will be attending and how many people you will be bringing. His phone number 439-9405 and his Email is bsusser@nycap.rr.com

Going Digital

Thus far we have received **eight** responses to the survey. Remember the choices are:

- 1- Receive an email when the Sideline is posted to the website:
<http://www.wadsworth417.org>.
- 2- Receive the Sideline attached to an email.

- 3- Continue receiving a paper copy.

Please send me an email at paul_bailey@verizon.net with your choice.

If I have not heard from you and I have an email address then you will default to choice number one.

Dues Again!!!

There are still **thirty-two** Brothers who have yet to pay their dues. This amounts to \$3,685. This would

have made a big reduction in the amount we had to borrow from the endowment to meet our obligations.

DDGM Homecoming

On April 24th was our annual Deputy District Grand Master visit. In this case, it was Geoffrey Hoderath's last visit of his term and his homecoming event.

In addition to the usual visitors that we expect at one of these events, we also had a guest from Manhattan. R.:W.: Harold Kahn, Past Grand Sword Bearer from the 1st Manhattan District.

Geoffrey was presented with his Past DDGM jewel, by the new DDGM R.:W.: Kenneth White.

This jewel dates back to when the Old 17th was the 17th Masonic District.

This was also the last duty of the District Staff Office R.:W.: Michael Weisberg. After visiting seventeen lodges in the course of a year for two years, working out the schedules and preparing for the visits this creates a special bond between these two individuals. This was evidence in their official parting of the ways. Michael presented Geoff with a hand rolled cigar and assorted hot spices.



AGI's and New DDGM



New DDGM presenting the Jewel



Parting gifts from the Staff Officer



Parting giHis last address as DDGM

DDGM Homecoming Cont'd



W.: Joe Pozefsky greeting R.:W.: Harold Kahn



Geoff and Michael



The photography is courtesy of R.:W.: Robert Harris, Director of Ceremony, our new Staff Officer

Your Officers for 2018-2019



Front row (l to r): Ken White, John Haight, Andrew Groff, Paul Baum, Rob Emory, Donovan White,
 Second row (l to r): Paul Bailey, Alan Druckman, Charlie Semowich, Lou Emory, Ken Brown, Joe Pozefsky,
 Fourth row (l to r): Geoffrey Hoderath, Steve King

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| Master: | W. . Andrew T. Groff | Steward: | Vacant |
| Senior Warden: | Bro. Paul Baum | Marshall: | W. . Bruce J. Susser |
| Junior Warden: | W. . John E. Haight | Organist: | W. . Charles J. Semowich |
| Treasurer: | Bro. Donovan R. White | Chorister: | R. . W. . Geoffrey T. Hoderath |
| Assistant Treasurer: | R. . W. . Stephen S. King | Tiler: | Bro. Nicholas J. Blais |
| <u>Secretary:</u> | W. . Paul F. Bailey | Brotherhood Fund: | Bro. Timothy M. Martin |
| Assistant Secretary: | Bro. Timothy M. Martin | Trustee: | W. . Edward S. Kosinski |
| Senior Deacon: | Bro. Louis J. Emory | Trustee: | Bro. Timothy M. Martin |
| Junior Deacon: | Bro. Robert E. Emory | Trustee: | R. . W. . Jerome A. McCall |
| Chaplain: | W. . Joseph P. Pozefsky | Trustee: | R. . W. . Ronald H. Noll |
| Senior M of C: | Bro. Kenneth Brown | Trustee: | R. . W. . Stephen S. King |
| Junior M of C: | Bro. Alan Druckman | Masonic Hall Reps: | W. Bruce J. Susser &
Bro. Douglas Kantrowitz |
| Steward: | Bro. Timothy Martin | | |

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Your Officers for 2018-2019 Cont'd



Parting Shots:

Brothers with Birthdays in May and June			
Mark H. Baumbach	June 23, 1943	Robert T. Hedgpeth	May 12, 1983
Daniel N. Chedid	May 16, 1979	Curtis J. Kammerer	June 23, 1980
Steven M. Conant	June 24, 1958	Jean R. Karm	June 10, 1958
William S. Fancher Jr.	June 5, 1947	Alan Lasker	June 27, 1949
James L. Fuller	June 21, 1931	Christopher C. Leo Sr.	May 18, 1963
Aaron W. Gladd	June 22, 1986	Charles E. Morris	May 4, 1930
Andrew T. Groff	May 27, 1979	Joe P. Pozefsky	June 24, 1943
Charles W. Haner	August 13, 1936	Kurt Rosenfeldt	June 11, 1943
Culver F. Hayes Jr.	May 16, 1931	Thomas P. Stark Jr.	June 17, 1945
Bruce N. Hazard	June 3, 1949	Constantine D. Yavis	May 18, 1930

If your birthday does not appear in the list we apologize, but it is because we do not have the information in our records. Please contact Paul with your birthday.