

# The Sideliner

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## Under the Master's Hat

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Last weekend, a hawk flew past me with wilted cattails in its claws. A sure sign that spring is coming and in a number of weeks that hawk's nest will give rise to the next generation of gravity defying aviators.

Reflecting upon this past winter and my term as Master of the Lodge, my biggest regret is that I didn't see as many of our Brothers in Lodge as I had hoped. However, I raise my hat to the rugged Brethren of Wadsworth who continued to do the Lodge's work month in and month out. As a result, we are welcoming three new Brothers, with additional prospects in waiting.



Now, that spring is upon us, I urge you to make every effort to comeback, like the tulips in May. Comeback, and continue the work you started. Comeback, and laugh with your Brothers. Comeback, to work alongside your Brothers. Comeback, and share with your newly made Brothers.

The Lodge has new energy and the light is only going to get brighter when you are shoulder to shoulder with the rest of your Brothers in the quarries - Comeback!

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## Wadsworth Lodge 2018 – 2019 Trestle Board

September 5, 2018	Practice Opening and Closing
September 12, 2018	Lodge Reopens for the Fall - Masonic Trivia
September <b>26</b> , 2018*	DDGM Apron Presentation
October 10, 2018	Business meeting
October 13, 2018	Table Lodge
October 24, 2018	Guest Speaker
November <b>14</b> , 2018*	Years of Service Awards
November 28, 2018	Brother Bring a Friend Night - Program Pending
December 12, 2018	Brief meeting
December 15, 2018	Holiday Gathering
December 26, 2018	Lodge Dark
January 9 2019	Assign Parts for 1st Degree and Educational Program TBA
January 23, 2019	Apron Presentation for Grand Chaplain for R.: W.: James J. Van de Wal
February 13, 2019	Annual Reports
February <b>27</b> , 2019*	First Degree and assign parts for 2nd degree
March 13, 2019	Brother Bring a Friend Night - Program Pending
March 27, 2019	Annual Pool Tournament and Brother Bring a Friend night
April 10, 2019	Bowling Night
April 24, 2019	District Deputy Grand Master Visit
May 8, 2019	Reports on Grand Lodge, Election and Installation of Officers
May <b>22</b> , 2019*	Possible First or Second Degree

“\*” 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:

Ralph Edgel passed away on November 25, keep Betty in your thoughts and prayers.

Christmas Eve, Ron Noll went to St. Peter's emergency. They found that he had a virus emanating from his hip replacement. He had surgery on the hip to repair that area. He is now going through recovery and rehabilitation.

December 12th Vic Steward was sent to St. Peter's with what was thought to be a diabetic issue. Upon examination it was decided that he had two occlusions in the brain. That meant he needed to go to Albany Medical. They conducted more tests and scans and determined it was a cardiac insufficiency. He was treated with blood thinners and placed in the Rehabilitation Center on Northern Boulevard. He has put in an application to move to the Assisted Living at

the Masonic Care Community. If this was not enough to deal with during his stay at the hospital his wife Shirley was also admitted for complications from her afflictions. After treatment she was sent to Albany County Nursing Home. Sadly on February 1st, Vic lost his life companion.

Early January Bernie Maskell had catheterization done at Samaritan. He was told that he would need to go to St. Peter's for by-pass surgery. They by-passed six arteries around the heart.

January 9th Reverend Robert Clayton Lamar passed away. Reverend Lamar was Margaret King's father.

January 11th Ken White loss his mother. She passed away in Hillsboro, OH after a long fight with Alzheimers.

## Glad Tidings:

Ken Rouse was recognized with a past master apron and jewel for his terms as Master of Alt Heidelberg Fidelitas Lodge 821, in Germany. See the article later on.

V.: W.: James J. Van de Wal is now a R.: W.: after being appointed to the position of Grand Chaplain. See the article later on.

After a year without any petitions, we finally have three new candidates. We will be meeting them in the next issue. There are also three other young men who have expressed an interest in joining.

### IN MEMORIAM

#### **W.: Ralph Edgell**

Became a Mason April 30, 1969

Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on May 28, 1969

Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on June 11, 1969

Raised to the **Supreme Lodge on High November 25, 2018**

### IN MEMORIAM

#### **Bro. Latson C. Andrews**

Became a Mason January 9, 1952

Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on January 23, 1952

Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on February 27, 1952

Raised to the **Supreme Lodge on High December 14, 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 Deputy Grand Master Visits

Day	Date	Lodge	Day	Date	Lodge
Tuesday	September 26, 2017	Noah No. 754	Thursday	January 11, 2018	St. George's No. 6
Tuesday	October 10, 2017	Victor No. 680	Tuesday	January 16, 2018	Bethlehem No. 85
Monday	October 16, 2017	Mt. Vernon No. 3	Thursday	February 1, 2018	Clinton No. 140
Tuesday	October 24, 2017	Beukendaal No. 980	Monday	February 5, 2018	Mt. Zion No. 311
Thursday	November 2, 2017	Berne No. 684	Thursday	February 22, 2018	Van Rensselaer No. 87
Monday	November 13, 2017	Masters No. 5	Wednesday	March 7, 2018	Schenectady No. 1174
Tuesday	November 28, 2017	Evening Star No. 75	Thursday	March 15, 2018	Apollo-King Solomon's No. 13
Tuesday	December 5, 2017	Ancient Temple No. 14	Wednesday	April 25, 2018	Wadsworth No. 417.
Thursday	December 18, 2017	Guttenberg No. 737			[Homecoming]

### Masters and Officers Association Schedule

President: W.: Mick Della Valle III	October 29, 2018	Meetings are at Evening Star Lodge or the Albany Temple
Vice President: Shawn Gamaldi	November 26, 2018	
Secretary: R.: W.: Jason E. Dzembo	January 28, 2019	
Treasurer: W.: Robert McCloskey	February 25, 2019	
	March 25, 2019	

This schedule is tentative and subject to change after the October meeting.

**District Web Page is Old**  
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### Ongoing Programs

On February 4th the Most Worshipful William M. Sardone visited Mt. Vernon

Lodge #3. Over eighty Brothers from around the District were present for the occasion, including nine Brothers from Wadsworth.

The District Ritual Competition was held January 19th at Evening Star Lodge. The subject this year was the working tools. Our own Jerry McCall took part mainly because he is the Master of the host lodge.



Well, he won in +10 year category. It is on to the Regionals on February 23.

### Recurring Programs

Every Tuesday 9-12 Coffee and Fellowship, Evening Star, 260 Old Loudon

Road, Latham

Every Tuesday 9-12 Coffee Fellowship, Troy Masonic Community Center, 30 Brunswick Road, Troy.

3rd. & 5th Sunday of Month 7:30-11am Pancake Breakfast, Victor Lodge, 1535 Route 67, Schaghticoke

# Poet's Corner:

## Welcome to the Purple

We gather here tonight to honor one who stands alone.  
A proud member of our lodge, who made it on his own.

We present this Purple Apron to Right Worshipful Jim.  
The honored title of Grand Chaplain, now belongs to him.

I've known our Brother Van de Wal for forty years or so.  
And when it came to ritual, he put on quite a show.

To belong to Wadsworth Lodge would fill a man with pride.  
We enjoyed being Masons, as we traveled far and wide.

I am proud to call Jim, "brother," and to honor him tonight.  
You know you can depend on him to always get it right.

No one deserves this honor more than Brother Van de Wal.  
For whenever he was needed he responded to the call.

I am proud to see my brothers on the left and on the right.  
Jim is now a Clergyman, the Lord took care of him tonight.

He now joins the ranks of Masons who have gone this way before.  
The pride this Purple Apron brings are his forever more.

Wadsworth Lodge #417 is honored once again.  
Right Worshipful James J. Van de Wal, is Grand Chaplain.

R.: W.: William E. Ogren  
January 23, 2019



# Van de Wal Apron Presentation:

Our own V.:W.: James J. Van de Wal has been appointed Grand Chaplain and is now a Right Worshipful. On February 23rd the Brothers of Wadsworth Lodge gathered together to present R.:W.: Van de Wal with his apron and Jewel. In addition, R.:W.: William Ogren was on hand to

give him a commemorative poem entitled “Welcome to the Purple”.

The presenters for evening were fellow Grand Chaplains Stanley Craig and John Califano. On hand to help with the apron was Jim’s wife Kathy.



John Califano presented the Jewel



Stanley Craig and Kathy presented the Apron



DDGM Ken White added his congratulations



John Califano, Stanley Craig, Jim and Kathy

# Van de Wal Apron Presentation cont'd:



District and Lodge Officers



Also present were numerous family and friends

Photography courtesy of Steve Conant and Tim Martin

# Kenneth Rouse



This article was sent to me from our Brother Ken Rouse in Germany.

The occasion is the current Master of Alt Heidelberg Fidelitas Lodge 821 presenting me with my Past Master's Apron and Jewel, my having served from 2016-2017 and 2017-2018.

From left to right is W.: Bro Kent Crotty current Master and also PM of 821, M.: W.: Bro Gerhard Severin (PGM of the ACGL and PM of 821) and myself.

I hope that one of my trips back to NY finds me in Albany on the 2nd or 4th Wednesday of the month!

Take it easy and please extend my fraternal greetings as well as those from Alt Heidelberg Fidelitas Lodge 821 to the Brethren of Wadsworth 417.

Fraternally and Sincerely,  
Brother Ken

## Our New Candidates

We will be meeting our the new Brothers in the next issue, however I wanted to share how they came to us. By some fortune when you Google “free masons in Albany”, you first see articles about the Masonic Temple. However, Wadsworth happens to be the first reference to an actual lodge. Therefore, as the new candidates were looking for a lodge to join as Masons ours was the first one they happened upon.

We have one candidate that went through the petition process in Liverpool #501 a few years ago. However, he felt that with college in Buffalo and Lodge in Syracuse he could not do the fraternity justice and withdrew his petition. He has graduated now and has moved to Albany and wanted to join a lodge and reached out to us.

Similarly, another young man s he puts it “I’m interested in brotherhood and character development and I believe that being apart of the free masons would be mutually beneficial” and found our name and reached out to us.

The third gentlemen was referred to us by word of mouth. His job takes him to NYC and a colleague who in a lodge in Queens recommended that he contact us.

These gentlemen have said that once they met us they found that they did not to search any farther. All three have submitted their petitions, two have been voted on and one is pending. So we hope to have three young men taking their first degree in March.

We also have two young men that had been inquiring about the fraternity with a coworker. The coworker is a Past Master of Monumental Lodge #374, in Tivoli. He felt it was unfair to ask two young men who live in Albany to join a lodge in Tivoli, so again he reached out to us. And now we have two more potential candidates.



# Tales of the Ring

## A Good Story

... worth repeating

A member of a certain Lodge, who previously attended meetings regularly, stopped going. After a few months, the Worshipful Master decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening, and the Worshipful Master found his brother at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire.

Guessing the reason for the Worshipful Master's visit, the brother welcomed him, led him to a comfortable chair near the fireplace and waited. The Worshipful Master made himself comfortable, but said nothing.

In the grave silence, he contemplated the dance of the flames around the burning logs. After several minutes, the Worshipful Master took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and

placed it to one side of the hearth, all alone. Then he sat back in his chair, still silent.

His host watched all of this in quiet contemplation. As the one, lone ember's flame flickered and diminished, there was a momentary glow, and its fire was no more. Soon, it was cold and dead.

Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. The Worshipful Master glanced at his watch and chose this time to leave. He slowly stood up, picked up the cold, dead ember, and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately, it began to glow once more, with all the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the Worshipful Master reached the door to leave, his host said, with a tear running down his cheek, "Thank you so much for your fiery summons, my brother. I'll be back in our Lodge next meeting."

## Parting Shots

Brothers with Birthdays in December - January			
Marvin Wesley Antenucci	December 1, 1954	Alfred Krueger Jr.	December 11, 1933
Paul Baum	December 28, 1958	Bernard Maskell Jr.	December 4, 1950
Fred W. Briggs	December 7, 1940	Clair J. Miller	February 29, 1928
Kyle Dain Buckingham	December 25, 1982	John L. Miller	January 27, 1959
Mikey J. Dady	February 10, 1976	Drew Millier	December 27, 1981
Alan P. Druckman	January 25, 1946	Roger Alan Murphy	January 21, 1966
Edwin W. Engelhardt	February 25, 1937	Ronald H. Noll	January 17, 1934
James M. Fuller	February 1, 1958	William S. Panitch	February 6, 1954
William R. Godell	December 13, 1959	Steven B. Silverman	January 17, 1950
John E. Haight	December 19, 1955	Bruce Susser	December 29, 1956
B. Robert Joel III	January 23, 1956	Kenneth M. White	January 26, 1955
Edward S. Kosinski	January 19, 1945		

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 birth date.