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Under the Master's Hat

Worshipful Master

My brothers,
We have had a very interesting year. Instead of meeting in person we zoomed, talked on the phone, faced time and texted. For some of us this was a way to learn how to use "new" technology. Some of us hunkered down, others went along as normal as you could. It is now time for us to get back together. Re affirm our Brotherhood. Make stronger binds, we have a full, and busy year coming up. We are looking to raise three Fellowcraft, pass two



Entered Apprentices and hopefully initiate at one or more young men into the Fraternity. I will need your help with

everything that we have to do, and I look forward to working together. This will start July 31st. at our lodge picnic that will be held at Thatcher Park. I hope to see all of you there.

Sincerely & Fraternaly
Paul Baum

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 Wadsworth Lodge 2021 – 2022 Trestle Board

July 10, 2021	Tentatively a third degree at Beukendaal #915
July 31, 2021	Annual Picnic - Paint Mine Pavilion in Thatcher Park
September 8, 2021*	Welcome back: Apron Presentations (Open meeting); followed by business
September 22, 2021*	Ken White's Homecoming finally (Open meeting)
October 13, 2021	Doxology Program
October 27, 2021*	Years of Service Awards (Open Meeting)
November 19, 2021	Tentative First Degree
November 23, 2021	Lodge Dark - Thanksgiving
December 8, 2021	Tentative Second Degree
December 18, 2021	Holiday Gathering (District Invited)
December 22, 2021	Lodge Dark - Merry Christmas
January 12 2022	Assign Parts and Practice for Third degree
January 26, 2022	Annual Pool Tournament and Brother Bring a Friend night
February 9, 2022	Annual Reports
February 23, 2022	Practice for Third Degree
March 9, 2022*	Tentative Third Degree
March 23, 2022	
April 13, 2022	
April 27, 2022*	Tentative District Deputy Grand Master Visit
May 11, 2022*	Report on Grand Lodge, Election and Installation of Officers
May 25, 2022	

(Practice Nights on Wednesdays before Degree at 7:00p.m.)

* Tuxedos for these events all others Business Attire.

Sickness and Distress:

R.:W.: Ken White is scheduled to have hip surgery on June 2. It will be a one day procedure in and out. W.: Mark Baumbach is now living at 31

Beverwyck Lane in Slingerlands. He is recovering from several falls, which have been attributed to Parkinson's Disease.

Glad Tidings:

Bro. Tim Martin's youngest daughter Anna has been awarded the Master of Arts Degree in Museum Studies from Johns Hopkins University.

W.: R. Victor Stewart has been elected president of the Resident's Council at the Masonic

Care Community. He is currently working on complaints from some residents about their meals.

R.:W.: Ken White is going to be a grandfather

IN MEMORIAM

JOHN G. MILSOP

Became a Mason September 24, 1986

Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on October 6, 1986

Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on November 12, 1986

Raised to the **Supreme Lodge on High April 19, 2021**

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.

Air Conditioning:

There will be an open meeting of the Masonic Hall Association on June 12th at 9:00 AM. This will be an informational meeting about the air conditioning the Temple. The contractor that they have been working with and who knows the Temple well, will present the proposed type, areas to be treated and how the work would be done.

Presumably there will be discussions on how the work will be funded. One rumor was that the lodges would be assessed 10% of their endowment. According to Ken White, as our financial advisor, with our current situation this would take about three years to recoup.

Summer Third Degree:

We are planning to meet with [Beukendaal #915](#), on July 10th. The lodge is at 22 Schonowee Avenue, Scotia, NY, next to Collins Park. We plan to raise six Fellowcraft, three of theirs and three of ours. Ours have been waiting since October of

2019. It will be a Saturday degree the time has not been set. V.:W.: Paul Baum will be the presiding Master.

Never fear the lodge is air conditioned.

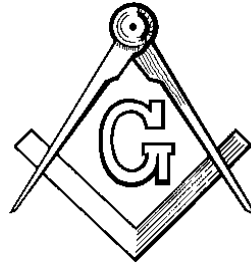
Around the District:

District Web Page is [Old 17th.org](http://Old17th.org)
For lodge news visit 417-ny.ourlodgepage.com and
Wadsworth417.org

Another AGL R.: W.: Gerry Irwin is moving on and will be replaced by V.: W.: Michael Mronzski

The District is still in recovery mode. Masters and Officers Association is yet to reopen. Presumably the new Grand Master will not be elected until October 23rd, so without a message it is difficult to begin scheduling visits.

Our new DDGM is R.: W.: Terence Quintin and the new Staff Officer is R.: W.: Edward Kosinski. Terry was one of the District's AGL's he will be replaced by V.: W.: Paul Baum.



Ongoing 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

Committal for Geoffrey:

This Spring at the request of Wendy Lindskoog, Geoffrey's widow, V.: W.: Paul Baum help organize a Masonic Graveside Memorial Service for the committal of Geoffrey's ashes. The service was held at Elmwood Cemetery in Selkirk on May 15th. Officiating was V.: W.: Paul Baum assisted by R.: W.: John Califano, Grand Chaplain. The

liturgical service was lead by Fr. Paul J. Hartt, of St. Peter's Episcopal Church. In attendance were Wendy Lindskoog and Geoffrey's sister Paula Hoderath. In addition there were 60 plus Brothers and wives, from throughout the Hudson Valley from Manhattan to the Capital District. After the service there was a reception at Bethlehem Lodge in Delmar.

Poet's Corner:

As I listen to the birds as they return for the summer and the chirps of the first new babies I was reminded of this Ogren poem.

The Sounds Of Nature

The sounds of nature can be heard with nothing else around,
It can be the rustle from a breeze, in grasses near the ground.
Nature's sounds of subtle glory are hard to put in words,
Like silence that is broken by the flapping wings of birds.

The birds create vibrations and limbs begin to sway.
The shaking oaken branches make the acorns drop away.
Squirrels scamper o'er the ground; they came out of nowhere.
Acorns will be piled in nests, they'll soon be feasting there.

You cannot keep a squirrel from food though many people try.
They always seem to get the birdseed; you swear that they can fly.
There are many other animals that exist throughout the land.
They survive because of instincts; it's really something grand.

The weather that's around us, sometimes causes us to sigh.
Sudden claps of thunder follow fire in the sky.
Everything on Earth adapted through the bygone years.
Nature's sounds surround us, bringing music to our ears.

We all must learn to concentrate on sounds that bring us joy,
At the same time blocking out the sounds that pester and annoy.
God included man and nature in his final master plan.
His creatures great and small survive in any way they can.

When you're standing in a meadow, enjoying nature's sounds.
You're at peace with God above, whose endless love abounds.
The pleasant sounds of nature can never be erased,
For now we're at peace with life in this very special place.

William E. Ogren
April 27, 2018



Tales of the Ring

I was reminded of this as Brian O’Keefe visited the Lodge the other night to see Brenden become an entered apprentice.

Bro. Albert McDevitt, a resident in the Masonic Village at Elizabethtown's retirement living area, dearly wanted to see his son, Albert Jr., receive his Master Mason degree in Doylestown Lodge No. 245 but was not able to make the 100-mile trip. Hearing of this, the officers and several other members of the lodge assembled at Doylestown for a noble purpose; if the father could not get to the Lodge meeting, they would bring the Lodge to him. After receiving a speedy dispensation from then-Grand Master William Slater II, they transported all of the necessary paraphernalia - aprons,

collars, jewels and refreshments - and at 10 a.m., opened an extra meeting to confer the 3rd degree on Albert McDevitt, Jr., in the Masonic Lodge Room in Elizabethtown with his proud father in attendance.

As the officers are regularly employed, Saturdays are usually a time to spend with their families. But their compassion and dedication to the Craft led them to choose to spend the day with their Brethren - their Masonic family - **as Masons Helping Masons.**



Meet the New Brothers

Tom Hemstock is an affiliate. He moved from New Hampshire to New York in February, 2020. He has been a member of Horace Chase Lodge #72 in Penacook, NH since 2016. Previously Tom worked for the University of New Hampshire and currently works at Albany Law School as a librarian. Tom lives with his wonderful wife Carol, three great kids (Athena, Kaily and Tommy) and one pretty good hamster (Freddy). He is looking forward to meeting the brothers of Wadsworth Lodge and improving his terrible billiards game.



Jeromy Barton was raised in Putnam county by Fred and Benita Barton. Served in the United States Navy for four years where he completed two tours of duty. First in Baghdad while attached to an army unit and then with the USS Harry S Truman. After four years he pursued his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Early US history. He has been in finance since getting that degree. In his free time he enjoys archery, hunting, camping and kayaking.

Brenden O’Keefe is 27 years old. He is a third generation Mason, his father Brian attended his Entered Apprentice degree. His grandfather was William T. O’Keefe. He grew up on a beef farm in Upstate New York. He has spent the last 8 years in the New York Army National Guard. When I’m not working I like to spend my time painting, playing guitar, fishing and working out.



Summer Picnic

We have a new venue this year. We are still in John Boyd Thatcher State Park. To get there take either Route 85 or 443 and then right on Route 157. Alternatively take Route 146 to Altamont then Route 156 up the hill and then left on Route 157.

The picnic is for Brothers from Wadsworth Lodge and the Old 17th 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 this Summer. It is also a great “Brother Bring a Friend” event.

If you have never visited Thatcher Park, or have not been recently, then this is a great opportunity. A fantastic Visitor Center was recently, which is a little bit north of our new location. It has a history of the park, physical and geological. It has great pictures, graphics and fossils to look at.

The location that Bruce secured for our picnic is called Paint Mine Pavilion. It is a picnic located on the Paint Mine Trail. On the map the visitor’s center is just north of the area and the look out area is just to the east.

There are additional trails not shown on the map. There are a couple of waterfalls along the trail. The entire paint mine trail is about six miles, but there are some short cuts.

But back to our picnic area. There are great views from the pavilion, paved access to the pavilion from the parking area, there are a couple paths from the pavilion to the bathrooms (about 700 yards), There is also, a horseshoe pit and plenty of room for lawn games. There is someplace to plug in electrical devices. For cooking there is a standing charcoal pit and fire pit.

Speaking of cooking the Lodge will provide burgers, hot dogs and the fixins’. As in the past everyone is encouraged to bring some kind of dish, salad, snack, dessert etc.

Please let Bruce Susser know if you will be attending and how many people you will be bringing. His phone number **(518) 439-9405** and his Email is bsusser@nycap.rr.com



Camp Turk:

We help with supporting two campers this year.

On another note Camp Turk offers Family Camping in the Fall. The dates are from August 2 to October 3rd. You can call Andy Croniser at 315 392 2422 to make reservations.

Parting Shots:

Brothers with Birthdays between October 2020 and June 2021

Alfred C. Hamilton Jr.	January 1, 1928	Culver F. Hayes Jr.	May 16, 1931
William R. Colclough	January 1, 1929	Christopher C. Leo Sr.	May 18, 1963
Ronald H. Noll	January 17, 1934	Andrew T. Groff	May 27, 1979
Harry D. Henry	January 22, 1936	Robert T. Hedgpeth	May 12, 1983
Edward S. Kosinski	January 19, 1945	James A. Risley III	May 3, 1986
Clifford W. Coughlin	January 1, 1946	Michael T. Campbell Jr.	May 28, 1990
Alan P. Druckman	January 25, 1946	James L. Fuller	June 21, 1931
Thomas J. Goodfellow III	January 1, 1950	Charles W. Haner	August 13, 1936
Kenneth M. White	January 26, 1955	Kurt Rosenfeldt	June 11, 1943
B. Robert Joel III	January 23, 1956	Mark H. Baumbach	June 23, 1943
John L. Miller	January 27, 1959	William S. Fancher Jr.	June 5, 1947
Roger Alan Murphy	January 21, 1966	Bruce N. Hazard	June 3, 1949
Nicholas J. Blais	January 5, 1990	Alan Lasker	June 27, 1949
Clair J. Miller	February 29, 1928	Jean R. Karm	June 10, 1958
Edwin W. Engelhardt	February 25, 1937	Curtis J. Kammerer	June 23, 1980
William S. Panitch	February 6, 1954	Aaron W. Gladd	June 22, 1986
James M. Fuller	February 1, 1958	Jack Brodie	October 17, 1924
Jeromy J. Barton	February 11, 1987	Charles J. Semowich	October 10, 1949
John G. Guile	March 22, 1930	Cullen Kasunic	October 6, 1980
Willard D. Thomas	March 4, 1939	Kymir Pearson	October 30, 1991
Richard W. Powell	March 13, 1943	Ben Froggett	November 12, 1938

Parting Shots Cont'd:

Brothers with Birthdays between October 2020 and June 2021			
Jerome A. McCall	March 28, 1944	William Murray	November 14, 1952
Kenneth H. Rouse	March 18, 1948	Donald R. Morrell Jr.	November 30, 1960
James J. Van de Wal	March 29, 1949	Anthony Rodolakis	November 23, 1964
R. Christofer Dempf	March 13, 1958	Donald G. Nagel Jr.	November 25, 1975
Thomas P. Fuller	March 7, 1962	Louis J. Emory	November 25, 1984
Eric Phoenix	March 25, 1962	Brandon W. Salo	November 8, 1985
Fredrick L. Fuller	March 3, 1967	Osiris Rodriguez	November 12, 1985
Mark B. Monroe	March 13, 1967	Brett E. Ingersoll	November 18, 1988
Brian Dupree	March 5, 1977	Alfred Krueger Jr.	December 11, 1933
Nicholas J. Casso	March 22, 1990	Fred W. Briggs	December 7, 1940
Ward R. Jones Jr.	April 18, 1931	Bernard Maskell Jr.	December 4, 1950
John G. Milsop	April 21, 1948	John E. Haight	December 19, 1955
Michael R. Gammans	April 28, 1951	Bruce Susser	December 29, 1956
Murray J. Mitkoff	April 16, 1961	Paul Baum	December 28, 1958
Jonathan A. DePaula	April 19, 1977	William R. Godell	December 13, 1959
Donovan R. White	April 14, 1980	Drew Millier	December 27, 1981
Anthony N. Sanchez	April 23, 1983		

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.

