

# The Sideliner

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## Under the Master's Hat

### *Worshipful Master*

Welcome Back!!  
We have a full year  
planned.

It was great to see so  
many brothers over the  
summer and at our last  
lodge meeting, I'm looking  
forward to seeing  
more of you thru the  
year and catching up.

We are off to a  
quick start this year.  
We've already had  
an Apron  
Presentation,  
Congratulations  
R.:W.: Ed  
Kosinski.  
That was followed  
by R.:W.: Ken White's  
Homecoming.

Next up is the years of  
service awards! Then a 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Degree on Saturday  
November 6<sup>th</sup>. Any and all  
help would be appreciated.  
This degree will start about  
1:00 pm, we will be doing  
the legend at that time.  
After the work, there will

be a meal served so please  
plan on attending.

We lost Ben Froggett  
last month. He passed  
away from complications  
brought on by Covid. This  
makes the second Brother



that we have  
lost to this  
disease,  
since this  
whole thing  
started. The  
other was  
Bill  
Baumann.  
Now this  
seems very  
remarkable

given the age of the  
Brothers in our Lodge. We  
should be very thankful it  
has not been more!

It is Fall and the time of  
the year when the Grand  
Lecturer makes his visits to  
Upstate New York before  
the snow flies. This year  
his Convention for the Old  
17<sup>th</sup> is being held in Scotia.

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## UNDER THE MASTER'S HAT (CONT'D)

My brothers,

We have had a very interesting  
year. Instead of meeting in person we

### Wadsworth Lodge 2021 – 2022 Trestle Board

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	V.: W.: Michael P. Mroznski
October 27, 2021*	Years of Service Awards (Open Meeting)
November 6, 2021	Third Degree
November 10, 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	Doxology Program
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	TBA
April 13, 2022*	District Deputy Grand Master Visit
April 27, 2022	TBA
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:

If you have not notice Paul Baum has been limping around the Lodge. He has injured his ankle.

Kathy Van de Wal recently lost her sister.

In August 25 year Mason Alan Garrison, a Brother in Wdsworth Lodge, and his family were forced out of their home by a fire. They are currently living in a hotel in Colonie. He is on full time dialysis.

# Glad Tidings:

Ken Brown has been cleared to be released from his long stay in rehabilitation. Now all he needs is a driver's license, a place to live and job.

We have three Brothers receiving awards for 50 years or more service to the Fraternity. Ward Jones,

60 years, he is 90 and in Florida we will mail his to him. W.: Mark Baumbach, 50 years, he is in assisted living a d we will delivered his to him. R.: W.: James Van de Wal will have his presented by R.: W.: William Sardone, Past Grand Master.

IN MEMORIAM  
**BENJAMIN FRANKLYN FROGGETT**  
 Became a Mason August 21, 1963  
 Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on September 18,1963  
 Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on October 19, 1963  
 Raised to the **Supreme Lodge on High September 8, 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.

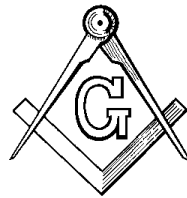


# Around the District:

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

**Grand Lecturer’s Convention**

The Grand Lecturer’s Convention is being Hosted by Bekuenddal Lodge # 915 in Scotia. It will be on October 12. Fellowship at 6:30 and the program begins at 7:30. The subject this year will be covering the 1st section of the First Degree and the charges associated with it.



**Masters and Officers Association**

There is still no news as to the fate of the Association, after it was suspended due to Covid.

**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

**District Deputy Grand Master Visit Schedule 2021-2022**

Victor Lodge #680	Tuesday, September 28, 2021	Evening Star #75	Tuesday, January 25, 2022
Berne Lodge #684	Thursday, October 7, 2021	Mt. Zion #311	Monday, February 7, 2022
Mt. Vernon #3	Monday, October 18, 2021	Van Rensselaer #87	Thursday, February 24, 2022
Beukendaal #915	Tuesday, October 26, 2021	AKS #13	Thursday, March 3, 2022
Masters #5	Monday, November 8, 2021	Noah #754	Tuesday, March 8, 2022
Ancient Temple #14	Tuesday, November 16, 2021	Gutenberg #737	Thursday, March 17, 2022
St. George’s #6	Thursday, December 9, 2021	Wadsworth #417	Wednesday, April 13, 2022
Bethlehem #85	Tuesday, January 4, 2022	Schenectady #1174	Wednesday, April 20, 2022
Clinton #140	Thursday, January 20, 2022		

# Poet's Corner:

## The Train Ride

The train leaves New York City at the closing of the day.  
You sit beside the window as the trip gets under way.

It rumbles over city streets on railroads in the air,  
Past windows of the tenements that sit in disrepair.

The train is going faster now, you feel the speed increase.  
The city starts to fade away and stress begins to cease.

The conductor gathers tickets unaffected by the sway.  
You know he's done this many times before this trip today.

You could fight the Thruway traffic as so many people do,  
But a train ride up the Hudson will weave a spell on you.

The Catskill mountains seem to shine before the setting sun.  
The river glows in twilight and you know the day is done.

A tugboat plies the river with it's barges all in tow.  
Deckhands go about their jobs where river breezes blow.

The train now hurtles through the night, it has an eerie feel.  
It follows tracks that lead it north like ribbons made of steel.

The moonlight on the water and the buoy's blinking lights,  
Make it seem like paradise, these quiet peaceful nights.

Now the train is slowing and the skyline comes in view,  
I see the lights of Albany and know the trip is through.

That skyline cross the river is a special place for me.  
That's where I was born and raised and where I want to be.

William E. Ogren  
July 1995



# Tales of the Ring

This article appeared in an Emesaay Notes edition several years ago. Emesaay Notes is a publication of the Masonic Service Association, the same people who produce Short Talk Bulletins

## PRAISE OF FREEMASONRY BY A NON-MASON

At the Annual Convocation of the Grand Lodge of Montana, Jim Smith, Mayor of Helena, had some very positive statements to make about Freemasonry, from the point of view of a non-Mason and community leader. Here are some excerpts of his remarks:

"The history of Montana and the history of Masons in Montana, inextricably intertwined. It's virtually the same history".

It's been my impression that the Masons and Shriners in communities across Montana and across the country are business and community leaders, and they're stable, calm, composed. At this time in our country, and in our state, and even here in Helena, Montana, we desperately need folks who can remain calm in turbulent times." -

"I think you are the folks to whom other people in the community turn when they want reassurance, or they want to know that things are alright in this country."

"By and large, things are alright in this country, despite the turbulent times that we're in. Our fundamental institutions of family, church, school, and civic organizations like yours, remain strong, remain vital, and remain so necessary to our common life together. So, I think we need who you are and what you do more "now than ever, and we'll be relying on you to provide a good, calm foundation, here at this meeting, and in your home communities. wherever they may be."

# Short Talk Bulletins as Podcasts

While we are on the subject of the MSA and Short Talk Bulletins here is an announcement about STB's available as podcasts. The Masonic Service Association of North America offers free Masonic Podcasts to both brethren and non brethren.

Since the program began about two years ago, more than 225,000 podcasts have been downloaded by users. Most are used for individual enjoyment and education. Others are broadcast in Lodge meetings as membership education programs. The MSA program involves the narration of *Short Talk Bulletins*.

So far, more than 280 episodes have been produced, and more become available monthly. The most popular podcast to be downloaded is "The Trowel" having been sought more than 2,550 times. For information on MSA's Podcast Program, go to [www.shorttalkbulletin.com](http://www.shorttalkbulletin.com)

MSA is grateful to the Grand Lodge of Minnesota for providing a grant - for the second consecutive year - to support the program.



# Summer Picnic

On August 31st Wadsworth had their annual Summer Picnic. This year we were again at John Boyd Thatcher Park. However, Bruce found a different venue. This time the pavilion was next to Mine Lot

Creek. It was within walking distance of the upper falls. As has been the custom the picnic was opened to all of the Lodges in the District. The most responsive was Schenectady Lodge.



# Presentation of Aprons

On September 8th Wadsworth Lodge was privileged to present not one but two Aprons to its Brethren. One was for V.:W.: Paul Baum who was made an Assistant Grand Lecturer and the other was R.:W.: Edwards S. Kosinski as Staff Officer, with the title Grand Director of Ceremonies.

As has been our custom in the past the Brothers assisting in the presentation are or were in the same position as the recipient.

The presenters for the AGL were:

Reading of the Warrant - V.:W.: Michael P. Mroznski

Presentation of the Jewel - V.:W.: Ray H. Gaul

Presentation of the Apron -

R.:W.: James J. Van de Wal

The Jewel and Apron that were presented to Paul were originally presented to Bob Seim. When Jim was elevated to the title of AGL, Bob presented them to him.

The presenters for the Staff Officer were:

Reading of the Warrant - R.:W.: Robert H. Harris

Presentation of the Jewel -

R.:W.: Michael D. Wiesberg

Presentation of the Apron -

R.:W.: Jerome A. McCall

In a perfect world with no Covid they would have been given their warrants on St. John's Day in Utica. And the presentation here would have been a formality. Alas, there was no St John's Day celebration last Summer and they will be presented the real Warrants following the Grand Lodge meeting in October. They were given a facsimile instead so it could be read out loud.

Between the two presentations we had a musical interlude. It was a fanfare to Paul and Ed composed and performed by W.: Charles Semowich.



The old to the new R.:W.:s Ken White and Robert Harris introducing R.:W.:s Terry Quintin and Ed Kosinski



# Homecoming of R.:W.:Ken White

On September 22nd Wadsworth Lodge hosted the long overdue Homecoming of R.:W.: Ken White. This is the DDGM visit that never was. It was suppose to be the last visit of his second year as DDGM, however with Covid -19 and everything being shutdown it never happened.

After opening ceremonies and a welcome from the Worshipful Master we were entertained by W.: Charles Semowich. He reprised his composition "A Fanfare to Ken White".

The floor was then open to remarks. There were several remarks made extolling his performance during his term as DD. Throughout the evening there was a constant remark of how his visits had help to solidify the Old 17th into a cohesive body of lodges, instead of two Districts forced together for the need to consolidate.

The Jewel was presented by R.:W.: Steve King on behalf of the Masters and Officers Association. He also delivered his remarks for the evening.

Then it was R.:W.: John Scott turn, having regrettably being called at the last minute, to make

remarks as a 33rd Degree Mason. He remark on the requirements to receive the 33rd degree.

Next was Ken's replacement R.:W.: Terence Quintin. Who again remark on Ken's ability to help bring the District together.

Finally, R.:W.: Steve Rubin, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of New York, after Grand Honors, gave his remarks.

We were about to close when Ken reminded us that this was indeed a DDGM meeting. After which he took the podium. He presented his message for the evening. As has been his custom he included baseball metaphor, in fact he included two. After the message R.:W.: Robert Harris called the roll. This ended in a tie for the Traveling Gavel. The Masters of the two lodge came forward and were presented with the last of the District neckties.

As Ken's final act he presented the last of his Ken Pens, with a short explanation about each of the recipients. His final recipient was none other than V.:W.: Paul Baum.



# Parting Shots:

## Brothers with Birthdays between July 2021 and September 2021

Paul F. Bailey	September 28, 1946	Emanuel Jorge-Garcia	July 20, 1987
Kenneth T. Brown	August 19, 1969	Douglas S. Kantrowitz	September 7, 1971
Victor Keith Caldwell	August 22, 1955	Stephen S. King	August 30, 1950
Brian G. Chamberlain	September 10, 1960	Theodore Kondoprias	September 8, 1936
Sanjay Chopra	September 28, 1964	Vladimir Manreka	August 28, 1982
Michael Stephen Drooker	July 20, 1942	Timothy M. Martin	July 2, 1947
Robert E. Emory	August 22, 1977	Michael P. Mrozinski	September 19, 1957
William J. Fincke Jr.	September 12, 1948	Frederick P. Pettingell	August 5, 1954
Alan C. Garrison	August 14, 1954	Paul Rosenblatt Sr.	August 25, 1946
Stephen J. Garry	August 23, 1962	John W. Scott	July 16, 1955
Raymond H. Gaul	August 1, 1949	Matthew Williams Scott	August 13, 1987
Frederick Gillespie	July 10, 1928	Leroy Paul Stevens	August 18, 1950
Richard Dale Harvey	September 18, 1957	R. Victor Stewart	August 20, 1941
Douglas C. Hayes	July 13, 1947	James Wilson Susser	September 17, 1984
Denis M. Jones	September 5, 1946	Peter L. Van Kempen	September 2, 1944

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.

