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Under the Master's Hat

Worshipful Master

My brothers,

I wish everyone a Happy New Year, hopefully one that will be less chaotic than the last. I hope you are all staying safe and warm. I think that only a polar bear has enjoyed the temperatures we seen lately.

We recently held our Wadsworth Pool Tournament, to benefit the Brotherhood fund. Brother Tim Martin collected the donations to the brotherhood fund. I would like to thank everyone for there contribution. If you weren't able to make the pool tournament and would like to contribute to the brotherhood fund please reach out to Tim.

I would also like to congratulate Josh Shepherd,

a sojourner. He is our new Wadsworth 9 ball champion. And our runner up Brother Michael Campbell.



We lost Marty Leukhardt last month, both the District and Wadsworth will deeply miss him. He was always please to help when we needed a

Grand Chaplain as well as joining us for table lodges and other dinners.

Well, my brothers we have about 6 more meetings before we go dark. I look forward to seeing all of you at lodge. If you are in need of a ride, please reach out to one of the brothers or contact me and I will do what I can to help.

Until then take care

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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	Ritual Pride
October 27, 2021*	Years of Service Awards (Open Meeting)
November 19, 2021	Zoom meeting
November 23, 2021	Lodge Dark - Thanksgiving
December 8, 2021	Masonic Couplets
December 18, 2021	Holiday Gathering (District Invited)
December 22, 2021	Lodge Dark - Merry Christmas
January 12 2022	Brotherhood Fund Report
January 26, 2022	Annual Pool Tournament and Brother Bring a Friend night
February 9, 2022	Annual Reports
February 23, 2022	
March 9, 2022	
March 23, 2022	Practice for Second Degree
April 13, 2022*	DDGM Visit
April 27, 2022	Tentative Second Degree
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:

This article was overlooked in the last sideliners. our apologies to John and his daughter Linda Jessup. John Guile's wife of almost 67 years passed away March 13, 2021. She was cremated and there was a service and burial at Memory Gardens in Colonie, NY on 8/14/21 which would have been their 67th wedding anniversary.

Joann Susser's mother passed away December 26. She was 98 years young.

R. : W. : Marty Leukardt our Grand Chaplain Emeritus passed away on January 16th.

For those of you who are not on the Masonic mail service. Our First Lady Joanne Kessler passed away December 27. It was also reported that R. : W. : Thomas W. Jackson, Past Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and Past Executive Grand Secretary of the World Conference of Grand Masters and recipient of the Distinguished Achievement Medal and Award from the Grand Lodge of New York laid down his working tools on December 29.

PDDGM Ken White had his other hip replaced last Friday. He says he is on his way to becoming bionic.

Glad Tidings:

Ken White is a grandfather for the third time with a grand daughter.

Joseph Chappelle, Master #5, is a Great grandfather after the birth of Elijanah Monestime in Tallahassee, FL.

Bro. Emmanuel Jorge-Garcia and Lady Estefania, had a marvelous Christmas present. They welcomed their daughter, Evaluna, into the world on December 24th, at 8:40am.

Brother Richard Harvey of Cotopaxi, CO is about three hours south of Boulder near Pueblo and out of danger from the wildfires.

Bro. Michael Campbell and Lady Kemba are expecting later this year.

Bill Johnson, Past Master of Amsterdam Lodge No. 84 turn 100 years young on January 8th. He has been a Brother for 42 years.

IN MEMORIAM

DREW A. MILLIER

Became a Mason April 26, 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 December 13, 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 Deputy Grand Master Visit Schedule			
September 28, 2021	Victor Lodge #680	January 20, 2022	Clinton Lodge #140
October 7, 2021	Berne Lodge #684	January 25, 2022	Evening Star Lodge #75
October 18, 2021	Mount Vernon Lodge #3	February 7, 2022	Mt Zion Lodge #311
October 26, 2021	Beukendaal #915	February 24, 2020	Van Rensselaer Lodge #87
November 8, 2021	Masters Lodge # 5	March 3, 2022	Apollo-King Solomon's Lodge #13
November 16, 2021	Ancient Temple #14	March 8, 2022	Noah Lodge #754
December 9, 2021	St. George's Lodge #6	March 17, 2022	Guttenberg Lodge #737
January 4, 2022	Bethlehem Lodge #85	April 13, 2022	Wadsworth Lodge #417
		April 20, 2022	Schenectady Lodge #1174

District Web Page is Old 17th.org

Committee

This message came in through the OLP network:

Ongoing Programs

Dear Brethren,

SPAM ALERT: I was just hit by a scam from someone claiming to be the Grand Master of Minnesota.

He is using an email address of Grandlodge@seznam.cz. The name they are using is GM Rolf M. Widstrand. They are interested in you buying "Ebay gift cards" of \$100 x 5 quantity. Be aware and do not become a victim. Warn your fellow brothers.

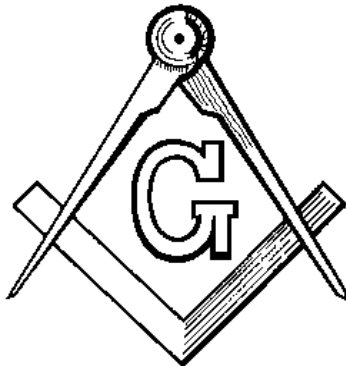
Fraternally,

Cary Cohn, Chairman - Masonic Youth

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:

New Year's Resolution for Lodge Members

Author Unknown

I'll make no resolutions new
This New Year. I declare
I have some old ones that will do.
They've had but little wear.

One: I will go to visit those
Whom sickness has dismayed;
Two: I will help assuage the woes
Of Brothers needing aid.

Three: I will be, Lodge meeting nightses,
Among those Brothers there;
Four: When the Master help invite
I'll gladly do my share.

Four worthwhile vows are these, I trust,
I made in years gone by,
Then idly let them gather dust
—This time I'll really try!



Tales of the Ring

A famous Mason Ernie Bourgnine (Commander McHale) was born Ernest Effron Borgnino on January 24, 1917. He was a 33° Mason and laid down his working tools on July 8, 2012 at the age of 95. This is his Tale of the Ring regarding his becoming a Mason as well as some excellent pearls of wisdom.

In 1946, I travelled with a friend down to a little town called Abingdon, Virginia, to see what the Barter Theatre had to offer. It offered nothing except hard work and board. My friend, not accepting the work they offered him, stayed one day - I stayed five years. In that time I grew to love the town and all it offered. The people, in particular, were simply marvelous. Occasionally I would be assigned to go down to the printing shop and get posters made for the upcoming shows at the Barter Theatre. One day, in talking to the owner of the print shop, one Elmo Vaughan, I found that he belonged to the local Masonic Lodge, No. 48, in Abingdon. My father was also a Mason and had advanced to the Thirty-second Degree in Scottish Rite Masonry, and I told this to Elmo. He was pleased, and sensing his pleasure, I asked him if maybe I could join. He said nothing, continuing his work, and a short while later, I took my posters and left.

The next time I saw Elmo, I asked him again about joining the Masonic Order again he said nothing and again my work took me away. We became good friends and finally one day I passed by and again I asked if I could join the Masons. Instantly, he whipped out an application and I hurriedly filled it out. I didn't learn 'til later, that in those days, you had to ask three times.

I was thrilled! Not only was I going to be the first actor ever in Lodge No. 48, but I could just imagine my father's surprise when I would spring the old greetings on him! I wanted only to surprise my Dad - and was I surprised, when after I was made an Entered Apprentice, I found I had to remember everything that happened to me at that event and come back and answer questions about it!

I was assigned to a dear old man of about 92 years of age who, I felt, must have been there when the Lodge first started. He was really of the old school and he started me out with the foot-to-foot, knee-to-knee and mouth-to-ear routine of teaching.

Besides doing my work for the Barter Theatre and a little acting to boot, I was also going to that dear Brother for my work in Masonry. I would tramp all over those lovely hills and work on my "Whence came you's" and one day oh, one fine day I stood foot-to-foot with my Brother and answered every question perfectly! I was

ecstatic! I was overjoyed and couldn't wait to get to Lodge to show my ability as an Entered Apprentice.

After I quieted down, that dear Brother said, "You've done fine, but aren't you really only half started?" I couldn't believe him! I knew my work; what else was there? He said "Wouldn't it be better if you knew all the questions too?" I couldn't believe my ears! All that hard work and only half done? He gently sat me down foot-to-foot, knee-to-knee and mouth-to-ear and taught me all the questions. That didn't come easy, because I was almost doing the work by rote, but with careful listening and by really applying myself, I was soon able to deliver all the questions and answers perfectly! The night that I stood in front of the Lodge and was asked if I were ready to answer the questions of an Entered Apprentice, I respectfully asked if I could do both - questions and answers. I was granted that wish and later found that I was the second man in my Lodge to have ever done so! I am truly proud of that, never having demitted, I am still a member in good standing in Abingdon Lodge No. 48.

I tell this story not for the merit it might gain me, but to tell you that learning the Entered Apprentice obligation taught me a great lesson in acting as well: that before I ever attempt to do a part I should work, rehearse, feel, almost live that part to know what I am talking about! As I've advanced in Masonry, I have found we are an elite group of people who believe in God, country, family and neighbors. We work hard to help our fellowman; and through our charitable work, such as support for the Childhood Language Disorders Centers, we have made it possible to help many children grow into good American citizens. We should always be proud of the Order we belong to. Where in all the world do you find so many great men and Brothers who have helped the whole wide world? But - we are hiding our light under a bushel basket!

Recently I attended a dinner for a friend, and I ran across a Brother who identified himself in a hushed voice. I asked why he spoke in a whisper when talking about Masonry, and suddenly I realized he wasn't the only one who had ever done that. I speak out loud about Masonry to everyone! I'm proud of the fact that I belong to an organization that made me a better American, Christian, husband and neighbor; and all it took was a little self-determination by going foot-to-foot, knee-to-knee, and mouth-to-ear!

By Brother Ernest Borgnino, 33°
Member of Abingdon Lodge #48 Virginia USA



Holiday Gathering

This year's Holiday Gathering was attended by Brothers, families and friends from eight Lodges and Masonic Bodies from the District: Scottish Rite, Chapter, Council, Commandery, Mt. Vernon, Masters, Wadsworth and Ancient Temple. They were treated to good food and fellowship. There was even a band, the Party of Three.

As usual the real benefactors are the Boys and Girls of Rensselaer County. Here are Ed and John making their annual delivery to Boys and Girls Club of Rensselaer County



The “Ebenezer” 9 Ball Tournament

The 12th Annual Wadsworth 9 ball pool tournament was held on the January 26th meeting night. The double elimination tournament had a total of eleven competitors. They included nine Wadsworth Brothers along with two traveling sojourners and a guest, competed for the coveted “Ebenezer” trophy. A contribution to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund came from the entry fees.

The competition got off to a rocky start as two of our favored past repeat winners Ken (Hipster) White and Paul (the Boot) Baum, both coming off the DL list, were instantly relegated to the Losers’ Bracket. As in the past, we acknowledge the recipient of the “coveted” (??) the infamous, “I’m Out of Here” award.

A very nervous, Kymir (Loose Change) Pearson squared off against legacy brother, Brendan O’Keefe with Kymir hanging on to win and hand the title to Brendan.

Sojourners Justin (Cool Hand) Greenwood showed some promise and Mory

(Minnesota) Stafford introduced his talents to us.

Michael (I’m Starting a Dynasty) Campbell got off to fast start along with guest, Josh Shepherd as they battled in the winner’s bracket. Bruce (I Finally Won One) Susser was able to make a showing in the lower bracket taking on Paul, who started to make a run and eliminated the potential Cinderella story.

Josh handed Michael his first loss and sent him to an elimination game against Paul to see who would be the Wadsworth champion and meet Josh in the finals. Josh dispatch Michael a second time taking the overall tournament win as Michael claimed the winner of the Wadsworth competition. As the tournament progressed, the spirit of brotherhood was enhanced by a hearty spread of food, beverages and music.

Congratulations to Josh and Michael!



Brotherhood Fund

Masonic Brotherhood Fund :: 2022 :: District Report (06/01/2021 - 12/31/2021)

Lodge	Members	--- Contributors ---				--- Contributions ---				Part %	Total \$
		Member	Lodge	Other	Total	Member	Lodge	Other	Total		
0003 Mount Vernon	61	6	0	0	6	6	0	0	6	9.84	715.00
0005 Masters	106	10	0	0	10	16	0	0	16	9.43	2,482.39
0006 St. George's	103	6	0	0	6	6	0	0	6	5.83	320.00
0013 Apollo-King Solomon's	95	11	0	1	12	12	0	1	13	12.63	770.00
0014 Ancient Temple	42	5	0	0	5	6	0	0	6	11.90	800.00
0075 Evening Star	74	4	0	0	4	4	0	0	4	5.41	1,250.00
0085 Bethlehem	97	8	0	0	8	9	0	0	9	8.25	1,803.00
0087 Van Rensselaer	121	11	0	0	11	11	0	0	11	9.09	825.00
0140 Clinton	22	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	9.09	200.00
0311 Mount Zion	44	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	2.27	150.00
0417 Wadsworth	104	5	0	2	7	5	0	2	7	6.73	675.00
0680 Victor	42	3	0	0	3	3	0	0	3	7.14	425.00
0684 Berne	30	3	0	0	3	3	0	0	3	10.00	190.00
0737 Guttenberg	87	8	0	0	8	8	0	0	8	9.20	3,355.00
0754 Noah	51	6	0	0	6	6	0	0	6	11.76	385.00
0915 Beukendaal	91	5	0	0	5	5	0	0	5	5.49	318.00
1174 Schenectady	89	8	0	2	10	9	0	2	11	11.24	490.00
Totals:	1259	102	0	5	107	113	0	5	118	8.50	15,153.39

My sad face

Masonic Brotherhood Fund :: 2020 to 2021 and 2021 to 2022 Campaign Comparison

District: 031 OLD SEVENTEENTH		Final Annual Report May 2021	Midyear Report February 2021	Midyear Report February 2022*	Final Annual Report May 2022
Lodge	Members	Total \$	Total \$	Total \$	Total \$
0003 Mount Vernon	61	1,755.00	1,255.00	715.00	
0005 Masters	106	1,241.00	1,125.00	2,482.39	
0006 St. George's	103	365.00	330.00	320.00	
0013 Apollo-King Solomon's	95	899.98	879.98	770.00	
0014 Ancient Temple	42	510.00	460.00	800.00	
0075 Evening Star	74	1,360.00	1,255.00	1,250.00	
0085 Bethlehem	97	1,780.00	1,700.00	1,803.00	
0087 Van Rensselaer	121	1,362.98	1,262.98	825.00	
0140 Clinton	22	140.00	120.00	200.00	
0311 Mount Zion	44	155.00	155.00	150.00	
0417 Wadsworth	104	2,792.98	1,252.98	675.00	
0680 Victor	42	470.00	270.00	425.00	
0684 Berne	30	140.00	140.00	190.00	
0737 Guttenberg	87	938.00	700.00	3,355.00	
0754 Noah	51	599.99	159.99	385.00	
0915 Beukendaal	91	907.67	627.00	318.00	
1174 Schenectady	89	2,319.99	579.99	490.00	
Totals:	1259	17,737.59	12,272.92	15,153.39	



* October 2021
Grand Lodge
Late Start

Camp Turk

A letter from Mollie Denslow

Good afternoon,

We made it through January and we are one step closer to summer. I don't know about you, but we are ready for some warmer weather.

This is the time of the year that parents are starting to make plans for their children for summer. We are trying to get the word out about Camp Turk to not only masons but out into the community. Remember, camp is open to ALL children 8 to 16 years of age.

Are you having a pancake breakfast or a dinner at your lodge or is there an upcoming event in your community? Are you interested in hosting a Camp Turk informational night in your district or at your lodge? Send us an email or give us a call and we will send one of our Camp Turk Committee members to your area.

Did you know that Camp Turk offers over 30 activities?

- Soccer Lacrosse Softball / Baseball
- Hiking Paddleboards Kneeboarding
- Water Inflatables Theatre Basketball
- Rugby Tennis Biking Windsurfing
- Wakeboarding Tubing Music Volleyball
- Disc Golf Computers Kayaking Canoeing
- Fishing Dances Newspaper Badminton
- Archery Arts & Crafts Sailing
- Paddle boats Row boats Campfires
- & MUCH MORE!!!

COST \$500.00 PER WEEK
(financial assistance available)

Have you ever visited Camp Turk? If not, we invite you to stop by. We are hosting a clean up weekend in the spring on **June 5th, 6th & 7th**. Not only are we looking for volunteers to come help us clean but will be giving tours of the campgrounds. If this is something you are interested in give us a call for further details (reservations area must).

Important dates for 2022:



Instagram page that we could send you some information to post for us? Please feel free to share the attached flyers.

Did you know that after the Camp Turk sessions end that we rent our cabins out to mason's families? For further details, click the following link. www.masonichome.org/round-lake-camp/

If you have any additional questions, contact Mollie Denslow at 315-392-2081 or email us at campturk@campturk.org

Sincerely,

Mollie Denslow
Camp Turk Administrator

Editors Note:

There is a list of items needed on OLP with links to where to buy them.

Golf Trivia: Did you know this?

For those of you who are not on Mike Gammons' mailing list

Phillip E. "Skipper" Young, a graduate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, founded Titleist in 1932. When playing a round of golf with his dentist, Young missed a sure putt that seemed to be caused by the weight of the ball. He then asked his dentist **friend to X-ray the ball and the film showed that the rubber core was off-center.**

After this initial discovery, Young took X-rays of more golf balls and found that most were poorly constructed with off-center cores and prone to erratic shots. This inspired Young to produce his own line of golf balls, which would become known as Titleist. 1930: Young developed a machine that could uniformly wind rubber string around a rubber core, making a "dead center" golf ball. He named the ball "Titleist," noting it was the "winner" of the quest to create the best for the game.

Parting Shots:

Brothers with Birthdays in December and January			
Paul Baum	December 28, 1958	Edward S. Kosinski	January 19, 1945
Nicholas J. Blais	January 5, 1990	Alfred Krueger Jr.	December 11, 1933
Fred W. Briggs	December 7, 1940	Bernard Maskell Jr.	December 4, 1950
Kyle Dain Buckingham	December 25, 1982	John L. Miller	January 27, 1959
Alan P. Druckman	January 25, 1946	Roger Alan Murphy	January 21, 1966
William R. Godell	December 13, 1959	Ronald H. Noll	January 17, 1934
John E. Haight	December 19, 1955	Bruce Susser	December 29, 1956
Harry D. Henry	January 22, 1936	Kenneth M. White	January 26, 1955
B. Robert Joel III	January 23, 1956		

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 Bailey with your birth date.