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Wadsworth Lodge 2022 – 2023 Trestle Board

June 3-5,2022	Tentatively a trip MMC, MMRI and Camp Turk
July 16, 2022	Annual Picnic - Horseshoe #1 Pavilion in Thatcher Park
September 14,2022	Welcome back, Business Meeting Program TBD
September 28, 2022*	Second Degree with Schenectady Lodge
October 12, 2022	Business Meeting and Commentary on 2nd Degree Scripture
October 26, 2022*	Years of Service Awards (Open Meeting)
November 9, 2022	Business Meeting and a Program by Bro. McCall
November 16, 2022*	Possible First Degree on the third Wednesday
November 23, 2022	Lodge Dark - Thanksgiving
December 14, 2022	Business Meeting - Program TBD
December 17, 2022	Holiday Party 4:00 (District Invited)
December 28, 2022	Lodge Dark - For Bro. Paul Baum's Birthday
January 11 2022	Annual Pool Tournament and Brother Bring a Friend night
January 22, 2023	Business Meeting - Program TBD
February 8, 2023	Valentine's Dinner - No meeting
February 23, 2023	Business Meeting - Annual Reports
March 9, 2023	Business Meeting - Program TBD
March 23, 2023	Second Degree
April 12, 2023*	DDGM Visit
April 26, 2023*	Charles Semowich Apron Presentation as Grand Organist
May 10, 2023*	Report on Grand Lodge, Election and Installation of Officers
May 25, 2023	Program TBD

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

Sickness and Distress:

January 13th Brother John Heere laid down his Working Tools. He was a Brother in Ancient Temple. However, he so frequent a sojourner at Wadsworth, that if you asked people would say he was a brother in Wadsworth.

Bro Ed Lass, of Masters Lodge, loss his Mother on February 15th.

Bro. Tim Martin, the guy who has been so careful through out thee Covid times contracted norovirus. He has recovered, but was contagious for two weeks and did not come to the last meeting.

Glad Tidings:

Cullen and Julia Kasunic should be new parents of a baby boy, by the time you read this.

As was mentioned Tim Martin has recovered. Now he is ready to travel. He will be going moo DC to see the grandkids and visit with their

daughter who has accepted a position as Senior Manager of the Reference and Research on the Library, Archive and Media Management Team at the National Geographic Society.

Reminder of 2023 Lodge Dues:

For Brothers who have met their obligation – **Thank You**. For others please remit your dues as soon as possible. Remember that your dues are the life blood of our Lodge. When you send in your check, please up-date your address, phone number and internet address for our Secretary.

The Annual Lodge Dues for **Regular members** is \$140.00 (this includes \$40 to Grand Lodge) while **Life members** annual dues is \$50.00.

The annual dues are payable in advance by the first Stated Communication in December of

each year. If there is a hardship for which a Brother is unable to pay his due, Article VI, 1b states “Should reasonable cause be established because of poor health or financial problems the member may have his due remitted by vote of the Lodge.” Please, Brethren, let the Worshipful Master or Secretary know of your hardship instead of becoming unaffiliated for nonpayment of dues. Your lodge is required to pay the Grand Lodge dues as long as you are carried on books.



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 27,2022	Victor Lodge #680	January 24, 2023	Evening Star Lodge #75
October 6, 2022	Berne Lodge #684	February 6, 2022	Mt Zion Lodge #311
October 17, 2022	Mount Vernon Lodge #3	February 23, 2020	Van Rensselaer Lodge #87
October 25, 2022	Beukendaal #915	March 2, 2022	Apollo-King Solomon’s Lodge #13
November 15, 2022	Ancient Temple #14	March 7, 2022	Noah Lodge #754
November 28,2022	Masters Lodge #5	March 16, 2022	Guttenberg Lodge #737
January 3, 2023	Bethlehem Lodge #85	April 12, 2022	Wadsworth Lodge #417
January 12, 2023	St. George’s Lodge #6	April 19, 2022	Schenectady Lodge #1174

A presentation of Masonic Light with the R:,W: Samuel Lloyd Kinsey, Chairman of the Custodians of the Work for the Grand Lodge of New York was presented on March 1st at Schenectady Lodge.

A reminder that Camp Turk work weekend is June 3 and 4 this year. Brothers family and friends are welcome to help make the camp ready for a new season.

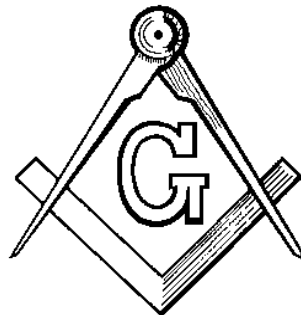
District Web Page is [Old 17th.org](http://Old17th.org)

District Facebook Page is <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Old17thDistrict>

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

Poet's Corner:

Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening

BY ROBERT FROST

Whose woods these are I think I know.
His house is in the village though;
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near
Between the woods and frozen lake
The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake.
The only other sound's the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.



Tales of the Ring

THE RING

I was initiated an Entered Apprentice in a Lodge here in Florida but due to some medical problems (I have MS) I had to step aside from my travels for a while. When I was ready to continue, my Lodge had sold their old building and had moved away, leaving me high and dry in my journeys. In the meantime, I was also involved in a historic reenactment group where I am a senior member in the art of historic sword play and as such I have private students. One of these gentlemen came up to me and told me that he was a Past Master of a Lodge up in Indianapolis and offered me any help that he could give me. Some time later he came up to me and told me to hold out my hand and then dropped three Masonic Rings in my hand and told me to pick one. As there was only one that fit he proceeded to give it to me and after making sure that he was serious I accepted the ring with the assurance that I would not wear it again until I was raised as a Master Mason.

Time went on and I was invited along with anyone else that was interested to an open session of a Masonic Education at a local Lodge about the

Templars moving from France to Scotland after the destruction of the order. After the class was over I was introduced to the Chaplain to whom I shared my tale including my problem with MS whereupon he introduced me to a Brother who was in a wheel chair due to advanced MS and I was told that if I was interested the Lodge could help me with my degree work to get past the MS.

Now to the rest of the story as it were. I started back on the road East and in about six months I was raised a

Master Mason by my friend who had given me the ring and, true to my word, I hadn't worn the ring since it was gifted to me. I handed it back to "Chet" so hat he could give it to me in Lodge after I was raised and when he gave it to me he told me that it had been his father's ring and since he had no son's of his own he would like me to have it so the ring could continue to hold meaning to a Brother in the fraternity. I still have and wear that ring to this day.

Michael Wurster
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Annual Nine Ball Tournament

The 13th Annual Wadsworth Nine Ball Tournament was held on the January 11 meeting night. We had 11 competitors which included a guest. As in the past, the entry fees were used to contribute to one of our Masonic charities. This year it will be to the Brotherhood Fund.

Refreshments and an assortment of “stadium” foods added to the overall atmosphere of brotherhood.

The competition featured three past champions, Paul Baum, Ken White, and Ken Browne, with Paul and Ken, trying to become the first three-time winners. The big three prove their metal as they advance to the quarterfinals of the winner’s bracket. The action was fast, as stalwarts Bruce (“I just want to win one”) Susser, and Worshipful Master, Andy Groff having both lost their opening rounds, battled to NOT be the recipient of our affectionate booby prize, the “I’m Out of Here” Award. Andy just couldn’t hold back the Brendan O’Keeffe steamroller as he took

the honors with Brendan advancing to the quarters of the lower bracket. The quarterfinals of the upper bracket had the battle of the Ken’s or if you may, the colorful Browne versus White, while Jim Risley took on Paul (No eight ball) Baum. Jim dispatch Paul while Ken B. ricocheted the nine ball to beat Ken W. This set up another epic match of previous champs Baum versus White with Ken W. eliminating Paul, setting up a final elimination match winner to take on Ken B. who was still undefeated after dropping Jim to the loser’s bracket. It was in the cards that this year’s competition could take on several storylines as Ken W eliminated Jim to set himself to be a three-time winner and to prove the earlier loss to our “Rescue Man” was rather.... Alas, somewhere the sun is shining, the band is playing, but it was not to be. This year’s champion went undefeated! Congratulations to Ken Browne on becoming a two-time winner of the “Ebenezer” trophy!



Annual Nine Ball Tournament Cont'd



Ken Brown receiving the Ebenezer Trophy for 2023



A Night of Bowling



From Left to right: Brenden O’Keefe, Jerome McCall, Robert Emory, Paul Baum, Andrew Groff, Jeff Kuhne, Mark Foss, Ridgewood MacDonald and Phil Hasin

On a snowy February 22nd evening, a number of Brethren, representing five separate lodges, Wadsworth, Evening Star, Guttenberg, Ancient

Temple and Van Rensselaer from within the Old 17th, ventured to East Greenbush Bowling 🎳 Lanes for a night of fellowship.

Traveling Gavel

Wadsworth Lodge took possession of the Traveling Gavel at the Deputy District Grand Master’s visit to Guttenburg Lodge on March 16. The Traveling

Gavel is awarded to the lodge with the most brothers in attendance.



Ed Kosinski, Ken White, DDGM
Terry Quintin and Worshipful Master
Steven Khoury

Summer is Coming

Summer will be here before we know it. With summer comes the usual Summer Picnic. The date

and the venue will be in the next issue.

Road Trip?

In celebration of its 150th anniversary, [The Masonic Temple/Library and Museum of Pennsylvania](#) will be open to the public for free guided tours the first Sunday of April, May & June. Tour times will be every 20 minutes, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:50 a.m., and 1 p.m. to 3:20 p.m.

Andy is curious to see if there is any interest in making trip to Philadelphia. Specifically for a tour of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania including Masonic Temple, Museum and Library.

Particulars for the trip are up in the air, probably overnight, bus or carpool. If you are interested please contact Andy. No price as yet since it depends on many unknowns, especially the size of the group.



Photo by Bruce Anderson

Parting Shots:

Brothers with Birthdays from December of 22 to March of 23			
Alfred C. Hamilton Jr.	January 1, 1928	B. Robert Joel III	January 23, 1956
John G. Guile	March 22, 1930	Bruce Susser	December 29, 1956
Alfred Krueger Jr.	December 11, 1933	James M. Fuller	February 1, 1958
Ronald H. Noll	January 17, 1934	R. Christofer Dempf	March 13, 1958
Edwin W. Engelhardt	February 25, 1937	Paul Baum	December 28, 1958
Willard D. Thomas	March 4, 1939	John L. Miller	January 27, 1959
Richard W. Powell	March 13, 1943	William R. Godell	December 13, 1959
Jerome A. McCall	March 28, 1944	Thomas P. Fuller	March 7, 1962
Edward S. Kosinski	January 19, 1945	Eric Phoenix	March 25, 1962
Alan P. Druckman	January 25, 1946	Roger Alan Murphy	January 21, 1966
Clifford W. Coughlin	April 22, 1946	Fredrick L. Fuller	March 3, 1967
Kenneth H. Rouse	March 18, 1948	Mark B. Monroe	March 13, 1967
James J. Van de Wal	March 29, 1949	Mikey J. Dady	February 10, 1976
Thomas J. Goodfellow III	January 1, 1950	Brian Dupree	March 5, 1977
Bernard Maskell Jr.	December 4, 1950	Stanley J. Adams	March 16, 1982
William S. Panitch	February 6, 1954	Kyle Dain Buckingham	December 25, 1982
Kenneth M. White	January 26, 1955	Jeromy J. Barton	February 11, 1987
John E. Haight	December 19, 1955	Nicholas J. Blais	January 5, 1990
Arthur J. Burt Jr.	January 1, 1956	Nicholas J. Casso	March 22, 1990

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.