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Under the Master's Hat

Worshipful Master

Since the Master did the article for the Philadelphia trip I said I would stand in for him here.

As I look out at all of the stations and places I see a very solid line of energetic young Brothers for the next few years. But it cannot last without new members.

The annual nine ball tournament is coming up. This has traditionally been a "Bring A Friend" to introduce young men to the lodge and the brothers.

In this Sideliner we have an article on the trip to



Philadelphia. The Annual Years of Service Awards. At the request of Jim Van de Wal there is an article on the past masters.

As I used to close my Master's Hat article.

Please become an active member and do your part to support all the

lodge functions. Otherwise, like other lodges, Wadsworth Lodge will be just another memory.

Remember, "Work Today for a Better Tomorrow."

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Wadsworth Lodge 2023 – 2024 Trestle Board

6/2/23-6/4/23	Utica lodge tour - stay over two nights at Camp Turk to volunteer and tour Old Forge town and lodge
9/13/2023	Business Meeting - Program TBA
* 9/27/2023	1st Degree
10/6 -10/8/2023	Two day Fall bus trip to Philadelphia Grand Lodge
10/11/2023	Business meeting - Bro. Bailey Program
10/25/2023	Years of Service Night
11/08/2023	Business Meeting - Bro. McCall Program
* 11/15/23	1st Degree (the third Wednesday)
11/22/2023	Dark - Thanksgiving
12/13/2023	Business Meeting - Program TBA
12/16/23	Saturday 4pm Holiday Party - Open
12/27/2024	Dark - For Bro. Baum's Birthday
1/10/2024	Pool tournament
1/24/2024	Business meeting - TBA
2/14/2024	Valentine's Day dinner - no meeting - Open
2/28/2024	Business Meeting - Reports Night
3/13/2024	Business Meeting - Program TBA
* 3/27/2024	Possible Second Degree
* 4/10/2024	DDGM Visit
4/24/2024	Business meeting - Move up Night
* 5/8/2024	Business meeting - Election and installation of Officers
5/22/2024	TBA
6/12/2024	TBA
6/26/2024	TBA

* Tuxedos and white gloves to be worn by officers

Sickness and Distress:

Karen Druckman had a fall going to the basement. She landed on her right shoulder and injured it very badly. Enough that it needed to be replaced. After more than a week she was scheduled to have it done. She has had the surgery and is recovering.

Ron Noll had some work done on his aorta. He is feeling better and resting at home. In the same vein it was reported that Peter Kermany had some heart work done as well.

Glad Tidings:

First everyone mentioned above are recovering nicely.

The Risleys were blessed with their second child on November 9th. A boy James Risley IV. He weigh in at 6 lbs and

13 oz. and 20 inches long.

From my Pine Bush stringer Mike Gammons is going to be a Grandfather this Spring



James the IV; photo by Dad

IN MEMORIAM

ALFRED COVERT HAMILTON, JR.

Became a Mason April 23, 1958

Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on May 28, 1958

Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on June 11, 1958

Raised to the **Supreme Lodge on High November 18, 2016**

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.

Reminder of 2024 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.

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Around the District:

District Deputy Grand Master Visit Schedule 2023-2024

Victor #680	Tuesday, September 26, 2023	Evening Star #75* Noah #754	Tuesday, January 23, 2024
Mt. Vernon #3* Bethlehem #85	Monday, October 16, 2023	AKS #13* Berne # 684	Thursday, February 15, 2024
Beukendaal #915	Tuesday , October 24, 2023	Mount Zion #311	Monday, March 4, 2024
Ancient Temple #14	Tuesday, November 7, 2023	Wadsworth #417	Wednesday, March 27, 2024
Masters #5	Tuesday, November 28, 2023	Gutenberg #737	Thursday, April 4, 2024
St. George’s #6	Thursday, January 11, 2024	Van Rensselaer #87	Thursday, April 25, 2024
		Schenectady #1174	Wednesday, April 27, 2024

District Web Page is Old 17th.org

DD Visits

This is a year for experiments. First Jim Spaulding will be the DDGM for this Masonic year and Joe Valenti is the Staff Officer. Next year Joe will be DDGM and Jim will be the Staff Officer.

Next notice that some meeting dates have two lodges listed. To cut down on the number of visits they are combining lodges. The lodge with an asterisk is the “Host Lodge”. That is where the meeting is held and they provide for the dinner, etc. Each lodge will go through the usual examination.

Christmas Presents

The custom has been to bring a present to the “Holiday Gathering” for the Rensselaer Boys and Girls club. However, because of scheduling that will not work this year. Therefore we will be participating in the District “Toys for Tots” program.

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:

Fall in New York

Fall begins with vivid shades of orange, red and yellow,

Amid this colorful display the summer starts to mellow.

Maple trees devoid of leaves stand naked o'er the land,
Just a few short weeks ago, they stood with colors grand.

Fall is now upon us with the frost of early morn.
The countryside looks barren, dreary and forlorn.

The wind is cold and chilly, as a change is taking place.
Winter's fast approaching, and you feel it's cold embrace.

Frost now coats the windows in the early morning light.

Now that clocks have been reset we waken in the night.

Summer's now a memory, the steamy days are past.

Firewood is cut and piled; it seems it burns too fast.

In spite of all the bleakness, I love this time of year,

A harbinger of winter when the air is crisp and clear.

Picking apples in the orchards is a certain sign of fall,

When donuts made with cider will be enjoyed by all.

Another year is winding down as many years before,

Lakes have empty beaches, and the boats are pulled ashore.

Soon the cold of winter will be present all the day,
Along with smoking chimneys, a picturesque display.

Snow will spread its beauty ever peaceful and serene.
We marvel at the grandeur; it is pleasant, bright and clean.

Let's not fret about the future or whatever may befall.
Let us live among the beauty of a season loved by all.

©William E. Ogren
September 24, 2013



Tales of the Ring

Our landlord the Waterloo Masonic Lodge has given us back our last three rent checks that we wrote to them. When the Coronavirus stuff started. in the back of my mind i thought, "Geez, should we ask our landlord if we can delay our rent payments?". But we never did ask. We signed a lease agreement and we agreed to pay the rent in rough times and not, we are paying them and upholding our end of the agreement.

Well, the Masonic Lodge members are very thoughtful and giving people. Each month during all of this, we've paid them, and for the past THREE months, they have given us our rent money back, telling us to use it to pay our employees or use for the business expenses that

need covering. Seriously, I can't keep this quiet and need to brag on how nice they are to us. Gives me chills just typing this. knowing that there are such people out there.

This is totally unexpected and just goes to show how Waterloo comes together during tough times to help each other out. When I say we are the best town, I mean it. Organizations like the Masonic Lodge make our town great (they also do a lot behind the scenes to help out a lot of peopled children, too). We really appreciate their generosity and consider ourselves so lucky to have landlords that care.

Stubborn Brewing, Waterloo, IL



Past Masters

While talking to Jim Van de Wal about awardees at upcoming ceremony, the question of the oldest living Master came up. He asked if I would write an article about our Past Masters. The Lodge has had 147 different Masters, with 14 of them repeating in the office and accounting for 36 years. The Master to repeat the most times is William H. Naughton, 1883-1887

Now to ages the oldest living Master is John Guile age 93. He is followed by Jim Fuller 92 and

Ron Noll at 89. The youngest Brother to ascend to the East is John L. Staats at age 24, 1867-1870. Oldest Brother to sit in the east is non other than Ebenezer Wadsworth who was 78 when he step down. The oldest Brother to ascend to the East is a three way tie, Ebenezer Wadsworth, Ken Mosher and Wilfred Baumann were all 77. I tried to break the tie by birthdays, but I could not find Ebenezer's birthday. So, since he founded the lodge that title goes to him.

Philadelphia Trip:

Nothing beats a road trip with some great brothers. Members from the Ancient Temple and Wadsworth Lodges enjoyed a weekend of brotherhood in early October.

Free masonry has a long history in Philadelphia. No trip to Philadelphia is complete without a stop at the Grand Lodge. The building is located right next to city hall, serves as the headquarters of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and was named a National Historic Landmark in 1985. Benjamin Franklin served as the Grand Master of this lodge in 1734 and 1749.

The group spent several hours touring the almost endless floors and rooms in the lodge, that were filled with rich furnishings and decorated walls. The

Egyptian Hall and Norman Hall especially stood out. It was as if no space had been left blank in this marvelous building.

After our tour of the lodge, we enjoyed dinner at an excellent Italian restaurant. We relaxed and conversed about the day's experiences. You know us Masons, we do appreciate a great meal.

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Emmanuel Jorge-Garcia, Ryan Crowley, Jerome McCall, Justin Greenwood, Joe Evans, James Cozy and Robert Emory: photo by Andy Groff

The Brothers who were camera shy are: Paul Baum, Mark Ross, Jamie Sottile and James Reilly II.

Awards Night 2023

As has been the trend the number of recipients has continued to diminish, for many reasons: moving away, previous commitments and old age keeping them home. This year many of the ones who have moved away are our Navy Brothers. This is the fifteenth anniversary of when we inducted five Navy personnel who were training on nuclear

reactors at Knowles Atomic Power Lab in Milton. We are now down to four of them one was NPD'd and Drew Millier past away suddenly in 2021. This year we had six out of 22 awardees who came for their certificates and pins. Neither of our Gand Master awards came because of age, both in their nineties, and distance (Texas)

Grand Master Awards

We have two this year John Guile and Jim Fuller. The oldest and second oldest Masters who are still with us. Normally out of state Bothers are handled by Grand Lodge. They will make arrangements with the Grand lodge where the Brother lives.

However, since John lives in Azle, Texas, which is a little ways North of Dallas we reached out to David Chedid. He very graciously agreed to make a personal delivery to Legacy Oaks, the

community where John lives. He arrived in time to be treated to lunch with John and his daughter Linda, who took the picture. They were joined by a friend in the community, who is a 52 year Mason from Fort Worth lodge.

My drive was not as far, but no less enjoyable as I travelled to the Pine Bush to present Jim with his award. It was nice visiting with Jim and Jule.



Daniel, John and friend with his certificate and apron



Jim Fuller and his 60 year Certificate

We need to make a special acknowledgement to Heather Emory, the Master's wife. We have her to thank for the lovely menu promoting the evening. Then helping to make the dinner as well

and finally for taking the group photo on the next page.

While we are talking about photos Ken White took the individual photos of the awardees.

Awards Night 2023 Cont'd



Group Photo by Heather Emory



Bruce Hazard Forty-five years



John Scott Thirty-five years

Awards Night 2023 Cont'd



Timothy Martin Twenty-five years



Edward Kosinski Fifteen years



Eric Phoenix and Andrew Groff Ten years

Those not in attendance:

10 Years

Alan Druckman

15 Years

R. Victor Stewart

Osiris Rodriguez

Curtis Kammerer

Kyle Buckingham

20 Years

Micheal Drooker

Paul Bailey

25 Years

Bernard Maskell

Richard Harvey

Frederick L. Fuller

30 Years

Mark Monroe

45 Years

Douglas Hayes



Our entertainment for the evening Charles Semowich

Parting Shots:

Brothers with Birthdays from July to November			
Paul F. Bailey	September 28, 1946	Theodore Kondoprias	September 8, 1936
Kenneth T. Brown	August 19, 1969	Timothy M. Martin	July 2, 1947
Victor Keith Caldwell	August 22, 1955	Donald R. Morrell Jr.	November 30, 1960
Sanjay Chopra	September 28, 1964	Michael P. Mrozinski	September 19, 1957
Michael Stephen Drooker	July 20, 1942	William Murray	November 14, 1952
Louis J. Emory	November 25, 1984	Kymir Pearson	October 30, 1991
Robert E. Emory	August 22, 1977	Frederick P. Pettingell	August 5, 1954
William J. Fincke Jr.	September 12, 1948	Anthony Rodolakis PhD.	November 23, 1964
Alan C. Garrison	August 14, 1954	Osiris Rodriguez	November 12, 1985
Stephen J. Garry	August 23, 1962	Paul Rosenblatt Sr.	August 25, 1946
Raymond H. Gaul	August 1, 1949	Brandon W. Salo	November 8, 1985
Richard Dale Harvey	September 18, 1957	John W. Scott	July 16, 1955
Douglas C. Hayes	July 13, 1947	Matthew Williams Scott	August 13, 1987
Brett E. Ingersoll	November 18, 1988	Charles John Semowich	October 10, 1949
Emanuel Jorge-Garcia	July 20, 1987	Leroy Paul Stevens	August 18, 1950
Douglas S. Kantrowitz	September 7, 1971	R. Victor Stewart	August 20, 1941
Cullen Kasunic	October 6, 1980	James Wilson Susser	September 17, 1984
Stephen S. King	August 30, 1950	Peter L. Van Kempen	September 2, 1944
		Jamie F. Sottile	July 17, 1985

If your birthday does not appear in the list we apologize, but it is because we do not have the information