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Tabbert and Hancock to Receive Thomas Jackson Award at College of Freemasonry

The Valley of Rochester, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, is most pleased to announce that the Thomas Jackson Award will be presented to Illustrious Brothers Mark Tabbert, 33°, and Charles O. Hancock, 33°, on April 5th.

Illustrious Brother Tabbert has had extensive experience in educating Americans about our Fraternity through his work with both the National Heritage Museum in Lexington and the George Washington National Masonic Memorial in Washington, DC.

Illustrious Brother Hancock shared new learning by researching, publishing and often providing lectures on the 4th through the 32nd Degrees, within the structure of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. These were published in 2000-2002 during his tenure as Commander in Chief of the Valley of Rochester.

Event Chair, Sublime Prince George Nasra, shared his excitement



Ill. Mark Tabbert, 33°, and Ill. Charles O. Hancock, 33° to receive the Thomas Jackson Award.



ment on the selection of these two dedicated Freemasons for their work in the field of Masonic Education.

The Thomas Jackson Award Committee consists of:

Ill. Stephen R. Whittaker, 33°, Chair; Sublime Prince James De Lorenzo, 32°; Sublime Prince

Robert Kimmel, 32°; Sublime Prince Joseph Oelgoetz, III, 32° and Distinguished Brother Roy E. Vandelinder, 32° MSA.

See more Scottish Rite News on pages 22 & 23.

HAGGAI CHAPTER'S 8TH ANNUAL DINNER Cherry & Young Award Recipients

By James A. Ghent, Jr.

Haggai Chapter No. 41, Holy Royal Arch Masons (PHA), will hold its Eighth Annual Social and Community Awards Dinner on Friday, May 2nd. This year's Award Recipients are Dr. Alice Holloway Young and Rev. James Lee Cherry, Sr. Rev. Cherry will be the keynote speaker. The event will be held at the Whittier Party House, 88 Whittier Road.

For more information, contact Bill Davis at 381-9574 or JD Jackson, 729-2902, Ticket Co-Chairmen; James Tisdale, 235-2493, Journal Ad Chairman; or Jim Ghent, 889-7119, Event Chairman.

Rev. James Lee Cherry

Reverend Cherry was born in Pennsylvania, and is the son of the late William and Cordelia Cherry. Rev. Cherry received his formal education in Pennsylvania, where he attended Allegheny County Community College, Penn State University and the American Baptist Divinity School. He received a Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Theology and Diploma in advanced Theology from the Baptist Institute of Christian Service. He is the recipient of the Honorary Degree of Doctorate of Divinity, awarded by the Baltimore College of Bible.

He is affiliated with and active in: The National Baptist Convention, USA, where he serves as the New York State Congress Representative for the Evange-



Reverend Cherry



Dr. Young

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Communication, Communication, Communication

By R.: W.: Gary Sanford, DDGM

As they say, location is important in housing, communication is very important and it is a very valuable tool when used. The point being that it needs to be used. This April, as it turns out, we have four different activities scheduled for the same day. If we had communicated early with each other, we should have been able to prevent this from happening, or at least keep it to a couple. Many of us who are active, are active in more than one group and are then presented with the choice of which event to support, when we would have liked to attend them all.

The Masonic Service Bureau has agreed to be a focal point for communication of the many different activities that we schedule. If your group is planning an activity, please check with the Service Bureau as soon as you know and they will be able to let you know if there are any other events scheduled at the same time. I also recognize that at times we have to use the dates that are available. However, if we know early enough, I'm also sure we could accommodate each other better than we have in the past. If we had communicated with each other, I'm sure this situation could have been avoided, making all our lives a little easier.

I see this as a change we need to make to help improve communications and ask that we all please communicate with the Masonic Service Bureau.

I remind you that the Service Bureau meets on the second Wednesday of the month at noon at the Damascus Shrine Center and would welcome the Representative from each organization.

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Lodge Room More Accessible The Year of the Elevator at Unity



R.: W.: Gary Sanford and W.: Donald Hunter prepare to cut the ribbon dedicating the new elevator.

By R.: W.: Tom Grape

On Sunday, March 9th, Unity Lodge celebrated the installation of a new elevator with a ribbon cutting ceremony. It was a celebration of handicapped access to our second floor facilities. Many of our older Brothers and Sisters have been daunted by the 24 steps to get up to the second floor from ground level.

Our Trustees, of which I am one, have labored for over three years to arrive at this point. Our original proposal was an elevator constructed in a new brick building closing off the alley at the Southeast corner of our property and containing an eight-passenger elevator, servicing the second and third floors of our facility.

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Save the Date!
Saturday, May 17th
Annual Walk-a-Thon
for Frank & Bette Paul 32°
Masonic Learning Center for Children
at Perinton Park in Fairport

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Editor's Corner

The Deadline for the May issue is Thursday, April 10th. We will no longer be able to allow for late copy. Material not received by the 10th of April, may not be printed in the May issue. We will make the 10th of the preceding month the Deadline for all future articles for the Masonic Times. Remember - you're a 10!

I take a moment here to mourn the passing of a great lady, Past Grand Officer of the Order of the Eastern Star and active Line Officer, until recently, Barbara Mertens. She is free at last from her lengthy period of suffering.

You will note the shorter than normal column. We had so much copy, some of it late, that to fit the necessary articles I yielded space to the Masonic War Veterans. It made it a little easier for me this month.

Thanks for reading.

James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post No. 12. Commander Cy White (315) 597-9546. Adjutant Vance R. Collom, Jr. 217-9817. Includes photo of James A. Hard.

The next meeting of our Post will be held at the Fairport Masonic Hall, located at 87 South Main Street, Fairport, on Thursday, April 24th, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be preceded by a dinner (menu to be determined) prepared by the Eastern Star ladies and served at 6:30 p.m. Dinner reservations can be made by calling me at 315-597-9546 or emailing me at: ukcy@juno.com

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. Join with your fellow Masonic War Veterans in an evening of camaraderie and fellowship.

As always, I hope to see you, and I do mean you, around the Holy Altar of our Order.

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Tomorrow

By M. Donald Darrohn, President

Tomorrow never comes, some will say. That may be true, but if we don't plan for tomorrow we will surely fail!

February's article discussed the initial years of the Service Bureau, including its incorporation. In our March issue we referenced those activities and functions of today. We don't need to look back too many years to recall the "good old days" when there were two Districts for Monroe, when there were a total of 30-plus Lodges in the Districts and how many of those Lodges were downtown! Our mission in the Service Bureau has changed, just as we described in the previous two articles - CHANGE IS INEVITABLE.

We have decisions to make - we either manage change or react to change as it comes our way. We have a proud and storied legacy of service to the Masonic Fraternity in the greater Rochester area. We must address TOMORROW so that we, the Masonic Service Bureau, are relevant to our Lodges, Chapters and Concordant Bodies! We need to look beyond next year - out to ten and twenty years from now. What services, functions and activities could and

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should we be providing to enable the viability of those entities for whom we exist? I personally don't have the answer to this question, nor do I believe any one individual can have the answer. I do know there is great talent and knowledge we can draw on to address this issue.

At the April meeting of the Service Bureau I will propose a special committee to study and make recommendations on this topic. Comments and suggestions are always appreciated and welcomed.

Hot Numbers

- GRAND LODGE: 1-800-3-MASON-4 (362-7664). GRAND LODGE OFFICERS: Grand Master Neal I. Bidnick, Robert Strang, G/W. COMMITTEES: Blood Donor Chairman James P. Allen, G/W. DDCGMs: James Gagnon, Wayne. MASONIC EDUCATION: Grand Lecturer James Sullivan. MASONIC CARE COMMUNITY: 1-800-322-8826.

BLACKSBURG, VIRGINIA -- ONE YEAR LATER

Note from F. Jay McCullough:

Dana R. Spencer has been a member of Etolian, then Unity Lodge in Spencerport, for 44 years (Raised January 26, 1944). We communicated a number of years ago when I was Secretary of Etolian. He was trying to establish his genealogical path with Lebbeus Spencer, a Charter Member of the Lodge, and other Spencer families involved in the founding of the community of Spencerport. Dana has been in physical therapy for some time, which is why he was found in his daily exercise routine in the heart of the Virginia Tech and Blacksburg Community when tragedy struck. This is what he had to say as a result of some recent emails between us.

By Dana R. Spencer

As you remember from a former article, our little community of Blacksburg, VA was shaken by a tragic event last year on the 16th of April that occurred on the Campus of Virginia Tech. Blacksburg is a small town, much like Spencerport, about 45 miles south of Roanoke. Mountains and rugged areas separate us from other communities, and most of these communities are quite small which makes Blacksburg isolated.

Many of our country's best and brightest students and professors, 32 people in all, were murdered in cold blood in this hapless situation where they would not escape this random violence. Among those killed were four professors, one gen-

tleman being known worldwide for his academic engineering work and also being a survivor of the Holocaust. Among those killed were future military leaders, humanities' instructors, teachers, scientists and a host of above-average students with the only commonality of taking the same classes together. The townspeople went immediately into total shock. The effects not only surrounded us, but also spread out to parents, families, and alumni in remote locations throughout the world.

I had just finished exercise that morning, I think around 10 a.m., and as I was leaving the building, a retired professor came in stating, "There is a madman outside." No one could grasp this, and some ran to the

TV sets to find out what was happening. As in any situation, the rumors were flying.

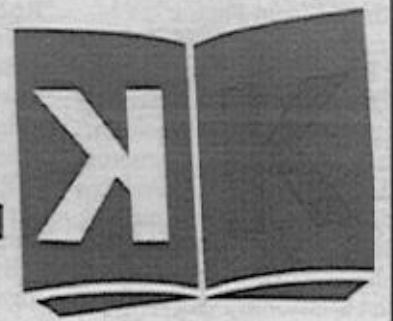
I live about three miles from the center of Blacksburg, and I decided to return home to be out of the way of those coming into the community to help. As I was going out the by-pass, three State Trooper automobiles were coming in doing at least 100 miles an hour. My wife and I continued to follow the events by telephone calls to friends, TV/radio, and an emergency scanner. As the world quickly learned, it tallied up to 32 fine individuals who did nothing more than be where they were supposed to be at that time. It was a crazed individual who was in the wrong place at the wrong time.

I can truly say this was one community that pulled together, and while the news media began setting the blame on someone, somehow the community stood fast by its campus police, town and State officers, campus administration and rescue squads. The armchair quarterbacks came out to say we should have done this or that, but this tragedy was a first time experience on a large campus. Everyone appeared to do what was necessary without having prior guidance in such a situation.

Help has come to us from all over the world. My wife was involved in a blanket project to give hand-knitted blankets to all families and survivors plus eventually the medical and rescue people. Square knitted blocks, 8 x 8 inches, came in from around the world, and I heard a count of 10,000 at one time. Volunteers came from all over the State to put them together into blankets. It was an enormous task. This project became therapeutic to individuals in our community as well as around the world—all struggling to make sense of this horrible tragedy. Local religious institutions became involved in counseling individuals because no one could explain why this happened to us. Food and water were provided for students and visitors; and the campus drill field was covered with banners, flowers and sympathy tokens from all over the world. The response was overwhelming, and it continues to this day. President Bush and our Governor Kaine came along with many State representatives too numerous to mention in this report, and legislators are actually trying to make changes that will protect our students in the future. Many of these sugges-

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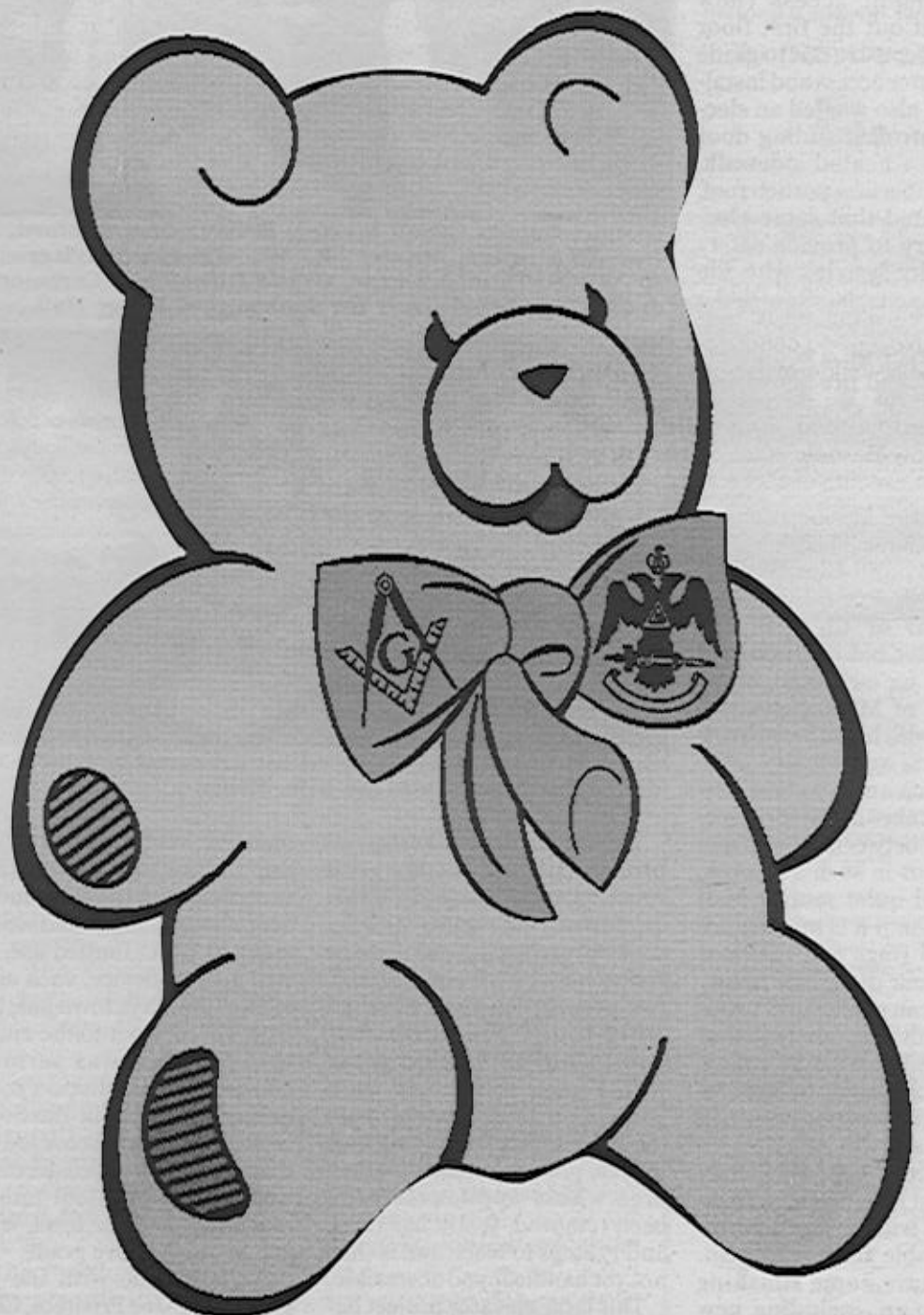
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Haggai Chapter

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lism Board; the Empire State Congress of Christian Education, where he is Vice President, and has served as an instructor; The Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention of America, where he serves as Statistician; The New York State Empire Baptist Missionary Convention, where he has served as Vice President; the Great Lakes Baptist Association, where he has served as Second Vice-Moderator and Moderator for the Association, and former Co-Chairman of the local Billy Graham Crusade, previously held in Rochester.

His local community involvement is too numerous for this article. Some of his Board of Directors memberships include: Rochester Convalescent Hospital for Children; Rochester/Monroe County Cancer Council; Rochester Community of Churches; United Way of Greater Rochester; JP Morgan Chase Bank; Boy Scouts of America; YMCA of Rochester; National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; Black Leadership Commission on Aids; Greater Rochester Housing Partnership and others.

Some of Rev. Cherry's awards and recognitions include the Pastoral Mentor Award, Great Lakes Baptist Youth Department Award, National Association of Business and Professional Women's Man of the Year

Award, Social Few Club of Rochester Man of the Year Award, PRISM Award (Program to interest students in Science and Math), Action for a Better Black Community Service Award, among others.

Rev. Cherry has been the Pastor of Aeon Baptist Church, since his arrival in Rochester in 1981. He and his church family, together, have received the Urban League Membership Drive of Rochester Award consecutively from 1984 to 1994, for registering the highest number of people in the Urban League of Rochester Membership Drive.

Rev. Cherry and his wife are the parents of four children, ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Two of his sons are Ministers of the Gospel.

Haggai Chapter is delighted to have Rev. Cherry as the keynote speaker.

Dr. Alice Holloway Young

Dr. Young is a native of North Carolina, where she was the youngest of seven children nurtured in a Christian family. Her mother was a graduate of Hampton Institute, Hampton Virginia. Dr. Young says: "As a child, I learned the dignity of hard work and the pride in achievement. I also learned to love the soil, the beauty of nature and farm animals, which were our pets. The love of books, the joy of learning and the value of an education were instilled in us by my parents. They also taught us to love and respect people, value friendship, share and to con-

tinuously be thankful for life's many blessings."

She earned a BS Degree from Bennett College for Women, in Greensboro, NC, a M.Ed. and an Ed.D. in Educational Administration and Supervision from the University of Rochester. She is retired from the position of Supervising Director of Elementary Instruction at the Rochester City School District.

Dr. Young's educational experiences are wide ranging, from the establishment and administration of a nursery school in an Upstate New York migrant camp, to one of the first five African American teachers, the first African American Vice Principal, and the first African American elementary school Principal in the Rochester School District. She was placed on a two-year special assignment as the first Administrator of Title I, of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 for the Rochester City School District; school integration was one of the programs included in this assignment. She was named Administrative Director of Elementary Schools, the first African American City School District Central Office Administrator.

Representatives from medicine, business, education and law in Rochester, met to discuss the establishment of a community college to serve Monroe County. Dr. Young was invited to be a founding trustee of the Board of Trustees to establish Monroe Com-



Estella Spring Banquet

By Barbara A. Tisdale, Worthy Matron
Estella Chapter No. 7, OES-PHA
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munity College. Her recognition awards and affiliations are too numerous to mention in this article; however, she is a member of Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society, the Alpha Alpha Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, International Honor Society for Women Educators; she served on the Commission of Race and Religion of the Rochester Council of Churches, the Board of the Family Service of Rochester, Inc., the Board of the Episcopal

Church Home, the Advisory Board of the Rochester Community Savings Banks and the Education Committee of the Civic Music Association.

Dr. Young has been married to James Taylor Young for many years. They have three children and two adult grandchildren. She is a member of St. Luke and St. Simon Cyrene Episcopal Church.

Haggai Chapter is honored to have Dr. Young as a Community Award recipient.

Elevator

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We therefore had to rearrange the florist shop's loading dock and basement access (new stairs), cut out the first floor area and reconstruct it to grade in the elevator access and installation. We also wanted an electronic controlled sliding door entry and a heated sidewalk, covered with a new portico roof.

We wanted that same electronic entry to provide safety and security systems with fob entry and controls, so we had a record of who entered the building, covered with a computerized sentry and fire alarm system and a call service, should the elevator break down with passengers inside. This dream is complete!

Our Lodge Treasurer and Temple Commission Chairman, Thomas Michielsen, volunteered to become our General Contractor or Clerk of the Works. After bidding and cost analysis, we selected Mark Robinson of MDR Construction, who with his sub-contracting partners and Victory Lifts, has given us our beautiful new facility. It takes about forty seconds to go between ground and second floor in such a smooth, gentle and quiet motion that you question if it is moving until the bell rings and the door opens at your departure point.

The lift can safely hold 1200-pound loads - it was tested at 1400-pounds for safety rating. It comfortably holds four grown men and will hold one person in a wheel chair with an aide.

If any of our Masonic Family wants a test ride, call me at 621-5282 and I will arrange a mutually agreeable time for a visit. We still have some finishing touches to go, including new front door electronic access.



District Deputy Grand Master, R.:W.: Gary Sanford, W.: Donald Hunter, Master, R.:W.: Joseph Privitera and R.:W.: G. Thomas Grape, Grand Director of Ceremonies, dedicating new elevator for Spencerport Lodge Hall.



Guests who attended enjoy repast prepared by Senior Warden, John Jamele, and his wife, Helga.

The second floor contains our primary kitchen, a large great room open for banquets, dances, parties, etc., mens' and ladies' restrooms, our Lodge room, which is air conditioned, two preparation rooms and an entry room. The third floor houses our recreation room with a large screen television and comfortable seating, pool table, ping pong table and two offices, plus an unused kitchen area whose appliances have been removed. It still has three and 17 steps to reach and is thus not yet handicapped accessible.

This large elevator project became too expensive and was

shelved. While in a funk over our failure, several Brothers, including Don Darrohn and Jay McCullough, suggested we consider a LULA (limited use, limited access) device, such as the White Church in town has, to go from the 1st floor to the 2nd. As this proposal was seriously studied for installation in our existing building in the Southwest corner, we discovered that to have handicapped access we would need a 46-foot ramp to reach the 1st floor level, which is four steps above grade.

Assisting me with the program were: Joe Privitera, Chairman of Trustees who served as

the Master of Ceremonies; our Treasurer, Tom Michielsen, who contacted local officials and other dignitaries; Senior Warden John Jamele, and his wife, Helga, provided the refreshments; and Beverly Murray, of Starlight Chapter and the Caldron, provided musical accompaniment.

One of our Brothers, Reverend Albert (Bill) Kyler officiated as our Chaplain and provided a special blessing for our new facility. Speeches from our Worshipful Master, Donald Hunter, and District Deputy, Gary Sanford, bespoke the joy we hope this facility will bring to our infirmed and handicapped Brethren as it returns their ability to attend Lodge.

Congratulatory remarks were forthcoming from Ms. Gay Lenhard, Supervisor of the Town of Ogden; Deputy Mayor Theodore Rauber of Spencerport; Ogden Police Chief Douglas Nordquist and Tom Friedo, Spencerport Fire Commissioner. All expressed the view that the elevator was an uplifting asset for the Lodge and the Community at large.

Also present was Phil Hurwitz of ERAC Lodge. He was our Attorney for the sale of the build-

ing and property in Charlotte, which provided the funding for the elevator. He came to congratulate us on achieving our dream. Charles Waterstreet of Craftsman Robertson Lodge and Executive Director of the Masonic Service Bureau, came to document the elevator and the day's events for the *Masonic Times* newspaper.

Also participating in the festivities were our Lodge Secretary, David Jones, and my wife, Emily Grape.

Seven Sisters from Starlight Chapter, OES, came out to support and congratulate us for fulfilling our promise of an elevator to them and all other Masonic Bodies who sublet the use of our facilities, which include Etolian Chapter, Rochester Chapter and Lalla Rookh Caldron. Thanks to Worthy Matron Christine Hampton; Associate Matron Sharon Listman; Trustee, Barbara Bossert; Secretary, Ramona Dimino; Flag Bearer, Betty Rainey; Organist, Beverly Murray; and Joan Palmer. We also thank Brother Dave Rainey of Unity and Sentinel of Starlight Chapter. Brother David Fairley of Unity Lodge, who has been ill, also came out to help us celebrate.

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By Diane Dobbertin, DDGM

March is here and it's the Lamb/Lion kind of entrance!!! On March 1st, we had our first District Official Visit in Spencerport with Rochester Chapter. (Did you know there's an elevator in the building now???) It was a great evening. Rt. Wthy. Sue Huff has chosen Christmas as her theme. Rt. Wthy. Tom and I were each given a filled Christmas stocking and we had Christmas cookies for refreshments.

Our next Official Visit will be April 1st at Nolatka Chapter, 7:30 p.m.

Lilac Star Chapter is having a Social Visit of the DDGM on April 2nd at 7:30 p.m. At this meeting, Erica Vega, Director of Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality Network (RAIHN), will be the guest speaker. She will tell us about RAIHN, our Monroe District Project. Please put this on your calendar and plan to come. Speaking of RAIHN ... let's focus on cleaning supplies this month as our donation. Thanks.

Having a Tea!

Rt. Wthy. Doreen Rhodes tells us that the Triangle Girls are having a "Proper Tea" on May 10th at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$6. This should be a delightful time and the proceeds will go to Shri-

ners Hospitals for Children. See Rt. Wthy. Doreen for more information.

Opportunities to Help

Monroe District All-Stars are having a lottery during the month of May. Tickets are available from any Chapter Matron. They are \$5 each and you pick your own 3-digit number, which will be used for the Evening number of the New York State Lottery drawing. This fundraising project is to support the rising costs of the Lilac Luncheon that Monroe District sponsors each year in Oriskany. Get your tickets before the end of April!

Fairport Chapter is selling raffle tickets for three different kinds of duffle bags filled with toiletries for both men and women. Tickets are \$1 each or 10 for \$5. The drawing will be on May 31st at the Grand Matron's Visit.

On Saturday, April 19th, the 3-Mile Walk-a-Thon will take place in Olean at 9 a.m. Rt. Wthy. Tom, Rt. Wthy. Diane and Rt. Wthy. Faythe will be walking. If you can't be a walker, you are welcome to sponsor any or all of us. We'd love to see you there or call us with your donation.

"Til next time, remember to "Be Wise in all you say and do" and "start meetings on time, regardless of who is missing." ❧

Ontario/Seneca/Yates District is welcoming Spring with our District Official Visits. Mark your calendar for 8 p.m. for the following dates:

Tuesday, March 25th - Gah-A-Yan-Duk, (Victor/Bloomfield)

Tuesday, April 8th - Royal Garoga (Phelps)

Thursday, April 10th - Seneca Lake (Dresden)

Monday, April 14th - South Seneca (Interlaken)

Thursday, April 24th - Eagle Star (Honeoye).

The District Grand Lecturer hopes to observe the exemplary, standard Ritual work for which O/S/Y District has been known. If the standard Ritual work cannot be performed, please advise the DGL.

As you read this, the Veterans at the Canandaigua VA Hospital, which leads the nation in customer care, will have enjoyed the first VA Ice Cream Party. Visiting with those who served our Country is always a special time for OES members. Please join us in Building 7 at 1:45 p.m. on Saturday, August 16th and Saturday, September 13th, for the Ice Cream Parties and the On-Station Picnic on Saturday, June 28th. If you have questions, contact the District Grand Lecturer.

Grand Matron's Visit

Committees have been working hard for the Grand Matron's Official Visit on Friday, May 30th, the original Memorial Day. Waterloo, the Birthplace of Memorial Day, is in our District. Dinner will be at DiPacific's Restaurant in Farmington. Cash bar at 5:30 p.m., Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Meeting at 8 p.m. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Econo Lodge for Friday evening. Mention the Order of the Eastern Star when making reservations to receive the discount rate.

Rt. Wthy. Paul and I will be traveling to Grand Official Visits around the State and encourage you to join us.

As Springtime planting approaches, place your order for geraniums from the Past and Present District Grand Officers. These beautiful plants will be available for pickup in mid-May.

The Grand Matron's Arthritis Foundation Pins are available to support the Combined Projects, "Take Control, We Can Help." District symbols, the sailboat and anchor, are also available in each Chapter to support our District Hospice Homes.

With Fraternal Charity, Truth and Loving Kindness remember, "People take your example far more seriously than they take your advice." ❧

justice, reconciliation and peace empowered by prayer and action. I found the experience overall to be very moving, difficult to express and, above all, a call to deeper awareness of the complexity and intensity of the situation.

It made me more than ever aware that the Global Masonic Body could carry us through another millennium, as need be when the world seems to be in utter chaos. As noted in the February *Masonic Times*, there are at least seven Masonic Bodies right here in the Rochester area.

In August, 2007, on our Archeological Dig in Israel, there were hundreds of Masons at some kind of gathering. Is anyone aware of what the event might have been?

Condolences

We mourn the passing of our Sisters, Marjorie C. Cannon, who passed away on December 8th and Muriel Murrer on December 20, 2007.

Our April 9th meeting will be Official Visit at 7:30 p.m.

April 23rd will be in Ample Form.

My underlying theme this year... Must there be an Arc of Poverty around Rochester, or any city? The quote from St. Gregory, "Faith has no merit where reason supplies the proof." ❧

God bless the world. ❧

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This past February I spent 11 days with 91 persons from the US, Europe, the Philippines and Cambodia in Nazareth and Bethlehem, through the general Board of Global Missions, United Methodist Women. It was a Mission and Advocacy Trip/Workshop to Palestine/Israel. I experienced what I saw as a disturbing picture of what is going on in the areas occupied by the Palestinian people. Of those Palestinians whom I had the opportunity to connect with, they spoke only of Hope. I found this to be very hope inspiring and heartwarming. I observed there to be many ecumenical programs coming together in Israel and Palestine to try and help the hurt and degradation which comes with war and encourage the world to work for

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and sandwich for a \$5 donation. There will be a White Elephant Auction at 12:30 p.m. with the proceeds to benefit District projects.

Come, join us for a fun time! On April 19th, the Wayne Willing Workers are sponsoring a trip to Lancaster, Pennsylvania for "Daniel." They have an overnight stay and return on Sunday, April 20th. The cost of the trip is based on how many are in a room. No more than \$275. Some slots may still be available for this enjoyable excursion.

We will round off the month on Monday, April 28th, when we will be in Williamson for their Official Visit.

As I am writing this, it is snowing and blowing a gale outside, but I am sure that the nicer weather is just around the corner and will be making its appearance soon! Many of our members have been under the weather, including M. Wthy. Sandra Cleason, who is recovering from major back surgery. Rt. Wthy. Berenice Sewert suffered a stroke recently and is currently in rehab at Newark Manor. Rt. Wthy. Phyllis Wasson is scheduled for cataract surgery, and should hopefully have that behind her by the time this is published. I wish them, and all our other members who have had a rough spell with illness and infirmity this Winter, a speedy recovery.

Until next month, take care and remember if you always try to do your best, you'll never have to wonder if you could have done better. Take care and God Bless! ❧



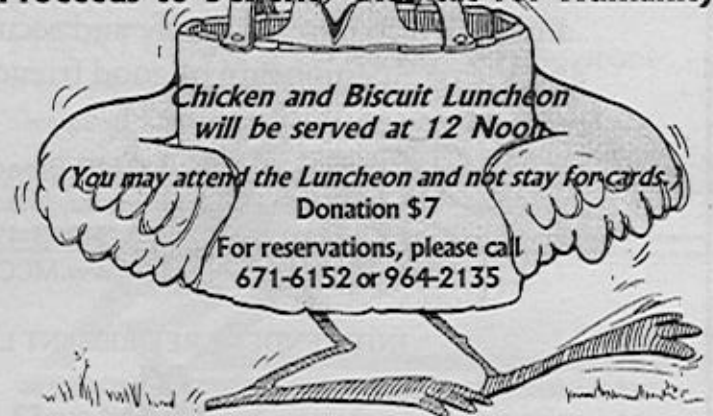
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Could it be that Winter is finally coming to an end? As I look out the window this evening, I doubt it. Though before you know it the grass will need cutting. This is a time for new growth. Even for the Lodge!

Coming up in one month will be the Election of Officers. Several have held the same position for long periods - our Master for seven years and faithful Treasurer, Clayton Dimick, since 1991. They would both appreciate a break. Please consider the length of your Cabletow and look at one of these positions.

The moving of the Lodge is quickly reaching some conclusions. Land has been found, the Building Committee has a plan drawn, they're looking at building contractors and have a date when we need to vacate 8 West Main. Moving every hundred years or so helps eliminate clutter. In its first 100 years, Olive Branch moved six or seven times. Here's hoping for 100 years in our new location.

Wrapping up for a Move
We will soon be having our last Communications in our present building. We only have

three or four more chances to attend before it is gone. Please come and say goodbye to a good old friend. Though I can honestly say I will not miss the heating bills.

So you see, there are plenty of chances to serve your Lodge. Please contact the Master or Secretary for a duty while packing, sorting or removing architectural details to re-use in our new home. If you have experience for moving stained glass windows, we have a job for you!

Sickness and Distress

We have received word that W.: Jim Baldwin is having some health issues. He has been studying treatment options and has a positive attitude. Jim is a 57-year Member of Olive Branch. If you would like to send him a note, his address is: 4420 South Juniper Street, Tempe, AZ 85282. "

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I have always battled with the idea that each person has a predestined path in life or that things always happen for a reason, but sometimes it's just hard to argue this philosophy. About a year and half ago the company

I work for decided to update our computer equipment and offered me the choice of getting a new desktop style computer or a laptop. I choose the laptop, even though I hardly ever took work home on the weekends or traveled for work. Then six months ago I got a promotion. Now I'm traveling like crazy and taking work home almost every night. I sat down to type this article over the weekend before the March 10th deadline and the hard drive in our family computer died. Thank heavens I choose the laptop. Events like this really make me step back and think about the possibility that things really do happen for a reason.

I thank Constellation Lodge in Perry for inviting me to sit in the East during the conferral of the Fellowcraft Degree. I'm always honored when another Lodge in the District calls and asks for help in performing the Ritual of our Craft, but it's extremely special when I'm afforded the opportunity to sit in the same chair as my grandfather did many years ago. Unfortunately, my grandfather passed away before seeing me become Master or witnessing me perform our sacred Ritual, but I know for sure that he was watching down on me that evening and smiling from ear to ear. Also, on behalf of Oakland Lodge, I congratulate the new Fellowcrafts of Constellation Lodge.


I would like to report on some new news, but our March communication was cancelled due to the weather conditions. There was a possibility of an ice/snow storm that was going to hit Genesee and Wyoming Coun-

ties that evening and, for once, the weather person was right. I'm sure all of our Southbound Brethren were jealous while they were playing golf or sitting in their cabanas by the beach. I did hear from our Master that there has been interest from a local person about the possibility of joining our Fraternity. Hopefully, by next month I will be able to report that a Petition has been turned in and an Investigation Committee has been formed. I would encourage the members to start brushing up on their Ritual, as it has been a couple of years since we last conferred a Degree at Oakland Lodge.

The Brotherhood Fund Campaign is in full swing and the members from Oakland Lodge have been very giving once again this year. I thank all the Brothers who have already extended their generosity so far this year. It's not too late if you

would still like to get a donation in for this Masonic year. The best place to make your donation is at our regularly scheduled communications. If you are unable to make our regular communications, please forward your donations to our Junior Deacon: W.: Kenneth E. Smith, 137 Lake Street, Le Roy NY, 14482. If you are sending your donations to W.: Smith, please indicate on the memo section of your check to what area you would like your donation designated.

I hope this article finds all my Brothers having a happy, healthy and, hopefully, end to the Winter season. Remember to say a small prayer for all those who have and are still fighting to keep this great nation free and safe. May the blessing of heaven rest upon all my fellow Brothers and their families wherever they may be throughout the world. "

District Deputy Grand Master Livingston District

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I had a great time on my trip to the Philippines. Vilma's family was terrific and I sincerely enjoyed seeing Vilma as happy as she was to spend time with them! I visited a lot of sights and have many pictures. On February 22nd I was riding a motorcycle in shorts; the temperature was in the high eighties. I totally enjoyed my vacation!

I met two Masons. The first one was a retired General from the Marcos Era, who invited me to his home. There we had a picnic and he gave me a tour of his property. He showed me the typical hospitality that is known in the Philippines and he was a most gracious host! He totally made me feel welcome and that I should return and visit him again. He made me realize that I had a new friend and Brother there whom I can trust!

The second Mason whom I met was a Doctor. He also showed me the typical hospitality of the Philippines and invited me to his home where we ate and visited. This Brother also made me feel as I had made a new friend and found another Brother, where I will be welcomed back.

These Brothers showed me Masonry as I believe it should be! To them I said thank you and they both are welcome to my home and my District any time. I would be proud to introduce them to the Livingston District and the District to them!


Ladies Night

I ask all the Brothers in the District to remember to send in your reservations for the Livingston District Ladies Night on April 5th. I hope this event will be as well attended as it has been in the past!

At this time I thank the Livingston District for all the support you have shown our team and me for the last four years! We have accomplished a lot and we could not have done it without your support! Thank you. I also thank our surrounding Dis-

tricts for their support; they all have been wonderful people to work with! I hope you will show the new Officers of our District the same support and get behind them as much as you have been there for us. I know they will benefit our District. Both of them have been there for the last four years and know what we have accomplished and where we are headed. They are each great Brothers and I am sure they will keep the momentum going in the same direction to benefit the District.

Thank you for your support and be safe!

Grand Steward Livingston

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April starts with the *College of Freemasonry* on the 4th and 5th. I encourage each of you to come to the Shrine Center on Bay Road in Webster. Friday is for Scottish Rite Masons and their guests, and they will enjoy the entertainment of Randy Riggles. Saturday's program is open to everyone. There will be many great speakers, refreshments, a book fair and a silent auction. The program begins at 8:30 a.m. and will continue until about 2 p.m. Saturday afternoon.

Ladies Night

Saturday evening, April 5th, will be the Livingston District's Ladies Night at the Conesus Golf Course Party House. The social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. with dinner, guest speaker and entertainment to follow. I look forward to seeing you all there.

District Events

Talent shows will be held at Keshequa Central on April 4th, Mount Morris on April 18th and the District show at Dansville on Sunday afternoon, April 27th.

Degrees

There is a lot of Degree work scheduled throughout the month and a School of Ritual on April 14th at Eunice Lodge in Caledonia. Let us all try to get out and support our Lodges and welcome our new Brothers into the Craft.

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cial railroad was built, and for 112 days the obelisk moved through the city streets, at a rate of one block a day. The pedestal (which weighed 50 tons) was the largest object moved on wheels up to that time.

On January 22, 1881, the obelisk was erected in Central Park with 9000 Masons present. The Grand Master made a speech, and placed "proof coins" in the pedestal along with "a small box whose contents were known only to Mr. William Henry Hurlbert." (The Teaching Company, pgs. 19-21 outline). If you get to Central Park and see this monument you will know that you have heard the rest of the story. Thank you.

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I hope everyone has survived St. Patrick's Day. A number of Union Lodge Brothers went to the Shrine Meeting on March 5th for the big Irish night celebration. Nothing like Corned Beef and Cabbage.

It seems like the time is just flying by in this Masonic year. With our Degree schedule coming up, then Grand Lodge, the year-end is on the horizon. I have greatly enjoyed my year as Master. Sometimes it seems like it is overwhelming and other times, pure enjoyment. I am glad that we will close out our next months with Degrees and welcoming our new Brothers into our Lodge.

Our Trestleboard for March included a 1st Degree for three new Brothers. I think they had an enjoyable experience on their initiation into our great Craft.

Our 2nd Degree will be on April 10th. Please come out and help us welcome these new Brothers to the Middle Chamber. I believe we will all be rewarded before the Degree with W.: Ron Manning's famous homemade chili dinner. It is always a treat.

We also look forward to the Livingston District Ladies Night on April 5th, after we all spend the day at the College of Freemasonry. (Of course you are all attending!) We will treat our ladies to a night out at the Conesus Country Club with a great dinner.

Our 3rd Degree is scheduled for May 8th. Please come out to Union Lodge and join us. We have full costumes and do an excellent job with our Degree work. And of course, there is always that enjoyable time spent with your Brothers. We hope to see you at one of our events.

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Welcome to Spring, Brethren! I am writing in full confidence that all the ice outside right now will be melted as you read one of the last few articles I will write for the *Masonic Times*.

Both the Traveling Gavel and Traveling Trowel are now at Pocahontas Lodge. A recent audit of the Traveling Trowel log book revealed seven Lodges in our District held the Trowel for 30 days or longer for the period of November 2006 to present. The resulting \$10 fines total \$100 and "non-moving violations" will be issued soon so those Lodges can send their fines in to the Brotherhood Fund. This is all in good fun and for a good cause!

There are two rooms left for the OSY Grand Lodge trip May 3rd-7th! Please spread the word, Brothers - this NYC trip is open to the public and you do not have to attend the Grand Lodge session to take advantage of the excellent bus and room

rates! Reservations are due now! We will share the bus with Brothers from Cayuga-Tompkins and Wayne Districts. Our accommodations will be at the Edison, which is about as fine a hotel (and affordable) as you will find in Manhattan so close to Broadway.

As is the case every year, I am requesting that the Master (or representative) from every Lodge in our District make the trip and attend Grand Lodge. Your Lodge may even pay part of your expenses. Reservation forms are available for download at OSYDistrict.org.

Much Progress on the OSY Freemasonry Information Fair & Expo! How is your Lodge doing with developing that list of candidates to personally invite to the Fair by letter? Your Lodge list should be started by now! We will have good representation from the York Rite (Chapter, Council, and Knights Templar) and Scottish Rite. Rainbow for Girls will also have a booth. The MMLR has provided handouts and giveaways. The Livingston Library has pledged their support with DVDs, brochures, and presentations. MSAT will have a booth - invite those teachers and educators!

A small "teaser" ad began running in *The Finger Lakes Times* in March, with larger ads in April and then an informational article in the paper the week before the event. An article has

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Many of us will be going to New York in May for the Annual Grand Lodge Communication.

I thought it might be interesting to use my space to write about a Masonic connection that stands in Central Park. We all know what an obelisk is. There is one standing in Central Park that has a long and interesting history. The following is gleaned from a course called "The History of Ancient Egypt" by Bob Brier of Long Island University and The Teaching Company.

Obelisks are a purely Egyptian invention with a religious significance. Sun temples highlighted obelisks and every one had a pyramidion on its top. Quarrying and erecting an obelisk is considered a greater feat than building a Pyramid. They were quarried from Pink Aswan Granite and transported down the Nile on barges to their destination. Some were as tall as 90 feet and weighed as much as 1000 tons (two Jumbo Jets). They were erected in Heliopolis ("On" from the Bible), Karnack, and Luxor Ramesis erected many small ones on the Delta. (Some of these date to the 17th century B.C.) The Romans had a great fascination with obelisks and moved 13 of them to Rome for their Circuses where they would race chariots around them. In 10 B.C. Augustus moved two from Heliopolis to Alexandria and erected them in front of the Caesarean Temple. They became known as Cleopatra's Needles.

When Napoleon invaded Egypt in 1798, he brought scholars, artists, craftsmen and archeologists to study Egypt. The discovery of the Rosetta stone and subsequent translation of hieroglyphics by Champollion piqued the world's interest in "things Egyptian." The Alexandria Obelisks were given to France by Mohamet Ali, but Chompollian counseled to get one from Luxor, as it had no cracks. It was erected

in Paris in 1832. An earthquake toppled one of the Alexandria Obelisks in 1301.

Wayman Dixon built a caisson shaped like a huge cigar tube, sealed the Obelisk in it and towed it to London. On the way a storm killed six men and the tube floated away. It was found by another ship. After much wrangling, a finders fee was paid and the obelisk was retrieved and safely erected on the Thames.

In 1880 William Vanderbilt, not to be outdone, hired a Navy Lieutenant, Henry H. Gorringe, to remove the remaining Obelisk from Alexandria. These structures are not ordinarily fascinating. They rely on gravity to stand on a pedestal. (You engineers might contemplate the craftsmanship involved for these structures to stand on their own for hundreds of years). However, this structure had been damaged when the Romans moved it, so they made four bronze crabs to anchor it to the pedestal. When Gorringe lifted the structure and ancient trowel and plum bob were found in the base, and the Masons adopted this Obelisk as their monument. The powers that be in Alexandria wanted compensation to move the obelisk through the city, so Gorringe contrived a way to roll it out to sea on cannonballs and then floated it around the city to port. The Steamer "Desung" (without valid registration papers) was opened up and the obelisk was inserted inside the vessel. The ship was sailed by a Hungarian crew who proved to be alcoholic. But they were the only available crew who knew how to operate the "Desung." Nevertheless, they set sail and arrived at Staten Island safe and sound. They then sailed to the East side of New York where they were turned away. They then sailed around the city and landed at 96th Street from the Hudson River. A spe-

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appeared in *The Word* from Onondaga, and Cayuga/Tompkins Districts. There will be an Info page on our District website at: osydistrict.org. Radio ads are being quoted and considered for April.

Souvenir booklets are being planned with sponsor recognition, as well as bags and pen giveaways with the OSY District Logo on them. Five Eagle Scout Awards and one Girl Scout Gold Award will be presented - hopefully by the Grand Master (time permitting). There will also be a Red Cross/Masonic Blood Drive. Along with the Child ID session, the state Child ID Training Chairman will have a booth to inform Masons and the public of what the program is all about.

Meetings are being planned at two-week intervals as we close in on the event. There will be additional meetings at Garoga-Sincerity Lodge in Phelps at 9 a.m. on Saturday, March 29th, (breakfast at the Blue Ribbon Restaurant at 8 a.m.), and Sunday April 13th, at 1 p.m. at Geneva Lodge. There will be more meetings in April to finalize arrangements and those will be scheduled at a later meeting.

Brothers, this can become a very successful event with your help and input; please attend the next meetings and participate!

Several important upcoming dates are included here again this month for the widest possible distribution. Please bring this article to Lodge and read in open Lodge.

April Events

5th - College of Freemasonry at the Shrine Center. Always interesting speakers at this annual event.

12th - Annual Surviving Spouses Luncheon at 12 Noon. This will be held at DiPacific's in Canandaigua. Even if your Lodge holds its own Widows program, please at least make it possible for the widows from your Lodge to attend the District program by providing their names to R.:W.: Eldon White or R.:W.: Bob Ruggles. This year's program will include two 17-year-olds, one of whom is Andrea Locke, who will speak about her experiences as a United Way Board member.

26th - OSY Freemasonry Information Fair and Expo at the Geneva Ramada Inn, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

May Events

3rd-7th - Grand Lodge NYC Trip

18th - OSY District Memorial Service; St. Peter's Church, Geneva, 2 p.m. This will be the 51st Annual Memorial Service. Please make an effort to attend and provide a good show of support for the families of Masons who have laid down their Working Tools this year. The R.:W.: Edward Gilbert, DGM, will give the address and by then will most likely be M.:W.: Edward Gilbert, our new Grand Master!

29th - OSY District Investiture Service, Garoga-Sincerity Lodge. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.; Service at 7:30 p.m.

30th - Annual Memorial Day Parade, Waterloo.

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for more information about Grand Lodge, OSY District and Lodge news, events and schedules.

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Masons Meet, Act & Part OSY Fair and Expo

Come to the OSY Freemasonry Information Fair and Expo! Bring all your friends and relatives and have them tell others of this great Masonic event. It will take place Saturday, April 26th, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., at the Ramada Inn in Geneva. Every good thing Freemasons do in their Lodge, District, Community, New York State and Nationally will be showcased. All kinds of Lodge banners, large pictures and anything you can imagine will be on display for the public to get a true look at our Craft, Fraternity and Lodge. I look forward to our Brothers' commitment of time and effort to make this Fair and Expo a great success.

Masonic Study Club

The DDGM, R.:W.: David Locke, needs help from our Brothers to start the "John H. Stelter Masonic Study Club" Program. If you are interested in being involved, call R.:W.: James H. Rice (554-6032).

OSY Website

Our OSY Masonic Webmaster, R.:W.: Ken Hall, has been making large improvements to osydistrict.org. The website is second to none! Lodge pages are now available for news content. We need a Lodge member to write a one-page article for posting each month. If you are interested, call Brother Ken Hall - 289-3801.

Upcoming Events

This year's Annual Surviving Spouse Luncheon will be held April 12th at DiPacific's Restaurant in Farmington. I will contact Ark Lodge widows to see who will go to this beautiful event. All Masons and their wives are invited to attend.

The 227th Grand Lodge trip will take place May 3rd-7th. Clara and I will attend.

The OSY District Masonic Memorial Service will be held May 18th at 3 p.m. in St. Peter's Church (corner of Genesee and Lewis Streets). We will give our respect and sympathy to Brothers John L. Warder, Harry George, John H. Stelter, William Kashouty, Stanley Welty, Jr., Richard Lumpkin and J. Andrew Foster. Please come to this wonderful ceremony for our deceased Brothers.

April Anniversaries

The following Brothers were Raised in April: Kenneth Colegrove; Dale Erickson; Joseph Gilotti; Joseph Hessney, Sr.; Joseph Hessney, Jr.; James Khouri; Robert Leonard Mat-

tick; Robert Lyon Stivers and Dayne Tharrett.

Awards Presentations

Service Award Certificates and Pins will be presented to: 55 years - Anthony Khouri; 50 years - Howard C. Colegrove; 40 years - Joseph Hessney, Sr.; 35 years - Lawrence Wetherbee; 30 years - Edward A. George; 25 years - Joseph Michaels

Sickness and Distress

Have in your prayers for good health and happiness Brothers Joe Michaels; Horace Riddle; Lloyd Hilimire; Ramon Baroody; Ray Smith; Tom Bryan and Max Kaufman.

Brother Dale I. Erickson, a 52-year member of the Lodge, passed away January 27th.

Tribute to a Brother

True Master Mason - Upright Man - Wonderful Reverend and R.:W.: Richard Hart's tribute is long overdue and should have been written by someone else. I have known Brother Hart for over 50 years as a wonderful person. In my humble estimation, Brother Hart is one of the most informed, knowledgeable and understanding Masons of our Lodge. He is well-read, and has studied and researched Freemasonry in the Lodge, District and State. He has much wisdom about the Masonic Craft, American Flag and the Bible.

A native of Philadelphia, PA, he is a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary and Temple University. Since 1959, Reverend Hart has served the First Presbyterian Church in Geneva.

Raised in Ark Lodge on November 5, 1959, he has also been affiliated with Geneva Chapter No. 36, Royal Arch Masons; Geneva Commandery No. 29, Knights Templar, and Damascus Shriners. A Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of New York, he has assisted in many OSY District Memorial Services and Masonic Communion Breakfasts.

He was active with Geneva General Hospital, Geneva Rotary Club, Salvation Army and in the development of Eisenhower College in Seneca Falls. His newspaper column, *Hart to Heart*, was a regular feature of the *Finger Lakes Times* for many years.

Brother Hart, may you have many more years on good health, much joy and happiness in your future years. You will always be treasured as one of the precious gems in the history and traditions of Ark Lodge.

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17th - Regular Communication

26th - OSY Freemasonry Information Fair and Expo at Ramada Inn, Geneva; 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

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I hope this finds all my Brothers well.

New Brothers

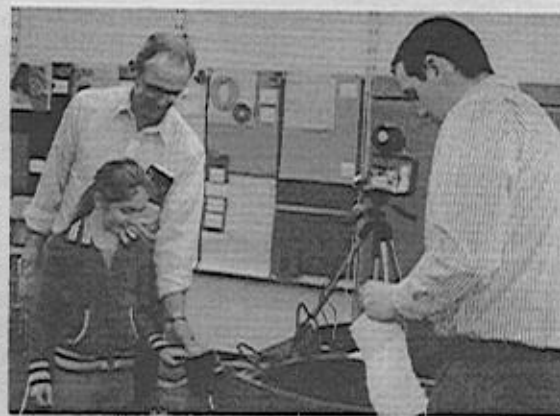
I am pleased to congratulate our two newly Raised Brothers, Robert Parmenter and Donald Keys. At the end of February they traveled to Geneva with seven of our Brothers to make their Raising a memorable event. Great thanks to the Geneva Lodge for hosting a wonderful program.

Information Fair

Coming in April, I hope to see many Brothers at the Information Fair. Mark your calendar and plan to attend - Saturday, April 26th at the Ramada Inn, Geneva. We have a great opportunity to continue our growth. Please come and bring a friend or two.

Enjoy the start of Spring and stay safe. God Bless.

W.: Robert Helling, Baily Lis and Baily's Uncle, Brother Ed Helling participate in the Eagle Lodge Child ID Program on February 28th at the Honeoye Central School. One hundred forty-five children benefitted from this community effort.

Wish List for
Canandaigua VA Medical Center

- Comfort Care Items:
 - Deodorant
 - Shampoo
 - Shaving Cream
 - Body Lotion
- Coffee - Regular and Decaf; Creamer, Sugar, and Sugar Substitute
- Baking Items, Peanut Butter, English Muffins
- Bowling/Movie Tickets
- Prepaid Phone Cards
- Gift Cards from Tops, Wegmans, Wal-Mart
- Tickets to Sporting Events, Zoo and Outings
- Paper Products - Plates, Napkins, Dinnerware
- Postage Stamps
- New Socks and Underwear
- Winter Coats, Shoes and Boots
- Knit Hats and Gloves
- Monetary Donations to Holiday Account

If you need further information, call Tom Paglia at 227-2046 or the Volunteers Office of the Canandaigua VA-393-7761- and talk to Pattie or Robin.

Eagle

Lodge No. 619

2nd & 4th Tuesdays
7:30 p.m.

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The weather played with our entire February plans. I will try to get everyone up-to-speed on what has transpired since our last meeting.

We have to come up with a new date for the Steak Roast, as the Lodge Hall is occupied that day. We'll try to schedule it in June. We couldn't have it any other weekend in May because of Mother's Day Weekend and the Chicken Bar-B-Que on May 24th.

The Child ID Program was held on February 28th at Honeoye Central School. Brothers Robert Helling, Ed Helling and Tom Good assisted the Ontario County Sheriff's Department. They photographed and fingerprinted 145 children in grades K-5. I thank the Brothers for their help in this important duty.

Important Dates

April

8th - Lodge meeting
12th - Surviving Spouses Luncheon; DiPacific's Restaurant
17th - Spaghetti Dinner, 5 p.m.-7 p.m.

22nd - Grand Director of Ceremonies Official Visit
26th - Masonic Vision Fair; Ramada Inn, Geneva

May

3rd-7th - Grand Lodge Trip, New York City
13th - Election of Officers

Milnor Lodge No. 139
 2nd & 4th Thursdays
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Milnor Lodge has closed on the sale of the Lodge Hall in Victor. We have been meeting at the Canandaigua Lodge in Shortsville since January.

Degree work is tentatively scheduled for March 27th, April 24th and June 12th. An Awards Night is on the Trestleboard for April 10th.

A Brother Passes

I sadly report the passing of R.: W.: David Maltman. Brother Maltman laid down the Working Tools of life early the morning of February 13th. He was both a Past Master of Milnor Lodge and Past DDGM of the OSY District, holding the position in 1970 and 1971. A Masonic Service was held at the Lucey Vanvoorhis Funeral Home, in Victor.

Contributions in remembrance of Brother Maltman have been and still may be made to the Milnor Lodge Building Fund, established at the request of Brother Maltman. Please contact R.: W.: Eldon White at ewhite01@rochester.rr.com, or 924-1603. Our hope is to eventually move back to the Victor area; contributions in Brother Maltman's name will be used to realize that dream.

As always, all Brothers are invited to attend Milnor Lodge's Communications. Check out Milnor Lodge's Trestleboard on the OSY website for coming programs.

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Our 2nd Degree went well. Thanks to V.: W.: Lowell Falkey for serving as Master. V.: W.: John Walti presented the Working Tools and gave the Charge. W.: Paul McIntyre presented the Bible. R.: W.: Clayton Ruggles did the Middle Chamber Lecture. Brother William Lally, Jr. and Brother William Hargrove gave the Lecture of Forms and Ceremonies. Again we had some new faces assisting. It's great to see the younger Brothers taking responsibility and enjoying the Fraternity.

Watch for information on our Roast Pork Dinner coming up this month.

The Royal-Garoga Chapter, OES, is having a Master Mason Night April 16th, with a potluck dinner before hand. Let's join them to show our support and enjoy the evening of events.

The 3rd Degree will be on April 1st with the first Section starting at 5:30 p.m.; Dinner will follow

immediately, prepared by the Eastern Star members. We need a head count for the meal, so please call Bob Ruggles or myself. We expect to Raise at least five Brothers, so please come out and show your support.

Condolences

Brother Isaac Hessney laid down his Working Tools March 3rd. He was Raised in April, 1965 at Garoga Lodge No. 300. A memorial service was held on March 7th. Thanks to all who attended.

Happy Birthday

We send April birthday greetings to Bobby Dorgan (7th); Todd Ruggles (8th); Jay Ford and John Roush (9th); Vincent Rosella III (12th); Norman Schafer (16th); David Mowers (19th); Robert Lash and Robert Spink (26th); Stephen Durso (28th) and James Gostley (29th).


Masonic Anniversaries

The following Brothers were Raised in April:

- 1950 - Robert Hines
- 1951 - George Landstrom
- 1959 - Robert Spink and Frederick Wheeler
- 1960 - Paul Adams
- 1963 - John Bowles
- 1964 - John Davis
- 1965 - Douglas Nicot
- 1967 - John Roush
- 1969 - Ronald VanCamp and Milton Lum
- 1971 - Aaron Dell Jr.
- 1974 - Ramon Howard
- 1975 - Dale Gelder
- 1983 - Ernest Day and James Rodney
- 1984 - Michael Klimeczko
- 1994 - Charles Bird and Scott Upchurch
- 2006 - David Bruzee and Jerome Phillips.

From the Secretary's Desk

I still need birth dates for the following Brothers, if they wish to be acknowledged in the *Masonic Times*: Harold Bloser, Robert Lannon and John Record. I may be contacted by phone, email or a short note through regular mail.

District Deputy Grand Master

 Monroe District
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As I have had the opportunity to start visiting the Lodges for a second time, many have been busy performing one of our three Degrees. I have seen you performing the Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Mason Degrees, where the number actually taking them has been as few as one to as many as twelve. While most of the Ritual work has been fine, we all could improve upon our floor work. An important item to remember is that we need to have a mentor for each member from the time they sign their petition up to at least one year from when they complete their Master Mason Degree.

One method of helping to keep them attending Lodge is to have them participate in an activity that is rewarding to them. You should have determined during your investigation what their hobbies and passions are. Help them get involved in those

and you will most likely see them and your Lodge grow.

Investiture

The Joint Investiture Service for our incoming Masters will once again be held at Fairport-Flower City Lodge on Friday, May 30th. There will be a steak dinner at 6:30 p.m., prior to the service, which will start at 7:30 p.m. Please be sure that your Lodge representative contacts V.: W.: Harry DeHollander at: ny4harry@aol.com or 278-8769, to make reservations. Looking at the calendar, all Lodges will be able to hold their elections prior to the service this year and should be able to attend and meet their counter parts for the coming year.

Sessions

Plans are being made for the upcoming trip to Grand Lodge in May. Some plan to stay at the Grand Lodge location and others will be staying in the city. This will be a busy year on Tuesday, as the election of our new Grand Lodge Officers will take place. If your Master will not be able to attend, please be sure that your Lodge will have a representative there to vote. This may be one of the Wardens or a Past Master of your Lodge, who has been duly elected as Proxy to represent your Lodge. The proxy form will need to be mailed to Grand Lodge prior to its opening. I would suggest that it be mailed about a month in advance and the proxy also takes a copy with him.

If we may be of any assistance to you or your Lodge please contact one of us.

Grand Director of Ceremonies

Monroe



R.: W.: G. Thomas Grape
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The third class of the MDC was held Wednesday, February 27th at Eunice Lodge. I also held two alternate make-up classes at Unity Lodge on Friday, February 22nd and Saturday March 1st, after session three of *Road to the East*.

The *Road to the East* Course jointly hosted by the Genesee-Wyoming, Livingston and Monroe Districts' Staff Officers held the last class on Saturday, March 1st, at Eunice Lodge in Caledonia.

I thank all our Instructors again for sharing their skill and knowledge with our trainees. Mike Grady and John Gallant did a great job on the MDC material and the Lodge Walk-About we added to Session three to spice it up.

RTTE saw Derek Van Houten, John Gallant, Richard Trescott, Mike Grady, John Zabel, Rick Howe, Phil Hurwitz, Skip Waterstreet, Ken Kohlhagen, Harry Tyson, Don Tubman, Bob Strang, Gary Sanford, Marty Krause and Tom Grape leading 21 sessions on three Saturdays. MDC had 25 Brothers complete the work

and RTTE had 11 Brothers complete the Course.

I wish we could have done more. I long ago learned that you cannot motivate anyone. As a leader you can and must create the environment that causes people to motivate themselves for the success of the enterprise. We have a great product to sell! We are in the business of making good men better. Osmosis will only provide enough nourishment to prolong a slow death.

Maybe the example of the Roman Legion is the model we need to follow. New Legionnaires spent six months in PT, sword play, javelin throwing, and use of the shield. They were then placed in the last row of battle.

The bravest and most experienced men were in the front line of battle and fought like lions for three minutes when they slipped to the deepest rear rank and each man moved forward a rank to fight for another three minutes, giving a man a "blow" for a theoretical three hours. Of course death and wounds decreased that three hours down to probably half that time.

They knew they could not maintain their most valiantly trained fighters in the front line fray over the long haul without their experiencing burnout or permanent loss of their services. We need to be recruiting new replacements to take the place of exhausted warriors. Not doing so, including the training, will result in the loss or extermination of the Legion.

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Front Row (Left to Right) Jason Smalley, Josh Loepker, Bruce Church, Dave Helmer and Rick Howe. 2nd Row (Left to Right) Keith Countermine, Marshall Krause, Charles Lee, Don Walczek, Cliff Drum and Mike Grady. 3rd Row (Left to Right) John Cook, Tom Grape, Don Strang, Wayne Partridge, Jason Gartland, Chuck Zlotkus and Joe Shanks. Back Row (Left to Right) Neil Paramenter, Dennis Paramenter, David Smalley, Melvin Hussy, Bob Ossont, and John Gallant.



Front Row (Left to Right) R.: W.: K. Rick Howe, Grand Steward, Livingston District; Francis Gitro, Phoenix Lodge No. 115, Dansville; Wayne Partridge, Constellation No. 404; Frank Celona, Clio No. 779; John Cook, Constellation No. 404; and Art Handsman, Hesperus No. 837. Middle Row: (Left to Right) H. Douglas Jones III, Fame No. 722; Ted Habgood, Hesperus No. 837; R.: W.: Marshall Krause, Grand Steward, Genesee-Wyoming District; R.: W.: Gary Sanford, DDGM, Monroe District; Douglas Poole, Olive Branch No. 39; and R.: W.: G. Thomas Grape, Grand Director of Ceremonies, Monroe District. Top Row: (Left to Right) John M. Falbo, Springville No. 351; Joel L. Falbo, Drumlin Square No. 1180; R.: W.: Robert W. Strang, AGL, Genesee-Wyoming District; Derek Van Houten, Grand Sword Bearer, Monroe District; and R.: W.: Harry L. Tyson, DDGM, Genesee-Wyoming District.

G. Thomas Grape

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Every man we take in should know that in five to ten years he ought to be leading his Lodge. Such men will read, study and try their skills as they work their way to the front rank. The fire we must nurture in their guts is the desire to lead and be successful.

The skills they develop in successfully leading a volunteer organization will assist them in their work and family endeavors. One of the best things we could do for our younger men is to give them a time management course so they can learn how to set goals, budget their time and concentrate their available time on the things which provide the most meaning toward accomplishing their life goals.

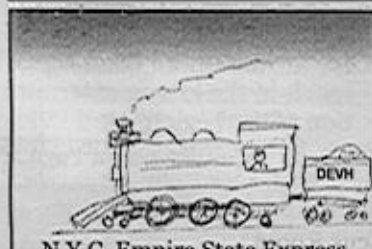
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Time has a way in catching up with you, as someone once said. My colleague and friend R.:W.: G. Thomas Grape has reminded me during these last few months and days that our term is about up and we are really in the twilight of our time with you.

We remember when our journey first began back in 2006 when we were boarding our train. We didn't really know where we were going, only that we had completed our training, received our Commissions at St. John's Day and now had a mission to fill. We have written about traveling through the countryside of our Districts - enjoying each other's company, stopping at the stations (Lodges) along the way, meeting new friends, having interesting discussions in the "Observation Car," partaking of great food along the way and learning about our beloved Fraternity.

We have served with compassion, dignity and Brotherly love. We all look to the future wherever our tracks lead us. It has been my privilege and honor to have served with R.:W.: Thomas Grape and our DDGM, R.:W.: Gary Sanford. The journey has been great and is not over yet.

As a member of the new Leadership Team, I find myself off on another journey. For those who are counting, that's another 730 days, but I'm not counting. We will enjoy it up to the required end in May of 2010. There will be many challenges and opportunities along the way; we hope that many of you will join us.

Again, two fine upstanding men and Masons are eagerly

awaiting their turn to begin a journey thru the quarries of Masonry to teach, learn and experience what the Monroe District has come to stand for. Worshipful George L. Todd and Worshipful Michael L. Nohle have been selected to serve as Staff Officers for 2008-2010. A hearty welcome to both of them.

It is important to remember that each Master in the District should be represented at Grand Lodge this year, as in years' past. It is especially important this year as we will be voting for a new Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Lecturer and Grand Secretary. In addition, Grand Masters from 85 or so Grand Lodges will be in attendance. If the Master can't go, it's imperative to have a Proxy attend. This needs to be voted on in your Lodge, if the aforementioned situation affects you.

Our transportation will continue to travel on, heading for another destination as we near our Final Communication with you next month. In the meantime, we will just sit, stretch out and watch the sunset as we head towards the twilight.

Monroe District Masters & Wardens Assoc.



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Very few Brothers showed up for the meeting in February and, from reading my article last month, that may have been my fault. I stated the next meeting would be March 19th.

In the last *Masonic Times* a challenge was sent out to all Concordant Bodies and other Lodges to contribute to the purchase of another Child ID computer system. The District has one of its own and one on loan from Grand Lodge. We could better provide this service to the community if we had another system. In your attendance at other meetings, please mention the need for another system.

Since the challenge went out to all Concordant Bodies and other Lodges, FAME Lodge stepped up to the plate with a donation of \$82. Thanks to the Brothers of FAME.

I attended the first and last session of the RTTE class; the presenters were well prepared for the subject matter. If you didn't sign up this year, you are missing out on a great experience. I took the Course in the past, but could see from only this one time that things have been changed in the Course presentation. Why not sign up for next year's class?

Plans are still being made for the upcoming Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. If you are looking for a roommate, let me know and that information will be shared.

The Fidelity Triangle Girls are desperately in need of new members. The girls meet at Clio Lodge in Hilton the 2nd and 4th Saturday at 7:00 p.m. If you know some eligible young ladies, please refer them. As an aside, Fidelity is the oldest Chapter in New York State. It

would be a shame to see the group fold.

As usual, if unable to attend our meetings, please send a representative from your Lodge. I realize our Cabletows are being stretched to their limits, but if possible, try to make a meeting.

The next meeting of the Masters and Wardens will be April 16th at 7:00 pm.

Member Development R.:W.: Joseph Privitera Monroe District

Widows Luncheon

The Masonic Widows Luncheon is scheduled for April 26th at the Burgundy Basin Inn. Now is the time to get letters out to the ladies. About three weeks prior to the Luncheon, each lady should be contacted. A ride should be arranged if she needs transportation. The event begins at noon and the ladies should be there about one-half hour before.

If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. My number is located in the "Hot Numbers" Section on page two of this publication or you can speak to someone at the Masonic Service Bureau. Let's try to get as many Masonic Widows to this event as possible.

School of Ritual

The next School of Ritual for the Monroe District will be at Clio Lodge in Hilton on March 31st. The time is set for 7:30 p.m. The last School of Ritual at Webster Lodge was a little different than previous Schools. It was very interesting and informative. Afterward we were provided chili, cookies and beverages. The fellowship was also good. We should be bringing our newly raised Brothers to the educational meetings.

I hope to see you at Clio Lodge and elsewhere in the District.

Area 15 Brotherhood Fund

R.:W.:
Derek VanHouten
Monroe District

Congratulations!

We just received the quarterly report from R.:W.: Robert Stack that details the monies received from June 11, 2007 through January 31, 2008. It indicates that, as an overall total, the Brothers of New York have

contributed \$991,186.23 from 8,881 contributors.

But, the big news is that we of Area 15 have raised \$46,756.24. For the first time in my memory the Monroe District leads the State with \$36,786.50. A lot of credit goes to the hardworking Lodge Chairmen. Having said that, I must say a "job well done" to W.: Ralph Jurgens, District Chairman, who has led the way in writing several articles, which may have encouraged many to contribute.

Not to be outdone, both the Livingston and Wayne Districts have shown they are on the right path with their contributions.

One troubling statistic is the number of Brothers who chose not to participate, but yet utilize the numerous programs of Grand Lodge. We have 3,078 members in the three Districts of Area 15, yet only 747 have contributed to this point. We still have a few months in the Campaign so I would challenge everyone who receives the *Masonic Times* to search their own circumstances and, even if only \$1.00 can be given, do it. To quote W.: Jurgens, "the success of this drive depends upon each of us doing what we think we should do to support and further the spirit of Masonic Charity and Benevolence."

Blood Donor

John Jamele
Monroe District
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Blood Donor

More Progress! After a long search and working together with the Red Cross, we have finally found a location in which to conduct blood drives in East Rochester. This site is the facility of the East Rochester Volunteer Ambulance Corps, located at 254 West Ivy Street in East Rochester.

ERAC Lodge will be the sponsor of blood drives at this location in cooperation with the Volunteer Ambulance Corps. The first drive is scheduled to be held on Monday, April 7th, from 1 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Richard Friedman is the Blood Drive Chairman for ERAC Lodge.

The East Rochester drive differs from the other new drives organized to date, in that it is the first of them to be sponsored by a Lodge in a facility other than its own Lodge building.

This new drive is the fourth in the series of collections to be sponsored by Lodges in our Dis-

trict since we initiated this program in September of 2007. The total number of Lodges sponsoring drives in the District rises to seven.

However, progress is not always measured in leaps and bounds. The first two drives in this new series were scheduled to be held in February; they were the Scottsville drive sponsored by Oatka Lodge on February 19th and the Pittsford drive, sponsored by Northfield Lodge, scheduled on February 26th, but canceled due to lack of donor appointments and bad weather.

Oatka Lodge also had no appointments, but five donors, three of whom were Masons, appeared and gave blood. The fact that the turnout at the Oatka drive was small should not be interpreted to mean that the effort put into the drive was small. Brother Jeffrey Klimek, a recently raised Master Mason and a Sergeant First Class in the U.S. Army, almost single handedly put a great deal of effort into the drive, distributing the posters, setting up the facility, recruiting two U.S. Army soldiers to assist at the drive and finally, making a "double red cell donation" himself.



Jeffrey Klimek gives "Double Red Cell" donation.



SFC Jeffrey Klimek with his two soldier helpers at Oatka Blood Drive.

The results from both these drives highlight the major problem of all blood drives, and especially new drives; that is the availability of donors. The challenge is to work hard to establish a pool of donors and then to continue to work to maintain and enlarge this donor pool.

Future efforts will be directed at finding additional sites at

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Damascus News

Damascus Shrine Center No. 2

April 2008

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Shrine Office Hours
Monday — Friday
9:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.



LARRY CANFIELD
POTENTATE

I begin by saying a BIG THANK YOU to Gary Burke and Oscar Wilson for an outstanding evening. The dinner was excellent and the Harp player during the dinner hour was a nice touch. It was something really new and different. The Irish dancers were outstanding. Their costumes and performance was something everyone enjoyed.

A special presentation for outstanding service was given to Oscar Wilson. Oscar has been more than dedicated in everything he does for the Shrine Center. Special note must be given to his work with the Clown School he runs and how that has really grown in the last couple of years. A big tip of the Fez to Oscar for a job well done.



While attending the Perry meeting in February, I had the pleasure of talking to Noble Jerry Cooper. He related the following story. He learned of a child,

Blayke Hoffman, who was diagnosed with Sturge Weber Syndrome at three weeks old. He was also born with Congenital Glaucoma in his left eye and a very large Port Wine Stain from the top of his left upper eyelid back to the top of his head. The family soon learned that the surgery needed to correct the stain was cosmetic and would not be covered by insurance.

The Hoffmans were in no position to afford the necessary treatment. They learned about Shriners Hospitals from a good friend, who put them in touch with Jerry Cooper. Jerry wasted no time in contacting Erie Hospital who in turn referred them to Shriners Hospital in Boston. Blayke was examined and it was determined they would accept him.

Blayke would need 10-15 Laser Surgeries, which began in February. The family was welcomed with open arms at the Boston Hospital, which they were thrilled about. The family needs assistance with expenses for lodging while Blayke is being treated. Again, Jerry came to the rescue. He set up a fund drive to assist the family with the cost of the hotel room. Since Jerry is a member of the Perry Shrine Club, it was suggested that anyone who would like to assist the family could make donations to Perry in the Name of Blayke Hoffman.

This example more than illustrates what we are all about. So often time is wasted on negative issues. We have so many dedicated members in this organization it is impossible to name them all. They have and will continue to have a positive outlook about who and what we are all about. OUR CHILDREN, pure and simple. The negative aspects only detract from our core values. We always need to look ahead and continue the great work in which we are engaged. No organization can survive without a positive outlook. If we let negative forces get in the way, we will only hurt ourselves from within. We need to lay aside the negative aspects and make a commitment to only look at the positive. Consider if you will, if the negative was

turned positive, think of what more we could do and how far we would go.

Looking ahead, your Circus Team is doing an outstanding job. They are hard at work putting together a program of which we can all be proud. The Team leaders, Bruce and Andy, along with the rest of the Team, are to be commended. It is a big task. Questions have been asked why has the Circus Daddy Program been eliminated. A considerable amount of discussion and thought was put into that decision.

We depend on the sale of goods at the Circus. Records indicated that was not the case. It was recognized that from a PR perspective it might be a loss. Make no mistake it was not an easy decision, but one that had to be made. We fully recognize that some are not pleased with this decision, but in these economic times difficult choices need to be made.

The Clubs and Units are working hard to come up with new programs and members to be more productive. Let's support their efforts.

The Parade schedule is shaping up. We have the Lilac Parade in May, Clifton Springs and Newark in June and Webster in July. These are turnout events. We need the Clowns, Mini Cars and Fez Head Fred to be at these parades. Carl Mason and Glenn Cone will be communicating with the Clubs and Units on the specific dates and locations. The parades showcase us in a positive way, so let's make the time and support your Shrine Center.

We have some exciting times planned in the coming months. The May meeting will be an Old-Fashioned Hoedown, a Country Dinner and a real Square Dance caller. So plan on a fun evening.

Rich Friedman is planning a really great Noble Bring-a-Brother event on May 17th. A special speaker will be in attendance.

June will be our Erie Hospital Trip. A bus will leave the Shrine Center, Sunday Morning, June 1st. NOTE: this is free and an open trip. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. This in-

cludes Shriners, their families and non-Shriners and their families. We will have a nice dinner at Zem Zem Shrine Center following the afternoon ceremony. The Wheelers are planning an overnight ride to Erie. Rick Ponticello, Skins and other members have promised a real event.

July 20th will be Shrine Day at the Genesee Country Museum. This is the Civil War Weekend and looks to be a great time. We will provide admission tickets at no charge. A Dinner will be served and that is a no-host event. All are encouraged to mark the date and plan on attending.

September 20th is the Potentate's Reception. It will be at the Burgundy Basin Inn. Special accommodations will be at the Brookwood Inn. We will have a nice Breakfast on Sunday. A Hospitality Room will be set up prior to the dinner. This will be the only Black-Tie event this year. We are providing special pricing so more of our members can attend. Watch for additional details. Bob Anderson is scheduling a Duffer's Golf Outing on Friday. All net proceeds go to the Hospital. So keep these dates in mind.

Thank you to all who donated clothing and related items to the Erie Hospital. They all will go toward filling the Damascus Room.

Remember the PIGGY Banks. We have them in all Clubs and Units, as well as on the bar at the Shrine Center. We welcome all donations, both big and small. Everything collected will go to the Hospitals.

Remember those who are ill. We need to keep them in our thoughts and prayers. If you know of anyone who is ill, PLEASE call the Shrine Center. This applies to all, including the ladies. If your Noble is ill, ladies, please call and let us know. Sometimes the Noble is unable to contact us, so we depend on you for the information.

One last item. Several have asked about our website and how to access it. Here is what you need to do. Type in: damascusshriners.org. Every effort is being made to keep it current.

April 2nd, 2008

TABLE LODGE

Join your fellow Nobles for Ye Olde Shrine Table Lodge - a night of fellowship and fun! It will be our great pleasure to welcome Imperial Sir Mike Severe as our guest speaker.

Noble Severe, of Erie, CO, serves as Imperial High Priest and Prophet for Shriners of North America Imperial Divan, part of the 13-Member Body that helps govern the Shriners Fraternity and is currently in his seventh term as a Member of the Boards of Directors for Shriners of North America and Shriners Hospitals for Children.

The Table Lodge is a celebration of everything that Shrine Masonry stands for - Fun, Fellowship and Helping our "Kids!"

Cocktails at 5:30; Steak Dinner and program begins at 6:30 p.m. \$15 per person. Dress Code: Business suit/Fez.

No late signups! Reservation Deadline-close of business on March 31st. **NO EXCEPTIONS!** Call the Reservation Hotline - 671-3565 NOW, so you won't be disappointed.



Imperial Sir Michael G. Severe

JIM SLOCUM

RECORDER

THINK SPRING! THINK SPRING!
THINK SPRING! THINK SPRING!

Everybody enjoyed the entertainment at the March program. A Tip of the Fez to Gary and Oscar. It is proof that if you have a good program, the Members will attend.

A new roof has been installed over the entrance and we should not see any more leaks in the restrooms and entranceways. Thanks to the VanHouten Brothers Roofing (Jim VanHouton) for replacing the roof.

It will not be very long before the parade season will be upon us. We need YOU to participate in our parades, either as a marcher or as a rider on our fire truck or in one of our cars. This will give us a very visible presence on the Street. For as you know, the Fez is a

well-known trademark of a Shriner.

Our April Meeting is the Table Lodge. For those of you who have never experienced a Table Lodge, it is truly a relaxing and fun evening. You have heard the expression "eat, drink and be merry." That's what it is all about. You are sure to have the time of your life. Our very own High Priest and Prophet, Rich Friedman, and Ill. Bruce Chilton, PP, wrote the ritual for the Table Lodge.

Save the date. June 1st will be a bus trip to Erie Hospital. The Erie Board has changed the date of Hospital Days back to June, so that more Nobles will be able to attend. If you have never visited any of our Hospitals, this is your chance to come and see what we are all about. Make your reservations early for the free bus trip.

Last, but not least. Remember that dues are always due. If you have not paid your dues, please do so as soon as possible. This helps our operating budget. If you have a hardship, please contact me at the Temple office so we can discuss it (585-671-7701).

PERRY SHRINE CLUB

By Ed Hollwedel

The February meeting was very well attended and John Dziedzic explained how a Reverse Mortgage works. We had many questions. Among our attendees were our Potentate, Larry Canfield, and his Lady Ellie, Robert L. Anderson II, PP, and his Lady Alice and our Representative from the Divan, Gary Burke.

Please note the April meeting date has been changed from the 24th to the 17th due to the Shrine Circus. The meeting on the 17th will be at BW's Restaurant at Davis' Golf Course in Pavilion. The speaker will be John Hodgins, Local Artist and Cartoonist.

As always, Cocktails are at 6 p.m. and Dinner at 7 p.m. We order off the menu and friends and spouses are welcome.

Last month we started to collect email addresses and now have the beginning of a good list. Please send me your e-mail address and we will notify you of Perry Shrine Club meetings via email rather than through the Post Office. This will save your Club a lot of money. You may send your address to:

ehollwedel@rochester.rr.com

SHRINEABILIA

By Derek VanHouten, PP

Last Call for Reservations!...

So started a center-spread article for the 1959 Atlantic City Pilgrimage to the Imperial Council Session at the beautiful Traymore Hotel on the Boardwalk, which will be the Damascus Temple Headquarters for 5 days and 4 nights. We will depart from Rochester via the Erie Railroad in air-conditioned cars. Round trip only \$115 per person, includes four dinners on the train and transportation to and from the Hotel. General Chairman is William E. Frank, and "Arch" Bubier is Treasurer.

Note: This is from the "What's New?" in Damascus Temple. This was passed along to me from the Dr. John Stelter Estate. Thanks to Ill. Lance Ward for the material. In the same issue, was an ad for the Shrine Lunch Club that met at the Powers Hotel every Monday.

The Canandaigua Shrine Club had a Ladies Night where 200 Nobles and Ladies attended at Caruso's on April 29, 1959. Note of interest ... there were 79 members in the May 6, 1959, class who became members of Damascus.

Shrineabilia Question

What Noble was wearing the correct colors of Ireland at the March 5th Shrine meeting? The colors are green, orange and white. Hint - he has white hair!

Free dinner for the first correct answer. Call Derek VanHouten at 247-2920 or email hooter95@rochester.rr.com.



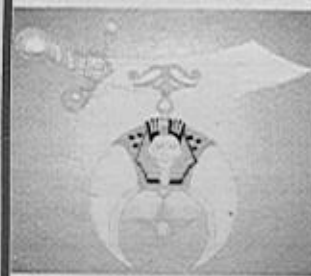
Fill the Piggy Bank to help the Kids at Shriners Hospitals - Larry Canfield, Potentate

Clowns for the Circus!

We have 24 new clowns plus 5-10 of our regular Shrine Clowns for this year's Shrine Circus. We have been working on our skits since early March. Stay tuned ... there will be clowns all over the Blue Cross Arena, entertaining our guests at the Circus.



Damascus Shrine presents Noble Bring-a-Brother Night Saturday, May 17th Damascus Shrine Center Program begins at 4:30 p.m.



Tim McMullin, PP

By Richard C. Friedman,
High Priest and Prophet

Masons and non-Masons and their spouses who may have an interest in joining the Craft and the Shrine are invited for a Free Steak Dinner for all sponsors and guests. The charge for dinner otherwise is \$10.

Damascus Shrine needs every Noble to take new membership personally. All of us know one or more Masons who would make good Shriners and be supportive of our great philanthropy. You are also encouraged to bring non-Masons who may join the Craft and become Shriners down the road. **The children, who rely on us, need our Shrine to remain strong!**

Our guest speaker is R. W. Tim McMullin, a Past Potentate of the Kalurah Shriners in Binghamton, who serves Grand Lodge as Chairman of the MSAT program, which trains school personnel to identify and help substance-abusing teenagers.

Send your RSVPs as well as the potential candidate's name, address and email address to Rich Friedman, 38 Pioneer Drive, Fairport, NY 14450. You may also call in the information to (585) 271-2775 or (585) 425-1981 or email it to:

richddgm@frontiernet.net.

When the names and addresses are submitted, a personalized letter of invitation will be sent directly to the guest. Please use the form (left) to make your reservations.

No potential candidate is obligated to attend the dinner but we strongly suggest that it would be a further way to learn about "The Worlds Greatest Philanthropy."

Noble Bring-a-Brother 2008 Reservation Form

NOBLE'S NAME _____

LADY'S NAME _____

GUEST'S NAME _____

GUEST'S LADY'S NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Send this form to Rich Friedman, 38 Pioneer Drive, Fairport, NY 14450

AUBURN SHRINE CLUB

Is it finally Spring? I'm guessin' it probably is because many of our favorite birds have returned from the South. Spotted so far have been robins, sparrows, Pollards, Pritchards, Marshalls, and Lance Wards (at least his beautiful bride!). Anyway, Bob and Marilyn Coleman decided there must be available rooms down South as they decided to take a vacation when the others were headed North. Hope they bring back some pool weather with them.



Damascus Potentate Larry Canfield and Auburn Shrine President Gerry Stanton at Auburn Shrine Club March 17th meeting.

We had great fun at the meeting in March at the Old Erie. So many turned out we had to add an additional table. The meal was out of this world; I was more than apprehensive about stepping on the scales the day after, but it turned out to be OK as long as I left my right foot on the floor and my left foot on the scale! You know you are well fed when the meal is over and the staff is returning full platters to the kitchen. We were "Barry" impressed with the talk on Habitat for Humanity given by Tina Barry Barry. I would try another Barry joke, but Ron Wilson would give me the razz for trying. Speaking of Ron, he seemed to be the one to make the shot glasses light up the best, must be practice? Nah.

Shrine Circus

If you haven't been contacted about the Shrine Circus, it is the last weekend of April and the Auburn Club is running the food booth. Please give our President, Gerry Stanton, a call to sign up for Friday, Saturday, or Sunday. Have you heard the ads on WHAM?

A great big, huge thanks to Debbie Hares for the collection of boxes of aluminum can tabs for the Hospital Fund. When I say boxes, I mean Xerox boxes full of tabs. As I approached the restaurant I saw Lew and Ken moving the boxes to Ken's car. Now that was an impressive sight!

Speaking of Ken, he is heading up a Brunch for us at Springside on May 18th. Chuck is in charge of our next meeting at the Hollywood Restaurant. Please let him know if you are coming so he can get an accurate count. This is a Member-Only Meeting as space fills up fast.

Sad News

We are saddened by the passing of Peter Napier. He has requested memorials be directed to the Shriners Hospital for Children in Springfield. Isn't that just like the man we all loved.

Potentate's Reminder

Our Potentate, Larry Canfield, reminded us that "we are all about the kids," and it was easy to see what he meant with a wonderful message about getting the word out about our Hospitals. When taking in a new member to the Masons, it was discovered that the member had a child who could use the services of our Hospitals and is now being treated at Springfield. A good reminder to all of us to constantly let people know we are here.

One final note... the Damascus Shrine has booked seats for the Merry-Go-Round Theater for June 16th. Expect to hear more from our Potentate about reserving a spot.



Irish Dancers performed at the March 5th Shrine Meeting, to delight Nobles and Ladies.

Damascus 82nd Shrine Circus - 2008

It is our intent to try and inform you as much as possible in the hopes that we put together a successful Circus. As we are chairing this for the first time, we encourage your remarks. If you think we may have missed something, or feel that you have an idea that will improve the success of this event, please do not hesitate to approach us.

Bruce Chilton & Andy Rueby

We will have access to the Blue Cross Arena April 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th

Show Times

April 25th - 7:00 p.m.
April 26th - 11:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m.
April 27th - 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.

The doors will open one hour before each show. Seat prices will be \$6.00, \$12.00 and \$15.00 (except Friday evening — see below)

Each show will be preceded by a Presentation of the Colors by our own Color Guard.

Each show has had 60 tickets set aside that our Legion of Honor is giving to Military personnel and their families FREE OF CHARGE. These families will be recognized at each performance. If you have any potential recipients, see Don McDill, Don Rose or Cy Kloner.

April 25th: Channel 13 will sponsor this show. It hasn't been confirmed as yet, but we hope that one of the Channel 13 personalities will be there to start the program. Channel 13 will be televising a portion of this for their news spots. We anticipate having the Grand Master of Masons of the State of New York, his wife and some other members of the Grand Line attending this show. They will be making a Grand Entrance on Motorcycles and will be properly introduced. All \$12.00 and \$15.00 seats will sell for \$10.00 for this show!

April 26th: Channel 10 will sponsor this show.

Circus Daddy Program - Many people are questioning the decision to eliminate this program from this year's Circus. First of all, let us state that when a project of this magnitude is undertaken it's the author's opinion that you must establish what "the mission" is and then make your plans with the goal being to accomplish the mission. The mission of this Circus is simply to **MAKE A PROFIT** for the purpose of offsetting the operating costs of the Temple. With that being stated, we will tell you the components that lead to the decision not to hold the Circus Daddy Program

- Manpower is always an issue for a 10:30 or 11:00 a.m. weekday show
- The long gap between the morning show and the evening show makes it hard for our Nobility to stay all day and staff the evening show
- The attendance has been dwindling and there have been many "no shows"
- Many of the schools can't stay for the full performance because of distance and the fact they have to stay on schedule to have kids home—That's tough on the kids because they don't want to leave
- The extra revenues are minimal, if any, and didn't offset the cost of the extra show
- Kids do NOT wander around to buy food and novelties
- If those same kids talk their parents into coming the dollars spent would be much greater
- Because there is only an evening show on Friday, we won't have to pay to feed our own people

Bottom line — the expense and issue's don't justify the income. That brings us back to the Mission.

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2008 CIRCUS MANPOWER 2008 CIRCUS

Yes, I want to work at the Circus this year!

Please check the appropriate box for performances you can help, clip and return to Damascus Shrine Office

Friday 7:00 p.m. Saturday 11:00 a.m. Sunday Noon
Saturday 3:00 p.m. Sunday 4:00 p.m.
Saturday 7:00 p.m.

PREFERRED AREA: Any area where needed Other: _____
Popcorn Room Novelty Stand Pretzel Stand
Novelty Room Food Stand Animal Rides
Commissary Sno-Cone Stand Program Sales

Name _____ Phone: _____

Circus

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Group Sales

A group is classified as 15 or more seats. We are discounting seats by \$2.00 per seat for Group Sales. Brian Wolfe is handling Group Sales and anyone can contact Brian, order tickets, and have them set aside for their Group. Groups of 50 or more will be recognized during the performance. Brian can be reached at (585) 758-5300 or contact Bruce or Andy and we will make the arrangements for you.

Manpower

Kevin Faro and Kevin Burke are chairing Manpower. You can call or email them or send the coupon to the office. They will tell you what and where you have agreed to do and assign you accordingly. Kevin Faro's email is skins6603@aol.com and his phone number is (315) 524 4472. Our weaknesses are always Friday and Sunday. Typically we have more than we need on Saturdays. If you have High School children or know of any who would like to help out for Community Service Credits, we are accepting them.

Parking

The Nobility will be granted a \$3.00 per day discount in the Court Street Parking lot by stating that you are with the Shrine. This applies to the Ladies and anyone who helps us, as well. We encourage everyone to car pool.

Novelties

Novelties will be chaired by Terry Whilen, Sr. The Novelty area will start on Friday this year as we have the entire day to do what needs to be done.

Circus Workers Food

Debbie Faro will be in charge of food for the Circus Workers. There will be no food on Friday because there is only the 7:00 p.m. show. Snacks and pop will be provided during and after the show. Camel's Milk will only be available after the evening performances. A dinner will be served on Saturday between the 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. performances

Finance

The Finance Committee and Provost involvement are being chaired by Bob Anderson.

Advertising

The Blue Cross Arena has been hired to do all the advertising. The Television ads have already begun. Channel 13 will be sponsoring the Friday night show and all \$12.00 and \$15.00 seats will be sold for \$10.00 as a promotion. We will also have a campaign with Clear Channel. We will be doing a live television spot on Friday morning and again at noon. Our very own clowns, Rosco and Ponti, will be there. This year's Damascus Spokesman will be Gary Burke.

Intermission Rides

The Wheelers are handling the rides, under the direction of the Manpower Chairmen.

Contact Us



Bruce Chilton, (585) 478-4631, or email: boxman@rochester.rr.com

Andy Rueby, (585) 734-8524, or email: roadking03@frontiernet.net

**Reservation
Hot Line**

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April Shriner and Shrine Center Scheduled Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 Off-Site Event <i>(Italics - non-Shrine event)</i>	31 Shrine Divan	1 Craftsman Robertson Lodge	2 Shrine Table Lodge 7:00 p.m.	3	4	5 ERAC Lodge
6	7 Shrine Lunch Club ¹ Lalla Rookh Grotto	8 Valley Simes Lodge	9 Masonic Service Bureau Directors Legion of Honor	10 Fame Lodge Legion of Honor	11	12 ERAC Lodge
13	14 Shrine Lunch Club ¹ ERAC Lodge	15 Craftsman Robertson Lodge	16 Lalla Rookh Grotto	17 Valley of Rochester Perry Shrine Club ¹	18 Valley of Rochester	19 Valley of Rochester Rod and Gun Club ¹
20	21 Shrine Lunch Club ¹ Ladies Day Auburn Shrine Club ¹	22	23 Directors Staff ¹	24 Fame Lodge	25 Shrine Circus	26 Shrine Circus
27 Shrine Circus	28 Shrine Lunch Club ¹ ERAC Lodge Geneva Shrine Club ¹	29 Wheelers Dinner ¹	30	SHRINE LUNCH CLUB  <i>By Jim Toogood</i> The next Ladies Day at the Shrine Lunch Club will be April 21st at the Nutcracker Restaurant at 2159 Empire Boulevard. No reservations are needed. 		

Happy Birthday to April Celebrants:

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A. Robert Banker
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Charles H. Blazey
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Meet Us in St. Louis for the 2008 Imperial Council Session

For more information about the St. Louis area, please visit www.explorestlouis.com.

By Bill Kuehne, Assistant Rabban, Trip Coordinator

It is time to start planning for the Annual Imperial Council Session. This year we travel once again to beautiful St. Louis, Missouri, Gateway to the West. We will be staying at the Holiday Inn. This is a change from the original plans. Activities will include a Tour of the City, a Riverboat Cruise and, of course, the Great Shriners' Parade.

Wednesday afternoon will find us at the Annual Shrine Patient Presentation. You won't want to miss this one.

As usual, we will have a Hospitality Room for the Nobles and Ladies.

I'm sure the local tailor will find a suitable commemorative shirt for the occasion.

Your \$20 deposit will assure a room reservation which, at present, are limited to the first 15 rooms. Call the Shrine Office and leave your name and room requirements with Nicole.

Next month we will have more details on the scheduled activities.

DIRECTORS STAFF

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- Terry & Jo-Carroll Wihlen, Sr.

By Vance Collom

The Directors Staff members enjoyed a good dinner at The DiPacific's Restaurant in February. We look forward to seeing some of our snowbirds at the next meeting, along with a few who have stayed in during the winter weather. One of the functions of the Directors Staff is to support the Potentate and his programs. Please mark the following programs on your calendars and plan to attend as many as you can.

Coming Events

The "Directors Staff National Convention" is April 9th through 12th. For more information about the convention itinerary, skit presentations and registration forms, check out:

www.shrinedirectors.com

If you attend the convention you will also have the opportunity to visit the Harley Davidson Plant and several world class breweries in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Wednesday, April 4th is the Shrine Table Lodge and Meeting. Stag steak dinner. Imperial Sir Mike Severe, a 33°

Mason from Denver Colorado, will be the guest speaker. Also Darrell Taggart, who is High Priest and Profit of El Jebel Temple and the Recorder of the Denver Consistory, will accompany Mike.

Shrine Circus - April 24th will be set-up day. Sign up to help at the D.S. Novelty Stand or a Hot Dog Stand on Friday the 25th, Saturday the 26th or Sunday the 27th. Contact our President or me if you would like to help at a stand.

The Lilac Parade on May 10th will be our first parade this year. Our members have a lot of fun at numerous parades each summer. Some ride in old cars, some in mini-cars and some ride on the D.S. Fire Truck. A tip of the fez to Director Lee Coller Sr., who maintains the fifty year old fire truck and keeps it polished and looking great in the Shrine Parades.

The Brother Bring-a-Brother/Friend Dinner Program is on Saturday May 17th. This event is important. Guests and their sponsor eat free. Ladies are invited and

encouraged to attend this informative event. If you ask several Masons or friends to come and see what is happening at Damascus Shrine, one will usually say yes.

The Hot Sands Degree is coming up on Wednesday June 4th. Contact me if you would like to help prepare a new skit for this degree. The skits are designed for the enjoyment of all, and any Noble who would like to participate in a skit is welcome to join the D.S.

Please send your email address to: office@damascusshriners.org if the Shrine does not already have your email address or if it has changed recently. The post card mailings to remind us of meeting dates & times will be reduced soon.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday April 23rd at DiPacific's Restaurant. New members and guests are welcome. Social hour is 5:30 p.m. followed by Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Until next time, God Bless.

Calendar Winners for February

DAY	NO.	WINNER
2/1	465	Damascus Shrine
2/2	784	Tom Ostrander
2/3	888	Damascus Shrine
2/4	614	Rose Collom
2/5	014	Vance Collom
2/6	701	Rosco Ceravolo
2/7	326	Debbie Green
2/8	444	Damascus Shrine
2/9	102	Shirley Funk
2/10	264	Frank Gueren
2/11	505	Joan Crawford
2/12	273	Lucille Cooley
2/13	736	George Brach
2/14	558	Adrienne Barnes
2/15	659	Ken Horn
2/16	280	John Steinburgh
2/17	165	Linda Henry
2/18	165	Linda Henry
2/19	762	Damascus Shrine
2/20	402	Jim Thompson
2/21	935	Jim Deshaies
2/22	350	Damascus Shrine
2/23	617	Nancy Perry
2/24	506	John Ehrlich
2/25	208	Damascus Shrine
2/26	946	Amy Jordan
2/27	408	Charles Ashley
2/28	616	Mike Vespi
2/29	600	Damascus Shrine

Come One, Come All!
Daughters of the Nile
Card-a-Rama
Tuesday, April 22nd
at Damascus Shrine Center
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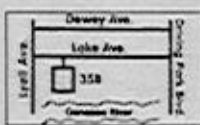
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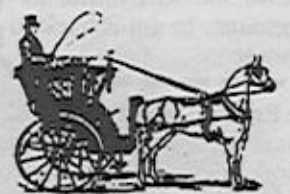
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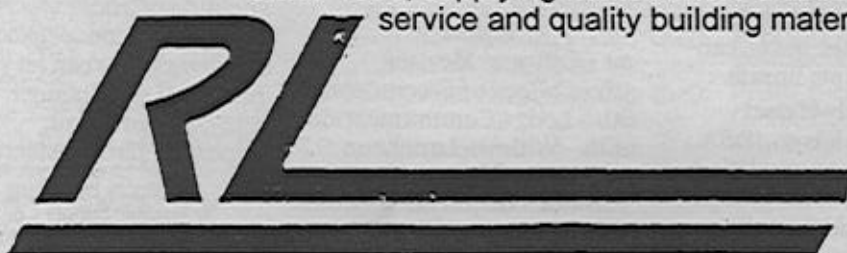
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Lodge News

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which Lodges can sponsor drives and development of the donor pool throughout the Monroe District; we will also be looking for other ways in which Lodges and individual Masons can become involved in the Blood Donor Program.

A very meaningful contribution would be for each Brother, who is able to do so, donate his own blood at one of these drives, and to encourage family and friends to do the same.

Recent Blood Drives

At the January 26th, Webster Lodge blood drive, 55 donors appeared and 46 units of blood were collected. Peter Bowers was the Chairman.

On February 19th, at the Oatka Lodge blood drive, five units were collected. Jeffrey Klimek, Chairman.

On February 25th, Clio Lodge had 12 units collected. Gordy Smith, Chairman.

Upcoming Blood Drives

Fairport-Flower City Lodge will sponsor a blood drive at their Lodge Hall on Tuesday, April 3rd, from 2 p.m.-7 p.m. There will be a simultaneous Child ID program run there. Kel Kelsey, Chairman.

ERAC Lodge will sponsor a blood drive at the East Rochester Volunteer Ambulance Corps Facility on Monday, April 7th, from 1 p.m.-6:30 p.m. Richard Friedman, Chairman.

UNITY Lodge No. 479



2nd & 4th
Mondays
7:30 p.m.

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B. Hunter
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Secretary
R.: W.: David Jones, 647-9896
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Lost and Found

A dark, olive green jacket has been hanging on the coat rack at Unity Lodge since our Awards Night last year.

It was made in Canada and is adorned with a 50-year Masonic Pin, a Red Cross 12-Gallon Pin and another Red Cross Donor Pin.

If anyone recognizes the jacket, they should contact me and we will make arrangements to get it back to its owner.

The End is Drawing Nigh!

We are three regular communications away from the Election of Officers for the ensuing terms! Of course, we have practices, meetings of Officers and Degree rehearsals, in addition to the formal events, but it still seems this Lodge year of 2007-2008 has been moving at a rapid rate!

Basics

We are blessed with several quality Ritualists in Unity Lodge. These are men who can substitute at a moment's notice when an unexpected absence takes place in the Officer line. Primary among them are: W.: Don Fox, DSA, and W.: Bill Mitchell. Then there's R.: W.:s Don Darrohn, Tom Grape and Derek VanHouten, who respond without hesitation, seeing the need and rising to the occasion. They and others are versed in Degree work

BLOOD DRIVES

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Walk-ins are always welcome!

Thursday, April 3rd

1 p.m. - 7 p.m.

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1 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

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and take on roles critical to a quality effort of which we can all be proud.

Carrying on in true Unity Lodge tradition, at the end of February, our Brothers John Lemke and Sam Augello, raised in 2008, handled the Lecture of Forms and Ceremonies [Q&A] in the 1st Degree with confidence and pride in their work, equally meeting the intent of the year's theme: Cementing of the Craftsmen.

Brothers to Remember

Brothers Bill Miller, Bill Rohrbacher and Dana Spencer were spoken of in last month's column. They continue in our thoughts and prayers and deserve our time "to make a call." Ask our Secretary, R.: W.: Dave Jones, at 647-9896, for their numbers or email addresses where applicable, so they know their Brothers care.

Several of us have stayed in touch with Brother Gary Corneliuss in Harlingen, Texas. He's mending at a steady pace after his several surgeries and tells us he and his wife are planning to be in our vicinity for the Summer, by the first week in June, or earlier if he can. He may be able to attend the May 26th Awards Night, June 9th meeting, June 21st picnic, or any one of them.

There were others mentioned in our March column who remain on our list of those to be contacted by the Brothers in a caring fashion. We also understand that R.: W.: Jim Powell's wife, Chickie, is coming along well after a hospital stay.

From the Troops

In the military and the war zone, we have Army SFC and Brother Tyler Eckwell, who declines Lodge OES dinner attendance since the distance is a hindrance, but he looks forward to those great meals! His Unit is scheduled to head back State-side in about another month, and as he says "we're all getting excited to get on a freedom bird out of here. The weather has been off-and-on rain for the past month or so. It should be tapering off at the point where this paper is distributed." He added, "We're all hoping to get out of here before the temps reach into the 120s like they did last August."

April Events

All who can make it are welcome to take part in the 3rd Degree rehearsal on April 12th at 11

a.m. at the Lodge. We enjoy the give and take of sideliners, who can perhaps learn the changes in the work from that which they were most familiar with in their day! Of course, they can teach us a few tricks as well, in the continuance of good work!

On Monday the 14th of April, dinner will be served by Etolian Chapter, Eastern Star ladies, at 6 p.m. This precedes our 3rd Degree. We have had the benefit of this group providing and serving dinners at all Degree meetings this year. Make your reservations with W.: Tom Michielsen, DSA, by email at: tmichiel@rochester.rr.com or by phone at 352-4831.

Bus Trip to Utica

On Saturday the 19th, let's all go on the bus trip to the Masonic Care Community in Utica. Brethren from Clio Lodge in Hilton will share this adventure with us! We leave from Spencerport at 9 a.m. and return in the early evening. Spouses are welcome, of course. Again, contact our Secretary for details.

Widows Luncheon

The Annual Monroe District Widows Luncheon, sponsored by your Masonic Service Bureau, will take place on April 26th. The Bureau invites us all to attend and honor those who supported our departed Brethren during their years in the Craft. Our Junior Warden, Brother Chad Kyler, 392-6221, can sign you up and offer details.

Finally, on Monday the 28th, Lodge will open at 6:30 p.m. and will adjourn promptly so we can attend a presentation at the Ogden Farmer's Library at 7:30 p.m. That's at the Ogden Town Hall Building and Community Center, South of Route. 531, via Union Street. We'll be making a presentation on Masonry and its history in Spencerport.

Our American Flag

We've removed the Flag that became entangled on the roof pole at the Lodge building. It was an eyesore that caused 20 some calls a day to our resident landlord. Wind, rain, snow and otherwise poor weather made earlier removal attempts unsafe.

Get Your Fob Here!

W.: Tom Michielsen, DSA, has fobs to issue to qualified members of the Masonic groups that meet on the 2nd floor at 133 South Union Street in Spencerport. These are serialized "bits" that hang on individual keyrings for opening the Lodge ex-

terior doors. Aim it at the receiver box next to the door and the door will unlatch. The rear slider door will slide open.

Perform the same act at the elevator door and it will likewise slide open. A computer record of issuance is maintained for security purposes and it records each time a specific fob is used for entry and exit. Come to a meeting to acquire your fob!

R.: W.: Joe Privitera is covering the elevator activity under a separate column or addendum to this column as the news staff sees fit. He, as Trustee Chairman, and Clerk of the Works, W.: Tom Michielsen, DSA, have been deeply embroiled in the development of this building feature, which will meet the needs of all of our physically limited Brethren and Sisters for the foreseeable future.

My warmest, fraternal regards 'til next time!

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March 11th was a real special evening. We Raised two new Master Masons - Brothers Michael Bailey and Joseph DiTucci. Congratulations to our new Brothers on behalf of the Lodge Brothers. There were 65 Brothers in attendance and many participated in some way to the Conferral of the 3rd Degree. Our Thanks go to our Master Chef, Brother Charles Skopinsky, who prepared our dinner. Also to the many Brothers of the Damascus Shriners Degree Team who performed flawlessly. To the Brothers of Craftsman Robertson Lodge and ERAC Lodge, thank you for joining us. We had many visitors of distinction present; too many to mention here.

We have a Petition on the desk, and another on the way. Let us keep this going. If you need a Petition, just let me know. Valley-Simes Lodge still has the Traveling Gavel.

R.: W.: Richard Snyder has been working on the revision of our By-Laws and they are ready for proofreading.

Tickets for the Widows Luncheon are available from either Mat Gingold or Herb Spencer. Let's have a turnout of Brothers to join the widows at Lunch. Price is \$16 per person. Full details are listed elsewhere in this paper.

Our next meeting is April 8th. It will be a short business meeting while the Ladies are being entertained. Then we will all be together to see our friend Paul Stillman perform as Nasty Ned. Of course there will be a dinner.

Here is a short form of the Trestleboard.

April

1st - Officers' Meeting
5th - College of Freemasonry
8th - Lodge Communication
26th - Widows Luncheon

May

5th-6th - Grand Lodge Communication

13th - Lodge Annual Meeting

June

10th - Lodge Open Installation of Officers

Masonic Anniversaries

The following Brothers were Raised during the month of April and are celebrating their Masonic Anniversary or Years of Service in Masonry:

Charles Skopinsky and Jose Diaz (2), Frank Sackett (3), Paul Chechak and Norris Shapiro (4), David Mura (9), Raul Fernandez (11), Rand Gee and Andrew Bauridel (12), Carl Klein (19), Douglas Spencer and Joseph Holt (28), George Hornung (31), Richard Vaughan (32), Robert Peace (38), John Brill (42), James Woodruff (44), Olindo Nardone (46), Gerald Stahl (46), Richard Guilfoil (47), Irving Spalty (48), Richard Beyer (49), Gordon Kotzin (54) and Robert Miller (58).

April Birthdays

April means Happy Birthday to the following Brothers:

Adam Jurzyniec (1st), Jeffrey Miller (6th), George (Tim) Gray (7th), Arthur Teamerson (9th), Charles Skopinsky (11th), Carl M. Robinson (14th), David C. Clarke (15th), Harold Silvis (17th), Robert Anderson II - (18th), Sion (Ted) Honea (21st), Roland Butler (25th), Guy Clark (26th), John Rogalski (27th), Richard Vaughan (30th).

This month the youngest is 37 years old and the oldest is 83 years old. If you see, or are in contact with, any of these Brothers, don't forget to extend them your greetings. If you need addresses or phone numbers, let me know.

Dues have been flowing in and we have 86% of the Brothers paid for 2008. If you haven't sent in your Dues, please take a moment and write that check. I have provided return envelopes for your use, just stick in that check, seal the envelope, put a stamp on and away it goes. As of this writing we have 20 Brothers who have not paid their 2008 Dues, I made an error in calculating last month. By the same token, we have seven Brothers who have not paid their 2007 and 2008 Dues. It would be great if everyone paid their Dues by May 31st.

Brotherhood Fund

Herbert Spencer is currently the Valley-Simes Chairperson. Kindly send all checks made out to the "Masonic Brotherhood Fund" and note the designation of your donation. Mail to the Secretary, Herbert Spencer, at 14 Dessie Heights, West Henrietta, NY 14586-9549. As of the latest report from Grand Lodge, Valley-Simes is #1 in Monroe District and Monroe District, is #1 in New York State! A special thank you to those Brothers who give so generously. Let us keep this fund growing.


Dinners

As always, we have a dinner before Lodge meetings. Cost for dinner at a Lodge meeting is only \$5 per person. Reservations for dinner are required, so we can properly feed everyone. Call our Junior Warden, Mike McBride, at 315-904-9024 (local call) or 722-7714 (work) or email:

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By Erik Loepker, Sr. Deacon
 The comedian and social commentator, George Carlin, once remarked that he likes to leave symbols to the symbol-minded. This double entendre was intended as a slight against people that unthinkingly cling to traditional elements without deeper understanding of their origins. Although our Fraternity has a plethora of myriad symbols, Mr. Carlin's aspersion doesn't apply to us because we use symbols to transmit knowledge and truths to one another. We do not accept that things are the way they are just because it's always been this way, but we strive to understand why it is thus, and through the help of mentors and Brothers who have been around longer, we younger Brethren are able to unravel and revel in the Light and knowledge that we learn.

This was driven home to me in particular when we at Northfield conferred the 1st Degree with a new candidate. V.: W.: Harry DeHollander, AGL, was present to observe us and he remained afterwards to give us feedback and some suggestions for improvement, as well as share some of his wealth of information. I am always awed and intrigued by the immensity and intricacies that exist all around our Fraternity, and immensely enjoy learning about it. V.: W.: DeHollander's comments and suggestions gave me some new insights and perspective of the 1st Degree - I always glean something new from it, but this was a special bonus.

Considering learning in general, Brother Josh Loepker and I completed our MDC recently. It took a trifle longer than anticipated, due to the vagaries of weather and sudden tugs on our cabletows, but with the help of R.: W.: Thomas Grape, we were able to complete the course in time.

In other news, our candy sale fundraiser has finally come to a completion. We doubled our investment money into the project, and look forward to more such projects. Our hats off to Brother Jim Deasey for his efforts in pulling this together.

Brother David Adams has arranged for Northfield Lodge to sponsor a Little League Baseball Team in the Pittsford area

this year. The Baseball Committee has not yet decided which team our Lodge will be supporting, but I'll report it here as soon as we know.

Looking Ahead

April will be a busy month for us. Since we've completed the 1st Degree, the new Brother will be undergoing the 2nd Degree at our first meeting in April. Coincidentally, this is our Brother Bring-a-Brother Night. In fact, I am taking this opportunity to invite you to join us that night, April 3rd. Our 3rd Degree will be April 17th, and you are welcome then, too.

Our Tri-Annual Adopt-a-Highway Project, helmed by Brother Josh Loepker, will commence for 2008 on April 12th. The Adopt-a-Highway Program has proven very rewarding for us and the community. We are regularly thanked by local residents for the work that we do on our assigned stretch of highway, and we take personal satisfaction from a job well done.

Of course, everyone is gearing up for the annual Widows Luncheon, and our own W.: Glenn Hedges will be putting his very personable charm and talents to ensuring that this occurs without a hitch. Last year's Luncheon was a wonderful success.

Alas, I normally sign off by writing about the Traveling Gavel; but I've not heard if anyone else has taken it yet, or if it still languishes in the hands of our Valley-Simes Brothers. So, I'll change tack for this article, and will close by mentioning that our first meeting in May will be a "Surprise, You Can't Do That!" Night. We've never done this, but it looks to be a lot of fun - and the more the merrier, so we hope that you can join us.

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Spring has sprung and soon the trees will be bursting out with leaves, and when a young man's fancy turns to what will be happening at the next Lodge meeting (ha-ha)!

Our first meeting this month, April 10th, will be a Lodge of Remembrance. We haven't done this in a couple of years, so it will cover all Brothers who passed on since May of 2006.

This month also brings us the Widows Luncheon at the Burgundy Basin Inn. It will be on Saturday, April 26th. Last year Fame had three widows in atten-

dance. This year we are trying to at least double that number.


As my time as Master winds down, I want to once again thank all our Brothers and their families for the support and patience you have shown me for the last two years. A big THANK YOU to all of the Officers of Fame Lodge. Whenever I needed something done, all I had to do was ask and, boom, it was done. It was great having a team like you all have been.

That being said, please continue to give our next Master the same courtesy you have extended to me. If he asks you to take an Office or chair a committee over the next couple of weeks, I encourage you to become part of his team. We are going to have some fun times during his term.

As this is my last article as Master, I once again say, "Thanks for the memories," and I am not going to fade away any time soon. If so elected, our new Master has asked me to take an Office, and I, of course, said "yes." I will also be reporting back to the Lodge about the Grand Lodge Sessions in May.

Take care and may God bless you and your families. Again, remember that many hands make light work. We will see you in Lodge. Peace.

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Well Brethren, I've almost done it. I am not talking about finishing my year as Master, although that is almost over, also. I am talking about writing these articles. I promised a certain individual who, I'm told, was associated with the "Yellow Dog Degree" that I wouldn't miss an article and with just one or two left, I've lived up to that promise. (I hope I didn't just jinx myself).

The articles are a chore. There is no question. The difficulty is writing about things that are old. That really defeats the purpose of a NEWS paper article, don't you think? If it isn't NEWS maybe it should be called OLDS paper. If you try and write about an event that is yet to happen, you're taking a huge chance.

For example, as I write this we have yet to have held the 3rd Degree, but chances are it will have been held by the time you read this. I've noticed articles that have been written stating how many were there and so and so did a great job or so and so did the parts. I have been reluctant to do that because what do you say if so and so took ill and wasn't even there or so and so after all was said and done actually did a LOUSY job?

My point to all this is that writing these articles isn't an easy task and I can see where they could get skipped from time to time. I have been diligent in this task, not only because I promised the elder school teacher I would, but also because I know how many Brothers look forward to the communication about their

SPAGHETTI DINNER
 Friday, April 4th
 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
 at Webster Lodge Hall
 30 Orchard Street
 Adults - \$7 Children - \$4



Lodge. In the future I will certainly have a better appreciation when a Master writes his articles for the *Masonic Times* and be more tolerant when there are subtle errors or even if it is missed.

I am pleased to be able to tell you about the continuing success of our Spaghetti Dinner Program. Even though the weather wasn't the greatest on March 3rd, we served 137 dinners. The recipients were the Girl Scouts of Troop No. 715. They also sold Girl Scout Cookies and the combined dollar amount that they left our Temple with was \$719. That's not bad for a few hours work.

My continued thanks to Brother Nick Haldoupis and his few helpers. Without them this event wouldn't exist and I'm concerned that we don't get enough help for him. I think it maybe time to invoke the calling list. If you're called I would hope that you find it in your heart to help your Lodge and the Webster Community. The next dinner on April 4th will benefit the Webster Police Explorer Club. If you can't help, come out anyway and have a great dinner and know that we are supporting our community.

At the March 6th meeting we had a Lodge of Remembrance and remembered eight Brothers who have gone to the Great Architect of the Universe within the past two years. The ceremony is short, yet to the point and effective. It causes you an inner moment to reflect on the Brothers who we knew who have preceded us in their heavenly journey. May God watch and protect them.


In my last article, I wrote that there were Brothers who were about to be in line for congratulations. I didn't mention W.: Mike Nohle by name because I thought the appointments would not be formal until the next Grand Master was installed and it wouldn't be appropriate to say the names. I was fooled as his picture and the appointment were printed on the front page of the *Masonic Times*. So, I take this opportunity, on behalf of the Brothers of Webster Lodge, to congratulate Brother Mike Nohle on his appointment as a Grand Lodge Staff Officer for the balance of 2008 to 2010. I congratulate the Monroe District because they have selected a man of the highest caliber with the appointment of Mike Nohle.

Mike has always shown an enthusiasm that can only come from a love of the Craft. That isn't something you can fake. Mike walks the walk and talks the talk. When he tells you he is going to do something you can count on it. His word is his bond. Mike also isn't awed by any title he will receive. He actually submitted his name for District Deputy Grand Master, but after thinking about it, he decided he was a better fit for Staff Officer.

The Staff Officers' role over the past 10 or 15 years has become as, if not more, important than the DDGM. The Staff is responsible for the education and mentoring of our Brethren. This is the future of the Craft. Without education we are simply ring wearing Masons. I KNOW that Mike will do a tremendous job and I'll be there to support him in anyway I can and I'm sure I'm speaking for the Lodge. We are proud of you, Mike - CONGRATULATIONS!

Watch the emails for further events and I hope to see you in Lodge.

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2nd Degree

On Monday, February 25th, 11 of our 12 Entered Apprentices were passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft. While it was a long night, the entire Degree went smoothly. Many thanks to all the folks who stepped in for Brothers who had Cabletow issues and were unable to attend.

2nd Degree, Night 2

On Monday, March 10th, ERAC hosted another 2nd Degree for our Brother Entered Apprentice who was unable to attend the February 25th 2nd Degree. This was an excellent opportunity for newly passed Brothers to witness the events they went through only two weeks prior. As with the February 25th Degree, a number of Brothers had to cancel at the last minute. So, many thanks to those Brothers who stepped in to help.

Upcoming Events

- April 12th - 3rd Degree
 - April 14th - Gen. Douglas MacArthur Award
 - April 28th - Lodge Walk-About
 - May 12th - Annual Meeting and Lodge of Remembrance
- Cheers to All!


An Interesting Website
www.battleground313.com
 It's a Lodge website in Battle Ground, Indiana, but it has LINKS to the Grand Lodges of Scotland and England. Therein one can find the history of the Freemasons Hall in London and many other interesting sites for the two Grand Lodges. Just click on any of the information bars on the left side of the web page to get started. Enjoy!

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I am starting this article with a friendly reminder to those who haven't paid their Dues. IF YOU HAVEN'T DONE SO, PLEASE REMIT YOUR DUES TO THE LODGE SECRETARY, SEAN NOONAN. If behind, please call the Secretary. There may be something which can be worked out.

Condolences

It's with great sadness that we announce the passing of Jim Wells, PM. A Masonic Service was held for Brother Jim on March 11th. Our prayers and condolences go out to his family.

Thanks

My thanks to the Brothers who braved the inclement weather to attend Lodge on March 4th. Special thanks to R.:W.: Tom Grape and W.: James Toogood, both from Unity Lodge, and W.: Bill Edwards from Webster Lodge. Tom and Jim did a masterful job with the "Whys and Wherefores" for the 1st Degree. It's unfortunate the weather was so bad, because those who did not attend, missed Bill Edwards doing the Historic Lecture for the 1st Degree. DDGM, R.:W.: Gary Sanford was also in attendance.

By the time you read this, the Lodge's Social Event will have been held at Carmestro's. Good food and friendship abounded. This was the second event this Masonic year to include the ladies. Thanks to David Goodrich for putting the event together. If there is enough interest, maybe we can have another social to include the ladies during the Summer.

Degrees

Scott Brickman was in the East for the 2nd Degree on March 18th. Two Brothers (one from Unity Lodge) were passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft. Thanks to John Jamele from Unity Lodge for performing the Middle Chamber Lecture. It was heart warming to see the turnout for this Degree.

Volunteers

Scott Rice has volunteered to clean the stove in the kitchen

and perform some other tasks around the Lodge. Tony Panella has offered to build a wooden frame for the broken showcase in the foyer, when the good weather comes. David Goodrich, Trustee, has a list of projects. If you are able to assist, please call him.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that the Lodge raise the fees for the Spaghetti Dinners by \$.50 and the tickets for the Ox Roast by \$1. The new prices will go into effect immediately. Our food costs have been rising, but not what we have been charging.

There is a Fundraising Committee composed of W.: Jeff Ross and Mike Postelli. If you have any ideas, contact one of these Brothers. At our last Lodge meeting, a suggestion was made to have a booth at the Hilton Apple Fest. We would need people to develop a plan of action. The Rotary makes a tremendous amount of money for two days work at the Apple Fest.

Congratulations to Frank Celona, Senior Warden, who recently completed the Road to the East Course. This course is required for those who are interested in moving through the chairs to Master.

Fidelity Triangle Girls

The Fidelity Triangle Girls are desperately in need of members. The girls meet at our Lodge Hall the 2nd and 4th Saturdays at 7 p.m. If you know some young ladies who qualify, please refer them.

As an aside, Fidelity is the oldest Chapter in New York State. It would be a shame to see the group fold.

DID CLIO LODGE CAPTURE THE TRAVELING GAVEL??? Check back next month for the answer.

Free Bus Trip

Unity Lodge has invited us to go on a bus trip to Utica on April 19th. The bus leaves promptly from Unity at 9 a.m. Those who have visited the Masonic Care Community in Utica say you have to visit at least once. Oh, the trip costs nothing. Can't beat that. Call or email me if interested in going, but don't wait too long. I'm told seats are going fast.

April Birthdays

Dana Aueter, David Benoit, Karl Brandt, Harry DeHollander, Jack Johnson, Sante Panella, David Partiss, Dale Palmateer and David Seegar. If I omitted your birthday, please call or email me with the date.

Lodge Website Ideas

My niece, who develops web pages for ADT in Colorado, has offered to design a website for

Clio Lodge. I am looking for suggestions as to how you would like the page to appear. If you have Lodge pictures or historical information, please share those with me. The cost to the Lodge will be nothing. She is doing it for her favorite (and only) uncle!

Upcoming Events

April 5th - College of Freemasonry, sponsored by the Scottish Rite. See Garry Cranker for tickets.

April 26th - Widows Luncheon at Burgundy Basin Inn; reservations required. Contact Frank Celona.

May 3rd - Ox Roast


May 5th-6th - Grand Lodge Communication, New York City
 May 30th - Joint Investiture at Fairport-Flower City Lodge

One Day at a Time

- The most useless thing to do - Worry*
- The greatest joy - Giving*
- The most satisfying work - Helping others*
- The most crippling failure disease - Excuses*
- The most endangered species - Dedicated leaders*
- The most prized possession - Integrity*

If you haven't been to Lodge in a while, stop by. We all would love to see you. If transportation is needed, give me a call. We can work something out.

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In reporting on the February 27th, Brother Bring-a-Friend Night, we thank W.: Brother Larry Blazey for a wonderful Beef Stew Dinner. The Lodge had five friends in attendance, which doesn't seem like much, but if we can get each of them to join, it will have been worth the time. Overall, everyone had a great time and the attendance by the Brethren was an enormous publicity coup for the Craft, demonstrating the fellowship and camaraderie that we share as a Fraternity.

Moving on to March, we Raised three new Brothers to the sublime Degree of Master Mason. They are Brothers Matt DeGroff, Allan Seastrom and Kenneth Skender. In addition to the Brothers of Oatka Lodge, attendees at their Raising, were R.:W.: Gary Sanford, DDGM; R.:W.: Derek Van Houten, Grand Sword Bearer; and

V.:W.: Harry DeHollander, AGL. We are very glad to call these men Brother, and we welcome them to the Craft. Our Lodge Walk-About took place on March 26th following the regular business of the Lodge.

Since the number of Brothers attending our Regular Communications has grown, the Brothers of Oatka Lodge have assumed many new roles in the Hiram Legend. Thanks to Brothers Lather, Sanford and DeHollander for lending a hand during the Ritual last month. As always, it is good to see our sidelines filled once again.

St. Patrick's Day is traditionally celebrated in Ireland from March 13th - 17th with music, street theatre, family carnivals, comedy, street performances, dances, a treasure hunt and night spectacles all culminating on March 17th. Many of us Americans just think of St. Patrick's Day as March 17th. Since this traditional day was on a Monday this year, the Brothers of Oatka Lodge thought it only fitting to have a traditional Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner in the Lodge Dining Room with their families. This was an absolutely wonderful evening and a good time was had by all.


Upcoming Events

Coming up this month will be our Movie Night on April 9th, with the presentation of programs shown on the History and Discovery Channels; if time permits, we will also show the movie "National Treasure" with Nicholas Cage. The Junior Warden will provide the popcorn.

Looking Forward

May is always a busy month. The Grand Lodge Annual Communication is the week before our Regular Communication, so the Election of Officers for the ensuing year is slated for May 14th. How quickly this past year has gone by.

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Yahoo!! Spring is here and so is our Golf Tournament and Auction to benefit the Masonic Learning Centers for Children. This is your chance to help our Lodge make a difference in the life of some children who really need it. Hopefully, everyone has their ticket in hand and is ready to participate and have some

fun. If you are not able to attend our event or maybe even live out of the area, I urge you to consider sending a contribution. Every dollar we raise will help us meet our goal of \$5,000. April 26th is the big day! If you don't have your tickets yet, please contact me (Dana Cline 359-0632) today! We will have them available until the 21st. Remember, this event is open to anyone, so spread the word; the more the merrier!

For our April meeting we will be holding the 3rd Degree for our newest Brothers. Please come out and help support the Degree Team for this meeting. Your attendance would be greatly appreciated.

Next month I will be heading to Grand Lodge to represent our Lodge for the Annual Meeting of the New York State Masons. I am looking forward to attending this event for the first time. If you have anything for me to bring before the Lodge or concerns about the issues that will be voted on, please feel free to call or drop me a line with your feedback.


The month of May will bring the close to the Masonic year and a close to my year as Master of the Lodge. It has been an amazing experience and I have greatly enjoyed it. I had no idea that it would end quite so quickly, but life slides by pretty fast, so you really have to maximize every minute.

Some of my favorite moments as Master have been sending out birthday wishes and attending our regular Lodge meetings. Each month when I sent out a birthday wish, I tried to keep it personal for each of you and it was an opportunity to put the pen to paper, something people don't do enough of anymore. I hold the regular Lodge meeting nights special because it's that one night a month when we get a chance to catch up and meet for a brief moment as Brothers and friends, on the level. That's what being a member of Seneca Lodge is about for me.

Your Officers have done an excellent job in their stations and places this last year and deserve a big round of applause for a job well done. It's truly an honor to call you all Brothers and I'm looking forward to supporting you in your new roles this coming year.

I thank all the Brothers who helped me along the way with advice and guidance. I won't name any names; you know who you are. Thanks again!

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It is almost time for the Widows Luncheon; the time of year when we honor the widows of our Brothers who have passed. This is an excellent way to reconnect and show our appreciation for the ladies who made it possible for our Brothers to stand upright among men and Masons.



W.: Larry Blazey, W.: Tim White and Brother Jeff DePuy and his family at the St. Patrick's Day Dinner March 15th.

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This year's Widows Luncheon will be held at the Burgundy Basin Inn in Bushnell's Basin on April 26th. Please R.S.V.P. to Brother Roger Lynch no later than April 15th. He may be reached at 334-7953. Please choose an entrée - Chopped Sirloin or Stuffed Chicken when leaving a message.

Upcoming Events

April

14th - 7:30 p.m.; Coin collecting, R.: W.: John Zabel

28th - 6:30 p.m.; Master Mason Degree, Dinner to precede

May

12th - 7:30 p.m.; Grand Lodge Report and Election of Officers
30th - 7:30 p.m.; Joint Investiture

ter of the Lodge in 1987 and Treasurer from 1989 until 1995. Congratulations, Brother Clyde.

By the way, the announcement had to be made a bit early, as Brother Siverd was chairing the Committee to Audit the Books and would have observed the check issued to Grand Lodge for his Apron package. The presentation is tentatively scheduled for our Public Installation Meeting on June 3rd.

Our regular monthly business meeting was scheduled for the 18th. The ladies were invited to join us when it was anticipated we would have a speaker on income taxes and the procedure to follow to obtain the special Federal rebate. It was necessary to hold a brief business meeting prior to the program. I'll report more next month.

Sickness and Distress

I am not being kept well informed. I do know that Brother Rene VanDeViere is making progress, but his mother (who is also the mother of Helen Hook) was having some issues. She was in rehab, but is now back at home. Our Secretary, W.: David King, continues to suffer from a couple of medical conditions, and his wife, Edna, also continues treatments.

Respiratory difficulties have Brother Arnold Raymond traveling with a portable oxygen supply. I'm sure cards and/or phone calls would be appreciated by all those who suffer.

Our Master, W.: Ralph Jurgens, decided to inspect his property on a not-so-nice day. He wound up looking at the sky and was very sore and stiff for several days. He reports his brother continues to undergo treatments following his surgery, and says he is doing well.

Birthdays

Our Brothers who celebrate in April are: Derek VanHouten (3rd); Glenwood Ide, Earl Martin and Ronald Sterling (6th); David Ververs (8th); Robert Hughes and Mark Jacobs (15th); Arnold Raymond (22nd); and Richard Militello (23rd). Happy Birthday, Brothers!

Coming Events

We hope you are prepared for our busy April. The speaker at our meeting on April 1st, no fooling, is from the Masonic Care Community in Utica - Brother Ira Cooperman. It should be an interesting program on the new facilities.

On April 8th, we will have our Annual Fellowcraft Dinner at Rick's Prime Rib House on Buffalo Road. This stag event costs \$25 per person for Prime Rib or Orange Ruffly, and includes your annual Dues for membership in the Fellowcraft Club. If you haven't already, please make a reservation with Leon VanHuben, 671-1391.

Our Stated Communication is April 15th. It will be the last meeting of our fiscal year. We will be paying the rest of our bills and getting ready for the Officers' Meeting on May 13th. I will be attending Grand Lodge Sessions this year and will miss the Regular Communication on May 6th. The Election of Officers will be on May 20th.

Please plan on supporting the Garage Sale at the Shrine Center on May 17th. We need items to sell, as well as Brothers and Spouses to help price, setup, sell and cleanup after the Sale. W.: Ralph will be happy to hear from you, if you are willing and able to put in some time. Call him at (315) 524-3686.

Dues Overdue

Here is another request for your Dues payment. Check your Dues card. If it doesn't say 2008, you are behind. We can use the income!

Brotherhood Fund

Also, next month marks, I believe, the end of the Annual Brotherhood Fund Campaign. There is still time to support the programs funded with your contributions, if you haven't taken the time to send in a check.

See you in Lodge.

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April will be a busy month! It begins with the Red Cross/Fairport-Flower City Lodge Blood Drive and Child ID Program on the 3rd; Dinner with our Ladies on the 10th; Conferral of the 2nd Degree on the 14th and Conferral of the 3rd Degree on the 28th.

Blood Drive and Child ID

Mark your calendar and roll up your sleeves! On Thursday, April 3rd, we will be hosting a Blood Drive in association with the American Red Cross, together with a Child ID program. The Blood Drive will be held in the Dining Room area and the Child ID will be held in the Lodge Room.

Brothers, we are asking for your help to support both of these events. For the Blood Drive, we need volunteers:

- (1) To be blood donors
- (2) To help publicize the combined drives via posters, news releases, local papers and television, etc.
- (3) To help staff the registration table, cameras and the canteen.

Brothers Kel Kelsey and Rick Downs are spearheading the events. Please contact them to find out how you can help! Contact information:

Brother Kel Kelsey, 377-8471 or email: kel13@frontiernet.net

Brother Rick Downs, 615-5918 or email: rcdowns@rochester.rr.com.

Dinner with our Ladies Night is Thursday, April 10th. At the time of the deadline for this article, we had not yet settled on the venue for the dinner, so please contact Brother Bernie Lazerson for the details. Come join the fun and fellowship. Social at 6 p.m.; Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Make reservations with W.: Bernie Lazerson at 271-7446; email: lazerbd2@aol.com, by Tuesday, April 8th.

2nd Degree

At our meeting on Monday, April 14th at 7:30 p.m., we will be conferring the 2nd Degree for our initiated Brothers. Our Senior Warden, W.: Tom Goodrich, will be in the East for the Degree. I hope you are able to attend. I know our newly initiated would really appreciate your support! The rehearsal for the 2nd Degree will be held on Monday, April 7th, at 7 p.m. at the Lodge.

3rd Degree

At our meeting on Monday, April 28th, at 7:30 p.m., we will be conferring the 3rd Degree for

our initiated Brothers. This time the entire cast will consist of members of Fairport-Flower City Lodge. The rehearsal for the 3rd Degree will be held on Monday, April 21st, at 7 p.m. at the Lodge. Before the Degree we will have a catered dinner beginning promptly at 6:30 p.m. The price for the dinner is \$10 per person. Since the dinner is being catered, reservations are a must! For dinner reservations, please contact our Junior Warden, W.: Sy Kopen at 377-4435 or email: sgkopen@frontiernet.net no later than Thursday, April 24th. Come and support our newly Raised Brothers! I hope to see you there!

April Birthdays

Our wishes for a Happy Birthday to our Brothers who have birthdays in April:

Charles Blazey (2nd); Jeremy Leichtner (3rd); James Martin (7th); Stewart Bobry (8th); John Byam and Howard Smith (9th); Gary Moore (11th); Robert Chappell (15th); Albert Castellani, Randy Darling and Seymour Kopen (16th); Raymond Anderson (20th); James Lindstrom (21st); Arthur Friedman (22nd); Robert Fisher (24th).

Masonic Anniversaries

Best wishes also to the following Brothers who were Raised during the month of April:

- 1925 - Raymond Anderson
- 1936 - Samuel Beckley and Wayne Beckwith
- 1946 - Elmer Hess
- 1951 - Albert Castellani and Morton Sarachan
- 1956 - Leonard Simon, Clinton Emery
- 1958 - Ralph Hansen and Ellis Hormats
- 1959 - Ronald Weber
- 1960 - David Taber
- 1962 - Edwin Wheeler
- 1963 - Halford Johnson and Leon Sporn
- 1964 - Wayne Montague
- 1967 - Lawrence Schulman
- 1970 - Jerome Bills
- 1973 - Bernard Perry
- 1974 - Richard Bible
- 1975 - Easton Kelsey and Bruce Keplin
- 1979 - Stewart Pederson
- 1981 - Ruby Baker
- 1984 - Tomislav Trapanovnoski and Bruce Turner
- 1985 - Robert Hess
- 1991 - David McIntyre and James Martin
- 1992 - David Denz, William Nardone and Stephen McIntyre
- 1993 - Michael Johnson
- 1994 - Randy Darling
- 1995 - John Harris and Ralph Kraft
- 1997 - Gary Moore and Michael Morris

1998 - Brian Bills and Craig Carey

2000 - Mark Soeth

2005 - Jonathan Kirwan

2006 - Richard Downs, Eric Prince, Gregory Whitney and Joseph Lynn

2007 - Corey McNeil and Sean Miller

As always, if you have any questions, suggestions or comments, or know of a Brother in need of our aid or sympathy, please let me know. See you in Lodge!

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Lodge No. 969

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By W.: Skip Waterstreet, DSA

As this article is being penned following the March 11th meeting with Valley-Simes Lodge, I can report on the fantastic Degree. Four new Brothers - two from Valley-Simes, one from ERAC and our Joseph Meli - were Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason by the Damascus Shrine Degree Team. Noble John Faro served as Worshipful Master in the conferral of the First Section; Noble John Zabel portrayed King Solomon for the Second Section dramatization. The Degree Team was assisted by several Brothers of the Lodges to round out the Craftsmen. Over 60 Brothers were in Lodge for this meeting. It was my first opportunity to view the Shrine Team's new regalia...pretty impressive!

Our Junior Deacon, Richard Smith, recovered enough from his recent surgery to assist in the Raising of Brother Joe, his nephew. I haven't spoken with him since the Degree, but I don't think he suffered a relapse.


The previous week, under Brother Richard's direction, the ladies joined us for a dinner and program at The Nutcracker Restaurant...just like old times! Brother Warren Doerrer arranged for a presentation by Preferred Care which was very brief about ways to reduce stress in our lives. Impending inclement weather kept the program rather short, so we could all get home safely. Other than that, it was a nice evening. We shall try to get a few more of these in throughout the year.

Award Announced

It was announced at the Dinner that W.: Clyde Siverd is the newest Brother of Craftsman Robertson Lodge to be a recipient of the Dedicated Service Award. For many years, Brother Siverd has served the Lodge in a variety of capacities. He currently is the keeper of the checkbook for the Trustees Investment Accounts, and acts as the Tiler at our Business Meetings. Previously he, and our late Brother Jack Grover, were in charge of the Fellowcraft Club Annual Dinner; he has served on several Committees, as Mas-

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At our March 14th meeting we were entertained and enlightened by W.: John Comstock, who presented a program on "English Lodges and Ritual." He is a great speaker with much experience and knowledge of his subject, by spending a great deal of time in England. We could have listened for hours and the Brothers present let him know how good the program was. Thanks again to John for traveling from Buffalo for this special time. Plans for a return visit are in the works.

The March 24th Fellowcraft meeting followed with a good turnout and plenty of great discussion on our previous two meetings.

Our Table Lodge with our Brothers from Fairport was a huge success.

W.: Mike Morris and I talked of another event next year, for sure.

April

Looking forward to April, we will have our Awards Night on the 14th.

The Widows Luncheon will be held at Burgundy Basin Inn on April 26th at Noon.

Fellowcraft meeting is April 28th at 7 p.m.

Until next time.

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Monarch
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April means Spring flowers, yard work, more sun and NO SNOW, we hope. Welcome home, all you sunbirds. I hope to see you all attending Grotto meetings. They are still the third Wednesday of the month.

Our April meeting will be Bring-a-Friend and Awards Night. Yes, you may bring your lady to this meeting. Dinner is at 6 p.m. and the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Reservations are a MUST. Call the Master of Ceremonies, Jim Toogood, at 352-4698 by April 10th. No stairs to climb. Everything is on the same level. Daylight saving time is here - warmer weather - no excuse not to come. Make your reservation today as soon as you finish reading this!

We need new members to fill our ranks. You can solve the problem. Ask ONE Mason you know to see if he would be interested in a great opportunity. Tell him about our Grotto, of which you are a member. Need a petition or information on the Grotto? Call the Hotline at 334-4196. We will contact the person and invite him to the Bring-a-Friend April meeting, and he can see the Grotto in action.

Lalla Rookh Grotto will be in attendance at the Spring Empire State Grotto Association (ESGA) meeting on April 25th and 26th hosted by Kaa Rheu Vahn Grotto in Albany. I'm sure everyone will have a good time. If you would like information about this event, call the Monarch or Secretary at the phone

number in the heading of this column.

I would like to find out the names of the Prophets in the photo in last month's *Masonic Times* that was called "1951 Trip to Hamilton." Yes, we still use buses to take trips today.

Sickness and Distress

Prophet Charlie White had a little setback while in Florida last month, but he prevailed and is getting back in shape. Glad everything is going well, Charlie.

Our sympathy goes out to the Eeckhout family on the passing of Prophet Michael J. Eeckhout on February 26, 2008. A Grotto member for 18 years, "he passed out of sight, but not from our memory."

Well, time to sign off; clean up the golf clubs; get ready for yard work to come.

Grand Historian



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One hundred years ago, in 1908, the only Knight of the old F.D.C. who became Grand Monarch of the Supreme Council was J. F. Gregory. On January 1, 1908, Mokanna Grotto's Membership was 284, while Lalla Rookh Grotto's was 965.

Moving ahead twenty years, Guy R. Hunter was Monarch, continuing to a time of the Great Depression, but highlighting the good times of our Grotto's entertainment. A very successful Ladies Night was held on April 4, 1928 at the Powers Hall. Entertainment was provided, followed by dancing.

July, 1928, was the Annual Picnic and excursion to Coburg,

Ontario, Canada, aboard the S.S. Ontario II. Five hundred Prophets and their friends and families went on the trip. Prophet F. Matrice Grishemere, chairman said "The day was a very successful one in every way, including delightful weather conditions."

On the afternoon of July 17, 1929, the annual outing was held at Manitou Beach State Park. It was a perfect day with a very good attendance. A program of sports in the afternoon, followed by dancing in the evening.

On July 26, 1929, Monarch George H. Schneider, continued the trips to Coburg. A resolution passed empowering the Grotto to receive petitions, ballot on the same and initiate Candidates on the boat.

The meeting on October 23, 1929, had an attendance of 154, followed by an elaborate lunch served to the Prophets.

April 30, 1930, 200 attended the Annual Grotto's Ladies Night. There was a short form ceremonial for four candidates, after which, for the first time ever, a nominal fee was charged for those in attendance.

July 22, 1930. Monarch French lead the charge to the car ferry, S.S. Ontario II. An orchestra played for dancing, both going and returning trips. A program of sports was enjoyed both on the boat and on the stay at Coburg.

March 25, 1931 - Ladies Night followed the Grotto meeting. Prophets joined the Ladies in the basement dining room. Entertainment was provided, followed by dancing and serving of refreshments to a very large number in attendance.

Saturday afternoon, July 25, 1931, it was a family basket picnic at Corbett's Glen, off Linden Ave. Lots of sports and refreshments by the Grotto.

Through the years there were also outings at Willow Point Park, Seabreeze, Charlotte and Manitou Beach Park. Families brought their own lunch, the

Grotto provided Dixie cups, suckers and orangeade.

During the time of the Great Depression our Grotto tried to keep our membership together. Not all changes are for the best. Time has not been kind to the Grotto - the lessons learned are simple ones; time is short - photographs can fade, names forgotten, time passes quickly.

Caldron News

By Marcia Morrison, MCO

Good news

The elevator is working just fine! Come out to our meetings and ride on it - it won't even cost you a dime! However, you might just have to wait in line.

March 22 was our very special day for all the Ladies, Prophets and Master Masons who came our way. At 2 p.m. we met to honor our special guests.

Our 2nd Annual Spaghetti Dinner was held and all proceeds went to the Humanitarian Fund. We will report on this in the next "Paper Report." We hope you did join us on this special day! We thank you for YOUR Support.

April 5th is the Supreme Inspections of Lalla Rookh and Aahmes. Meeting at 10 a.m.

The Daughters from Aahmes in Binghamton will be here, along with the Canadian Daughters. We will break for lunch and then the other Caldron will be inspected.

This will be followed by a Supreme Banquet at approximately 5 p.m. For reservations for the Banquet, call Marcia at 256-7485. Cost is \$7.

With a little bit of luck and a lot of sewing, the "Scarf Dance" will be performed once again. Pearl and Alice will be either very proud of us or they just might be looking down and shaking their heads and laughing. Speaking of Pearl, we don't have another "itty-bitty" Daughter to fit into Pearl's costume.

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Don (Kris' Husband). Hand surgery is up and

coming.

We do miss those who have not been able to attend our meetings. We hope you are well and staying warm.

On Tuesday, April 8th, at High Noon, Luncheon will be in the Dining Room of the Spencerport Masonic Lodge. This will be followed by a live demonstration of "how to make flower arrangements." Cost is \$7. Tickets are on sale; call Bev at 865-8507 if you are interested.

Hope to see "YOU" at our next Caldron meetings:

April 5th, 10 a.m., Inspection
April 10th, Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

April 17th, 7:00 p.m., will be Executive Council (Officers Club) meeting at our MCO Marcia's home. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Happy Birthday to all who were born in April.

Attend Grotto Meetings

Monday, April 7th
Board of Governors

Meeting, 7 p.m.
Shrine Center

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Wednesday,
April 16th

Grotto Meeting
Shrine Center
Bring-a-Friend Night
and Awards Night
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With a full stomach, I thank you, my fellow Tall Cedars, for your culinary skills and making our Second Annual Potluck Dinner a success. I hope that everyone had a good time.

I am pleased with the progress that is being made to get the word out that the Tall Cedars has a program for the Lodges explaining just what we are all about. The presentation takes between 10 and 15 minutes. It is a program that can fill a void in your trestleboard by having us as guests for that evening's communication.

This program availability has been presented to the Masters and Wardens Association of the Monroe District for use in

their Lodges. If your Lodge is outside the Monroe District and you wish to learn more about the Tall Cedars, we would be pleased to make this presentation at your Lodge. To make arrangements for a visitation to your Lodge, please contact the Grand Tall Cedar listed above.

Remember, my fellow Tall Cedars, we are looking for growth this year by turning in those applications of new Candidates you have found. If you need more applications, they are available from the Forest's Secretary.

See you at the stump.

Blacksburg, Virginia

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tions have carried over to other institutions, and our community is open to learn what others have to offer.

I must report that out of this disaster and heart breaking time, the community has banded together. This was recently witnessed during the football season when other university teams paid their respect to Vir-

ginia Tech and Blacksburg on our campus and theirs. Also, I think we have forgiven the news media for being in our faces and trying to exploit our grief as they came as vultures and left just as quickly. I suspect they will be back on the 16th of April 2008, but we are now able to report a lot of progress in handling future unwanted disasters. I think other institutions are taking steps to increase the safety of their people based on what has occurred at Virginia Tech.

What stood out most for our community were the captured images that would be shown over and over. Our tranquility and special notch in the world had been taken from us, and we had been relabeled without a word being said in protest. The words one sees now on buildings and posters, come from our famous poet professor, Nikki Giovanni, who proclaimed from the beginning, "We Shall Prevail." We give thanks to her inspiration and the great outpouring from our community and around the world.

Today, I often talk to my community friends about last April,

and there is always something new added. Some small tidbit of information comes forth, and puts this trauma into better perspective. I was in Starbucks, and the person next to me began crying. I asked if I could help, and she informed me that she had just hired a restaurant employee the day before the 16th, and it turned out to be one of the victims who was killed at Norris Hall on the campus. What could be said to stop her despair.

If you are ever in Blacksburg, you will note immediately that the campus takes up the center of the town, and you have Virginia Tech to pass by or through it to get to the other side. Students are not isolated, and

many in the community come to know students as they pass through their college years. You can be assured that students are working in all the restaurants, retail stores and in many other capacities. Because of this interaction, students and residents communicate with each other, not often the situation at many universities where students are more isolated from community life.

Life is beginning to return to normal, we hope; the victims of this terrible disaster will not be forgotten. The spirit of the town is back, so hopefully, we will be able to honor and give merit to those brave individuals on 16th April 2008, a year later.

Programs Available

Lifespan has several programs, which they would be happy to present to your organization. If you are looking for something to complete a meeting night, call:

Cindy Steltz

Manager, Lifespan Community Education

244-8400, extension 160

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Yes, Companions, Albany is still there after the Grand Chapter session. Food was good, bed usable and the hotel the same, but a year older.

Sessions notations

Under charity, it was suggested that if every RAM member would give a penny per day, the funding for our charities would be greatly improved. It was announced that a new award has been established called the Cook Award. The award is similar to the Potts Award. The requirements are that at the Grand Lecturer's Convocation a Chapter must have the High Priest, King, Scribe, Captain of the Host, Principal Sojourner and Royal Arch Captain in attendance. The By-Laws change eliminating the three year wait for the Grand Veils to move up in the Grand Line was returned to the committee.

The thing I found most interesting was the presentation about the telecommunications system need and formation between medical professionals from one area to another without moving the patient.

Calendar dates

April 24th - MEM Degree
May 8th - Grand Scribe's Official Visit
May 22 - Royal Arch Degree

District Deputy Grand Master 8th Arch of New York



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Well, Companions, we are heading into the home stretch. We have meetings in April and May, then Grand Council in August. We have a lot of work to do during that time - Degrees to confer, help our Companions learn the Ritual in Opening and Closing, other Councils to visit and prepare dinners and snacks.

We are being challenged to bring in new members. We need to set good examples and help them through their early months by making them feel as comfortable as possible and to be an equal part of the Council. If they don't feel at ease in your company, you will NOT keep them.

The new Rituals have been printed and are available from the Grand Recorder. I hope each Council will buy a few and keep them on hand and available to anyone who wants one. If you get them at Grand Council, they will

cost \$10; after that, it is my understanding they will cost \$13.


Congratulations to Skoi Yase Council for spending time learning and rehearsing the Royal Master Degree. Your Council will be much better for your effort.

Can we make a concerted effort to get more Candidates in the Spring months? Each new member will help your Council and make your efforts worthwhile. Don't be afraid to tell someone about the Cryptic Degrees. Your Degrees don't take a back seat to anyone. If someone will volunteer to be a "Degree Director," you will see immediate improvement. The Councils with Degree Directors are proof of the pudding.

I'm still looking for volunteers to visit Hornellsville and Bath Councils. Dave, Gerry, Phil, Doug and the other Companions will appreciate it.

Have a good Spring. I'll see you in Council.

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Sir Knights, we are looking forward to our joint Inspection with Salem Town Commandery No. 19 on April 19th. We agreed to a joint Inspection so they may participate and have their books inspected by a Grand Line Officer. Our Inspecting Officer from Grand Commandery will be Sir Knight Kenneth I. Sussman, Eminent Grand Standard Bearer. The Inspection will begin at 10 a.m. to allow visitors some extra travel time to Phelps. Those who wish to join us for breakfast will meet at the Blue Ribbon Restaurant at the corner of Routes 88 and 96 at 8:30 a.m.

Sickness and Distress

Please keep Sir Knights Larry Hood and L. Ronald Edwards in your thoughts and prayers. Larry fell while shoveling his driveway and broke his hip and Ron has been ill. Please keep Lady Shirley Wells in your thoughts and prayers, as well. Lady Mary Lou Jones is doing much better.

It is time to think about what office you would like to hold next year in Commandery. We will have elections in May and your participation will make our Commandery stronger. Our next Grand Commander and several of his line Officers will be from the Rochester area and will need our support over the next several years.

Remember our charity, the Eye Foundation, and bring your aluminum collections to an upcoming meeting so that they can be sold and the proceeds turned in for this campaign. Any amount is welcome and helps others keep or regain the precious sense of sight. Image your life if you could no longer see. What a challenge, what a loss!

With that thought, I look forward with great expectations of seeing you at our Inspection on April 19th and behold the splendor of Spring!

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Apology

Eminent Commander Joe Oelgoetz submitted material on time for the March issue. We encountered difficulty in extracting the copy and neglected to follow through. I offered to print it this month along with his new article; he declined. We are sorry Sir Knights were not informed by us of activities and events in last month's issue.

Skip Waterstreet, Editor.

Inspection

Our Inspection will occur April 21st. The Inspecting Officer is Sir Knight Donald J. Berry, Grand Junior Warden. I ask that all Officers work on their Ritual words, delivery and floor work. We will have dinner at the Asylum (Northfield/Pittsford Masonic Temple), with Joy Woodley serving her famous pork chops with dressing, mashed potatoes and all the fixings. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m., with the opening of our Conclave at 7:30 p.m., as usual. Please contact me at home: 425-9969; at work: 598-7443; or via e-mail: joeyo11@mac.com for reservations. Reservation cut-off is April 14th. Cost per person will be \$10.

Election of Officers

Our May meeting (thank God Spring is here!) on May 19th will be the Election of Officers and Installation, as well as Annual Reports. If you are interested in joining the Officers' Line, please contact me.

Knights Templar Garments

As recent general orders from our Grand Commander have made allowances to the official uniform of Knights Templar in the State of New York, I felt a short talk on the garments worn by our medieval Brethren would be interesting. This talk is based upon the article found at Templar History.com.

The original Latin Rule of the Templars lays out in detail what the members of the Order were permitted to wear. These garments were distributed by the Order's Draper. The biggest distinction between Knights and Sergeants, who made up the Order, was the color of their mantle. The Knights wore a white mantle, while Sergeants wore a black one. After 1143, the Templars were permitted to add a red cross to their habits.

The following excerpt from the original Latin Rule translated by Judith Upton-Ward, provides some additional insight into the dress of the Templars.

On the Brothers' Dress

We command that all the Brothers' habits should always

be of one color; that is white or black or brown. And we grant to all Knight Brothers in Winter and in Summer, if possible, white cloaks; and no one who does not belong to the aforementioned Knights of Christ is allowed to have a white cloak, so that those who have abandoned the life of darkness will recognize each other as being reconciled to their creator by the sign of the white habits: which signifies purity and complete chastity.

Chastity is certitude of heart and healthiness of body. For if any Brother does not take the vow of chastity he cannot come to eternal rest nor see God, by promise of the apostle who said: "Pacem setamini cum omnibus et castimoniam sine qua nemo Deum videbit." That is to say: "Strive to bring peace to all, keep chaste, without which no one can see God."

But those robes should be without any finery and without any show of pride. And so we ordain that no Brother will have a piece of fur on his clothes, nor anything else which belongs to the usages of the body, not even a blanket unless it is lamb's wool or sheep's wool. We command all to have the same, so that each can dress and undress, and put on and take off his boots easily. And the Draper, or the one in his place, should studiously reflect and take care to have the reward of God in all the above mentioned things, so that the eyes of the envious and evil-tongued cannot observe that the robes are too long or too short; but he should distribute them so that they fit those who must wear them, according to the size of each one.

If any Brother out of a feeling of pride or arrogance wishes to have as his due a better and finer habit, let him be given the worst. Those who receive new robes must immediately return the old ones, to be given to the squires and sergeants and often to the poor, according to what seems good to the one who holds that office.

Shirts

Among the other things, we mercifully rule that, because of the great intensity of the heat which exists in the East, from Easter to All Saints, through compassion and in no way as a right, a linen shirt shall be given to any Brother who wishes to wear it.

Bed Linen

We command by common consent that each man shall have clothes and bed linen according to the discretion of the Master. It is our intention that apart from the mattress, one bolster and one blanket should be sufficient for each; and he who lacks one of these may have a rug, and he may use a linen blanket at all times, that is to say with a soft pile. And they will at all times sleep dressed in a shirt and breeches and shoes and a belt, and where they sleep shall be lit until morning.

Pointed shoes & shoelaces

We prohibit pointed shoes and shoelaces and forbid any Brother to wear them; nor do we permit them to those who serve the house for a fixed term; rather we forbid them to have shoes with points or laces under

any circumstances. For it is manifest and well known that these abominable things belong to pagans. Nor should they wear their hair or their habits too long. For those who serve the sovereign creator must of necessity be born within and without through the promise of God himself who said: "Estote mundi quia ego mundus sum." That is to say: "Be born as I am born."

Wow! OK our ancient Brethren of the Knights Templar had some tough rules when it came to their uniform and what they could and could not wear. So, as Knights Templar of today, strive to uphold the dignity, military nature and uniformity of the Order by securing appropriate attire. Your Commandery can help with low cost/no cost elements of the uniform. Just inquire.

May our Sovereign King and Lord bless you and yours!

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What's Happening

The *College of Freemasonry*, our signature event, will be held Friday evening, April 4th, and Saturday, April 5th. Friday evening is a dinner for Valley Members and their wives or significant others. It will include a performance by Randy Riggles on Nostalgia.

Saturday will be the *College* with Ill. Peter Samiec, 33° and Ill. and Rev. John Selders, 33°, speaking on Freemasonry in today's world. Dr. William Cook, Professor at the State University at Geneseo, who spoke last year, will be back. His talk last year on Medieval Cathedrals was a hit and I am looking forward to hearing him again this year. This is the best event around for Masons and the general public. You are encouraged to attend and bring your Masonic and non-Masonic friends. No other event will provide the type of information as the *College*. Brother George Nasra, 32°, and his committee have spent countless hours building this event to be memorable as it has been for the last two years. We will also be presenting the Thomas Jackson Award for Masonic Education at this event. This is an Award founded by the Valley to honor the best Masonic educators.

Degrees in April

We will be conferring the 14th, 16th, 18th, 22nd, 31st and 32nd Degrees, reunion style, starting on Thursday, April 17th, and running through Saturday, April 19th. This will complete the Degree cycle for both the Fall and Spring Candidates of the Distinguished Charles Frear, 32° MSA Class. We haven't conferred the 22nd Degree in a couple of years so, if your Passport is missing this Degree, plan to attend.

Calendar Change

Please note that our pocket calendar has the Degrees on the 25th and 26th, but we moved them to prevent interference with the Shrine Circus and the Widows Luncheon on April 26th.

WALK for Dyslexia

The Frank and Betty Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children will be holding their Annual Walk for Dyslexia on Saturday, May 17th. The Walk will again be in Fairport along the Canal; however, we expect the weather to be better than the last Walk, so please plan to attend. The Walk is open to anyone, especially Scottish Rite Masons and their families. More information on the event and how to get sponsors for the Walk will be forthcoming. The walk along the Canal is fun, very safe and family friendly. I will be there as your Junior Past Com-

Valley of Rochester Spring 2008 Program

April 4th (Friday) - College of Freemasonry Member's Dinner

"Nostalgic Show" Entertainment (Ladies Invited)
Baked Haddock French Dinner and Hors d'oeuvres

April 5th (Saturday) - College of Freemasonry Open to all Masons and their Friends

Continental Breakfast at 8:30 a.m.; Lunch also provided

April 17th (Thursday) - 14°**

"Italian Fiesta Plate" Dinner

April 18th (Friday) - 16°**

Stuffed Pork Chop Dinner

April 19th (Saturday) - 18° and 22° / 31° and 32°

Coffee and Donuts at 8:30 a.m.

Program at 9 a.m.; Lunch provided

May 2nd (Friday) - Reunion Banquet

Diplomat Party House (Lyell Avenue)

Dinner at 7:30 p.m. and Hors d'oeuvres

May 15th (Thursday) - Elections & Installation**

Grilled Steak Dinner

June 28th (Saturday) - 3rd Annual Clambake/Steak Roast

Save the Date! Details to Come!

****Social at 5:30 p.m.; Dinner at 6:30 p.m.; Program at 7:30 p.m.**

All events at Shrine Center unless otherwise noted

Please call in your reservations at least one week prior to event.

mander-in-Chief. Oh, we will be viewing Lock 31 on the Canal. You will have to be on the Walk to understand. See you there.

Musing and Miscellaneous

As you read this, Spring is at least a week old, officially. Hopefully the weather also understands it's Spring. As Masons, we have two-and-a-half months until the completion of another Masonic year and the Election of new Officers for our Lodges and the Valley. The quality of our gentle Craft is related to the quality of our leadership. Let us all work towards finding and training the best Masons to be our leaders well into the future.

How can you, the Scottish Rite Mason, improve on your experience in the Rite? There are as many ways as there are Brethren, but let me list just a few:

1) Attend the Valley meetings and other functions as often as your Cabletow allows. By being with other Scottish Rite Masons you will increase your group of Masonic friends and see the broad range of the Fraternity.

2) You can become more involved in the programs, Degrees and activities of the Valley. What kind of involvement would fit you is your decision, but here are some suggestions. One area is to become a Scottish Rite Ambassador to your Lodge, if there is no Ambassador. You could be a member of one of the Valley committees, both functional (membership, finance, technology, etc.) and program (Feast of Tebeth, Adar, Tishri, Veteran's Program, Family Life, etc.). You could become an Officer of one of the Valley's bodies. This requires some training and a commitment on your part. You could help in Degree work, such as staging, costumes, makeup (missing in recent years), audiovisual, lighting, properties, etc. Next you could be a Degree cast member and

take any number of speaking, both large and small, and non-speaking parts. Or you could work with a Degree Director in putting a Degree presentation together. You may even want to be the Director for one or more of the Degrees. Your participation in Valley functions is appreciated no matter what your level of participation.

We have a great Valley. With your participation, we can continue to grow and improve our ability to convey the message of the Rite to Brother Masons who have not experienced the Scottish Rite. If you have comments or suggestions, please convey them to one of the Valley Officers. We are always ready for feedback from our Brethren on any topic related to the Rite and the Valley.

By G. Michael Morris

The Masonic LC helps children who suffer from the learning disability called Dyslexia. The program is sponsored by the Valley of Rochester and the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. It is a service provided at no cost to the families of the children who participate. Children who receive one-on-one tutoring service soon get back "on track" in their classrooms. Many Brothers make their own financial contribution and they are listed below. The Valley of Rochester sincerely thanks them for all their support.

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Walk So They May Read!

~ Saturday, May 17th

Imagine what your life would be like if you couldn't read. You would be missing out on one of life's most fundamental gifts. If you couldn't read, your innate curiosity would turn to frustration and anger - a bad combination of feelings. Children born with a neurological disorder called Dyslexia (stuggel wiht thees teeligns eveyr yad) struggle with these feelings every day. Through no fault of their own, they are faced with reading and writing roadblocks that have seemed insurmountable - until now.

Dyslexia can't be cured, but it can be overcome. On **Saturday, May 17th**, we are walking to help dyslexic children in our community learn to read and write. The program offered at the 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children provides the most effective treatment of its kind in battling this reading disorder. No one else in the nation has a program remotely like it, with one-on-one, professional tutoring offered to children at **no charge to them or their families**; this type of program is **not** available through any other school (public or private).

We need your help to keep up this good work. We are asking you to lace up your sneakers, and take part in the WALK to Help Children with Dyslexia, a three-mile walk along the scenic Erie Canal. **Check-in begins at 9:30 a.m. at Perinton**

Park, Fairport; the WALK begins at 10:30 a.m. Following the WALK, you and your family will be treated to a picnic lunch, great music and entertainment and face painting by Shrine Clowns. In addition, our Brothers from Fairport-Flower City Masonic Lodge will be on-site with the Child ID Program - a valuable community service that provides - free of charge - child identification DVD to any family that desires them.

We gratefully acknowledge the generous support of our Corporate Sponsors for the WALK - Wegman's, Zweigle's, Wright-Wisner, Monroe Litho, Evergreen Car Wash and Apollo Optical Systems. Additional Corporate Sponsors are being sought.

For more information about the 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children program, and other Scottish Rite Charities, see:

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 and be sure to view the videos available on the Valley of Rochester's Website:

www.valleyofrochester.com/charities.cfm

About Dyslexia

Dyslexia is an inherited neurological disorder that affects the way people learn to read and speak, as well as how they process information mathematically. Famous dyslexics include Thomas Edison, Win-

ston Churchill, Leonardo Da Vinci, Walt Disney and Whoopi Goldberg.

Dyslexia affects one out of every five people, and affects boys and girls in equal numbers. Children left with untreated Dyslexia often suffer devastating personal consequences. It is the number one reason teenagers drop out of school, and is a primary factor in juvenile delinquency. Research reveals that children with untreated Dyslexia can become underachieving adults unable to contribute to society at their fullest capacity.

Dyslexia is, however, a treatable condition. Children with Dyslexia need professional help, and the earlier they receive it, the greater their chances of achieving normal, fully functional lives.

The 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children provide clinically proven Dyslexia tutoring services across the country. They are the only nationwide organization offering two years of intensive one-on-one tutoring in the proven Orton-Gillingham method, completely **free of charge**. The Learning Centers are open to all children. Currently, there are 56 Learning Centers in 15 states. Since 1994, when the first centers opened, over 5,000 children from kindergarten through high school have been tutored at the Children's Learning Centers and more than 750 tutors have been trained in

Get on the **ROAD to READING**
 Saturday, May 17, 2008



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Lace up your sneakers for the annual WALK for Dyslexia hosted by the Frank and Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children, located in Rochester.

Date: Saturday, May 17, 2008

Location: Perinton Park on 31-F in Fairport

Time: Check-in begins at 9:30am

Walk begins at 10:30am

Course: 3 miles along the scenic Erie Canal

For registration information log on to www.dyslexiawalk.org, e-mail dyslexiahelp@rochester.rr.com, or call the 32° Masonic Learning Center at (585) 264-1690.

Bring the whole family! Other activities include Picnic Lunch, Great Music, Circus Clowns and Face Painting. On-site Child ID Program Available



the Orton-Gillingham method completely **free of charge**. There are currently two Learning Centers in New York State - one is located in Pittsford and the other in Oriskany (near Utica).

Registration materials and additional information for the WALK can be found on the

Website: www.dyslexiawalk.org or by emailing: dyslexiahelp@rochester.rr.com or by calling the 32° Masonic Learning Center at 264-1690.

On behalf of the children and their families in our community, thank you for your help and support! ✕

Taxes! Taxes! Taxes!

By Tom Michielsen

It's April, and you're once again burning the midnight oil, poring over stacks of paperwork or small pieces of paper with little or no explanation on them, trying to file your income tax return on time. If you're rushing to complete your return, you may be making costly mathematical errors, overlooking important deductions or missing tax credits you might qualify for. Yes, you might be one of those people in the TV ads who overpay their taxes each year. Why are we so stupid to subject ourselves to this torture year after year? Each year we tell ourselves and our spouses that next year will be different but we do nothing to make our lives easier. Taxpayers nationwide will have until Tuesday, April 15th, 2008, to file their 2007 returns and pay any taxes due.

The Internal Revenue Service is looking for 115,478 taxpayers who are due refund checks on their 2006 tax returns worth about \$110 million after the checks were returned as undeliverable. Are you one of them?

The IRS issued the 2008 optional standard mileage rates used for calculating the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business, charitable, medical, or moving purposes. Beginning January 1, 2008, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car (including vans, pickups, or panel trucks) will be 50.5 cents per mile for business miles driven; 19 cents per mile driven for medical or moving purposes; and 14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations.

While most people are aware they must include wages, salaries, interest, dividends, tips and commissions as income on their tax returns, many don't realize that they must also report most other income, such as cash earned from side jobs, barter exchanges of goods or services, awards, prizes, contest winnings and gambling proceeds.

Taxpayers must report all income from any source and any country unless it is explicitly exempt under the U.S. tax code. There may be taxable income from certain transactions, even if no money changes hands.

Generally, the IRS considers all income received in the form of money, property or services to be taxable income unless the law specifically provides an exemption. It is a common misconception that if a taxpayer does not receive a Form 1099-MISC or if the income is under \$600 per payer, the income is not taxable. There is no minimum amount that a taxpayer may exclude from gross income.

All income earned through the taxpayer's business, as an independent contractor or from informal side jobs is self-employment income, which is fully taxable and must be reported on Form 1040. Use Form 1040, Schedule C, Profit or Loss from Business, or Form 1040, Schedule C-EZ, Net Profit from Business (Sole Proprietorship) to report income and expenses. Taxpayers will also need to prepare Form 1040 Schedule SE for self-employment taxes if the net profit exceeds \$400 for a year. Do not report this income on Form 1040 Line

21 as Other Income.

Independent contractors must report all income as taxable, even if it is less than \$600. Even if the client does not issue a Form 1099-MISC, the income, whatever the amount, is still reportable by the taxpayer.

Fees received for babysitting, housecleaning and lawn cutting are all examples of taxable income, even if each client paid less than \$600 for the year.

Someone who repairs computers in his or her spare time needs to report all monies earned as self-employment income even if no one person paid more than \$600 for repairs.

Bartering is an exchange of property or services. The fair market value of goods and services exchanged is fully taxable and must be included on Form 1040 in the income of both parties.

An example of bartering is a plumber doing repair work for a dentist in exchange for dental services. Income from bartering is taxable in the year in which the taxpayer received the goods or services.

Gambling winnings are fully taxable and must be reported on Form 1040. Gambling income includes, among other things, winnings from lotteries, raffles, horse races, poker tournaments and casinos. It includes cash winnings, as well as the fair market value of prizes, such as cars and trips.

Even if a W-2G is not issued, all gambling winnings must be reported as taxable income regardless of whether any portion is subject to withholding. In addition, taxpayers may be required to pay an estimated tax on the gambling winnings.

Losses may be deducted only if the taxpayer itemizes deductions and only if he or she also has gambling winnings. The

losses deducted may not be more than the gambling income reported on the return.

Subject to certain exceptions, the cash value of prizes or awards won in a drawing, quiz show, beauty contest, or other event, must be included on the tax return as taxable income.

Taxpayers must also report the fair market value of merchandise or products won as a prize or award, as taxable income.

For example, both a \$500 cash prize and the fair market value of a new range won in a baking contest must be reported as other income on Form 1040, Line 21.

Upcoming calendar year taxpayer due dates:

April

April 15th - March Payroll Taxes, Individual Tax Returns

due, Federal First Quarter Estimated Taxes for Corporations and Federal and State First Quarter Estimated Taxes for Individuals

April 30th - First Quarter Payroll Reports Due

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May 15 - April Payroll Taxes
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Edwards, Charles R. "Dick"
On February 28th, Dick Edwards, 86, passed away. His wife, Jean, a daughter, several grandchildren and great-grandchildren survive him. Dick was a 58-year Mason - a member of Drumlin Square Lodge. May he find peace with the Lord.

Eeckhout, Michael J.
On February 26th, Michael Eeckhout, 54, went home to the Lord leaving his parents, Joseph and Christina, and siblings to remember him. Michael was a US Air Force Veteran, a member of Fame Lodge and Lalla Rookh Grotto. Forever remembered, forever missed.

Erickson, Dr. Dale I. C.
We have received word from St. Paul, MN, that Dr. Dale Erickson, 78, died January 27th. Dale was a member of Ark Lodge in Geneva, Scottish Rite, York Rite and Cataract Lodge. His wife, Carole, 3 children and 5 grandchildren are left to remember him.

Hessney, Sr., Isaac "Ike"
At age 76, Isaac Hessney went to the Celestial Lodge on March 3rd. He was a member of Garoga-Sincerity Lodge, Scottish Rite and Shrine. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, a son and 2 grandchildren. Thoughts today, memories forever.

Myers, George C.
George Myers, 88, was called to his Heavenly Home on March 10th. He is survived by a daughter, 2 sons, several grandchildren and a great-grandchild. George was a member of Milnor Lodge and will be missed by all who knew him.

Stover, Jack E.
Jack Stover, 79, a member of Canandaigua Lodge, passed away January 17th. May he find peace with the Lord.

Weigert, Edward R. "Ted"
On February 23rd, Ted Weigert was called home to the Lord leaving his wife, Edith, 3 daughters, 5 grandchildren and a great-grandchild to survive him. Ted was a 53-year member of Milnor Lodge and a Navy Veteran of World War II. You left a garden of beautiful memories, sprayed with a million tears.

Wells, James P.
On March 9th, James Wells, 87, passed away and left his wife of 66 years, Marion, to remember him. James was a Past Master of Clio Lodge and a World War II "Battle of the Bulge" survivor. A page in our book of memories is gently turned today.

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Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

May
3 Ox Roast; Clio Lodge, Hilton
5 & 6 Grand Lodge; New York City
17 WALK for Dyslexia; Perinton Park
17 Garage Sale; Shrine Center

June
7 Apron Presentations
8 Camp DeMolay Dedication
19 Awards Night; Shrine Center
21 St. John's Day; Utica

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CALENDAR FOR APRIL 2008

○ Deadline for the **Masonic Times**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	31	1	2	3	4	5
	MON - School of Ritual - Clio Lodge - Hilton	Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson, Shrine Center Garoga/Sincerity, 3*-Phelps Nunda Station Oakland - Castile OES - Fairport, Nolatka, Starlight - Spencerport April Fools' Day	Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy Damascus Shrine OES - Lilac Star - Webster	Eunice - Caledonia Hesperus - Bergen Northfield, 2* - Pittsford Webster RSM - Palmyra Council Fairport-Flower City - Blood Drive and Child ID Program	Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m. \$7 adult; \$4 Child 30 Orchard Street Scottish Rite - College of Freemasonry - Shrine Center	OES - Rochester - Spencerport Scottish Rite - College of Freemasonry - Shrine Center LIV - Ladies Night - Conesus Country Club Center
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinner Weds the 9th & 23rd 287 East Avenue, Hilton	Canandaigua - Shortsville RAM - Palmyra/Eagle KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford Shrine Lunch Club - Fairport Village Inn ERAC - Blood Drive - East Rochester Ambulance Corps, 1-6 p.m.	Eagle - Honeoye Seneca, 3* - Webster Valley-Simes, Shrine Center RAM - Dansville OES - Leah - Hilton, Mary Jane Holmes - Brockport	Oatka - Scottsville Masonic Service Bureau Monthly Luncheon Meeting OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville, Corinthian Fellowship	Fame, Shrine Center Milnor - Canandaigua Union, 2* - Lima Webster Fellowcraft RAM - Hiram Lalla Rookh Caldron		ERAC, 3*, Shrine Center OSY - Surviving Spouses Luncheon - DiPacific's
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Eagle Lodge Eagle Chapter Spaghetti Dinner Thursday, April 17th 4994 County Rd 36 Honeoye	ERAC, Shrine Center Fairport-Flower City, 2* Union Star - Honeoye Falls Unity - Spencerport, 3* Wakan-Hubbard - Penfield RAM - Excelsior - Shortsville LIV - School of Ritual - Eunice Lodge - Caledonia Shrine Lunch Club - Fairport Village Inn	Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson, Shrine Center Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps Nunda Station Oakland - Castile OES - Nolatka, Starlight - Spencerport	Ark - Geneva Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy RSM - Doric Council, Pittsford Lalla Rookh Grotto OES - Lilac Star - Webster MON - Masters & Wardens	Eunice - Caledonia Hesperus - Bergen Northfield, 3* - Pittsford Webster Scottish Rite, 14* RAM - Western Star	Scottish Rite, 16*	KT - Sagoyewatha - Phelps Scottish Rite, 18*, 22*, 31* and 32*
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Passover	Canandaigua - Shortsville KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford Lalla Rookh Grotto Legion of Honor Shrine Lunch Club - Ladies Day - Nutcracker	Eagle - Honeoye Valley-Simes, Shrine Center RAM - Dansville OES - Leah - Hilton, Mary Jane Holmes - Brockport Earth Day	Oatka - Scottsville Tall Cedars of Lebanon OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville Corinthian Fellowship Administrative Professionals Day	Fame, Shrine Center Milnor - Canandaigua RAM - Hiram James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post	Damascus Shrine Circus Orthodox Holy Friday	OSY - Freemasonry Information Fair & Expo - Geneva Ramada Inn Masonic Service Bureau Widows Luncheon - Burgundy Basin Inn Damascus Shrine Circus
27	28	29	30		2	
Damascus Shrine Circus Orthodox Easter	ERAC, Shrine Center Fairport-Flower City, 3* Union Star - Honeoye Falls Unity - Spencerport Wakan-Hubbard, 3*-Penfield RAM - Excelsior - Shortsville Shrine Lunch Club - Fairport Village Inn				Scottish Rite - Reunion Banquet - Diplomat Party House	