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Delegates Elect New Leaders at 2008 Grand Lodge Session

M.: W.: Edward G. Gilbert
Grand Master

M.: W.: Edward G. Gilbert was elected Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York at the 227th Grand Lodge Sessions last month. He had served two years as Deputy Grand Master.

Born in Buffalo, he was Raised in Buffalo Lodge No. 846 (now Western Star Lodge No. 1185) and served as Master in 1989-90 and 1993. He also served as 2nd Vice-President of the Erie County Wardens' Association and President of the Masonic Past Masters' Association of Erie County.

Upon the retirement of Grand Lecturer M.: W.: Calvin Bond in 1999, M.: W.: Gilbert was appointed Grand Lecturer of the State of New York, serving until 2006 when he was elected Deputy Grand Master.

Other Masonic affiliations include Zuleika Grotto, Mystic Order of Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm, where he served as Monarch in 1969. He is a Past President of the Empire State Grotto Association. He holds memberships in Scottish Rite and Royal Arch Masons. Earlier this year he received his Honorary Legion of Honor Cordon from the International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay.

M.: W.: Brother Gilbert has been married to Helen "Babe" for fifty years. They enjoy three sons, a daughter and twin grandsons. The Grand Master is retired from the American Axle Plant of General Motors.



M.: W.: Edward G. Gilbert, Grand Master

District Officers Appointed for Livingston, Wayne



R.: W.: John Gallant
District Deputy

R.: W.: John Gallant was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the Livingston District for the 2008-2009 Masonic year. A Past Master of Union Lodge, and recent recipient of the Wendel K. Walker *Builder of Men Award*, R.: W.: Gallant has been very active in Livingston District programs - *Road to the East, Masonic Development Course* and *iDC* -



R.: W.: William Jones
District Deputy

and is always willing to mentor new Brothers.

He will be assisted this year by R.: W.: Joseph Shanks, who has been appointed a Grand Steward. R.: W.: Roy Moses continues as Assistant Grand Lecturer.

Wayne District

R.: W.: William Jones is the District Deputy Grand Master

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Deputy Grand Master



R.: W.: Vincent Libone

The new Deputy Grand Master is R.: W.: Vincent Libone, a resident of Queens, New York. Raised in Garibaldi Lodge No. 542 in 1973, Brother Libone has had a very active Masonic career. He was Master of the Lodge in 1980, District Deputy of the 10th Manhattan District, 1987-88, and has served on the Grand Line as Deputy Grand Marshal and Grand Marshal. He was elected Grand Treasurer in 2004 for a two-year term. In addition, he has served on several Grand Lodge Committees, and received many awards over the years. He was presented a Certificate of Permanent Membership by the Grand Lodge of New York and appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey near the Grand Lodge of New York in 2006.

His Masonic resume includes: Constitution Chapter No. 140, Royal Arch Masons; E.: High Priest of Constitution for 2003; appointment as R.: E.: Grand Representative of Grand Chapter of Italy RAM in 2005; Valley of New York, AASR; Saint Paul's Conclave Red Cross of Constantine; Mecca Temple, AAONMS; Paumanok Council No. 4 Knight Masons; and Chancellor Livingston Council Allied Masonic Degrees. In addition, he has many Honorary Memberships, including the Honorary Legion of

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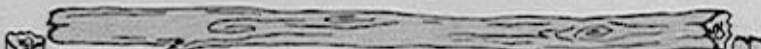

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With the grace of God, they will preserve!

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Masonic Veterans Service Committee


Monroe District
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 Social - 5:30 p.m. Dinner - 6:30 p.m.
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Editor's Corner

How many of the Masters felt like the song popularized by Frank Sinatra, "And now, the end is near; and so I face the final curtain..." I know, from experience, there is a great deal of relief when you finally pass the jewel of the Office to your successor. There is also some feeling of regret as you "fall" from the pinnacle back to the sidelines in your Lodge.

Regardless, these men deserve the esteem and accolades of their Brothers for the time and effort expended for the benefit of the Craft. While I am directing this toward the Masters who have just completed their terms, the feelings should be the same for the Presiding Officer of any of the Concordant Bodies, as well.

One of the duties I ask them to fulfill is to write a column (or have one written) for the Masonic Times each month. In the Monroe District, we have had a high percentage of representation this year. As the Editor, this makes me feel good. There is enough interest to use this publication as a means of corresponding with the Brotherhood. I hope the staff members, who work very hard for a couple of weeks each month, also feel good about the efforts they expend.

Annually, I thank those who have done due diligence; I do that again now, as the baton is passed. Without your support, we would have no text to print, no photos to share...nothing to inform your Lodge Members, or Brothers of other Lodges, of the events and activities you and your Lodge supported throughout the year.

THANK YOU; have a wonderful Summer, and... Thanks for reading.

PLEASE Send us the names, spouses names, addresses, telephone numbers & email addresses of new Officers of your Organization for the Monroe District Masonic Directory as soon as possible. Questions? Call the Masonic Service Bureau Office. THANK YOU. Skip and Jan

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By Donald Darrohn CHARITY

When did Charity start? In this jurisdiction it began when Grand Lodge of New York was established - 1781. To give relief to worthy, distressed Masons, their widows, orphans or other deserving dependents, was one of the very reasons Grand Lodge came into existence.

From the Grand Lodge proceedings of 1941 there was commentary about the difficulty Grand Lodge was having meeting their obligation of support to the then four charities of the Grand Lodge. What's interesting is that most of these charities do not even exist today. They were: Hospital, Outside Relief, Tubercular Relief and the Masonic Home, which is the only one still in existence. Again, quoting from the Proceedings, "The entire viewpoint so far as private charities are concerned has completely changed since their inception long ago by Grand Lodge.

"In those early days anyone needing help, aid or assistance was virtually compelled to look to private benevolence. Today (remember this is 1941) much, if not all, of these problems are being undertaken at public expense by monies raised by taxation which is contributed by everyone. We are witnessing the greatest shifting of personal responsibility in all human experience."

We've come a long way from that situation as described in the Proceedings. At the Grand Lodge level, only one of those four charities still exists. What's really fascinating is the shift that has taken place. For the entire history of Grand Lodge up until the 1950's Charity was a commitment to those of the Craft or family members within the Fraternity. Today, as Masons, we struggle to keep up with the many Masonic Charities that appeal for our dollars.

We are certainly fortunate within the Greater Rochester Area to have the Service Bureau and the beneficial work it accomplishes. The fact that siblings of Masonic families or relationships have, for years, been able to compete for educational aide from the Bureau to further their education attests to the ongoing support for our youth. The Annual Grants made to local charities to support the needy within our community demonstrate the commitment we have to all members of our neighborhoods.

I wonder, at times though, if perhaps we've tried to do too much for too many. Or rather, simply remember the old saying - "Charity begins at home." Have a wonderful Summer!

Charles Waterstreet Appointed Grand Representative

By R. W. Gary Sanford

Charles N. Waterstreet, Jr. was called to the Grand East during Grand Lodge on Tuesday, May 6th, where he received his appointment as Grand Representative of the Grande Loja Maconica do Estado do Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil near the Grand Lodge of New York. This was presented to Charles "Skip" Waterstreet, Jr. by the Most Worshipful Grand Master Neal I. Bidnick.

The Grand Master spoke of Charles' dedication and hard work for the Masonic Service Bureau, the Masonic Times, the District and his Lodge. He was accorded Grand Honors. Charles was then given the opportunity to speak; he did thank everyone and was actually speechless for the first time that I can remember. Congratulations, Skip, on your appointment as Right Worshipful.

More About "Skip"

By Jan Porter

On May 6th, at Grand Lodge Session, Charles N. Waterstreet, Jr. was surprised when escorted to the Grand East by R. W. Gary Sanford, DDGM, to receive an appointment as a Grand Representative.

Most people know Charles, "Skip," as the current Executive Director of the Masonic Service Bureau and Editor of the Masonic Times, but there's a Masonic and professional history I wish to share.

Masonic Information

Skip was Raised in John A. Robertson Lodge in 1964 where he served several terms as Master and currently serves as Treasurer of Craftsman Robertson Lodge since a merger in 1996. Masonic involvement doesn't stop with duties of his Lodge. He was a member of the Valley of Rochester, Scottish Rite, and currently belongs to the Damascus Shriners. Skip always makes time for those Brothers who need assistance, counsel, direction or information.

He serves on the Grand Lodge Committee on Publications (since 2004) and communicates with Grand Lodge and other committees as part of the Masonic News Network.

Admiration and recognition by his Brothers and Masonic organizations is demonstrated by the following honors bestowed upon Charles:

- General Douglas MacArthur Youth Award
• Dedicated Service Award (2004)
• Honorary Legion of Honor, DeMolay International (2007)

J.D. Jackson Outstanding Volunteer Award Recipient

By Jim Ghent

At the 43rd Annual Meeting of the Urban League of Rochester, held at the Rochester Museum and Science Center, Brother Julius D. Jackson, Jr. received the Community Service Award for "Outstanding Volunteer." He received this award for the "contribution of his time, talent and resources that help make Rochester a better place to live."

Brother Jackson founded the Reverend J.D. Jackson, Sr. Memorial Foundation, Inc., a tribute to his father, the late Rev. J.D. Jackson, Sr., which awards scholarships to Theology stu-



Julius D. Jackson, Jr.



Community Involvement

In his early years in Rochester, Skip volunteered in the Rochester Protectives Volunteer Fire Department for 20 years.

As a member of Atonement Lutheran Church he has served as usher, reader, Evangelism Committee, Finance Committee, choir member, photographer and was Treasurer for 10 years.

His love of sports led him down officiating avenues and involvement in International Association of Approved Basketball Officials (1973-1983); Metropolitan Umpires Association (1976-1987), serving as President in 1986 and several terms as Secretary and Assessor; Rochester Youth Hockey League, serving in several positions on the Board of Directors (1984-1997); Rochester Monarchs Junior Hockey Club (1989-1991), Sports Officials of Rochester Area (1990-Present). In 2005, he was recognized in the New York State USSSA Hall of Fame with a Lifetime Achievement Award.

Skip earned an AAS degree from RIT in 1961, and continued his education with night school courses in Graphic Arts, Company training programs and Masonic Educational Courses that include Masonic Development Course and Road to the East.

Photography has always been a foundation of interest, income and records and, as a Retiree of Eastman Kodak Company, it's always been a natural fit and hobby in his community activities. He's still snapping lots of photos at any event he attends.

Skip and his wife of 43 years, Diane, have three married children who have blessed them with six grandchildren. They enjoy any time they can spend together.

Congratulations, Skip, on this appointment. It is well deserved.

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By Cy White, Past Commander

Thank you for the opportunity to be your Commander. I could not have done it without the support of everyone in our Post. Please accept my heartfelt thank you to all.

My congratulations and support to Commander, Dennis Finucane, and his Line Officers on their election. I wish them a most successful year.

To quote Bob Hope's theme song, "Thanks for the Memories."

dents. The Foundation has currently awarded five scholarships to students to attend Colgate Rochester Divinity School. Brother Jackson is the Publisher of "Marching On!" a Rochester newsletter. He's a frequent guest writer for the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle and a Career Development Specialist at Wilson Commencement Park, where he assists in obtaining gainful employment for families to break the cycle of poverty.

Brother Jackson is a member of Eureka Lodge (PHA), where he is currently the Senior Warden. He is the Secretary of Haggai Chapter (PHA) and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. He and his wife Kayla have two sons.



Highlights from Masonic Service Bureau's Widows Luncheon

By Jan Porter

(Photos courtesy of John Dudley)

The Widows Luncheon in April was a very special event and everyone enjoyed renewal of old friendships, great conversation and food. Corsages were pinned on the ladies as they arrived and Lodge members provided escort to the tables.

Twelve Lodges participated this year and 77 widows enjoyed

an afternoon with approximately 60 Lodge Brothers and guests. Check out the pictures we collected from the luncheon.

The Brothers do all they can to contact widows of their respective Lodges, but as situations change, it's difficult to keep up with all widows and some Brothers. Senior living

communities have attracted many people who find themselves alone or starting a new chapter in their lives. The mergers of Lodges have also contributed to losing track of members and widows alike. If you know of any widows who are not hearing from their Lodges, encourage them to get in touch with a

Brother or the Masonic Service Bureau, who will endeavor to assist them in contacting their late husband's Lodge. Then they can be included in special events like this.

Thanks go to Angelo DiCataldo and Herbert Spencer, Co-Chairmen; Damascus Shriners for corsages; Masonic War Veterans Color Guard for present-

ing the Colors; the Chairmen of each Lodge who made the effort to contact their widows and others who helped put the finishing touches on this event - Jan Porter, Linda Zahn, Diane and Skip Waterstreet and Joy Woodley.

As you plan ahead, next year's Widows Luncheon will be at Burgundy Basin again on April 25, 2009.

Grand Lodge

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Honor from the International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay.

R.:W.: Brother Libone and his wife of forty years, Virginia, are parents of two children and have three grandchildren.



R.:W.: W. Bruce Renner, Senior Grand Warden

R.:W.: Brother W. Bruce Renner, a resident of Buffalo, was elected Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. Presiding Officer of seven different Masonic Organizations, Brother Renner is, among many other titles, Past Junior and Senior Grand Deacon and Past Deputy and Grand Marshal.

He is the recipient of the Livingston Medal from Grand Lodge; was the first recipient of the Ezra Ames Medal (Grand Chapter); Knight Commander of the Temple (Grand Commandery); Deputy's Award (Scottish Rite); Honorary Membership; 2004-2006 Metropolitan Deputies Association.

Brother Bruce was Coroneted a 33° Mason by the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and was dubbed a Knight of the York Cross of Honor (York Rite).

His Invitational Memberships include: Red Cross of Constantine; York Rite Sovereign College; Allied Masonic Degrees; Holy Royal Arch Knight Templar Priests; and Societas Rosicruciana in Civitatibus Foederatis.



R.:W.: Thomas McMullin, Junior Grand Warden

The Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of New York for 2008-2009 is R.:W.: Thomas "Tim" McMullin. A retired educator, Brother McMullin is Chairman of the Masonic Student Assistance Training Committee, and serves on the MUNY and Long-Range Planning Committees. Some of his recognitions include in 2003, he was the recipient of the Grand Master's Certificate of Appreciation and was awarded the Chancellor Robert R. Livingston Medal in 2005. R.:W.: McMullin was Appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota Near the Grand Lodge of New York in 2007.

Brother Tim was Raised in St. Mark's-Philetus Lodge No. 1001 in 1988, where he served as Master in 2000 and 2001. He is the current Chaplain. Other Masonic affiliations include: Johnson City-Unity Lodge No. 970; Western Broome Chapter No. 332, RAM; 32° MSA, Valley of Binghamton, AASR; and Past Potentate of Kalurah Shriners.

Elaine and Tim live in Endicott. They have two grown children.

Visiting Dignitaries

Monday morning's open session provided the opportunity to extend greetings to delegations from fourteen Countries,

nineteen States, the District of Columbia, Prince Hall Grand Lodge of New York, Concordant Bodies and Affiliated Organizations. This year was unique in that the World Conference of Grand Masters began in Washington, DC, the day after Grand Lodge sessions ended. Delegates took advantage of their trips to include attendance in New York and/or Massachusetts, which was celebrating the 275th Anniversary of its Grand Lodge the previous weekend.

Grand Lodge Elections

All elections on Tuesday were recorded as a unanimous ballot as unsuccessful opponents for

each Office where there was more than one candidate stepped to the podium and asked that the Grand Secretary be instructed to cast one ballot. This gesture was greeted warmly by the Brethren in attendance.

Business completed, the Hall was converted for the Installation Ceremony and initial remarks from M.:W.: Gilbert.

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As my term as District Deputy is already over, this will be my last article in the *Masonic Times*. I take this opportunity to thank my family - especially my wife, Yvonne, for her support during my two years. My thanks also go to my traveling companion, R.:W.: Ed Carris, for his support, as well as all Past District Deputies and Staff Officers.

Special thanks to R.:W.: Ken Hall for what I likely made a trying time for his work as District Webmaster. To all Masons in the O/S/Y District, I thank you for your support and the opportunity to serve. These past two years have been especially rewarding and such a meaningful experience. It was a pleasure and honor to meet all the fine Brothers around this great District of ours - and I do mean great District. I was concerned that we "only" had 10 of our 13 Lodges (Rushville now merged) represented at Grand Lodge. It turns out that many Districts in our jurisdiction had only one or two Lodges represented at best.

Grand Lodge Trip

This year's Grand Lodge trip was again a wonderful time. The entire trip ran smoothly and without a hitch and the Hospitality Suite provided a great forum for lively discussion. Thanks go to W.: Mark Lowe and W.: Fred Newton for hosting the Hospitality Suite this year. It went well and may have started a new trend - we'll see if they take it again next year!

Fair and Expo

My thanks to all who helped with the O/S/Y Freemasonry Fair and Expo. This won't be easy and I'm going to leave off most of the titles in the interest of space and brevity. Of the Grand Line, thanks to M.:W.: Neal Bidnick, R.:W.: Steve King, R.:W.: Kurt Ott, R.:W.: Al Dais and R.:W.: Gil Savitsky. MSAT - R.:W.: Tim McMullin. MMRL - R.:W.: Steve Zabrisky. Scottish Rite - R.:W.: John Zabel and W.: Phil Trautman. Veterans Service - R.:W.: Tom Paglia and Brother Jack Hilyer.

MCC - Brother Ira Cooperman. ESM and Advice - R.:W.: Ron Bower.

Livingston Library - R.:W.: Tom Savini.

Shrine Clown Unit - Ding-a-Ling (R.:W.: Craig Cobb).

OES - Mary Ruggles, Donna Gibbs, Paul and Carol Ann Farnung (and others).

Camp Turk - R.:W.: Mike Dunn.

Shriners - R.:W.: Lance Ward. Child ID - R.:W.: Ed Miller and R.:W.: Don Elliott.

Rainbow Girls - Dale Gould. Youth Committee - W.: Vern Trickey.

MUNY - R.:W.: Jim Rice. Council - R.:W.: E. William Whittaker.

Commandery - R.:W.: Dave Taber.

Blood Drive - W.: Fred Newton and all the Brothers of Seneca and Pocahontas Lodges.

Special thanks to R.:W.: George Peter and the Brothers from Scipio Lodge for a 46-panel Masonic Display and to the Brothers of Ark Lodge for setting up an entire Lodge Room display. Thanks to R.:W.: Eldon White, R.:W.: Bill Colin, V.:W.: Bill Valois and all the O/S/Y Association Brothers for their help and support before, during and after the event.

Our grateful appreciation goes to W.: Bruce Huey and W.: Mark Lowe for the popcorn machine. Thanks to all the O/S/Y Lodges that helped.

Last but not least, thanks to my entire family: Yvonne, Emily, Andrea, my mother, Nancy, and father R.:W.: and Rev. Ralph Locke for their help.

I apologize if I have left anyone out. If you helped on this O/S/Y Fair, you know who you are and you can be sure we will be calling you for help on the next one! Thanks again!

From the New DDGM

By Ronald B. Galens

It is an honor and privilege to be appointed DDGM of O/S/Y District, representing the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Edward Gilbert. I will be contacting all Officers of the District to make plans for the ensuing year.

Feel free to contact me anytime for assistance, comments or suggestions. If you are having a special event of some sort, please let me know ahead of time and I will plan on attending.

"TEAM WORK" is one of the themes for this year. Let's all work together and have a fun and productive year. Contact me at:

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Well, Brothers, Milnor Lodge has had an exciting season! We've enjoyed ten dinners together, an evening of Masonic Music, a Table Lodge, an evening of Robert Burns Poetry, a presentation by Worshipful Brother Ken Lisenbee, a Hobby Night, an Awards Night, and a 1st and 2nd Degree for a new Candidate with a shared 3rd Degree on the Trestleboard for June.

In addition, our Temple building in Victor was sold, and we have taken temporary "residence" at Canandaigua Lodge in Shortsville. A Building Fund has been established in memory of R.:W.: David Maltman, which continues to grow.

My thanks to my Brothers for their support and help during the past season, especially to R.:W.: Eldon White for his support, advice, friendship and listening ear.

I'll close with a poem that was written by Brother and Reverend Dr. Magill, Rector of St. Paul's Church in Peru, Illinois. It reportedly was written shortly after a lady asked him "Are You a Mason?" It is thought to have been written in the mid- to late-1800s.

"Are You a Mason?"

*I am one of a band,
Who will faithfully stand,
In the bonds of affection and love;
I have knocked at the door,
once wretched and poor,
And there for admission I stood.*

*By the help of a friend,
Who assistance did lend,
I succeeded an entrance to gain;
Was received in the West,
By command from the East,
But not without feeling some pain.
Here my conscience was taught,
With a moral quite fraught,
With sentiments hold and true;
The onward I traveled,
To have it unraveled,
What Hiram intended to do.
Very soon to the East,
I made my request,
And "light" by command did attend;
When lo! I perceived,
In due form revealed,
A Master, and Brother, and
Friend.*

*For the widow distressed,
There's a cord in my breast,
For the helpless and orphan I feel:
And my sword I could draw,
To maintain the pure law,
Which the duties of a Mason
reveal.*

*Thus have I revealed,
(Yet wisely concealed),
What the "free and accepted"
will know.
I am one of a band,
Who will faithfully stand,
As a Brother, wherever I go.*

And so, my Brothers, I pray you have a healthy, safe and enjoyable Summer season.

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By Clayton Ruggles

Brethren, another year is almost over. It was a successful year. Our dinners were profitable and mostly a lot of fun. Our water problem in the driveway has been taken care of and the construction of the shed has begun. A couple of small items have to be done over the Summer, but other than that, all is well.

June 3rd will be the Installation of Officers. Please try to attend and meet your new Officers and show support and give confidence.

The Steak Roast will be June 17th. Please let myself or R.:W.: Robert Ruggles know if you are attending. We need a headcount so we get enough food. Feel free to bring a friend; the more the merrier.

Over the Summer, our new Master would like to hold rehearsals to keep our Ritual up to par. He will contact the new Officers after the Election.

In a parting note, again I thank all who have helped me make this tenure an enjoyable and successful two years. We've

Raised several new Brothers and they are adding a lot of energy and help to the Lodge. To all who have guided, helped and supported me, again I say THANK YOU.

Have a great and safe Summer, may God Bless.

From the Secretary

The Brothers of Garoga-Sincerity Lodge congratulate Brother Galens on his appointment as District Deputy Grand Master for the Ontario/Seneca/Yates District. We wish him well and offer our support and encouragement in his new position.

June Birthdays

Ranse Brooks (1st), John Sherman (7th), Donald Fridley (9th), Dan Guth, Paul McIntyre, and Kenneth Pedersen (11th), Tom Pardington (16th), Aaron Dell (19th), George Landstrom (22nd), Bill Goodman (24th), and Barney Wandell (29th).

July Birthdays

Rodney Wolfe (2nd), Ken Gibbs (7th), Ronald VanCamp (9th), Ernie Bishop (12th), Chris Howard (17th), Nick Day (29th), Rick Kauder (30th) and Robert Hines (31st).

August Birthdays

Ken Overslaugh and Fred Wheeler (3rd), Gary Curtiss (19th), John Carney (23rd), Shawn Grube (24th), and Kenneth Carpenter and David Williams (26th).

Masonic Anniversaries

June

1948 - Harold Bloser
1953 - David Retchless
1958 - Lloyd Akin
1959 - Roy Farnsworth and Elmer Smith
1972 - Larry Gelder
1976 - Lowell Fenkey
1996 - Peter Cheney

July

1958 - David Williams

Eagle

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The 227th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge has passed and another Masonic Year is winding down. I take this opportunity to thank the Brethren for allowing me to be your Master this year. It was an enjoyable year for me. I also thank the Officers for stepping up and helping.

Our June 10th meeting will be the Hotdog Roast, Sport Shirt Night. It's usually a good time and a more relaxed meeting for our new Master.

Our Steak Roast is coming up on June 21st. We will need help that day.

I thank the Brethren again for electing me last year.

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Master's Message

Brethren, my year as Master of Ark Lodge is coming to an end. The greatest honor that can happen to a Mason is to be Master of his Lodge. I have been blessed nine different times (1969, 1964, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2007 and 2008). A little fiction and fact about Ark Lodge; there have been 99 Past Masters since 1807. Richard Hogarth served Ark Lodge fourteen times, I have served nine times (2nd most). When a Master of a Lodge takes the oath of Office, he has obligated himself to the welfare and goodness of his Lodge for the next year. For me, it has been a work of Masonic love, whereby I have tried to preach and teach the Brothers what Masonry is all about. As this is my 70th message in the *Masonic Times*, let me say it has been a labor of love. To my way of thinking, Masonry is a way of life that has to be lived, not only in the Lodge, but the family and in the community...where the rich and poor, high and low, all live on the same human and Masonic level.

I am deeply aware of all those Officers and Past Masters who have contributed so heavily to the goodness and wonderfulness of the past year. Past Masters Charles Rouse, Tom Abraham, Lance Ward, Jed Brandow, Robert Mattick, Howard Colegrove, Steve Goebert, Roger Haich and Robert Keeton, and the other Brothers, Peter Einset, Terry Trenchard, Tom Bryan and Tom Smart, who have served as Offic-

ers, I thank you so much for all you have given.

The year has gone by so quickly - the Investiture Service; the Installation of Officers; Brother Bring-a-Friend Night; the 200th Anniversary Gala with the Grand Master and Grand Line attending; the O/S/Y Memorial Service and Communion Service and Breakfast; our wonderful Christmas Party; Christmas Packages delivered to Senior Citizens; honoring our History Students from Geneva and DeSales High Schools; O/S/Y Widows Luncheon; Brotherhood Fund Campaign; O/S/Y Masonic Expo and Fair introducing the public to twenty-seven Masonic Bodies; and our Blood Drive for the Red Cross. Wow! Thank you all for your support and help.

My hope is you will give even more support to your new Master-Elect, Tom Smart. The Master's Gavel is an emblem of an absolute authority. I will pass it on to my successor, where it will be used wisely and prudently. I trust that the Brothers who have seen me in action will record in kindness, "A job well done in the East."

Dates to Remember

- June 18th - Installation of Officers
- June 21st - St. Johns' Day in Utica
- September 17th - Regular Communication

Masons Meet, Act and Part

The O/S/Y Widows Luncheon in April was attended by spouses Barbara Merrill and Margaret Crane, along with Clara and me. It was a beautiful Luncheon and Program.

I attended Grand Lodge Sessions in New York City, for the twelfth time, where M.: W.: Edward G. Gilbert was installed as the new Grand Master. Amidst much politics, the Grand Line was also Elected, Appointed and Installed. New York is a great place to visit and a greater place from which to escape.

All the Grand Lodge information and Annual Reports was given to the Lodge for Brothers to look over, if there is interest. The most surprising number is that there are 50,000 Brothers in New York State. In 1955, we had 350,000 Brothers. We are now down to 590 Lodges.

The O/S/Y District Masonic Memorial Service included these Brothers from our Lodge: J. Andrew Foster; Richard Lumpkin; Stanley Welty, Jr.; William Kashouty; Dr. John Stelter; Harry George; and John Warder. God Bless them all!

Our \$100 Award to the best History Student at Geneva High School was presented on May 28th.

The Brotherhood Fund Campaign ended last month. As of this writing, we had twenty Brothers donate a total of \$865. The following Brothers were raised in the month of June: Jed Brandow, Thomas Bryan, Gerald Ditzell, Kenneth Gregory, Paul Peters, Edward Roe and Laurence Wetherbee.

Include in your prayers for good health, Brothers: Joseph Michaels, Horace Riddle, Lloyd

Hilimire, Ramon Baroody, Tom Bryan, Ray Smith and Max Kaufman.

Looking at my notes I find a quote from the late Brother Charles E. Ringer. He said, "In my opinion, Masonry is the tie that binds all men." For eleven years, Brother Ringer never missed a Lodge meeting from the time he was Junior Master of Ceremony until he became Master. My 54 years in Masonry has been inspired by Brother Ringer's 53 years.

I received this note from Brother and Reverend Richard Hart: *Dear Brother Anthony. Thank you for the beautiful tribute to me that you wrote in the April issue of the Masonic Times. When I saw it, I thought that I had died and gone to heaven. Your words were most kind, and most laudatory than I deserve. I have read your columns in the Masonic Times regularly, and have always found them most interesting and informative.*

Your contributions to Ark Lodge and Freemasonry are, and have been, most outstanding. May God continue to bless you.

W.: Charles Rouse said, "Under Sickness and Distress, I put the name of Ark Lodge," which all the precious Brothers and Officers discussed at our meeting. The Secretary, V.: W.: Lance Ward, and I decided to send a card to all Ark Lodge Brothers. "Your Lodge needs your immediate input on this card," per our discussion at our April Communication. Let us know your thoughts and ideas, as we plan the coming year under our new Master.

R.: W.: James Rice, (585) 554-6032, needs help from the Brothers to jump-start the Dr. John Stelter Masonic Club Study Program. Please call him if you can assist with this project.

This Summer, our new Master will hand out Service Award Certificates and Pins to the following Brothers: Anthony Khoury - 55 years; Howard Colegrove - 50 years; Joseph Hessney, Sr. - 40 years; Larry Wetherbee - 35 years; Edward George - 30 years; and Joseph Michaels - 25 years. All Brothers and their wives are invited to attend the presentations. The site, date and time will be announced later.

Thank you so much!


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I humbly extend an invitation to all my Brothers, near and far, to join us this Summer. For the third consecutive year, we will continue to meet during July and August, coat and tie not required.

July 7th will be our Family Picnic, and guests are more than welcome. Bring a dish-to-pass and a friend. Meats, rolls and beverages will be provided. Please RSVP to the Lodge Secretary at 394-6829.

Peace and health, my Brothers.

District Deputy Grand Master Wayne District



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The theme of our newly installed Grand Master, the Most Worshipful Edward G. Gilbert is "Lead With Your Heart." In that vain, Wayne District will be led for the next two years with all the "heart," hope, caring and encouragement that can be afforded by both the Grand Steward, R.: W.: F. Edward (Ted) Powley, and myself. We both hope to be as visible as time will allow.


It is our hope to start the District with the proper education courses, but we need your attendance at all the Masters and Wardens Meetings. Events will be planned in the District. Communications will come from both of us and are essential if this District is to prosper, and it will - BELIEVE me! Our first kick-off meeting was the Investiture Service. During the Summer months, as your Master and Secretary become aware of more events, it is their responsibility to keep you informed.

My Brothers, I am here to serve the Grand Master as your District Deputy. That being said, I also want to serve you in any capacity I can. The Grand Master has said there will be no new programs, but an expansion of older programs that have

proven successful. There will be one, in particular, to be unveiled at St. John's Day Weekend, June 20th - 22nd. It is both Ted's and my desire to see as many of the Wayne District Brothers attend on Saturday (the 21st) as possible.

I ask you to feel free to contact me at any time. My address, and phone numbers are listed, as well as my email address. I would hope that those of you who do receive this message, and future messages will please share them with your Lodge. There is only one Lodge in the District that subscribes to the **Masonic Times**, many of you receive it through the concordant bodies to which you belong. We are all messengers for the good of Freemasonry. Help us to promote the District, so it may become stronger, and show the pride we, in Wayne County, share.

Grand Steward Wayne District



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As your new Grand Lodge Staff Officer, I am here to help the Masters and Lodges of the Wayne District in any way I can. You may contact me at home or work.

As your Grand Steward, my main task is Education and Training. You may ask, "What about membership retention?"


to which I say, "That's what training is all about." I will be explaining all the programs our Grand Lodge offers to train our members and Officers. Do you know and understand *LSOME*, the *MDC*, and the *Road to the East* programs? Does your Lodge provide "24-Inch Gauge" books to your Officers, encourage them to attend District meetings, enroll in training programs and to travel in the District, Region and State? These are just a few of the things I hope to make all Masters aware of and use to make the coming year a most enjoyable and successful one.

As men are joining our Lodges, we must make sure we make them feel welcome and involve them in our Lodge beyond just the meetings. Did you know that each new member should have a mentor assigned for at least their first year? Does your Lodge do the "Walk-About" program at their first regular meeting to explain the Officers' stations and duties and Masonic customs? If not, I can help.

Masonic education can offer the Master topics for many programs. Even a Masonic minute can spark someone's interest and enthusiasm for supporting your Lodge's activities. Don't forget to involve spouses, family, widows and friends whenever you can. Many just don't know how they can participate with us.

I look forward to seeing you at the Installations throughout the District in June and many events during the Summer months. Do you need help with your Trestleboard? Call me. An Officers' planning meeting? Call me.

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"What? No Train?" I couldn't resist that comment, which was from another time and place. We recently returned from the Grand Lodge Meeting in New York City on May 5th and 6th. On the trip home, as we followed the shoreline of the Hudson, I wrote these notes pertaining to our weekend in New York. The Lake Shore Limited glided smoothly over the steel ribbons of rail and we arrived home in Rochester only five minutes late.

What images do the following bring to you - Empire State Building, Radio City Music Hall, Little Italy, the Circle Line Cruise Tour, Patti LaBelle, Diana Ross, Gladys Knight, Grand Masters from Alaska, India, France, Italy, Spain and many American Jurisdictions, a thousand Masons packed into Grand Lodge. Those and more images were what we experienced during that weekend in New York.

We arrived on Saturday and, after getting settled, George Todd, George Fohner and Gary Sanford decided to journey to Little Italy on Mulberry Street for dinner. After a great meal, we took a cab to the Empire State Building to go to the top and see the City spread out below us. Unfortunately, by the time multitudes of people made the ascent, we were informed the visibility was zero. We continued on and were greeted by volumes of clouds; you couldn't see five feet let alone miles. But, it was still a great experience.

On Sunday night, the Masonic Research Laboratory celebrated their 50th Anniversary by hosting a concert at Radio City Music Hall. The *Divas With Heart* was outstanding; people were literally dancing in their seats and in the aisles. Gladys Knight opened the show and within five minutes had the audience of more than 5,000 in her hand. Her last song, "Midnight Train to Georgia" brought everyone to their feet. Patti LaBelle had the same effect and Diana Ross brought emotion from everyone. They sang their hearts out with their most memorable songs on a great night that was shared with the public.

The 227th Communication of Grand Lodge convened on Monday morning and almost 1,000 Master Masons met in the Grand Lodge Hall. We shared one common belief - we were a Band of Brothers and met on the level for business for the next two days. Also, we changed the "watch" - both on a State and District level. I thank R.:W.: Gary Sanford for his wise counsel, R.:W.: G. Thomas Grape for his leadership, and both for their friendship over the past two years.

The leadership and work that was completed during R.:W.: Sanford's term will be a strong impetus for the incoming "Team" to work towards.

Theme

I have chosen a theme for the next two years - "Always on the Level." Our beloved Craft has many facets and wherever we go, whatever we do, I expect all of you to always be on the level in your daily activities.

Vision Statement

Our Vision Statement is "To Strengthen, Enhance and Nurture Masonry in the Monroe District."

Mission Statement

Our Mission Statement, which helps clarify our field of work, is:

- To help build by providing leadership, guidance, direction and education.
- To serve as a beacon for those who truly seek further light in Masonry.
- To bring Brothers together through purposeful programming and socialization.

Here is "The New Team"

R.:W.: Derek E. VanHouten, District Deputy Grand Master

R.:W.: Mike Nohle, Grand Steward

R.:W.: George Todd, Grand Steward

V.:W.: Ronald Bryant, Assistant Grand Lecturer

V.:W.: Harry DeHollander, Assistant Grand Lecturer.

We look forward to meeting and greeting you. We are excited for the Monroe District as there are and will be many opportunities for all of us in the next two years.

Seeing that this is the last issue until September, we of the Monroe Leadership Team wish all of you a safe and enjoyable Summer.

Thank you for your time and as Red Skelton said, "May God bless."

Grand Steward

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I am honored and excited to have been appointed as one of your Grand Lodge Staff Officers for the next two years. I am also proud to be teamed with our new District Deputy Grand Master and fellow Grand Steward. Together, I believe we will be a strong team. I am looking forward to the implementation of our Educational Programs, visiting Lodges, and getting to know many more of you. Following are a few beginning thoughts to ponder.

Light in Masonry

"Freemasonry makes good men better." Wow, what a statement! What does this really mean to you? Let me share with you what it means to me. How does Freemasonry make a good man better? What do our Degrees teach us?

They teach us we should always be actively engaged in the pursuit of knowledge. Over the ages, light has been a symbol of knowledge. So it is in our teachings. Light in Masonry, to me, represents all knowledge and information as well as that which pertains to Freemasonry. Freemasonry teaches us to aspire to become omniscient and perfect although we know that only God can truly be so.

Our Ritual teaches us that, as Masons, we should always pursue the attainment of knowledge and "apply it to the discharge of our duties to God, our neighbor and ourselves." I interpret this bit of our Ritual to mean that, as Masons, we should be as learned about our Craft as is Masonically possible and be as educated about our world and universe as is humanly possible.

In this way we may truly "enjoy a happy reflection consequent on a well spent life." A life well spent by having learned all we can and having shared the wisdom of our years for the benefit of our Brothers and all the world around us.

Masonic Education

As your Staff Officers, we are responsible to help provide education specific to our Craft. I am extremely passionate about the importance of this and would like to briefly share with you why. Think of the newly Raised Brother who was never encouraged to learn his Q&A or hasn't had *LSOME* or *MDC* presented to him. As he attends Lodge, he may be uncomfortable and even be intimidated by those who are so much more worldly than him regarding Freemasonry. He may not understand the significance of giving signs and the significance of our symbols. Also, he hasn't really completely traveled the same road as many of the Brothers around him. As a result he may not feel strongly bonded to his Brothers, he may not be active in his Lodge and he may not be capable of correctly articulating the principles and ideals of Freemasonry out in the greater world.

Mentoring

The most important first step of a Brother's Masonic education is the mentoring process. It should never be represented to a candidate that it is easy to become a Mason. The truth is, it should be and is a difficult process which requires significant effort on the parts of both the candidate and his mentor.

In this way, a newly Raised Master Mason may enjoy a feeling of great accomplishment and pride which strengthens the bond he feels with other Masons. The more he knows and understands our principles and ideals, the more he will be able to contribute to his Lodge and to our wonderful Fraternity. Also, the more he will be capable of representing Freemasonry in a positive and accurate light out in the world. Mentors have the first opportunity to lead a candidate to this end and should take this responsibility very seriously.

LSOME and MDC

These educational programs which are intended to be applied at the individual Lodge level, help build on the achievement of being Raised and what is learned in that process. Along with the Degrees, they are foundational to the spiritual edifice this new Brother will endeavor to build. They further his bond to our Fraternity and his ability to reflect to the world the beneficent influence of our great Craft.

Summary

I therefore ask for your support in the implementation of proper mentoring and our educational programs geared toward our candidates and new Brothers. Together we truly can make good men better through enlightenment and education. ✖

Grand Steward

Monroe



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As this is my first article as one of the Grand Stewards for the Monroe District, let me give you some information about myself. I live at 372 Martin Road in Hamlin, living there approximately 12 years. I served nine years as a Town Council person in the Town of Hamlin and have been very active in community organizations such as the Lions Club, VFW, American Legion, Kendall School Board and Lifetime Assistance.

I am a Past Master of Clío Lodge, located in Hilton, and Past President of the Masters and Wardens Association.

I am employed at Regional Transit Services, Inc. in Rochester. Professionally, I have always been a Team Player and see no reason not to be the same as a District Staff Officer.

Mission

As District Staff Officers, our mission is to promote Masonic Education. We accomplish this task with the *Masonic Development Course* and *Road to the East* and, once in a while, questions in this article. Yes, I have taken those Courses. I would strongly encourage those who want to learn more about Masonry to avail themselves of these Courses. Even if you have been a Mason for many years or have taken the courses in the past, things change over time and our memory may not be as good as it has been in the past. If you only take home one new idea, that's one you didn't have prior to the Course.

I am, and will always be, a strong proponent of mentoring. I have been able to advance throughout life only because of the guidance given by mentors. I truly believe mentoring is a vital part of the educational process.

A Monthly Question

I will be posing questions in my articles and will provide the answer in the next month's article. What's the prize? Knowing that you got the correct answer and having bragging rights. An added benefit will be discussion within the Craft. If you could not guess the answer then maybe one of the educational programs would be of value.

This month's question ... "Can an Entered Apprentice or Fellowcraft be present during a Lodge's business meeting?" Yes, but he can't vote. I was Raised in Social Lodge in the Niagara/Orleans District. The Lodge would Open and Close on the 3rd Degree, but would be lowered to the Degree of the new Brothers to do the business of the Lodge. What did I gain? My interest for the Fraternity was kept at a high level. I was welcomed as a part of the group from the very start. Attending Lodge meetings became a habit from the very start of my Masonic career.

We, as District Officers are here to Lead, Assist and be a Resource for the Lodges. All of us are part

of "Team Monroe." If we can be assistance, don't hesitate to contact R.:W.: Derek VanHouten, R.:W.: Mike Nohle or me. ✖

Area 15 Brotherhood Fund

R.:W.:
Derek VanHouten
Monroe District

At the recent Grand Lodge Meeting in New York City, the R.:W.: Robert Stack, Chairman of the Brotherhood Fund Campaign, reported as of April 28th, \$1,610,204.41 had been collected from 11,000 contributors or 22 percent of the members. While the dollar amount is very impressive, could you imagine what could be accomplished if 50% had given?

The Campaign is over for this year, but in October another will begin. I compliment all the Lodge Chairmen for their tireless efforts in helping to reach this goal in the Area 15 Jurisdiction and to all the Brothers and friends who saw fit to reach into their pockets and gave. ✖

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As this is my last article as President of the Masters & Wardens Association, it has been an honor for me. I wish the very best for all the incoming Officers for the ensuing year.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 18th at 7 p.m. A number of Brothers come early for dinner and to socialize. All new Masters and Wardens should attend this meeting. This is your opportunity to discuss items of interest for the District. If dissatisfied concerning meeting times, dates and places this will be your opportunity to voice those concerns. As stated in my previous article, W.: Warren Patterson has suggested moving the meeting dates.

If you see R.:W.: Charles "Skip" Waterstreet, (yes it's Right Worshipful), congratulate him on his new and well-deserved commission. I would add my personal thanks for not making me feel as if I was a bother to him. Your voice always had a smile in it when I called.

In closing, let me share one of my experiences from Grand Lodge. Picture this ... four grown intelligent men (two of whom were District Officers), standing in line for hours for the opportunity for a view from the top of the Empire State Building. Cost: \$18. We were warned there was "ZERO" visibility from the 86th floor. Once we arrived at the 86th floor guess what? "Zero" visibility. Cost: Priceless.

It wasn't about the journey. It was all about Brotherly love and hanging out with each other. What mattered was being among friends. ✖



R. W. Donald Tubman and his crew of volunteers set up and operated a Child ID program at the Red Cross Children's Health Fair in Henrietta. Eureka, Fairport-Flower City, Oatka, Unity and Webster Lodges participated. (Photos by John Dudley)

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By Don Tubman

John Dudley took pictures of the very successful Child ID Program last month at the Red Cross Children's Health Fair on John Street, Henrietta. Several Lodges were represented and trained including Eureka, Fairport, Oatka, Webster and Unity Lodges.

For the remainder of the year, we would like to schedule as many events as possible and team again with fire departments, the police and, of course, all the Lodges and Concordant Bodies.

We hope to reach those children who are not involved in the school CHIP events and probably the most at risk. (The Monroe County Sheriff's Office and Rochester Police Department have an aggressive in-school child identification program.)

Please think of opportunities where this can be done. If you are holding a Health Fair at your Lodge or your community is hosting a festival where you feel we could implement a CHIP event, feel free to contact us.

As time permits, we would like to offer our program to Senior Citizens in nursing homes. Some nursing home administrators have identified the need to us.

Upcoming CHIP Events
June 14th - Union Star
June 20th - Valley-Simes
July 12th - Webster

Information about the Masonic ID Program is available online at <http://nychip.org>.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with the program and would like each Lodge to designate a Lodge Coordinator.

We can be reached most easily by email to schedule an event at daturman@yahoo.com or rcdowns@rochester.rr.com. (Or call me at 889-4725.)

The Monroe District is working with Fairport-Flower City and Unity Lodge to raise funds to purchase additional computer units, which at this time are priced at about \$2,600. "

**Monroe District
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To my fellow Secretaries and Assistant Secretaries of the Monroe District. The next meeting of the Secretary's Association of the Monroe District will be on Saturday morning, October 25th at the Damascus Shrine Center starting at 9 a.m.

At our last meeting, I was privileged to be the lead speaker. I gave out a packet of information that, hopefully, helped some of you. The MORI System is getting much easier to use. I have invited Mark Menard to come and give us some instructions on the

MORI System and answer any questions. He has marked the date on his calendar and will try to be here. In his absence, two topics I will be prepared to talk about is using MORI for your Budgets and also for Dues. However, this is your meeting. If you have a topic of interest, please feel free to let me know so I can be prepared to discuss it.

Lastly, if any Secretaries of other Districts wish to come, you are most welcome. Just let us know you will be there so we can have enough space and coffee on hand. You can reach me at 334-7493, email: hspence1@rochester.rr.com or by contacting our District Deputy Grand Master for Monroe District, R. W. : Derek Van-Houten, at 247-2920; email: hooter95@rochester.rr.com. "

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By Doug Jones

First, I welcome Brother James. On May 8th, the Brethren traveled to Union Lodge for his 3rd Degree. Thanks to everyone who came. What a great event!

The night started with a great Meatloaf Dinner and Dessert, followed by a flawless Degree. The Brothers of Union Lodge really worked hard to make this an event Brother James would not forget. At the same meeting we welcomed five other new Brothers from two counties.

Upcoming Events

The Strawberry Social is set for June 12th. Bring your families to this event. There will be plenty of strawberries and whipped cream with just a short meeting to follow. This will be the last regular meeting until Fall.

I'm in the planning stages for the Summer Picnic, so stay tuned. My Trestleboard is filling fast and I expect a very enlightening year to follow.

Sickness and Distress

Please keep Mrs. Foster, wife of John Foster and mother to Dave Foster, in your prayers as she is still recovering from a fall.

Technology

I'm still collecting Brothers' email addresses; please send to Doug.Jones@RCSDK12.org and identify on Subject line, "Fame Brother." A big thanks to those who have already sent it.

From the Secretary

By Dave Foster

Great things are happening at your Lodge! We Raised several new Brothers this year so far and are looking forward to another class in the Fall! As we are going into our Summer break, please think about any friends or relatives who you might encourage to be part of this next class. It would be wonderful to have a large group going through together.

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50-years Jack M. Dewaal (left) by John Rehbach.



Eugene Hutter (center) 50-years from John Rehbach and Keith Moore.

On another note, just a few housekeeping chores - please advise me of any address changes as soon as possible so I can get the information into the system quickly and you won't miss any important items. Also, there are several Brothers who have yet to remit their 2008 Dues. Your attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated!

Have a safe and happy Summer. See you in the Fall! "

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Widows Luncheon

The 2008 Widows Luncheon, held on April 26th, was a very successful occasion. I am sure this publication will cover the details. Let me add a few comments and observations.

A very large thank you to Jan Porter of the Masonic Service Bureau. Her patience and perseverance is what made this event a big success. Thanks also to Skip Waterstreet. I am sure he helped a little, too.

We also appreciate all the ladies and men who served as

drivers for the day. One particular note while on this subject ... there is one Mason who was specifically requested by some of the ladies for this task. He could only fit five ladies into his car of which one was his understanding wife, Alice. Other ladies had to settle for someone else. Next time you see R. W. : Gene Brendel, maybe you should ask him what his secret is.

Bottom line to all this is, that the luncheon went off very well and thanks to all who helped.

Installations

Your Lodge should be installing new Officers soon. I hope you can attend your Lodge Installation and meet your new Officers. The Master of your Lodge has worked on his Trestleboard for the new Lodge year and is anxious for your participation to make this a great year.

Hope to see you in Lodge. "

**Reminder - Next Deadline for the
Masonic Times is August 10th!**

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By R.: W.: Skip Waterstreet

You have read, or will read, elsewhere in this issue that I had the honor of being designated as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Grande Loja Maconica do Estado do Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil, near the Grand Lodge of New York. It was an awesome experience, receiving Grand Honors from the hundreds of Brothers attending the 227th Annual Communication, and definitely something I will never forget. I hope I prove worthy of this appointment. My thanks to all who had any part in my receiving this title, which includes you, my Brothers of Craftsman Robertson Lodge, for whom I have willingly labored in the quarries.

It was at this Session that R.: W.: Derek E. VanHouten received his official appointment as the District Deputy Grand Master for Monroe District.

Since I was in New York City when our last meeting was held, I can only report to you what was conveyed to me...nothing truly exciting happened. That will not be the case over the next month.

June Events

On the 3rd, we will hold our Public Installation of Lodge Officers. There will be a Roast Beef Dinner at 6:30 p.m., with the Ceremony beginning about 7:30 p.m. The charge for Dinner is \$10 per person, with Chef Supreme Joy Woodley doing the honors. This will be another event where a reservation made, is a reservation paid. You should hear from the Calling Committee. If, for some reason you do not, please give me a call.

W.: Kenneth Schumacher expects to ascend to the East again. The Officers were elected after this article had to be submitted, so I won't list any other names at this time. He has not presented his Trestleboard yet, so be sure to attend this meeting and learn what he has in store for the ensuing year.

The Apron Presentation Dinner will be on Saturday, June 7th. It would be wonderful if we could generate a good turnout to help our Brother, R.: W.: Derek VanHouten, begin his term as District Deputy.

Also receiving Aprons will be R.: W.: Michael Nohle and R.: W.: George Todd, who both have been appointed Grand Stewards. Sponsored by the Masonic Service Bureau, this catered dinner will feature a choice of Chicken French or Prime Rib for the \$20 ticket price.

This also will be an opportunity to show your gratitude for the dedicated service to the Monroe District of R.: W.: Gary Sanford, R.: W.: G. Thomas Grape and R.: W.: VanHouten (even though he is on duty again) over the past two years. These men have labored long and hard for us and richly deserve our

thanks. Please call Jan or me at the MSB Office, 671-9730 to make your reservation.

Sunday afternoon, June 8th, at 2:30 p.m. there will be a Dedication Ceremony for the new building at Camp DeMolay in the Village of Sodus Point. This would be a terrific opportunity to view the Camp, if you have never been there before, or observe the changes that have been and are being made to this beautiful facility. W.: Ralph Jurgens has spent considerable time out there on projects, as I have, and we hope you will be enthusiastic about the upgrades in progress. Car-pooling is recommended. You can meet at the Shrine Center in Webster at 1:30 p.m. to share rides. Call the Service Bureau at 671-9730 to put your name on the list for a ride, or if you plan to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

Our last meeting of the Masonic year will be on June 17th, our traditional "Sport Shirt Night." Lodge will open as usual at 7:30 p.m. It will be the first opportunity for the Officers to work in their new positions. Come out and give them your support.

Summer

We will take the month of July off, as far as I know right now. On August 16th, you are invited to join us for our Annual Picnic. We will go to Channing Philbrick Park (formerly Linear Park) in Penfield. Everybody seemed to enjoy our private function last year better than combining with other groups, which we did for a couple of years.

We will need reservations so we know how many steaks to order (or chicken or hamburgers/hotdogs).

I don't have a clue as to how much the price will be yet, but we will try to keep it in the \$10-\$12 range. I will not be sending out flyers any more. The price of postage is getting ridiculous. Please mark your calendar now, while you are reading about it. We will plan on using the Calling Committee to solicit reservations in early August.

Sickness and Distress

I haven't heard lately of the need of our aid or sympathy. I'm hoping that W.: Clifford Hayner continues to mend well; Brother Rene VanDeVeire continues his progress from some medical issues; Brother John Hughes is healing slowly. Others who need your prayers for good health include Brothers Charles Freida, William Hook, Glenwood Ide, Ralph Jurgens, Duane King, Arnold Raymond, Paul Robertson, John Shannon, William Shelby, Richard Smith and Leon VanHuben.

Dues

Thirteen Brothers still have not paid their Dues, and we could sure use the money. It would also help to clean up the records as W.: David King expects to vacate the position this month. If you are experiencing difficulties, please call him: 545-5129. The Lodge has no way of knowing of financial or health issues you might have unless you tell us.

As usual, we acknowledge all the Summer birthdays in this issue. With good wishes to all, here they are:

June Birthdays

Thomas Benson (2nd); Vincent Costanzo (5th); Alan Goodrich (6th); John Brown (13th) Philip McCaskill (15th); Ralph Jurgens (25th); Kenneth Mertz (26th); George Reiber (27th); Charles Strickland (28th);

Paul Abbey and Michael Schum (29th); and Leonard Schmeer.

July Birthdays

Charles Waterstreet (4th); Russell Rines (6th); Charles Howell (7th); Franklin Suhr (8th); Paul Lockhart (12th); David King (14th); William Hook (19th); Wesley Trendell (21st) Sidney Horton (22nd); Arnold Ford (25th); David Lerner and Eugene White (28th); Rene VanDeVeire (29th).

August Birthdays

Terry L. King (5th); Barry Traub (7th); Malcolm Nulton (14th); Kenneth Pearce (14th); Albert Neracker and Kenneth Schumacher (20th); James Causey, William Shelby and Herbert Young (21st); Duane Smith (24th); Warren Doerrer and Nicholas Eull (25th).

For those of you who will not be able to attend the June activities, have a wonderful Summer and, hopefully, we will see you in September. The 2nd will be our first meeting after the break. I don't have details at this writing, but if we have a special program, the Calling Committee will be in touch.

See you in Lodge.

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By Bill Flesher, Master-Elect

The Regular Communication of Oatka Lodge on May 14th was a busy night. The Election of the Lodge Officers was completed along with the Officers of the Masonic Guild, who owns our building. Our guest speaker, Ed Fiandach, an attorney familiar with DWI laws, was unable to attend this closed meeting, but Brother Erik Crandall will invite him to speak at another meeting.

New Elected Officers

Let me give you a brief background on our newly Elected Officers. Our Master for the ensuing year will be Brother Bill Flesher. Bill affiliated with our Lodge last year after being Raised in Horseheads Old Oak Lodge. He held the Offices of Marshal and Senior Deacon before coming to Oatka where he was the Junior Warden for the past year.

W.: Tim White will hold the Office of Senior Warden. Brother Tim has been the Master of our Lodge twice (2005 and 2006). He has been a member of Oatka Lodge for eight years.

As for the Office of Junior Warden, Brother Brennan Coon continues his advancement through the Chairs after being the Senior Deacon for the past year. Brother Brennan affiliated with Oatka Lodge from Fairport-Flower City Lodge, where he maintains a Dual Membership.

Brother Erik Crandall, who has been doing a fine job in the Office of Secretary, will again hold that position. I know the Brothers of our Lodge really appreciate the fine work he is doing.

Brother Evar Miller has filled the Office of Lodge Treasurer and Brother Rob Wise will continue as Treasurer of the Masonic Guild of Scottsville. I am

sure Brother Miller will do a fine job and Brother Wise appreciates the help with the finances. Our Trustees are W.: Brother Larry Blazey, Brother Rob Wise and W.: Brother Rich Fimbel.

Appointed Officers

The Appointed Officers of the Lodge are:
Sr. Deacon **Steve Phillips**
Jr. Deacon **Jeff DePuy**
Sr. MC **Chris Cameron**
Jr. MC **Duane Parise**
Marshal **Ken Skender**
Tiler **Larry Dunn**
Stewards **Eric Thomson**
Tom Nersinger

The Public Installation of Officers will be held June 21st at 2 p.m. at Oatka Lodge, 5 Browns Avenue in Scottsville. We hope to have a very informative Installation so the new Brothers of our Lodge can learn more about each of the Officer positions. Family and friends are cordially invited to attend, as well.

Following the Installation ceremony the Lodge will be putting on a Bar-B-Que and, weather permitting, picnic tables will be set up outside.

Next month I will report on the Election of Officers to the Guild. The Guild plans to be more proactive in the care and maintenance of the building. For those of you who are not familiar with the Guild, this is the corporation that owns the building in Scottsville, which the Lodge and our other tenant rent for their use. More news on the activities of the Guild to follow.

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This is my last article as Master of Webster Lodge. The feelings I have are bittersweet. I am sure the PM's understand what I'm feeling. I'm just starting to get comfortable in this position and its time to pass the gavel. I have many thank yous and revelations to pass on but before I do that, I will take care of some housekeeping.

On May 1st, we held a super Table Lodge. We had many

Brothers in attendance and there were visitors from both Wayne and Sodus Lodges. The Brothers from Sodus Lodge had never attended a Table Lodge, but from the way they were quick to ask questions and grab the Master of Ceremonies sheets, I'm sure they will have their own in the near future.

The Annual Past Masters' Dinner was on May 8th and this year the man stuck with the tab was the current President, Emil Schirano. Although every Past Masters' Dinner I've been to has been good, because it's free, I have to admit that Moe outdid them all with a delicious dinner that quieted the crowd. The usual jokes were told and the usual good time was had by all. The regrettable portion of the evening was the obvious lack of the presence of two of our senior loved and respected Past Masters, Bill Kuehne and Charley White. Charley had to stay in Florida longer than expected due to medical reasons and our Brother Bill suffers from Pancreatic Cancer. As can be expected, Bill has good days and bad days and is short of breath, so an evening of that length is avoided. I wish these two Brothers the best and God speed to get them over their illnesses.

May was also the month that the Grand Lodge Sessions were held. I would like to share some of the highlights, so all of you know what's going on.

First, I thank you for allowing me to represent Webster Lodge. It was an honor and a privilege. My wife accompanied me to New York City. As I drove down, it was great to have her at my side as well as for the rest of the trip. Saturday and Sunday were our leisure days and it was our desire to be a part of the experience. We wanted to ride the subways and we rode the subways! Two days on the subways was enough! We can now say, "been there; done that." We were able to take the ferry to the Statue of Liberty, went to Ground Zero and the Empire State Building. We took the tour of the Grand Lodge building, ate at Carnegie Deli and in Little Italy and visited St Patrick's Cathedral.

Monday was the beginning of Grand Lodge Sessions and, if I didn't tell you that the first few hours of all the pomp and ceremony and the introductions was boring, I would be lying. After that things got going. The

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Resolution to adjust up or down the requirement of three black balls was sent back to Committee as was the Resolution to lower the 18-year-old requirement for military personnel to join the Craft.

What WAS passed was that we can now hold our voting for the new Officers after Grand Lodge closes and we have until the end of JUNE to do the Installations. This will make it much less hectic for a lot of Lodges.

The new Grand Line was Elected and Installed.

Thank You

I thank all the Officers who served with me for the past year. I feel we had a great year and our bonding and working together will not only reside with me for many years to come, but it will continue to have a positive effect on the administration of the Lodge long-term.

I would be remiss if I didn't personally thank Brothers Bruce Chilton and Mike Nohle. Whenever needed, these two Brothers were there for me and the Lodge. If there was an open chair or a planned program fell through, they were there if I asked. They were also there for private consultation whenever I called upon them.

For those of you who don't know it, I work for Brother Bruce. At work he is the boss. I am not at all surprised though, that at Lodge, there was never a question of the role reversal. If I made a decision and asked his opinion and chose to take a different direction I felt confident that my decision was backed by him. I also have many Brethren who were there along the way and will suffice to just say thank you to all of you because you know who you are.

To my wife, Dodie. What can I say? I'm getting chills as I write this. If I could design the perfect companion I would roll over and there would be Dodie. She is there for me and has been there for me. Her support means more than she can ever know. Thanks Hon and I love you. (During my Installation, the Installing Master took pains to show her how the gavel worked. Now that our year is over, I hope she realizes that and puts it down.)

I stated at the Installation my mission was to promote Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love, and to reach out to the community. I think together we have accomplished that mission. I wanted to do what every other Brother wants and that is to be relative, to encourage our new Brothers to become active and to keep the traditions and the fine Webster Lodge Ritual first and foremost as continuing goals. I think we have done that.

Finally, Brethren, it is with great humility that I say thank you to all for allowing me to experience what will always be a highlight of my time on earth. I believe in what we have done and I have high hopes for the future. I offer my full support and best wishes to W.: Brother Warren Patterson and the 2008-2009 Officers of Webster Lodge and look forward to continuing to be a viable part of Webster Lodge for many years to come.

Please attend the Installation of our new Line of Officers on June 5th. There will be a Dinner preceding the meeting.

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My term as Master is now at its end and I thank all who have made it a success. What more could a Master have wanted? We have had good times, fine food, enjoyed social interaction with our fellow Lodges and brought into our Lodge many new Brothers. Even though we have had these many successes, I often wish we had more time for business and Ritual.

By the time you read this we will have held Election of Officers for the upcoming term. You are cordially invited to the Open Installation of Officers to be held on June 10th. Our new Officers are listed as follows:

Master **Michael McBride**
 Sr. Warden **David Mura**
 Jr. Warden **Michael Hueston**
 Treasurer **Howard Belt**
 Secretary **Herbert Spencer**
 3-Yr. Trustee

Robert Anderson II
 Sr. Deacon **Michael Bailey**
 Jr. Deacon **Joseph Ditucci**
 Sr. MC **Frank Sackett**
 Jr. MC **Charles Skopinsky**
 Stewards **Jose Diaz**
Scott Herzog
 Marshal **Mathew Gingold**
 Tiler **Richard Geidd**
 Chaplain **Nelson Bertch**
 Ass't. Sec'y. **Michael McBride**

Sickness and Distress
 Brother Richard Vaughn recently underwent open-heart surgery.

Brother Richard Geidd spent some time in the hospital due to an accident with his vehicle; he was very lucky he didn't lose a leg.

We sincerely wish our Brethren a speedy recovery and hope to see you back in Lodge soon.

Upcoming Events

Here are a few upcoming Lodge events that may be of interest to you:

June 8th - Camp DeMolay Dedication of new building named for Valley-Simes.

June 10th - Open Installation of new Officers.

Again, my thanks for your support. Even though the Master sets the course for the upcoming term, it is the Brethren and their families who make it a success.

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By John R. Geitz

What a fantastic Spring the Lodge has had so far. First, as many of the Brothers know, we have been working very hard on making improvements to the Lodge Hall and have re-sited the entire North side of the building. We have also made

smaller improvements to the interior. These renovations include making repairs to the air conditioner, plumbing and installation of a programmable thermostat. We continue to work on making the Lodge better. Any suggestions in continuing this process are appreciated.

I welcome our two newly Raised Master Masons - Brothers Tom Brenna and Ty Dibble.

Upcoming Dates

June 7th - 9 a.m.; Lodge Clean-up. Coffee, orange juice, and donuts will be provided. We are hoping to have many Brothers come out for the Annual Lodge Building Clean-up. This is a great time to work with the Brothers and make a difference for the Lodge.

June 9th - Installation and Strawberry Shortcake.

August 23rd - Lodge Clambake at Henrietta Town Park. Please contact Roger Lynch for more details.

The date for the Fellowcraft Steak Roast has yet to be set. Further information on the Clambake and the Steak Roast will follow. We are hoping for a strong turnout for both events. Any Brother who has attended knows how much fun they are. We also need Brothers to assist in the planning and setup. Please let me know if you can assist in any way.

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Greetings Brethren. We have a number of events and activities scheduled for June and July. These include:

June 6th-8th - Fairport Canal Days Food Stand and Child ID
 June 9th - Installation of our 2008-2009 Lodge Officers
 June 12th - Dinner with Our Ladies

August 12th - Family Picnic **Fairport Canal Days**

Fairport Canal Days, on Saturday and Sunday, June 7th and 8th, is rapidly approaching and the plans for our food stand are taking shape. As you know, this event is the Lodge's primary fundraising activity of the year and always provides great fun and fellowship.

Brethren, we need your help! Brother Brian Bills and I are heading up the Canal Days Committee and are looking for volunteers to help with setup on Friday afternoon (2:30-6 p.m.), morning/lunch shifts (10 a.m. - 2 p.m.) and afternoon/dinner shift (2 p.m. - 6 p.m.) at the stand on Saturday and Sunday, and teardown and cleanup on Sunday evening (5 p.m.-7:30 p.m.). We still have several "choice" openings available! Come join the fun and fellowship!

To sign up to help, please contact Mike Morris, either by phone (223-2828) or email morris@apollooptical.com.

In addition, during Canal Days we will also be operating the Masonic Child ID Station. Brother Rick Downs will be heading up this effort. The plan

is to have two, 4-hour shifts each day. If you and/or members of your family or friends would like to help with the Child ID Program at Canal Days, please contact Brother Rick (Phone: 616-5918; email: rcdowns@rochester.rr.com).

Installation of Officers

At our regularly scheduled meeting on June 9th, at 7:30 p.m., we will be Installing our 2008-2009 Fairport-Flower City Lodge Officers. (Officer Attire - Tux or dark suit). I hope you are able to attend. I know our new Officers would appreciate your support!

"Dinner with Our Ladies"

This month we will be holding our "Dinner with Our Ladies" night on Thursday, June 12th. Dinner will be at the Fairport Village Inn, 103 North Main Street. Social - 6 p.m.; Dinner - 6:30 p.m. For reservations, please contact W.: Bernie Lazerson - Phone 271-7446 or email at lazerbd12@aol.com by Tuesday, June 10th.

Lodge Family Picnic

Tuesday, August 12th, 5 p.m. 'til. This will be our last event of this Masonic year and will celebrate all of the great things at Fairport-Flower City Lodge. This will be a Family Picnic at the cabin at White Brook Nature Center on Aldrich Road, Fairport. We will have hotdogs, hamburgers, sausages and beverages available. Please bring a favorite dish or dessert to pass, and your favorite lawn chair! Please RSVP by August 8th if you are able to attend, so we can be sure to have plenty of food and drinks on hand! The contact again is W.: Bernie Lazerson.

I take this opportunity to wish "Happy Birthday" to our Brothers who have birthdays during the Summer months.

June Birthdays

William Laird (2nd), Ernest Flitz (4th), Philip Averbach (5th), Morton Sarachan (6th), Lawrence Bleichfeld (8th), Steven McIntyre (11th), Thomas Gilchrist (14th), George Bluhm (18th), Eric Dresson (19th), Robert Hess (29th) and Frank Kazdan (26th).

July Birthdays

Philip Kates and William Nardone (1st), Fredrick Edgecomb (2nd), Scott Pellegrino (6th), Bernard Perry and David Stein (9th), Dennis Finucane (11th), Jasen Scheerens (12th), Brian Alexander and David Coon (14th), Sean Miller (22nd), Hyman Graver (23rd), Dwight Turner (25th), Jerome Bills (26th), Elmer Hess and Wayne Montague (27th), Theodore Summers (28th), Issac Sarfaty and Richard Downs (29th), Lawrence Hood (31st).

August Birthdays

Halford Johnson (1st), Cyrus Kloner (3rd), Lee Rosenthal (5th), Mark Soeth (9th), Herbert Ross (13th), Edwin Wheeler (14th), Ralph Kraft and Gregory Whitney (17th), Harvey Nusbaum (22nd), William Burgess (23rd), Sreeram Dhurjaty (26th) and Bruce Turner (30th).

Masonic Anniversaries

Best wishes also to the following Brothers who were Raised during the Summer months:

- 1945 - Edwin Cornell
- 1951 - Hugh Chittenden, Robert Koehler and Theodore Summers
- 1952 - Philip Averbach, Ernest Politz
- 1953 - Samuel Katz
- 1955 - Irwin Rosenblum
- 1959 - Herbert Ross


- 1962 - Jeremy Liechtner
- 1965 - Donald Cameron
- 1966 - Joseph Klein
- 1969 - Jerome Pulver
- 1976 - George Bracht
- 1984 - David Coon
- 1986 - Sreeram Dhurjaty

Brethren, this is my last Masonic Times article. I appreciate all the support and encouragement you have given me throughout the year. I especially thank the 2007-2008 Fairport-Flower City Lodge Officers for their help, encouragement and friendship. We had a good year! It has been a pleasure, a privilege and an honor to serve as Master of Fairport-Flower City Lodge this year. Thank you my Brothers!

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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My year as Master has come to an end. I will always treasure the opportunity given me to be Master of Clio Lodge. Thanks for all the assistance, encouragement and directions given me by the Past Masters.

Due to my attendance at Grand Lodge, I wasn't able to participate in this year's Annual Ox Roast but have been told the food was excellent, as usual. Also, it was a great turnout. Thanks to all the Brothers who sold tickets and worked at the Ox Roast.

Congratulations to our incoming Lodge Officers and good luck during your term. I found there was a lot of work but a tremendous amount of fun, also. Relax and enjoy your year. Don't be afraid to ask for help from those who have gone this way before you.

Please keep our Military Brothers in your thoughts and prayers. If not for their efforts and others before them, we would not be able to enjoy the freedom we have.

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. I am sure something can be worked out.

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3. Special-IZE a skill
4. Neutral-IZE your fears
5. Minim-IZE your shortcomings
6. Maxim-IZE your abilities
7. Recogn-IZE the goodness in others

Yes sir, it is "IZE" all the way for me.

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By Erik Loepker, Sr. Deacon
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It seems like only a couple of weeks ago I was writing about how rusty I am at writing articles because we had just spent a Summer doing other activities. Yet, here I am writing an article about the Lodge preparing to go dark for the Summer. Where has the time gone?

It's been an active year for Northfield. We've had a fresh infusion of new Brothers, the life-blood of every Lodge — a Masonic shot-in-the-arm, if you will — and we've also said farewell to Brothers who have been dear to us all. Officer elections have been held, and while the "old guard" will ever be present to guide us and help us newbies through our missteps, there is a very positive feeling about having fresh faces filling the chairs. It causes a frisson of expectation to pass through many as we look to the year ahead.

As I noted earlier, we've said farewell to some Brothers in the last year. Most recently, the light of Brother Roger T. Wolfe has been darkened, as he has laid down his Working Tools. A Masonic Service was given in the United Church of Pittsford on May 24th to honor him, and our Altar was draped as per usual. He will be missed by many of the Brethren, both within Northfield Lodge and elsewhere.

Of course, on a much happier note, our T-Ball Team (Northfield Lodge) has really taken off. Some of the Brothers have attended a few of their games and have been impressed with the



W.: Glenn Hedges took his final bows this year as our Widows Luncheon Coordinator. Once again, he coordinated a wonderful gathering for a few of our ladies for whom we have the highest esteem — Jean Bradshaw,

Northfield Lodge #426
 Sponsored T-Ball Little League Team

Team Mgr.
Patrick Derleth

Schedule

Date	Time	Field
4/26	3:45 PM	TFP#1
5/3	9:30 AM	Smith E
5/10	5:00 PM	Smith E
5/17	5:00 PM	Smith E
5/24	3:30 PM	Smith E
5/31	2:00 PM	Smith E
6/7	12:30 PM	Smith E
6/14	11:00 AM	Smith E
6/21	5:00 PM	Smith E
6/23	6:00 PM	Habeckerd



organization and enthusiasm shown by all participants. We were very happy to find that every player gets a chance at bat; it's a good example of camaraderie, we believe.

Back in the Lodge, we are getting a bit of an overhaul. Our stove and oven have been a point of contention for a while, so we have taken the appropriate steps to have it changed. Yes, a new cooking area. Additionally, a dishwasher will be put into place. Such mundane items seem incongruous to some of the grand things that Freemasonry is known to do, but it's really the little things in life that can make or break a situation.

We are now in the tying-up-loose-ends phase before we go dark in June. Closing tasks, whether they are finished or not, and storing the important things for the Autumn. We know they'll still be there.


Going dark tends to have sad connotations; it makes one mindful of all the things that are behind us — nostalgia for the good times as well as opportunities missed. But, it doesn't have to be thus. Northfield's Officers will meet a couple of times through the Summer and we plan on having an Officers' Retreat as well for some good team-building. We will have our usual picnic in August as we ramp up for our re-opening in September. So, while the Lodge may be dark, we'll always have the lights burning somewhere.

Enjoy your Summer! We look forward to seeing you again this Autumn!



Elizabeth Bishop, Lucille Adams, Mary Foss, Rose Thibaut and Dorothy Luke. The words I would use to describe these wonderful ladies would seem embroidered, to say the least, but to them we doff our hats.

Seneca Lodge
 No. 797
 2nd Tuesday
 7:30 p.m.



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On May 13th, Seneca Lodge held our Annual Meeting consisting of Reports, Election and Installation of new Officers. My name is Carl Preddy and it is my great privilege to be elected Master of this fine Lodge for the coming year. I'm succeeding a fine Master, W.: Dana Cline, now appointed Chaplain.

Serving with me is an outstanding team of Line Officers: Sr. Warden **Donald Jenks, Jr.**, Jr. Warden **Jack Breitung**, Sr. Deacon **Jason Cline**, Jr. Deacon **Paul Goldman**

Ceremonies were efficiently conducted by Installing Master, W.: Richard Shellman, DSA; Installing Marshal, W.: Michael Ferguson; and Installing Chaplain, W.: Robert Kimmel. We were further honored to have R.: W.: Derek VanHouten, DDGM and R.: W.: George Todd, Grand Steward, in attendance representing Grand Lodge. Derek was Raised in Seneca Lodge, illustrative of a point made below.

This is the most recent of the many blessings in my life, among which I count marriage of 31 years to my lovely wife, Laurie; three grown children,



A Family Tradition Continues ... Robert Leavitt, a Master Mason since December, 1946, and Master in 1960 continues a family tradition at Seneca Lodge with the Raising of three family members to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Robert's father, Raphnel A. Leavitt was an Honorary Member of Seneca Lodge until he passed. (Left to Right) W.: Dana Cline, Master; Matthew Dehmler, Robert's grandson; W.: Robert Leavitt, Robert's son; Richard Leavitt; and Joseph Terzo, Robert's grandson-in-law.

Michael, Anne and Christine; and a grandson, Adam, just weeks from his first birthday. I hail from the State of Virginia and have lived in Rochester for the past 28 years where, until recently, I was a Research Scientist at Eastman Kodak Company. I became a member of Seneca Lodge in 2001 so, in relative terms, I am somewhat a newcomer to the Craft. Thus I consider myself particularly fortunate to have joined a strong and active Lodge with many great teachers and role models. I thank them collectively for the efforts they have made, and continue to make, in developing new leaders and upright Masons.

Our next meeting, June 10th, will be the last before the Summer hiatus. It will feature our Annual Service Awards and a special program targeting our newest Brothers. As always, reservations for dinner should be made



On April 8th, R.: W.: Gary Sanford, DDGM (left) and W.: Dana Cline (right) presented Fred Norter of Seneca Lodge with the Dedicated Service Award for his work on behalf of Seneca Lodge. Fred serves as Secretary of the Lodge and is an active participant at Seneca's functions.

at least five days in advance through the Junior Warden, as indicated in the Trestleboard. ✕

Golf Tournament and Benefit Auction a Success

By Dana Cline

On April 26th, Seneca Lodge hosted a Golf Tournament and Benefit Auction to help support the 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children. This was the first benefit hosted by Seneca Lodge in a number of years, but the Brothers were up to the task. The event was well attended and a big success. Thank you to all who participated.

The day started around 11:30 a.m. with 18 holes of golf at Shadow Lake Golf Course in Penfield. It was a beautiful Spring day and the temperature was in the 70s. The weather turned and our golf was cut short by a late afternoon thunderstorm with a great deal of rain and hail. This didn't stop people from having a good time as they moved to the Clubhouse and visited while they waited for the dinner and benefit auction to start.

Evening activities started at 6 p.m. with a cocktail hour in the Lake Room. The view of the old quarry lake and golf course was spectacular. While people continued to arrive, guests previewed the items that would be sold in the live auction. Dinner followed with food stations ranging from salads to pastas and a carving station.

After dinner, guests enjoyed coffee and desserts while the auction got under way. W.: Dana Cline served as the master of ceremonies and auctioneer. There were lots of items to bid on such as wine and cheese baskets, fishing equipment, golf apparel, a DVD player and more. Friends of Seneca Lodge, as well as Seneca Lodge itself, donated the merchandise.



Dueling Drivers?



Rain didn't dampen the spirits; scrumptious food stations, an exciting auction and action on the dance floor.

The bidding wars seemed to be the highlight of the evening and everyone was caught up in the excitement. All the items fetched higher-than-normal prices and it was clear that everyone was excited to support the cause. Some buyers even donated their purchases back to be sold again to raise even more money! Several people, who were not successful at buying something, still found a way to help out by making personal

contributions to the proceeds of the event.

When the auction ended, the DJ began to play and dancing began. You could tell by the smiles on everyone's faces that all had a good time.

The proceeds of the event totaled \$4,000 and were forwarded to the Learning Center to be matched by the Valley of Rochester Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite. ✕



Damascus News

Damascus Shrine Center No. 2

June 2008

Shrine and Divan Meetings
Dinner Reservations Required
Call: (585) 671-7701 or (585) 671-3565

Website
www.damascusshriners.org

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



LARRY CANFIELD
POTENTATE

Well, it is hard to believe, but the year is half over. What a first half we have enjoyed.

Circus

The Circus did not meet our expectations, which is really too bad. We had over 225 Nobles and Ladies help out. Everyone had a great time. According to Jim Hamid, this was an exceptionally well-managed program. That says so much for our members and their Ladies. Thanks again for a great job. The Circus team will present an accounting. Thanks to the Nile Ladies for the baked goods. Terry Wihlen did a great job with the novelties and, Deb Faro, your work was great. You also raised over \$200 in your special collection for the Hospital. Deb, thanks again. My sincere thanks and appreciation to Kevin who managed the personnel, which went very well, the Stand Captains and so many Clubs and Units for their help.

Special Honors

We were honored and privileged to have Imperial Sirs George Mitchell, Ralph Semb and Ill. Wayne Latchet in Rochester to present Bill Kuehne with his Emeritus for Erie Hospital along with a special award from Imperial Sir George Mitchell. It was a moving ceremony and we know Bill really appreciated the award. A special thanks to Ill. Lyell Maldoon and Ill. Bruce Chilton for their work in planning the event.

Lilac Parade

The Lilac Parade was really great. I thank those who attended and appreciate that they brought impressive notice to Damascus Shriners. Our Call-out Parade schedule is posted. The Mini-Cars, Clowns, Wheelers, Directors Staff and Classic Cars all added up to a great event. Let's keep it going.

Bring-a-Brother Night

Our Noble Bring-a-Brother event is history and the results were outstanding. We had over 100 in attendance. I do not have final totals at this time, but they will be reported soon. This only goes to show what hard work and dedication can do, plain and simple. Thanks to Rich Friedman for his work and the rest of his team. It was very special and an event to remember.

Hot Sands

The Hot Sands will be held Wednesday June 4th ... PLEASE, PLEASE, get your Petitions in; you still have time. This is a special ceremonial honoring Bill Kuehne. Let's make this a time to remember. The Legion of Honor will be providing the dinner and a special thanks to them for pitching in.

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Roble William J. Kuehne Presented Hospital Emeritus Placque



(From left) Imperial Sir George Mitchell, Imperial High Priest & Prophet, Lady Sandy Kuehne, Noble William J. Kuehne, Assistant Rabban of Damascus Shriners, and Imperial Sir Ralph Semb, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Shriners Hospitals for Children, Inc., who presented Board of Governors Emeritus Placque and Special Award to Bill at May 7th luncheon at the Shrine Center.



(Photos courtesy of Don Tubman)



JIM SLOCUM
RECORDER

On May 7th, 52 Nobles and 22 Ladies were in attendance. The Ladies enjoyed a jewelry-making demonstration in the Dining Room while the men had a business meeting.

Here are Meeting Notes

The Divan, led by Illustrious Potentate Larry Canfield, entered the large hall at 7 p.m., and the meeting was opened for business and ceremony. All Officers present were recorded and the following Past Potentates were also in attendance: Seymour Kopen - 1984; Richard Henderson - 1993; Cyrus Kloner - 1994; Derek VanHouten - 1995; Erwin Newell - 1997; Harry Dainty - 2002; Bruce Chilton - 2004; and Robert Anderson - 2005.

The Colors were presented by the Temple Color Guard under the direction of Noble William Fredenburg. The Illustrious Potentate led the Pledge of Allegiance and the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner."

There was a motion by Illustrious Robert Anderson to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the April meeting; seconded and passed. The Treasurer's Report was read. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report and a copy was placed in the Minutes.

Sickness and Distress

Noble Robert Knapp is dealing with cancer, along with his wife and sister-in-law. Bill Kuehne is also undergoing treatments.

The Illustrious Potentate thanked the Bartenders, the Chanters, and the Color Guard for their assistance this evening.

Black Camel Report

A page in the Minutes was set aside for each of these Nobles: Roderick Meier, Robert Miller and George Huther.

Correspondence

A letter was received from Kalurah Shrine inviting us to their Circus on May 10th.

Old Business

Illustrious Bruce Chilton, Past Potentate, reported that the Circus lost money this year, with the final amount depending on what bills come in before the end of June. A special thanks was extended to Jeff Caulkins, Manager of the facility, for reducing the number of staff used at the Blue

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Damascus Shrine Meeting
June 4th

at Damascus Shrine Center
 979 Bay Road; Webster



Social Hour - 5 p.m.
Dinner to follow ...

- Meatloaf
- Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
- Vegetable
- Bread & Butter
- Beverage & Dessert
- \$10 per person

Program - Hot Sands

RSVP no later than June 2nd
671-3565

Legion of Honor Meeting
June 11th

at Damascus Shrine Center
 979 Bay Road; Webster

Social Hour - 6 p.m.
Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

- Lasagna
- Salad
- Bread & Butter
- Beverage & Cookies
- \$10 per person

RSVP no later than June 9th

671-3565



Potentate

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Cruise Nights

The Cruise Nights are under way and it looks like we have a good thing going. They are scheduled for every Thursday night, 5-8 p.m., through July 31st (weather permitting). A wrap-up of these weekly events will be the 1st Annual Classic Car Show on Saturday, August 2nd. There will be classic cars, motorcycles, music, contests and concessions for a complete evening of family entertainment. I will keep you posted as we have further information. Proceeds will benefit the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Other Notes

The Camping Club and Debs' Garden Club did a great job over Memorial Day weekend, planting and cleaning up the Center. It looks really great.

Looking Ahead...

July 20th is our day at Genesee Country Village. NO TICKETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED. You must call the Shrine Center to make a Reservation. Your names will be placed on a list and when you arrive at the Museum you must give your name and those attending with you. A special meal is scheduled for around 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$13 per person; children 6-12 are \$6.50; children under 6 are free. All meals are paid in advance to the Shrine Center. Keep in mind you will NOT be able to join the Shrine group without a reservation. If you do show up, you will be required to pay for your own admission.

August is the Rodeo and Ride. Rick Ponticello and the Wheelers are in charge.

At the September 3rd meeting, we will be honoring our Past Potentates and their Ladies. We will have a special dinner and recognition for those who have served our Center.

On Friday, September 19th, the Duffers will have their annual Golf outing. Bob Anderson is handling the details. September 20th is the Potentat's Reception. Dinner is at the Burgundy Basin. We also have accommodations reserved at the Brookwood Inn. Saturday, a hospitality event will be held and on Sunday, we will have a special Breakfast for all to enjoy. Mark your calendars and plan to attend. We expect to hold the cost down. This event is open to everyone.

On Wednesday, October 1st, we will have the Cold Sands Ceremonial. Again, let's get a big class.

We are planning a Garage Sale event in October. All monies raised will go to the Hospital. We are looking for **quality** items. This includes household items; i.e., furniture, lamps, dishes, pots and pans and linens. We'll also accept clothing - shirts, jackets, sweaters, blouses, slacks and accessories, i.e., scarves, gloves, hats, jewelry, pins, necklaces, earrings, bracelets. Don't forget books, garden tools and more. PLEASE be sure they are in good condition. PLEASE NO underwear, bed pillows or shoes. For further information, please contact First Lady, Ellie.

Your Divan sincerely hopes that every effort has been made to keep you informed of coming and future events. Your Club and Unit Representatives share information and if you need to know, just ask. That is all it takes.

November brings the Harvest Dinner and details will follow.

December Meeting is Election of your Divan Officers. A dinner will precede the meeting.

Lady Ellie and I hope you have a safe and enjoyable Summer.

Recorder

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Cross Arena. Due to small attendance, there was no need for a full support crew.

New Business

There were six Petitions read and voted upon. All were accepted by ballot and will become Nobles at the June meeting. They are: Steve Kopscki, Mathew Sansone, Michael Bellingham, Joseph Pitucci, Russell Williams and Joseph A. Lewis.

The Daughters of the Nile have requested the use of the building for their meetings on nine Saturdays of the year. Illustrious Larry Canfield brought the request before the Nobility and would like some feedback on this issue. Noble Jim Nohle spoke on behalf of the Nile, the good they do in support of the Shrine and the projects undertaken which provide donations to the Hospital.

Noble Kevin Faro spoke about the other Clubs and Units having use of the building during the year. Illustrious Derek VanHouten suggested a three-year lease be considered instead of a ten-year lease. Illustrious Bruce Chilton indicated he thought the issue was blown way out of proportion. The motion was made and seconded to leave it open for further negotiations and discussion.

Lee Collier presented a check from the Directors Staff for \$328 from the Apple Sale at Lowe's.

Beginning May 29th, and every Thursday thereafter until August 2nd, there will be a Cruise Night at the Shrine Center. Noble Paul Kolaki said that everything is in place for advertising.

The Bike Rodeo this year will be the first, and we hope to have a lot of participants. It will be held the second weekend in August and will conclude with the Ugly Run on Sunday, August 10th. Tickets for the Scooter Raffle are only \$1 each. The drawing will be at the Ugly Run.

For the second year, there will be a campout at the Shrine Center over Memorial Day Weekend.

Debbie Faro has taken on the job of caring for the flowerbeds in the front of the building.

The Directors Staff is doing the Hot Sands on June 4th following the regular meeting of the Shrine. Noble Lee Collier said they have a new Skit they will be trying.

The Lilac Parade is this Saturday. Coffee and doughnuts will be available before the parade. Noble Steve Sill took on the job of Fez Head Fred for the parades.

The Illustrious Potentate said that the NYOSA meeting in Saratoga Springs

was the best meeting yet for information. The Trustees and Administration have some differences of opinion.

June 1st is Hospital Day at Erie Hospital. Anyone who wants to go on the bus should make a reservation with the Shrine Office.

July 20th is the Genesee Country Museum outing. Call the Shrine Office for a reservation. You will not be able to purchase the Shrine package at the Gate.

1st Annual Car Rally

Sponsored by the
Shriners' Club of Hamilton
Klown Unit



Sunday, June 15th
(Yes, that's Father's Day)

Starts at 2:30 p.m. Sharp
at Shriners' Club of Hamilton
82 Melvin Avenue, Hamilton, Ontario

\$20 per vehicle

(Includes 2 Occupants; \$5 each additional Occupant)

To register, please contact Les Vass at (905) 630-7828

Come on out for a fun-filled afternoon.
Enjoy a leisurely drive, taking in some sights,
followed by a Bar-B-Que and cold drinks back at the Shriners' Club.

We'll have prizes for the winners and the world-famous
Shriners' Circus Klowns have promised to make an appearance.

Proceeds from this event are for the benefit of the
Shriners' Club of Hamilton - Klown Unit.
Payments are not deductible as charitable contributions.



Meet Us in St. Louis for the 2008 Imperial Council Session



FRIDAY
Representatives Registration
Ticket and Gift Exchange
Colorado Corp. Registration

SATURDAY
Representatives Registration
Ticket and Gift Exchange
Colorado Corp. Registration
Intl Assoc of Legions of Honor Annual Meeting and lunch
Chief Rabban Photos
Shrine Treasurer's Executive Committee
Imperial Marshal's Aide Meeting

SUNDAY
Imperial Marshal's Aide Meeting
Canadian Breakfast

SPECIAL EVENT
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM
Motorcycle "Ride so kids can walk" benefit for Shriners Hospitals for Children
Representatives Registration
Ticket and Gift Exchange
Colorado Corp. Registration
Recorder's Annual Meeting
Treasurer's Annual Meeting

Daughters of the Nile Brunch
Imperial Capt. of the Guard & Outer Guard Meeting
Parade Marshal's Meeting
Potentate & Chief Rabban Photos
Market Place
Church Service
Public Opening
High Priest & Prophet Meeting
Recorders Annual Banquet

MONDAY

Texas Breakfast
Imperial Marshal's Aide Meeting
Representatives Registration
Ticket and Gift Exchange
Colorado Corp. Registration
Unit Competitions
Imperial Council Session
2009 Housing Office
2010 Housing Office
Market Place
Representative Ladies Luncheon
Emeritus Members Lunch
Chairman & Trustee Lunch
Membership Hall of Fame Lunch

SPECIAL EVENT
6:05 PM Shriners night at the St. Louis Cardinals ballgame vs. Mets

TUESDAY
Imperial Marshal's Aide meeting
Donor Relations Breakfast
Unit Competitions
Imperial Council Session
2009 Housing Office
2010 Housing Office
Market Place
PARADE Throughout Downtown St. Louis

WEDNESDAY
Imperial Marshal's Aide meeting
2009 Housing Office
2010 Housing Office
Pageant for 2008-09 Imperial Potentate
Imperial Council Session

SPECIAL EVENT
7:00 PM and 9:00 PM THE BEACH BOYS

THURSDAY
Imperial Marshal's Aide meeting
Imperial Council Session
Market Place
Groundbreaking for new St. Louis Hospital

AUBURN SHRINE CLUB

By David Bowman

It has been another busy month for the Auburn Shrine Club. Our Dinner Meeting at the Hollywood Restaurant made the place bust at the seams. We barely all fit in the room. Shoehorns were the only way we could have gotten another body in there. Oh yes, and Lance Ward must have ordered a chicken on steroids. No one could have eaten it all. I'm guessing he and Lynne had more than one meal out of what he took home.

Our Alternative Energy speaker was outstanding on this most interesting subject. Also, at the meeting we were able to congratulate Steve Sill on his appointment to the Board at the Springfield Hospital. It is well deserved and we know that Steve will enjoy his time.

The Circus!

What a great time was had by all! John Cambareri was a super man working all three shows on Saturday. Bet he doesn't want to look at a hotdog, soft drink, or nachos for a while. We were manning the booth with Joe and Wilda Marshall, Chuck Minster, Ken Pollard, Gerry Stanton, Burt and Carol Ward, Ed Heselton, Bill Pipher, Larry Pritchard, Bob Coleman, Bob McManus, Don Dill, Steve Persaile, Gordon Clark and Richard

Nuhn. That is a whole lot of good looking and good working Shriners to whom I say THANK YOU!

Welcome back to Ted Tennant after his visits around the country. It's great to have you back.

If you haven't signed up for the Merry-Go-Round Playhouse event, I'm afraid you are too late. BUT you can still give Larry Pritchard a call and get in on the dinner before at the Lakeview Country Club for \$20!

And listen, don't go filling up your Summer calendar without saving time in August for the Annual Ken Pollard Steak Roast. I know Beth and I attended our first last Summer and already have an order in for one of those big flavorful "Beefers."

Oh yeah, Summer is coming and when you are stocking up on those beverages of choice, let's think green. If you buy cans, you can return them for your 5-cent deposit. The aluminum will be recycled and reused, and the "tab" can go to support our Hospitals. Almost makes it sound patriotic to sit around Bob Coleman's pool, doesn't it?

I could go on and on, but that last paragraph made me a little thirsty. So, see you at Lakeview Country Club and at the Steak Roast. I'll be the one with the cute wife!

By Vance Collom, Jr.

The members of the Directors Staff had a good meal and fellowship on April 24th. Congratulations to Annette Shapiro who won the 50/50 drawing. Annette donated the \$16 to the Hospital Transportation Fund.

The Director and Officers thank everyone who worked at the D.S. Novelty Stand during the Circus. We had a lot of good support from our members. The following people spent many hours over three or four days working in the stand: Beverly Neroni, Al Mallaber, Annette Shapiro, Judy and Vance Collom, Joe Minas and Mickey and Don Darrohn. The Circus was great family entertainment and our 6-year-old granddaughter thought it was wonderful.

May 3rd the Directors Staff sold apples at the at Lowe's Home Improvement Store in Webster. We were fortunate to have warm, clear weather and made \$328. A big thank you to Director, Lee Collier, who obtained the Empire Apples from Robert Verbridge. The apples were donated by J.H. Verbridge & Son, Inc. from Williamson. A big thank you to the following D.S. members who sold apples - Lee Collier, Sr., Norris Shapiro, Ron Edwards and Vance Collom. We all enjoyed talking with many Masons and Shriners who stopped to visit and buy some apples.

Our next meeting will be at DiPacific's Restaurant on Wednesday, June 25th. We meet at 5:30 p.m. for Social Hour and 6:30 p.m. for dinner.

Until next time, God Bless.

PERRY SHRINE CLUB

By Ed Hollwedel

John Hodgins, the speaker for our April meeting, holds the picture he painted and presented to the Perry Shrine Club. The picture will be auctioned off at our June meeting and the proceeds will go to the Shriners Hospital at Erie.

The June meeting will be held at the Silver Lake Country Club Restaurant on Thursday, June 26th. It will be Ladies Night and Howard Wood, the Mayor of Perry will tell us about the origin of the Mini-Cars. This location will be a great treat because the new owner plans to build a new facility this Winter at this


very picturesque location. As always, Cocktails are at 6 p.m. and Dinner is at 7 p.m. We order from the menu. Friends and Spouses are always welcome.

We are still putting together a new email list to replace much of the postage needed for reminder cards. If you have a new email address or one we don't already have, please send it to: ehollwedel@rochester.rr.com. This month will be the first test sending meeting reminders this way. Please let me know of any problems.

Hope to see you all at the May Meeting.

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**A Day at the
 Genesee Country Museum
 including a
 Civil War Re-enactment
 Sunday, July 20th**
*Join Your Brother Nobles and their Families ...
 Arrive between 10 & 11 a.m. for a full day of activities!*
Buffet Lunch at 12:30 p.m.
Catered by D & R Depot Restaurant of LeRoy
**Cost for Lunch \$13 per person;
 this includes Admission Fee**
Children 6-12 - \$6.50 Under 6 - Free
Menu
 Fresh Vegetable Tray, Homemade Fruit Breads,
 Tossed Salad, Broccoli Salad,
 Chicken and Biscuits, Made from Scratch.
 Homemade Cream Puffs with Hot Fudge, Coffee,
 Hot Tea, Ice Tea, Lemonade,
 Assorted Sodas and Bottled Water
Cash Bar
All tickets must be purchased by July 10th
For Tickets Contact
Shrine Office (585) 671-7701

Cruz-In' for Charity!
Classic Car Cruise Nights
Coming to the Shrine Center
Thursday Nights May 29th - July 31st
5 p.m. - 8 p.m.
*C'mon out and enjoy Classic Cars, Motorcycles, Music, Contests and
 Concessions for a complete evening of family entertainment.*


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Summer Birthdays ...

June

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Philip Averbach
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Bruce D. Chilton
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Craig E. Coleman
Glen R. Cone
Vincent Costanzo
Myron L. Dox
Paul L. Farnung
Donald P. Fox
Donald L. French
Charles B. Gauss
Walter L. Gay
Franklyn H. Ghysel
Paul R. Gleason, Jr.
Mark E. Gould
Franklin G. Granata
William H. Gross
Paul G. Hammond

Henry M. Hansen
Robert M. Harrold
George S. Heisel, Jr.
John I. Hendricks, Jr.
Alfred J. Hermet, Jr.
Mark C. Herrmann
Dean A. Hiler
George D. Hornung
David M. Howlett
Robert E. Hulek
Bernard W. Johnson
William C. Jones
Robert W. Judd
Joseph W. Jung, Jr.
Ralph Jurgens
Howard W. Keeney
Robert Knapp
James R. MacConnell
Daniel P. Maloney
Ronald M. Manning
Frederick J. Martin
Arthur Maupin

Robert McCormack
Paul R. McIntyre
George Metroka
Andrew C. Orbaker
John C. Pavlick
William Neil Pipher II
Raymond Sands
Michael A. Schum
Irving R. Schuth
Eli H. Shockey, Jr.
Lawrence A. Silver
James A. Slocum
James H. Stevenson, Jr.
Charles E. Strickland
Philip A. Trautman
James H. Verbridge
Harry F. Voss
Burton Ward
Terry W. Wihlen
John H. Williams
Ronald J. Williams
John E. Zabel
George C. Zutes

July

Laurence J. Andrews
John S. Archibald
Curtis W. Barker
Richard K. Bradstreet
Stuart Brickman
Roy T. Bruno
Daniel A. Burkhardt
Lee L. Collier
Dennis H. Copeland
J. Mark Craib
John F. Crough
Charles B. Daly
James A. De Lorenzo
Robert Dillman
Richard C. Downs
Henry R. Dutcher
L. Ron Edwards
Donald H. Fegley
Dean J. Fero
Dennis K. Finucane
William N. Fredenburg
Donald E. Freeman
H. Fritz Friedrich
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Harold Glerum
Richard P. Greenaway
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Matthew Mark Henshaw
Lloyd H. Hilimire
Arthur L. Hill
Frederick M. Hinsdale
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William R. Hook
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Benjamin P. Thorp
Rene R. Vandeviere
Robert F. Vankeuren
Sandy Wagner
Wallace J. Wagner
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Oscar C. Wilson

August

Robert D. Anwyl
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Michael J. Bell
Robert E. Bittner
John E. Bricklemeyer
Lawrence Bright
Eric D. Bryant
John N. Butterworth
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Donald L. Carlile
Frank Celona
William L. Colin
David P. Crawford
Walter R. Daggett
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Will Dobbin
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Thomas J. Dunn
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Signing Off...

"Terms of Office," in Masonry (in any case), do come to an end - even though there were periods of time when I was in doubt! There's both sadness and joy in this - Sadness because I won't be leading the Lodge in a significant way. Joy in having been permitted by the membership to have the helm as new Brothers came aboard and when Churchville Lodge members became part of this "Central West" group of Masons.

We have the luxury in Unity Lodge of having some fully vested and eager-to-serve Officers in our Line for the next year. It's hard to imagine a Brother more deeply into his Craft than John Jamele! Both John and I came from that group of Brothers who were Initiated, Passed, and Raised all-in-one-day, five years ago. I know with great confidence Brother Jamele will carry the torch with vigor and excitement. He has learned his Craft well my Brothers, make no mistake. He will use that learning to serve you with all in his being. He listens to all, and acts with aplomb!

We Left the Driving to Trailways!

In April, Brothers from Craftsmen Robertson, Clio and Unity Lodges shared a bus trip from Spencerport to our Masonic facilities in Utica. The tour of the buildings and grounds at this Campus is always worth a few short hours on a Saturday. Should we plan such a trip for next year, we could certainly use a stronger turnout.

The Punch List

R.: W.: Joe Privitera really likes the term "punch list" which he learned from his son-in-law, our Brother Tim Hull. It covers the tasks to be completed to keep our "physical plant" as functional as our means permit. There are a number of finishing touches or detail items around the Southwest Elevator and its Lobby areas, and the Trustees are gathering data to present at Lodge for approval of the Brethren. This involves kitchen renovation, making men's and women's rooms handicapped accessible and installation of a lift to move people and goods to and from the third floor. We are planning another boat ride this Summer aboard the Harbor Town Belle once again! If you weren't in attendance last year, you may have already heard you missed a fantastic time! If you are interested, please contact me via a phone call or email so I can have a headcount. The launch date is being planned for early August.

Before signing off, I thank the many who have aided or assisted me during my tenure in the East (you know who you are). Without your "2-Cents Worth" and guidance, much of my term would have been chaotic and coarse. "To Profit From

Good Advice Requires More Wisdom Than To Give It."

To our Brothers who are serving on Active Duty, I say before all others, thank you for service and sacrifice, "Welcome Home My Brothers, Welcome Home!" Until we meet again on the Level, my Brothers, Take Care!

Before We Go Dark

On June 7th, all who can make it should look to having their reservations in for dinner at Damascus Shrine Center when our own R.: W.: Derek VanHouten is recognized as the District Deputy Grand Master of Monroe District. He has served us as a Grand Sword Bearer for two consecutive terms (or 4 years before the Mast) and eagerly pursued the District Deputy position which is now his. We have several past District Deputies and Grand Lodge Staff Officers in our Lodge, showing the dedication our members have to the Craft.

Service Awards

On Monday evening, June 9th, starting at 7:30 p.m., members of Unity Lodge will use the stairs, chairlift or elevator to access the second floor for the opportunity to give honor to those who have acquired Grand Lodge Service Award Pins for years of Craft membership, Certificates of Merit, and Plaques of Honor. These will be distributed by the principal Lodge Officers. You may remember that I spoke of this in our May column in the *Masonic Times*, and I felt this reminder essential to making Awardees feel it was all worthwhile!

Annual Picnic!

On Saturday, June 21st, our annual gathering takes place at Pineway Ponds Park at 1 p.m. I'll look forward to seeing you there.

Wrapping up the year, will be our Annual Holiday Party. Once again, we are responding to input from several Lodge members and changing the day of this party from the third Monday in the evening to Saturday, December 13th from 2-4 p.m. Everyone should bring a dish to pass and their own table service. Meat and beverages supplied by the Lodge.

I thank all those who have taken on the responsibility of becoming Officers of this Lodge and am looking forward to a great Masonic year with them and all the Brothers of Unity. ❧

A New Year Begins...

By John L. Jamele, Master-Elect

Officers

We have elected and appointed our Officers for the next year. However, the Installation will be later in June so two of our newly appointed Officers, Tyler Ekwel, Junior Deacon, and Joseph Picoli, Senior Master of Ceremony (who are currently deployed in Iraq with the local Army Reserve Unit), can be rotated in late May or early June, and have some time to adjust and catch up on personal affairs. Also, this gives our Secretary, R.: W.: Dave Jones, time to recuperate from recent major surgery.

We want these worthy Brothers to have the opportunity to be installed in their Offices along with their fellow Officers. Timely notification of the date and time for the Installation will be given so all can come and join in as these Officers assume their respective stations and places.

Dress Code

The dress code for Officers is tuxedo with black tie, unless otherwise specified.

Recent Accomplishments

We thank W.: Donald Hunter for his efforts and his service to the Lodge during this past year. Don and I are both products of the famous (infamous?) one-day-class. Much has been accomplished. Our Ritual has become more polished, the long-awaited elevator has been put into operation and we have concluded the consolidation with Churchville Lodge.

We have Raised four new Master Masons, Sam Augello, Robert Buchanan, Michael Coyner and John Lemke.

Activities included the boat trip on the Genesee with dinner and "Mark Twain," the bus trip to the Masonic Campus at Utica and the great historical presentation by Brother Andy Tascione at the Ogden Farmer's Library. The foundation has been laid upon which we must proceed to build.

The Future

One theme for the next year will be "Masonry Revisited." Some programs will focus on the origins and history of Masonry, the mission of Masonry, the various programs and activities by which Masonry serves the community and society in general, and what Masonry means to each of us as Masons.

Several projects are under consideration for the future, included are upgrading the restrooms for handicapped access, renovation of the kitchen, development of a "Fellowship Room," making the Preparation Room more suited to its dignified function of preparing candidates for the Degrees and installing a sign with Masonic Square and Compasses at the front and rear of the building. Please remember, these are projects being considered, they are not "done deals."

We are looking forward to a resumption of High Twelve lunches which were terminated this year after a fourteen year run during which R.: W.: Gene Brendel and R.: W.: Ed Gillot did such a great job of putting on these luncheons for us.

We also hope to revive the tradition of fifth Monday Euchre Tournaments with Unity and Hesperus, and perhaps other Lodges.

Upcoming Events

The Apron Presentation for the new Grand Lodge Officers is on June 7th at the Damascus Shrine Center. We should all turn out and make a great showing of support by Unity Lodge for this event honoring our Lodge Brother, R.: W.: Derek VanHouten and his Staff Officers.

Our June 9th meeting will be the Annual Awards Night at which long time members are recognized for their service to the Craft. Again, we should turn out in numbers to express our appreciation of these Brothers and their service.

This year, for the first time, our family picnic will be held on a new date - Saturday, June 21st. This change has been made in response to calls from several Brothers who have young children and feel that an afternoon picnic would serve them better than one in the evening. The time is from 1-4 p.m. All should bring a dish-to-pass and their own table service. Meat and beverages will be supplied by the Lodge.

July 26th and 27th will be our Annual Fundraiser, the Pancake Breakfast, held in conjunction with Spencerport Canal Days. Volunteers are needed to man this function. Contact Tom Perrone at 352-6932 or tewtaul@aol.com.

On August 25th the first School of Ritual of the new Masonic year will be at Webster Lodge at 7:30 p.m.

September 8th, our first meeting of the new year, will feature a Steak Roast. The program for that night will be a presentation by R.: W.: John Zabel who will discuss *Masonic Etiquette and Protocol*. This program will get us right into shape for our second meeting on September 22nd, which will be the Official Visit by the new District Deputy Grand Master and Grand Lodge Staff Officers.

On September 29th, the fifth Monday, a Euchre Tournament with Unity and Hesperus will be held at our Lodge.

On September 30th Unity Lodge will host the second School of Ritual of the year, at 7:30 p.m.

October 28th is the date for the Grand Lecturer's Convention, which will be at Fairport-Flower City Lodge. There will be a Steak Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Reservations for the dinner should be made with our Lodge Secretary. ❧

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Reflection on a Great Year

As I end my year as Master, I take this time to reflect on the past year. We started this Officer's Line last Fall with a number of excellent Lodge Communications and Programs.

- Brother Dave Upham's presentation of "How Do We Take Good Men and Make Them Better?"
- Brother Lew Perna as emcee of the Awards Night, where every Brother receiving an award - whether present or not - was mentioned.

- Brother Michael Knolla hosted ERAC's Brother Bring-a-Friend Night, based on the Masonic Compact in a Table Lodge format (no alcohol provided). Many Brothers have expressed how well this program was done.
- Brother Pat Mulrooney deservedly receiving the Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Award.

We ended the first half of the Masonic year with:

- A wonderful Holiday Festive Board Table Lodge to celebrate all upcoming Holidays.
- Helping the Salvation Army's Christmas Bell-Ringing Campaign.

- Visiting a number of Brothers during the Holiday Season.

And then came January ...

This was a challenge for the Officers, Ritual Director, and especially for me ... I was absent for a number of meetings, our Junior Warden was working to Summit Mt. Kilimanjaro, and we had to Initiate, Pass and Raise 12 new Brothers ... all while a number of Brothers who usually were available to

fill in positions, were unavailable. Masonic Values were exemplified during this time period when a number of others stepped in to help.

Through all of this, we can look back on some accomplishments:

- A successful Have-a-Heart Campaign and Blood Drive
- Very nice Valentine's Dinner for our Ladies
- Presentation of the General Douglas MacArthur Award to a deserved Scout Leader
- 12 new Master Masons

Lastly, I thank:

My Officer Line, especially Brothers Terry Whilen, Sr. and Patrick Mulrooney

Brother Dave Upham for his counsel and hard work

Brother Rich Greenaway for his dedication to the Ronald McDonald House

Upcoming Events

June 9th - Installation of next year's line

July 16th - Scholarship Picnic
Cheers to All! ❧

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It will be business as usual for Union Star next year ... same old Master with some new faces in the Line. Brothers of experience like W.: Scott May, W.: Frank Habitzreuter, R.: W.: Gary Sanford and Brother Ken Hecker join rookie Brothers Ken Tomaszewski and Andy Weidert, along with the remaining Officers to form a powerful team for 2008-2009. All are looking forward to serving Union Star Lodge with enthusiasm toward continued fellowship and Lodge growth.

Many thanks to those who served, and served well, in last year's Line. Your fellowship and input will be missed and we look forward to your return when the length of your Cable-tow can include us.

It was my honor to attend Grand Lodge with other members of the Monroe District. As a Lodge, Union Star was awarded the Howard Potts Award for our attendance with a full Line at the Grand Lecturer's Convention in October. Grand Master, M.: W.: Neal I. Bidnick presented the award. Tours of the



W.: Henry Dreher posed for this photograph with his Certificate for 65-years of service.

Grand Lodge Hall, visit to the Statue of Liberty and a boat ride around the Island of Manhattan were some of the highlights of the trip. But, most special was the fellowship with my fellow Masons from near and far. I also promise I will never complain about the traffic I encounter on any Rochester highway after seeing and being in New York City traffic. All returned safe and sound.

In Lodge News

June 9th is our "Sports Shirt Night," with our Past Masters in charge.

I remind you of our commitment to "Festival on the Green," to be held June 13th through June 15th. Please make every effort to spend at least four (4) hours of your weekend to help

with your Lodge's only fundraiser. We need set-up help from 9 a.m. - Noon on Friday; and Stand Workers for Saturday, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sign up and enjoy the good time and fellowship.

As we will be going dark for July and August, I wish all a wonderful Summer, and look forward to seeing one and all in September. The new Trestle-board will be mailed over the Summer and will be available online at unionstarmasons.org. The only Masonic function held before September is the "School of Ritual." It will be held at Webster Lodge on August 25th at 7:30 p.m. I urge one and all to join me in attendance, as these schools are very helpful and great fellowship.

See you in the Quarry. "

1983 - Gerald Watson
1990 - Jeffrey Marcy and Thomas Scott

Special congratulations to Richard Zonneville on his 50 years of membership in Masonry.

Our Brothers will be traveling to the VA Hospital in Batavia on Tuesday, June 24th, to host our Annual Bingo Night with our Veterans. This is a great way to thank the many men and women who have made a huge sacrifice for our freedom. This is always an enjoyable evening and one I look forward to each year.

I thank all the Brothers who donated to the Masonic Broth-

erhood Campaign this year. Your generosity will be greatly appreciated by someone down the road.

I hope this article finds my fellow Brothers enjoying a happy and healthy start to the Summer season. If I don't see you before the end the Masonic year, have an enjoyable Summer. Let us all say a small prayer for those who have and are still fighting to keep this great Nation of ours free and safe.

May the blessings of Heaven fall upon each of my fellow Brothers and families wherever they may be throughout the world. "

Our prized artifact is our original 1816 Charter, signed by M.: W.: DeWitt Clinton, ten years before he was Governor of New York State. Thanks go to Brother Howard Sexton, W.: Bruce Whitmore, W.: Ron Manning, W.: Mike Grady, R.: W.: John Gallant, R.: W.: Jim Slocum, W.: Lee Shanks, Brother Paul Turk and Brother Bill Combs for making this event a huge success!

Looking further ahead, plan to attend our Annual Steak Dinner on June 19th. Brothers from other Lodges are always welcome. Please contact me with reservations. Be sure to look for our Chicken Bar-B-Que at Lima's Crossroads Days on August 2nd! "

District Deputy Grand Master Livingston District

R.: W.: John Gallant



forward to presenting Grand Master Edward G. Gilbert's message and meeting all my Brethren in the District.

Let me emphasize that Joe, Roy, and I are looking forward to working with our Brothers in the Lodges and around our area to show them that Livingston District is the premier District we all know and love. "

District Deputy Grand Master Livingston District

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I am very honored to be the new Livingston District DDGM. I am simply a small part of a great and new Livingston District Team consisting of our Grand Lodge Staff Officer, R.: W.: Joe Shanks; Assistant Grand Lecturer, R.: W.: Roy Moses and myself. We have a big responsibility, but with a great District like Livingston we know it will be a wonderful time.

I extend my sincere thanks to R.: W.: Dick Trescott and R.: W.: Rick Howe for their hard work and superior efforts these last two years. They are leaving behind some pretty big shoes to fill. I can only hope to come close to their level.

One of the major goals for our term is to continue with the high level of "Communication and Participation" that the preceding District Teams have put in place. We know it is critical in our District to keep everyone involved and knowledgeable of events in our neighboring Lodges.

This month we are actively going through the process of Installations of our new Masters. Our Installing Teams have been busy working with Brothers to provide each Lodge with their own unique and special evening. We wish all incoming Masters the best of luck for a fun year ahead and we offer our help in supporting your efforts.

Next month, during St. John's Day at Utica, Joe, Roy and I will be receiving our official commissions and participating in the day's events. We hope many of our Brothers from Livingston District can join us.

During the Summer months we look forward to having our 3rd Annual Summer Picnic in Conesus. We will be planning this event soon. Every year we have had a wonderful time with food, family and fun. Please plan on joining us this Summer.

We will also be holding meetings for Masters/Officers during the month of August for the District - one in the North and one in the South. We will be notifying the Masters of all these dates within the next few weeks.

In the Fall, we will be holding our Official Visits during the second half of September and the first half of October. I look

So we are done forecasting where or when we are moving. This matter should play itself out this Summer. As soon as we are 100% sure we will inform you.

This year has seen some positive growth in membership. We will be working on Degrees this Summer. We hate to make Candidates wait until Fall. Hopefully, our second class of Brothers will be done by September, and we will start a third class.

This Summer the plan is for the Lodge to have a food stand at the Oatka Fest in July. There are several groups competing for the open spots, so keep your fingers crossed. We are also setting up a food stand for the dedication of the replica of a stagecoach at the Eagle Hotel on June 1st.

Olive Branch is trying hard to get recognized in the local community. You would be surprised at the number of people who have no idea where the Lodge is located! Good Luck to our new Officers. There will be a few changes this year.

Some new faces in Offices and a few re-treads.

See you in Lodge. "

Olive Branch Lodge No. 39, F. & A.M.

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By Doug Poole

First off, I must apologize for the number of Summoned meetings this past year. Many matters have come up for consideration by all members. Though many of you have not been able to attend, you have sent us some very helpful information. Those of us in the LeRoy Area are grateful for your continued support.

We also need to ask forgiveness for confusing mail. There have been occasions when we have sent a letter on one day, then turned around and contradicted it the next day. We have found information changing that quickly!

Oakland Lodge No. 379, F. & A.M.

1st and 3rd Tuesdays
(Jan., Feb., Mar.: 1st Tuesday only)

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By Kenneth E. Smith

The time of year has finally arrived when we no longer have the threat of that white stuff falling for a few months. It's nice to get back outside again and enjoy time with the family, gardening, mowing the lawn or going for a nice enjoyable walk around town. This weather is also an indication the Masonic year is about to come to an end and we still have a lot to accomplish before we lay down our Working Tools.

Oakland Lodge held their Annual Election of Officers at the May 20th Regular Communication. The following Officers were elected and appointed to lead Oakland Lodge next year: Master **Kenneth Smith**
Sr. Warden **Arthur Robinson**
Jr. Warden **Henry Robinson**
Treasurer **Frederick Hance**
Secretary **Richard Smith**
Chaplain **David Beardsley**

Sr. Deacon **Robert Kemp**
Jr. Deacon **Robert Robinson**
Sr. MC **Thomas Kemp**
Jr. MC **Michael Rhodes**
Steward **Daniel Hamilton**
Marshal **Thomas Scott**
Tiler **Keith Granger**

Oakland Lodge has two scheduled Communications for the month of June. The first Communication will be Tuesday, June 3rd, and will be held at Warsaw Lodge. The agenda for the evening will be the joint Installation of Officers for both Oakland and Warsaw Lodge. I encourage all Brothers to attend this Installation and show your support for the new Officers you have chosen to lead your Lodge next year.

The second Communication for the month of June will be Tuesday, June 17th. This Communication will be Oakland Lodge's Annual Ladies Night Out. This event will be at the Silver Lake Country Club. Social hour starts at 6 p.m. with Dinner starting around 7 p.m. Please contact Robert Kemp (493-5278) or Kenneth Smith (768-7731) to place your reservation.

I congratulate the following Brothers who were Raised or Affiliated during the month of June:

1958 - Richard Zonneville
1965 - Larry Francis and Freeman Shaw
1966 - John Coffey
1970 - Edward Heineman

District Officers

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R.: W.: Joseph Shanks
Grand Steward



R.: W.: F. Edward Powley
Grand Steward

for Wayne District. R.: W.: Jones has a long history in the District, including Past Master of Drumlin Square Lodge. He is active in the Valley of Rochester, AASR, and assists in the Valley Office.

R.: W.: F. Edward "Ted" Powley is the Staff Officer for Wayne. He is a Grand Steward.

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**G. Michael Morris, 33°
Commander-in-Chief**

It is with great pleasure I have the opportunity to write to you as the new Commander-in-Chief for the Valley of Rochester. The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite is a wonderful organization, and I am both honored and humbled to serve the Rite in this capacity.

The Valley has undergone much change and made tremendous progress over the past few years. While we are relatively small, compared to some of the other Valleys in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, we serve as a model of how a Valley should operate. I take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank everyone who has helped shape the programs, management and organization that have made the Valley of Rochester one of the premier Valleys in the Jurisdiction.

That being said, we have work to do! We have assembled an outstanding leadership team for the Valley that brings a wealth of knowledge, experience, enthusiasm and energy to the operation of the Valley. Your 2008-2009 Valley of Rochester Officers are listed in the accompanying table. Congratulations to all, and thank you for your service and support.

Our management theme for the ensuing year will be "Raising the Bar - the Rite Bar." Raising the Bar in everything we do - high-quality Degree presentations, membership development and retention, communication with our members, our family-life programs, support for our Blue Lodges, effective management of Valley operations, support for the Frank and Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children and our other Scottish Rite charities and strategic planning for our future.

Sublime Princes, we have a busy Summer ahead of us! A listing of the various events scheduled for this Summer is summarized in the accompanying window.

AASR Officer Academy

On June 5th, we will hold an Officer Academy for the newly

installed Officers of the Valley. The Officer Academy will begin 6:30 p.m. at the Fairport Lodge Hall, 87 South Main Street in Fairport. The focus will be on the organization and efficient/effective management of Valley operations and programs, events for the coming year and the expectations, roles and responsibilities of Valley Officers. All Valley Officers should plan to attend the Academy.

Strategic Plan & Planning Process

There is a saying by Lawrence J. Peter that I often reflect upon, "If you don't know where you are going, you will probably end up somewhere else!" Considering this truism from a Scottish Rite perspective leads one to ask a number of fundamental questions, such as:

- Where are we going as a Masonic organization?
- What is the core purpose of 32° Masonry?
- What are 32° Masonry's core values that must be preserved?
- How do we create value for our members, for the Masonic community and for Society, in general?
- What will be the most significant issues facing and influencing 32° Masonry in the next 5 to 10 years?
- What are the most important actions that the Valley of Rochester needs to take in the next 3 to 5 years?
- How do we measure and monitor our success in achieving our goals?

These are precisely the sort of questions that are addressed by the Valley of Rochester Strategic Planning Committee. The charge for this Committee is to develop, implement and maintain a well-defined, sustainable process for strategic planning and thinking for the Valley that provides an effective and efficient link between long-term visions and goals to Annual Operating Plans. The goal is to develop a living, working process that becomes a part of the way we think and do business as a Valley.

There are eight key elements of the Valley of Rochester's Strategic Plan:

1. Be an Organization that's attractive to Master Masons
2. Build closer working relationships with Grand Lodge, Supreme Council, York Rite, Shrine, Symbolic Lodges and Prince Hall Freemasonry
3. Be an Organization that is effectively managed
4. Be led by men with Leadership Skills
5. Optimize the impact of Charitable Outreach Programs
6. Oversee the continuation and establishment of Effective Communications
7. Expand Masonic and Scottish Rite Educational Opportunities

**AASR Valley of Rochester
2008-2009 Officers**

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| Active Members for New York | |
| III.: Frederick D. Greene, 33° | III.: David P. Spencer, 33° |
| III.: Peter J. Samiec, 33° | III.: Edward R. Trosin, 33° |
| Active Emeriti Members for New York | |
| III.: James F. Niehoff, 33° | III.: Bruce Widger, 33°, Past Deputy |
| III.: Richard H. Welkley, 33° | III.: Gary A. Henningsen, 33° |

8. Support Supreme Council Family-Oriented Programs

The Strategic Planning Committee consists of the top two Officers in each of the four Subordinate Bodies, together with the Secretary, Treasurer and Deputy's Representative. There are three Strategic Planning meetings scheduled for the coming year - the first one being held on Saturday, June 21st, at 10 a.m. at my home. Brethren, these are important meetings - they

will affect the future of the Valley of Rochester. If you have thoughts and ideas on what you think the Valley could and/or should be doing, I encourage you to contact a member of the Strategic Planning Committee and make your thoughts known.

**Support the
Supreme Council
Charities**



**And Now for Some Fun...
Mark Your Calendar!**

2008 Clambake and Steak Dinner
Saturday, June 28th
1 p.m. - 'til ...
(Rain or Shine)
Camp Morris
8321 Peckins Road, Wayland
Phone: 728-2773

The 3rd Annual Valley of Rochester "Clambake and Steak Dinner" will be held at C-in-C Mike Morris' Camp (120 acres of paradise!) in Springwater. "It's a Family Affair!" Don't miss it! To rekindle the memories, I have included a few pictures of last Summer's Outing. There were over one hundred people in attendance and everyone had a great time.

Family, friends, grandkids and dogs are ALL welcome! Travel time from both Rochester and from Corning is approximately 50 to 60 minutes. It makes a great motorcycle ride, if you are so inclined!

Cuisine

A feast fit for a king! Steamed Clams (Eastcoast style!), Hickory-Smoked Sirloin Steak (cooked to perfection), Salads and Sides, the "Ole Tool Shed" Bar (& Lodge), Soft Drinks, Water and Desserts.

Schedule

- 1 - 4 p.m. - Social, Clams and Hors d'oeuvres, R & R
- 5 - 6 p.m. - Steak Dinner
- 6 p.m. 'til... - Social, more R & R, Campfire

Cost: \$12 per person (includes one dozen clams plus Steak Dinner with all the trimmings). Additional clams may be purchased (in advance) for \$5 per dozen. (You shuck 'em raw clams available.) Please bring your favorite side dish,

RL
Rochester Lumber Company

103 N. Washington Street
East Rochester
586-0909

Since 1909, supplying homeowners and contractors with service and quality building materials.

Hors d'oeuvres or Dessert-to-pass, and a steak knife, as well.

Reservations: Call or email the Valley of Rochester Office by Monday, June 23rd. Phone: 264-1160, 1-800-858-2320, email: valleyofrochester@gmail.com

Outdoor Activities

Trails for walking, hiking, fishing (trout stream – the Cohocton River and two ponds stocked with Rainbow Trout, Small- and Large-Mouth Bass, Blue-Gill and Yellow Perch), canoeing, a paddle boat, bocce, badminton, a trampoline for the kids (and young at heart), a campfire and plenty of country fun, fellowship and relaxation. (Please note that a valid NYS Fishing License is required to fish in the stream and ponds.)

Attire

This is country living! Be sure to wear clothes and shoes (tennis shoes or light hiking boots) you don't mind getting a little dirty. Also, please remember to bring an extra lawn chair or two, and you might want to throw in an evening sweater or jacket as well. (Parents - there are opportunities for kids to get wet! I recommend you throw in a change-of-clothes and extra pair of shoes for them – just in case!)

Directions

Travel directions will be sent to all Scottish Rite members in a separate mailing.

Other Summer Events
NYS Council of Deliberation

The New York State Council of Deliberation (COD) will meet July 25th through the 27th in Syracuse. The Presiding Officer, or a designee, from each of the Valley's four Subordinate Bodies, together with the Valley Secretary, Treasurer and Deputy's Representative, will be attending the meetings. In addition, the Valley of Rochester will be responsible for the organization and management of the 2009 Council of Deliberation. Illustrious Brothers Robert Pedersen and John Zabel will be serving as Co-Chairs of the 2009 NYS COD Organizing Committee.

Family-Life Outing – Seabreeze Amusement and Water Park

We have scheduled a special day at Seabreeze Amusement and Water Park on Sunday, July 27th for Scottish Rite members, families and friends. Last year there were approximately 80 who attended the event and everyone had a great time! More information to follow. For reservations, again, please call or email the Valley of Rochester Office by Monday, July 21st.

Summer Outing – Wild Wood Country Club

Our Summer Outing at the Wild Wood Country Club in Rush will be held on Friday, August 15th, Social-6 p.m.; Dinner-7 p.m. For reservations, please call or email the Valley of Rochester Office by Monday, August 11th.

Supreme Council Meeting

This year the Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council of the Sovereign Grand Inspectors of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America will be held August 23rd to the 26th in Providence, Rhode Island. All Active and Honorary Members of Supreme Council are encouraged to attend. This year the NYS COD will sponsor a Hospitality Suite for the entire State. In addition, our Deputy's Representative, Ill. Stephen R. Whittaker, 33°, Honorary Member of Supreme Council, has been asked to recruit volunteers to assist with security at the Supreme Council meeting. If you are planning to attend Supreme Council this year and can assist with security, please contact our Deputy's Representative to let him know that you are available to help.

Lastly, if you have any questions, suggestions or comments, or know of a Brother in need of our aid or sympathy, please let me know. Have a great summer! ✽

Rochester Learning Center Update

By Ill. Michael Morris, 33°
Past Chairman, LC Board of Governors

I take this opportunity to give you an update on recent activities, events and changes associated with the Frank and Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children (Rochester Learning Center). As you know, the Children's Learning Center program has become the premier charity for the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and we are fortunate to have one of the 59 Learning Centers right here in the Rochester area. At present, there are 25 children enrolled in the program, but our wait-list remains at approximately 40 children. It can sometimes take up to two years before an available slot opens up. The wait-list is a problem!

Earlier this year the LC Board of Governors developed a plan and proposal to expand the LC facilities. The plan called for the addition of three classrooms, a teacher-resource area and a larger waiting room for the parents in the space that was vacated when the Consistory Office moved across the hall. The proposal was brought to the General Committee of the Valley, who voted to fund the expansion at a cost of approximately \$25,000. The proposal was then forwarded to, and approved by, the Children's Learning Center Corporation in Lexington. Construction will begin soon. The additional classrooms will enable us to add twelve children during the academic year and another twelve during the Summer as well. This will go a long way to reducing the length

of our wait-list. Upon completion of the expansion, we will host an open house at the Learning Center so all may come to see the wonderful work that is being done there.

A new DVD containing an update on the Children's Learning Centers was recently completed. The Rochester Learning Center, which recently celebrated its 10th Anniversary, was one of three Learning Centers featured in the update. We will be looking for venues to show the update.

Several changes have recently occurred on the Board of Governors of the Rochester Learning Center. As you may know, I have been serving as Chairman of the Board for the past two years. With the additional duties associated with taking the position of Commander-in-Chief in the Valley, I felt it necessary to step down as Chairman of the LC Board. As of May 1st, John Paul, son of Frank and Bette Paul, took the helm as Board Chairman, and Robert Hartnett assumed the role as Treasurer for the LC Board. Other recent additions to the LC Board include Joseph Oelgoetz, 32°, and George Nasra, 32°. The current members of the LC Board of Governors are:

- Chairman John W. Paul
- Vice-Chairman Robert D. Pedersen, 33°
- Secretary W. King Mix, 33°
- Treasurer Robert L. Hartnett
- Past-Chairman Rodney R. Rittenhouse, 33°
- Center Director Ann L. Kaczka

Members – Peggy S. Grupp; Charles O. Hancock, 33°; G. Michael Morris, 33°; George Nasra, 32°; Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III, 32°; and John Wihlen, 32°.

Ex-Officio Members: Deputy for New York, Harold L. Aldrich, 33°; Active Member of Supreme Council, Edward R. Trosin, 33°; Deputy's Representative, Stephen R. Whittaker, 33°.

Learning Center Fundraising Events

Thanks to everyone who participated in the recent WALK to Help Dyslexic Children, which took place on Saturday, May 17th. The final results will be reported in the next issue. I take this opportunity to thank everyone, who contributed to make the WALK a success. Particular thanks to Brother John Wihlen, WALK Chairman, and his family for all their hard work and assistance. Special thanks also to Brother Ed Wihlen and his family for their work as clowns, to face-painting artists during the event and to Rick Downs and the other Brothers from Fairport-Flower City Lodge for the setup and operation of the Child ID program.

Also, a special note of thanks to Worshipful Brother Dana Cline and all the Brothers at Seneca Lodge who undertook a special initiative to raise funds for the Rochester Learning Center. On April 26th, Seneca Lodge sponsored a Golf Tour-

Distinguished Charles Frear, 32° MSA, Class



(Left to Right) James Holzgartner, John Lemke, Charles Frear (class sponsor) Bernard Lazerson, Donald Baylor, William Edwards. (Absent: Terry Adams and Evar Miller).

Valley of Rochester Summer 2008 Program

June 5th (Thursday) – Officer Academy

All 2009 Valley Officers to Attend

Time/Place To Be Announced

June 21st – Strategic Planning Meeting

10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

8 SCR Lane, Victor

June 28th (Saturday) – Clambake/Steak Roast

At Camp Morris (near Wayland)

Bring a Dish-to-Pass!

Social - 1-4 p.m. Clams, Hors d'oeuvres, R & R

Steak Dinner - 5 – 6 p.m.

More Social, R&R and Campfire - 5 p.m. 'til...

July 25th-27th - COD (Liverpool)

July 27th (Sunday) – Family Picnic

at Seabreeze Park

Opens at 11 a.m.

Waterslide, Rides, Games

Picnic Fare at Valley Pavilion

August 15th (Friday) – Summer Outing

Wild Wood Country Club; Rush

Social - 6 p.m.; Dinner - 7 p.m.

August 24th-26th - Supreme Council

33° AASR Masons; Providence, RI

September 18th (Thursday)

Awards Meeting / Tishri at Shrine Center

Social - 5:30 p.m.; Meat Loaf Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

Program - 7:30 p.m.

Make your reservations On Time!

At least 5 days prior to any activity

(585) 264-1160 or 1-800-858-2320

All events at Shrine Center unless otherwise noted
Please call in your reservations at least one week prior to event.

name and Dinner with an Auction. The proceeds were donated to the Rochester Learning Center. Through this event, they raised approximately \$4,000 for the Rochester Learning Center program. On behalf of the Board of Governors and the children at the Learning Center, a heart-felt THANK YOU for your leadership, support and charity. You stand as a shining example of what Masonry is all about! Thank you, my Brothers.

Lastly, due to the tremendous success of the 10th Anniversary Celebration and Fundraiser for the Rochester Learning Center held last Fall, the Learning Center Board has decided to hold another Learning Center Gala and Auction this year at the Casa Larga Vineyards in Fairport on Sunday, October 26th. Everyone had a great time last year, and this year promises to be even better! Stay tuned – more information to follow. ✽

Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

- July**
- 3 Blood Drive at Webster Lodge Hall
 - 3, 19, 17, 24 & 31 Classic Car Show at Shrine Center (weather permitting)
 - 5 Blood Drive at Clio Lodge Hall
 - 20 A Day at the Genesee Country Museum plus a Civil War Re-enactment
- August**
- 2 Classic Car Show at Shrine Center (weather permitting)

- August**
- 14 DDGM Kickoff, Shrine Center
 - 23 Craftsman Robertson Yard Sale, Shrine Center
 - 25 School of Ritual, 7:30 p.m., Webster Lodge Hall
- September**
- 30 School of Ritual, 7:30 p.m., Unity Lodge Hall
- October**
- 28 Grand Lecturer's Convention

24th, 25th, 27th & 29th Districts - RAM
8th Cryptic District - R&SM
Zones 11 & 12 - Knights Templar

York Rite NEWS

York Rite College
Judas Maccabeus

District Deputy Grand Master

8th Arch
of New York



R. M. Ruel R. Lovett
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or 880-4076

By Ruel R. Lovett

Have you looked around the Council Room lately? In some locations there are just barely enough members to Open. The members are usually a little older. You search for younger faces, but they are not there. What happened? Why aren't we filling the room? Why aren't we growing? Actually, the reasons seldom change.

Encourage Participation

How many members use the book? How many are well versed in the WORK? How many participate in the Degree Work? How many members don't have a work assignment? Obviously, if they are in LINE, they have a reason to be there. But what other tasks are there? What reason does the non-Officer member have to attend Council?

There could be three non-Officers who are charged with having a snack or dinner for each meeting. You should have three Trustees who are accountable for the property of the Council. Did you realize that? A short report by one of the Trustees during each meeting should take place. Hopefully, the Trustees will not be Line Officers also.

Committees Involve Others

You should have a Charity Committee. One member of the Committee should report at each meeting. Are you going to have a special event during the year? You could have a very special occasion, including a dinner for the visiting Grand Council Line Officer. If you have a three-man Committee to see to this, it could be done very well, and indeed would be special. Will you have a Summer Picnic? Again, a three-man Committee would be best. Have them report at least every second meeting. There are other ideas. Look for them and use them. Do you see where this is going? You will have others besides the Officers at your meetings.

Share Ideas and Results

Now for the next part ... Be willing to share special situations with others. What makes you think the Council was created only for this small group? The Council is a very special organization. You can only be in the Council if you are also a member of a Blue Lodge and a Chapter of the Royal Arch. Those are august Bodies. They are SPECIAL. It follows that the Council is also SPECIAL.

Pride in Degrees

I'm sure you are aware the Council Degrees take a back seat to no other organization. The fine and excellent information, and the manner in which it is portrayed, are well up-front. The information found in both the Royal Arch and the Council Degrees are essential to the

Cyrene-Monroe Commandery No. 12

Chartered 1993
3rd Monday

Commander
SK Joseph D.
Oelgoetz III
425-9969

Recorder
SK Lawrence W. Dunn
594-8033

17 Church Street, Pittsford 14534



Eminent Sir Knights Joseph Oelgoetz and Donald Berry.

completion of the work started in Blue Lodge. Are you willing to share with other people? Can you let members of the Lodge and the Royal Arch know of the quality of the work? Have you realized that by each Officer knowing the work, you have instilled pride into the organization? Have you realized that with each of the others doing their assigned tasks and reporting to the membership instills pride? You expect each member to know their work and to properly do their work. You expect a Frestleboard, so that all are on the same page. You should expect no less. Pride of ownership brings membership.

Assistance Needed

I'm still looking for help for the October 22nd meeting of Bath Council at Savona. I'm also looking for a few who will affiliate with Bath to help rejuvenate this old and historic Council. The Lodge Building is on Church Street in Savona. This is a short street. You can't miss the Lodge. Meetings start at 7:30 p.m.

To all, I wish a safe and happy Summer. I thank all for allowing me to serve as District Deputy. I've enjoyed every minute of it. I will continue my duties until I am relieved in August by the next DDGM. Afterwards, I hope to remain active in the District. I'll see you in the Quarries.

Sagoyewatha Commandery No. 17, R.T. 3rd Saturday, 9 a.m.



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67 Ontario Street, Phelps NY

Inspection

Cyrene-Monroe Commandery No. 12's Inspection occurred on April 21st. It began with a fantastic repast prepared by Masonry's very own Joy Woodley. Joy, thanks again for a great meal.

It was our honor to host Eminent Sir Knight Donald J. Berry, Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of New York. After dinner, we retired to the Asylum for the work of the evening. A big thank you goes out to Eminent Sir Knight F. Edward (Ted) Powley, Commander of Sagoyewatha Commandery No. 17 who did the work of the Malta Degree expertly at the last minute. Thank you Eminent Sir Knight Powley! I also thank Very Eminent Sir Knight David Lathers, Deputy Grand Commander of Knights Templar of the State of New York, for his work on the Order of the Temple, Eminent Sir Knight Donald Brugger on his work on the Banners, and Sir Knight Ken Howe on his work on the Flag of the United States of America. To all, well done!

Election of Officers

The following Sir Knights were elected and appointed as Cyrene-Monroe Commandery's Officers for the 2008-09 Templar year:

Commander	Joseph F. Oelgoetz III
Generalissimo	Lawrence W. Dunn
Captain General	Donald J. Brugger
Senior Warden	William R. Flesher
Junior Warden	Kenneth R. Howe, Jr.
Excellent Prelate	John A. Dudley
Treasurer	Ernest A. Stelianou
Recorder	Charles M. Roberts
Sword Bearer	George L. Todd
Standard Bearer	Donald Q. Adams
Warder	Arnold E. Palmer

Sentinel
1-Year Trustee
2-Year Trustee
3-Year Trustee
Quartermaster
Drill Master

Thanks to all for serving.

Raymond R. Beardsley
Donald W. Wright
Raymond R. Beardsley
Arnold E. Palmer
Charles M. Roberts
Lawrence W. Dunn

Don't Forget... We'll Meet This Summer

Sir Knights, remember that we, as a Commandery, voted to meet through the Summer. Therefore, we will be meeting on the following Mondays: June 16th, July 21st and August 18th.

The dress for these Conclaves will be the Summer dress, which consists of a white, short-sleeve shirt, black slacks, black belt, black socks, black tie, black dress shoes and sword. Additionally, if you own the Official Summer dress cover (hat), then that is also appropriate.

For all Officers, there will be a rehearsal of Opening and Closing on Sunday, June 15th, beginning at 3 p.m. at the Pittsford Masonic Hall. Please bring your cover (Chapeau or Summer hat) and sword.

Our June 16th meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. The agenda calls for a review of the 2008-2009 Templar Year and the Commander's Program - a pictorial review of an overview of the Islamic Faith.

Our July 21st meeting will consist of a business meeting, rehearsal of Opening and Closing, and the Commander's Program - a pictorial review of Worldly Travels. There will be a "picnic-style" Dinner preceding the meeting.

May the Savior bless each and every one of you. My hope is that you have a wonderful Summer!

Rochester Forest No. 133

Tall Cedars
of Lebanon
of North America

4th Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Penfield, NY 14526

George Springett, GTC
247-3557

Donald C. Bell, Scribe
334-7768

By George R. Springett

Join with us June 25th at the Annual Steak Roast and see if you can dance with the bear as he sings an Elvis tune. Location is the Kiwanis Shangri-la Camp. Reservations and a dish-to-pass are required. Contact Donald Bell at 334-7768 before June 18th.

Have you ever wanted to see how some of those dollars you donated to the MDA charity are used? Now you have the opportunity to see those dollars in action. A visitation has been arranged for the Forest to visit MDA Camp Sunshine on July 2nd. See details in accompanying ad.

MDA Telethon

We need help on September 1st, as we support the MDA telethon at WXXI-TV by answering phones. Don't forget to bring your pyramid with you.

September 24th - Annual Sausage Roast at Kiwanis Shangri-

la Camp

October 22nd - Degree Night
November 26th - Election of Officers

December 6th - Annual Holiday Dinner at Rick's Prime Rib

House, 898 Buffalo Road

Remember we need applications for Candidates and if you turn in more applications, next year's Dues are already paid for you.

Attention Tall Cedar Members Only...

MDA Summer Camp
Visitor's Day

MDA's Open House
at the Rotary Sunshine Campus
on Wednesday, July 2nd

Over 90 children with Muscular Dystrophy
will participate in

MDA's Summer Camp Program
from June 29th to July 2nd, 2008.

You are welcome to see, first-hand,
how your commitment directly impacts
the lives of children
with Neuromuscular Disease

Visitor's Day Schedule

10 a.m.	Guests & Media Arrive/Register
10-11:30 a.m.	Camp Tours
12-1 p.m.	Picnic with MDA Campers & Staff
1-1 p.m.	Setup for Carnival
1-3 p.m.	Carnival

By F. Edward Powley

Sir Knights, when you read this, we will be in Summer Recess. The frequency of Masonic meetings will slow a bit so that we can enjoy the sunshine and pleasures of warmer weather. Aren't we blessed to have four distinct seasons in New York? Lady Marilyn and I wish you and yours a fantastic Summer with loved ones, familiar friends, and new friends.

June 1st, is our Zone 11 Council Officers and Ladies Summer

Picnic at Bill and Mary Lou Jones' home.

June 21st is St. John's Day at the Masonic Care Community Campus in Utica. You are certainly encouraged to join the Honor Guard for our newly elected Grand Master and Grand Lodge Officers. The parade steps off at 3 p.m. if you wish to march with the Grand Commandery. If not marching, join us in front of Tompkin's Chapel for the Honor Guard. For both, full uniform with sword is the dress.

Skiping ahead to the Fall, there is excitement building as Western New York Sir Knights advance in our Grand Commandery Line. Sir Knight David Lathers is expected to become our next Grand Commander at the Annual Conclave in September. His Reception will be in October and close by for us. Carpooling will certainly make a lot of sense and show our support of the "green movement."

On a rainy day, you could polish your sword and practice the Sword Manual.



Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

Ronald J. Morthorst
Monarch

Legion
Clowns
Caldron
Historian

M.O.V.P.E.R.



Ronald J. Morthorst
Monarch
334-4196

June is here. Mark your calendar for these important

events:

June 2nd - Board of Governors, 7 p.m.

June 3rd- 8th - Lalla Rookh will be represented at the Supreme Council Annual Meeting in Hot Springs, Arkansas

June 18th - Grotto Meeting; Prophets Picnic and Sport Shirt Night at the Damascus Shrine Center. Make your reservations with Jim Toogood at 594-2189.

June 21st - Lalla Rookh Golf Tournament at Old Hickory Golf Club. There's still time to enter. Call Dick Topel 663-2547. Your check is your reservation. NOTE: Cost is \$45. It

was quoted incorrectly in last month's *Masonic Times*.

For the Summer, your Grotto has reserved space at Finger Lakes Race Track on Sunday, July 13th, for our Prophets and Ladies - yes, they are more than welcome - to enjoy a Brunch Buffet and see a full race card. You can bet if you wish! The race program and bet book is included in your admission for only \$20 per person. For reservations, send your check to Ron Morthorst at 231 Mystic Lane, Rochester, NY 14623, before July 3rd. Special Grotto Members "Ap-

preciation Picnic" will be held at Henrietta Town Park on Thursday, August 14th, from 4 p.m. - 9 p.m. This will be for all Lalla Rookh Prophets and their Ladies. This is a catered event and we must have accurate counts. Your reservation is your check for \$10 per person by August 6th. Again, send it to Ron Morthorst. "BIG SURPRISE" - your check(s) will be returned when you arrive to eat and enjoy yourself. SUGGESTION - cut this article out of the *Masonic Times* and put it on your daily calendar as a reminder. Any questions, call the Hotline at 334-4196.

Caldron News

By Marcia Morrison, MCO

I forgot to mention last issue the White Fez Club meeting. It was good to see Gloria and Edith from Aahmes Caldron, and Marion and Quenda from Canada. The next New York State White Fez Club Meeting is October 18th, 11:30 a.m., at the Lehigh Restaurant in Henrietta.

Elevator Access

If you do not have a "fob" for the door and elevator, there is a doorbell at both the front and back door. It rings in the kitchen and also has a flashing light in the Outer Lodge Room. Please give us time to get there.

Canal Days

July 26th and 27th are the SPENCERPORT CANAL DAYS. We will be selling water, pop and iced tea for \$1 each. Look for us on the street near the Lodge.

Birthday Wishes

Summer is almost here and I need to add to the Birthday Cheer. Happy Birthday to the June, July and August Birthday Girls. July 13th is the Special Day for Marcia Morrison and Helen Francis.

Mark Your Calendar

Prior to the September 11th meeting, there will be a HAM DINNER at 6 p.m.; followed by a Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Call Bev at 865-8507 for your reservation.

Supreme Sessions will be in Canton, Ohio, September 18th - 20th. Some of us are planning to attend; I hope you can, too.

Note a Date Change

Due to the Firemen's Parade on the our regular meeting night, we will meet June 19th with a Potluck Dinner at 6 p.m. Bring a DISH-TO-PASS.

Golf Tournament

Grand Historian



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671-6320

Kenneth Hutchinson, PM
hutchkv@yahoo.com

While at the E.S.G.A. Spring Meeting in Albany on April 26th, Edna and I were conducted on a tour by John Scott, PM of Kaa Rheu Vahn Grotto. We saw and photographed the

Albany Masonic Hall at 67 Corning Place. On that site, on May 12, 1768, the cornerstone was set for the first Lodge House, exclusively built and owned by a Masonic Lodge in America. The title to this property has remained continuously vested in the hands of the Masonic Fraternity, the oldest such property known to exist in the world.

You will remember in England the Lodges met on the second floors of taverns, thus they owned no property.

This tour is worth mentioning, as it follows the earlier articles of September and October, 2007 in the *Masonic Times*. "FDR, The Prophet President."

When New York Governor Roosevelt had State Troopers assigned as his body guards, one became a Mason. FDR wanted to attend the Lodge meeting in Albany Masonic Hall. He was told they could carry him up the stairs. He was upset and said "I'll be d---, if I'll be carried upstairs!" They quickly made a small blue ramp for his wheelchair to go down two cement steps in style. The FDR ramp is still in use.

That night FDR rode up on the small elevator. The present building was built in 1896 and the elevator was constructed a few years later. It was located in a narrow space between two restrooms. The door was just 24 inches wide, but enough for his wheelchair.

Photos showed his wheelchair was specially made to look like a wooden office chair. He did not want the public knowing he had Polio. If the press were waiting for the Governor at his front door, railroad tracks were in the back. A train stopped in the back and dropped FDR off at his back door.

FDR died just before the end of World War II. His widow, Eleanor Roosevelt, became a Charter Member of Tri Po Bed Caldron, when it was formed on May 20, 1961 in Poughkeepsie.

References: John Scot PM, and Robert White PM, of Kaa Rheu Vahn and Elevator Operator, Brother Carl Rynski. Robert White, PM of Kaa Rheu Vahn Grotto told more interesting stories of FDR.

Secretary's Column

By Kenneth Hutchinson, PM

We are moving into our busy season of the year with many Summer activities coming up. If you want the very latest information on any event, feel free to phone our Monarch's rapid answering service, day or night. It's Ronald J. Morthorst at 334-4196.

Our Membership Chairman, Bernie Lazerson, gave a fine talk on "What It Means To Be A Grotto Member," at our April 16th Awards Night. Well done,

Bernie; yes, very well done. He is all fired up, as is his hard working committee. We must get behind him and offer our support; what better way than with a signed Petition or two?

Prophet L. Warren Patterson will be installed as Master of Webster Lodge on June 5th. Come out and support Warren on this important night.

Our Dual Member, Monarch Fredrick P. Kinney, of Selma Grotto, St Petersburg, FL, phoned to say hello to all, and looked forward to seeing Monarch Ron Morthorst in Supreme

Session in June.

The ESGA Fall Convention has a change of date to September 11th-14th, at the Binghamton Regency Hotel, One Sarbro Square, Binghamton. For reservations, call (607) 722-7575. The incoming Officers will be President - Ken Hutchinson, PM of Lalla Rookh Grotto; Vice-President - John Scott, PM of Kaa Rheu Vahn Grotto; Marshal - Ken Love, PM of Rani Ghar Grotto.

Sickness and Distress

Frank Ghyzel is greatly improved and has returned home. Frank Murrer, is at the Monroe

County Hospital, East Henrietta and Westfall Roads. Visitors are welcome. You can contact his Niece, Cheryl Eddy, 352-3495 for further information.

William Khune has been moved to hospice care.

Charles White returned from Florida about May 10th. He also welcomes phone calls 742-3537.

Now Prophets, until we meet again, Edna and I wish you and your family the very best of everything and a nice Summer holiday. Come back with enthusiasm for the Fall months that are ahead.

Lalla Rookh Grotto presents A Day at the Races Sunday, July 13th

Finger Lakes Race Track
Farmington

Horse Racing at its best!

Sunday Brunch Buffet Served Noon 'til 2 p.m.

\$20 per person

Includes Program and Betting Guide
Free Parking

Reservations are a MUST by July 6th

Your check is your reservation.

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Monday, June 2nd
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7 p.m., Shrine Center

Monday, June 16th
Legion of Honor and
Masonic War Veterans
Joint Picnic

Wednesday, June 18th
Grotto Meeting, Shrine Center
Picnic Meeting

Saturday, June 21st
Lalla Rookh Golf Tournament
Old Hickory Golf Club
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Sunday, July 13th
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Finger Lakes Race Track

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By Diane Dobbertin

May has gone!! And so have the Monroe District Official Visits!!! Rt. Wthy. Tom and I have been doing a lot of "visiting" throughout the State and have enjoyed them all. Of course, our most important visit was that of Most Wthy. Jodelle C. Fletcher, Grand Matron and Most Wthy. Clifford L. Gross, Grand Patron. We'll report on that next time.

Lilac Luncheon

We remind you of the Lilac Luncheon at the Roselawn Restaurant in Oriskany on June 5th. We have hired a 29-passenger bus for the trip. We hope you will respond to Rt. Wthy. Tom ASAP with your reservation. We will meet at Marketplace Mall **no later than 8:00 a.m.** The Mall is requiring that each driver fill out a Waiver form that identifies each car that's parked there. Drivers, be prepared to fill out the form before the bus leaves. We will gather at the southeast corner of the Mall, near Sears on the Hylan Drive side. It's also near the M&T Bank, but **please do not park in the M&T Bank parking lot.** Plan to arrive between 7:45 a.m. and 8 a.m. as the bus will be **leaving at 8:15 a.m. sharp**, per the details of our contract. We hope to FILL the bus.

Line Officers

Our next Line Officers' Club meeting is Saturday, June 7th, 9 a.m. at United Church of Pittsford. All Line Officers are invited to come.

Sickness and Distress

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Rt. Wthy. Janice Smith on the passing of her father. Rt. Wthy. Janice returned to Pennsylvania when her sister had surgery and needed help. Rt. Wthy.

Also, our sympathy is extended to Rt. Wthy. Audrey Zufall in the death of her husband, Rt. Wthy. Bill Zufall.

Rt. Wthy. Donna Laundry has been suffering with a bad sciatic nerve problem.

Rt. Wthy. David Williams had surgery on his rotator cuff and is home with a very sore shoulder, arm and hand. Most Wthy. Wanda is learning to drive the tractor and pull the spray apparatus at the same time!

We wish for all a speedy recovery from the aches and pains you are suffering.

District Fun Nite

The next big event for your calendar is District Fun Nite on June 21st at United Church of Pittsford, 123 South Main Street. Bring your neighbors, friends, cousins and the in-laws, too, and we'll all have some fun. The donation is \$5; bring your favorite "snack" to share with everyone, a food item to go to the Pittsford Food Cupboard which supplies five towns and your favorite game (if you wish)!! Games, food, prizes....

That's enough for now; just remember to *Be Wise In All You Say and Do.*

Corinthian/ Fellowship

Chapter No. 322

Order of the Eastern Star
2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.

Wthy. Marilyn Israel, Matron
Wthy. Robert Israel, Patron
461-3254

Rt. Wthy. Beverly VanHuben
Secretary - 647-1391

805 Blossom Road
Rochester 14610

By Marilyn Israel

Our Official Visit is now a memory. Thanks to everyone who was present that night.

I had the opportunity to attend the 8th Annual Social and Community Awards Dinner for Haggai Chapter No. 41, Most Excellent Prince Hall Chapter of Holy Royal Arch Masons. The Award Recipients were Reverend James Lee Cherry, Sr. and Dr. Alice Holloway Young. Dr. Young was not able to attend, but a colleague, Frances Cromwell, accepted for her. Reverend Cherry was also the Keynote Speaker with a dynamic delivery about Brotherhood and the Community. The take-away message was his reference to investing in the community - Look Forward and Up.

Upcoming Dates to Note

June 11th - Regular Meeting (last one before Summer break)
August 3rd - Summer Picnic at Marilyn's home; 4 p.m. Bring dish-to-pass, table service and a lawn chair.

September 10th and 24th - Back to Regular Meetings

R.A.I.H.N. Support

Please remember paper products for Rt. Wthy. Diane and Tom's District project. Bring them to the Summer Picnic and our meetings.

My underlying theme this year is "Must there be an arc of poverty around Rochester, or any city?"

Symbols of Significance

Just a reminder of my special symbols and what they mean -
The Crown - Power
The Ring - Eternity
The Books - Knowledge
The Compass - Direction
The Basket - the Children of the World

Flowers - a Sign of Hope
I'll close with my word - "Faith." Faith builds a bridge from this world to the next.

Have a great Summer!

Brother Nathan Thompson (Clio Lodge)

Greetings from Afghanistan. I am sorry that I have not been able to write much in the last month. I have been extremely busy trying to get my relief in place, or RIP done, with my counterpart from South Carolina. I am now taking over the job as Civil Military Operations Officer, which is a battalion staff job. I am constantly going outside the wire and meeting the local people. I have many meetings with the local tribal elders or leaders and find out from them what the problems or concerns are and try to resolve them through project money to

help re-build their villages. I had just conducted a civilian medical assistance with a village not that far down the road from where we are located. It was very successful. The British helped out considerably with security, which was a big help to me. Overall, I had about 110 soldiers from 3 countries under my supervision, including our own. We had some Afghan police to help us as well. I will be heading out to the other side of our AO to provide humanitarian assistance to one of the towns east of us. We should be dropping off mostly food and blankets. This will be my second one this month.

nual Bazaar is one of the major fundraisers. Come and enjoy a relaxing day of fun, food and fellowship. There are several great places to shop including food of all kinds, new items, gently used items and a Share Booth raffle with great prizes. It is great for the young and young-at-heart. This year there will be a mystery theme with mystery guests and surprises.

All Chapters in the Ontario/Seneca/Yates District are looking forward to hosting a picnic for the Veterans at the Canandaigua VA Facility on Saturday, June 28th. It's always a fun afternoon with a lunch of hotdogs, potato salad and, of course, cookies. It is always great to visit with those who have given so much for us and our Country.

Seneca Lake Chapter will be hosting a Wine Tasting at the Cobblestone, a historic home, on Saturday, June 21st. There will be refreshments and entertainment at this charity event to raise money for "Comfort Care" in Penn Yan. Tickets may be purchased from any member for \$10. For further information, call Gail at (585) 526-6323.

Eagle Star Chapter will be holding its Annual All-You-Can-Eat Chicken and Biscuit Dinner on Saturday, July 12th, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge Hall; 4994 County Road, Honeoye. Bring your friends and family to this delicious meal.

Dream not too much of what you'll do tomorrow,
How well you'll work perhaps another year;
Tomorrow's chance you do not need to borrow;
Today is here.

Grand Official Visits culminate with the Most Worthy Grand Matron's Homecoming on Saturday, June 14th, in Syracuse. Rt. Wthy. Paul and I have been privileged to attend several of these visits and have enjoyed meeting and re-connecting with friends in the Order of the Eastern Star.

Pilgrimage Day on Saturday, July 26th in Oriskany, offers a fun Country Fair atmosphere for the whole family. The An-

Did You Know That?

By Phil Hurwitz

- A Lodge may accept a petitioner for affiliation without regard to limitations of time, or the place of his residence. *HBML 471*
- A Brother's Application for Affiliation, if rejected, can be resubmitted to any other Lodge without any limitation of time following such rejection. *HBML 476*
- The amount of Dues owing at the time of Affiliation must be paid, remitted or discharged as a condition precedent to restoration. *HBML 824*

- An Application for Restoration to Membership for a Brother who has been unaffiliated for Non-payment of Dues (NPD), cannot be voted upon by the Lodge, unless the arrears has been settled; otherwise the vote is void. *HBML Supp. 824*
- Suspension from the Rights and Privileges of Masonry shall not relieve the member of payment of Lodge Dues, or the Lodge from Grand Lodge Dues upon such member. *Const. 368*

Remember the Brotherhood Fund

I should be promoted to Captain anytime now. I am just waiting on orders produced from New York State HQ. They are the ones who will write my orders, but have not done so yet. All is well. I am living ok here at Camp Phoenix. The living conditions could be better. I am living in a cramped up wooden hut with mostly enlisted soldiers, which is not ideal. I need to get out of this hut and go into one of the officers' quarters, which actually isn't that much better. At least I will be by myself with no additional noise.

Well, I must get going. Take care to all. I will send some pictures when I get the chance.



Roger Lynch, Patron (left), and Sula Baxter, Matron (right), of Lilac Star Chapter, present Sandria Kuehne with her 50-year Certificate of Membership and Pin.

Linda Zahn (right), congratulates her friend, Sandy Kuehne, for achieving 50 years of O.E.S. membership.

News
from
the
Troops ...

In Memoriam

Beyl, Russell J.

We have received word that Russell J. Beyl, 87, passed away March 24th. Russell lived in California, but maintained his membership in ERAC Lodge. May he find peace with the Lord.

Bryson, H. Hoyt

On May 4th, Hoyt Bryson, 90, entered Eternal Rest with our Lord. His wife of 60 years, Inez, 4 children and 3 grandchildren are left to remember him. Hoyt was a member of Mt. Morris Lodge and Scottish Rite. He labored hard for those he loved, then left us to remember.

Clark, Charles F. "Bud"

On May 2nd, Bud Clark, passed to his Heavenly Home, leaving his wife of 58 years, Janet, 4 children, 5 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild to share their memories. Bud was a member of Clio Lodge and Scottish Rite. Thoughts today, memories forever.

Tygart, Sheldon M.

On May 6th, Sheldon Tygart, 82, laid down his earthly Working Tools and entered that House not made by human hands. He is survived by 2 sons, 7 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. Sheldon was a member of Olive Branch Lodge and has resided in Florida for a number of years. May the memories of his life comfort those who mourn.

VanHaneghan, Leonard J. "Lenny"

All too soon, the Lord called Leonard VanHaneghan, 63, home on May 4th. His wife, Sandra, a son and 2 grandchildren survive him. Lenny was a member of Drumlin Square Lodge. You left us with a garden of beautiful memories, sprayed with a million tears.

Wingate, George W.

George Wingate, 79, went to be with the Lord, April 10th. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Lois, 3 children, 5 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. George was a member of Livonia Lodge. May he find peace with the Lord.

Wolfe, Roger T.

May 7th was the day the Lord called Roger Wolfe, 75, to his Heavenly home. Roger was a member of Northfield Lodge. His wife, Judy, several children and grandchildren, survive him.

Widow to be Remembered

Joiner, Kathleen D. (90), widow of Clifford Joiner (Unity), passed away May 15th.

Leisten, Lydia W. "Pat" (79), widow of Donald F. Leisten (Unity), passed away May 13th.

Taxes! Taxes! Taxes!

By Tom Michielsen

Summer is about to begin. Most of us have turned our thoughts to golf, fishing, yard work and vacations. The governments have not stopped working and the tax laws continue to evolve. Therefore, I will continue to monitor them and publish, as much as space allows, those changes that might be of use to the most of you.

Record Keeping

You can avoid headaches at tax time by keeping track of your receipts and other records throughout the year. Good record keeping will help you remember the various transactions you made during the year, which in turn may make filing your return a less taxing experience.

Records help you document the deductions you've claimed on your return. You'll need this documentation should the IRS select your return for examination. Normally, tax records should be kept for at least three years, but some documents — such as records relating to a home purchase or sale, stock

transactions, IRA and business or rental property — should be kept longer.

In most cases, the IRS does not require you to keep records in any special manner. Generally speaking, however, you should keep any and all documents that may have an impact on your federal tax return, i.e. bills, credit card and other receipts, invoices, mileage logs, canceled, imaged or substitute checks or any other proof of payment, any other records to support deductions or credits you claim on your return.

Good record keeping throughout the year saves you time and effort at tax time when organizing and completing your return. If you hire a paid professional to complete your return, the records you have kept will assist the preparer in quickly and accurately completing your return.

If you changed your home or business address, notify the Internal Revenue Service to ensure that you receive any re-

funds or correspondence. While the Internal Revenue Service uses the Postal Service's change of address files to update taxpayer addresses, notifying the Internal Revenue Service directly is still a good idea.

There are several ways to do this:

- **On Your Tax Return** — You may write the new address in the appropriate boxes on your tax return when you file.

- **Form 8822** — You may use Form 8822, Change of Address, to submit an address or name change at any time during the year.

- **Written Notification** — To give written notification, write to the Internal Revenue Service center where you file your return and provide your new address. In order to process an address change, the IRS will need your full name, old and new addresses, and your social security number or employer identification number, and signatures. If you filed a joint return, you should provide the same information for both spouses. If you filed a joint return and have since established separate residences, you each should notify the IRS of your new addresses.

- **Verbal Notification** — If an IRS employee contacts you about your account, you may be able to verbally provide a change of address.

It's a good idea to notify your employer of your new address so that you can get your W-2 forms on time.

If you change your address after filing your return, don't forget to notify the post office at your old address so your mail can be forwarded.

You should also notify the IRS if you make estimated tax payments and you change your address during the year. You should mail a completed Form 8822, Change of Address, or write the IRS center where you file your return. You can continue to use your old pre-printed payment vouchers until the IRS sends you new ones. However, do not correct the address on the old voucher.

Upcoming calendar year taxpayer due dates:

June 15 — May Payroll Taxes and Second Quarter Estimated Taxes Due.

June 20 — Sales Tax Due.

If you have any tax questions, please forward them to: tmichie1@rochester.rr.com.

Monroe Delegates to Grand Lodge Session

Recipients of the Howard Potts Award were greeted by Deputy Grand Master, R.:W.: Edward Gilbert, and Grand Master, M.:W.: Neal Bidnick and presented their Certificates. (Left column top to bottom) Hugh Woodside, Wakan-Hubbard; George Foehner, Union Star; James Deasey, Northfield. (Right column)



Thomas Goodrich, Fairport-Flower City; Edwin Malchoff, Webster; and George Todd, Clio.

The entire delegation (shown in their seats, bottom photo) with R.:W.: Gary Sanford, Monroe District Deputy Grand Master; R.:W.: Derek Van Houten, Grand Sword Bearer; and Past Junior Grand Warden, R.:W.: Richard Friedman.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Canandaigua - Shortsville RAM - Palmyra/Eagle KT - Gyrene/Monroe - Pittsford Shrine Lunch Club	3 Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson, Shrine Center Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps Nunda Station OES - Fairport, Nolarka, Starlight	4 Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy Damascus Shrine OES - Lilac Star	5 Eunice - Caledonia Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster - (I) RSM - Palmyra Council	6 Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m. \$7 adult; \$4 Child 30 Orchard Street	7 OES - Rochester Chapter - Spencerport Apron Presentation, Shrine Center
8 Camp DeMolay Open House	9 ERAC - Shrine Center Fairport/Flower City Unity Star - Honeoye Falls Unity - Spencerport Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield (I) RAM - Excelsior - Shortsville Shrine Lunch Club	10 Eagle - Honeoye Seneca - Webster Valley-Simes, Shrine Center RAM - Dansville OES - Leah - Hilton, Mary Jane Holmes - Brockport	11 Oakka - Scottsville Masonic Service Bureau Monthly Luncheon Meeting OES - Corinthian Fellowship	12 Fame, Shrine Center Millnor - Victor Union - Lima RAM - Hiram Lalla Rookh Caldron	13 Daughters of the Nile, Zanna Temple - Fairport	14 Flag Day
15 Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinner Weds 11th and 25th 287 East Avenue, Hilton	16 Canandaigua - Shortsville KT - Gyrene/Monroe - Pittsford Lalla Rookh Grotto Legion of Honor Shrine Lunch Club - Ladies Day	17 Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson, Shrine Center Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps Nunda Station OES - Nolarka, Starlight	18 Ark - Geneva Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy RSM - Doric Council, Pittsford Lalla Rookh Grotto OES - Lilac Star MON - Masters & Wardens	19 Eunice - Caledonia Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster Masonic Service Bureau Awards Night, Shrine Center	20 First Day of Summer	21 KT - Sagoyewatha - Phelps Oakka Lodge Public Installation Unity Lodge Picnic St. John's Day - Utica
22 Eagle Lodge Eagle Chapter Spaghetti Dinner Thursday, May 15th 4994 County Rd 36 Honeoye	23 Father's Day	24 Eagle - Honeoye Valley-Simes RAM - Dansville, LeRoy OES - Leah - Hilton	25 Oakka - Scottsville Tall Cedars of Lebanon	26 Fame, Shrine Center Millnor - Victor Union - Lima RAM - Hiram James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post	27 Shriners Events or Events at Shrine Center in this typeface. See <i>Damascus News</i> section for details.	28 Deadline for the September issue of the <i>Atlasonic Times</i> is August 10
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