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## Samiec and Selders Headline College of Freemasonry

Don't forget to block your calendar on April 4th and 5th and reserve your spot at this year's Scottish Rite College of Freemasonry Program that everyone is talking about. The College of Freemasonry is one of our Valley's signature events. Each year we bring together an impressive panel of scholars and Masonic thinkers to discuss a particular theme and engage you in a discussion and debate for the purpose of promoting Masonic education and remain true to Freemasonry's goal and vision of self-improvement through knowledge and truth.

The theme of this year's event is "Freemasonry and its Relevance in Today's Society."



### Friday Night

We will start this year's program on the evening of Friday April 4th with an entertaining event for our Scottish Rite Brothers and their spouse or significant other. It will be featuring "A Tribute to the Past" by Randy Riggle, the famous Comedian and Entertainer.

Randy has been a seasoned veteran of the comedy scene since 1982 as a nationally touring comedian. His combination of innovative style, quick wit, and brilliant impressions has made Randy popular with all types of audiences for many years. It is that type of versatility that has made him one of the hottest tickets on college campuses and a favorite in the corporate market.



He has written for many comedians, including Jay Leno and Joan Rivers, as well as opening for such acts as Dennis Miller, Kenny Chesney, Jerry Seinfeld, Ellen DeGeneres and Weird Al Yankovic. This talented comedian has appeared nationally on NBC, ABC, and CBS Television Networks. Randy is also a regular performer at the world famous IMPROV Comedy Clubs. Randy has also become a regular on The Strip in Las Vegas, having performed at the Conti-



Ill.: John R. Selders, 33°



Ill.: Peter J. Samiec, 33°

mental, Westward Ho, Palace Station, Riviera, Flamingo and Stardust Hotels.

Randy's act features a clean, refreshing approach to humor as he is a favorite in both Christian and secular markets. Just add a few props, an acoustic guitar and a few impressions and you have one hilariously funny evening of comedy entertainment. A proven ability to make people laugh and enjoy themselves makes Randy Riggle a definite threat to your funny bone! Why not see for yourself?

### Saturday Programs

The event continues on Saturday, April 5th, with a panel of Masonic and historical speakers. Our keynote speaker for this year's event is Rev. Ill.: John R. Selders, 33°. Rev. Selders is a Pastor in Ohio where he grew up and was educated. He is a highly regarded public speaker whose background in Freemasonry and interest in personal growth makes him an ideal presenter at this year's College. Time and again he has demonstrated the ability to captivate and motivate his audience. As he did at the historic joint session of the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions in Washington DC, he will make very clear "The relevance of Freemasonry in Today's Society." Rev. Selders is much in demand as a speaker; don't miss this wonderful opportunity to hear him.

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## Changing of the Guard



R.: W.: Derek E. VanHouten



W.: Michael L. Nohle



W.: George L. Todd

By John Zabel

At the end of the Grand Lodge Session in May, the Monroe District will have a new District Leadership Team for the Term 2008-2010. The recommendations made by the Monroe District Purple Club have been accepted and are the following:

The new District Deputy Grand Master designee is R.: W.: Derek

E. VanHouten (currently the Grand Sword Bearer). Monroe District will have two Staff Officers to fill out the Leadership Team. The new Staff Officer designees are W.: Michael L. Nohle and W.: George L. Todd.

These Brothers will commence their training in late March through April and will become our new District Lead-

ership Team at the close of Grand Lodge on May 6th. These short biographies will introduce our new leaders.

### District Deputy Grand Master

R.: W.: Derek E. VanHouten comes from a family of Masons. His grandfather was Master of

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### We've Been Waiting...

Come Share Our "Uplifting" Celebration!

Sunday, March 9th at 2 p.m.

Unity Lodge Hall

133 S. Union Street, Spencerport

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This Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony will officially open our long-anticipated elevator, allowing everyone to get to the Second Floor and attend meetings, dinners and other activities!

## College of Freemasonry

April 4th and 5th

Tickets available from the Valley Office (264-1160)

Friday (AASR Members' Night) - \$25 (\$40 per couple)

Saturday (Open to Masons, Friends and Families)

Includes Refreshments and Box Lunch - \$20

Friday and Saturday - \$40

Tickets are limited; order soon.

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Editor's Corner

I'm baaaack, after the earliest-in-the-year vacation I believe I have ever taken...for a number of reasons. It was really great to get away and rejuvenate my body and mind.

It was right back into the thick of things...March issue copy deadline and the Board meeting on Wednesday got the juices flowing immediately.

Worth noting are: Scottish Rite Feast of the Paschal Lamb on March 9th and the College of Freemasonry on April 4th (for Rite Members) and 5th for all interested persons.

March 31st is the School of Ritual at Clio Lodge in Hilton. Your AGLs work very hard to provide you with these educational opportunities and wish more Masons would take advantage of their expertise.

The Livingston District Masonic Association has their Ladies Night on April 5th. Contact R. W. Richard Trescott (226-9042) if you would like to attend. I'm assured that everyone is welcome.

Ontario/Seneca/Yates District will present the Road to

the East Course at Pocahontas Lodge on March 15th. Session 2 on March 24th and Session 3 on the 31st will be at Garoga-Sincerity Lodge.

Damascus Shriners have a Circus again this Spring, April 25th, 26th and 27th. This is an important fundraising activity for them.

The Masonic Service Bureau has one of its biggest events of the year on April 26th, the Widows Luncheon. Our desire is every Lodge would join us to honor those who supported our departed Brothers in their Masonic endeavors.

These are just a few of the events of which I am aware. Some are in conflict with others - there are just so many dates available - but rarely does it cause direct conflict with an individual.

Thanks for reading.

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Today's Purpose February's article reviewed the predecessors and origination of the Masonic Service Bureau of Rochester, as well as the various functions the Bureau provided at its incorporation some eighty plus years ago.

trace back to the forerunner of the Service Bureau almost 200 years ago! We currently offer grants that total some fifteen thousand dollars.

The Loan Closet makes available home care equipment such as crutches, all types of canes, commodes, walkers and wheelchairs (they require a \$25 deposit) to anyone who needs to borrow them.

The Service Bureau owns and operates a 16-acre Camp on the shores of Lake Ontario. The Camp is available to groups and organizations, on a first-come, first-served basis.

There are a number of special functions that the Bureau has sponsored for many years, which include: a Widows Luncheon; an Interfaith Service and Brunch, accompanied by an award to an individual who is recognized for their special contributions to the community;

We publish a District-wide Masonic Directory of all the mens' and ladies' organizations and their top Officers. There are other programs and functions whereby the Masonic Community is either serving the community or the Bureau is coordinating activities to better allow the membership more information and service to benefit our neighbors and more importantly our own Sisters and Brothers.

I will ask the same as I did last month ... if you have thoughts or comments on the functions and services that the Masonic Service Bureau currently provides, please contact me. Thank you and Happy Easter to all.

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Charity Grants Each year the Masonic Service Bureau offers Grants to area Charities for the use of their actual charity mission and objectives. Application is made by the Charity writing a request letter that outlines their purpose, other sources of funding, including a financial report, and the project/activity to which the funds would be applied.

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## Have-a-Heart Campaign... \$15,000 Raised This Year

By George Foehner

Many words explain this year's successful "Have-a-Heart" Campaign - Words like Heroism, Dedication, Generosity, Responsibility and Freemasonry. These words epitomize the personalities and attitudes of the men, women and children who banded together to make this year a success.

Nunda Station Lodge defined the word "Heroism" on Saturday, February 2nd, by coming a good distance to man Marketplace Mall from 12-3 p.m. When the second shift didn't show, they volunteered to stay and keep the booth going until 6 p.m. when the third shift arrived. The result was a \$750 day. I will be forever grateful. Thanks from the Ronald McDonald Houses.

The word "Dedication" belongs to Dana Cline and his Brothers of Seneca Lodge who took over Eastview Mall on February 8th and 9th. They supplied a full force of Brothers and amassed a two-day total of over \$1,600, - \$900 on Saturday alone. Also at Eastview, Webster Lodge came in a close second.

"Generosity" belongs to Valley-Simes Lodge working The Mall at Greece Ridge for a one-day total of \$1,700, of which \$1,000 was a check directly from the Lodge. Runner-up at Greece was Craftsman Robertson Lodge.

"Responsibility" goes to the Union Star Lodge Brothers who backed this Chairman's actions on every occasion; working extra hours, picking up the money and raising over \$2,500 with all the hours worked.

"Freemasonry" describes my Campaign Leader, Eugene Crews, at Marketplace Mall, who year after year leads Eureka Lodge and Estella Chapter in making Marketplace a successful operation.

### Grateful Thanks...

Thanks to our many friends and sponsors:

- Entercom for our radio spots; WHAM Channel 13 for the Bright Spot Time featuring the Malls at Eastview, Marketplace and Greece Ridge
- Label World U.S.A. for the Heart stickers and The Riverside Group along with Monroe Litho for paper hearts.
- To our two new collection spots - Rose Gardens-Lanes in Bergen and Clover Lanes in Brighton, who promoted donations for paper hearts and helped us top the \$15,000 mark.
- Last, but not least, all the shoppers and the public, in general, whose donations make this Campaign possible. We are truly blessed to live in such a giving community.

My personal thanks to all of you for your hard work and dedication. The local Ronald McDonald Houses appreciate everything we do for them.

## Changing of the Guard

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Corinthian Temple in 1921, his father was a member of the Warren C. Hubbard Lodge and Derek was Raised in Seneca Lodge in 1981. Currently R.:W.: VanHouten is a member and Past Master of Craftsman Robertson Lodge and a dual affiliate of Unity Lodge.

Derek recently retired from Eastman Kodak Company where he worked for 32 years in the Construction Division as a Certified Welder. He talks about his grandfather who was the 13th employee and worked there from 1891 until his retirement in 1938. In 1991 Derek was the Chairman of the Rochester Section of the American Welding Society.

R.:W.: Brother VanHouten has been busy in the quarries of Masonry. He was the District Brotherhood Chairman and currently is the Area 15 (Wayne, Monroe and Livingston Districts) Chairman. He has served the Grand Lodge as Grand Sword Bearer for two terms. He served twice as Master of Craftsman Robertson Lodge and currently is the Treasurer of the Masters and Wardens Association for the Monroe District.

He has also served in Concordant Bodies throughout his Masonic Career. He has been a member of the Shrine since 1984 and served as the Potentate in 1995. He recently completed serving on the Imperial Donor Relations Committee and is an Emeritus Member (10 years) of the Committee. He is the unofficial Historian for the Damascus Shrine Center.

In the Valley of Rochester he has been an active member since 1983 and currently is

Deputy Master of the Lodge of Perfection and next year will be the Thrice Potent Master.

In his spare time, he and his wife Judy enjoy traveling the waters of the world, taking care of their cats and enjoying life.

### Staff Officers

W.: Michael L. Nohle is a third generation Mason. His grandfather, Lewis Nohle, Sr., uncle, Lewis Nohle, Jr., and father, James Nohle, all served as Master of Rochester Lodge. His father; uncle, Brother Wes Beard, DSA; and cousin, Brother Jeffrey Beard, Sr., are current members of Webster Lodge.

W.: Brother Nohle was Raised April 15, 1999, in Webster Lodge and served as Master of the Lodge in 2005-2006. During his tenure, he revamped the Lodge Spaghetti Dinners from a Lodge fundraiser to a highly successful community service program in which the Lodge teams up with local youth and other charitable organizations and awards them all proceeds. He now serves as Trustee to the Lodge.

In his professional life he is a Sales Representative. He is a member of the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers, Past-President Rochester Chapter Refrigeration Service Engineers Society as well as past Educational Chairman and Training Course Instructor. W.: Michael and his wife, Kathleen, live in Ontario, NY. W.: Michael enjoys golf, hunting, fishing and the outdoors, in general.

W.: George L. Todd was Raised in Social Lodge and is currently a member and Mas-

## Five Area Brothers Complete Individual Development Course



Graduates of the Individual Development Course posed for this photo. (Front row, from left): John Gallant, Livingston District; William Flesher, Monroe District; John Comstock, Erie District; Michael DiCataldo, Monroe and William Edwards, Monroe. (Back row): R.:W.: Gary Sanford, Monroe District Deputy Grand Master; R.:W.: Robert Glace, Junior Grand Deacon; W.: George Foehner, Facilitator; and R.:W.: G. Thomas Grape, Grand Director of Ceremonies. Absent when the photo was taken was R.:W.: James De Lorenzo.

By R.:W.: Gary Sanford

On February 16th, we graduated five Brothers from the Individual Development Course held in Rochester this year. We had three attending from the Monroe District, William Edwards, Michael DiCataldo and William Flesher. John Gallant attended from Livingston District and John Comstock from the 1st and 2nd Erie Districts.



James Comstock (Erie) expounding on iDC Project.

These Brothers met on the 3rd Saturday of each month for six months starting in September of 2007 and finished the course last month. The course covered these specific topics: identifying core personal values, vision, goal and time management, public speaking, writing skills, email, press releases, team selection and team building, dealing with difficult people, prioritization and managing projects, social marketing and effecting change and interviewing different Masonic Lodges.

ter of Clio Lodge. He is a member of LeRoy Chapter No. 183 Royal Arch Masons, Doric Council No. 19, and is a Knights Templar. He belongs to Damascus Shrine and is a Wheeler. He is also a member of the Valley of Rochester, AASR. W.: Brother Todd has served as President and Vice-President of the Monroe Masters and Wardens Association.

Our Junior Grand Deacon, R.:W.: Robert Glace, was there to present the "Graduation Certificates and Pins" to the class graduates. He also presented a "Certificate of Appreciation" to Joy Woodley, who provided the snacks and lunches for all the classes. A "Certificate of Appreciation" was also presented to the Damascus Shrine for the complimentary use of their facilities for the classes.

My thanks to the facilitators: R.:W.: Tom Grape, Brother George Foehner and R.:W.: Jim De Lorenzo for their time, service and dedication in making this course a success.

It is my understanding that the iDC will be offered again this coming year. The forms for registration should be out by May.



W.: John Gallant (Livingston) receiving Certificate from R.:W.: Robert Glace.

As a group they had to decide what specific topic they would work on as a team. The project they chose was: "Should

W.: Brother Todd is currently the Director of Public Safety for the Rochester Transit System, Inc. He holds a Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice and a Masters in Liberal Studies. George has served many years as an elected member of the Hamlin Town Board. He also has served on the Kendall School Board. He is a member of the Lions Club.



R.:W.: Robert Glace making presentation to Joy Woodley.

18-20 year-olds be allowed to become Master Masons within New York State." They defined their target audience and survey questions to get an accurate understanding of how Masons within the Upstate Area (four different Districts) felt and what their viewpoints were. With this information, their goal was to effectively prepare a curriculum that will provide the means for making an informed decision regarding the age that men can become Master Masons.

They started out to provide just information. As they went forward, they determined that "This is an ideal time to pass on the values of community, fellowship, charity and morality which are strong Masonic principles to a younger generation."

Did you know that New York is in the minority? Forty-one States allow men under the age of 21 to become Masons?

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## District Deputy Grand Master



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My thanks to everyone who helped make the Have-a-Heart Campaign a success again this year for the Ronald McDonald Houses. There were many different groups that helped staff at least one of the booths at one of the Mall locations. This help came from many of the different Concordant Bodies, as well as the many Lodges within the Western New York Districts and their family members who donated their time. There were also those behind-the-scenes who helped with the booth set-ups and dismantlement, pickup of the money each day, scheduling of the groups and Mall arrangements. A special thanks to those who donated the posters, hearts - red and stick-on, constant radio announcements, TV coverage and our chairman W.: George Foehner.

Thanks to our Masters and Wardens Association for providing the Monroe District with its own electronic Child ID equipment. This electronic unit has the camera and fingerprint modules tied into the computer which reduces the time required to produce the form and make the CD for the family. This will help ensure that we have a unit available when we need it; however, it would be very beneficial to have a second unit to reduce the wait times while conducting this service for our communities. These electronic ones are much faster than the old video systems and provide a better image for the police and use of today's technology. If you would like to make a donation to help purchase another unit, you may contact either R.: W.: Don Tubman or Brother Rick Downs.

Please be sure that your Lodge has invited our widows to join us on April 26th at the Burgundy Basin Inn at noon for the luncheon dedicated in their honor. This is an opportunity for us to recognize those who have lost a loved one who has helped our Fraternity become the great one that it is. If someone needs a ride or assistance, please ensure that someone is there to help or you may contact me.

The *College of Freemasonry* will be held in Rochester again this year. If you have not had the opportunity to attend, I would suggest you do. This event is sponsored by the Valley of Rochester and is open to all on Saturday, April 5th - Masons

and non-Masons. This event is designed to help all of us expand our understanding of this great Fraternity. It also provides us with the opportunity to help make a positive difference through education.

Remember, we are here to assist you and your Lodge as your District Officers.

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The third and last class of the *Masonic Development Course (MDC)* scheduled for January 30th had to be cancelled because of a snowstorm that evening. A couple of alternate dates were chosen to make up this Session.

The *Road to the East Course*, jointly hosted by the Genesee-Wyoming, Livingston, and Monroe Districts' Staff Officers held the first class February 2nd at Eunice Lodge in Caledonia. The remaining class dates are all Saturdays - Session 2 on February 23rd and Session 3 on March 1st. Class time 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Coffee and snacks are provided.

The class syllabus and lesson plans provided to you in January by your District Staff Officer have been updated to the page numbers in the August 2006 Version of the *24-Inch Gauge*. This material was or will be provided to you by Rick, Marty or me.

Our Instructors for the 1st Session were well prepared and delivered their material in dynamic style that encouraged class participation. Derek Van Houten reviewed how to use the *24-Inch Gauge*.

John Gallant covered Planning your Meetings, a topic for Session 2 substituted for Phil Hurwitz' presentation on Masonic Law which had to be moved to Session 2. Richard Trescott covered his Session 3 topic on the Official Visit of the DDGM. These presentations were moved to accommodate people whom we wanted to discuss these topics, but were not available for the desired sequencing to occur.

Mike Grady covered available Masonic Educational Opportunities.

John Zabel discussed the duties and prerogatives of the Worshipful Master.

Rick Howe reviewed the checklists for Master, Senior and Junior Wardens.

The time flew by! The Instructors took questions from the

class and gave straight answers. The rapt attention of the class and their interaction with the Instructors made it clear that a lot of learning was taking place. I felt we were accomplishing our Mission in preparing the 11 men in class to be Masters of their Lodges.

On behalf of our District Officers I thank Livingston District and Eunice Lodge for their providing the facilities and equipment which allowed us to hold these classes.

Upon successful completion of the Course, the normal Pins and Certificates will be ordered from Grand Lodge; cost \$10 per participant, payable to your District Officer (Marshall Krause, K. Richard Howe or G. Thomas Grape). Grand Lodge wants a single check to accompany the Certification Letter from each District Officer. **All Three Sessions have to be completed to certify a participant.**

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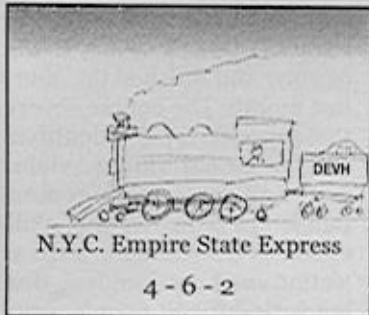


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I was reading recently in the newspaper where two trains got stuck in the snow in California. Let me assure you, our train would never find itself in a situation like that. We transport many interesting Brothers along with valuable baggage that have to get to their destinations in a timely manner. It would be unthinkable to be late or not show up at our meetings.

Our mighty train is on a strict schedule as we gather in the Observation Car, enjoy great repasts in our Dining Car, dream of better days and relive memories as we speed through the miles asleep in our Pullman Car. To be stuck in a snowdrift just won't happen. If we had enough dependable weather forecasts for heavy snow we would make arrangements to recruit a Rotary Plow to be attached to the

engine to clear a path for us. Besides, Brothers up and down our system would expect us to transport them for the next issue of the *Masonic Times* and we couldn't let them down in missing a pickup at the next station.

As we settle into our comfortable chairs and maybe get a sip of brandy or tea, we remember some of the great Brothers whom we have met along the way. You know we all have talents from which we draw in our daily lives. Some of these stand out and help shape who we are or hope to become. Allow me to list a few and their contributions to our Craft and World. Let me say first, that to list everyone we would have to publish a book, which the Editor would never publish due to space limitations. So let's begin, in no particular order:

W.: Mike Grady from Union Lodge in Lima. Among his many talents he produced a wristband that says "Freemasonry - Integrity as a Way of Life;" many of us wear it with pride. He probably has a few extra; seek him out to (maybe) get one.

Since we are in the area, W.: Joseph Shanks provides container services for many, including roll-offs which help us at stations along the line to help keep our train free from clutter.

Brother Mike Sukhenko from Hesperus Lodge creates Masonic tee-shirts.

Brother James Deasey from Northfield Lodge, is the Director of Strategic Sourcing at the Pulsafeeder Corporation.

If you're looking for a jewel or such, Brothers Warren Doerrer or William Scheer can pass along a wealth of information on jewels fit for a Queen.

For those Brothers who like to catch fish for our Dining Car, get in touch with Brother and Captain Bob Songin of "Reel" Excitement Charters for catching Trout and Salmon.

If you would like to listen to Music, Brothers Ken Schumacher of Craftsman Robertson plays with a Blues Band, Brothers

Jack Jaronsinski, Dan Emerson, John Henderson and Howard Smith play with the Rochester Pipe Band.

We could go on and on, but we would get bogged down as the train got stuck in the snow if we listed all Brothers and what they do. Suffice it to say, we all contribute many talents and services to our Lodges and to humanity in what we do from day to day. We thank the Engineering Crew who has taken us on such a smooth journey tonight. A brighter day awaits us because of the many great Brothers who reside in the realms of the *Masonic Times*.

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February 1st-14th were the dates of the Have-a-Heart Campaign. This year's Campaign was very successful. I thank all those who found time in their busy schedule to man the various booths. The amount raised for this very worthwhile event will be shared with you at a later date.

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

I attended the first Session of the *Road to the East* class; the presenters were well prepared for the subject matter. If you didn't

## BLOOD DRIVES

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**Tuesday, March 25th**

1 p.m. - 7 p.m.

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**Thursday, April 3rd**

1 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Fairport Masonic Hall

8 South Main St; Fairport

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For more information, Call Kel Kelsey - 377-8471

**Monday, April 7th**

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

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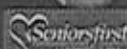
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sign up this year, you are missing out on a great experience. I took the Course in the past, but could see from only this one time, things have been changed in the Course presentation. Why not sign up for next year's class on "General Principles."

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

As usual, if unable to attend, please send a Representative from your Lodge. I realize our cabetows are being stretched to its limits but, if possible, try to make a meeting.

The next meeting of the Masters and Wardens will be March 19th at Country Village Restaurant, 1100 Long Pond Road. Dinner on your own at 6:30 p.m.; Meeting at 7 p.m.

Well, that's it for now. Take care and remember that many hands make light work. See you in Lodge.

**UNITY**  
Lodge No. 479

**2nd & 4th Mondays**  
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**Brothers We Remember**

There's Brother Bill Miller. He lives at The Landing in Brockport these days. Had to move over to Lakeside Hospital in February, having had some internal problems that put him on strong medicines. He's 93 now and still has that wide smile and big voice that's carried him through 57 years in the Craft. Visit him. He enjoys the company.

Then there's Brother Bill Rohrbacher who has been under the weather. He enjoys the calls and visits from Brothers. He and his wife live at the home address on "Old Brockport-Spencerport Road" at the base of Brae Hill. He spent some time in Europe - as a POW you may recall - and as we've remarked on in the past, he's presided over meetings of those of his Military Brethren who met the same fate and live in the State of New York. His was a unique life and one we should pay proper homage to and be grateful for. Talk with him. He's in the book and would be glad to hear from his Brothers.

As we've also said before, give a call to Brother Dana Spencer in Blacksburg, VA. Your Secretary has the number and his number is, as always, at the top of this column. Tell Dana you're a Unity Brother and how you'd like to hear about his life in this University of Virginia community. He'd be most happy to hear from you and you'd gain a great deal of insight on what life is like for our Brethren who are in other climes. He'd also gain from your life experiences here and enjoy the exchange to share with his "coffee" and associates in Blacksburg.

Brother Gary Cornelius has let us know he is now cancer free. He's had some scary months recently. Many times, prayers can heal the sick! Time to clean and polish that golfing equipment and have it in good order for his annual trek north.

It's been wonderful to see W.: Ed Means out and about in the community! He had years on the disabled list and seems to have weathered it all. He actually gets in his pick-up truck and travels about Spencerport for his son-in-law, plowing driveways during all hours of the day and night as needed! We expect to see him back in Lodge before long as his work schedule permits. He did attend this year's Past Masters Dinner, on his birthday, no less!

In our last column, I neglected to remark on Brother Jose Traverzo's mother being in the hospital under strict observation. As with others, call

Brother Traverzo and wish him and his family well. While visiting with the Traverzo family, I found that their grandfather from Puerto Rico was also a Mason many, many years ago. With Joe, the Masonic family lineage continues. The new "kids" on the block!

Brothers John Lemke and Sam Augello (that's "aw jello" for those of us who learned through phonetics) have signed the By-Laws of Unity Lodge, having been Raised in February. They are eager to meet with all those Brethren who are at Lodge Communications during the next month or so. They'd like to get more autographs in their Bibles, as future remembrances of who their Brethren were during their first year in the Craft. Have you looked back in your original Bible, taking this same kind of mental journey back to your "birth" in the Craft?

We have a Brother standing by, prepared and anxious to become a Fellowcraft. This will take place on the 10th of March if our plans come together as scheduled. Spring begins on the 20th of March!

Our Officers are expected at their monthly meeting on Saturday, the 22nd. This will be followed by our regular communication on Monday the 24th when our postponed Tartan and Square presentation is again to take place.

We also want to look ahead to Saturday, April 19th. That's when we are scheduled to travel to the Masonic Home in Utica. Unity and Clio Lodges have arranged for buses to make this a memorable excursion. Any and all Brethren reading this column are welcome to join us! Our departure from Unity Lodge as our base will be at 9 a.m. sharp with a return time between 4 - 5 p.m.

**Thank you Ladies!!**

Going back a bit, we want to say Thank You in print to the ladies of Starlight Chapter of the O.E.S. for putting on a fantastic demonstration of their ancient Ceremonies! My sincere regards for your time and effort in our behalf.

**Flags for the Military**

R.: W.: Cliff Short in Colorado tells us he was contacted by Grand Lodge Representative, Joseph Sheehan. The latter informed Cliff of the Grand Lodge program to provide American Flags to our Brethren who are serving on active duty in the Armed Forces, as well as their family members (wives, sons and daughters, Brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews, grandsons and granddaughters).

He referred Sheehan to our Secretary R.: W.: David Jones, who so far has the names SFC Tyler Eckwell, SSG Joseph Picioli, Andrew Tascione, Jr., Captain Daniel Fletcher and SFC Robert Buchanan. Sheehan needs particulars such as APO/FPO numbers and unit addresses for those currently overseas, and unit or residential addresses for the others and family members. Please get the word to Jones promptly so he can get the necessary information to the Grand Lodge Committee as soon as possible.

**The Elevator**

The elevator is near ready for a ribbon cutting ceremony! Our "Clerk of the Works," W.: Tom Michielsen, has the "fobs" that will replace keys to open the new building door, and for those authorized, the elevator. On

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With approximately three months of the 2007-08 Masonic Brotherhood Fund Drive remaining, I can happily report that many of our Brothers and Friends have already contributed. Whether they sent their contribution directly to Grand Lodge or sent (or handed) it to their Lodge Chairman, they stood tall and supported Masonic Charities.

Very few of us can write a check in the amount we wish we could to any one of the charities, but working together we can support them all. How many dollars does it take to fund a Blood Drive, sponsor a youth to Summer Camp, or make a child ID Program become a reality?

Certainly it would be more than most of us can afford if we

tried it ALONE but, we are not alone. The purpose of the Masonic Brotherhood Fund Drive is to provide each of us the opportunity to work TOGETHER to support the causes. No individual can easily build a temple by himself; together we have the possibility of building monuments to Masonic charity.

Please, if you haven't already done so, consider contributing now. Join the team. No contribution is too small, and the need is great. Remember, our Masonic Brotherhood Fund operates without professional fundraisers, so virtually all of your contribution goes to support the Masonic program(s) you select. No fundraisers here; this is charity at its best. The success of this Drive depends upon each of us doing what we can to support and further the spirit of Masonic charity and benevolence.

Metaphorically speaking, the more bricks we have, the greater the edifice we can build. The more contributors we have, the more clearly we show our commitment to Masonic principles.

Thank you.

Sunday, March 9th, at 2 p.m., with Town of Ogden and Spencerport Village Officials invited, we expect to have real handicap access to the 2nd floor.

The next major project to be undertaken by the Trustees of the Lodge is the remodeling of the rest rooms. Then there's a project known as remodeling and updating the kitchen. Chairman, R.: W.: Joe Privitera has an article detailing these activities.

**Churchville Lodge Merger**

Last month we announced the merger was complete. It seems there are 3 or 4 separate units of Grand Lodge that must separately endorse and "sign off" on such activity or action. We find we still have a couple of these entities to pass through before the claim we made last month is firm. Bear with us, all! In the meantime, welcome those Brethren from the former Churchville Lodge who meet with us regularly, as if they were, in fact, official and full members of Unity Lodge.

**Blood Drive**

Unity Lodge is sponsoring a Blood Drive on March 25th, 1-7

p.m., at the Ogden Community Center. Stop by to donate blood or let friend, co-workers, family members, etc. know so they can participate.

**Lodge Elevator Update**

By R.: W.: Joe Privitera  
The Unity Lodge elevator is operational. There are a few loose ends, but the thing goes up and it goes down and delivers people to where they want to go. We are very thankful to the Brother who coordinated the whole effort, W.: Tom Michielsen. He did a fantastic job and I doubt the task would have been completed without him.

We will be having a ribbon cutting - scheduled for Sunday, March 9th, at 2 p.m., to celebrate this "uplifting" event. We are inviting everyone to help us in this celebration. All Lodge members and Ladies organizations are invited; hopefully, some Town and Village Officials will be present.

Now this project is almost complete, we will be planning on updating our bathrooms and the kitchen. Hope to see you on the 9th of March at 2 p.m.

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Lodge No. 722

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Greetings one and all; can you believe it's March already? Only two more months left for me as Master of Fame Lodge. Once again, it has been my pleasure to serve you all and I will remember these times for many years to come.

A few months ago in my article about the Recipients of Years of Service Awards, I was remiss in failing to mention one person. This year, he will have been in Masonry for 51 years and he is a most valuable Brother. If not for him, we wouldn't enjoy great kuchen after each meeting and phone calls for dinner would be a lot more work. His name is Dick Topel and I apologize for leaving him out of the mentions. If there was an award for District Mason-of-the-Year, he would certainly be a finalist, if not the winner.

On Sunday, February 10th, we staffed the booth at The Mall at Greece Ridge in support of the Ronald MacDonald Houses here in Rochester. This year, the folks at the Mall decided to put us across from Burlington Coat Factory. Although the location was not the best, we raised a few hundred dollars. I also convinced my Barbershop Quartet, "pending..." to rehearse at the Mall. I'm not sure if we attracted people or kept them away.

Our first meeting in March (the 13th) will be a Degree Rehearsal for the 2nd Degree. Our second meeting, March 27th, will be a 2nd Degree. A Dinner will precede the meeting.

There will be a School of Ritual on March 31st at Clio Lodge in Hilton. I would like to see as many Fame Lodge Brothers attend as possible. The work on the trestleboard will be whatever the attendees choose. Join me, won't you?

Don't forget the Widows Luncheon. This year it will be April 26th and we will need a few Brothers to drive our ladies to the Burgundy Basin Inn.

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By W.: Skip Waterstreet, DSA

We had a marvelous 2nd Degree at our Special Communication on January 22nd. Combining with Valley-Simes Lodge, we conferred the Degree on three new Brothers, ably assisted by Brothers from other Lodges. Valley-Simes Master, W.: David Mura, presided for the Opening and Closing sections.

W.: John Faro assumed the East for the Degree conferral with our W.: Kenneth Schumacher sitting as Senior Warden and Brother Thomas Benson, Junior Warden. A frequent guest Ritualist, Brother Patrick Mulrooney, acted as Senior Deacon.

W.: David Upham delivered the Middle Chamber Lecture and the Questions and Answers were exchanged between W.: Nelson Bertch and Brother Mulrooney.

The meeting was preceded with a dinner, which was generously provided to our Lodge Brothers at the same cost as Valley-Simes Brothers. Our thanks to W.: David Mura for his hospitality.

**Have-a-Heart**

Our Lodge supported this Campaign on Sunday, February 3rd and Monday February 4th.

W.: Kenneth Schumacher, Brother Thomas Benson, W.: Ralph Jurgens and R.: W.: Derek VanHouten at The Mall at Greece Ridge staffing the Have-a-Heart booth.

Several Brothers and their family members were involved, while I was basking in the sunshine. I don't have a report on the results of our individual efforts nor the total that was raised during the two-week Campaign. This information will be reported in the next issue of the *Masonic Times*.

**Sickness and Distress**

Brother Rene VanDeVeire suffered a fall in his home and was hospitalized briefly. Tests are being conducted to attempt to determine the cause. W.: Ralph Jurgens' brother, James, had successful surgery to remove part of his lung, and is now undergoing radiation. He remains in good spirits. W.: Glen Ide has pretty much recovered from his recent hospitalization, but is waiting for decent weather to come out to Lodge again.

**Birthdays**

We send our congratulations and best wishes for many more celebrations to the following Brothers with March birthdays: W. Duane King and Patrick T. McWhinney (1st); Leon J. Van Huben and Clyde E. Siverd (8th); Jay D. Rodgers (15th); Richard J. Howard (19th); Ronald D. Freida (20th); Donald D. Fix (21st); Clifford N. Hayner II (23rd); and Richard D. Barth (30th).

**March Events**

Brother Richard Smith has arranged for a Ladies Night program and dinner on Tuesday, March 4th. As we did a few months ago, the first Tuesday we will meet at The Nutcracker Restaurant, with serving to begin at 6:30 p.m. I am led to believe that Brother Warren Doerrer will have a program as well, but I am not aware of the subject as I write this column.

The next week, at Valley-Simes Lodge's regular meeting, there will be the conferral of the 3rd Degree by the Shriners Degree Team. We have applied for dispensation to add our Fellowcraft to this class, and expect it will be granted. There will be a dinner preceding this Communication, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The Telephone Committee will be checking for reservations.

March 18th will be our regular meeting, beginning at 7:30 p.m. So, even though we were only scheduled to meet once in January, February and March, with our Initiation program, the schedule filled pretty quickly.

**Looking Ahead**

Our speaker at our Regular Communication on April 1st will be Brother Ira Cooperman. His topic will be, "New Developments at the Masonic Care Community," where he currently is the Director of Philanthropy. Brother Cooperman is a member of Oriental-Faxton Lodge No. 224 in Utica.

For the past five years, Ira has been responsible for most fundraising for the Masonic Care Community, a state-of-the-art long-term care facility of which every Mason can be proud. A "certified fundraising executive," Ira had a wealth of experience raising funds from individuals, corporations and foundations before joining the Masonic Care Community staff.

A former resident of Monroe County, he has successfully obtained major gifts for the University of Rochester Medical Center, the United Way, American Heart Association and the Jewish Community Center of Rochester. Ira is a native New Yorker and a veteran of the United States Air Force, including service during the Vietnam War.

This is an early reminder, as I have heard from several individuals who do not receive their *Masonic Times* in a timely fashion. Since the first day of the month is our meeting night, I hope you will mark this program on your calendar now and plan to attend. I'm sure you will enjoy his presentation.

**Fellowcraft**

Also flag April 8th, which is the Annual Fellowcraft Banquet. It will be held at Rick's Prime Rib House on Buffalo Road, the same location where we have met the past few years. Deadline for reservations for this stag event is March 31st. The cost for the dinner and next year's dues for the Fellowcraft Club is \$25. Menu choices will be Prime Rib or Orange Ruffly.

**Yard Sale**

Our Lodge will be hosting its First Annual Yard Sale, a fundraiser to benefit the Masonic Service Bureau, on May 17th at the Shrine Center. Save your good re-usables — toys, sporting goods, electronics, hand and power tools, etc. — and donate them for the sale. *The Service Bureau is a 501(c)(3) Charity. You may be eligible for a tax deduction with your receipt.*

Masonic Brothers of other Lodges are welcome to submit items, as well as help in the staffing of this sale. Times will be announced. Contact W.: Ralph Jurgens for additional information, 585-208-7106, or to sign up.

**Brotherhood Fund & Dues**

This Campaign is winding down. If you haven't yet contributed, please consider doing so now. W.: Ralph Jurgens will be delighted to receive your check.

Please check your Dues Card as well. If it doesn't say 2008, W.: David King will send you one upon receipt of your check. See you in Lodge.



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**1st Degree Historical Lecture**

Given the size of this year's class — 12 Candidates were made new Brothers — we held the Symbolism of the First Degree and the Historical Lecture at our second meeting in January. The Lecture was well attended, especially by the newly initiated Brothers.

These new Brothers are participating in the Between-Degree classes. They are suitable at proficiency in this Degree and will be prepared for the 2nd Degree.

**Have-a-Heart Campaign**

A special thanks to Brother Rich Greenaway for organizing ERAC's participation in the Have-a-Heart Campaign. A number of ERAC members are helping raise funds.

**Ladies Night**

On Monday, February 11th, ERAC held a very special Open Meeting ... a Dinner in honor of our Ladies. We had more than 32 people in attendance and enjoyed an excellent Dinner, dessert and companionship. Each Lady received a rose.

**Upcoming Events**

March 10th—2nd Degree Q's and A's  
 March 24th—Scottish Rite Night  
 April 14th—Gen. Douglas MacArthur Award  
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**Valley-Simes Lodge No. 109**  
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Basking in the Florida sunshine are R.: W.: Herb Spencer and Rita and R.: W.: Richard Snyder.



A 60-year Membership Pin and Certificate were presented to W.: Carl Pigage in January by Lodge Brothers (from left) Mike Dox, Tom Belt, Dick Snyder, Howard Belt and Herb Spencer. Brother Carl passed to the Celestial Lodge last month.

I am quickly tiring of the Winter and hope that Spring comes soon. I am eagerly awaiting the temperate climate that environmentalists say "global warming" will bring. I often fantasize about being a "Snowbird."

For me, the past month-and-a-half has been jam-packed with events - both Masonic and non-Masonic. It started with a Lodge meeting on January 8th, followed by a trip to acquire the Traveling Gavel on January 11th.

On January 22nd, we had a combined 2nd Degree with Craftsman Robertson Lodge. Although I don't have a list of the names of all participants, I thank everyone involved both in the Chairs and on the sidelines. It was a grand event with lots of socialization, fantastic food and a Degree for the record books. Many Masons noted that it was the best 2nd Degree they had ever seen.

On January 24th, my wife (Pat) had surgery to fix a Carpal Tunnel issue and remove a calcified thumb bone in her right hand. In February we had two Have-a-Heart sessions at The Mall at Greece Ridge - February 5th and 9th. It looked like we weren't going to make much for Ronald McDonald Houses at the poor location they gave us, but on Saturday, the 9th, our team pulled out all the stops and really worked the crowds. Although we don't have a count of our take for that day, it clearly was more than was made any other day previously. One extra item for consideration was a \$1,000 donation Valley-Simes Lodge made to the Ronald McDonald Houses.

Finally, our events wrapped up in a Sweetheart's Night on February 12th. It was a night of socialization and goodwill. We had good food and gifts were presented to the Ladies. Unfortunately, due to a Winter storm, our entertainment - Paul Stillman doing his rendition of "Nasty Ned" - couldn't make it. We have postponed "Nasty Ned" until our April Lodge meeting.

In addition to all of this, I have been working 10-12 hour days (and weekends); again we are expecting massive layoffs in our department.

**Sickness and Health**

Carl Pigage joined the Celestial Lodge February 12th. Our condolences to his family.

Jose Diaz was at Sweetheart's Night, but he isn't very well. He has to have dialysis due to kidney failure and cancer. If you have it within your means, Jose can use some assistance. He is no longer working and has lost his health insurance.

George Bundoc's significant other, Sharon, was admitted to Rochester General Hospital due to a heart attack and has undergone an angiogram during which stents were inserted.

Dick Geidd's wife (Molly) is having health issues; give him a call if you can.

Our prayers of comfort and for improved health for them all.

**Future Events**

On March 11th we will have a combined 3rd Degree with Craftsman Robertson Lodge. Dinner that evening will be Homemade Meatloaf with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, made by our Gourmet Chef, Chuck Skopinsky.

Maybe next time I'll tell you the true story about Global Warming. Remember this: "Got Global Warming? Thank an Environmentalist!"

**From the Secretary...**

By R.: W.: Herbert Spencer

Well, here I am back in sunny Rochester, however as I write this article, the temperature is at 5° and the wind chill is at minus 16°. I spent 22 days traveling from Tampa, around Florida and put 1,475 miles on the rental car. I managed a few days with my stepdaughter and her family, then to the East Coast to spend ten days in the Boca Raton Area where I saw many friends and family.

I went to the local library to check my email several times and was impressed with a bank of 20 computers for free use every half-hour.

I also managed to take in the Grand Master's Sojourners' Luncheon in Lake Worth. Shook hands with lots of Masons but no one from Valley-Simes. I then went to Jacksonville and saw a cousin and his family whom I had not seen in over 20 years. What a reunion; it was great!

From there I went to see Dick and Rita Snyder in Zephyrhills. We even drove 120 miles each way to the Damascus Shrine Picnic in Punta Gorda. There were many Brothers from Rochester, including five Brothers from Valley-Simes - Robert Anderson, Art Hill, Fred Stahl, Dick Snyder and me.

On Wednesday the 6th I drove to Tampa, turned in my car and returned to Rochester at night where it was snowing, sleeting and rain. Back to reality!

**Good News/Bad News**

The only news I know of is that Brother Norris Shapiro had knee replacement surgery in January and is at home recuperating.

Last month I forgot to mention that W.: Howard Belt, W.: Thomas Belt, R.: W.: Myron Dox, R.: W.: Richard Snyder and R.: W.: Herbert Spencer presented our Brother, W.: Carl Pigage with his 60-year Masonic Years of Service Certificate and Pin. It was a delightful event. He knew and greeted each of us by name. Since this presentation, Brother Carl was summoned by the Great Architect of the Universe. Our condolences to his family.

**Masonic Anniversaries**

The following Brothers were Raised during the month of March and are celebrating their Masonic Anniversary or Years of Service (years) in Masonry.

Howard Belt (61), Litch Toland (60), Mathew Gingold (57), Jack Palmer and Gerald Merzke (55), Harvey Anderson and Myron Biggar (53), Vern Saunders (50), Donald Petersen (48), Arthur Hill (47), Gary Burke (30), Jeffrey Miller (29), Harold Silvis (28), Thomas Grape (13), and Thomas Steele, Jeffrey Amering, Bryan Anderson, David Braun, Jonathan Spencer, Joe Weber, Patrick McBride and James Thomson (all 5 years from the 1-day class)

**March Birthdays**

Harvey Anderson (1st), Wallace Roworth and Irv Spalty (2nd), Harry Coates and Paul Chechak (3rd), Paul Wood (7th), Nelson Bertch (8th), Thomas Grape (9th), William Carr (10th), Carl Ester (31st). This month the youngest is 59 years old and the oldest is 84 years old. If you see or are in contact with any of these Brothers,

don't forget to extend them greetings.

March 11th is our next meeting night. We are having the Shrine Degree Team perform the 3rd Degree on our newest Brothers. There will be a dinner, so make your reservation to our Junior Warden, Mike McBride, at (315) 904-9024 (it's a local call), 722-7714 (work), or email him at:


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Dues have been flowing in and we have about 79% of the Brothers paid for 2008. If you haven't sent your Dues, please take a moment and write that check. I provided return envelopes for your use, just stick in that check seal the envelope and put a stamp on, and away it goes. As of this writing we have 17 Brothers who have not paid their 2008 Dues. By the same token we have 11 Brothers who have not paid their 2007 and 2008 Dues. Of the 28 Brothers, 8 of them are Past Masters.

**Dinners**

As always, we have a Dinner before Lodge. Reservations for dinner are required, so we can properly feed everyone. Cost for dinner at a Lodge meeting is only \$5 per person.

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Last month I commented upon there being no snow cover? That changed in February; we have had snow, ice and high winds. Still in all, we have had a very easy Winter.

Thanks and a job well done to all the Brothers, Leah Chapter and Triangle Girls who staffed the Have-a-Heart Booth for three days. You showed up even when there was a storm. It's ef-

fort like yours that makes this a very successful event. Your efforts will be greatly appreciated by the families who use the Ronald McDonald Houses.

Leah Chapter of the Eastern Star invited the Lodge Brothers and Ladies to their Matron's Dinner. Unfortunately, I was in sunny Virginia Beach, but have been told those who attended, left heavier than when they went.

On March 15th, we will have a social event at Carmestro's Restaurant in Hilton to include the Ladies. It was decided at our last meeting to order from the menu. Please call in your reservations to David Goodrich. The restaurant will need numbers for the room setup.

A 1st Degree was held on the 19th with V.: W.: Harry DeHollander in the East. W.: Bill Edwards of Webster Lodge will do the Historic Lecturer on March 4th. All newly Raised Masons are encouraged to attend. Also, those who haven't witnessed the Lecture in a while.

**March Birthdays**

Alan H. Gray; Allen Charles Mercer; Merle A. Wallace. My apologies if I omitted your name. Call or email me and let me know.

**Sickness and Distress**

The following Brothers have been dealing with some minor health issues - Bob Pedersen, Stu Brickman and Scott Rice. Give them a call and let them know a speedy recovery is wished for them.

**Up Coming Events**

**Spaghetti Dinners -**

- March 12th and 26th
- April 9th and 23rd
- May 14th and 28th
- June 22nd

March 31st - School of Ritual to be held at Clio Lodge Hall

April 26th - Widows Luncheon; Reservations required.

May 5th - Ox Roast, this is our big Fundraiser for the year. Your help will be needed.

Some food for thought in closing ... Every sixty seconds you spend upset, is a minute of happiness you'll never get back. Life may not be the party we hoped for, but while we're here we should do our part.

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#### Our Activities

Everything is pretty much plugging along and all is well. We are doing great Degree work and therefore it's obvious we have Candidates. Our community efforts continue with the Spaghetti Dinners. Volunteers have been at the Malls staffing the booth for the Have-a-Heart Campaign in support of the local Ronald McDonald Houses.

Some of us answered a call to participate in Degree work with both Seneca and Wayne Lodges. Fellowcraft Club is alive and well and we've had good programs at our meetings. We are doing all the things a Lodge should be doing.

I feel Webster Lodge is on a solid path and when the time comes will be confident when I turn the Gavel of authority over to our extremely qualified Senior Warden!

#### What More Can We Do?

Although a constant desire to be even better pushes me to ask the questions, "What are we not doing? What can the Officers of the Lodge do to better enhance your Masonic experience?" As you have read in numerous other Masonic articles, those kinds of questions are asked often and I suspect they never get answered. What would YOU like from your Lodge that you're not receiving? I, too, realistically don't expect anyone to directly send an email or call me with an answer to that question; that really is too bad. Attendance percentage at Lodge is up and the number of Brothers serving the community is up. We have Brothers in all Bodies that are the backbone of those organizations.

I am not at liberty to make a public announcement but two of our active members will play greatly in the theater of Monroe County Masonry in the next Grand Master's term.

Bill Kuehne, Bruce Chilton, and Rich Friedman are in the top of the line with the local Shrine. Rich has also been installed as the Vice-President of the Masonic Service Bureau and Bruce is now a Director of the same organization. Ken Hutchinson is a Past Monarch and Grand Historian of the Grotto. Andy Rueby is Co-Chairing the Shrine Circus this year, which is scheduled for April 25th, 26th and 27th. We are teaching our Members and they are, in turn, becoming mentors, which is the only way an organization can get strong

and grow. The tentacles of Webster Lodge are everywhere.

That brings me back to the question I asked above and I sincerely would like an answer with the desire being that I, or any of the Officers, will get some positive constructive comments we can apply to carry the Lodge to an even higher level. This is YOUR Lodge as well as mine. Even though I know I'm a dreamer, prove me wrong and give us some input.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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The Brother Bring-a-Friend (BAF) Night held on January 28th was well attended. We began the evening with Brother Brian Bills' "soon-to-be-famous" home-cooked Chili, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Following the Table Lodge, we held a brief informational meeting for our prospective new members. We hope to receive several applications for membership as a result of the BAF event. Thanks to all who contributed!

I particularly thank all the Brothers, spouses and family members who helped with the Annual Have-a-Heart Campaign for the Ronald McDonald Houses. It was another great year! This year Fairport-Flower City Lodge was asked to cover two days of the Campaign - February 6th and 13th (12 noon to 9 p.m.). Special thanks to Brothers David Taber, Mark Soeth, Eric Prince, Al Fowler, Rick Downs, Sean Miller, Brian Bills, Greg Ludwig and Bernie Lazerson for your commitment and support for this important and worthwhile community fundraising event! You made it happen. Great job, Brothers!

#### March Events

March 10th - Stated Meeting; Lodge will open at 7:30 p.m. At our stated meeting March 10th, we will be balloting upon the applications that we received in conjunction with our last Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. We will also be discussing and making plans for an upcoming Blood Drive with the Red Cross and Child ID Program, scheduled for April 3rd.

#### Ladies Night

This month we will be holding our "Dinner with our Ladies" Night on Thursday, March 13th at The Distillery, 3010 Winton Road, near Valley Cadillac. Come join the fun and fellowship. Social - 6 p.m.; Dinner - 6:30 p.m. For reser-

vations, please contact W.: Brother Bernie Lazerson, Phone: 271-7446; e-mail:

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by Tuesday, March 11th.

March 24th - Stated Meeting; Conferral of the 1st Degree. At our meeting on March 24th at 7:30 p.m., we will be presenting the 1st Degree for our new Candidates. Our Junior Warden, W.: Brother Sy Kopen will be in the East for the Degree. I hope you are able to attend. I know the Candidates would appreciate your support. The rehearsal for the 1st Degree will be held during our Regular Meeting on March 17th at 7 p.m.

April 3rd - Red Cross/Fairport-Flower City Lodge Blood Drive and Child ID Program. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS; "ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES!"**

On Thursday, April 3rd, we will be hosting a Blood Drive in association with the American Red Cross, together with a Child ID program. The Blood Drive will be held in the Dining Room Area, and the Child ID will be held in the Lodge Room.

Brothers, we are asking for your help to support both of these events. For the Blood Drive, we need volunteers ... 1) To be blood donors; 2) To help publicize the combined drives via posters, news releases, local papers and television, etc.; and 3) To help staff the registration table, cameras and the canteen. Brother Kel Kelsey and Brother Rick Downs are spearheading the events. Please contact them to find out how you can help with these important community service events! Contact information:

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#### March Birthdays

Lastly, "Happy Birthday" to our Brothers who have birthdays in March - Murray Kellogg (2nd), Samuel Katz (3rd), Tomislav Trapanovski (16th), Michael Johnson (20th), Hugh Chittenden and Seymour Margolis (23rd), John Lindsay (25th), and Donald Cameron and William Cobb (27th).

#### Masonic Anniversaries

Best wishes also to the following Brothers were Raised during the month of March - George Bluhm and Rowe Stutzman (1947), Irving Katzman (1948), Carl Patterson (1952), Harvey Nusbaum (1961), Jay Stubbings (1968), Harold Goodwin (1977), Douglas Higgins (1988), Ralph Loiacono and Paul Sultar (1989), and David Zon (1999).

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 - Phone: 223-2828; email: morris@apollooptical.com. See you in Lodge!

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Many of you already know a great deal of the history of our Fraternity. If not, then I encourage you to check out books from the Masonic Library! Over the centuries, we have assembled a great Brotherhood from a variety of important elements that were joined together by worthy men.

To this day, we continue this work. Every Lodge has good men who strive to be better by improving themselves, helping their Brothers and working in their community. Every Lodge has its own examples of this, but here are some of ours:

Brothers and families of Northfield worked the Have-a-Heart Booth on Saturday, February 2nd, in Eastview Mall. In the span of one day, through the generosity of passersby, we were able to collect over \$500 in donations. Like last year, all types of people gave donations, from the shy little girl to the big guy with the heart of gold. We also fielded two serious inquiries about Masonry during the event, and sincerely hope that the two gentlemen in question will petition the Fraternity. Special thanks must go to Brother Josh Loepker as Chairman for our Lodge for ensuring a good setup and execution. Also, we want to recognize the efforts of Brother Mark Edgecomb, Brother Erik Loepker, W.: Brother John Dudley, R.: W.: Brother William Spillane and Deb Harris, Brother James Deasy and family, Brother David Adams and daughter, Jenna, Brother Todd Enright

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with wife Janet, Brother Ed Rummel, and W.: Brother Glenn Hedges.

On a more personal note, W.: Brother Glenn Hedges and Brother James Deasy set up our Ladies and Sweethearts' Night on February 16th. I often speak of honoring those who give us the length in our Cabletows, and I will do so again here. We have the benefit of having those in our lives that have the patience, fortitude and generosity to not only give us time to perform the tasks that our Fraternal bonds ask of us, but so often they assist us without complaint and without expectation of gratitude. This makes it all the more important for us to do so, and we do so gladly.

On February 26th, Northfield Lodge hosted a Blood Drive. We thank all who willingly participated.

And, we had a Petitioner get voted in at our first meeting in February. Our scheduled 1st Degree on the 21st went from a planned rehearsal session to the real deal. We look forward to further participation from our new Brother.

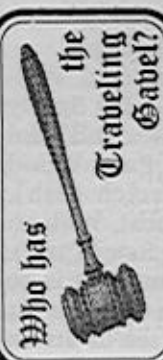
On a last note, I must doff my hat to the Brothers of Valley-Simes. Just days after my last article was submitted for the February edition, but long before it was published, ten Brothers arrived from Valley-Simes to retrieve the Traveling Gavel at our last Communication in January.

They have requested that we not come back and seize it right away; they'd like to spend some time with it. But, that's no reason for you not to join in! The Traveling Gavel is a tool developed by the Masters and Wardens Association to promote Fraternal contact between the Lodges. I encourage you to round up your Brothers and visit those worthy Brothers at Valley-Simes. Tell them I sent you. It'll make their day, and you'll get a real nifty gavel in the process!

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Valley-Simes had possession of the gavel when this issue went to press. They meet 2nd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m., Shrine Center.



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some of the Masonic shows presented on the History and Discovery Channels. Also, time permitting, the showing of the movie "National Treasure," which has many Masonic references in its plot, will follow. ❧

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Brothers another month has passed and I will open with a couple of comments reflecting on our labor. In the month of February we completed our first round of Degrees. Congratulations to Brothers Coward, Kowal and Goldman on the completion of their 3rd Degree. In addition to Raising our three new Master Masons, we kicked off another set of Degrees on February 26th for three more Candidates. Please join me in extending a special thanks to the Degree Team for their continued effort and excellent work!

Thanks to all the Brothers who came out to assist with Have-a-Heart on February 8th and 9th. We had about 15 Brothers participate on the two days that we manned the booth in Eastview Mall.

March promises to be a very busy month. We will hold a Table Lodge for this month's meeting. The evening will be devoted to fellowship and fun. Dinner will be a "Wurst" Platter accompanied with beers from around the world. Come out and enjoy a great evening; you won't be disappointed.

April 26th will be our Golf Tournament and Benefit Auction. The setting will be Shadow Lake in Penfield. By now you have received your tickets with your February Trestleboard. Please either purchase the tickets or sell them so we have good attendance for this event. You can request additional tickets by contacting me at 359-0632. Invite your relatives, golf buddy, best friend, prospective member or whomever you want as this event is open to all. The idea is to have a good time and raise some money for a great cause. See your tickets or the ad in the *Masonic Times* for more information. Put it on your calendar today and I'll see you there.

The Brotherhood Fund needs your support. If you haven't contributed to the Brotherhood Fund yet, please do so by contacting Brother Richard Heidorn. Any and all contributions are welcome and appreciated. Let's meet our goal of at least 50% participation. So far we have had a little over \$900 sponsored by about 13 Brothers. This is quite a bit short of our goal, so please contribute today.

If you have, or know of, a college-bound senior, please direct them to our Website at: [www.seneca797.com](http://www.seneca797.com) to complete the scholarship application. The end of the school year will be here before you know it and we will soon be reviewing applications.

Make it a good month and I'll see you at Lodge. ❧



(Clockwise, Top Left) Art Hansmann, Frank Kielbasa and Chet Banach.



(Left to right) R.: W.: Harry L. Tyson, DDGM, Genesee-Wyoming District; Hesperus Lodge Members - W.: Don Kunego, Master, Brothers Harold Richards, James Culver and Michael Foki; Warsaw Lodge Members - Brother Joe Girod and W.: Paul J. Royce, Master.

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The Officers and Brothers of the Lodge have had a very busy month. Our Pancake Breakfast on January 27th was well at-

tended and produced three new Chefs at the Lodge.

During January we were honored to host a very special 3rd Degree. Members of Warsaw Lodge joined our Brothers to conduct a terrific Degree that Raised the following Brothers to Master Mason - Joe Girod, Warsaw Lodge; Harold Richards, James Culver and Michael Foki of Hesperus Lodge. A "Well Done" to our Brothers from Warsaw Lodge for making this Degree a District event to remember!

Check our Trestleboard at: [www.hesperuslodge.com](http://www.hesperuslodge.com) for news and upcoming events. God Bless and Stay Safe. ❧

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Seems hard to believe that another month has come and gone. As I am writing this article the ice is finally starting to thaw on my East window. Between ice and windstorms this has been a wild Winter. Shortly it will be gone and we can complain how hot it is. Things are changing rapidly this year. Most are for the better.

On February 16th we welcomed our newest Brother, Andrew Lathan. We actually have to welcome a second Lathan to Olive Branch. John Lathan, Andrew's father, re-joined in January. We look forward to working with both of you in the future.

A big thank you to the Brothers of Warsaw Lodge for allow-

ing us to have him take the Degrees with their latest class. I grew up in Warsaw and it is good to reconnect with many old friends and teachers. I will admit, a few of my teachers were surprised to see me in Lodge! They never would have thought that in their wildest dreams!

**The Building**

We also owe a thank you to all those working so diligently on our building situation. Between our Lodge and the Concordant Bodies we will find a reasonable solution. It appears we will close on the sale of the Lodge in late April, and will need to be out by August. So this group is deciding on the best answer to our situation.

**Sickness and Distress**

As always sickness and distress seems to be a list of one, yours truly. I am going to Strong at least one day a week for IVs and tests. Although the doctors and nurses are very nice and helpful, I really would be quite happy to see much less of them.

I will close with a big thank you to those who have commented on the articles in the *Masonic Times*. I'm very glad to know I am not just writing for myself.

See you around the Altar! ❧

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Despite the cold of February the Brothers of Oatka Lodge have been busy. Our first meeting of the month saw the passing of three new Fellowcraft, and joining us for the evening were guests - R.: W.: Derek VanHouten and V.: W.: Harry DeHollander. We especially thank W.: Mike Grady for doing an outstanding job with the "Middle Chamber Lecture," as he has done for us before, and W.: John Gallant for doing the "Charge." I would certainly encourage all Brethren to listen to Worshipful Brother Mike doing the Lecture if you ever get the chance; it is truly a stirring moment.

**A Valuable Property**

Earlier in the month we had the privilege of a visit from Brother Manfred "Fred" Liehs, a Trustee of the Chancellor Robert R. Livingston Masonic Library and a Fine Art Appraiser. R.: W.: Derek VanHouten accompanied Brother Fred on a very blustery day. Brother Fred was extremely impressed by our Lodge furnishings, especially the canopy over the East. He mentioned that he has only seen one other piece like it ever and Oatka Lodge has a valuable treasure in its possession. Because of that I wanted to give each of you a chance to see this fine piece of workmanship, possibly done by the Herter Brothers (See photo).

Gustave and Christian Herter became one of the first firms of furniture makers and interior decorators in the United States after the Civil War. With their own design office and cabinet-making and upholstery workshops, the Herter Brothers were prepared to accomplish every

aspect of interior furnishing, including decorative paneling, mantels and carved wooden wall and ceiling decorations.

While the picture does not do justice to their work, I extend an invitation to all Brothers to come to Scottsville and join us at one of our Regular Communications to see this magnificent structure first hand.

**Blood Drive**

The American Red Cross held a Blood Drive at our Lodge on February 19th, which was a resounding success for them. A donation of blood is always a good deed, and it is sorely needed. Our thanks to Brother Jeff Klimeck for setting up the downstairs rooms for the Red Cross to use for this activity. This may not sound like much, but Brother Klimeck had to arrange for our tenant to move their furniture to open the room for the Red Cross, and then return everything back to its place for the church to have services again.

The month of February came to a close with our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night on the 27th, this evening was filled with good fellowship and learning for our guest. W.: Larry Blazey provided a fine feast, and Brothers Tom Nersinger and Steve Swim assisted. Our most recently Raised Master Masons, Brothers Chris Cameron, Duane Parise and Steve Phillips gave very interesting talks on Masonic community service, Initiation and history. Brothers Jeff DePuy, Harold "Rox" Roxburgh and W.: Brother Tim White manned our display tables. Several of the other Brothers of the Lodge acted as At-Large Members to answer questions from our guests and hand out applications. Perhaps we will be doing a lot more Ritual work in the Fall. Thanks to all Brothers and friends for coming out and making this a great night.

Moving forward, March 12th will see the Raising of more new Brothers to our Craft and we look forward to that event with pleasure and pride. Then on March 15th, in celebration of St. Patrick's Day, the Oatkan Brothers will be having a Family Dinner Night. Later in March, on the 26th, we will be having a Movie Night, with popcorn, showing



**Oakland Lodge**  
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Hopefully, by the time each of us receives this issue of the *Masonic Times*, the weather will be a little milder than the Winter storm that is whipping across Western New York as I type. It brings back fond memories of last year's Council of Masonic Activities Fish Fry. When an hour before that event was to start, one of our lovely Winter storms in Western New York decided to grace us with its presence.

#### Fish Fry

This leads me to announce that the Genesee-Wyoming

Council of Masonic Activities will be holding their mouth-watering Fish Fry again this year on Friday, March 14th. The Fish Fry will be sponsored by Warsaw Lodge, but will be hosted at Constellation Lodge in Perry. Remember, Brothers, this event has taken place of the dreaded candy bar sales. We have been fortunate the past few years to have tremendous participation and support at this event and have prevented each Lodge from having to sell candy bars and each Member from adding unwanted inches to their waistline.

Oakland Lodge has only one scheduled Communication for the month of March. This Communication will take place on, March 4th. All Brothers are welcome to come and join in the business to take place this evening. It is rumored we might have a potential Candidate. Pay strict attention to future month's issues to hopefully see scheduled dates and times for Degree conferrals.

I recently received a great update from the Secretary on the submittal of Dues. Our Secretary informed me that we currently have only a handful of Brothers who have yet to submit their Dues for this year. I would love to take all the credit for my monthly reminders, but I think it's more of a direct result of the type of men that become a part of this wonderful organization. I would encourage that handful of Brothers to get their checkbooks out and get your Dues in as quickly as possible. This will prevent you from falling behind a year and having to double up next year.

The Brotherhood Fund Campaign is off and running again and Oakland Lodge has had a great start with contributions starting to roll in. I thank those Brothers who have already shown their generosity towards this great cause. The Brotherhood Fund Chairperson for Oakland Lodge is Ken Smith. The best place to make your contributions is at our Monthly

Communication. For those Brothers who are unable to make these Communications, please send your contributions to, Kenneth Smith, 137 Lake Street, Le Roy, NY 14482. Brother Smith requests, if you're sending your contributions to him by mail, that you include a note specifying to which category you would like your contribution designated.

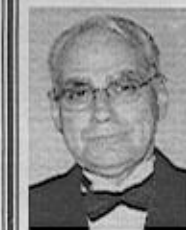
Every month I end my article about saying a small prayer for military men and women around the world who have, and are still, fighting to keep this great Nation free.

Having never served in the military myself, I know my admiration and respect for military personnel is due to my father who was in the Air Force and is an active member of the American Legion and V.F.W. My admiration grew a little deeper on Sunday, February 10th, which just happened to be the same night I was typing this article. My wife and I were sitting on the couch after getting

our kids to sleep and started to watch "America's Home Improvement." This particular episode was about a single father and his four children in Kansas. The single father was a Marine who had lost one of his legs while in combat in Iraq and whose wife filed divorce papers a year after he returned home from being injured. Here was a man who was wounded in combat, left by his wife with four young children and not a single amount of anger or bitterness in his soul, but rather the happiest man in the world that he can wake up each day to take another breath and spend time with his children. I can't tell you how happy I was to see that this television show picked this particular family to help out and change their lives forever.

This is just one example of the price our men and women of the military pay to keep our great Nation free and safe. It's these people who have afforded us the freedom to meet, act and part and for that, this Mason will be forever grateful. ✕

### District Deputy Grand Master Livingston District



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I congratulate the graduates of the iDC class. They did a great job on the presentation they put on, and convinced me that I need to change my opinion on 18- to 20-year-old Masons!

Let me remind each Mason of his obligation. We, in Livingston District, have a Brother in need. He has not asked for help, but we need to think about our Lodges in this District randomly sending him some aid. Each month he travels so his son may receive treatments.

With eight Lodges in our District, it would seem reasonable that we could each assist at least twice a year. That would help fill the need for that year! It doesn't have to be a lot, just enough to let him know that our Masonic Family feels that each of us is just as important as if they were in our own family.

I think that when I sent out the last email about this, I might not have explained what I would like to see happen very well. I hope that this can and would be done for any Brother who needs our help as much as this!

#### Traveling

Right now I am in the Philippines with my wife, Vilma. We are visiting her family and I am impressed on how large a Fraternity Masons are. I have been told that Masons in the Philippines are strong and if you identify yourself as such, you won't have anything to worry about.

Grand Lodge has given me a letter of introduction to the Grand Secretary of the Philippines and I have my Masonic Passport. I have also contacted a Brother DDGM from Manhattan, who is from the Philippines, who has sent my itinerary to them, and informed me that I would enjoy my visit with them.

We are lucky to be part of this Great worldwide Fraternity,

and every day I live I am impressed more and more. I thank God that he has let me be part of it!

#### Grand Lodge

I hope all our Masters are ready for their trip to Grand Lodge. I am sure that we will be very busy this year. I know that R.: W.: Rick has been very busy organizing the trip this year. Thank you, Brother Rick

Please don't forget the Livingston District Ladies Night on April 5th. If you haven't sent in your reservations, please do so soon. I know you will have a great time!

Thank you for your support and be safe! ✕

### Grand Steward Livingston



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Whew, February is behind us!!! The *Masonic Development Course* and *Road to the East* should have been completed when you read this. I know that those who attended will attest they witnessed two excellent programs. My thanks to the Brothers of Eunice Lodge for the use of their facilities.

Spring portends a lighter fare, though much is left to do. The talent shows have started. Genesee had their show at York Central, and Nunda Station has had theirs at Keshequa Central. The other Lodges are busy planning in order to complete theirs before our District event in Dansville on April 27th.

On March 14th, Brothers Kenny Buckley and Ray Robinson have planned a trip to the Pancake House in Angelica. Bring your ladies, your widows and your Eastern Star Members. This promises to be great time.

R.: W.: Bob Ossont has scheduled our District Bowl-a-Thon at Mount Morris Lanes. Please remember to put March 30th on your calendar. Let's have a great turnout for Brother Bob as this


will be his last year to chair the event (retirement must be great).

The District Association Meeting is at Eunice Lodge in Caledonia. Please get your numbers called in. Also, don't forget our upcoming visit to the Canandaigua VA on March 27th. Brother Harry Clark and I will be bringing our guitars and Brother Paul Schmied has got the ice cream ordered. Try to make it for this very worthwhile visit. Our Vets really enjoy this.

On April 5th we will be enjoying our 3rd Annual Ladies Night at Conesus Golf Course Party House. R.: W.: Rick will be providing the entertainment and we have a great Speaker scheduled. Let's have a great turnout.

I also recommend that you bring your Lady to the Shrine Center on Sunday afternoon, March 9th for the Rose Croix's presentation of the "Feast of the Paschal Lamb." This is always a very impressive event. After the program is a Dinner. I direct you to the Scottish Rite Office for more details or ask your Lodge's Scottish Rite liaison or call me. Also, I call your attention to the 3rd Annual College of Freemasonry on April 4th and 5th. The theme is "Freemasonry in Today's World." There are many great speakers lined up to entertain and engage you. I encourage you to make it; reserve your spot early as space is limited. Friday's event is for Scottish Rite Members and their significant others only. Saturday is open to everyone. Bring your new Candidates, new Brothers and anyone else who is interested in learning about our gentle Fraternity. Thank you. ✕

**Union Lodge**  
2nd & 4th Thursdays  
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Things have been quite busy at Union Lodge over the last

couple months. We had a terrific Brother Bring-a-Friend Night with over a dozen guests. The food was delicious thanks to W.: Steve Werner's "Master Chef" skills. The program included two different DVD showings with a number of our Brothers presenting Masonry from all sides. We presented history, community involvement and the views of two new Masons. Everyone did a great informative job. We have a new set of Degrees coming up, and are just trying to figure out the schedule.

We also had an interesting "Ladies Night" in February. Since our Regular Communication fell on Valentine's Day, we figured we needed to include our Sweethearts somehow, or we just might be in the doghouse! Well, the turnout was wonderful. We opened the Lodge, took care of business in a very timely manner, and then came downstairs for our party with the Ladies. If your Lodge does not have such a function, I now highly recommend it. Regardless of Valentine's Day, we are talking about having such an event each year. The snacks, cake and ice cream helped to make it even better.

A number of Union Lodge Brothers have been out and about, traveling to other Lodges. Recently, a few of us went to Oatka Lodge in Scottsville for their Fellowcraft Degree. We

## Spaghetti Dinner

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had a great time helping out and spending time with our neighbor Brothers.

As always, our door is open and ready for visitors. Please join us at an upcoming meeting. We always have a good crowd at our meetings, and the food and fun after the meeting is well known. Hope to see you soon. ✕

## Nunda Station Lodge No. 682

1st & 3rd Tuesdays  
7:30 p.m.



Master

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robertpcox56@aol.com

Secretary

R.: W.: Gerald J. Hussong  
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This past month has been busy as always. Thanks to the Brothers who gave their time to the Have-a-Heart Campaign in support of the local Ronald McDonald Houses. Brothers Edwin Dickson, James Van-Sickle, William Wright and Robert Cox spent the afternoon at Marketplace Mall collecting donations; the people were very generous.

On February 11th, at a Livingston District School of Ritual, Nunda Station did the work of the evening with help from other Brothers from our District. As always, it is interesting to get together with our Brothers from around the District and stay in touch.

On Friday, March 14th at 6:30 p.m., Brothers from around our District will be meeting for a Pancake Dinner at the Maple Tree Inn in Short Tract. All Brothers, their friends and families are invited. Please call Robert Cox for reservations. These dinners are very nice for meeting Masons.

Arrangements are under way for a Youth Talent Show again this year. It is always fun to see our young people display their talents.

Stop in and see what's happening at the Masonic Lodge. ✕

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# Damascus News

Damascus Shrine Center No. 2

March 2008

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

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



**LARRY CANFIELD**  
**POTENTATE**

The month of February was a busy time for everyone. Lady Ellie and I attended the Winter Picnic in Florida. A real special thanks to Mac Garth and Lady Dee for a great job in planning the picnic. We shared good fellowship and good food.

We brought back some photos and they really tell the whole story. We also thank Vicky Ball, Helen Barry and Betty Kascher for our accommodations and for driving us around. Thanks again to Betty Kascher, your cleaning job was really great. We passed the piggy bank and \$39.35 was collected.

The Not-Really-a-Winter Party was fun for all. The hots, burgers and salads were great and were followed by an ice cream treat. Thanks go to:

Rich Friedman and Joanne for doing such a nice job;

Rosco and company for the bar work and all the extras;

Eric and Jeanine Lubberts for their work in the Kitchen which was really appreciated;

Kevin and Deb Faro, for the music.

Bill Woodard provided a magic show. His photo shows how one can get tied up in their work.

Emily Grape won the door prize, Jeff Jolley won two free dinners for having the wildest T-shirt.

The Wheelers Installation was a night to remember. Thanks to everyone for a nice evening and a twist of the throttle to the new President, Rick Ponticello, and all the Officers.

Debbie Faro is looking to start a Garden Club. The purpose will be to restore the gardens at the Shrine Center. The club will be meeting the first Saturday of each month at the Shrine Center. Dues are \$1.00. You will see a sign-up sheet in the *Damascus News*.

Clothing for the Kids is coming in, but we still need gloves, hats and blankets. Bring your clothing to the March Meeting and we will take them to the Erie Hospital. We have an opportunity to have a Damascus Room at Erie. Items donated will go towards filling our room. We are also working to support our Springfield Hospital.

**Sickness and Distress**

Past Potentate Don Rose had some issues with his heart. He was treated at Strong Hospital and is now home.

Our Chief Aid Norris Shapiro, is well on the road to recovery from his recent knee replacement surgery.

Jim Slocum, our Recorder, is feeling better and is back at work. Nicole held down the fort while he was away and did a great job. We need to do a better job with sickness and distress. It is very important to keep the Office informed so we can follow up.

We are working hard to make sure events are publicized well in advance. The Shrine Calendar is published for a month in advance. The Website is improving at a good rate.

The March Meeting will be the St. Patrick's Day Party. The April Meeting will be the Table Lodge, with Imperial Sir Mike Severe, as our special guest. The Table Lodge is a stag meeting.

**Mark Your Calendar**

May 17th – Luncheon for the Ladies of the Past Potentates. Details to follow.

April 24th-26th – CIRCUS, CIRCUS, CIRCUS!

Remember the Piggy Banks. Everything collected goes to the Hospitals.

**THIS IS YOUR SHRINE CENTER, LET'S WORK TOGETHER AND MAKE IT GROW WITH YOUR SUPPORT AND NEW MEMBERS—A COMBINATION THAT IS HARD TO BEAT.**



**JIM SLOCUM**  
**RECORDER**

The skiers and snowboarders should be in their glory now with Winter in its full grip of the area; temperatures are such that the Ski Resorts can make snow and it will build up along with what Mother Nature gives us.

From the reports I have heard, the Nobles and their Ladies who went to the picnic in Florida, enjoyed it as well as the warm weather. What they didn't enjoy was coming back to the reality of our Northern weather.

I thank those who sent cards while I was in the hospital. I thought I would be home in a day, but I was wrong! I was given some antibiotics for a foot problem and they reacted in the wrong way. I got dehydrated and my kidneys wanted to shut down. After gallons of fluids and flushing of the kidneys, they started functioning again and I was sent home. You sometimes think, or hope, the experts know all the answers, but they do not.

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## Helen Coe Lemieux

November 7, 1942 - January 1, 2008



Helen Coe Lemieux, who served as First Lady of Shriners of North America during the 2007-2008 Imperial Year, passed away on January 1, 2008.

Mrs. Lemieux was born in Mishawaka, Ind., on November 7, 1942. She was a graduate of Purdue University in Indiana with a Bachelor of Science in home economics and a Master of Science in textile and food research. She taught home economics in public schools in Indiana and Ohio, ultimately joining the faculty of Bowling Green State University. She began night school at the University of Toledo College of Law during her final year at Bowling Green State University.

Mrs. Lemieux practiced law in Ohio for approximately 35 years and specialized in family law and probate. She was one of the first female attorneys in northern Ohio and became a leader among her peers. Mrs. Lemieux was known to be firm and to have a complete knowledge and understanding of the subject at hand. She could not be intimidated and was undaunted

in her approach, and yet she was always fair and reasonable. Everyone knew her to be gracious no matter the circumstances and she never lost her composure. She showed respect for the clients and her fellow attorneys and was a real joy to deal with at all times. She had great expertise and even taught seminars to her peers.

In addition to her legal career, Mrs. Lemieux owned and operated a wife service floral shop in Maumee, Ohio, for seven years. Her educational background and the flower shop were foundations for her assistance in developing educational seminars for Shriners of North America.

She is survived by her husband, Imperial Potentate Bernard J. Lemieux, M.D., and their son, Bernard J. Lemieux Jr. of Scottsdale, Ariz.

Over the years, Mrs. Lemieux demonstrated her dedication to Zenobia Shriners and Shriners of North America through a variety of programs, events and projects. Her fundraising program, "Research - Straight to the Heart," provides scholarships for a summer internship program for medical students' awareness of the exciting, important work being done at Shriners Hospitals and, ideally, entice them to become part of the team.

Another of Mrs. Lemieux's recent achievements was leading the development of a children's book, "Granny Uncovers Miracles at Shriners Hospitals for Children," to support her program. Donors receive a copy of the children's book for each contribution of \$25.

Shriners of North America and Shriners Hospitals for Children are truly grateful for Mrs. Lemieux's many years of service to our organization. She will be greatly missed by her family, friends and her Shriners family.



### Damascus Shrine March 5th Meeting

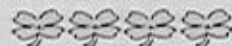
*Come One, Come All!*

*Come Celebrate St. Patrick's Day  
 Damascus Shrine Style*

*Enjoy a full Irish Dinner of Succulent  
 Corned Beef & Cabbage with all the Trimmings*



*A great evening of Irish entertainment is being planned as well.  
 You don't want to miss this one!*



*Ladies invited to attend.*

**PLEASE – RSVP to the Office at 671-7701  
 or the Reservation Line at 671-3565  
 no later than Monday, March 3rd**



**Recorder**

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Thank you, Ill. Cy Kloner, for covering for me at the last meeting. I heard everybody had a good time.

The March Meeting looks like it will be a fun time for all the Nobles celebrating with the Green. Remember to get your reservations in early so we have enough food for everyone. The deadline for reservations is February 29th.

February was Burn Awareness Month, but we, as Shriners, remember every month is Burn Awareness. While I was in the hospital, I watched a program *Live with Regis & Kelly* that showed a mother and her two kids who received 2nd and 3rd degree burns. They were sent to the Shriners Hospital for Children. They also introduced the doctor who treated them. From that Program, we got a lot of publicity.

This is the time to get your name on a stone cap at the entrance to the Shrine Center. We are taking orders and will have them ready to install in the Spring when the weather turns nice and they can be installed properly. Those who have purchased one have said they look good and are glad they have a cap.

**Nobles celebrating birthdays in March**

Harvey E. Anderson  
William J. Armstrong  
Thomas Norman Baroody  
Gary G. Baxter  
Gordon E. Bell  
John D. Bennett  
Maurice Bittman  
Chapin Blake  
Larry W. Blazey  
Albert A. Broccolo  
John Bryce  
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John M. Buzzell  
Hugh B. Chittenden  
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Harry C. Coates  
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Clifford N. Hayner  
Glenn A. Hedges  
Sherwin Isaacs  
Hugh F. James  
Timothy E. Jennings  
Murray L. Kellogg  
Wilfred L. Kershaw  
William J. Kuchne  
Neil E. Laundry

William L. Learn  
John R. Lee  
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Thomas J. McHugh  
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Richard A. Miles  
Kenneth R. Milner  
Ralph D. Myers  
Larry D. Pritchard  
Alfred Pulcino III  
Clayton R. Ruggles  
Peter Russell  
Paul D. Schenck  
Gary F. Shultz  
Steven L. Sill  
Theodore V. Skotedis  
Raymond R. Smith  
William R. Smith  
Irving G. Spalty

George Stanton  
Clarence G. Stappenbeck  
Mark M. Storm  
Richard W. Topel  
Richard Jess Trescott  
Curt R. Vallentin  
Jeffrey F. Vanhouten  
Lloyd C. Verbridge  
Floyd H. Vick  
Scott P. Waldeis  
Joel Alvarez Walker  
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Charles W. Westfall  
Eldon N. White  
Cyril R. White  
Timothy P. White  
Frederick C. Yauchzy  
Berislau Zlokovic



*Ladies & Gentlemen! ...*

*Children of all ages! ...*

**Announcing ...  
the 2008**



**Damascus Shrine Circus**

*By Bruce D. Chilton, PP*

Nobles, we are happy to inform you that the Circus for 2008 is all set to go. The only thing we need is your names on the workers list (see the coupon below) and plenty of attendance. The difference between a profit and a loss is attendance. If we fill the seats, we win; if the seats don't get filled, we lose. You will see plenty of advertising for the Circus, but you can help via word of mouth, sending email messages and by hanging the Circus Posters anywhere you think they will generate interest.

As you are aware, we have an all new crew this year, but Past Potentate and Circus Chairman, Erwin Newell, has been assisting daily from afar. The Circus is being Chaired by Past Potentate Bruce D Chilton and Co-Chaired by Andy Rueby. The novelties are being chaired by Terry Wihlen. Kevin Faro and Kevin Burke are handling manpower.

Debbie Burke is chairing the food serving. The programs are being handled by George Bracht and the finances by Bob Anderson.

**Military Program**

We are proud to announce that we are offering 60 tickets per performance, through our *Legion of Honor*, to service personnel and their families **FREE OF CHARGE** to show them our appreciation for all they do. We have asked our *Damascus Color Guard* to be in full regalia and present our Colors at each performance.

**Masonic Evening**

We are also excited to inform you that the opening performance on Friday evening, April 25th, will be Masonic Evening. Discounted tickets will be offered to Masons and their families up to the capacity of the Arena. We are thrilled to inform you that the **Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York,**

M.:W.: Neal I. Bidnick, will be in attendance along with his wife, Joyce, and other distinguished members of the Grand Line. They plan to start the night by making an entrance on the back of the "Wheelers Motorcycles."

**Circus Success**

Nobles, we are asking that you promote and attend the Circus. It is our only major fundraiser and we need the funds to operate our fine Temple. We hope to make this a viable venture and we need your help to do it. Please fill out the coupon or call Kevin Faro and let him know that you can help. Friday and Sunday are always the toughest as we usually have MORE than we need for the Saturday shows. Please send any questions or ideas to me at:

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and lets all do our part to make this a success.

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**2008 CIRCUS MANPOWER 2008 CIRCUS**

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

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

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## PERRY SHRINE CLUB

At a recent meeting, the Perry Shrine Club Representative, Howard Wood, presented the Erie Hospital Representative, Robert Anderson, with a check for \$1,000. This will be used to purchase a VCR/DVD player and an additional TV with a VCR/DVD player.

The January meeting was very well attended and we learned what the Mayor of Perry does. The Mayor, of course, is our own member Howard Wood. Also in attendance were our new Potentate, Larry Canfield, and his Lady Ellie, along with Perry Shrine Club's new Representative from the Divan, Gary Burke.

### 2008 Meetings

March 27th - Lumberyard Restaurant; Max Smith - Salt Rising Bread

April 17th - **NOTE DATE CHANGE;** BW's Restaurant at Davis' Golf Course in Pavilion; John Hodgins, Local Artist and Cartoonist

May 22nd - Hole in the Wall Restaurant; Roy Humberstone - Trip from England to America

June 26th - Ladies Night at Silver Lake Golf Club; Howard Wood - History of the Little Cars

August 24th - Summer Party at Hollwedel's in Pavilion

September 25th - Lumberyard Restaurant; Robert Pacer - Oliver's Candies

October 23rd - Hole in the Wall Restaurant; David Markham - Alcoholism and Substance Abuse in Our Young People



Howard Wood presents check for Hospital to Ill. Robert L. Anderson II, PP.

November 19th - Lumberyard Restaurant; Judith Nagel - All about the Red Cross

December 17th - Ladies Night Christmas Party at National Hotel, Cuylerville. As always, Cocktails at 6 p.m. and Dinner at 7 p.m. Order off of the menu; friends and spouses are always welcome.

Perry Shrine Club is trying to decrease postage costs and use email to notify members of meetings and other important information. Please send me your email address if you are interested. It will save the Club and you money. You may send your address to: [ehollwedel@rochester.rr.com](mailto:ehollwedel@rochester.rr.com).

## SHRINEABILIA

I recently received a November 1936 copy of "What's New" in *Damascus Temple Magazine*. I want to quote the "Editorial" from that issue as it has bearing on today's life in our Shrine.

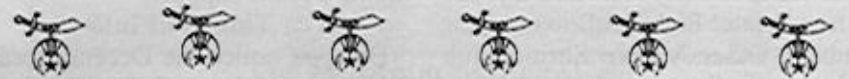
The Shrine, in its origin back in the '70's (as in 1870), was conceived as a playground, as a "cure for care and antidote for worry." It emphasized companionship with friends and all benefits that are derived therefrom. In fact, it was a place where the Mason might give rein to his human instincts for pleasure, wholesome fun and amusement. The Shrine is still that, but it isn't just that. If it were, it might have perished long ago as an organization.

Back in 1920, Noble W. Freeland Kendrick, at Portland, advanced the idea of a small annual contribution from each member for the purpose of establishing and developing hospitals for the treatment and relief of crippled children. Thus one of the greatest charities ever under-

taken by any organization was brought to life and our 15 (now 22) Units of Shriner's Hospitals for Crippled Children are the grand and ennobling result.

It is the Shrine as the climax of Masonry from the social viewpoint - and the Shrine as the opportunity to participate in the greatest of virtues, Charity. Because there is so much real humanity in the Shriner's handclasp, America needs and benefits by this organization. The eligible Mason needs and benefits by it, and to foster our high ideals exemplified in all Degrees of Masonry, we also need the Brother who can smile while we make merry and who believes in our basic principles.

In 1936 the Sagamore Hotel served lunch for 75¢ and 85¢; Dinner was \$1.25. The Hotel Seneca Tap Room offered dancing every weekday from 5 - 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. 'til closing. You could also buy a Mack Truck starting at \$535; the dealer was located at 1357 University Avenue.



### Motorcyclists Invited to Roar on the Shore™

Proceeds to Benefit

### Shriners Hospital for Children - Erie

Attention all Cycle Units and Motorcyclists!

Following on the wheels of a huge success last year, the *Roar on the Shore™* Bike Rally in Erie, PA, will be back and better than ever in the Summer 2008. From celebrities to nationally known musical acts, the event is planned for July 17th - 20th.

Organizers have also announced that the proceeds from this year's four-day *Roar on the Shore™* will benefit the Erie Shriners Hospital for Children. Last year's "Roar" raised more than \$52,000 for Cancer Research.

"Last year, we held the first annual *Roar on the Shore™* Motorcycle Rally and drew more than 10,000 people to the Shores of Lake Erie," said Seth Tuttle, Chairman of the *Roar on the Shore™* Board of Directors. "This year, we are planning to more than double that number and intend on putting on a rally the likes of which we have never seen in Erie."

After the phenomenal success of the *Roar* Event last year, a 501(c)(3) organization was formed to plan, promote and market the Rally. "When we saw how many motorcyclists we attracted last year, we knew we had a real winner on our hands," Tuttle continued.

But the event has more to do with motorcycles and leather - the real reason for the Rally is to raise funds for a local charity.

"With so many extremely worthwhile charities in the Erie area, it was very difficult for the Board to choose just one," Tuttle noted. "But anyone who knows anything about the Shriners Hospitals for Children and the amazing work they do, will agree we made a great selection."

"We are honored that the Board of Directors has selected the Erie Shriners Hospital to be the recipient of this year's *Roar on the Shore™* proceeds," said Richard Brzuz, Hospital Administrator. "These funds will be used to provide clinical care to the nearly 9,000 children who are treated annually at our hospital. It is exciting to be part of this popular event."

The main hub of activity for *Roar on the Shore™* will be Perry Square in Downtown Erie with local, regional and national musical acts performing on the main stage. In addition, there will be merchandise and food vendors throughout the Square. Saturday night will bring a headline concert with a national act to Erie's Liberty Park/Pepsi Amphitheater stage.

#### Roar on the Shore - Add One

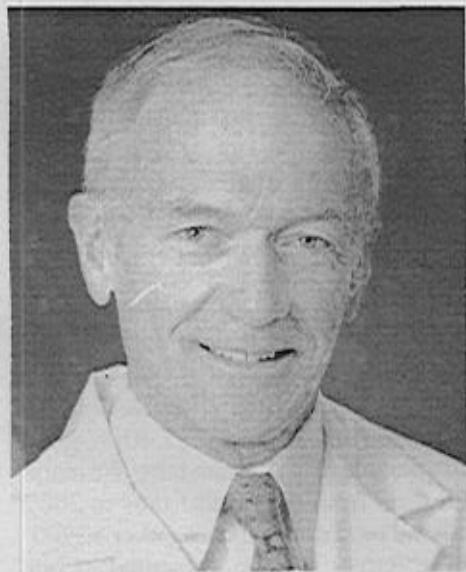
Also appearing will be Michele Smith, host of the Speed Channel's "American Thunder" show. Ms. Smith will be the Mistress of Ceremonies for the *Roar on the Shore™* Bike Contest. Some in the motorcycling industry have dubbed her an American Motorcycle icon and the "First Lady of Motorcycling."

Another motorcycling celebrity will bring a century-old stunt, with a modern twist, to the streets of Erie. Rhett Rotten, the self-described "Intimidator of Death," will bring his Wall of Death Stunt Show to Perry Square. A regular attraction at motorcycle rallies all over the country, Rotten defies gravity by riding his motorcycle inside a wall-of-death barrel. He will be performing throughout the weekend.

Erie Mayor, Joe Sinnott, who will lead "Thunder on the Isle," a motorcycle cruise around Presque Isle State Park, is excited that the Rally is coming back. "We hope bikers will begin to arrive days in advance of the Rally so they can experience spectacular scenic rides and visit our museums, playhouse, theaters, waterfront attractions, the beautiful beaches of Presque Isle and, of course, the wonderful people," said Sinnott.

For more information about this event, log on to [www.roarontheshore.com](http://www.roarontheshore.com). Or contact Bob Howden, MS, Director of Public Relations (814) 875-8782; Shriners Hospitals for Children - Erie.

## Pediatric Orthopedic Surgeon Joins Shriners Hospital Staff



William F. Schrantz, MD, a Pediatric Orthopedic Surgeon on staff at the Philadelphia Shriners Hospitals for Children, has joined the medical staff at the Erie Shriners Hospital as well.

Dr. Schrantz was in private practice in Clarion, PA, before joining the Philadelphia Shriners Hospital staff last Spring. He is a graduate of Siena College and the Medical College of Virginia and did his Orthopedic Residency at Bethesda Naval Hospital. He completed his Pediatric Orthopedic Fellowship at A.I. Dupont Institute and his Spine Fellowship at SUNY Upstate Medical University.

In addition to spending 20 years as a Medical Officer, Flight Surgeon and Orthopedic Surgeon in the U.S. Navy, Dr. Schrantz served as Director of Pediatric Orthopedics at Bethesda Naval Hospital, where he was named Physician of the Year in 1998. He also was a Clinical Assistant Professor at the Military Medical School at Bethesda.

Dr. Schrantz looks forward to a long association with the Erie Shriners Hospital.

### Many Thanks to the 2008 Damascus News Boosters who support this publication

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## AUBURN SHRINE CLUB

By Ken Pollard

The Damascus Shriners Winter Picnic in Punta Gorda, FL, is history, but what a nice time everyone had. Mac and Dee Gath went out in style. They both said this was their last year as organizers or hosts of this Annual Winter Break. Thanks, Mac and Dee, for your leadership. Our Potentate had to leave early to get back for the Damascus February meeting so he and Ellie could not enjoy as much of the Florida weather as they would have liked. Larry took a pig to the picnic – not the squealing kind with the circular tails but the quiet, transparent kind that collects change and folding money. All this money will go to our Shrine Hospitals. It was a great idea, Larry. If you have not seen this pig, look for it at future Shrine functions.

### Catching Up with Friends

As always, one learns a lot of what is happening to the members of our Temple. Larry and Fay Pritchard enjoyed their first Winter Picnic following their retirement. Other Auburn Shrine Club Members attending were Lyle and Rita Maldoon, Lance and Lynn Ward, Bob and Margaret McManus and Ken and Beulah Pollard.

I had a nice conversation with John Henderson. John was just out of the hospital following heart surgery. He is one lucky guy in that he was out walking and suffered what he describes as an elephant standing on his chest. A lot of lucky happenings took place; he was rushed to the hospital where he was immediately taken to surgery. Keep up the good work, John.

Both Ralph and Gloria Hanson were present and enjoyed the activities, although they did not dance as they usually do. Ralph had a hip replacement and is still getting his legs back under him.

### Sickness and Distress

We extend our sympathy to past-President, Ted Tennant, and his family on the passing of his wife, Bonnie. She served as our Club's First Lady for only a year

but we all grew to love her friendly and charming ways. Her friendship and warm personality will be greatly missed, as well as her many contributions to the Auburn and the entire Cayuga County area. Her passing is a huge loss for all of us.

Bill Newcomb is still limping around following surgery. He says he will soon be 100%. In fact, if you want to buy a new boat, he is 100% now.

Joe and Priscilla Lorahs' daughter, Melissa, had a serious car accident but was fortunate not to have any serious injuries. The same could not be said about the car.

### New Officers

Gerry Stanton, President of the Auburn Shrine Club, did us proud on January 5th when he was publicly installed as our President. The ASC has a new Divan Representative for 2008, Rich Friedman. We welcome him and look forward to his support.

### Tidbits of Info

Did you notice the December calendar winners? I noted Craig Coleman, Doris Colegrove, Daniel Pritchard, Beth Bowman (she is the Bowman with the black eyes) and Lance Ward. I think there are some two-time winners on this list. Those names will be given to the IRS!

Many of our members are connected with agriculture and may be interested in the fact the Dairymen's League celebrated their 100th Anniversary in 2007. Congratulations to our friends at Dairylea. In 1907, the League represented 700 dairymen and more than 14,700 cows and is now one of the largest Cooperatives in New York State.

Got a nice note from Joe and Priscilla Lorah. Joe is still involved on a major construction project in Syracuse. He hopes to make some of our meetings in 2008.

We received a nice note from W. W. Patterson, Jr. Bill now spends his time in Texas where he has Wintered for



Members of the Auburn Shrine Club at the Winter Picnic in Punta Gorda, Florida, on February 5th. (Left to Right) are Ken Pollard, Bob McManus, Lyle Maldoon, Lance Ward and Larry Pritchard. Larry is shown holding the Damascus Pig - soon to be a well-known attendee at Damascus functions. If he does not get "fed" he gets real mean and a mean hog is not something we need at any Shrine functions.



Current and past-Potentates of Damascus Shriners at the Winter Picnic. (Left to Right) are: Art Hill, George Simon, Bob Anderson, Larry Canfield (current Potentate), Lyle Maldoon, McKinley Gath, (Organizer for the 2008 Winter Picnic Program), Ken Buckland, Dayne Tharrett and Lance Ward.

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Several of the Damascus Members prior to the main meal at our Winter Picnic: (Left to Right) are Lyle Maldoon, Art Hill, Rita Maldoon, Beulah Pollard, Gloria Hanson, Ginny Engbrecht and Ralph Hanson.

many years. He is the Member of our Club with the longest record of continuous membership, going back to the early 50s, if not earlier. Our records have been lost so all we know is that Bill and the late Ed Atkins were members in 1953. Bill is very proud of his 10 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren, the oldest being eight. He is hoping to have a family reunion in Texas this year. A sad note for all his friends in this area - He and his lovely wife, Eleanor, noted they will not be traveling back to central New York due to the distance that makes traveling too difficult. I am sure that they miss the sunsets from their lakeside home in Cayuga and we will miss their Summertime visits. Just a sidelight - Bill and the late Clint Clark were brothers-in-law and good friends for years.

In case you ever wondered ... yes, the Shrine Surgeons have an organization where they meet on an annual basis to share medical knowledge with the other physicians in the system. This is not a fun-and-games association, but one with medical and scientific presentations fol-

lowed by an open discussion period. Our doctors benefit greatly from this experience. This is another way that our medical staff keeps on the cutting edge of medical advances.

Some drivers are like Maxine on driver safety - "I can't use my cell phone when I drive, I have to keep my hands free for making gestures."

We received two letters from the Administrator of the Springfield Shriners Hospital for Children. One was for the \$600 our Club presented in December; the second was for the \$283.40 we gave from the sale of aluminum tabs. We made four gifts from the sale of tabs in 2007 with the total amount being over \$2000. These letters will be presented at our March meeting.

Joe Marshall must be planning a vacation home in the future. He thinks the ideal one would be a vacation cottage that visits 12 and sleeps two.



That's it for this month, but remember the words of the late Oscar Wilde, "Some cause happiness wherever they go, others whenever they go."

Save the Date!

Imperial  
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June 30th - July 3rd

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Watch for Details in April *Damascus News*



**Zama Temple No. 14  
Queen Carolyn Noble**

By Ellie Canfield, PQ



Zama Temple No. 14 held their first Stated Session of 2008 on February 9th and what a wonderful day it was. We held a Ceremonial as three new Ladies were initiated into Zama Temple No. 14. They are now known as Princess. Gentlemen, should you read this article, please read the bold print - **THEY NO LONGER DO DISHES!** Let me introduce them - Princess Deb Faro, wife of Kevin, "Skins," Princess Janine Lubbert, wife of Eric, and Jessica Kerr, niece of Betty Nohle, PSQ. The Initiation was followed by a luncheon that was prepared by Zama Temple cooks. A special thank you to our Queen, Carolyn, "Kitty" Noble and Joan Bright, PQ, for the beautiful Valentine decorations.

**A New Club**

Princess Deb Faro talked about the new "Garden Club" that is being formed. It is for the Ladies, men and children who aren't afraid to get dirty and, at the same time, have fun. Princess Deb welcomes all whether your thumbs are "Green" or "Brown." For further information please contact Princess Deb.

**Upcoming Events**

March 8th - Stated Session; Annual Election of Officers and Voting Delegates. This session will be held at Fairport Masonic Hall at 10 a.m. Please come and support our present Queen and her Officers.

Sunday, April 6th - Open Installation of Officers at 3 p.m.; You can bring your Noble or friends. The Installation will take place at Fairport Masonic Hall and a Reception and Dinner will follow at the Green Lantern Inn, 1 East Church Street, Fairport. (Formal Attire Requested). There will be more information to follow on this event.

Ladies, I ask a favor of you... "Please" call a Lady who you have not seen or heard from. I am sure she would like to hear from you. Maybe she needs a friendly voice, a ride to Session, a helping hand or just some little thing that would make her day. Perhaps she used to play cards but has no way of getting to Card-a-Rama because she no longer drives. She may be a Member who no longer drives at night. There are so many reasons for people to stay at home, they need to experience outside activity, also.

To the Ladies who do not participate in our Pageantry/Dance Unit or Card-a-Rama, come join us. Call a Member and invite them to come to our meetings. You will be most welcome.

St Patrick's Day is coming so I will close with this...

*May there always be work for your hands to do,*

*May your purse always carry a shilling or two,*

*May the sun always play on your windowpane,*

*May a rainbow chase after each spot of rain,*

*May the hand of a friend always be near you,*

*May God fill your heart with gladness and cheer you.*

**Calendar Winners  
for December**

DAY	NO.	WINNER
1/1	280	John Steinburgh
1/2	863	Tom Adessa
1/3	662	Barbara Marren
1/4	233	Damascus Shrine
1/5	381	Leonard Borucki
1/6	538	James Pray
1/7	727	Tom Omalley
1/8	011	Damascus Shrine
1/9	137	John Wood
1/10	338	Loom 823
1/11	197	Doug Jones
1/12	604	Damascus Shrine
1/13	967	Rick Cooper
1/14	250	Donna Marsh
1/15	266	Damascus Shrine
1/16	443	Keri Leippi
1/17	974	Damascus Shrine
1/18	267	Bob Young
1/19	433	Laura Bogart
1/20	600	Damascus Shrine
1/21	986	Marie Reynolds
1/22	264	Frank Gueren
1/23	221	Jay Daniels
1/24	714	Ann Marie Phillips
1/25	403	Shirley Wells
1/26	129	Linda Liparortte
1/27	481	Barbara Wasson
1/28	207	Karen Wightman
1/29	203	Damascus Shrine
1/30	732	Lucille Cooley



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Shriners, family and friends will gather in St. Louis - known as the Gateway to the West - for the 134<sup>th</sup> Imperial Council Session June 29-July 3.

"The presence of the St. Louis Shriners Hospital and support from Moolah Shriners make this location an excellent choice," said Imperial Potentate Bernard J. Lemieux, M.D. "And there are many attractions and great things to do in this city."

While in town, you can catch exciting baseball action with Major League Baseball's 2006 World Series Champions, the St. Louis Cardinals, be amazed by the view - 630 feet above the Mississippi River - at the top of the Gateway Arch, or visit the Missouri Botanical Garden, widely considered one of the top-three botanical gardens in the world.

"Since the last Session was held here in 1997, St. Louis has received awards for its renaissance and revitalization," said Director General Barry Todd. "It is a wonderful destination for families. There are world-class attractions, such as our St. Louis Zoo - amazingly, it's free - museums, casinos, Six Flags theme park, a Shriners Hospital and many other interesting things to do and visit."

In addition to the St. Louis Zoo, there are several other free attractions in "the Lou," including the Saint Louis Science Center, Missouri History Museum and the St. Louis Art Museum, which houses paintings by Rembrandt, Van Gogh and Picasso. And of course, the area offers plenty of quality shopping and dining options.

Keep checking [www.imperial2008.com](http://www.imperial2008.com) or [www.shrinershq.org](http://www.shrinershq.org) for updated information.

**TENTATIVE SCHEDULE**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 27**  
• Representatives Registration

**SATURDAY, JUNE 28**  
• Imperial Committee Meetings  
• Representatives Registration

**SUNDAY, JUNE 29**  
• Canadian Breakfast  
• Motorcycle "Ride So Kids Can Walk" Benefit for Shriners Hospitals for Children  
• Representatives Registration  
• Daughters of the Nile and Ladies Oriental Shrine Coffee  
• Records' Annual Meeting and Banquet  
• Treasurers' Annual Meeting and Luncheon  
• Church Service  
• Marketplace Opens in Convention Center  
• Public Opening - Imperial Council Session

**MONDAY, JUNE 30**  
• Texas Breakfast  
• Official Opening - Imperial Council Session  
• Representatives' Ladies Luncheon  
• Emeritus Members Luncheon  
• Chairman and Trustee Luncheon  
• Membership Hall of Fame Luncheon  
• Marketplace

**TUESDAY, JULY 1**  
• Donor Relations Breakfast  
• Imperial Council Session  
• Marketplace  
• Night Parade

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 2**  
• Cabiri Breakfast  
• Pageant for Newly Elected Potentate  
• Imperial Council Session  
• Public Relations Presentation  
• Marketplace  
• Imperial Sir's Evening

**THURSDAY, JULY 3**  
• Imperial Council Session  
• Marketplace



2007							March Shriner and Shrine Center Scheduled Events Calendar							2008						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Shrine Lunch Club' Lalla Rookh Grotto	4 Clown Unit	5 6:00 p.m. Shrine Meeting	6 Valley of Rochester 4th and 10th Degrees	7 NYOSA'	8 NYOSA'														
9 NYOSA' Valley of Rochester Feast of the Paschal Lamb	10 Shrine Lunch Club' ERAC Lodge	11 Valley-Simes Lodge	12 Legion of Honor	13 Fame Lodge	14	15 Rod & Gun Club'														
16	17 Shrine Lunch Club' Auburn Shrine Club'	18 Craftsman Robertson Lodge	19 Lalla Rookh Grotto	20 Valley of Rochester Wayne Shrine Club'	21	22														
23	24 Lunch Club'/ERAC Lodge/Geneva Club	25	26 Directors Staff' Canandaigua Shrine Club'	27 Fame Lodge Perry Shrine Club'	28	29														
30	31 Shrine Lunch Club' Divan Meeting	Wheeler's'																		

† - Off-site event; *Italics* - non-Shrine event

Data current as of February 20, 2008

## Shrine Table Lodge

Damascus Shrine is proud to announce that we will once again be holding the only Shrine Table Lodge in all of Shrinedom. This year, we have the honor and privilege of having as our guest speaker, Imperial Sir Mike Severe from Denver, Colorado.

Mike is a dynamic Shriner, who is also a 33° Mason. Darrell Taggart, who is High Priest and Profit of El Jebel Temple as well as the Recorder of the Denver Consistory, will accompany him.

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

Michael G. Severe of Erie, CO, is currently serving his seventh term as a Member of the Boards of Directors for Shriners of North America and Shriners Hospitals for Children. Severe was re-elected during the Shriners' 2007 Annual International Convention (or Imperial Council Session) held in Anaheim, CA, in July. He serves as Imperial High Priest and Prophet for Shriners of North America Imperial Divan, part of the 13-Member Body that helps govern the Shriners Fraternity.

Severe is a Management Consultant with Titanium Metals Corporation. With plants worldwide, it is the largest integrated producer of titanium. He is a past Manager of Information Services at

Auto-trol Technology Corporation and Division Manager of Information Services for the Electronic Division of Coors Ceramics. He also was Chief Technology Officer at EG&G and Kaiser-Hill. Severe received his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Management Information Science from the University of Northern Colorado.

Severe was Raised a Master Mason at the age of 21, progressing to the York and Scottish Rites and becoming a Shriner at the age of 22. He held various offices at Glenwood Lodge No. 65, AF&AM, and became Worthy Patron of Erica Chapter No. 69, Order of the Eastern Star.

At El Jebel Shriners, Severe belonged to the Scooter and Motorcycle Units and became President of his Unit in 1989. In 1990, he was appointed Outer Guard, becoming Potentate of El Jebel Shriners in 1999. During the 1999-2000 Imperial Year, Severe served on the Imperial Strategic Planning and Imperial Fleming-Florence Committees.

Severe's wife, Patty, is employed by St. Joseph Hospital. He has two children, Joe and Lauren, both attending school in the Lakewood, CO, area; two stepchildren, Aaron and Amanda; and two grandchildren, Sydney and Derek.

## DIRECTORS STAFF

By Vance Collum

The Directors Staff had a good turnout for our January meeting with 26 members and guests in attendance. We thank Director Lee Coller for a fine job of providing our invocation and benediction at our meetings.

### Sickness and Distress

Norris Shapiro had a knee replacement in January and is doing well. We hope he will be back with us this month.

### Change for Communicating

The Shrine will be sending out most of the club notices by email instead of by postcard this year. The cost of postage continues to increase and this is a way to better control expenses. If the Shrine does not have your email address or if it has changed recently, please send your email address to Damascus Shrine at [njackson@damascusshriners.org](mailto:njackson@damascusshriners.org).

### Coming Events

**Directors Staff National Convention;** April 9th-12th. For more information about the Convention itinerary, skit presentations and registration forms, visit: [www.shrinedirectors.com](http://www.shrinedirectors.com).

If you attend the Convention, you will also have the opportunity to visit the

Harley-Davidson Plant and several world-class breweries in Milwaukee.

**Shrine Circus** - April 24th will be setup day. Sign up to help at the D.S. Novelty Stand on Friday, April 25th, Saturday, April 26th or Sunday, April 27th. Contact our President or me if you can help.

**Lilac Parade** - the first parade this year to be held early in May. Our members have a lot of fun at numerous parades each Summer. Some ride in old cars, some in mini-cars and some ride on the D.S. Fire Truck. A tip of the fez to Director, Lee Coller, Sr., who maintains the 50-year-old fire truck and keeps it polished and looking great in the parades.

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

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 26th at DiPacific's Restaurant. New members and guests are welcome. Social hour is 5:30 p.m. and Dinner is at 6:30 p.m.

Until next time, God Bless.

## ERIE HOSPITAL DAY MOVES TO JUNE

Hospital Day at the Shriners Hospitals for Children - Erie, has been moved to the first Sunday in June. This year it will be on June 1st. Be sure to mark your calendar, as everyone is invited to attend! Also the hours have been adjusted, with activities taking place from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

As in past years, self-guided tours of the hospital will be available. This will be an excellent opportunity to see all the new features at the hospital, meet the staff and learn more about hospital activities and programs.

Back by popular demand for Hospital Day will be an Antique/Classic Car Show

on the Hospital grounds. Anyone with an antique/classic car is invited to participate. Other entertainment is also being planned.

This year, Hospital Day will include a special recognition of the volunteer Shrine Drivers who transported patients to and from the Erie Hospital during the past year.

The Legions of Honor and other Temple Groups are urged to attend and make this year's Hospital Day bigger and better than ever. Any questions about Hospital Day may be directed to Bob Howden, Director of Public Relations, at (814) 875-8782.

For Dinner Reservations  
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by Monday morning  
of Meeting Week



### TABLE LODGE

April 2, 2008

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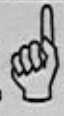

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Who can attend: Shriners and Masons (who are not YET Shriners)

Reservations are a must as we have to accommodate all at the Tables for the Festive Board. A reservation made is a reservation paid. Please contact the Office ASAP and place your reservation. This is an event you will NOT want to miss.





**Wheeler's Installation**  **Not Really Winter Party** 





# DAMASCUS SHRINERS WINTER PARTY - PUNTA GORDA, FLORIDA



## DISABILITY AWARENESS: WORDS MATTER

Children with disabilities, like all children, will learn or absorb what they are taught and react to the way they are treated. Shriners Hospitals for Children works hard to build confidence and self-esteem in our kids, and to help them discover and pursue their dreams, despite their disabilities. In working with kids toward that goal, it's important to remember how language can reflect a positive attitude.

Words to avoid include "crippled" and "handicapped." Instead of using these words, which can be considered painful, experts suggest using "disability" or the actual term involved, such as cerebral palsy or muscular dystrophy.

When speaking about people with disabilities, clear, direct words are more positively accepted. For example, say, "Johnny uses a wheelchair," instead of, "Johnny is wheelchair-bound," or, "Johnny is confined to a wheelchair." Wheelchairs allow mobility from place to place, which is the opposite of confining.

Words and tone-of-voice can clearly indicate values, and using positive, affirmative words can make a big difference. Practice care when using value-laden words like courageous, inspiration, pity, suffer, tragedy, afflicted or victim.



It is also important to use "people-first language." For example, saying, "Johnny is a child with a disability," is preferred over saying, "Johnny is a disabled child." People with disabilities sometimes feel isolated from those without disabilities and left out of activities. People-first language is an attempt to encourage understanding that people with disabilities are *people first*, and to help alleviate fear and lessen isolation.

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their Working Tools this year. R.: W.: Edward Gilbert, DGM, will give the address as M.: W.: Edward Gilbert, our new Grand Master.

29th - OSY District Investiture Service  
30th - Memorial Day Parade, Waterloo

For more information about Grand Lodge, OSY District and Lodge news, events and schedules, please visit OSYDistrict.org.

Once again, please email [dwlocke@rochester.rr.com](mailto:dwlocke@rochester.rr.com) to be added to the OSY District email list.

I look forward to meeting you at R.: W.: Ed Carris' visits, BBF programs, Degrees and other events.

### Garoga-Sincerity Lodge No. 200

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By Clayton Ruggles, Secretary

It's hard to believe Winter is half over and we are looking forward to Spring.

We conferred a 1st Degree in January. Brother Stephen Durso served as Master, W.: Donald Tiffany presented the Apron and W.: David Smith presented the Working Tools. W.: George Landstrom and Brother Douglas Galens gave the Lecture of Forms and Ceremonies. R.: W.: Brothers Robert Bird and Ramon Howard gave the Lecture of Reasons. V.: W.: John Walti gave the Charge and V.: W.: Lowell Falkey presented the Historical Lecture. Thanks again to all who participated.

The 2nd Degree will be held on March 4th at 7:30 p.m. A Potluck Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome. Again, we will have some new faces helping with the Degree. Let's have a large turnout to show our support for the Fraternity. Rehearsals for the 2nd Degree will be on February 24th at 6:30 p.m. and March 2nd at 6:30 p.m.

The program for the February 5th Communication was the "Fervency and Zeal" Program by members of neighboring Royal Arch Chapters, Companions Samuel Clark and William Valois III of Salem Town Chapter 173, and Howard Colegrove, Stephen Goebert, and Ernest Day of Geneva Chapter 36. Also in attendance were Companions from Excelsior Chapter 164. The Program was both educational and informative. Thank you to these Royal Arch Masons for doing a fine job.

Garoga Sincerity was the host for the OSY Table Lodge on January 29th. R.: W.: Richard Friedman of ERAC Lodge served as Master. R.: W.: David Locke, OSY DDGM, was Senior Warden and R.: W.: Eldon White of Milnor Lodge, was Junior Warden. R.: W.: Stephen King, Junior Grand Warden, was the speaker for the evening. Toasts were presented by R.: W.: Stephen King (Wadsworth 417), R.: W.: Clayton Ruggles (Garoga-Sincerity 200), W.: Lawrence Mahoney (Milnor 139), R.: W.: David W. Locke, R.: W.: Edwin Carris (GDC), R.: W.: James

Rice (Rushville 377), R.: W.: Eldon White, and R.: W.: Richard Friedman. The evening was a sellout. As usual the Eastern Star prepared an excellent meal. Thanks to all who participated and attended the meeting.

**March Birthdays**  
We send March birthday greetings to Robert Taylor III (7th); Charles Anderson and Ramon Howard (22nd); Garry Clock and Clayton Ruggles (23rd); and Howard Burgess (31st).

**Masonic Anniversaries**  
The following Brothers were Raised in March:

- 1954 - Nelson Gulvin and Robert Lash
- 1972 - Norman Schafer
- 1981 - Stephen Phillips
- 1989 - Robert Patrick Jr.
- 1998 - Vincent Rozella III
- 2003 - Kenneth Gibbs and Shawn Grube

**From the Secretary's Desk**  
I still need birth dates for the following Brothers, if they wish to be acknowledged in the *Masonic Times*: Harold Blosler, Roy Farnsworth, Robert Lannon, John Record, Charles Romeiser, and Elmer Smith. I can be contacted by phone, email, or a short note through regular mail.

### Milnor Lodge No. 139

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A Robert Burns' Night, the District Table Lodge and the Annual Turkey Dinner were the focus of activities for Milnor Lodge this month.

Our last communication of January featured poems by Robert Burns, a Scottish poet and Mason, who lived in the 1700's. Poems enjoyed by the Brothers included "A Grace Before Dinner," "A Grace After Dinner," "A Red, Red Rose" and "The Farewell To The Brethren of St. James' Lodge, Tarbolton."

Over fifty Brothers attended the OSY District Table Lodge, held on January 29. A five course meal was provided by women of the Eastern Star. Junior Grand Warden, Right Worshipful Steven King, presided over the evening, and R.: W.: Richard Friedman, Chairman of Custodians of the Work for the State of New York, served as Master of Ceremonies.

Our annual Turkey Dinner was held on February 2nd in St.

Patrick's Church's parish hall in Victor. Over four hundred people attended the dinner, making it a great success. Thanks to all our Brothers who contributed, attended, and helped set up and clean up. The parish hall provided a great, inviting atmosphere in which to hold our dinner, and we thank the people of St. Patrick's Church for allowing us to use their fine facility.

I sadly report the passing of R.: W.: David Maltman of Milnor Lodge. Brother Maltman laid down the Working Tools of Life early the morning of February 13th. He was both a Past Master of Milnor Lodge and Past DDGM of the OSY District, holding the position in 1970 and 1971. A Masonic Service was held at the Lucey Vanvoorhis Funeral Home in Victor, on February 16th.

Contributions in remembrance of Brother Maltman may be made to the Milnor Lodge Building Fund, established at the request of Brother Maltman. Please contact R.: W.: Eldon White at 924-1603 or email:

[ewhite01@rochester.rr.com](mailto:ewhite01@rochester.rr.com)

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

### Eagle Lodge No. 619

2nd & 4th Tuesdays  
7:30 p.m.  
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Secretary  
Kenneth R. Milner  
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Honeoye 14471

Well, another Ground Hog Day has come and gone and still six more weeks of Winter. January 29th I went to my first Table Lodge at Garoga-Sincerity Lodge in Phelps. I have to admit, it was a whole lot of fun. A little different Communication than what we are used to.

At our last Communication in January, it was decided that our Annual Steak Roast would be May 3rd at the Lodge Hall. Hopefully we can sell more steaks with the new weekend.

The normal weekend for the Steak Roast was in August but we will hold a Chicken Barbeque at that time instead.

- Upcoming Events**
- March 4th - 2nd Degree Rehearsal; 7 p.m.
  - March 9th - 2nd Degree Rehearsal; 12 p.m.
  - March 11th - 2nd Degree; 7:30 p.m.

### District Deputy Grand Master

Ontario/Seneca/Yates District

R.: W.: David W. Locke  
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Last year at this time, the OSY District saw many Degrees happening at several Lodges and this year is no different. The Degrees are being planned and are happening so fast that the best way to see the dates is to visit OSYDistrict.org.

The Traveling Trowel has been moving around! I have audited the "log book" and will shortly be issuing "non-moving violations" for those Lodges who kept the Trowel more than 30 days.

**Grand Lodge Trip Reservations Due Now!**

There is a good chance that this trip will sell out this year so get those reservations to me, please. I can't keep track of those who tell me verbally that they are going - I need those forms!

- Grand Lodge Trip - New York City - Five-Day Excursion
- Saturday May 3rd - Bus Departs 8 a.m. from Phelps
- Wednesday May 7th - Bus Returns Approximately 5 p.m.
- Accommodations at the Hotel Edison, 228 W. 47th Street. There was some confusion, on my part, as to the Rates and they are now confirmed as follows:
- 1 Person in Single Room - \$190.57 per night (4 nights \$768.52 plus \$6.24 handling)
- 2 People in Twin or Double Room - \$190.57 per Night (4 nights plus \$6.24 per person \$774.56); 4 nights per person share \$387.38
- 3 People in Room with 2 Double Beds - \$207.58 per night (4 nights per person share \$283.01, including Bellman)
- 4 People in Room with 2 Double Beds - \$224.58 per

night (4 nights per person share \$230.82, including Bellman)

Note: Rooms consist of two double beds or one king bed. Rate includes room, occupancy tax, NYC tax, and \$6.24 group Bellman charge for one suitcase per person.

This is a special group rate and NO CREDIT CARDS are accepted. The rooms must be prepaid.

- Bus rate of \$133.60 is based on a minimum of 25 passengers. Refund of the difference in the event of more passengers payable once underway. It is already looking like we may have 30 or more.
- Alternate transportation and stays less than four nights is OK.
- Masons and non-Masons, family and friends cordially invited.

Deposits were due February 15th and Final Payments are due by April 2nd.

**Other Important Dates**

- March**
- 15th - Road to the East at Pocahontas Lodge, 8 a.m.
  - 24th - Road to the East at Garoga-Sincerity Lodge, 7 p.m.
  - 31st - Road to the East at Garoga-Sincerity Lodge, 7 p.m.

**April**

- 5th - College of Freemasonry at Damascus Shrine Center; Registration 8 a.m.
- 12th - 5th Annual Surviving Spouses Luncheon at DiPacific's, Farmington

Even if your Lodge holds its own Widows program, please at least make it possible for the widows from your Lodge to attend the District program by providing their names to R.: W.: Eldon White or R.: W.: Bob Ruggles.

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

Please see advertisement for details.

**May**


- 3rd-7th - Grand Lodge NYC Trip
- 18th - OSY District Memorial Service at St. Peter's Church, Geneva, 2 p.m.

Please make an effort to attend and provide a good show of support for the families of Masons who have laid down



**Ark Lodge**  
**No. 33, F. & A.M.**  
 3rd Wednesday

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**Anthony**  
**Khoury**  
 (315) 789-6420



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 V.: W.: **Lance R. Ward**  
 (315) 789-4411  
 lrward@tcll.com  
 3394 Sutton Road  
 Geneva 14456

#### Masons Meet, Act and Part Sickness and Distress

Please pray for Brothers Joe Michaels, Horace Riddle, Lloyd Hilimire, Ramon Baroody, Tom Bryan and Max Kaufman.

Send your Brotherhood donations to V.: W.: Lance Ward, 3396 Sutton Road; Geneva, NY 14456.

Brother Andrew Foster, who was Raised in 1962 and passed away December 12, 2006, left \$25,000 in his Will to the Lodge. God Bless!

Brother Peter Einset chaired Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. W.: Brother Tom Abraham gave a most educational Masonic presentation on Masonic symbols and allegories used by the Craft. W.: Brother Anthony Khoury gave a talk about Speculative Freemasonry in American History and Brother Peter Einset talked about the next 25 years for Ark Lodge. Peter tried to identify a strategy for survival of our Lodge in Geneva; to combine with Geneva Lodge, find a new place for all of us to meet and find a real purpose for Masonry in Geneva. Thoughts about these plans and propos-

als were discussed by everyone present.

#### March Anniversaries

Brothers who became Ark Lodge Members in March are: Thomas Baroody, Gary Baxter, Eugene Lee Cox, Peter Einset, John W. Girard, Roger Haich, John I. Malyj, Horace Riddle, Richard P. Rockefeller, Robert H. Schwarting (affiliated from Seneca Lodge), Thomas J. Smart and Chris Spina.

#### Upcoming Events

March 5th - Past Masters Dinner with Spouses at Emiles.

March 19th - Lodge Communication; Program to follow.

#### Road to the East

If you would like to be Master of a Lodge, the *Road to the East* will be held on Saturday, March 15th, at 8 a.m.; Mondays, March 24th and March 31st at 7 p.m., at Garoga-Sincerity Lodge.

#### Surviving Spouse Luncheon

The Annual Surviving Spouse Luncheon will be held at DiPacific's Restaurant at noon on Saturday, April 12th.

#### Informational Fair & Expo

2008 OSY Freemasonry Informational Fair and Expo will be held for one day on April 26th at the Geneva Ramada Inn. Grand Master, Neal I. Bidnick, will be there! Hopefully, a large crowd will be there for the fun, Child ID service, Shrine Circus clowns, food and refreshments for all! Many non-Masons who attend will see what Masonry is doing in our OSY Community. It will be this areas' first Masonic Fair and Expo and we want to show who the Masons are and what they do.

#### Grand Lodge Trip

The OSY District trip to Grand Lodge in New York City is truly

a beautiful trip for all Masons and their wives. It will begin on May 3rd when the bus will take us directly to Hotel Edison and return to Phelps on May 7th. If you haven't already made reservations, contact Master Anthony Khoury.

#### District Memorial Service

On May 18th, a District Memorial Service will be held at the St. Peter's Episcopal Church at 3 p.m. A number of our Brothers passed away in 2007 who should be remembered.

#### Why I Joined Ark Lodge

I suppose I could have thought of some noble or very impressive rhyme or reason. Maybe, because Ark Lodge had lots of history and tradition, or there were many Syrian Americans in Geneva who were Masons and members. Perhaps, it was because it's the oldest, strongest and largest Fraternal organization in the World and is known as a very charitable fraternity of Brotherly love. Being 26 years old, I was looking for something to do to take up my youth. Who knows?

But, looking back (at 53 years of Masonic membership), it was the many relatives and friends who belonged and asked me to join the Masonic Craft for the fellowship of the Brothers and its many community goals and activities. Freemasonry offered an opportunity to make friends (Masonic) in the County, State, United States and beyond; to help others in Geneva, OSY District, State and Nation.

When I joined the Lodge, I was never, ever made to feel like an outsider. Every Brother made me feel like I was in a very large family. The Brothers told

me it's not how rich or poor or how high or low, or how much intellect you had, that all of us Brothers are on the same human and Masonic level. I thought, WOW!

So let us think of our 200 years of history and tradition; about 2008 and the next 25 years. Try to put as much love and concern as our past Brothers and to accentuate the positive and eliminate the negative thoughts and attitudes.

Please, come to our meetings (every third Wednesday of the month) and be a part of our future programs and community activities. I truly believe we are what we really are, by the people, experiences and things of interest with which we identify ourselves.

To my way of thinking, Freemasonry really stands for something special in our Masonic lives. That Brotherhood is telling the truth and giving to charity and those in need. We don't give lip service or pretend, but are deeply committed to the principles and ideals of our Masonic Craft. Masonry stands for the high road of living, being a better person and kind in our Masonic travels so that we enrich all those people with whom we come in contact.

The greatest depression of our modern time is not financial or economic, but the lack of good ideals, integrity and wisdom to stand up for what is fine and true. Brother Dr. Norman Vincent Peale said, "In my travels at home and abroad, a goodly number of Masons noticed my Masonic ring which I always wear. With great pride and honor they all say, 'I, too, am a Mason.'" Brother Peale was a Mason who was dedicated to God and to do service to all humanity. He was proud to have Masonry in his soul and heart and was proud to be involved in the Fraternal fellowship and walk the walk with his Brethren.

These are some of the reasons I joined Ark Lodge. This is why Freemasonry is so important to me. Masonry is a fundamental way of life, a wonderful philosophy that is something special, a mystery that never ends and one of which I am proud to be a part and never want to lose. Is that not true for you? x

#### Union Star

Lodge No. 320  
 3 North Main Street  
 Honeoye Falls 14472

2nd Mondays  
 7:30 p.m.

Master  
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 Foehner

586-5255

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Secretary  
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February was a busy month at Union Star. On day one, we helped kick off the "Have-a-Heart" Campaign at Marketplace Mall from 3 - 9 p.m. We returned on the 3rd from noon to 6:00 p.m. We were there again on the 10th. As Master, I can't tell you how proud I am of my Brother's from Union Star. Their three-day total was over \$1,500, which again put them as one of the Lodges collecting the most donations. They helped me, as Have-a-Heart Chairman, by filling the many time slots when we were short workers at Marketplace Mall.

Our March 10th meeting will feature W.: John Comstock from Buffalo, who will speak on English Lodges and Ritual. I know this will be one of the highlights of the year, so don't miss it.

March 24th will be a Fellowshipcraft Night. Plan to attend and enjoy some great fellowship, I'm sure our new Brothers will be there. x

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### LADIES NIGHT

SATURDAY, APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>

CONESUS GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB  
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Cash Bar - 5:30 p.m. • Buffet Dinner - 6:00 p.m.

Program - 7:00 p.m. • Fellowship - 8:00 p.m.

**\$25 PER PERSON**

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 LADIES NIGHT

Reservation deadline is **Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Contact

Richard Trescott, 11 Meadowlark Dr, Avon, NY 14414  
 (585) 226-9042



# A SALUTE TO OUR VETERAN'S

Mr. Gellasch,

Once again, many thanks for the numerous boxes of goodies you sent for distribution, via J. As before, everyone is very appreciative. The hats and socks seem to fly out of here, as did the chips, breakfast bars and Krispy Treats. They barely hit the table and were gone!

I said you are always looking for ideas, so I thought I would share a few - gum, individually packaged snacks that can be shoved in pockets for missions, baby wipes and cough drops. They all fly out of here fast, too.

Many thanks for all you do.  
Red Cross Staff in Iraq

# 1978 Masters Get-together



### Did You Know That?

By Phil Hurwitz

- In nominating an Officer of Grand Lodge, a Brother shall not be permitted to speak for more than five (5) minutes; in seconding a nomination, not more than three (3) minutes. HBML, Supp. Sec 74.
- No legislation taken up in Grand Lodge, which affects the general interest of the Craft, can be made, repealed or changed at a special Communication of Grand Lodge, without prior notice. HBML Sec. 83.
- Grand Lodge may not interfere with a particular Lodge's control of its own financial affairs so long as it is exercised in a legal way. HBML 97.
- Grand Lodge may intervene where a Lodge under its jurisdiction is about to incur a debt or liability for a non-Masonic purpose. HBML 101.
- Trustees of a Lodge cannot obtain a bank mortgage on the Lodge's behalf, unless it first obtains permission from the Supreme court of the State of New York. Benevolent Orders Law Sec. 3.



Our group is enjoying a visit with one of the oldest living Seabees. Albert is 96 and served in the Pacific Theatre. He is very spirited, has a great sense of humor and a keen mind. His hearing and eyesight are severe losses. To compensate for his diminishing eyesight, he has a large screen, like a TV, which magnifies the letters. He had requested a "Seabee" shirt. We found one and when it was presented, the look on his face caused us all to choke up. Tears came to his eyes and he hugged the shirt. The joy and gratitude these Veterans show makes all our visitations worthwhile.



(Front row) Three birthday celebrants - Jim, Bob and Tony. (Back row) John Ponshock, Dennis Gellasch, Cy White, Vance Collom, Fred Cornell, "Mo" Schirano and Deanna Fagan, Recreational Therapist.

### Wish List for Canandaigua VA Medical Center

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

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

## Shrine CIRCUS

Blue Cross Arena  
at the War Memorial

### April 25th-27th

Proceeds for the Benefit of Damascus Shriners.





# Scottish Rite NEWS

Consistory  
Chapter Rose Croix  
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Lodge of Perfection

## Commander-in-Chief



**John E. Zabel, 33°**  
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### What's Happening

The Valley's Lodge of Perfection starts in March with the conferral of the 4th and 10th Degrees on Thursday, March 6th. The evening will begin with Dinner at 6:30 p.m.; the Lodge of Perfection opens at 7:30 p.m. followed by the Conferral. Plan on bringing your petitioning Brothers to the Conferral, as this is the start of our Spring growth spurt. The Degree cycle will conclude in April over a three-day period, starting on Thursday, April 17th, with the Conferral of the 14th Degree and concluding on Saturday, April 19th, with the Conferral of the 32nd Degree. There are other Degrees in between; see the website or pocket calendar for specifics.

Last month the Valley participated in the Have-a-Heart Campaign. I hope the Brothers of the Valley enjoyed our day at Marketplace Mall. We should let it be known that the Masons of this area are the largest contributors to the local Ronald McDonald Houses. This fine organization helps families in need of assistance while a child is hospitalized for any reason.

### Feast of the Paschal Lamb

The second event for March is the Solemn Ceremony of the Feast of the Paschal Lamb. This public ceremony is conducted by the Rochester Chapter of Knights of Rose Croix. The ceremony remembers those of our number who have passed on this year and recognizes the family of our lost members. It also includes the ceremony of re-lighting of the lights. This is an impressive ceremony that should not be missed. The whole event is open to Brothers, family, friends and guests.

This year the guest speaker will be the Rev. Dr. Paul Hammer, Professor Emeritus of Colgate Rochester Divinity School and an ordained United Church of Christ Minister. I am a personal friend of Dr. Hammer and I am looking forward to hearing his address. He is a very interesting and exciting speaker.

The Feast will be held on Sunday, March 9th, at the Damascus Shrine Center in Webster. The Ceremony starts at 3 p.m., followed by a Social gathering and Dinner after the ceremony. The Dinner is a choice of either Roast Beef or Chicken Cordon Bleu at a cost of \$15 per person. Please call the Office with your reservation before March 3rd (a check for the dinners reserved and sent to the office would be appreciated). This is a good event to bring your non-Masonic friends and non-Scottish Rite Brothers.

## Valley of Rochester Spring 2008 Programs

March 6th (Thursday\*\*) - 4° and 10°  
*Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner*

March 9th (Sunday) - Feast of the Paschal Lamb  
*Program at 3 p.m.; Dinner at 5 p.m.*  
*Roast Beef or Chicken Cordon Bleu Dinner*

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

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

April 5th (Saturday) - College of Freemasonry  
Open to all Masons and their friends  
*Continental Breakfast at 8:30 a.m.; Lunch also provided*

April 17th (Thursday) - 14°  
*"Italian Fiesta Plate" Dinner*

April 18th (Friday) - 16°  
*Stuffed Pork Chop Dinner*

April 19th (Saturday) - 18° and 22° / 31° and 32°  
*Coffee and Donuts at 8:30 a.m.*  
*Program at 9 a.m.; Lunch provided*

May 2nd (Friday) - Reunion Banquet  
*Diplomat Party House (Lyell Avenue)*  
*Dinner at 7:30 p.m. and Hors d'oeuvres*

May 15th (Thursday\*\*) - Elections & Installation  
*Grilled Steak Dinner*

June 28th (Saturday)  
3rd Annual Clambake/Steak Roast  
*Save the Date! Details to Come!*

\*\*Social at 5:30 p.m.; Dinner at 6:30 p.m.; Program at 7:30 p.m.  
*All events at Shrine Center unless otherwise noted*  
*Please call in your reservations at least one week prior to event.*

I hope you all are aware that the Office has moved across the hall from its former location to allow the Frank and Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children to expand. Hopefully, by the time you read this, the expansion construction is either underway or completed. This will allow the Learning Center to help more children and reduce the waiting list.

### College of Freemasonry

The College of Freemasonry, our signature event, will be held on Friday evening, April 4th, and Saturday, April 5th. The Friday evening is a Dinner for Valley Members and their wives or significant others. It will include a performance by Randy Riggles (see the ad for the event for more details). Saturday will be the College with some exciting guest speakers (again see the ads for more details and costs). This is the best event for Masons and the general public around. You are encouraged to attend and bring your Masonic and non-Masonic friends. No other event will provide the type of information as the College. Brother George Nasra, 32°, and his Committee have spent countless hours building this event to be as memorable as it has been for the last two years. We will also be presenting the Ill. Thomas Jackson, 33°, Award for Masonic Education at this event. This is an award founded by the Valley to honor the best Masonic educators.

### Musing and Miscellaneous

Well, we are finally entering the last month of Winter, yeah! I know that our skiing Brothers mourn the loss of snow, but new

growth is about to start and the maple tree has been giving up its sap for our pleasure. Since we are thinking of new growth, we should all be looking for ways to grow our Lodges and, as an extension, our Valley. There are many Masons in this area who do not belong to the Scottish Rite, or any of the Rites for that matter. Wouldn't it be fun to invite some of these Brothers to share in the excitement of the Scottish Rite Degrees and other activities? Why not invite them?

I have been thinking about the Scottish Rite Degrees lately. I find them very interesting and have learned much from seeing them conferred. Even though the script for each Degree is set, the method and style of presentation can change to meet the vision of the Director and cast. Seeing the Degrees several times leads to different interpretations and insight into their meaning. I have found this to be true over the years as I have seen some of the Degrees many times and have participated in several.

We are entering the year of major National elections. As Masons, we cannot express a particular view, but as citizens of this country, we can exercise our right to vote and our privilege of becoming informed about the candidates and their platforms. One way to look at the candidates is this - regardless of gender, if a candidate were to petition your Lodge, would you want them to be a member? If you were on the interview committee, what would you like to know about them? Now look at the public record, read and listen to their opinions

## Rochester Chapter of Rose Croix Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Feast of the Paschal Lamb

Sunday, March 9th

Damascus Shrine Center  
979 Bay Road, Webster

Ceremony - 3:00 p.m.

Social Hour - 4:30 p.m.

(Fresh Vegetable and Cheese Display, Cash Bar)

Served Dinner - 5:15 p.m.

(\$15 per person)

(Roast Beef or Chicken Cordon Bleu)

Ceremony Address by Rev. Dr. Paul R. Hammer

*This is the most impressive Scottish Rite Ceremony open to the public! Bring your family, friends and neighbors and share this inspiring and meaningful experience.*

Dinner reservations MUST be received by **March 3rd.**

Send the reservation form below with a check to:

**32° Masonic Center, Suite 320**  
**3300 Monroe Avenue**  
**Rochester, NY 14618**

### Reservation for

### Feast of the Paschal Lamb Dinner

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Roast Beef Dinners \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Chicken Cordon Bleu Dinners \_\_\_\_\_

My check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ made payable to  
**Rochester Consistory is enclosed.**

on matters of public interest and decide who's the best for the job. It's almost the same as deciding who is to be a Member of your Lodge.

Freemasonry, and the Scottish Rite in particular, can be a source of help in times of need, assistance when needed and a place to find friendship and a caring ear when in new and challenging circumstances. I know I have found this to be true many times and I know of

others with the same experience. We should share this experience with worthy men in all walks of life. We must build our Masonic edifice with the care and attention it deserves which will lead to making this Craft of ours a place desired by good and true men.

Enjoy March for its changes, challenges and exciting times. Oh, and if you are a college hoops fan, it's time for "March Madness."

## Walk So They May Read!

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

Dyslexia can't be cured, but it can be overcome. On **Saturday, May 17th**, we are walking to help dyslexic children in our community learn to read and

write. The program offered at the 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children provides the most effective treatment of its kind in battling this reading disorder. No one else in the nation has a program remotely like it, with one-on-one, professional tutoring offered to children at **no charge to them or their families**; this type of program is **not** available through any other school (public or private).

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



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

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

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


[www.scottishritecharities.org](http://www.scottishritecharities.org)  
[www.childrenslearningcenters.org](http://www.childrenslearningcenters.org)  
 and be sure to view the videos available on the Valley of Rochester's Website:

[www.valleyofrochester.com/charities.cfm](http://www.valleyofrochester.com/charities.cfm)

**About Dyslexia**

Dyslexia is an inherited neurological disorder that affects the way people learn to read and speak, as well as how they process information mathematically. Famous dyslexics include Thomas Edison, Winston Churchill, Leonardo Da Vinci, Walt Disney and Whoopi Goldberg.

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



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


**COME JOIN THE FUN AND FELLOWSHIP!**

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

**Date:** Saturday, May 17, 2008  
**Location:** Perinton Park on 31-F in Fairport  
**Time:** Check-in begins at 9:30am  
 Walk begins at 10:30am  
**Course:** 3 miles along the scenic Erie Canal

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

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



adults unable to contribute to society at their fullest capacity.

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

The 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children provide clinically proven Dyslexia tutoring services across the country. They are the only nationwide organization offering two years of intensive one-on-one tutoring in the proven Orton-Gillingham method, completely free of charge. The Learning Centers are open to all children. Currently, there are 56 Learning Centers in 15 states. Since 1994, when the first centers opened, over 5,000 children from kinder-

garten through high school have been tutored at the Children's Learning Centers and more than 750 tutors have been trained in the Orton-Gillingham method completely free of charge. There are currently two Learning Centers in New York State – one is located in Pittsford and the other in Oriskany (near Utica).

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

[www.dyslexiawalk.org](http://www.dyslexiawalk.org)  
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**College**

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We are also fortunate to have with us Ill. Peter J. Samiec, 33°, active member for the State of New York. Brother Samiec hails from the Schenectady area and has been active in Freemasonry since 1982. Since that time, he has participated, or been active in numerous Masonic bodies, both Grand Lodge and Concordant Bodies. As an Active Member of Supreme Council (NMJ), Brother Samiec has a unique perspective on "The Relevance of Freemasonry in Today's Society." Not only can he address issues relating to Scottish Rite and Freemasonry in New York, but he is very aware of the many good works (and challenges) throughout the jurisdiction. In his recent visit to the Valley of Rochester, he spoke of the importance of Masons giving as much support to one another as they do to community service

purchase Masonic and historical books from a local seller, join in a silent auction of Masonic articles, and engage in a weekend of fellowship, fun, entertainment and education.

This is a unique event that is worth making time and effort to attend. Don't miss out on this opportunity. For tickets, call the Scottish Rite Office at 264-1160 or 800-858-2320.

**Thomas Jackson Award® to be Presented for 2008**

The Award sponsored in the name of Thomas Jackson, the internationally known Masonic writer and philosopher



(and strong supporter of the College of Freemasonry), will be given this year at the Saturday session. Brother Jackson will be here to present the Award.

The Valley of Rochester, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, established this unique Award, which incorporates the following requirements:

- This is an award that may be given to either a man or woman
- Male recipients may not necessarily be Members of the Craft
- This is to recognize individuals who have taken the message of Freemasonry and transformed it into an educational inspiration at a state, regional or national level
- These "messages and inspirations" are to be considered to be above and beyond normal conversation to generate a high impact on society

Nominations for this Annual Award may be submitted by any Scottish Rite Mason to the Scottish Rite Office. A committee of five members, Chaired by the Deputy's Representative, reviews and evaluates applications prior to the event. All letters of recommendation are to be submitted without the applicant's knowledge.

Please mark your calendar for the April 4th and 5th *College of Freemasonry* event whose theme is "Freemasonry in Today's Society." ✕



Also, back by popular demand, is Professor William R. Cook, whose presentation on medieval cathedrals was so well received last year. Dr. Cook is Distinguished Teaching Professor of History at the State University of New York at Geneseo, where he has taught since 1970. He received his Bachelor's Degree "cum laude" at Wabash College and his PhD from Cornell University. I am sure this year's presentation will be even more interesting and instructive than last year's.

During this event, you will also have the opportunity to

**DeMolay Advisors**

Rochester Chapter of the Order of DeMolay is in need of Advisors who can assist our members in their efforts. If you have an hour or two during the month that you can assist, please contact Gary Burke and let him know of your interest. These young men have a great opportunity to represent the future of our Fraternity.

**The Traveling Gavel**

For those Craft Lodges in the Monroe District – If your Lodge secures the Traveling Gavel and takes it home to your Lodge, please advise the Valley Office. If you have an active Scottish Rite Membership Ambassador, the Valley will make a donation to the Brotherhood Fund in his honor.

**Scottish Rite Membership**

If you have a Lodge Brother who has not as yet joined the Scottish Rite, "Reach Out and Say Hello" about who we are and what we do...be sure to invite him to join the Consistory and share in the continuation of his Masonic education journey. Please feel free to contact our office for informational material and a Petition.

**2008 Abbott Scholarships**

Leon M. Abbott Scholarships provide financial support for the continuing education of young men and women from Scottish Rite families and Masonic-related youth groups. Since 1951, more than \$3 million has been awarded to students from each State of the Northern Jurisdiction.

Application forms are available from the Scottish Rite Office (264-1160), or online from the AASR Supreme Council at: <http://www.supremecouncil.org/charities/Abbott.asp>

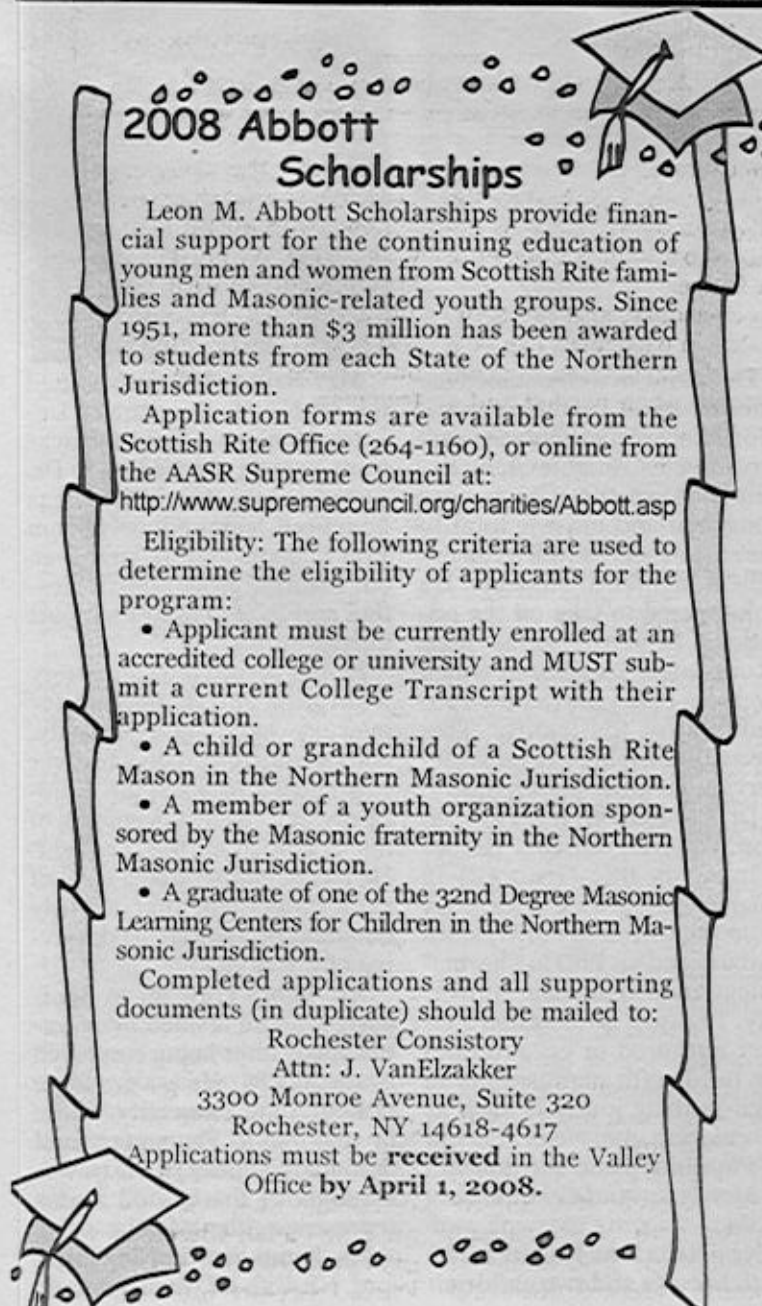
Eligibility: The following criteria are used to determine the eligibility of applicants for the program:

- Applicant must be currently enrolled at an accredited college or university and MUST submit a current College Transcript with their application.
- A child or grandchild of a Scottish Rite Mason in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.
- A member of a youth organization sponsored by the Masonic fraternity in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.
- A graduate of one of the 32nd Degree Masonic Learning Centers for Children in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

Completed applications and all supporting documents (in duplicate) should be mailed to:

Rochester Consistory  
 Attn: J. VanElzakker  
 3300 Monroe Avenue, Suite 320  
 Rochester, NY 14618-4617

Applications must be received in the Valley Office by April 1, 2008.





**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

My Brother Woodsmen, get out your pots and pans for our March 26th meeting at the stump. This will be our Second Annual Ladies Night where it

will be our turn to display the culinary arts we have obtained for the Pot Luck Dinner. We will meet in the Lodge Dining Hall for Dinner at 6:30 p.m.  
 For the entertainment that evening, I am asking you to bring along a funny story that will bring laughter to all these fine Ladies. Cedarettes are also welcome. Remember to bring in that completed application. The Candidates and their Ladies can join with us on this festive occasion as a way to meet and ask questions of the Members about our Forest.  
 See you at the Stump

## Tall Cedar Announcements

### Supreme Tall Cedar



George A. Morgan

Brother George A. Morgan, Jr. was installed as Supreme Tall Cedar of the Tall Cedars of North America for 2008 at the Mid-Winter Conference, held at the Eisenhower Hotel and Conference Center in January. Past Supreme Tall Cedar, Barry R. Stocker, installed Brother George.  
 Brother George A. Morgan, Jr. was born April 6, 1937, in Allentown, PA. He graduated from Allentown High School and served in the United States Marine Corps. He worked as a Photo Technician for the Call-Chronicle Newspaper and the Bethlehem Steel Corporation.

He was a Partner, Secretary and Treasurer of Lehigh Valley Photographic Services from 1983-1999, when he retired.  
 Brother George and his wife, Judy, were married in 1961. They have three children, Glenn, Diane and Barry, along with four grandchildren Kimberly, Matthew, Nicole and Glenn, Jr.  
 Brother George became a Mason in 1988 when he joined Bethlehem Lodge No. 283. He served as Master in 1994 and 1995 and as Representative to Grand Lodge from 1996 to present. He became a Tall Cedar in 1989 in Bethlehem Forest No. 61. He served as Forest Trustee from 1990-1995, Grand Tall Cedar in 1997 and Tall Cedar Foundation Trustee District No. 8 from 1999-2001. He was Aide to the Supreme Tall Cedar in 2004. He was also President of the Officers and Past Officers District No. 8 in 2003. Brother George received the Tall Cedar Foundation Trustee-of-the-Year Award for 2000. He served as Junior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar in 2006, Senior Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar in 2007 and as Supreme Tall Cedar in 2008. In 1989, he became a 32° Mason in the Valley of Allentown and was a Member of the 15° Team from 1991-2003.

## Goodwill Ambassador



Supreme Tall Cedar of North America, Brother George A. Morgan, Jr. from Bethlehem, PA, (left) is shown along with 2008 Goodwill Ambassador, E. Claire Menke and her service dog, Xavier.

Introducing a new Tall Cedar Goodwill Ambassador for 2008 reminds us of our Charity - Muscular Dystrophy Research. The Tall Cedars of Lebanon is a Masonic-affiliated organization with over 13,000 Members in 102 Chapters, called Forests, throughout the United States and Canada. Since 1951, the Tall Cedars have provided continuous financial support to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, contributing over \$14.5

million to the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon. We have the distinction of being the first organization to provide financial support to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.  
 The Ambassador, E. Claire Menke, was born in Greenville, NC, on May 15, 1995, and was diagnosed with Muscular Dystrophy SMA III at the age of nine at Johns Hopkins Hospital and Health System.  
 Claire lives in Middletown, MD, with her parents Jay and Daeon, her sisters Emily and Amanda, and brother, Alex. The family has two cats and two dogs, one being Clair's service dog, Xavier.  
 Claire is a seventh grader; she enjoys art, music, swimming and spending time with her friends and family. Her other activities include her church, MDA Camp and fundraising for MDA and 4Paws for Ability. Chinese, pizza, hamburgers and steak are on the top of her list of favorite foods.  
 Claire is very excited about having been chosen to represent the Tall Cedar Foundation as our Goodwill Ambassador for 2008 and is looking forward to meeting many people while traveling.



Montage of photos, submitted by W. John Dudley of Northfield Lodge, showing their participation in the Have-a-Heart Campaign.

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## Congratulations, Employees of the Year!

Dr. Jon Cordeiro and Mr. Ronald P. Kamp were recently selected as 2007 Employees of the Year at the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory.

## MMRL Presents Distinguished Recipients 2007 Awards



Dr. Jon Cordeiro joined the Laboratory in December 2001. "Jon is an excellent choice," said Dr. Charles Antzelevitch, Executive Director. "He is very congenial and most helpful to his co-workers as well as an excellent mentor to students. He volunteered to take on the additional responsibility as Chair of our Safety Committee, which oversees Policy and Safety Procedures for the facility. This Award is a tribute to a most-deserving member of our staff."



Mr. Ronald Kamp joined the MMRL as Director of Development and Communications in 1984. According to Dr. Antzelevitch, "the MMRL has benefited tremendously from Ron's talents and we have seen our Institute grow, both in prestige and in its base of support during his tenure."  
 He has served the Laboratory with pride and distinction for over 23 years - always ready, willing and able to do whatever was needed to place the Laboratory and the achievements of our Scientists in the limelight. He has demonstrated a level of professionalism that is truly outstanding and is most deserving of this honor.  
 Mr. Kamp grew up in Syracuse, NY, and resided there until shortly after being employed by the MMRL. He is a graduate of Kent State University, where he majored in Elementary and Secondary Education. He travels throughout the United States representing the MMRL.  
 Mr. Kamp lives in New Hartford, NY, with his wife Barbara.

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The next meeting of our Post will be held March 27th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Fairport Masonic Lodge Hall. The meeting will be preceded by a Dinner (menu to be determined), prepared by the Fairport Eastern Star Chapter and served at 6:30 p.m. Dinner Reservations can be made by calling me at (315) 597-9546 or email me at ukcy@juno.com.

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. Join with your fellow Masonic War Veterans in an evening of camaraderie and fellowship.  
 As always, I hope to see you, and I do mean you, around the Holy Altar of our Order.

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



Ronald J. Morthorst  
Monarch  
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Winter is on the way out, Spring is around the corner. A big "thank you" to the Prophets who worked the Ronald McDonald Have-a-Heart Campaign Booth in The Mall at Greece Ridge on February 12th. It was a job well done.

A Tip of The Fez to a new Prophet, George Foehner, Master of Union Star Lodge, for the fine job he did in heading up the local Have-a-Heart Program for the Masons of Western New

York. It shows the dedication of our prophets for a good cause. Thank you, George, from everybody involved.

I am planning to attend the Farrah Monarch's Ball in Warren, PA, on March 8th. Good food and fellowship, as always. If anyone else is interested in going, call me for the details.

March 19th - Regular Grotto meeting; Plans for the Spring will be discussed.

I had the pleasure of attending the Caldron's 60th Birthday Party on February 8th at Rick's Prime Rib House, along with PM Dick Topel. What a great group of dedicated ladies!

Lalla Rookh Grotto has been invited to the Caldron's Prophets' Day at the Spencerport Lodge Hall, on Saturday, March 22nd starting at 2 p.m. with dinner at 4 p.m. Also, the Caldron's Supreme Official Visit will be on Saturday, April 5th, starting with Dinner at 5 p.m. Both of these events require reserva-

tions that can be made by calling Marcia Morrison at 256-7485 or Jan Lughart at 352-4698.

A big "thank you" to Brian Bills for orchestrating a great day at Seneca Casino in Niagara Falls, NY. Some came home with heavy pockets; some with empty pockets ... but all had a good time and great food.

### Looking Forward

Bring-a-Friend Night and Awards Night will be on April 16th with the Ladies. Reservations are a must. "This is the year of membership."

### Sickness and Distress

Frank Murrer has moved to Heather Heights, 160 West Jefferson Road, Pittsford, NY 14534. I am sure he would appreciate a card or a visit.

Don Freeman remains at Hill Haven, 1550 Empire Blvd., Webster, NY 14580.

Jim Slocum is back up and about again.

## Caldron News

By Marcia Morrison, MCO

2008 is "Marching" right along, and ready or not - March is here! Top of the Morn' to ye! Along with a Happy St. Patrick's Day to you and Happy Birthday to all our March Leprechauns!

I am proud to say there were 26 in attendance for our Birthday Banquet! It was very good to see PMCO Marge Freeman, PMCO Audrey Curtis and her daughter-in-law, Donna, and Rose Hartwig. We don't often see these Daughters - even though we would like to. Thank you one and all for attending this special event.

We enjoyed the company of our Monarch, Ron Morthorst and his Lady, Marilyn, along with Past Monarch Richard Topel. Guests Dave Rainey, Joe Madison and Ray DiJames joined our celebration, too. While on the "thank you" trail ... Thank you, Betty Rainey, for a job well done!

### Upcoming Events

Here are some dates to put on your calendar - Please

March 22 (Saturday) will be Ladies, Prophets and Master Masons Celebration. At 2 p.m. we will meet to honor our special guests, followed by our 2nd ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER; 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. All proceeds will go to the Humanitarian Fund. We hope you can join us this special day!

### Supreme Visit

Before we know it, and long before we are ready, it will be our Supreme Inspection on April 5th. Come and join the fun and laughter!

The Daughters from Aahmes Caldron in Binghamton will be here for their Inspection also. It's going to be a long day, but a good one. We don't know who will start their meeting at 10 a.m., but we will break for lunch and then the other Caldron will be inspected. Once again, Lalla Rookh will be doing a Full Ceremony, so we will dust off our palm trees and let the camels stretch their legs in the desert sands. Come and watch the Sheik strut his stuff!

This will be followed by a Supreme Banquet at approxi-

for non-payment of Dues. It is believed that those suspended will be reinstated. The loss of old members in our Organization is less than other Fraternal Organizations.

"It should be pointed out to various Grottoes, that many of the Prophets who permitted their Dues to lapse and who, as a result, were suspended might be most happy to have their attention called to the fact that they may be reinstated by paying their indebtedness and restored to membership."

Many Masons, who belonged to several organizations, let their Dues lapse, rather than keep up Masonic Lodge Dues. Thus all memberships were lost.

Some stories come to mind from that time period. My great-great-grandfather died young, leaving a wife and a number of young children. While the neighbors offered her baskets of food, she refused. The family survived by eating mostly turnips. For heating, the children walked the railroad tracks in Mendon gathering coal along the tracks.

On June 19, 1930, Grand Monarch, Edward W. Libbey, reported, "Our Order, like all Fraternal Organizations, felt the Depression which has been

prevalent for the past few years and has shown losses in total membership for the past two years. This year the loss is less than in 1928.

"During the past year, a few cases in which Grottoes were not in the best condition and needed assistance, found a few were delinquent. Proper encouragement can revive them during the coming year, the same regarding our delinquent membership."

For many, hardship continued until World War II. I certainly don't have to report what you see on the TV news or read in the newspapers, of job cuts and problems in home foreclosures and predictions of a coming Recession.

Each year our Grottoes are faced with Members who request limits or are suspended for being delinquent in their Dues. We should, by all means, retain those we have in order that they may continue to enjoy the pleasure and compensation which comes from the Fraternal bond which exists among us.

Reference: Supreme Council Session of June 1927, and June 1930 address by Grand Monarch Edward W. Libbey.

## Grand Historian



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Today they refer to it as a possible Recession, what about the little remembered Depression of 1893? The Nation's urban poor were unskilled workers, who worked 60-hours a week for \$10. Millions of those lost their jobs in that depression that lasted four years.

The same was happening in the years leading up to the Great Depression of 1929. Workers were not much better off than they were in the 1890s. This time it lasted longer, and thousands who had homes, lost them in foreclosures.

On June 29, 1927, Grand Monarch, Fredrick P. Walther, read the following address: "It is true that many Grottoes have suspended numbers of Prophets



1951 Bus Trip to Hamilton. How many of these Prophets do you know?

## Attend Grotto Meetings

Monday, March 3rd  
Board of Governors  
Meeting, 7 p.m.  
Shrine Center

Monday, March 17th  
Legion of Honor  
Dinner at 6 p.m.  
Nutcracker Restaurant

Wednesday,  
March 19th  
Grotto Meeting, 7:30 p.m.  
Shrine Center  
Lunch to follow.  
Reservation, please, to  
Jim Toogood 584-2189

Saturday, March 22nd  
Lalla Rookh Caldron  
Grotto Prophets Day  
Meeting - 2 p.m.  
Dinner - 4 p.m.  
Reservation, please, to  
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# York Rite NEWS

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## District Deputy Grand High Priest

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Companions, a new Capitular Year is about to begin with Grand Chapter March 6th-8th in Albany. I thank everyone for your support the last two years during my term as District Deputy Grand High Priest. I will remember them fondly. I thank V. E. Lloyd Vandeviver, Assistant Grand Lecturer, for traveling with me around the District each month. R. E. Cy White was another loyal companion who did his best to travel to all the local Chapters each month. Thank you, Cy.

Our new Capitular Team is roaring to get started. R. E. Lee Coller, Sr., is our new DDGHP. Lee hails from Wayne Chapter No. 276. R. E. Stuart Smith, Jr. is our new AGL. He comes from Palmyra Eagle Chapter No. 79. Stu is ex-

cited that our Ritual book has been re-printed in the smaller paperback form in a plastic case as the Grand Lodge did several years ago. The Ritual is written out for easier reading. The cost is \$10 and R. E. Smith was the first to have the new Ritual in our District.

My thanks to E. David Rising for organizing our first outing of the "Fervency and Zeal" Program at Wayne Lodge on February 13th. Thank you again, Companion Rising, for getting it done.

I won't be dropping out of sight after Grand Chapter. I have been elected the new High Priest of Wayne Chapter No. 276. I believe one of the items to be announced at Grand Chapter will be a requirement to perform a Degree at least once a year. Therefore, I think we will be helping one another to polish up our Ritual and filling all the positions needed in a Degree. I am looking forward to that as I have never been involved in Capitular Degrees much, because there hasn't been that much opportunity. Newark Chapter No. 117 has a Candidate for this Spring already!

I look forward to seeing you at Grand Chapter and around the District in March. Happy Easter to all!

## Hiram Chapter

No. 62

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



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I am not sure weather you're going to like this. Winter cold and slick roadways are here along with the usual failure in our health normally associated with this time of year. Many Companions try to avoid this scenario by traveling to places of comfort to themselves. This is normal for the months of January and February each year. Your High Priest can expect this to impact his Convocations. He is unsure who may be available to assist with his programs or the Degree work that may be planned during this time period.

It is time to move forward into the 21st Century by eliminating the thought that this is the way we always have done things in the past. We, at Hiram Chapter, can no longer live on the laurels of its past. Grand Chapter is looking forward by considering

averaged about 14 miles per gallon. Now they average 28 MPG. With two people riding together, we can drive the 28 miles for about \$3.20 each. Not bad.

Would you consider visiting Hornellsville Council or Bath Council? Is there anyone who would consider a Dual Membership until these Councils are again viable? If we can get a few to visit once or twice per year, we may be able to help both Councils retain their existence.

In the meantime, Degrees are taking place in the Chapters and in the Councils. This will help some, but will not help Bath Council unless we help them get members. Let's give this a try. Hornellsville will get new members, but will need visitors to help open. Grand Master Frank I. Karwowski and the Grand Line Members are definitely interested in seeing what we can do to help. I am more than "just interested." I am pledged to give my best effort. Will you help?

## Palmyra/Eagle Chapter No. 79

1st Monday, 7:30 p.m.



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By the time you read this, we will have presented our *Fervency and Zeal* Program to Wayne Lodge. There will be no March meeting of the Chapter because the Officers, including myself, will be at Grand Chapter in Albany.

Hope to see you all in April.

changing the form of each of the Districts caused by the inability of many Chapters to open, to complete the necessary work and declining membership. This may include pulling the Charters from some of the Chapters, re-districting the State and/or elimination of some Districts altogether as we know them to be throughout the Grand Chapter of New York.

Hiram Chapter is into the 8th year of the 21st Century and it is time to make changes to go forward. Our By-Laws need to be changed to eliminate our becoming another statistic for the Grand Chapter to look at. It is time to become a true Royal Arch leader. Hiram Chapter must change its operating times to include Convocations during July and August while being dark in January and February. It is time to bring back to activity those Companions who have supported our Chapter over the years and are only willing to participate during that part of the year when we are dark. Remember, they are the leaders who made Hiram Chapter the great Chapter it is today and are needed to assist and train the future leaders as we move further into the 21st Century.

You say, "Hold it just a minute. Why should we accommodate the older members when Summer is time for vacations?" The average age of most members of

our Chapters is over 60 years young, just like our supporting membership base, the Blue Lodges. The majority of us are not farmers that harvest the fields during the Summer but industrious men of stature. So they go to the warmer climate in the Winter, but an equally large number of the Members take vacations during the Summer months.

Let's look deeper into those facts. Companions gone during the Winter are away for several months while statistics show the average American is away from home traveling during their vacation for about FIVE days. It is time we operate our Chapter when our membership is home and able to attend our Convocations. Change our By-Laws NOW. Do not let Hiram Chapter become just a memory, but become the leader of Royal Arch Masonry in the Grand Chapter of New York.

If you disagree with me on this, let me tell you now that I think your mind is failing all Royal Arch Masons and the future of those to follow in our great Fraternity. The 21st Century is upon us now. Let us show we are part of it as the leaders of the Royal Arch Masonry.

### Upcoming Events

March 6th-7th - Grand Chapter  
March 13th - Regular Convocation  
March 27th - Mark Master Degree

## Sagoyewatha Commandery No. 17, K.T.

3rd Saturday, 9 a.m.



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Sir Knights, our February Conclave was well attended as a special meeting on February 9th, which was a week earlier than usual due to the conflict with Chapter obligations for many of our Sir Knights. Thank you for attending.

One of the concerns expressed by our Treasurer in his Annual Report was the excessive cost of insurance to protect materials that we probably wouldn't replace if damaged. The Commandery approved not renewing our present insurance and to look for something more affordable. The Trustees were directed to conduct an inventory to get an accurate picture of the value of our possessions.

Salem Town Commandery No. 19 requested a joint Inspection with Sagoyewatha Commandery on April 19th so they may participate and have their books inspected by a Grand Line Officer. The Sir Knights present approved that request.

Once again this Easter, Sagoyewatha Commandery No. 17 will be represented by a number of Sir Knights and their ladies at the Masonic George Washington Memorial in Alexandria, VA. Sir Knights Roberts, White and Powley and their Ladies are signed up to go. A small bus has been chartered to make the trip so we can enjoy being together

on the trip and leave the driving to the bus driver. Airfare is a killer this year, and the bus was chartered for sixty dollars per person.

Our March Conclave will again focus on preparations for our April 19th Inspection. Our new Knights are absorbing as much as they can at each Conclave. They show great interest in the drill and sword work. Please plan to join us on March 15th. Breakfast at the Blue Ribbon Restaurant at 7:45 a.m.; the meeting begins at 9 a.m.

## District Deputy Grand Master 8th Arch of New York



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The 8th District is no longer known as such. It is now known as the 8th Arch of New York. This worked out well because there are now nine Arches in New York. One can readily see the significance. M. I. Frank I. Karwowski is looking down the road to the long term. Future planning will continue to include nine Arches. Anything less is not only not acceptable, it is appalling.

In order to maintain all that "IS" today, we will need to work together. Individual Councils may be able to survive, but Councils that work together as a District should be able to thrive. Roads and automobiles are much better than years ago. Even though gas is higher in price, we can still travel without great expense. When gasoline was 35 cents per gallon, cars

## Palmyra Council No. 26

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Our February Assembly was convened in Shortsville Lodge

and preceded by dinner at the Leigh Valley Restaurant in Manchester. Dinner was delicious, as usual, and was attended by seven Companions.

The Royal Master Degree was to be exemplified on two Candidates, but as one was unable to attend, it was postponed until March 31st at which time a Special Meeting will be called for 7 p.m. DDGM, R. I. Ruell Lovett, and AGL, V. I. Norman Austin, were in attendance.

Our next Assembly will be held in Palmyra on March 6th at 8 p.m. See you then.



## Scholarship Applications Available!

The Masonic Service Bureau's Scholarship Committee announces that applications for the 2008 Scholarship Award Program are now available - on a one-time-only basis!

- All applicants must either belong to a Masonic Youth Organization or be sponsored by a Member of a Masonic Lodge or Related Body.
- Must be a High School Senior who has been accepted for 2008 enrollment at an accredited college OR a Student who is currently attending an accredited college on a full-time basis.

Applications may be obtained from the Masonic Service Bureau; 979 Bay Road; Webster, NY 14580; email: bmasonic@rochester.rr.com or call 671-9730.

All Applications must be completed and post-marked no later than Midnight, March 31, 2008.





# Order of the Eastern Star

## Monroe District OES HiLights



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By Rt. Wthy. Tom Richenderfer

It's March already! Time for Daylight Saving Time, crocuses and the "wearin' o' the green!"

On February 2nd, a School of Instruction was held at Fairport-Flower City Lodge Hall. The Degrees of the Order were demonstrated. Additional information about the five heroines of the Degrees was also provided. We also reviewed the Points of the Ritual that the Grand Patron has decreed for 2008. A number of questions were recorded to send to the Grand Patron for clarification. At the time of this writing, I have received the answers to those questions and am putting together a package to mail to the Chapters with the information.

### Upcoming Events

On March 1st, at 9 a.m. will be the next District Line Officers meeting at the United Church of Pittsford. That evening, at 7:30 p.m., will be the first District Official Visit at Rochester Chapter in Spencerport (133 South Union Street).

On March 25th, Rt. Wthy. Diane and I will visit Leah Chapter. That meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at 287 East Avenue in Hilton.

### Looking Forward to April

On April 2nd, Rt. Wthy. Diane will be visiting Lilac Star Chapter. She will be accompanied by Erica Vega, the Coordinator of RAIHN (Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality Network). Erica will be describing RAIHN and the services it provides. Please plan to attend this visit to learn more about RAIHN, our District Project. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. at 30 Orchard Street in Webster.

On April 19th, at 9 a.m., at the Olean Mall in Olean, the 19th Annual Walk-a-Thon will be held to raise funds that will be allocated by the Grand Matron for youth projects. Rt. Wthy. Faythe Mattern and I plan to attend and all members are encouraged to attend this three-mile event. If you cannot attend, please consider sponsoring Rt. Wthy. Faythe or me. Anyone collecting \$200 or more will get a free T-Shirt. Remember, "Our Youth are Our Gift to the Future."

We will provide information about more Official Visits and District events in future columns. For now, "Be wise in all that you say and do."

## Corinthian/ Fellowship

**Chapter No. 322**  
Order of the Eastern Star  
2nd & 4th Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
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This past August, prior to our family trip to Israel for an Archeological Dig, I had a dream: There were two Domes - One was the Dome of the Rock; the other was the Ancient octagonal church of the "Church of the Katsima." This is the place where Mary rested on the way to Bethlehem and was told by an

## Ontario/Seneca/Yates OES Hilights

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Since Grand Chapter, Ontario/Seneca/Yates District has been very busy.

A delicious luncheon was held at Essenhaus on October 28th to introduce the new Grand Officers.

On November 17th, the DDGM and DGL's Home Chapter, Eagle Star Chapter No. 350, hosted a lovely evening Reception at the Chapter.

Throughout November, each Chapter held Elections and Installation of Officers. We were able to attend several of these impressive evenings. Social events included a Pampered Chef Party on November 29th for friends and family as well as members. Profits of \$90 were realized at this fun event to benefit the DDGM's Special Project, Hospice Homes.

Our Annual District Christmas Party on December 14th

was a well-attended event at Schooner's Restaurant in Canandaigua. At this warm gathering of friends, \$100 was raised to benefit the District Hospice Homes.

Angel that she must continue on to Bethlehem, as this is where the child was to be born.

February 3rd-16th, I was in Israel again with a group of about 85 persons through United Methodist Women - General Board of Global Ministries for a Palestine/Israel Mission trip. Continue to Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem. I will be sharing my experience with you in future articles.

National Geographic magazine, December 2007, has a very interesting article about where Jesus was born. Bethlehem of Judaea, of course, would associate Jesus with the House of David. Check this out!

### Looking Forward

Saturday, March 1st - Line Officers' Meeting; 9 a.m. United Church of Pittsford (Bring items for Food Cupboard)

was a well-attended event at Schooner's Restaurant in Canandaigua. At this warm gathering of friends, \$100 was raised to benefit the District Hospice Homes.

Doughnuts and coffee preceded a School of Instruction, which was held on January 12th. The DGL's focus was on Initiatory work. Each Chapter was well represented at this instructive time. At the close of the School, Eagle Star Chapter served a delicious Lasagna Meal, with the District meeting following on this very busy Saturday.

### Upcoming Events

Mark your calendar and join us at our District Official Visits. All Official visits are at 8 p.m.

Tuesday, March 11th - Royal Garoga (Phelps)

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

Thursday, April 10th - Seneca Lake and Seneca-Sincerity (Dresden)

Monday, April 14th - South Seneca (Interlaken)

Thursday, April 24th - Eagle Star (Honeoye)

At each Official Visit, a gift basket will be raffled off to benefit the Arthritis Foundation, the Grand Matron's and Grand Patron's Combined Project. Arthritis is the leading cause of disability in the United States. Pins with the Arthritis logo - "Take Control, We

Can Help" will be available for a \$5 donation.

Official Visit at Rochester Chapter; 7:30 p.m. in Spencerport  
March 12th - 7:30 p.m. Regular Meeting; Street Dress (Bring Paper Goods and/or Cleaning Supplies for RAIHN -Rochester Area Interfaith Housing Network - Our District Project)

March 20th - Past Matrons Association at 12 noon; RSVP to Linda Zahn 381-4341.

March 26 - 7:30 p.m. Regular Meeting; Street Dress; Rehearsal for Official Visit.

March 31st - Tri-District Meeting in Batavia; 7:30 p.m.

My underlying Theme again is: Must there be an Arc of poverty around Rochester, or any city?

I close with, "Children of all ages are known to shut their ears to advice, but open their eyes to example." Thank you ALL for being You!

The DGL would like to know how many Candidates each Chapter expects to initiate, as he would like to order pins or stars for the sponsoring Sister or Brother.

Ice Cream Parties at the Canandaigua Veteran's Hospital will be celebrated in Building 7 at 2 p.m. on the following Saturdays:

March 15th

August 16th

September 13th

The VA On-Station Picnic will be Saturday, June 28th.

The DGL continues to sell a variety of Oliver candy bars for \$1 each to benefit the VA.

Our Grand Matron's Official Visit will be held on Friday, May 30th, at DiPacific's Restaurant in Farmington. There will be a Cash Bar beginning at 5:30 p.m., Dinner at 6:30 p.m. and meeting at 8 p.m. More details will be available soon. A block of rooms has been reserved at the nearby Econo Lodge.

Past and Present District Grand Officers will be holding their Annual Geranium Sales again this Spring. The flowers are beautiful and a great bargain. More details to follow.

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## Taxes! Taxes! Taxes!

By Tom Michielsen

The Wearing O' the Green is prevalent and I see Leprechauns everywhere. Even the streets are putting on the green. The aroma of corned beef and cabbage is in the air.

### Should You File a Return?

You must file a tax return if your income is above a certain level. The amount varies depending on filing status, age and the type of income you receive. For example, a married couple both under age 65 generally is not required to file until their joint income reaches \$17,500. However, self-employed individuals generally must file a tax return if their net income from self-employment was at least \$400.

Even if you do not have to file, you should file to get money back if Federal Income Tax was withheld from your pay, or you qualify for a refundable credit that may give you a refund even if you do not owe any tax. Refundable credits include:

- Earned Income Tax Credit. The Earned Income Tax Credit is a federal income tax credit for eligible low-income workers. The credit reduces the amount of tax an individual owes, and may be returned in the form of a refund.
- Additional Child Tax Credit. This credit may be available to you if you have at least one

qualifying child and you did not use the full amount of your Child Tax Credit.

Your federal tax filing status is based on your marital and family situation. It is an important factor in determining whether you must file a return, your standard deduction and your correct amount of tax.

Your marital status on the last day of the year determines your status for the entire year. If more than one filing status applies to you, you may choose the one that gives you the lowest tax obligation.

There are five filing status options:

1. Single. Generally, if you are unmarried, divorced or legally separated according to your state law, your filing status is Single.

2. Married Filing Jointly. If you are married, you and your spouse may file a joint return. If your spouse died during the year and you did not remarry, you may still file a joint return with that spouse for the year of death.

3. Married Filing Separately. Married taxpayers may elect to file separate returns.

4. Head of Household. You generally must be unmarried and you must have paid more than half the cost of maintain-

ing a home for you and a qualifying person.

5. Qualifying Widow(er) with Dependent Child. If your spouse died during 2005 or 2006, you have a qualifying child and meet certain other conditions; you may be able to choose this filing status.

The IRS is looking for 115,478 taxpayers who are due refund checks worth about \$110 million after the checks were returned as undeliverable.

Upcoming calendar year taxpayer due dates:

March 15 - February Payroll Taxes and Corporate Tax Returns

March 20 - December thru February Sales Tax Returns and Annual Sales Tax Returns

March 31 - Electronic W2's and 1099's must be Forwarded

April 15 - March Payroll Taxes and Individual Tax Returns

April 15 - Federal First Quarter Estimated Taxes for Corporations; Federal and State First Quarter Estimated Taxes for Individuals

If you have any tax questions, please forward them to: [tmichie1@rochester.rr.com](mailto:tmichie1@rochester.rr.com).



## Programs Available

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

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# In Memoriam

## Brereton, Edward A.W.

On February 10th, Eddie Brereton, 79, passed away February 10th. He was a devoted and active member of Fairport-Flower City Lodge, Scottish Rite, York Rite and Damascus Shrine. His wife, Cecilia, and many friends and family members are left to remember his fruitful life.

## Chait, Harold I.

On February 17th, the loving arms of the Lord embraced Harold Chait, 86. Fairport-Flower City Lodge Brothers mourn his passing. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Helen, and son, Mitchell.

## Cutter, Donald Arthur

Donald Cutter, 86, joined the Celestial Lodge on February 7th, leaving his Drumlin Square Lodge Brothers to remember him. Donald was a World War II Veteran. May he find peace with the Great Architect of the Universe.

## Johnson, Robert O.

On January 21st, Robert Johnson, 85, departed his Earthly family. His wife of 61 years, Eddella; 2 daughters, a son, 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren survive him. Robert was a member of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge.

## Landrock, Paul William

At age 90, Paul Landrock entered Eternal Rest with our Lord on January 31st. Paul was a member of Unity Lodge, a World War II Army Veteran and member of the American Legion. His sons, grandchildren and great-grandchildren survive him.

## Maltman, David L.

On February 13th, David Maltman, 74, laid down the Working Tools of life and joined the Celestial Lodge. His wife, Mildred; children, grandchildren and a great-grandchild will remember his life of accomplishments. David was a member and Past Master of Milnor Lodge and a Past DDGM of OSY District.

## Patterson, Delbert G.

Delbert Patterson, 89, passed on to his Heavenly home on February 1st. His wife of 65 years, Eleanor, survives him. Del was a 57-year member and Past Master of ERAC Lodge and belonged to Scottish Rite and Damascus Shrine. He labored hard for those he loved, then left us to remember.

## Pigage, Carl H. "Mike"

On February 12th, Carl, 84, entered into rest with the Lord, leaving his wife of 62 years, Thelma "Susie," 2 daughters and 4 grandchildren to share his memories. Carl was a very active 60-year member of Valley-Simes Lodge. He served as Master in 1957, was Secretary for 18 years and received the honor of DSA in 1980. Memories are like threads of gold, they never tarnish or grow old.

## Pundt, Alan P.

The Great Architect of the Universe called Alan Pundt, 64, on January 13th. Alan was a member of ERAC Lodge and Scottish Rite. He leaves a wife, Margaret, 4 children and 5 grandchildren to miss him. May the Lord watch between thee and me, while we are absent, one from the other.

## Valley, Jackson R.

Jackson Valley, 78, passed away February 5th, leaving his wife of 57 years, Ann; 4 daughters, 5 grandchildren and a great-grandchild. Jackson was a member of Union Star Lodge.

## Widows to be Remembered

**Hager, Viola Bailey**, 92, widow of C. Raymond Hager (Livonia Lodge), passed away February 11th.

**Page, Pauline M.**, 90, widow of Herbert Page (Unity Lodge), passed away February 4th.

## Visit a Masonic War Veteran

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# Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

### April

- 3 Fairport-Flower City Lodge Sponsors Blood Drive at Fairport Masonic Hall
- 4-5 Scottish Rite College of Freemasonry
- 5 Livingston District Ladies Night
- 7 ERAC Lodge Sponsors Blood Drive at East Rochester Volunteer Ambulance Corps.
- 25-27 Damascus Shrine Circus
- 26 Widows Luncheon

### May

- 3 Ox Roast; Clio Lodge, Hilton
- 5 & 6 Grand Lodge

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# CALENDAR FOR MARCH 2008

○ Deadline for the Masonic Times

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3 Canandaigua - Shortsville KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford	4 Clio - Hilton Garoga/Sincerity, 2* - Phelps Nunda Station Oakland - Castile  OES - Fairport, Nolatka, Starlight	5 Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy  Damascus Shrine OES - Lilac Star	6 Eunice - Caledonia Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster  RSM - Palmyra Council  Scottish Rite, 4* and 10*	7	1 OES - MON - Line Officers' Meeting - Pittsford, 9 a.m. OES - Rochester Chapter (OV) - Spencerport
9  Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinner Weds the 12th & 26th 287 East Avenue, Hilton  Daylight Saving Time Begins	10 ERAC, Shrine Center Fairport-Flower City Union Star - Honeoye Falls Unity, 2* - Spencerport Wakan-Hubbard - Penfield  RAM - Excelsior - Shortsville	11 Eagle, 2* - Honeoye Seneca - Webster Valley-Simes (3*), Shrine Center  RAM - Dansville  OES - Leah - Hilton, Mary Jane Holmes - Brockport	12 Oatka - Scottsville  Masonic Service Bureau Monthly Luncheon Meeting  OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville Corinthian Fellowship	13 Fame, Shrine Center Milnor - Canandaigua Union - Lima Webster Fellowcraft  RAM - Hiram  Lalla Rookh Caldron	14    G-W District Fish Fry, Constellation Lodge - Perry	8    OSY Road to the East, Pocahontas Lodge - Seneca Falls
16  Spaghetti Dinner 3rd Thur. each month Eagle Lodge Eagle Chapter Honeoye  Palm Sunday	17 Canandaigua - Shortsville KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford  Lalla Rookh Grotto Legion of Honor  Shrine Lunch Club - Ladies Day St. Patrick's Day	18 Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson, Shrine Center Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps Nunda Station  OES - Nolatka, Starlight	19 Ark - Geneva Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Oatka - Scottsville  RSM - Doric Council, Pittsford  Lalla Rookh Grotto OES - Lilac Star First Day of Spring	20 Eunice - Caledonia Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster  RAM - Western Star  Scottish Rite	21    Purim Good Friday	22
23  Easter	24 ERAC, 1*, Shrine Center Fairport-Flower City Union Star - Honeoye Falls Unity - Spencerport Wakan-Hubbard - Penfield  RAM - Excelsior - Shortsville  OSY - Road to the East - Garoga-Sincerity	25 Eagle - Honeoye Seneca - Webster Valley-Simes (3*), Shrine Center  RAM - Dansville  OES - Leah - Hilton, Mary Jane Holmes - Brockport	26 Oatka - Scottsville  OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville Corinthian Fellowship	27 Fame, 2*, Shrine Center Milnor - Canandaigua  RAM - Hiram, MM*  James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post	28	29
30  Doctor's Day	31 MON - School of Ritual, Clio Lodge - Hilton  OES - Tri-District Meeting - Batavia, 7:30 p.m.  OSY - Road to the East - Garoga-Sincerity					