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## Noble Bring-a-Brother... Bring-a-Friend... Don't Miss It!

## Apron Presentation Dinner Saturday, June 7th Recognition of Grand Lodge Officers

On Saturday, May 17th, the Shrine Masons of Damascus will hold a Noble Bring-a-Brother/Friend Membership Event. This event is open to all. We welcome Masons who are not yet Shriners and non-Masons who might have some interest in Freemasonry.

At last year's event, many non-Masons put their Petitions into Craft Lodges based on their exposure to the beauty of the Fraternity. We encourage all Freemasons to bring potential Candidates to this event.

The event follows the format of the Brother Bring-a-Friend Night, which has been so successful over the years. Our Guest Speaker will be Ill. and R.:W.: Tim McMullin who chairs the MSAT program for Grand Lodge and is a Past Potentate in the Shrine. Tim is a dynamic Mason whose passion for the Fraternity and its good works will energize those attending.

See further details on page 9

By R.:W.: Lewis Perna

It is with great pleasure that I have been appointed to serve as the Master of Ceremonies for the District Deputy Grand Master's and Grand Lodge Officers' Recognition Event. This year we will recognize the work of the 2006-2008 Officers, R.:W.: Gary Sanford, R.:W.: G. Thomas Grape and R.:W.: Derek E. VanHouten.

We will also be introducing and hearing comments from the 2008-2010 District Grand Lodge Officers, R.:W.: Derek E. VanHouten, District Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Lodge Staff

Officers, W.: George L. Todd and W.: Michael Nohle.

### Details to Note

The event will be held on Saturday, June 7th at the Dam-

ascus Shrine Center. Refreshments will be served starting at 5:30 p.m. followed by a dinner

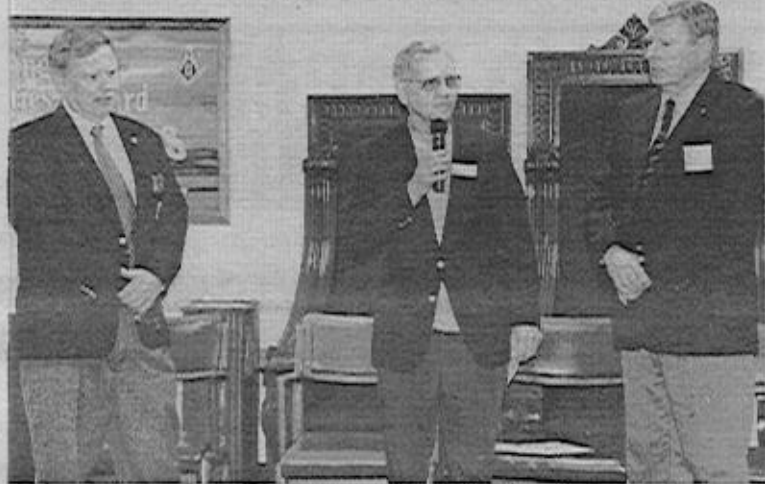
honoring the outgoing and incoming District Officers. Cost is \$20 per person and reservations are due by June 2nd. Please make your reservation with the Masonic Service Bureau (671-9730) and indicate your selection of entree - Beef or Chicken.

A brief ceremony recognizing these Brothers will be followed by a Reception, which will include dessert, coffee and tea.

### Support Your Brothers

Whereas, all Brothers and their guests are invited, I particularly direct this invitation to members of the Lodges to which these Brothers belong. These Lodges include Union Star, Unity, Craftsman Robertson, Clio and Webster. It is a privilege to be selected for a Grand Line position. Show these Brothers your thanks and support; join their celebration.

## "Have-a-Heart" Raises \$15,000



Mr. Robert Snyder, representing Ronald McDonald Houses in Rochester, thanks the Masons of Western New York for their efforts in the Have-a-Heart Campaign. A check for \$15,000 was presented by W.: George Fochner (right), Chairman of the Monroe District Fundraiser and R.:W.: Gary Sanford, District Deputy Grand Master. The presentation took place on Saturday, April 5th, at the College of Freemasonry, which was sponsored by the Valley of Rochester, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.



R.:W.: Derek VanHouten



W.: Michael Nohle



W.: George Todd

## Thomas Jackson® Awards



Ill.: Mark Tabbert (right center) acknowledges receipt of his Thomas Jackson® Award from the Valley of Rochester. Ill.: Stephen Whittaker made the introductions and Ill.: Thomas Jackson presented the plaques named in his honor. Fellow recipient, Ill.: Charles Hancock, is at right. (More on Page 18.)

## Tennessee Appeal for Relief!

The Grand Lodge of Tennessee is asking for assistance to help them recover from the tornadoes that struck on February 5th. Damage was extensive and loss of life was very high. In fact, the Grand Lodge of Tennessee tells us that at least five of their members were killed in this devastating storm. Help in their recovery is urgent!

Please forward to the Masonic Service Association of North America such funds as you feel appropriate to help our devastated Brethren and their families in this stricken jurisdiction.

Make checks payable to the MSA Disaster Relief Fund, memo "For Tennessee Relief" and send to 8120 Fenton Street, Suite 203; Silver Spring, MD 20910-4785.

Thank you very much for your help!

By Richard Friedman

Attention all Masonic, Eastern Star, Concordant and Appendant Bodies...

Each year at the Interfaith Service and Breakfast, the Masonic Service Bureau honors a distinguished member of the community with the Distinguished Service Award. The list of recipients is very impressive and comprises a virtual "who's who" in Rochester.

We are currently planning this year's event. If you know of an individual who donates his or her time to volunteer activities that make a difference in the community, please forward a short blurb and the name to the Masonic Service Bureau or to this year's chairman, Rich Friedman directly.

ATTENTION

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Editor's Corner

## More Changes!

In December, I announced a new email address for articles and photographs for the *Masonic Times*. My thanks to the majority of authors who have used it. Last month we revised the due date for submissions for each issue. Remember ... You're a 10!

Not to be outdone, May brings a new, larger "Big Calendar." Now covering the majority of the back page, we are incorporating the Shrine Calendar with the Masonic Events Calendar. This will enable you to look in one place and get a pretty good idea of what is going on throughout the month and on any given day. It will not be necessary to check in other locations; if we are informed of any event - Masonic, Eastern Star, Scottish Rite, York Rite, Grotto, Shrine or Youth - we will include it in the Big Calendar. You can separate this page from the paper and post it on your refrigerator or bulletin board, where you can reference it during the month. We hope this makes it easier for you to plan your schedule.

Along with this, we are moving the "Hot Numbers" from Page 2 to the inside back page. Should you need to look up a phone number, just take down the Big Calendar and turn it over. In addition, I have gone back to a larger format so those of us with diminishing eyesight won't have to dig out a magnifying glass. While some of the information this month is, or soon will be, obsolete, we hope to have that information updated and/or corrected next month. It may take even a bit longer as the new District Deputies work to finalize their committee assignments.

The "In Memorium" section will also be included next to the "Hot Numbers."

These changes are the result of comments and suggestions to me and discussion with the *Masonic Times* Staff. I consider this a work-in-progress, and look for your help in improving the information we provide. Feel free to let us know your feelings.

Thanks for reading.

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### CORRECTION

Last month ... In the note  
by F. Jay McCullough pre-  
ceding the article, "Blacks-  
burg, Virginia - One Year  
Later," the date Dana Spen-  
cer was Raised was incor-  
rect. It should have been  
January 26, 1964.

An apple and a good laugh  
each day keeps the doctor  
away.

**YARD SALE**  
**ONE DAY**  
**SALE**  
**Saturday**  
**May 17th**  
**10 a.m. — 3 p.m.**  
**at Damascus Shrine Center**  
**979 Bay Road, Webster**

By Don Darrohn

"In Flanders Fields the poppies blow" - you've heard this line and the poem associated with it repeated many times. During the month of May, we in the Rochester area recognize those who have served and especially those who made the ultimate sacrifice. This year that we celebrate Memorial Day on Monday, May 26th!

Memorial Day was officially proclaimed on May 5, 1868, by General John Logan, in his General Order No. 11, and was first observed on May 30, 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of Union and Confederate Soldiers at Arlington National Cemetery.

The first State to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890, it was recognized by all Northern States. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I (when the Holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war).

### In Flanders Fields

*In Flanders Fields the Poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the dead.  
Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn,  
Saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe;  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.*

*If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders Fields.*

By Lt. Col. John McCrae, MD  
Canadian Army (1872-1918)

In 1915, inspired by the above poem, Moina Michael wrote her own poem:

### We Shall Keep the Faith

*Oh! You who sleep in Flanders Fields,  
Sleep sweet - to rise anew!  
We caught the torch you threw  
And holding high, we keep the Faith  
With all who died.*

*We cherish, too, the Poppy red  
That grows on fields where valor led;  
It seems to signal to the skies  
That blood of heroes never dies,  
But lends a luster to the red  
Of the flower that blooms above the dead  
In Flanders Fields.*

*And now the Torch and Poppy Red  
We wear in honor of our dead.  
Fear not that ye have died for naught;  
We'll teach the lesson that ye wrought  
In Flanders Fields.*

She then conceived of an idea to wear red Poppies on Memorial Day in honor of those who died serving the Nation during war. She was the first to wear one, and sold poppies to her friends and co-workers with the money going to benefit servicemen in need. The rest is history!

When you see a Veteran or member of the Armed Services, please remember to thank them for their service! I extend my personal thanks to all my Masonic Sisters and Brethren who have served to protect and ensure the freedoms we hold most dear. Remember to wear a Poppy!

# Yard Sale to Benefit Masonic Service Bureau

On May 17th, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., at the Damascus Shrine Center, a yard sale will be hosted by Craftsman Robertson Lodge to benefit the Masonic Service Bureau.

### Would You Like to Help Us Help Others?

You can do so by donating items for the sale, donating your help during the sale or by stopping by and shopping during the sale.

We are asking all Masons and friends to donate items that you no longer need or use. They should be in "like new" or "good" condition and easily transportable. It may be items such as small kitchen gadgets and appliances, hand or power tools, toys, games or sporting goods that are going unused or possibly have a duplicate sitting right next to them. If so, you may wish to donate them to the Yard Sale. No refrigerators or clothing, please.

### Tell Your Lodges & Friends

Please discuss the Yard Sale within your Lodge.

### Everyone Benefits!

Proceeds from the sale will be donated to the Masonic Service Bureau. The Bureau, in turn, supports many worthwhile activities and charitable causes. You get some extra space in your closet or on a shelf and help support the Masonic Principles of Charity and Citizenship within our communities at the same time.

### Delivery of Donations

Drop off your donations at the Damascus Shrine Center on May 15th and 16th between the hours of 6-8 p.m. Early deliveries may be made by prior ar-

rangements with the Masonic Service Bureau.

If Brothers or Friends are interested in contributing items for sale or are willing to help set up, run or clean up after the sale or for further information, contact:

**Ralph Jurgens**

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TO HELP CHILDREN WITH DYSLEXIA

## SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, May 17, 2008

Perinton Park, Fairport NY (Along the Scenic Erie Canal)

Check-in begins at 9:30 a.m.; WALK begins at 10:30 a.m.

The Walk for Dyslexia is the annual fundraiser for The Frank & Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children, Inc of Rochester. Our children work hard to overcome their reading difficulties. Please recognize their effort and the work done by the Learning Center by participating in the annual WALK.

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## Grand Steward

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This will be my swan song as your Staff Officer. My thanks to all for allowing me to serve in this capacity and for your support during my tenure. When this article is read, I will be passing the torch into some very capable hands, and I will fade quietly into the background.

### Upcoming Events

May 3rd - Mount Morris Lodge will walk the streets of the Village, collecting for the Teresa House.

May 4th - Your District Reps will be heading for New York City to attend our Grand Lodge Communication.

May 8th - There will be a joint 3rd Degree in Lima, Raising Brothers for Union and Avon Springs Lodges.

May 12th - Mount Morris Lodge will Pass five Brothers to Fellowcrafts. We will Raise them to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on June 3rd.

Of course, Elections, Installations and Investitures are also on the Trestleboard.

May 17th - The Scottish Rite's Annual Walk for Dyslexia will be along the Canal in Perinton Park.

May 18th - The Communion Breakfast will be in Mount Morris at the Universal Church.

May 19th - Geneseo will host the Association Meeting at Mount Morris Lodge.

Also, on May 19th, Cathy and I will be leaving for Tennessee, for a long-awaited vacation. See you when we return.

ways, our young people did an excellent job showing off their talents. Nancy Pattridge, Sharon Buckley and Myna Sinsabaugh had the unenviable job of judging the show. Thank you for an excellent job.

On April 5th, our District had our Annual Ladies Nite, which included some widows of our departed Brothers. We all enjoyed dinner and the program. Many Brothers were thanked for their support of the Lodges in the District. It was another wonderful event, which everyone enjoyed.

### Upcoming Events

May 6th will be Election of Officers; you don't want to miss this. Come and get a job for next year. Also, May 20th will be Installation of Officers preceded by a Steak Roast at 6:30 p.m. at the Lodge Building.

On May 23rd, 24th and 25th, we will have our Annual Nunda Fun Days Booth. We will need Brothers to work at our food stand.

As always, stop in and see what's new at the Masonic Lodge.

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It is hard to believe that May is here and our Masonic year is almost over - another Grand Lodge Session and a new Grand Master, a new District Deputy, a new Staff Officer and, soon-to-be, a whole new group of Lodge Masters.

### Thanks for the Support

My year as Master has been very pleasurable. We are fortunate to have a very active Lodge with a large group of Brothers who are here to pitch in whenever needed. I could not ask for a better group to support me in my year as Master. It is always nice to have the feeling that, as you hand over the gavel, it is going into hands that will do an outstanding job next year. We certainly are in that situation at Union Lodge. Brother Jim Smith and his Officers will once again help to make our Lodge "Shine" for another year!

Looking at recent activities in our Lodge and District, we had a great turnout at our Annual District Ladies Night. Our Guest Speaker was Betsy Sherwood of "Focus on the Children." Her agency lends a variety of support to Livingston County children who, for whatever reason, might not receive it from other sources. Medical care, transportation, beds or cribs and a variety of other services along with TLC are provided. This is truly a great community service.



Betsy Sherwood of Livingston County's "Focus on the Children" accepts a donation from W. Bill Wright, Livingston District Association President.

Our 3rd Degree is on May 8th. Please come out to Union Lodge as we Raise our new Brothers. We have full costumes for the Degree and a terrific dinner before we start. Please contact me with your reservations. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. I hope to see you there.



Livingston District's Fourth Annual "Ladies Night" at Conesus Country Club was a great success.

## District Deputy Grand Master

Ontario/Seneca/Yates District



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My term as the "O/S/Y District Masonic Times Reporter" is about over. It has been very rewarding writing these articles but as I write this, the O/S/Y Freemasonry Fair is looming ahead so I'll yield my space to the prolific reporter from Ark Lodge.

### May Events

3rd - 7th - Grand Lodge Trip  
18th - Annual O/S/Y District Memorial Service; St. Peter's Church, Geneva, 3 p.m.

This will be the 51st Annual Memorial Service - please make an effort to attend and provide a good show of support for the families of Masons who laid down their Working Tools in 2007. R. W.: Ed Gilbert (soon to be - M. W.: Ed Gilbert) will give the address.

Brothers, this service is open to the public - please spread the word.

29th - O/S/Y District Investiture Service; Garoga-Sincerity Lodge, Phelps. Dinner, 6:30 p.m., Service, 7:30 p.m. This Service is for incoming Masters of Lodges and all Past Masters are invited.

29th - Memorial Day Parade - Waterloo; Step off at 6 p.m.

### June Events

20th-22nd - St. John's Day Weekend, Utica. Come, join the festivities and meet the new Grand Master as well as your new O/S/Y District leadership team!

### July Events

26th-27th - O/S/Y District Campout; Cheerful Valley Campground. See R. W.: Bill Colin for details.

### August Events

17th - O/S/Y Golf Tourney-Seneca Lake Country Club. Please be sure your Lodge sponsors a hole this year. This event is the major fundraiser for O/S/Y District charitable activities.

For more information about Grand Lodge, O/S/Y District, and Lodge news, events and schedules, please visit:

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### Masons Meet, Act and Part

1. The Brotherhood Fund Campaign for this year will end on May 31st. Brothers Thomas Baroody, Joseph W. Smith, Charles A. Rouse, Maurice Bittman, Thomas Smart and Raymond R. Smith have given graciously. If you haven't donated yet, please send your contribution to Brother Lance Ward, 3394 Sutton Road, Geneva 14456.

2. Those Brothers Raised in May are: Thomas Abraham, Ray Allmond, Steve Goebert, Howard Johnson, John Keeton, Anthony Khoury, Joseph Smith, Terry Trenchard Jr., Jeffrey VanHouten and John Venuti.

3. R. W.: James Rice, (585) 554-6032, needs help from our Brothers to get the Brother John Stelter Masonic Club Study Pro-

gram started. If you feel you can help, please call him.

4. The 51st O/S/Y District Masonic Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, May 18th, at 3:00 p.m. in St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 150 Genesee Street, Geneva. The host Pastor is Reverend James H. Adams, a past recipient of the DeWitt Clinton Award. R. W.: Edward G. Gilbert, who is expected to be elected Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York two weeks earlier, is scheduled to give the Memorial Address. In 2007, we lost Brothers J.

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Andrew Foster, Richard Lumpkin, Stanley Welty Jr., William Kashouty, John H. Stelter, Harry George and John L. Warder. Please, my Brothers, come with your wives and children and pay homage and honor to our departed Brothers.

5. Have in your prayers for good health, Brothers Joe Michaels, Horace Riddle, Lloyd Hillmire, Ramon Baroody, Tom Bryan, Ray Smith and Max Kaufman.

6. Our 2008 Service Award Certificate and Pin celebration will be held this Summer at a selected restaurant, and wives of Ark Lodge Brothers will be invited. The Brothers who will receive these honors are: 55-years, Anthony Khoury; 50-years, Howard Colegrove; 40-years, Joseph Hessney, Sr.; 35-years, Lawrence Wetherbee; 30-years, Edward A. George; and 25-years, Joseph Michaels.

7. The Corning Lodge of Perfection will hold a Symbolic Lodge Awards ceremony on Saturday, September 20th, 7:30 p.m. in Corning. Brother Harold B. Hager has asked me to name a Brother of Ark Lodge who has done an outstanding job for the Lodge. The Brother nominated will receive a Certificate of Merit for his outstanding service.

### May Dates to Remember

May 5-6 - Grand Lodge Communication in New York City. The Master and his wife will be going!

May 18 - O/S/Y Memorial Service.

May 21 - Lodge Communication. Election of Officers.

May 29 - O/S/Y - Investiture Service. Dinner, 6:30 p.m.; Service, 7:30 p.m.

May 30 - Annual Memorial Day Parade in Waterloo, 6:00 p.m. O/S/Y District Masons will participate.

### Musings

Ark Lodge wither are we traveling in our future years? We have fallen off to our lowest membership (77 Brothers). My Brothers, do we have a lack of interest in what Ark Lodge does? What does our 200-year history truly mean? Do we have a lack of Masonic Brotherhood and Brotherly Love in our souls for the future?

The source of our troubles is from within ourselves. The cure is not simple; the solution and treatment of our illness is very complex and must come from within. Our troubles are of our own making (no petitions submitted by our Brothers and no candidates). The situation will be no different tomorrow or the day after. It will be the same if we do not change it soon!

### Annual Meeting

We will have Election of Officers on May 21st at our Sum-

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moned Communication. We will be electing the 100th Master of Ark Lodge. Please attend the meeting and extend to this Brother a big round of applause and your support!

If any Brother wants to become an Officer, there are many opportunities for self-enhancement and learning in our Rituals. Freemasonry in America's History has been a stage for many to be in public speaking and community actions.

**Membership**

Our Grand Master, M.: W.: Neal I. Bidnick, has outlined a plan to increase Masonic membership in his "Masonic Compact," which is in every issue of the *Empire State Mason*. Really think, my Brothers, of new fresh faces and new ideas these potential new members can bring to our Lodge. The Grand Mas-

ter would like Lodges to bring in eight to ten new members each year.

We need new members. We must give those men, who you think are good and qualified individuals, a Petition to join our Lodge family.

There is honor and joy in giving and receiving a Brother's love and affection. Masonry belongs to all people, all ages and in all places. Ark Lodge has helped do this for over 200 years. We uplift, inspire and enlighten our Brothers to a greater love, which is to be our future. We move toward greater heights and teachings.

Many Lodge Brothers have never seen the real fruits of Masonic Rituals and our work... what we give to others (DeWitt Clinton Awards, Awards to High School Students at Geneva

and DeSales High Schools, our Blood Drives and our food packages to the Senior Citizens in Geneva).

I hope to see you there on the 3rd Wednesday, May 21st, for the Election of Officers.

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May is upon us and another Masonic year is coming to a

close. Time sure does fly. I'm looking forward to the trip to Grand Lodge May 3rd-7th. It will be nice to see New York City in the Spring. I am happy to represent our Lodge during the Annual Communication.

Our first meeting in May will be the Election of Officers. I am sure that Brother George Romanshyn will do a fine job in the East next year.

I will give my report on Grand Lodge at the first meeting in June.

**Important Dates**

- May 3rd-7th - Grand Lodge Trip
- May 13th - Election of Officers
- May 24th - Chicken Bar-B-Que
- May 27th - Installation of Officers
- June 10th - Hotdog Roast/Sport Shirt Night

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By R.: W.: Clayton Ruggles

Spring is finally here. Hopefully everyone is enjoying the nice weather. It's been a long time coming.

We had a 3rd Degree April 1st. With a Dispensation from the Grand Master, we Raised eight Brothers to the Sublime Degree

of Master Mason. Congratulations to Brother Ken Carpenter of Garoga-Sincerity; Brothers Tim Benson, John Cornish, and Malcolm Mallet of Dundee Lodge; and Brothers Allen Pierce Jr., Gideon Hanggi, David Hanggi, and John Bolton from John Hodge Lodge in Naples. The Degree was witnessed by fifty-five Brothers on the sidelines.

Thanks to V.: W.: John Walti for conferring the Degree upon them. Brother Steve Durso, Junior Warden; V.: W.: Lowell Falkey, Senior Warden; Brother Ken Gibbs, Senior Deacon; Brother Dave Bruzee, Junior Deacon; Brothers Doug Galens and Bill Hargrove, Masters of Ceremony; Brothers Steve Phillips and William Lally, Stewards; W.: Donald Tiffany, Marshal; and R.: W.: Robert Bird,

Chaplain. Thanks to all who assisted in the dramatization. It was a long evening, but I've never seen a Degree done better. Again, Ladies of the Eastern Star Chapter served dinner. Thanks for stepping up and doing a fine job.

Our emergency lights have been replaced in the Lodge thanks to Steve Durso and Dave Bruzee.

The Roast Pork Dinner was April 19th. Thanks to all who participated. The next dinner will be a Pork Chop Dinner in May, date to be announced.

On a personal note, the last two years as Master of Garoga-Sincerity Lodge have been exciting and a learning experience, hopefully making me a better person. With the help and patience of the Brethren, I feel I've had a successful two years, and

am looking forward to moving on in the District as District Deputy Grand Master.

**May Birthdays**

Brothers David Retchless (5th), Michael Patrick (9th), John Davis (10th), Ralph Adams (18th), Gordon Campbell (20th), Dale Gelder and William Smith (22nd), Glen Webster (27th), and Donald Sabin (30th).

**Masonic Anniversaries**

Congratulations and best wishes to these Brothers who were Raised in May:


- 1950 - Albert Kamm
- 1954 - Ralph Adams
- 1956 - Kenneth Pedersen and Donald Tiffany
- 1961 - F. Lee Walters and Glen Webster
- 1962 - Robert Kloepfel
- 1970 - Robert Bird, Ranse Brooks, Otis Davis and Richard Kauder

- 1971 - Stephen Leroy
- 1972 - George Durkee
- 1973 - Thomas Hudson
- 1975 - Bobby Dorgan
- 1977 - Bruce Andrews
- 1980 - Chris Howard and Timothy Piper
- 1981 - Garry Clock and Gary Curtiss
- 1986 - Ernest Bishop and Donald Henning
- 1993 - James Allen
- 1996 - Richard Hamelinck
- 1998 - John Walti
- 2006 - Michael Patrick

**From the Secretary**

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

**District Deputy**  
**Grand Master**



**Monroe**  
District

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This has been a wonderful and rewarding experience for me, personally. I have to thank my wife, Gail, for allowing me the opportunity to be out interfacing with all of you. I have had the pleasure of meeting many outstanding Masons while traveling throughout the Monroe District as your District Deputy Grand Master and have enjoyed the journey. It has been a very positive and supportive experience working with everyone. I especially thank R.: W.: G. Thomas Grape and R.: W.: Derek E. VanHouten for their assistance and guidance these past two years.

Our *Masonic Compact* helps describe many of the core values we all believe in and I have seen all of them in use these past couple of years. We started out two years ago with our Celebration of 225 Years of Masonry within New York State and the Re-Dedication of ourselves by repeating the Obligation of each of our three Degrees.

I know your Staff Officers, R.: W.: G. Thomas Grape, Grand Director of Ceremonies, and R.: W.: Derek E. VanHouten, Grand Sword Bearer, have done outstanding service in providing

the *Masonic Development Course* and *Road to the East Course* for you while they worked with Brothers from Livingston and Genesee-Wyoming Districts.

The Ritual has steadily been improving in all of our Lodges. This includes not only the work of our Degrees, but also in our Opening, Closing and different parts as described in our book. I believe this is due to the fine teaching by our Assistant Grand Lecturers, V.: W.: John Dyer and V.: W.: Harry DeHollander. They helped instruct us not only at the Schools of Ritual, but also at our Degrees and as we asked questions to learn and improve ourselves.


All of our Lodges have been performing some form of work within our communities to help make them a better place in which to live. These stem from the Blood Donor Program, Child ID Program, Have-a-Heart Campaign for the Ronald McDonald Houses, raising dollars for local volunteer programs and recognizing our Widows.

I have seen an increase in Fellowship throughout the District these past years, as well. There has been an increase in family activities at our Lodge levels. This helps to provide more interaction between us, as Brothers, and the ability to get to know one another better in a less formal setting. There has also been an increase in participation on the District level such as the Interfaith Service, Grand Lecturer's Convention, Joint Investiture Service and movement of The Traveling Gavel.

Please remember that part of our journey through life is to help make everyone better and ensure that their values are as

high as ours. We do this by bringing out the best of ourselves.

**Grand Director**  
**of Ceremonies**  
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The Pins and Certificates for the four Brothers completing *Masonic Development Course* and four Brothers completing *Road to the East* have been mailed to the recipients who worked hard for those significant accomplishments in their Masonic careers.

My labors as a Grand Lodge Officer are about to end. I have worked hard and enjoyed the experience. I thank all who gave me the opportunity to serve and supported me throughout this two-year term. I shall never forget the cooperation, aid and assistance of the Brothers, but most of all many thanks to my peers R.: W.: Gary Sanford and R.: W.: Derek VanHouten who were always there encouraging, guiding and leading. R.: W.: Sanford set the tone at our first meeting. We were to be a team and a team we became.

At our initial training in Utica, we became friends with our Brother Staff Officers in Livingston and Genesee-Wyoming Districts. Those friendships and common task goals estab-

lished a training alliance of our team with R.: W.: Rick Howe, R.: W.: Dick Trescott, and R.: W.: Roy Moses along with R.: W.: Marty Krause, R.: W.: Bob Strang and R.: W.: Harry Tyson. Synergy works and I am sure our training sessions were lead by talented, experienced and dedicated Brothers from all three Districts. Thank you to all who made our task easier.

I am an Industrial Engineer by education and training and

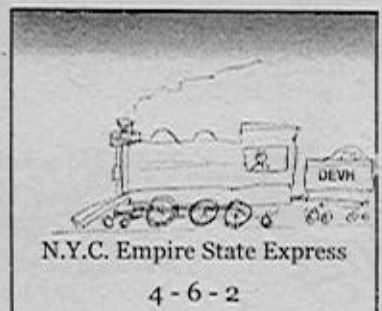
the process mode we functioned in was a delight of which to be a part. Engineers like to play with numbers and I will share some with you. From Grand Lodge appointment in May of 2006 through April 10, 2008, I have participated in 294 Masonic events and traveled 10,432 car miles. I have every confidence that the team who follows us will do a great job. Thanks again for your support over the last two years!

**Grand Sword**  
**Bearer**



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There's a scene from the movie *The Silver Streak*, which starred Richard Pryor and Gene Wilder, where the runaway engine literally crashes through the station. Please rest assured that our beautiful train, which has carried so many through the countryside and towns along the way over the last two years,

will not make a final scene like that one!

If we have stimulated your mind, taken you back to a quieter time, provided a landscape in your minds and explored with each of you the many facets of our beloved Fraternity, then we have succeeded. With this issue of the *Masonic Times*, we have written 20 articles to entice you to explore with us what we observe around the Monroe District in a manner that, hopefully, interests you. I have chosen the train with its various cars to involve more interest of it to more of you. I have researched different resources for information on early trains to bring some fresh stories to you each month.

I thank Brother Donald Brugger for giving me the initial idea of the platform to help motivate my literary thoughts in composing something a little different each month. Also, thanks to R.: W.: Gary Sanford and R.: W.: Tom Grape, along with V.: W.: John Dyer and V.: W.: Harry DeHollander, for their support and friendship.

As we near the final station, let me just mention some of the great trains that have helped



## Grand Sword Bearer

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bring you these articles. In New York State, the "Lake Shore Limited" and the "20th Century Limited" ran from New York to Chicago during the 1930s; the "Orient Express" and the "Glacier Express" were in Switzerland. We have reached the end-of-the-line and it has been my honor to serve as Grand Sword Bearer of this District. My very best to the incoming crew that they may experience what we have.

I'd like to think our train will continue to run through the countryside of our minds and someday we again will join her. It's been a great run, thanks to all of you, until we meet again.... "

### Monroe District Child ID

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Our children are our greatest assets and the protection of them is arguably one of the most important things we, as a society, can do. In 2007, Monroe County Masons held several CHILD ID Events, either by themselves or with the aid of local Police and Fire De-

partments, Monroe County Sheriff's Department or New York State Police. Nearly 400 children were processed through our ID System.

In 2008, we want to schedule as many events as possible and team again with Fire Departments, Police and, of course, all Lodges and Concordant Bodies. We hope to reach those children who are not involved in the School CHIP'S Programs and probably the most at risk. (The Monroe County Sheriff's Office and Rochester Police Department have an aggressive in-school CHIP'S Program.)

#### Your Participation

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

As time permits we would like to offer our program to Senior Citizens in nursing homes. Some nursing home administrators have identified the need to us. We held a Child ID at Fairport Lodge Hall on April 3rd. Four children were processed with help from Brothers Rick Downs and David Zon of Fairport-Flower City Lodge.

#### Upcoming CHIP'S Events

May 3rd - Kiddie Carnival at American Red Cross, 825 John Street

May 17th - Scottish Rite Walk for Dyslexia

May 24th - Eureka Lodge Health Fair

June 14th - Union Star

June 20th - Valley-Simes

July 12th - Webster

Information about the Masonic Child ID Program is avail-

able online at <http://nychip.org>.

We are always looking for volunteers to help with the program and would like each Lodge to designate a Lodge Coordinator. We can be reached most easily by email to schedule an event at [datubman@yahoo.com](mailto:datubman@yahoo.com) or [rcdowns@rochester.rr.com](mailto:rcdowns@rochester.rr.com). You can contact Don Tubman at 889-4725.

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

### Monroe District Chairman Brotherhood Fund

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### A Very Special "Thank You"

The final month of the Masonic Brotherhood Fund Drive for 2007-2008 is here, and I have nothing but good things to say. The generosity of our Brothers and friends has been outstanding! The latest report from Grand Lodge had Monroe District at the top of the State for funds raised.

Although this is not a final report, it does indicate the great support of Masonic principles and charity within our District. Other Districts may yet surpass us before the drive ends, but our efforts have truly been noticed. A hearty "Thank You" to everyone who has supported the

Drive. I hope you have that feel-good feeling that comes with knowing you have done a good thing and helped others.

I thank Lodge Chairmen for the unselfish giving of their time and efforts during the Drive. The new forms made it more time-consuming to complete

reports, but our Chairmen were up to the task. The next time you see your Lodge Chairman for the Brotherhood Fund, shake his hand and thank him for a job well done!

If you haven't yet contributed, please consider doing so and give yourself that feel-good feeling. "

We strongly suggest you encourage your Master and Wardens to attend the monthly meetings - not only to break bread together, but also to get to know their counterparts. These meetings allow District Officers to know you better, but we also discuss upcoming events, plan for the Grand Lodge trip in May of each year, discuss concerns of the Lodges and networking.

Shortly, we will be electing new leaders of the Masters and Wardens Association and I hope to see you there. Currently, we meet on the third Wednesday of the month at the Family Restaurant on Long Pond Road, but that could change. We hope to meet and greet each of you either on May 21st or June 18th. "

Master, George Todd, and the Brothers of Clio Lodge for hosting an informative and fun-filled evening. Also, thanks to the presence of our three Grand Line Officers and all three of next year's Grand Lodge Officers.

Not to be forgotten, "A Big Thank You" to V.:W.: John Dyer, for his several years as a Monroe District AGL. V.:W.: Dyer is stepping down from his AGL assignment, but has assured us he will help us out from time to time as needed.

Following the meeting, we all gathered in the Dining Room and devoured a very large cake provided by our DDGM and beverages from Clio Lodge.

Lodge Masters and Past Masters should keep in mind our upcoming Joint Investiture Service on Friday, May 30th at 7:30 p.m., at Fairport Masonic Hall. W.: Tom Goodrich will prepare a Steak Dinner at 6:30 p.m.; it will be provided to those who have made a prior reservation with V.:W.: DeHollander. Call Harry at 278-8769 or email: [ny4harry@aol.com](mailto:ny4harry@aol.com). "

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By R.:W.: *Derek VanHouten*

Our thanks to all Lodges that have paid their Dues so far this year to the Masters and Wardens. Through your contributions, we have been able to purchase a new Child ID computer outfit.



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On March 31st, we held the 4th (and final) Session School of Ritual for this Masonic Year in the Monroe District, at Clio Lodge in Hilton.

#### Attendance

If Clio Lodge had a couple more folks attending, they would have been flying the District Attendance Banner next year. Congratulations to Unity Lodge for outstanding attendance this year; they will be keeping the Banner. The evening's attendance showed 10 of our 13 Lodges were present with a total of 45 Brothers. A big "thank you" goes to the Worshipful

## Assistant Grand Lecturer Retires



The School of Ritual at Clio Lodge, held on March 31st, was the last scheduled event for V.:W.: John Dyer, who served the Monroe District as

Assistant Grand Lecturer for the past six years. R.:W.: Gary Sanford, District Deputy Grand Master, who requested that V.:W.: Dyer stay on during his term, publicly thanked him at the conclusion of meeting. He also provided a cake for the occasion, which was served to Brothers in attendance at a reception in the Dining Hall following the session. Brother John cut the first piece out of the cake, then bowed to others more proficient in this task to finish the job. Brothers from ten of the thirteen Lodges in the District attended to add their thanks for John's dedication to the Craft.

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# Blood Donor

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Three Masonic Lodges have sponsored Blood Drives since the last issue of the *Masonic Times*. They are: Unity, in March; Fairport-Flower City and ERAC in April. Eighty-six pints of blood were collected during this period.

Fairport-Flower City and ERAC, which are both first-time Blood Drive Sponsors, collectively accounted for 43 pints of blood.

The Fairport-Flower City Drive, at which 24 units were collected, was held at the Lodge in Fairport on April 3rd, under the direction of Kel Kelsey. Kel was assisted by Greg Ludwig, Dave Taber, Dwight Turner, John Lindsay, Chuck Delles (Wakan-Hubbard Lodge), Bernie Lazer-son, and his hard-working wife, Joanne Kelsey. Masonic donors at this drive were: Eric Prince, Michael Morris and Mrs. Morris, Dan Bliss, David Zon and Nicholas Miraglia. There was one more Masonic donor whose name was not available.

The ERAC Lodge Drive on April 7th was jointly sponsored with the East Rochester Volunteer Ambulance Corps and was held at the facility of the Ambulance Corps in East Rochester. Sean McKenna, who represented ERAC, was the first donor of the day after which he worked as a volunteer. Nineteen units were collected at this drive.

The performance of each of these two Lodges, in terms of units of blood collected, is very respectable, especially for first-time sponsors. Those individuals from each Lodge who worked to bring this about are deserving of our thanks and commendations.

Unity Lodge sponsored its Drive on March 25th at the Ogden Community Center at which time 43 units were collected. Andy Tascione was Chairman for this drive; he was assisted by Gene Brendel, Anthony Marotti and Tom Perrone. Masonic donors were Tom Perrone, David Sylvester and John Jamele.

From the foregoing discussion, it can be seen that the production for one Lodge was equal to that of the other two Lodges. This should not be taken to mean that the one Lodge worked harder or put more into it, or that Lodge is larger than the others. Rather, it should be seen as deriving from the fact that Unity has been an ongoing Sponsor of Drives over the years, as have Clio and Webster Lodges. In this process, each of these Lodges has gathered a pool of donors who will appear again and again at most of its drives. Development of such a pool of donors should be a major goal for the Sponsors of Drives for this District.

Reviewing the history of the Blood Donor Program since the Return to Labor in September to the present, the Monroe District has materially helped the Red Cross collect 201 pints of blood. The Red Cross tells us, "each unit of blood donated can help save as many as three lives." That amounts to helping as many as 600 people. This is a very meaningful accomplishment and should be a source of great satisfaction and inspiration to all Masons in the District.

### Upcoming Blood Drives

Tuesday, May 20th - Ogden Community Center, sponsored by Unity Lodge

Thursday, July 3rd - Webster Lodge Hall, 30 Orchard Street, sponsored by Webster Lodge

Saturday, July 5th - Hilton Masonic Hall, 287 East Ave, sponsored by Clio Lodge

Tuesday, July 22nd - The Red Cross is planning a "Mega Drive" for Spencerport

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### Officers Expected to Gather!

As has developed into custom, all Officers should plan to be at the Lodge Hall by 11 a.m. on May 10th, to be among the first to learn what Grand Lodge is focusing on for the next two years. It will also be a perfect opportunity to set up the Lodge and finalize plans for our Elections being held on May 12th at 7:30 p.m.

Who's being proposed for appointment to the Chair of Tiler, Marshal, two Stewards, two Masters of Ceremony and two Deacons? These are Brothers who have stepped forward, plan to be regular attendees so far as their Cabletows permit and serve as the backbone of Unity Lodge! They, as well as some elected Officers, should be checking on the availability of tuxedos at the various outlets across town so they can be properly attired come September. We make a statement when all Officers are dressed in formal attire! Remember the Three Musketeers and their companions in service had a motto, "One for all - and all for one!" By all of us joining together as one, with our attendance, knowledge of our work in our various stations, and our "uniform," we make our Lodge an inviting place for members and guests.

Equally, what internal committees have been continued or created? Brethren who are not Officers, and occupy favored chairs along the sidelines, will assume the several roles we will be describing. Who are they? What will they be doing? You'll want to be able to say "you heard the answers here first!"

Duties for the various chairs will be discussed, and pocket copies of chores and expectations distributed, so those accepting appointment will be sure of their responsibilities - both at Regular Communications and during Degrees or other special program days and evenings.

### Awards and "Housecoats"

On June 9th, starting at 7:30 p.m., members of Unity Lodge will make a unique community image by assembling in "housecoat" attire, but with a serious side to the gathering. The dress is informal but the award distribution is not. This is when Grand Lodge Service Award Pins for years of Craft Membership, Certificates of Merit and Plaques of Honor will be distributed by the principal Lodge Officers.

Service Pins denote years of service, starting at 20 and continuing in multiples of five years. This was established by W. Michael Schwartz, recognizing Brothers who have been members of this Craft of ours, and as in my theme, they have "cemented the Craftsmen" with their ardor and zeal as proud

Freemasons. We look forward to saluting them!

### New Master Masons

We had the honor of Raising our Unity Brothers Robert "Rob" T. Buchanan and Michael S. Coyner last month. In addition, we were privileged to share in Raising Brother Jason Hand of Clio Lodge (sometimes known as "Unity North") in the same ceremony. This allowed us to return the favor for joint work North of the Ridge for the Fellowship Degree back in March.

### Bus Tour to Utica

We left the driving to Trailways! Brothers from Craftsman Robertson, Clio and Unity Lodges shared the bus trip from Spencerport to our Masonic facilities in Utica in April. The tour of the buildings and grounds at this Campus is always worth a few short hours on a Saturday.

### Sickness and Distress

The Texas golfer, Brother Gary Cornelius, has been on the sick list the last couple of columns in the *Masonic Times*. I chose to put him at the end of the column this time since he is mending rapidly! He still has chest discomfort, which is diminishing daily. About three weeks ago, he hit a bucket of balls, then played nine holes, muttering about riding in a cart and not playing well. But that's his normal demeanor on the course! He intends his trip North to get out of the hot

weather will be in time to attend Unity's June meeting and perhaps the picnic.

I haven't heard about the condition of other Brothers, so we'll have to see what comes to our new Master's attention. He can include that in the June or September issue.

My warmest, Fraternal regards 'til another time. It's been a joy being of service to our Unity members and to Masonry overall!

### From the Secretary

#### Email Communications

Email addresses are very important for the quick dissemination of information. They allow us to get in touch with you quickly and efficiently. But only if the address is correct. Many addresses I have are old or bad. Please send an e-mail to:

[djones02@rochester.rr.com](mailto:djones02@rochester.rr.com) from your current address, and identify yourself (sometimes it's hard to figure out who you are from the address alone.)

If you are using one of the many "FREE" email services, check your mailbox frequently, and empty it often. They usually don't hold much, and many times I have had messages rejected because the mailbox is full.

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

Thanks to R. W. Don Wright who gave a great program on member retention at our April 1st Regular Communication.

On April 12th, a group of Brothers gathered for the Lodge's Spring Clean-up. Thanks to W. Jeff Ross for heading the project. On April 14th, we journeyed to Unity Lodge for the conferring of the 3rd Degree on our new Brother Jason Hand.

April 19th saw a group of the Brothers and their ladies joining Unity Lodge on a bus trip to the Masonic Care Community in Utica. If you have not seen this facility, you are missing out on seeing a jewel. I was greatly impressed the first time I visited.

### Join Us at the Ox Roast

Our 34th Ox Roast is being held on May 3rd. Don't miss it!

### A Challenge

Unfortunately, Clio Lodge didn't have an opportunity to try to lay claim to the Traveling Gavel. We will not give up. Stay tuned for future attempts. The Lodge also narrowly missed taking the Attendance Banner for the School of Ritual from Unity. Next year, Unity, watch out.

When visiting the Lodge you will notice the showcase holding

Masonic items has been repaired. One big problem ... WHO HAS THE KEY???? Having the key will make retrieving sold items much easier. Thanks to W. David Goodrich for having the showcase repaired. Yours truly donated a love seat, recliner and two chairs to replace the worn out ones in the Dining Area. Now people can sit down and not need a sky hook to get up out of the old sofa.

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

### May Birthdays

Gary Thompson, Kay Dodds, Warren Hall, Arthur Miller, Stephen Mitchell, and Kenneth Mullen are celebrating birthdays in May.

### June Birthdays

Happy Birthday in June to Thomas Burger, Harry Clapper, Carl Doell, Donald Littlefield Jr., Leslie Lobo, William Schmitt, Myron Waterman, Ross Wayne, and Donald Wright.

In my last article, Brother Robert Quackenbush's name was left out of the April Birthdays. If you notice your name missing, I apologize. Let me know and I will update my list.

### Message of the Day

Life is short; break the rules, forgive quickly, kiss slowly, love truly, laugh uncontrollably and never regret anything that made you smile.

If you haven't been to Lodge in a while, stop by; we would love to see you. If transportation is needed, give me a call. I am sure something can be worked out.



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7:30 p.m.



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By W.: Skip Waterstreet, DSA

W.: David King has sent reminders, a second mailing, to the twenty-three Brothers who have not paid their 2008 Dues yet. Seven of those are in arrears for 2007, and will be unaffiliated in December if they do not catch up. Please check and make sure you are in good standing.

### Dues

Brother Tom Benson, our Junior Warden, decided it would be nice to have a Pasta Dinner prior to our April 1st meeting. Assisted by Jim Latuca, he prepared and served the Ziti and Meat Balls, along with the proper accoutrements. We then moved to the Lodge Room for the presentation by Brother Ira Cooperman from the Masonic Care Community. R.: W.: M. Donald Darrohn, Trustee of the Masonic Hall & Home, was also in attendance and spoke on the role of the Trustees and the improvements made over the past few years. Anyone interested may tour the facilities in Utica, and groups are encouraged to arrange a tour... free of charge, including transportation and lunch.

The Annual Fellowcraft Dinner at Rick's Prime Rib was enjoyed by the nineteen Brothers in attendance. It was good to see Brother Earl Pearce out and about, after suffering complications from knee surgery. His son, Brother Ken, joined him. Our thanks to Brother Leon VanHuben, Secretary-Treasurer of the Fellowcraft Club, for making the arrangements.

### Sickness and Distress

Brother John Hughes has a partial tear of the Achilles tendon. He will be in a cast for six to eight weeks and his doctor is allowing him to do administrative work only.

Other Brothers to be remembered in your thoughts and prayers are: Clifford Hayner, William Hook, Glenwood Ide, David King, Kenneth Mertz, Arnold Raymond, Joseph Roe, William Shelby, Richard Smith, Leon VanHuben and Rene VanDeVeire. All have experienced, or are experiencing, health issues of one variety or another.

Meeting and Election of Officers. On the 13th we will gather for the Annual Officers' Meeting, where reports and a budget for the ensuing year are discussed. Everyone is welcome! The Calling Committee will be contacting most of the local Brothers. If you don't usually receive a call and want to attend, contact Brother Tom



Masonic Care Community's Director of Philanthropy, Brother Ira Cooperman, spoke at our April meeting. W.: Ken Schumacher and Brother Tom Benson, had KP duty after the Pasta Dinner.



### Happy Birthday!

Here are the Brothers celebrating in May:

George Wilkinson and Edward Start (4th); Paul Robertson (11th); Matthew Walicke (13th); John Steinkamp (18th); Terry Ramsey (21st); Charles Freida and Clyde Horn (26th). Send a card or give them a call and extend your good wishes.

### Coming Events

Our Lodge is hosting a Yard Sale at the Damascus Shrine Center on Saturday, May 17th, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Please call Ralph Jurgens to let him know when you can help. Proceeds will benefit the Masonic Service Bureau. Items to donate may be dropped off at the Service Bureau garage (back of the building) on Thursday the 15th and Friday the 16th between 6 and 8 p.m.

Our regular meetings in May are the 6th and the 20th, with the latter being our Annual

Benson (288-2661) or me at the Service Bureau (671-9730).

June 3rd will be our Installation of Officers, and is scheduled to be a Public Installation preceded by a Dinner. Please plan to attend to welcome your 2008-2009 Line.

See you in Lodge.

## FAME Lodge No. 722

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



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By Doug Jones

The May 8th meeting, pending approval from Grand Lodge, will be at Union Lodge (Lima) for a 3rd Degree.

There will be no meeting at the Shrine on May 8th.

May 22nd will be a Summoned Meeting for Elections and Installation of Officers. It will be my honor, if elected, to be your incoming Worshipful Master. You can contact me at: Doug Jones - 406-1164 or email: doug.jones@rcsdk12.org.

If you have email, please send a quick note so I can add you to my list.

This year has been a great year. We have seen our new Brothers Jason and Chuck grow so much. These Brothers do the Questions and Answers with perfection. W.: Dan Walker did a great job with all the Ritual work. I will have some big shoes to fill, if elected.

Thanks to all the Brethren who made my year as Senior Warden so special. In preparation for the transition to Worshipful Master, I took the Road to the East Course. It was a great course.

My Trestleboard is nearly complete and we should have a good full year of light. It is my goal to have some fun this year with education and bring back social hour after the meetings.

Mark your calendar for our Strawberry Social on June 12th. Bring your families to enjoy.

## Valley-Simes Lodge No. 109

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7:30 p.m.



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By R.: W.: Herbert Spencer

### Good News/Bad News

It is my sad duty to inform you that Brother Robert Miller passed away on March 23rd. Brother Robert was a 58-year member of our Lodge. After leaving Rochester, he lived in Las Vegas for a while and most recently in Charlotte, NC. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to his wife, June, and the rest of his family.

### Current News

We have a Petition on the desk, and another on the way. Let us keep this going. If you need a Petition, just let me know.

Valley-Simes Lodge still has the Traveling Gavel.

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

Our Annual Meeting is scheduled for May 13th. At this meeting we will have Nominations and Election of Officers for the ensuing year and reading of Annual Reports from the Secretary, Treasurer and Trustees. We will vote on a Budget for next year and transact other business that may be brought to the membership. Here is your opportunity to come to Lodge and find out what's going on. It would be nice if you come to visit with your Brothers and enjoy a great dinner at the ridiculous price of \$5. I am sure that Chef Chuck is busy thinking up some concoction to serve. This will be a tiled meeting, so it's a Stag Night. Sorry, no ladies.

### Dinners

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

mcbride1@rochester.rr.com or michael.c.mcbride@kodak.com.

As always, you can contact your Secretary, Herb Spencer at 334-7493 or email: hspence1@rochester.rr.com.

The Master-elect has been busy putting together his Officers and Committees. He is also planning for the Open Installation to be held on June 10th. Mark your calendar!

### Upcoming Events

May 6th - Officers' Meeting  
May 13th - Annual Meeting  
May 30th - Joint Investiture  
June 3rd - Officers' Meeting  
June 10th - Open Installation

### Masonic Anniversaries

The following Brothers were Raised during the month of May and are celebrating their Ma-

sonic Anniversary or Years of Service in Masonry:

Russell Garrison (62), George Stear (51), Raymond Sterling (50), Donald Johnson (48), Richard Lippincott, Wesley Warren (43), Gary Lind (43), David Long (35), William Babcock (32), Michael A. Robinson (29), George Bundoc (28), Joseph Gingold (27), Timothy Babcock (26), Richard DeCroce (25), Edward Schmitt (23), Michael McBride (21), David Ogden (21).

### May Birthdays

Raul Fernandez (3rd), Andrew Bauridel (6th), Gordon Kotzin (14th), Robert Knyrim (22nd), Michael Hueston (23rd), Timothy Babcock (24th), Gary Burke (26th), Daniel Miller (27th), Russell Garrison (29th). This month the youngest is 46 years old and the oldest is 89 years old. If you see, or are in contact with, any of these Brothers, don't forget to extend them your greetings. If you need addresses or phone numbers let me know.

Dues have been flowing in and we have 86% of the Brothers paid for 2008. If you haven't paid your Dues, please take a moment and write that check. I have provided return envelopes, so just put in your check, seal the envelope, add a stamp and away it goes! As of this writing we still have 17 Brothers who have not paid their 2008 Dues (I erred in calculating last month). By the same token we have 7 Brothers who have not paid their 2007 or their 2008 Dues. It would be great if everyone paid their Dues by May 31st.

### Brotherhood Fund

Herbert Spencer is the Valley-Simes Chairperson. Kindly make checks payable to "Masonic Brotherhood Fund," designate where your donation should go and mail to: Herbert Spencer; 14 Dessie Heights; West Henrietta, NY 14586-9549. You could also put it in the envelope with your Dues check. This year's Brotherhood Campaign ends on May 31st.

## Union Star Lodge No. 320

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As my term as Master comes to an end, I am reminded of the saying that, "No man is an island." Therefore, I have decided that now is the time to thank all those who made the preceding year at Union Star a successful one:

- To all the Brothers who decided to return to the fold and gave us a 33% increase in attendance.

- To our new Brothers who decided that Freemasonry was for them and that Union Star was the place.

- Also, to the Degree Teams who worked hard to present three wonderful Degrees.

- Let's not forget the wonderful Chefs who prepared the great meals that made Union Star the talk of the District.

- All the Union Star Brothers who participated in many District functions, such as: Have-a-Heart, Grand Lecturer's Con-



Lodge Brothers who attended Annual Fellowcraft Dinner.

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vention, School of Ritual, iDC – all lead by Union Star's own, Gary Sanford, District Deputy Grand Master. I congratulate Gary on a job well done the past two years.

• Thanks to all the visiting Lodges and Guests who provided us with enlightenment and fellowship.

• To the people of Honeoye Falls for supporting us at the Festival-on-the-Green and throughout the year.

• The Masonic Service Bureau, *Masonic Times* and Skip Waterstreet.

• My fellow Brothers of the Scottish Rite and, most importantly, Bill Lindsay, whose sup-

port and wise consul was always welcomed.

• Last, but not least, the Ladies of Union Star who supported the Brothers and graced our Christmas Party with their presence.

My eternal thanks to all these organizations and people who made 2007/2008 a very successful year and proved that "No man is an island."

**Good News**

W.: Jim Nersinger has returned home after a stay at Highland Hospital. Drop him a card or call him with your support during his convalescence.

Circle the date – May 12th for our Election and Installation of Officers. Let's have a large turnout and show our support for Union Star.

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By Bill Flesher

The Regular Communication of Oatka Lodge on March 26th was our Lodge *Walk-About*, which was given by W.: Brother Tim White who stepped in for Brother Bill Flesher. Brother Bill was still recovering from the flu he had the week before. While only one of the newly Raised Master Masons, Brother Matt DeGroff, was present, the *Walk-About* presented useful information to him and provided a review for the other Brothers present. We will present the *Walk-About* again when the other two new Brothers are available.

**Sad News**

With a note of sadness, we lay a Sprig of Acacia down for one of our departed Brothers. Brother Gilbert Ralston left behind his Earthly Tools to join the Great Architect of the Universe on April 8th. As many of you may know, Brother Gil was a Past Master of Oatka Lodge. Our prayers and thoughts are with his family.

Our Movie Night, on April 9th, was a big success. Everyone enjoyed watching "Mysteries of the Freemasons" and "Freemasonry Revealed" – shows previously presented on the History Channel. These episodes certainly presented different points of view about the Craft and many of the Brothers were surprised to hear our "secret words"

**Upcoming Events**

May 17th is slated for the Brothers of Oatka to do the highway cleanup – our area for the Adopt-a-Highway Program is Route 390 North between Henrietta-Rush Townline Road and the Thruway Exit. Let's all get out and support this great chance to show the community our commitment to make the countryside along our highways look nicer.

As this Masonic year is winding down and the Lodge is soon to go dark for the Summer, it may be a good time to start planning some clean-up days. The basement needs major cleaning and work, the renovations to the Fellowcraft Room need completing and some exterior repairs could be done to the building. More information will be passed along and some dates and times will be announced soon. The more help we have, the faster the work will go. With the clean-up of the basement, I think the Brothers will find that all of the old steam pipes and boiler may be a source of some unexpected revenue if we sell it.

The Grand Lodge Annual Communication is May 5th and 6th and our Regular Communication is May 14th. Besides the

Election of Officers for the ensuing year, Brother Erik Crandall has invited Ed Fiandach, an attorney familiar with DWI Laws, to speak in an open session following the Elections.

A tentative date of June 21st is slated for a Public Installation of the new Officers, with a Bar-B-Que by Brother Joe Zajonczkoski to follow outside the Lodge Building.

so openly spoken. So much for the idea that the Craft is a secret society. I guess those people who fear what we are all about now know our secrets as well we do. I am sure Board Meetings of large corporations are much more secretive and they tend to avoid the constant barrage of conspiracy theorists' claiming of world domination by our Fraternity. There was not enough time for everyone to see the movie "National Treasure," but Brother Bill Flesher willingly lent his copy to those interested in watching the movie at home.

Our last Communication before going dark is June 25th. Over the Summer, we need to plan for fundraising events such as the Scottsville Summerfest. This has always been a good moneymaker in the past and the Brothers who help find it to be a great time to get together.



Brothers and guests of Oatka Lodge with newly Raised Brothers DeGroff, Seastrom and Skender.

**Fairport-Flower City**  
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I will begin by thanking everyone who contributed to the Red Cross/Fairport-Flower City Lodge Blood Drive and Child ID Program on April 3rd. We had 22 blood donors, but unfortunately there were only a few children who participated in the Child ID Program. Particular thanks to Brothers Kel Kelsey and Rick Downs for their leadership in organizing the event, and to everyone who donated blood. Thanks also to Brothers Greg Ludwig, Dave Taber, Dwight Turner, John Lindsay, Chuck Delles, Bernie Lazerson, and to Joanne Kelsey and volunteers from the OES Chapter.

**Dinner with Our Ladies**

Thursday, May 8th is "Dinner with Our Ladies" Night. This month we will be having dinner at Northfield Food & Drink, located at 3001 Monroe Avenue (behind the old Spring House Restaurant). Social at 6 p.m.; Dinner at 6:30 p.m. For reservations, please contact Worshipful Brother Bernie Lazerson by Tuesday, May 6th (271-7446); or email: lazerbd12@aol.com.

**Summoned Communication**

May 12th – Election of Officers and Annual Reports

Election of the 2008-2009 Officers for Fairport-Flower City Lodge will take place at our meeting on May 12th, together with the Annual Reports of our various committees. Lodge will open at 7:30 p.m. In accordance with the By-Laws, this will be our only meeting in May. Please plan to attend to show your support and to congratulate our new Officers!

**Fairport Canal Days June 7th and 8th**

Hotdogs, Hamburgers, Ice Cold Water and Funnel Cakes (next door)!

Brethren, MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Fairport Canal Days, on Saturday and Sunday, June 7th and 8th, is rapidly approaching and the plans for our food stand are taking shape. As you know, this event is the Lodge's primary fundraising activity of the year. We need your help! Brother Brian Bills and I are heading up the Canal

Days Committee. We are looking for volunteers to help with setup on Friday afternoon (4-7 p.m.); assist with morning/lunch shift (10 a.m.-2 p.m.); and with afternoon/dinner shift (2-6 p.m.) at the Stand on Saturday and Sunday. Teardown and cleanup help is needed on Sunday evening (5-7:30 p.m.).

Come join the fun and fellowship! To sign up to help, please contact me either by phone (223-2828) or email: morris@apollooptical.com.

In addition, during Canal Days we will also be operating the Masonic Child ID Station. Brother Rick Downs will be heading up the Child ID effort. The plan is to have two, 4-hour shifts each day – Saturday and Sunday, June 7th and 8th. If you and/or members of your family or friends would like to help with the Child ID effort at Canal Days, please contact Brother Downs (616-5918) or email: rcdowns@rochester.rr.com.

**May Birthdays**

Lastly, I wish "Happy Birthday" to our Brothers who have birthdays in May:

- Reed Patterson (1st), John Leonard (3rd), David Green and John Harris (6th), Hank Wiener (8th), Bruce Budd (9th), Brett Shulman (10th), Alan Weinberg and Roy Forrest (11th), Carl Dattel (16th), David Mawhiney and Craig Carey (17th), Clinton Emery and Jonathan Kirwan (19th), Kermit Moyer (28th) and Irvin Katzman (30th).

**Masonic Anniversaries**

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

- 1941 - Michael Marks
- 1944 - William Cobb
- 1951 - Hugh Crittenden
- 1954 - Leonard Fulmer
- 1956 - Stanley Friedman
- 1957 - Harold Chait
- 1959 - Seymour Margolis, Alan Weinberg and Phillip Neivert
- 1960 - Lee Rosenthal
- 1971 - Fredrick Edgecomb and Thomas Green
- 1972 - Phillip Caplan
- 1973 - Scott Clemens and Murray Russell
- 1974 - Thomas Goodrich, Robert Vanderbush and Daniel Barish
- 1976 - Cyrus Kloner
- 1977 - Bernard Lazerson and John Lewis
- 1978 - Allen Fowler and William Hockenberger
- 1979 - John Byam
- 1997 - Scott Pellegrino
- 1998 - Stanley Chizuk

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

See you in Lodge!

**Seneca Lodge**  
**No. 797**  
 2nd Tuesday  
 7:30 p.m.  
**Master**  
 W.: Dana W. Cline  
 359-0632  
 danaclin@us.ibm.com  
**Secretary**  
 Frederic Norter  
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 248-5902  
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 30 Orchard Street, Webster 14580

Another month has come and gone. In the blink of an eye my year as Master is swiftly coming to a close. Looking back on the year and how we spent our time leaves me with a sense of accomplishment.

Our Degree Team, led by W.: Dick Shellman, pulled off an amazing task by Raising six new Brothers in two separate sets of Degrees this year. This was no small feat and it took the assistance and support of many of you to make it happen. Our Lodge's ability to pull together and put on first class Degrees says a lot about our members.

We had several opportunities to socialize and share some stories this year. August was a hit with the Annual Steak Roast. In October we ventured to St. Andrews Lodge in Toronto where we shared a fabulous weekend with our Canadian Brothers. Our Christmas Party was the usual hit with eggnog,

and none of the kids will forget Breakfast with Santa.

I thank everyone who came out to support our Community Service Projects – Have-a-Heart Campaign, Child ID Program and our Golf Tournament and Benefit Auction. Your efforts really help better the lives of children, so keep volunteering and showing the world what Masons are all about.

Looking forward ... we still have a few activities to close out the Masonic year before our Summer break. Please make sure you attend our May meeting for participation in the Annual Election and Installation of Officers. I will also be giving a full report on last month's Golf Tournament and Benefit Auction.

On May 4th, I will travel to New York City to represent our Lodge at Grand Lodge. It's an honor to serve and represent you at this meeting. I urge you to review the materials sent from Grand Lodge for the pending votes. Please continue to give me your advice and counsel in preparation for this trip. I will have a full report when I return.

Thanks again for supporting me during my year as Master. I know our new Line of Officers will do a great job and continue to carry out some of the great traditions of our Lodge. Give them your support whenever possible and I'll see you at Lodge.

**Wakan/Hubbard**  
**Lodge No. 154**  
 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m.  
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 377-0097  
 ronlalik@rochester.rr.com  
**Secretary**  
 W.: Donald C. Bell  
 334-7768  
 don\_bell@hotmail.com  
 1822A Penfield Road, Penfield 14526

Thank you to all Brothers for your part in putting on our Degrees this year. I especially thank Brother Hugh Woodside for his efforts in organizing our 3rd Degree. Without his hard work, we could not have done it.

I also thank all who participated in the Widows Luncheon and extend my heartfelt thanks to Brother Roger Lynch for his dedication to this worthwhile cause. This is a very important event each year and helps us keep our connection to the families of our departed Brothers.

**Upcoming Events**

- May 12th - 7:30 p.m., Grand Lodge Report and Election of Officers
- May 30th - 7:30 p.m., Joint Investiture
- June 9th - 6:30 p.m., Crazy Shirt Night/Strawberry Social

**Remember the Brotherhood Fund**



**SPAGHETTI DINNER**  
**Friday, May 2nd**  
**5 p.m. - 7 p.m.**  
 at Webster Lodge Hall  
 30 Orchard Street  
 Adults - \$7 Children - \$4

**WEBSTER**  
**LODGE NO. 538**  
 1st & 3rd  
 Thursdays  
 7:30 p.m.  
 Master  
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 Malchoff  
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 edmal@rochester.rr.com  
 Secretary  
 W.: Bernard Russell  
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 Webster538@juno.com  
 30 Orchard Street  
 Webster 14580

I have to begin this article by telling you about the serious illness of our Brother R.: W.: Bill Kuehne. Bill has been diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer and will begin Chemotherapy treatments as I write this article. As you know Brother Kuehne is a Past Master of our Lodge and has served as a Grand Lodge Staff Officer, as well as a District Officer for the Royal Arch. But more importantly to me, Brother Kuehne has been a mentor and a friend. Please keep Bill and Sandy in your prayers. Hopefully, the next issue will have a more favorable report.

I also was told that Charlie White has had complications relating to his heart and, therefore, will not come back from Florida until May. Please keep Charlie in your prayers.

#### Service Awards

On April 3rd, we held an Awards Night at the Lodge. We had 26 Brothers who were eligible to receive Years of Service Awards ranging from 15 years to 65 years served. I was honored to be able to present five of those awards. The balance will be delivered in the near future. The five Brothers in attendance, as well as the number of years served, were:

Wilbur Hinkston (45 years), Richard Patterson (40 years), Thomas Pellett (35 years), Emil Schirano (25 years) and Jim Pray (15 years). I congratulate all recipients and hope to be able to sit in Lodge with each and every one of you for many years to come.

#### Success of Our Dinner

On April 4th, we served a Spaghetti Dinner to 190 people and the benefactors were the Webster Police Explorers. They received a total of \$914 for the evening and were, again, very grateful. The next dinner will be held for the benefit of the Webster Museum and I expect a great turnout - both for help in the kitchen as well as patrons - as many of our friends have, or will have, returned from the warmer climates by then.

#### Upcoming Events

Damascus Shrine will be presenting a "Bring-a-Friend Night" on Saturday, May 17th. This is an exceptional opportunity to introduce your friends and acquaintances to the Craft, and familiarize them with "The Worlds Greatest Philanthropy." A free Steak Dinner will be provided for guests and sponsors, including their Ladies. This is a

cost-effective, very well presented program and we would be foolish not to take full advantage of the generosity of the Shrine.

This will be the second year Damascus has held this program and it is the best one I've ever seen. They take you through Freemasonry and then into the Shrine. This will be the only "Bring-a-Friend" opportunity before our Fall class. Therefore, I wish to emphasize the importance of this event. Complete details appeared on page 12 of the April issue of the *Masonic Times*. The program begins at 4:30 p.m.

Last year many more men joined Blue Lodges than they did the Shrine and that was fine with them. Shriners understand they cannot grow unless the Blue Lodges grow. Brother Rich Friedman is chairing this program so you know how good it will be. Please contact him at richddgm@frontiernet.net or call the Shrine Office at 671-7701 to make reservations. Please give them the names and addresses of your guests, so a formal invitation can be sent to them.

#### Appointment

Last month, I had the pleasure of informing you that W.: Mike Nohle had been appointed to a Grand Lodge Staff Officer position. Now I have the pleasure of telling you that W.: Ron Bryant has been appointed to the position of AGL (Assistant Grand Lecturer). That position carries the title of Very Worshipful. I am proud to be able to tell you that another Webster Lodge Brother is working in the quarries making a difference for the betterment of the Craft.

As Ron and I joined Webster Lodge in the same class, and I have followed him throughout our Masonic Careers, I think he has finally made an advance in which I won't follow him, but you never know. I wish Ron all the best and I am confident he will do himself and our Lodge proud as he has always done in the past.

**NORTHFIELD**  
**Lodge No. 426**  
**Instituted March 1857**  
 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.  
 Master  
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 D. Spillane  
 334-6596  
 W.: John A. Dudley, Secretary  
 586-6426  
 jdudley1@rochester.rr.com  
 17 Church Street, Pittsford 14534

By Erik Loepker, Sr. Deacon

Communication is a fundamental aspect of our Fraternity. In fact, I'd say that it is an integral part of being human. Observe, if you will, the modes that have been created to propagate this essential facet - newspaper, bulletins, telephone, telegraph, smoke signals, semaphore, Morse code, town criers, the Internet, email, television, cell

phones and radio to name a few. In addition to that far-from-exhaustive list, we must add to it more intimate settings as well, such as prayer and our own Rituals.

All told, these are used for the purpose of transmitting thoughts between people and groups. Such thoughts can be silly and whimsical ("Say, did you hear the one about..."), factual and informative ("Today, the price of gas..."), pretentious and fatuous ("Next up: the pop idol princess who can't..."), or wise and serious. There is no limit for communication. But what, you ask, makes me bring this up?

On April 3rd, the Brothers of Northfield Lodge did a fine presentation of our Fraternity's 2nd Degree. This Degree always has a special place in my heart. I remember being deeply impressed by the Middle Chamber Lecture when I was Passed. Its profound message is delivered with a complex style, yet when conveyed with just the right cadence and animation, it draws in all that hear it and communicates to them sincere truths.

The process of making this communication work was pulled together by Brother James Deasey, III who took the role of Worshipful Master for this Degree. A special thanks is given to W.: Randy Griswold who filled in as Junior Warden at the last minute. Also in attendance, we had the pleasure of V.: W.: John Dyer, AGL; W.: William Edwards of Webster Lodge; and Brother Ricardo Ruiz of West Broward Lodge. (Brother Ruiz was visiting from Florida.) Of course, it was wonderful to have W.: Brother Michael Zona, Sr., in attendance for the Degree.

**ERAC**  
**Lodge No. 163**  
 2nd & 4th Mondays  
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 Secretary  
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 346-4380  
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 website: www.eraclodge163.org

#### Scottish Rite Presentation

On Monday, March 24th, Ill.: John Zabel, 33°, Commander-in-Chief of the Valley of Rochester, gave a talk on the Scottish Rite. His presentation was well received and a number of questions were asked. Almost all of ERAC's new Brothers were in attendance.

#### Blood Drive

On Monday, April 7th, members of ERAC and the East Rochester Volunteer Ambulance Corps assisted the American Red Cross in hosting a Blood Drive. Thanks to Brother John Jamele for providing guidance on this effort.

#### Newly Raised Brothers

In January, ERAC had 12 Candidates Initiated into the Craft. In February, all were Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft. In March, one Brother was Raised to the Degree of Master Mason. The remaining 11 were Raised on April 12th.

#### General Douglas MacArthur Award

ERAC is presenting The General Douglas A. MacArthur Youth Award for Exemplary Service to the Youth of the State of New York to Mr. Thomas Masterton.



Front row, left to right, Michael Vanas, D'wayne Simmons, Ahmad English, James Mac Duff, Frank Valente Jr. Back row, left to right, Robert Kostin, W.: Sean McKenna, Ryan Reese, Erick Black, Zacharey Taylor, Charles Crawford, Dennis Carroll. Missing from picture Bruce Katz. Bruce did the 1st and 2nd Degrees with the above group, but was going to be out of town for the 3rd Degree, which he took a month earlier.

Some of Tom's qualifications are:

- Adult Leader since 1992
- Scoutmaster of Troop 260, St. Joseph's Church in Penfield, since 1999
- Summer Camp Leader since 1997, 2 week period each year
- 9 years in the Arrowhead District Training Staff; 8 years on the Otetiana Council Training Staff
- 11 Years as Chairman of "Scouting for Food" - Pack 206 and Troop 260

Some of the awards that Tom has received include:

- District Award of Merit and Bronze Pelican Award - 1998

- Monroe County American Legion Scouter of the Year - 2002
  - Scout Master Award of Merit - 2002
  - Order of the Arrow Vigil Honor - 2003
  - Silver Beaver Award - 2003
- Lastly, under Tom's guidance and oversight, over 20 Scouts from Troop 260 have achieved the rank of Eagle Scout.

#### Upcoming Events

May 12th - Annual Meeting, Lodge of Remembrance

June 9th - Installation of new Officers

Cheers to all!

#### May

1965 - Nathaniel H. Finch, Laverne P. Boyd and Kenneth P. Hance

1968 - Frederick S. Hance

1975 - David L. Tallman

1977 - David L. Hurlburt

By the time this article reaches most of our Brothers, the Brotherhood Fund drive for this year will be close to wrapping up. Thank you to all Brothers from Oakland Lodge who contributed to this cause once again. Your generosity and support of this Program just goes to show that this is the greatest Fraternity in the world and one of which I'm proud to be a part.

Oakland Lodge has two Regular Communications for the month of May. The first will be held on Tuesday, May 6th. The agenda is the presentation by the Nomination Committee for next year's Officers of Oakland Lodge. The second Communication will be held on Tuesday, May 20th. The agenda for this meeting will be the Election of Officers for next year. All members are encouraged to come and participate in both of these Communications.

#### Ladies Night

Every year Oakland Lodge hosts its Annual Ladies Night Out. This year it will be on Tuesday, June 17th. The main purpose of this evening is to thank our Ladies for all the nights they spent home alone while we were attending Communications, performing Degree work, or furthering our Masonic knowledge via the many educational opportunities offered to us.

I'm letting everybody know early so they can keep this date open. The reason being, it's possible we might be presenting a 50-year Certificate and Pin on this evening. What better way to congratulate a Brother for his many years of Masonic Service than enjoying an evening of fine dining and conversation. The place and time will be finalized by next month's article.

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**Oakland Lodge**  
**No. 379, F. & A.M.**  
 1st and 3rd Tuesdays  
 (Jan., Feb., Mar.: 1st Tuesday only)  
 Master  
 W.: Robert  
 E. Kemp  
 493-5278  
 Secretary  
 W.: Richard L. Smith  
 493-5408  
 134 South Main Street, Castile 14427

By Kenneth E. Smith

Spring is finally here. The warmer weather also means Lodge is a little fuller at our Regular Communications. Our Southern-bound Brothers have made their pilgrimage back to the Northeast and joined us once again. Our Lodge has many things still to accomplish before we leave the quarries and put down our working tools for the Summer.

A Nomination Committee has been formed by our Worshipful Master to start formalizing a lineup for next year. The Committee is looking for some new blood to fill the Chairs. If you have not sat in a Chair recently or have the desire to fill a particular Chair, please contact W.: Kenneth Smith, W.: Henry Robinson or W.: David Beardsley. Please submit your request on or before the May 6th Communication.

Due to my computer failure the weekend before last month's *Masonic Times* article was due, I didn't get the chance to congratulate those Brothers of Oakland Lodge who were Raised or Affiliated during the month of April. Therefore, I now congratulate those who were either Raised or Affiliated during both April and May:

#### April

- 1946 - Norman O. Smith
- 1957 - Robert L. Kingsley
- 1962 - Robert E. Kemp
- 1980 - Raymond W. Minnick
- 1986 - Henry W. Robinson
- 2003 - Michael E. Rhodes, Sr.





# Damascus News

Damascus Shrine Center No. 2

May 2008

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

**Website**  
[www.damascusshriners.org](http://www.damascusshriners.org)

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



**LARRY CANFIELD**  
**POTENTATE**

I'll begin by saying congratulations to Rich Friedman, Bruce Chilton and Oscar Wilson for a great job at the Table Lodge. It was a great event. Imperial Sir Mike Severe, Imperial High Priest and Prophet, was a wonderful addition to the Table Lodge.

A tip of the Fez to Ken Pollard for a job well done. He received a special award from Springfield Hospital for perfect attendance at the Board Meetings. A special appreciation award was also presented to him from Damascus Temple. Ken is truly what a Hospital Representative is all about.

Ill. Bruce Chilton and Andy Rueby are putting together a great Circus. There will be a full report in the next issue of the *Damascus News*.

Debbie Faro and her newly formed Garden Club did an outstanding job in re-doing the gardens in front of the Shrine Center. It is important for everyone who

visits that we present a good image. Her team sure made that happen. I do suspect we will see nothing but good things in the future from the Garden Club. Thanks again.

**Hospital Donations**

We were able to drop off several items at Eric Hospital in April. Some of the items donated were a car seat and booster seat, along with several home made items and donated clothing. A special thank you to our Ladies and Daughters of the Nile for their great help. Keep in mind this project will run through the end of 2008. Only new items can be donated. There is still a need for car seats, booster seats, sheets, pillows and clothing. We are off to a good start so let's keep it going.

The donations in the Piggy Banks are doing very well. We appreciate the efforts of our Clubs and Units. We ask that each Club and Unit send in the monies that they have collected. If you fill a bank, empty it out and start again. This money is all being donated to the Hospitals. We have also collected dollars from our local restaurants, Union Hill and Konstantinou in Ontario. A big thank you to both of them for letting us place the banks at their locations.

Our May meeting will be a regular meeting with a dinner. The ladies are invited to join us for dinner and then attend a special Jewelry Making Program put on by Debbie Collier while we have our meeting.

The Square Dance, originally scheduled for the evening, will be rescheduled.

Damascus, Palong with the Auburn Shrine Club, is sponsoring a very special event in June at the Merry-Go-Round Playhouse. The presentation will be "All Shook Up" on June 16th. The show begins at 7:30 p.m., preceded by a dinner. This is an outstanding program and truly a different evening and one to be enjoyed by all. The cost of dinner and the show is \$50 per person. Reservations must be made no later than May 14th. Please call the Office at (585) 671-7701 with your reservation.

**Sickness and Distress**

As many know, our Assistant Rabban, Bill Kuehne, has taken ill. Please keep Bill and his Lady Sandy in your thoughts and prayers.

We lost two Nobles this month. Noble Bill Zufall was a long-time member of the Degree Team and a great friend to all. Noble George Huther has also passed away. Noble George was a very special person. His work with children through the Huther-Doyle Clinic will be long-remembered.

**Special Recognitions**

I have the Honor of Announcing that Bill Kuehne was awarded his Emeritus status for Eric Hospital. This was made possible by Imp. Sir Mike Severe, Imp. Sir Ralph Semb, Ill. Lyle Maldoon and Ill. Bruce Chilton. A special presentation was held in April.

It also gives me great pleasure to announce that our June Ceremonial will be the William J. Kuehne Class, in honor of our Assistant Rabban. We need to make this a very special event for everyone.

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Ill. Larry Canfield, Potentate, reads from Special Award presented to Noble Ken Pollard (center) from the Springfield Hospital for Perfect Attendance at Board Meetings. Witnessing the event is Imperial Sir Michael Severe, Colorado, guest speaker.



**JIM SLOCUM**  
**RECORDER**

The Table Lodge at the April meeting of the Damascus Shrine went well. The minutes of the meeting are as follows:

The Shrine Meeting was opened at 6:15 p.m. with a prayer offered by Noble and Reverend Charles Roberts. The Table Lodge was dedicated to Assistant Rabban William Kuehne, along with a prayer for his health.

The Financial Report was submitted for presentation and approval. Noble Ken Pollard was asked to approach the East and the Potentate presented him with a Perfect Attendance Certificate from the Springfield Hospital and a Certificate of Appreciation from the Damascus Shrine Center.

Imp. Sir Michael G. Severe, Imperial High Priest and Prophet, gave a short talk, and commented that this was the first time he had attended a Table Lodge.

After the meal, the meeting was turned over to High Priest & Prophet Rich Friedman who was Master of Ceremonies for the Table Lodge. Noble Ken Pollard gave the first toast to the Countries of the Shrine. Two Anthems were sung — "O Canada" and "America the Beautiful."

Ill. Robert Anderson, PP, gave the second toast to the Shrine of North America and the memory of its founders.

Ill. Derek VanHouten, PP, gave the third toast to the Imperial Potentate and the Imperial Council.

Noble Rick Howe gave the fourth toast to the Shriner's Creed - Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love — and that Shriners believe that caring for children is our calling. We sang the song, "It's Great to be a Shriner."

Noble Oscar Wilson gave the fifth toast to our Past and Present Potentates.

Noble Gary Burke gave the sixth toast to the World's Greatest Philanthropy.

Noble Rich Friedman gave the seventh toast to the Outer Guards. Everybody seemed to enjoy the camaraderie and sharing of the wine.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

**Check Your Dues Card**

If you are not current with payment of your Dues, please write that check and become current!

## Don't Miss this Special Event!

By Richard C. Friedman, High Priest and Prophet

**Saturday, May 17th, Damascus Shrine Center**  
**Program begins at 4:30 p.m.**

Masons and non-Masons (and their spouses) who may have an interest in joining the Shrine and the Craft are invited. Bring a Brother or a Friend and you and your spouse will receive a free Steak Dinner as well. The fare for Dinner is \$10 per person, if you don't have anyone to bring but still want to come for the program.

See the form in the advertisement on the next page, fill out the information

and send it to Rich Friedman, 38 Pioneer Drive, Fairport, NY 14450. You may also call in the information to (585) 271-2775 or (585) 425-1981, or email it to:

[richddgm@frontiernet.net](mailto:richddgm@frontiernet.net)

When the names and addresses are received, a personalized letter of invitation will be sent directly to your guest.

Let's keep our Masonic Membership growing.



Imp. Sir Michael Severe addresses Nobles gathered for Table Lodge. High Priest and Prophet, Richard Friedman, Event Chairman, and Ill. Derek VanHouten give a toast.



## PERRY SHRINE CLUB

By Edgar Hollwedel

The March meeting had a great turnout and we heard about Salt Rising Bread from Max Smith. After his presentation he gave all in attendance a loaf of bread and some donuts. What a treat!

The April meeting had John Hodgins as a speaker and he told us about what it is like to be an artist and a controversial local cartoonist.

The May 22nd meeting will be at The Hole-in-the-Wall Restaurant in Perry and the speaker will be Roy Humberstone. He will tell us about his trip from England to the United States.

The June 26th meeting will be at the Silver Lake Golf Club. It will be Ladies Night and Howard Wood will tell us about the origin of the Mini-Cars. This location will be a great treat because the owner plans to build a new facility this Winter at this very picturesque location. As always, Cocktails are at 6 p.m., Dinner is at 7 p.m. and we order from the menu. Friends and Spouses are always welcome.

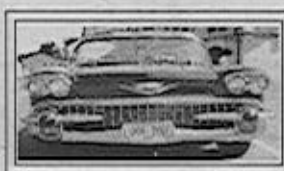
We are still putting together a new email list to replace much of the postage needed for reminder cards. If you have a new email address or one we don't have, please send it to:

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

A notice was sent to the new list for the April Meeting. Therefore, if you received a notice you are on the list. Thanks much for your help.

See you all soon.

# CRUZ-IN'



# FOR CHARITY!

## CLASSIC CAR CRUISE NIGHT COMING TO THE SHRINE CENTER

By Paul J. Kolacki

If the sleek body lines of a Vintage Automobile and the sound of some real horsepower under the hood makes your heart beat just a little bit faster, we've got an event coming up that's sure to get your motor racing! Beginning in May, and running until the last week of July, the Damascus Shrine will host a weekly *Classic Car Cruise Night*. We hope this will bring in cars and spectators from around Monroe and surrounding counties. Traditionally, Cruise Nights in the area have been a big draw for car owners and spectators alike. Some offer more than others, but all of us at the Damascus Shrine believe you need to go big, or go home! BIG is what this event promises to be, and here are the details.

The event is called *Cruz-In' for Charity with the Damascus Shriners*. It will be held every Thursday night from 5-8 p.m. at the Damascus Shrine Center, beginning May 29th, and running until July 31st (weather permitting). Classic cars and motorcycles of every kind are welcome.



Musical entertainment will be provided by LASER SOUND, the Mobile DJ and Radio Broadcasting Professionals ([www.rochesterprodj.com](http://www.rochesterprodj.com)).

They will MC the events and host weekly Music Trivia and Dance contests for prizes. Of course, all your favorite car songs and classics will be played as well. Concession Stands will be operating from 5-7 p.m., selling your favorite food and drink.

The Shrine Center will be open to the public, providing indoor seating for dining and bar services. Each week, spectators will have the chance to vote for their favorite car and motorcycle. The owners of those vehicles will win a great prize and get their pictures and names posted on the Damascus Shrine website. 50/50 Raffle Tickets will be sold, and multiple winners announced, plus The Shrine Clowns will be on hand to provide entertainment to kids of ALL ages in a way that only they can do.

ALL PROCEEDS will benefit the Shriners Hospitals for Children. Whether you own a classic car or motorcycle, or just really love being around them, be sure to bring the family and a camera, and come join us Thursday Nights for a Cruise Night Event like no other in the area.

### There's More!

Finally, in addition to the Cruise Nights, the Shrine will also play host to our 1st

Annual Classic Car Show - "Shine it for Shrine" - to be held on Saturday, August 2nd. More details will be coming soon about this great event.

### Volunteers Needed

As you know, Cruise Nights and Car Shows are fun for all involved, but it takes a great deal of preparation to make it work. So, we are asking for volunteers to come out and help support our efforts. We're looking for assistance with early set-up, concession stands, security, raffle tickets/prize giveaways, car show registration, clean-up and clowns. We'll also need volunteers to help us pass out flyers at other area Car Cruises beginning in May in an effort to get the word out about our event.

If you can help us out, please contact Event Chairman, Noble Paul Kolacki at (585) 764-1189 ([usafpilot@rochester.rr.com](mailto:usafpilot@rochester.rr.com)), or Noble Oscar Wilson. More information is also available on the Damascus Shrine website: [www.damascusshriners.com](http://www.damascusshriners.com). We look forward to seeing YOU this Summer!



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

By Richard C. Friedman,  
High Priest and Prophet

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

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

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

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

[richddgm@frontiernet.net](mailto:richddgm@frontiernet.net).

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

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



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**Zama Temple No. 14  
Queen Lutgarda Houston**



By Ellie Canfield, PQ

**Installation**

Zama Temple held its 86th Annual Installation of Officers on Sunday, April 6th, at the Fairport Masonic Lodge Hall. The program opened with a musical prelude by Isabel Keuther, PQ, from Athor Temple No. 19, Buffalo. That was followed by the escort of Junior Past Queen Debi Burke by Ellie Canfield, Pr. Marshal. The entrance of the Bible was by Jean Friedrich, PQ; entrance of the Crown by Carol Colegrove, PQ; and then the entrance of "Her Majesty," Kitty Noble. Queen Kitty gave her farewell speech, introduced Betty Nohle, PSQ, the Supreme Appointees, Queens and Past Queens of the Order.

Participants in Zama Temple's Installation were:

Installing Officer – Betty Nohle, PSQ  
Installing Marshal – Sharon Spencer, PQ  
Installing Chaplain – Doris Zabel, PQ  
Attendants – Debi Burke, PQ, and Judy VanHouten, PQ.

Queen-Elect Garda Houston entered the Temple wearing a lovely gown of red satin and was presented a bouquet of flowers from her family. All of her 2008 Elected and Appointed Officers took the Obligation and were escorted to their respective stations. The Elected Officers are:

Queen - Lutgarda Houston  
Jr. Past Queen – Kitty Noble  
Pr. Royal – Nancy Lynch  
Pr. Tirzah – Joyce Bernhardt  
Pr. Badoura – Gail Sanford  
Pr. Recorder – Carol Colegrove, PQ  
Pr. Banker – Vicki Ball, PQ

Queen Garda introduced her family and said it was a pleasure to be Queen of Zama Temple again. Queen Garda called for the signing of the Bible by Kitty Noble, now Jr. PQ, and Debi Burke was given her "Life Membership Certificate." Ill. Sir Larry Canfield, Potentate of Damascus Shriners, was escorted to the Throne and introduced those who were present from his Divan.

Ill. Larry spoke about the Shriners Hospital for Children in Erie and congratulated Zama Temple and the Shrine Ladies for all their donations of clothing, diapers, car seats and booster seats for the Erie Hospital.

This is a special project for his wife this year as First Lady of Damascus Shrine. She would like to continue this special project for this year. There appears to be a need, as some of the children who come to the Hospital do not have these items. Should you be interested in donating, please contact either Larry or Ellie and they will be able to give you more details.

We were entertained by Zama Temple Pageantry, who gave a wonderful performance under the direction of Sharon Baldwin, PQ. A Reception and Dinner were held at the Green Lantern Inn. It was a perfect ending to a beautiful day.

**Plans for the Year**

Queen Garda has some new ideas this year for having fun, as well as working for the children. We will be having a "Silent Card Party," perhaps a "No-Bake Project," Fairport's Scarecrow Days (with Chili, Face Painting and items for sale). New this year, after many years

of not sewing, we will begin a Sewing Group. This group will be making pillowcases, surgical sheets and bags for the children. We need everyone's help. Should you not sew, you can cut, fold or buy material to make these projects and someone else will do the sewing. Let's try very hard to have fun and, at the same time, work for the children.

Again I ask everyone to PLEASE support your Queen this year. Should you know of any member who needs a ride or a visit, please let our Queen know. There are many members who would be glad to help. Remember this little saying, "Who has not felt lonely?"

Please keep reading these articles as you may find them interesting, as well as you will know what is happening at Zama Temple. Better yet, come out and join us! We meet at 10 a.m., and we always have a lunch after the meeting. Next month I hope to have some very interesting "NEW" news for you.

Thank you and God Bless.

*Dedicated to the  
Memory of Nobles:*

**Daniel C. Burdell**  
January 9, 2008

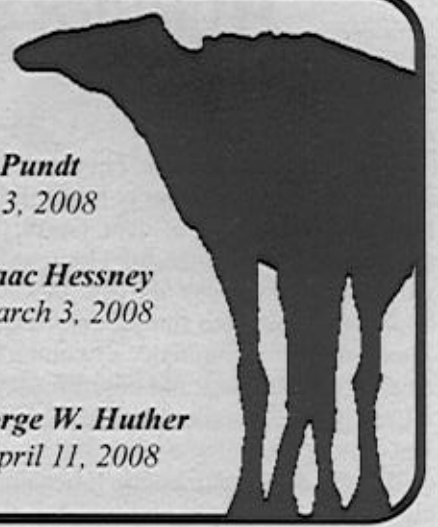
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at Shriners Hospitals*

Larry Canfield, Potentate

**Happy Birthday to May Celebrants...**

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**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
- Recorders' 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



## AUBURN SHRINE CLUB

By David Bowman

To bring you up-to-date, February was a Valentine's get-together at the Holiday Inn in Auburn. Our President, Gerry, did a great job. I'm not sure, but I believe his wife had a new dress and we all know how something like that comes about! There was dinner music, a wonderful meal, great company and door prizes.

I would be remiss not to mention that Ted Tennant donated a beautiful power drill to the door prize booty. It became a highlight of the night and was the first prize drawn. OK, you already guessed, Ted won the drill back! After many laughs and jokes, it was donated again with the understanding that it would be auctioned. No, you're wrong this time, he didn't bid on it. It did bring in a hefty bid, which was most appreciated.

At our last meeting, we had many great friends visit us from Damascus Temple's, Geneva Shrine Club and Tigris Temple.

Our March meeting was a dinner at the Old Erie on which I have already reported.

Larry Pritchard has returned from Florida. This guy looked forward to it as he and I were in charge of a Table Lodge at our local Lodge.

### Where's Ken?

So, where's Ken? Well, he is busy making plans for our May meeting. So far we know it's on Sunday, May 18th, at Springside Inn in Auburn. It will be the famous Brunch and reservations should be made with Ken as soon as possible as there are only 35 reserved places and you don't want to miss out. Who knows, maybe he will return to writing this column after seeing the mess that I'm making of it.

### Night at the Theater

The Damascus Shrine has purchased a block of tickets for the Merry-Go-Round Playhouse production of "All Shook Up" at Emerson Park. The date is Monday, June 16th; the curtain goes up at 7:30 p.m. Cost of the tickets is \$30 and can be booked through Larry Pritchard at (315) 252-4309 or email the guy at draco15@verizon.net.

## Calendar Winners for March

DAY	NO.	WINNER
3/1	413	Mac Gath
3/2	803	Mike Goodman
3/3	669	Steve Campisi
3/4	772	Damascus Shrine
3/5	424	Jane Kahn
3/6	451	Fred Carlone
3/7	323	Damascus Shrine
3/8	492	Scott Swinton
3/9	811	Patrick Castania
3/10	387	Todd Statt
3/11	662	Barbara Marren
3/12	855	John Hermet
3/13	816	Mary Louise Hollwedel
3/14	194	Damascus Shrine
3/15	332	Jo Kiesa
3/16	925	Sean Stringer
3/17	295	Xavier Aguirre
3/18	606	Roland Ford
3/19	728	Robert Anderson, Sr.
3/20	981	Anthony Moran
3/21	173	Edward Derrenbacher
3/22	776	Damascus Shrine
3/23	369	Edgar Hollwedel
3/24	110	Damascus Shrine
3/25	775	Damascus Shrine
3/26	593	Virginia Wrubel
3/27	264	Frank Guren
3/28	089	Damascus Shrine
3/29	752	Damascus Shrine
3/30	677	Damascus Shrine
3/31	117	Robert Tansley

Also, there is a dinner at Lakeside Country Club before the show for a cost of \$20. That dinner will be served promptly at 5:30 p.m. in order to enjoy dinner and make the theater time. Those reservations can also be made with Larry (see above!).

One last thing ... Do you already have Season Tickets? You can switch them to our Monday night by calling the Box Office and tell them to switch you to the seating with the Shrine for that night. Oh, and let Larry know also so he doesn't sell your seat. You would look foolish sitting in someone's lap.

I'm Dave Bowman. I'm the guy who sends out the invitations to our monthly meetings. People call me the Club Secretary to my face, and I don't want to know what behind my back. 'Till next time....

## SHRINE LUNCH CLUB

By James Toogood

Ladies Day Lunch Club will be at the Nutcracker Restaurant at 2159 Empire Boulevard on Monday May 19th. No reservations needed.

## 2008 Damascus News Boosters

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 Terry & Jo-Carroll Wihlen, Sr.

Thank You!

## DIRECTORS STAFF

By Vance Collom

The Directors Staff members enjoyed a great dinner at DiPacific's Restaurant in March with 23 members and guests in attendance. We thank Director Lee Collier for giving the Invocation and Benediction at our meetings.

We wish Frank Ghyzel a quick recovery from surgery last month.

A tip of the Fez to Joe Nye for bringing in two large plastic bags of soft animals and toys for children in the Shrine Hospitals. Joe has a big heart for the children in our Hospitals.

### Communications

Please watch for this news article each month for information of upcoming events for the Directors Staff. Most members will receive the meeting notice by email as we are reducing the postcard mailings to better control costs. If you need a postcard reminder of our next meeting information and are not receiving a card, please contact me at (585) 217-9817.

There are many activities coming up this Spring, so mark your calendar, ask a friend to join you and enjoy an evening out of the house.

Your support of the 22 Shrine Hospitals for Children is more important than you think. The Hospitals have helped 855 thousand children. Your dollars help support the thousands of surgeries, physical therapy, occupational therapy, outpatient clinic visits and checkups each year at a cost of \$2.26 million per day. So don't miss a chance to fatten up the pig this year. The easiest way to donate is to write a check.

### Potentate

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Let's get the Petitions in and make this class as Billy Fuccillo says HUGGGGGE.

### Erie Trip

We have our Erie Trip scheduled for June 1st. The bus will leave the Shrine Center at 7 a.m. The trip is FREE. Jim Slocum has promised special items for the trip. We will be going to Zem Zem Shrine Center for an early dinner following the program at Erie Hospital. The cost for dinner will be \$13.50 per person. The Wheelers will be riding to Erie on Saturday and we hope to have a great turnout. Thanks to Rick Ponticello and Kevin Faro for making the arrangements.

### Genesee Country Day

Save the date of July 20th. We will be going to the Genesee Country Museum in Mumford for the Civil War program. This is a great event and is open to all. Admission is FREE. There will be a

### Coming Events

Saturday, May 3rd - Directors Staff Fundraiser for the Hospitals. We plan to be selling apples in Webster. Start at 9 a.m. - Location TBD. Director Lee Collier has obtained the apples for a very good price. We will hope for nice weather again this year.

May 10th - The "Lilac Parade" (this year's first parade). Our members have a lot of fun at numerous parades each Summer. Some ride in old cars, some in mini-cars and some on the Director Staff's Fire Truck. We have a place reserved for you, so come out and smell the Lilacs!

Saturday, May 17th - Brother Bring-a-Brother/Friend Dinner Program. This event is important to all of us to keep the Shrine growing. Guests and their sponsor eat free. Ladies are invited and encouraged to attend this informative event. If you ask several Masons or friends to come and see what is happening at Damascus Shrine, one will usually say, "yes."

Wednesday, June 4th - "Hot Sand Degree." Contact me if you would like to help prepare a new skit for this Degree. The skits are designed for the enjoyment of all. Any Noble who would like to participate in a skit is welcome to join the Directors Staff.

Wednesday, May 28th - Our next meeting will be 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!

lunch at noon at a cost of \$13.50 per person, Children under 12 will be \$8 and Children under 6 are free. The event starts at 2 p.m. Ken Milner is co-coordinating the event. RESERVATIONS are REQUIRED and must be made no later than July 11th. Contact the Shrine Office for your ticket and dinner reservations.

Congratulations to Lutgarda Houston. She was installed as Queen of Zama Temple, Daughters of the Nile in April. We wish her all the best in the coming year.

One last item ... We need to know how many are planning on attending the Imperial Session in St. Louis. If you are planning on going PLEASE contact the Shrine Center and let them know. The Office will provide information such as room reservations and other planned events to you.

Remember this is your Shrine Center, and only you can make it happen. So let's get out and support your Shrine Center.



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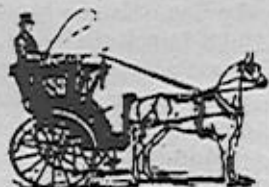
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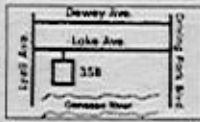
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## Oakland

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I hope this article finds my fellow Brothers enjoying a happy and healthy start to the Spring Season. May we never forget those who have and are still fighting to keep this great nation of ours free and safe. A nation that allows all of us the freedom to meet, act and part. May the blessings of Heaven fall upon all my fellow Brothers and families wherever they maybe throughout the world. ✖

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Spring is time for rebirth and renewal. Flowers are growing

and the birds are migrating back from the South. LeRoy has had sightings of annual return of the Snowbirds! Glad to see some old and familiar faces again.

Our May 7th meeting will be Election of Officers. It is our hope to have a full slate of dedicated volunteers. After a long stretch, our Treasurer would like to step down. If you have any questions about this position and what is involved, feel free to contact either the Master or the Treasurer. Once again, thank you to Clayton for his Dedicated Service to Olive Branch.

Congratulations to Brother Merton Reynolds on 50-years of service to the Craft. He was Raised on May 21, 1958. Thanks for all your support over the years. He is living in Bergen close by LeRoy.

Olive Branch Lodge has a great treasure trove in our vault. The only problem is, there is a bit too much stuff at times. During the past Winter, we have been pulling a box out occasionally to find out what we have.

One of our greatest finds has been the original Lodge Seal. You may ask why would a Lodge have more than one seal? We

had to get a new one in 1835 when Grand Lodge re-numbered the Lodges that survived the Morgan Affair. Olive Branch was No. 215. It was an odd coincidence we became No. 39 in 1839. Being frugal, the Lodge tried to cut corners. Rather than order a new Seal they tried to just etch No. 39 over the No. 215. It didn't work very well so they eventually bought the current Seal.

Who knows what else we might turn up? We will keep you posted.

Please remember the Election of Officers on May 7th! ✖

## Taxes! Taxes! Taxes!

By Tom Michielsen

Whew!! The Tax Season rush is over. Now we can relax and turn our thoughts to Spring and Summer activities. Let us all enjoy the good and endure the bad; change what we can and let what we can't pass as quickly as possible.

Mistakes! Who makes mistakes? Everyone makes mistakes occasionally! If you filed your Tax Return before April 3rd and have not received your refund check yet, you may have made one or more of the following common mistakes made by individuals this year:

1) Choosing the wrong filing status. For example, taxpayers often incorrectly claim the "Head of Household" filing status without meeting the requirements for that status.

2) Failing to include or using incorrect Social Security Numbers. As stated in an earlier article, the names and Social Security Numbers included on a Return must agree exactly with your Social Security Cards.

3) Failing to put your information on the correct line of the Return. Some list their taxable pension income on the line for Schedule E income and then on the New York State Return they try to deduct that pension on the line for federal adjustments. This frequently generates letters from both governments which upsets and scares the individual.

4) Did you sign and date your Return? If not, it will not be accepted until it is.

5) Did you claim a dependent that either does not qualify or claimed themselves on their own Return? College students file Returns without talking to their parents and can cause problems for them and their parents.

6) Failing to check if you are liable for the Alternative Minimum Tax. More taxpayers are becoming liable for the AMT because of the changing tax laws.

### Classifying Workers

Being an employer carries important responsibilities. Critical issues include making sure all workers are properly classified as Employees or Independent Contractors and

making sure taxes are withheld and paid in a timely way.

It is a common misconception that someone working part time or earning less than \$600 per year should be classified as an Independent Contractor. But, in fact, part time status and the number of hours worked are generally not factors that determine whether a worker is an Employee or Independent Contractor.

### Worker Classification

Employers must withhold Social Security and Income Taxes from Employee paychecks. Conversely, Independent Contractors are responsible for reporting and paying their own Social Security and Income Taxes.

Businesses use several factors to determine how to classify its workers, including the degree of control the business has over its workers. Generally, the more control the business has over a worker, the more likely it is that the worker is an Employee rather than an Independent Contractor.

Facts that provide evidence of the degree of control and independence fall into three categories:

- 1) Behavioral control
- 2) Financial control
- 3) Type of relationship

**Behavioral Control** relates to whether the business has a right to direct and control how the worker performs the task for which they are hired. In general, anyone who performs services for you is your employee if you can control what will be done and how it will be done. This is so even when you give the employee freedom of action. What matters is that the employer has the right to control the details of how the services are performed. Such details include:

- When and where to do the work
- What tools or equipment to use
- What workers to hire or to assist with the work

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- What work must be performed by a specified individual
- What order or sequence to follow

**Financial Control** looks at whether a worker has the ability to affect financial decisions. Does the worker have a significant investment in assets or tools? Are there unreimbursed expenses that the worker has to bear themselves? Are the worker's services available to the public? What is the method of payment; do they get paid whether the work is done or not or do they get paid only if they finish the job? Independent Contractors can realize a profit or loss on a job. Can the worker make business decisions that affect his bottom line?

**Relationship of the Parties** looks to whether or not there is a contract between the worker and the business and how it is worded; whether the worker gets any type of benefits - vacation and sick pay, pension plan, and health or life insurance; and the permanency of the relationship such as continuing indefinitely or only for a specific project or period. Also, does the worker have his own business, which he markets to others?

### Employment Obligations

If you have employees, you are responsible for several federal, state and, possibly, local taxes. As an employer, you must withhold certain taxes from your employees' paychecks. Before you become an employer and hire employees, you need a federal Employer Identification Number.

### Professional Help

Determining worker status and filing and paying employment taxes can be a complex process. Business owners who need assistance are encouraged to consult a tax professional or payroll service provider.

If you outsource some or all of your payroll duties, you should keep in mind you are still responsible for the payment of the taxes. If a third-party fails to make your employment tax deposits, you are still liable for the unpaid amounts.

Upcoming calendar year taxpayer due dates:

May 15th April Payroll Taxes  
May 31st Exempt Organization Returns

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

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This year the Annual Convention of Grand Post will take place at the Holiday Inn Hotel in Batavia, May 9th, 10th and 11th. This is probably as close to our Post as it's ever going to get, so let's make a concentrated effort to attend. In addition to the regular business of the Convention, there's another reason to attend. The Grand Commander has selected R.:W.: Kenneth Kohlhausen, a Brother from Western New York, to receive the "2008 Mason of the Year" Award. All information, forms, etc., can be obtained through the Adjutant, Vance Collom, or me at the numbers listed elsewhere in this article.

I am very encouraged by the support for our Post's outreach programs. Our first, and oldest program, is the "Operation Paperback" spearheaded by Gil Gelasch, PC, and Chairman. This is where paperback books are collected, packaged and sent to our Troops. So please bring in your soft cover books and Gil and his committee will make sure they get to our deployed Troops.

Another program is the ongoing "Birthday Party Celebration" at the Veterans Hospital in Canandaigua; this is a joint effort with the Damascus Shrine's Legion of Honor and our Post. To be a part of this worthwhile effort, contact Tom Paglia, Chairman of the Masonic Veterans Service Committee (227-2046); Moe Schirano, PC (265-3932); Fred Cornell, PC (352-6477); Vance Collom, Adjutant, or me. This initiative is well received by our Veterans and is heartwarming for us, the volunteers. Please join us; you'll be glad you did.

### Other Happenings

Saturday, May 17th - the 12th Annual Armed Forces Day Celebration will start at 11 a.m. A noon lunch will be at US Airports Hanger, 1295 Scottsville

Road., opposite the Rochester Airport. Displays of military equipment and exhibits will be available. Lunch tickets are \$20. Parking available at the RG&E Training Center on Scottsville Road and busses will take you to Hanger 1295. For more information, call 1-800-845-2412 or email:

[www.armedforcesday.com](http://www.armedforcesday.com).

Sunday, May 18th - the 140th Annual Memorial Day Service at the War Memorial. We are requested to arrive at 2 p.m. for a 3 p.m. Service. Wear as much of your uniform as you have. Everyone is requested to support this event. Ladies invited; all are encouraged to attend.

Wednesday, May 21st - "Birthday Celebration" (see above) at the Canandaigua Veterans Hospital. Lunch at 12:30 p.m., Birthday Party at 2:30 p.m. Call Vance or me at numbers listed elsewhere in this article.

Monday, May 26th - Downtown Memorial Day Parade will mobilize at Prince Street at 9:30 a.m. Ride on the Masonic Float or ride in cars provided. Wear as much of your uniform as you have. The parade starts at 10 a.m.

Monday afternoon, we will march in the Greece Town Parade, mobilize at 1 p.m. on Long Pond Road. at Jaynes Road. The Parade starts at 2 p.m. sharp and travels South about one mile to the Greece Town Hall. March or ride in a car provided.

### May Meeting

Thursday May 22nd - The next meeting of our Post will include the Installation of Officers. This will be an Open Meeting; family and friends are invited to the Fairport Masonic Lodge Hall, located at 87 South Main Street in Fairport at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be preceded by a Roast Beef Dinner prepared by the Eastern Star Chapter ladies and served at 6:30 p.m. Dinner Reservations are a must (we are expecting a large turnout) and can be made by calling me at (315) 597-9546 or emailing me at: [ukcy@juno.com](mailto:ukcy@juno.com) or Vance Collom at 217-9817.

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. Join with your fellow Masonic War Veterans, their families and friends, 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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By Rt. Wthy. Tom Richenderfer

'Tis May, 'tis May, and all of the flowers are blooming (I hope).

As I write this article, Rt. Wthy. Diane and I are about halfway through our schedule of Official Visits to the Chapters in the District. We have really enjoyed the level of Ritual and the Degrees that have been presented to us. The level of enthusiasm is evident in the membership for making each and every one of the Chapters a success. We are also very thankful to the Chapters, their Officers and members for the donations to the charities that we are supporting this year and for all of the lovely gifts we have received. I'm way behind on my thank you notes!

### May Events

During the month of May, Rt. Wthy. Diane and I will be wrapping up the remaining Official Visits in the District. We will be at Fairport on May 6th; I will be at Lilac Star on the 7th to observe the Ritual; and on May 19th we will be at Etolian Chapter.

In addition, we will be traveling to other Districts to attend the Grand Matron's Official Visits. The Cortland-Madison District Official Visit is May 1st, Cayuga District on May 2nd, Livingston District on May 14th, Genesee-Wyoming District on May 15th, Niagara-Orleans District on May 16th, Wayne District on May 29th and Ontario-Seneca-Yates District on May 30th.

### Mark Your Calendar

May 31st - Grand Matron's Official Visit to the Monroe District begins with a luncheon at Rick's Prime Rib House on Buffalo

Road. Cash bar opens at noon, entertainment starts at 12:30 p.m., luncheon is served at 1 p.m. and the meeting starts at 1:45 p.m. The subscription is \$17 per person. Reservations are due by May 14th to Karen Liepold.

### A Special Thank You

When Rt. Wthy. Diane and I visited Mary Jane Holmes Chapter, I was presented with 17 lap robes (either knitted or crocheted), 18 fleece throws and 36 wheelchair bags. All of these items were handcrafted by members and relatives of members of Mary Jane Holmes Chapter for delivery to the Veterans at the Canandaigua VA Hospital.

In addition, they plan to make by this Summer, an equivalent number of items for the patients at the New York State Veterans Home in Batavia, plus some neck pillows. They are also planning a Pie and Ice Cream Social for the patients at the Batavia facility in May and have donated \$50 to the Recreation Funds of these hospitals. They also sent 56 Valentine's Day cards to the Veterans at the Batavia Veterans Home.

I thank Wthy. Joyce Blank, Matron; Wthy. Allen Mercer, Patron; and all the members and friends of Mary Jane Holmes Chapter who took part in this huge undertaking. Your kindness and generosity to our Veterans is outstanding and I hope it will become contagious.

I wish a Happy Mother's Day to all the ladies (it's our turn next month, guys).

Remember - *Be wise in all that you say and do!*

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We have observed exemplary, Standard Ritual Work, for which O/S/Y District has been known at the District Official Visits, and which concluded at our home Chapter, Eagle Star Chapter on April 24th.

Ontario/Seneca/Yates District is looking forward to our Grand Matron's Official Visit on Friday, May 30th. We hope you will be able to join us for this special time. Dinner will be at DiPacific's Restaurant in Farmington. Cash bar - 5:30 p.m.; Dinner - 6:30 p.m.; Meeting - 8:00 p.m. Dinner Subscription is \$25 for your choice of Sliced Roast Beef in Bordelaise Sauce or Chicken French. Please RSVP with your remittance and choice by Thursday, May 15th to: Mrs. Charlotte Trickey, 18 Hamlin Drive, Canandaigua, NY 14424.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the Econo Lodge for Friday evening. Mention "Order of the Eastern Star" when making reservations to receive the

discount rate.

The Grand Matron's Arthritis Foundation pins "Take Control, We Can Help" are still available for a \$5 donation to support the 2008 Combined Projects. District symbols - the sailboat and anchor - are also available in each Chapter to support our District Hospice Homes. All of these pins may be worn by members and non-members alike.

Rt. Wthy. Paul and I have been traveling to Grand Official Visits around the State and encourage you to join us. It is always nice to renew Fraternal friendships and make new ones.

As Springtime planting approaches, place your order for 4" pots of red, white or pink geraniums from the OSY District members for only \$3 each. The deadline for ordering these beautiful plants is Thursday, May 1st. Pickup is on Saturday, May 10th. (the day before Mother's Day) at Eagle Star Chapter, 4994 County Road 36, Honeoye.

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

With Fraternal Charity, Truth and Loving Kindness remember...

*Do all the good you can  
By all the means you can  
In all the ways you can  
In all the places you can  
At all the time you can  
To all the people you can  
As long as ever you can.*

John Wesley

## Corinthian Fellowship

Chapter No. 322

Order of the Eastern Star  
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March found us in full swing and back to Chapter meetings, with an Official Visit on April 9th. Thanks to everyone who helped fill the chairs.

### Upcoming Meetings

May 14th - Regular meeting; Master Mason's Night

May 28th - Sweet Sixteen Birthday Dinner, 6 p.m.; Open Meeting follows at 7:30 p.m. Adult - \$7, Children 4 and under - \$4, Family rate - \$26. RSVP requested by Friday, May 16th to Laurie Randolph (352-3846) or Norma Lee (442-4109).

At this Open Meeting, the girls of Fidelity Triangle No. 4 will present a program, *Motion Choir*. The girls are between 10 and 21 years of age. Any Master Masons or Eastern Star Members who know girls in this age range, are encouraged to bring them to this Open Meeting. It's a good time to invite friends and neighbors to join you.

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

### My Opening Hymn

There are so many areas to tap into that will make Rochester a stronger city - Education, Housing, Jobs and Environment being some and illustrated in my Opening Hymn.

### "I Would Be True"

I would be true,  
For there are those who trust me;  
I would be pure,  
For there are those who care;  
I would be strong,  
For there is much to suffer;  
I would be brave,  
For there is much to dare.

I close with my "word" - Faith. "Both faith and fear sail into the harbor of your mind, but only faith should be allowed to anchor." - Anonymous

## Fidelity Triangle #4 presents ...

# Fidel-La-Tea-Da

Saturday, May 10th  
5 p.m.

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RSVP before May 1st to Doreen or Wendy at 621-6051



Lilac Star Chapter #57  
Order of the Eastern Star

## Card Party and Luncheon

Monday, May 5th, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Webster Lodge Hall 30 Orchard Street

Proceeds to benefit "Habitat for Humanity"

Chicken and Biscuit Luncheon  
will be served at 12 Noon

(You may attend the Luncheon and not stay for cards.)  
Donation \$7

For reservations, please call  
671-6152 or 964-2135



## Constellation of Junior Stars ... An Opportunity for Young Girls

By Erik Loepker

F. & A.M. Northfield Lodge is proud to announce its intent to sponsor the formation of a Constellation of Junior Stars based from its 17 Church Street, Pittsford location. Brother Todd Enright will be the point-of-contact, 820-7109.

Young women, age 10-21, from Monroe and surrounding coun-

ties are encouraged to apply. Learn essential life skills: public speaking, organizing events, poise, grace, leadership and character. Foster a caring attitude and take an active role in your Community. Parent and Child Informational meetings will be announced, so keep a look out!

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# Scottish Rite NEWS

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## College of Freemasonry

Our signature event, the *College of Freemasonry*, was held on April 4th and April 5th. Friday evening was a great dinner, followed by a trip down memory lane with Brother Randy Riggles. He took us through the 40s, 50s and 60s and brought back many memories, at least for me. We thank Brother Rick Howe for his assistance with the lighting and audiovisual portion of Brother Riggles' act.

On Saturday, Ill.: and Rev. J. R. Selders, 33°, presented us with magic, humor and motivation. Brother Selders came to us from Youngstown, OH, where he is a preacher and a motivational speaker. His mix of magic and humor helped convey his message of how we can bring our Masonic experience and our Lodges into this Century. He discussed how to meet the needs of our Brothers today without making changes where they're not needed.

Ill.: Peter Samiec, 33°, Active Member of Supreme Council, followed Brother Selders. Brother Samiec is from Fort Johnson, NY. He brought his unique perspective on Freemasonry in today's society to us. I would hope that all the Brothers in attendance gained as much from Brother Samiec as I did.

The Valley, for the second year, presented the Ill.: Thomas Jackson, 33°, Masonic Education Award to two deserving Brothers. Brother Jackson attended again this year to present the Awards to our own Ill.: Charles Hancock, 33°, and to Ill.: Mark Tabbart, 33°. Brother Hancock was presented the Award for his writing, while Commander-in-Chief of the Valley, on the Scottish Rite Degrees. Brother Tabbart, author of the book "American Freemasonry, Three Centuries of Building Communities," was presented the Award not only for his book, but also for all his work for both the National Heritage Museum in Lexington, MA, and the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, VA.

The College integrated a panel discussion on Freemasonry today. The panel included all of our speakers, the Award recipients, Brother Jackson, Dr. Cook and Ill.: Ed Trosin, 33°, PGM. They presented a wealth of good and useful information.

The day ended with a presentation by Dr. William Cook, Professor at SUNY Geneseo. Dr. Cook took us through the evolution in architecture from the Romanesque to the Gothic styles using pictures of transitional churches found in rural

## Valley of Rochester Spring/Summer 2008 Program

### May 2nd (Friday) – Reunion Banquet

*Diplomat Party House (Lyell Avenue)  
Social & Hors d'oeuvres prior to  
Dinner at 7:30 p.m.  
Choice of Entrees*

### May 15th (Thursday) – Elections & Installation

*Social at 5:30 p.m.  
Grilled Steak Dinner at 6:30 p.m.*

### June 28th (Saturday) – Summer Clambake

*Clams, Steaks and Plenty More!  
At Camp Morris (near Wayland)  
Social – All Day from 11 a.m.  
Clams at 2 p.m., Dinner at 3 p.m.*

### July 27th (Sunday) – Family Day at Seabreeze

*Rides, Meals and Waterpark*

## Make your reservations EARLY!

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

parts of France, Italy and Germany. As with last year, Dr. Cook's presentation was lively and very interesting.

As an addition to the College, R.: W.: Gary Sanford and W.: George Foehner presented a check for \$15,000 to the Ronald McDonald Houses charity. This was the money raised during the February Have-a-Heart Campaign by area Freemasons. The representative of the Ronald McDonald Houses expressed appreciation for the donation and Freemasonry's continued support for the Houses.

This year's College of Freemasonry was, again, a success. My thanks to Brother George Nasra, 32°, and his team for the excellent planning and execution of the College. Without the dedication of Brothers, like Brother Nasra and many others, this signature event of the Valley would not happen. This College is unique in the world of Freemasonry and, as Brother Tom Jackson has stated, it is the best forum on Masonry in existence. I am looking forward to the College next year. If you have suggestions for topics or speakers for coming years, drop a note to the Office, Brother Nasra or myself.

### Learning Center

The Scottish Rite charity that is most visible to the public and Brother Masons is the 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children. The Valley of Rochester sponsors and supports the Frank and Betty Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children located next to the Valley Office at 3300 Monroe Avenue. The services of the center are for any child who is diagnosed with Dyslexia. The Center uses a multi-sensor technique to train the child how to cope with Dyslexia, as the condition is not curable, but is manageable. All of this is free to the family and the sessions could last as long as two years. We do this as Masons and Scottish Rite Masons to help fulfill our obligations to help, aid and assist those in need.

### Walk for Dyslexia

The Center does require funding. The Valley supports the Center's rent and equipment needs. The Learning Center Foundation supports a portion of the operating costs. However,

there is a need for funds from other sources. The Center will be holding its Annual Walk for Dyslexia on Saturday, May 17th, at Perinton Park. This is one fundraiser and we hope that all the Masons in the area will come out to support this family fun event.

Another method of helping to fund the Center is through the Sponsor-a-Child Program. This program recognizes individuals or groups of individuals, such as Lodges or other types of groups who raise \$5000 to sponsor one child for one year of Learning Center support. We encourage individuals who have the resources - especially Lodges, Masonic Clubs or any organization - to raise \$5000 or more to sponsor a child. We know that Seneca Lodge is working on a Golf Tournament whose proceeds will be for the Learning Center, and they will be participating in the Walk. We thank Seneca Lodge for leading the way and hope other Lodges will follow Seneca's lead.

### Musing and Miscellaneous

Well, this will be my last article as Commander-in-Chief of Rochester Consistory. It has been a successful two years for the Valley. The new leadership will be elected and installed on May 15th. But, before we go, let us look at the Degrees some more.

When each of us was obligated as an Entered Apprentice, we were encouraged to read the Bible, the great light in Masonry. Some of us do and some of us don't regularly read the Bible, and that is well within our obligation as a Master Mason.

Now we get to the Scottish Rite Degrees. As we observe and participate in the Degrees, we are surrounded by teachings from the Bible, including specific passages that are part of the several Degrees - for example, Proverbs 3:13-18 which is part of the 18th Degree. There are many other passages to be found for the Scottish Rite Mason. I have found many over the years, but then I do observe and participate in Degrees on a regular basis.

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## College of Freemasonry in Revue



Ill.: Thomas Jackson, 33°, presenting plaque to Ill.: Charles Hancock, 33°.



Ill.: Thomas Jackson, 33°, presenting plaque to Ill.: Mark Tabbart, 33°.



Brother George Nasra, Chairman of College of Freemasonry.



Ill.: John Zabel, 33°, introduces Ill.: and Rev. Selders, 33°.





Dr. Selders performed his magic.



Dr. Cook talked about French Cathedrals.



Ill. Michael Morris, 33°, introduced Ill. Peter Samiec, 33°.



Brother Randy Riggles entertaining the audience with his "Who's on First" routine.

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**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.

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### Visitor's Day

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10 a.m.	Guests & Media Arrive/Register
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## District Deputy Grand Master 8th Arch of New York



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Congratulations to Palmyra Council and Skoi Yase Council for a well done Royal Master Degree. Your work and extra effort will pay dividends.

Doric Council will perform the Select Master Degree on April 16th. This is another example of cooperation within the 8th Cryptic District.

Congratulations also to Hornellsville Council who gained three new members.

A few people met at Painted Post, and discussed the present and future of Bath Council. We wanted to know what we could do to help. Bath Council is very important to a large area. There is no other Council in that area. It has been a struggle since the Lodge Building was sold. The Lodge, Chapter, Council, Commandery and Order of the Eastern Star Chapter were homeless. Most have relocated to Savona. I thank the folks of Savona for welcoming these organizations. They will add much to your potential.

R. I. Arnold Palmer has been making his Official Visits. He visited Skoi Yase Council in Geneva on April 21st. He will visit Palmyra Council on May 1st. Dinner at 6:30, open at 8 p.m. Drop in and welcome R. I. Palmer, who is now the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work.

As we get closer to Summer, we should be busy looking for Candidates for both the Royal Arch and the Council. Get the Petitions with the usual fees and read them in your Council. This way you can make positive plans for the Fall.

Remember, if you get a Candidate for the Royal Arch, you have a "potential Candidate" for your Council. By the same token, the Commandery has a "potential Candidate." Don't forget the Blue Lodge. Any Candidate for Blue Lodge is a "potential Candidate" for all Bodies of York Rite. New growth is necessary in every organization. We should never be lax in our efforts to bring in new members. An organization that sits on its laurels, dies!

Don't forget ... The District Deputy and Assistant Grand Lecturer are here for your benefit. If we can help, we will. You just need to let us know. ✕

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Thank you, Sir Knights, for your support on April 19th at our Joint Inspection with Salem Town Commandery No. 16. I especially thank the Sir Knights who volunteered to do the Ritual work required by General Order No. 1. It was well done and appreciated by everyone present. I also thank all our guests who traveled early morning to join us and support our Inspection. It was a good Inspection for SK Kenneth I. Sussman, Grand Standard Bearer. He enjoyed the day and meeting us.

The Nominating Committee recommended, with the support of our Sir Knights, that all Officers stay in their current Office for another year. That made Elections a simple process! That means that we will have to challenge ourselves to remember what we have learned this year in our station and to improve upon it, starting with our May meeting. Let's not come back in September with blank memories of this year's experience and improvement.

Our June Zone 11 Officers meeting will be at SK Bill Jones' home on June 1st. His Lady, Mary Lou, is looking forward to having our ladies and us back again for an early Summer picnic. Thank you, Mary Lou and Bill.

On Saturday, June 21st, St. John's Day at the Masonic Care Community in Utica, R. I. Edward Gilbert has requested an honor guard of Sir Knights for the parade at 3 p.m. Even without the price of gas as a consideration, carpooling makes sense for the two-hour trip to and from Utica. You can contact me ahead of time to let me know you are going to help set up the cars.

I look forward to seeing you at the Blue Ribbon Restaurant on May 17th at 7:30 a.m. for Break-

fast and at the Masonic Hall at 9 a.m. for our final meeting before Summer Recess. Thank you for your support this past year and in the coming one!! ✕

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### He Has Risen!

Cyrene-Monroe Commandery's Easter Observance occurred on March 17th. It was a wonderful time as we celebrated the resurrection of our Lord and Sovereign King (as Knights of Christ, Jesus Christ is our King!), Jesus the Christ! We had wonderful snacks brought in by our Ladies. It is so wonderful to hear the voice of our own Reverend and Sir Knight Charles Roberts talk about his Lord. It gives me goose bumps and brings me closer to my Lord and Savior.



Reverend Julie A. Cicora of St. Peter's Episcopal Church of Henrietta and myself (Reverend Cicora was the recipient of the 2008 Knights Templar Pilgrimage to the Holy Land).

We had very special guests; Reverend Julie Cicora and her husband! An explanation, the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America offers a wonderful program for Pastors of Churches. It is the Pilgrimage program to the Holy Land. Cyrene-Monroe Commandery was blessed with the ability to sponsor a local



Reverend Cicora with Members of Cyrene-Monroe Commandery No. 12 of Rochester. From left to right: Sir Knight Raymond R. Beardsley, Reverend and Sir Knight Charles M. Roberts, Eminent Commander and Sir Knight Joseph F. Oelgoetz III, Sir Knight Ernest A. Stelianou, Reverend Julie A. Cicora of St. Peter's Episcopal Church of Henrietta, Sir Knight Donald Wright, Sir Knight John Dudley, Sir Knight Lawrence W. Dunn, and Sir Knight Donald J. Brugger.

Rochester Pastor, Reverend Julie Cicora, of St Peter's Episcopal Church in Henrietta. Reverend Cicora did her Pilgrimage this past February. As part of Cyrene-Monroe Commandery's Easter Observance, Reverend Cicora shared a slide show on her experiences in the Land of our Lord. From re-committing her Baptism in the Jordan River to a cock crowing while sitting in the same area that Peter stated for the third time that he was not a Disciple and had finished a reading to that effect.

Reverend Cicora was extremely thankful for the opportunity to walk the Land of our Lord and Savior. While at the Wailing Wall, she placed a prayer note into the wall for thanksgiving of our Commandery and for the wonderful program of the Holy Land Pilgrimage. For all who attended our Easter Observance, it was a memorable night.

### Future Happenings

Our May 19th meeting will be the final meeting of the 2007/2008 Templar year. We will have the Installation of Officers.

On June 12th, there is a joint York Rite Picnic planned. Further details on the Picnic will be forthcoming.

### Seal of Knights Templar

(From an article from *Templar History website*) Before looking at the Seal that has become synonymous with the Knights Templar, it is important that we have an understanding of the purpose of such Seals. The most common way to show authenticity of a document during the Middle Ages was to affix a Seal to it. These Seals were images carved into a block, which, when pressed into warm wax, left behind an inverse image of the carving - working much like a modern photo negative does. This Seal identified the author of the document and was meant to stop people from forging or tampering with official documents and correspondences. This form of identification is still utilized in some forms in Asia. This is known as the "chop" or Seal of Authenticity.

In an age when even illiterate people needed to conduct business transactions, Seals allowed a person to declare their agreement even if they could not sign their names. Ecclesiastical bodies, monarchs, individuals and even Orders like the Templars each had their peculiar Seals.

Although one image would, in modern times (similar to a brand mark, like the swoosh of

Nike) become synonymous with the Order, there were, in fact, many Seals used by the Templars throughout their two centuries of existence. However, it is but one Seal, often referred to as the "Traditional Seal" that has garnered the most attention and speculation.

### The Traditional Seal

The Traditional Seal of the Knights Templar depicted two Knights riding a single mount and was used by several Grand Masters over the Templar's 200-year history. As is the case with any symbol, the attached meaning can vary and great studies have been done into its symbolism.

The image of the two Knights astride a single mount was said to represent their vow of poverty - the original members who founded the Order were so poor that each Knight could not afford his own horse. This seems to have been little more than a poetic tradition, for as early as the Council of Troyes, when Latin Rule was composed and an individual Knight was permitted to have three horses and a Grand Master more than that.

There has been some thought that the dual Knights riding a single horse is not a representation of their vow of poverty, but rather a representation of the duality or conflict that existed in the Order:

1. They were poor by vow, yet rich beyond belief as an Order (in their total assets).
2. They were introspective, yet well versed in the matters of the world.
3. They were monks on one hand, yet feared as warriors on the other.

Others have cited the Gospel of Matthew as the source of the Seal's symbolic meaning claiming that one Knight represented a Templar while the other depicted Christ. This comes from the passage in Matthew where Jesus Christ says, "Wherever two or more of you are gathered in My Name, there am I, in the midst of them."

The reverse of the traditional Seal depicted the Dome of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, although many have erroneously claimed that it was the Dome of the Rock (a Muslim Holy Shrine).

### The Motto on the Seal

The Latin inscription, "Sigillum Milium Xpisti," surrounds the image on the Seal. This motto translates to "Seal of the Army of Christ." The XP representing the CH and R in Christ is actually Greek. ✕

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



Ronald J. Morthorst  
Monarch  
334-4196

Yes - Spring is here! Trees are budding, flowers are coming up and grass is getting green.

The Prophets and I were honored at our Caldron's Prophets'

Day on March 22nd and again at their Official Visit by the Supreme Mighty Chosen One on April 5th. Thank you, Ladies, for inviting us.

Our regular meeting in April started off with a great meal with our Ladies. Lalla Rookh Grotto presented our Humanitarian Awards. We welcomed our guests and friends with a short preview of what the Grotto is, its history, philanthropic and social programs. Afterwards the Erie Canal Singers entertained us.

We had a good turnout for the Spring ESGA Meeting in Albany, hosted by Kaa Rheu Vahn Grotto. All who attended had a great time.

### PLAN AHEAD NOW!!!

We will have our regular Board of Governors' Meeting on May 5th at the Shrine Center at 7 p.m.

Lunch, as well as cards, will follow our regular meeting on May 21st.

The Legion of Honor will meet at the Nutcracker Restaurant on Monday, May 19th, at 6 p.m. We will order off the menu.

Memorial Day - A good day for all of us to think about our Veterans - the men and women in the service - and say a prayer for them.

Supreme Council Sessions are June 2nd - 8th in Hot Springs, AR. For information, consult your Grotto magazine or call the

Secretary at (315) 589-9021. I hope that Lalla Rookh Grotto will be well represented.

Lalla Rookh Golf Tournament will be held on June 21st at Old Hickory Golf Club, Livonia. Cost is \$45 and includes 18 holes (with cart), food at the turn, refreshments on the course, plus a Steak Dinner afterwards. Yes, you can bring a friend - see the ad in this month's *Masonic Times*, or call Dick Topel at 663-2547.

### Sickness and Distress

At deadline time, the following Prophets are ailing: Frank Ghyzel, Bill Kuehne and Charlie White. A card or note might make their day.

## Attend Grotto Meetings

**Monday, May 5th**  
Board of Governors Meeting, 7 p.m.  
Shrine Center

**Monday, May 19th**  
Legion of Honor Dinner at 6 p.m.  
Nutcracker Restaurant

**Wednesday, May 21st**  
Grotto Meeting Shrine Center Meeting at 7:30 p.m.  
Lunch to follow  
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At our Grotto's last meeting, donations to various organizations were presented in the community. Looking back to the 1950s, the reports were much the same, year after year.

### In 1960

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- Fruit Baskets \$162.50
- Cigarettes, cigars & candy \$84.20
- Flowers \$130.99
- Miscellaneous \$250.11
- To S.C. Humanitarian Fund (in lieu of flowers for deceased members) \$180.00
- Total \$1,621.68**

### In 1957

However in 1957, our Grotto donated a nine-passenger station wagon to the Day Care Center for C.P. Children, at a cost of \$2,213.50. The Total that year was \$3,940.29.

## Isn't It Funny?

When the other fellow takes a long time to do something, he's slow; But when I take a long time to do something, I'm thorough.

When the other fellow doesn't do it, he's lazy; But, when I don't do it, I'm too busy.

When the other fellow goes ahead and does something without being told, he's overstepping his bounds; But, when I go ahead and do something without being told, that's initiative.

When the other fellow states his side of the question strongly, he's bull-headed; But when I state a side of a question strongly, I'm being firm.

When the other fellow overlooks a few of the rules of etiquette, he's rude; But when I skip a few of the rules, I'm original.

When the other fellow does something that pleases the boss, he's polishing brass; But when I do something that pleases the boss, that's cooperation.

When the other fellow gets ahead, he sure had the lucky breaks; But when I managed to get ahead, Man, hard work did it.

Funny isn't it ... or is it?

Printed by Mokanna Grotto many years ago.  
Author Unknown

## Caldron News

Marcia Morrison, MCO

By Beverly Murray

The elevator is working just fine!!  
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There is a doorbell that rings in the kitchen -  
It takes someone a while to get the elevator to take them down,  
So please hang around ~  
And we will meet you at the ground.

Our Supreme Visit on the 5th was fun,  
A Special "THANK YOU" to everyone,  
We were sorry that Aahmes, could not make it,  
It would have been great to see the Binghamton girls.

My thanks to all those who helped set up,  
Carry costumes and stuff down,  
Including the trees and Camels,  
And to the "Young Ones" who took it all back up!

To Elaine and Ken Milner, Donna and Johnathan Davis,  
Thank you so very much for being our Dinner Crew,  
It was much appreciated ~ the cooking and serving too,  
The Caldron and Visitors appreciated all you did do!

It looks like we will try a "dual" meeting next year,  
And that will give the "Scarf Dancers" more time to practice,  
And a lot more time for our "seamstress" to get us "Decked Out,"  
While we learn the techniques of floating a very large scarf.

The Daughters are looking forward to seeing those who haven't been able to climb the stairs.  
Please come and ride the Elevator -  
We do miss those who have not been able to attend our meetings.  
Enjoy the sun and the Spring flowers that are popping up!

Hope to see you at our next Caldron meeting  
Thursday, May 8th - at 7:30 p.m.

Happy Birthday to all of you who were born in May!

It's time to think about dusting off those golf clubs and giving it our best shot! Hey, Pearl, we could use a little help with that!

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During the 211th Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter State of New York Royal Arch Masons another historical event occurred when members of the Prince Hall Holy Royal Arch Masons, led by the Most Excellent Wilbert A. Spencer, Sr., Grand High Priest, was the FIRST Prince Hall Grand High Priest to attend the Grand Convocation. Another historical event occurred when Past M.:E.: Albert J. Lewis, Jr. and E.: Apollon, Sr. "were welcomed as the FIRST Prince Hall Companions to visit Phoenix Chapter No. 2." R.:E.: Curtis Alan Banks, Grand Representative to Prince Hall, was the FIRST to visit Widow's Son Chapter No. 1. Similarly M.:E.: John S. Jones was the FIRST Grand High Priest and part of his cabinet to be present at the Prince Hall Grand Convocation in October, 2007. Many welcomed FIRSTS!

M.:E.: Spencer received the honor of being initiated into The Order of Ole Saratoga, which "is only conferred at the Grand Convocations in order for Companions all to REALLY understand and get the point about what Royal Arch Masonry is all about." Past Grand High Priest, Albert J. Lewis, currently Grand Representative to the Grand Chapter from Prince Hall, and others, were also in attendance. R.:E.: Banks extended an invitation to Prince Hall Companions to visit 71 West 23rd Street, 12th floor on March 11, to view the conferral of the Mark Master Mason Degree by Jerusalem-Amity Chapter No. 8. As R.:E.: Banks states: "I have seen the Prince Hall version and would love for you to see ours!" This was quoted material from an email to me and others from R.:E.: Curtis Alan Banks.

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## Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

### June

- 4 Hot Sands Degree  
5, 12, 19 & 26 **Cruz-In for Charity at Damascus Shrine Center** (weather permitting)  
7 Apron Presentation  
8 Camp DeMolay Dedication  
14 Lilac Parade  
21 Lalla Rookh Golf Tournament; Old Hickory Golf Club, Livonia  
21 St. John's Day

### July

- 3 Blood Drive at Webster Lodge  
3, 19, 17, 24 & 31 **Cruz-In for Charity at Damascus Shrine Center** (weather permitting)  
5 Blood Drive at Clio Lodge  
20 A Day at the Genesee Country Museum plus a Civil War Re-enactment

### August

- 2 Classic Car Show at Damascus Shrine Center (weather permitting)

For additions, call the Masonic Service Bureau

## Contributors to Masonic Service Bureau Acknowledged

(Editor's Note: See chart on Page 3...I ran out of room there to put this "Thank You" text.)

The Individuals and Organizations listed have generously contributed funds to the Masonic Service Bureau - the charity arm of the Masonic Fraternity in the Monroe and surrounding Districts. THANK YOU! Without this support, we could not continue our daily operations, which include receiving and dispensing equipment from our Loan Closet, assist in the publication of the *Masonic Times*, provide assistance to Secretaries of Masonic Organizations with membership address lists, annual publication of the Monroe District Masonic Direc-

tory and other projects as they come along.

We believe everyone who contributed, either through our solicitation letter or directly to the Service Bureau, from mid-April, 2007, through April 10, 2008, has been listed. United Way Campaign donations are reported to us over the Summer, and will be published in the Fall.

Should you discover any errors or omissions, please bring them to our attention. We apologize in advance if name(s) have been overlooked or mis-spelled. Once again, thank you.

## News from the Troops .. Afghanistan

**1st Lt. Nathan Thompson** arrived in Kabul, Afghanistan, on the first of April. There was a breakdown on the plane (radio) and he was delayed in Germany while it was repaired. The plane they flew on was an Air Force C5A cargo plane, the largest in the Air Force. Everything was weighed; they were 300 pounds from maxing out. Nathan's new address is: 1st Lt. Nathan W. Thompson, HHC SECFOR BN 2-101 Cav. 27th BCT, Camp Phoenix APO AE 09320. I'm sure he would enjoy a letter or card. His birthday is June 21st when he will be 28 years old.



This is a recent photo of our Brother Lt. Nathan Thompson in Afghanistan, left, with Captain John Savage, Royal Scottish Fusiliers Regiment. This is Brother Thompson's second combat tour.

**Brother Scott Mason** ... I made it to Afghanistan and all is well. I can't believe what I see ... how poor the people are around here, what they live on and how long they have lived like this. The way they live is like the year 1500 BC; they have not even heard a radio before in their lives and have never had electricity. I still have to get down to Gradez; we should be leaving in a few days.

I'm going to change what I would like you to send me ... I would appreciate it if, instead of food for me, you could send school supplies and clothes that I could distribute. We are trying to win the hearts and minds of everyone.

It is very political here because we are getting enough help from the government. We are certainly making leaps and bounds with what we are getting, which will make a great difference. Thank you for all of your prayers; I will write again soon. God Bless.

### Iraq

**Lt. Tom Kasper** ... I've found myself in the habit of apologizing for not communicating with you enough. When I'm not sleeping, I'm on the go here. I was glad to hear that Brother Nate Thompson and his guys got into Afghanistan safe. Brother Aaron Spallina is also with his group. They have a long mission ahead of them.

It has been a fast-paced nine months so far. The days fly by, but the weeks and months seem to blend together and drag on. It's been a great experience though so far and I've learned a lot.

I was able to go to a couple of Lodge meetings at the Land of Shinar. It is a very well organized Prince Hall Lodge from Texas. They Raise over 13 Brothers every six weeks. A member of my unit took his 1st Degree there, but we have been too busy for him to move on. The Lodge is motivated. He wants to come to Clio Lodge when we re-deploy.

I did meet a Brother from Armenia. It is an old school Christian country North of Iraq.

There are a lot of Brothers in my unit. I am with Brother Stephen Coville from Albion, Brother Juan Morales from Rochester, Brother Tyler Eckwell from Unity Lodge in Spencerport and Brother Ted Sergeant (I can't remember what Lodge he belongs to). There are some other Brothers from around the country who are with us as well. We all get together as often as we can.

I was home on a leave last week. The family and I had a great time. We went to Disney World for a few days. The rest of the time we just spent time together at the house or did some shopping. The time away is hard on my son. He is almost 4 now. Hopefully I'll have a break for a year or two before I head back over.

If I get the opportunity to get to the Lodge over here before I re-deploy I'll grab some pictures. I should be home for the 4th of July weekend. We will see. Thank you all for your support. God Speed.

### Preparing to Deploy

**Captain Daniel Fletcher** ... "The bravest are surely those who have the clearest vision of what is before them, glory and danger alike, and yet not

withstanding go out to meet it" *Thucydides*. This is a favored quote of Brother and Captain Daniel Fletcher, U.S. Army, member of Unity Lodge.

My training at Ft. Riley, KS, is winding down. Personally, I had some interesting experiences during the past month here - a bad case of bronchitis with equally bad infection in both eyes. I was technically blind for two days. My fellow denizens of the giant petri dish we all live in were oh so supportive - asking me why I took a dive in the fifth round - when my next prize fight was to be held - when should they call in the priest to perform the exorcism! They threatened to use their pillow cases as face cloths when they weren't around - my biological response weapon!

A trip around the Post to various medical clinics was an adventure. First, the Emergency Room for a three-hour wait to have the doctor say "man you look like hell" and give me some medications. Followed by a visit to the Troop Clinic at our forward operating base where the Physician's Assistant said "man you look like hell." He gave me some more drugs and sent me to the Optometrist on another bus ride, who gave me the now common "greeting," but at least gave me some good drugs. These, along with some sent from home finally got rid of both maladies.

While in recovery mode, 30 Afghan National Army guys entered the picture to train with us. The "big boss" decided a trip to the obstacle course would provide a great photo op, and I was "volunteered" to attend to that duty.

### Training with the Afghans

Most of the Afghans were short and wiry and more than one I had to pick up and throw over the obstacle as the average height was around five feet, five inches. Few were my 6-foot-height or taller. They truly were a great bunch of individuals, very professional and well trained. Great shooters with all kinds of weapons, neat, orderly and prompt - no task too large or too small. They went a great distance to dispel a lot of what we had heard about these people. They were definitely NOT lazy, sloppy or dishonest but instead polite and some of the best soldiers I have served with. Of course, these were the best that were sent to us, but we were all very impressed, regardless.

### Ethnic Groups

The various ethnic groups that make up the population were fascinating. That statement applies to both the Country, in general, and the Army. Marriages are arranged through careful selection by the parents. Divorce is rare.

One group, the Nuristani, is formed of direct descendants of the soldiers of Alexander the Great who left a garrison in Afghanistan on his way to India. One of the soldiers had crystal clear blue eyes and skin fairer than mine. You could put him on a street in downtown Athens and you would not know he was from Afghanistan until he spoke, since he only spoke Dari and not Greek. The Nuristani's didn't convert to Islam until the 19th Century.

Then there were the Pashtun. They are of Northern Indian stock and they speak Pashto, which is a version of Urdu. They have dark skin and eyes. What one learns when on deployment!!

A third group were the Hazara. They are direct descendants of the warriors of Genghis Khan. If alongside the Uzbeks on the streets in Downtown Peking or Umbattar, they looked Chinese or Mongolian and were only distinguishable by speaking Dari or a language native to their group or area. The Tajiks are related to the Iranians and the Turkmen are a Turkic stock from the steppes. I would never have guessed!! A fascinating people, indeed.

Having the group around helped prod us to ask questions about the area and culture along with forcing us to work harder to learn Dari and a little Pashto. They were very patient with us and some of the stupid stuff we accidentally did. How about offering them food with our left hands - a BIG no-no in their culture.

### Completing Training

Weapons, vehicle maneuvering, battle drills, and advanced medical training finished the agenda. Sobering what modern weapons and war can do to a human mind and body and repairing both is very interesting as well.

Our official day to "hop the pond" fell between the 7th and 14th of April and my new mailing address became: Daniel R. Fletcher ARSIC-E ETT CS2 Gardez/FOB Lightening APO AE 09354.

I'll continue to send "letters" to the *Masonic Times* from Gardez or wherever else I may be over the next year, should the Staff find the space, time and interest in publishing them. This might help us all get to know our allies and our foes a little better.

Brother Jay McCullough will be my Recorder and Masonic sounding board for the near future. Kind regards to all.

### Apron Presentation Dinner

## Saturday, June 7th

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# In Memoriam

## R. W. William R. Zufall



By Barbara Goodrich

After struggling for many years with lung problems, R. W. William R. Zufall was called to his Heavenly Home on April 9, 2008. Bill was a U.S. Postal Service retiree and an Army Veteran.

### Masonic Career

An active Mason, Bill served as Master of Genesee Falls Lodge (now ERAC Lodge) and was an AGL and Grand Steward of the (then) 2nd Monroe District. He belonged to both the Scottish Rite and the York Rite.

At one time Bill was a member of Damascus Shrine and was an active member of the Degree Team. Rochester Chapter No 314, OES, was also privileged to have Bill as their Patron.

R. W. Zufall was the Executive Director of the Masonic Service Bureau from 1974 - 1982. Many will remember his stirring rendition on "The Morgan Affair."

Along with his friends, Bill enjoyed visiting the Old Toad Pub on Monday evenings for their trivia quiz. Within the following week he would visit the Downtown Masonic Service Bureau Office with a list of questions to test the brains of those present!

The Heidengold Schuplatters Verein claimed Bill as a member and the group was known to entertain at Masonic events. For many years Bill could also be seen attending the Renaissance Festival in Sterling, complete in the dress of the era portrayed.

Survivors include his wife, Audrey, one son, eight grandchildren and eighteen great-grandchildren.

Many will miss you, Bill. Rest in Peace.

## Barons, Kenneth J.

On April 2nd, Kenneth Barons, 92, passed away and 3 sons and 2 grandchildren will cherish his memory. Being a Mason meant a great deal to Kenny. He was a 69-year member and Past Master of Hesperus Lodge in Bergen. He received the Symbolic Lodge Award in 1990. Thoughts today, memories forever.

## Jones, Roy Wellington

Roy Wellington Jones, age 90, passed away March 20th. He was a 69-year Mason of the Wyalusing, Pennsylvania, Lodge No. 618 and a member of Scottish Rite, Valley of Rochester. Memories are like threads of gold, they never tarnish or grow old.

## Miller, Robert W.

On March 23rd, Robert W. Miller, 85, laid down his Working Tools of the many Masonic organizations to which he dedicated his time and talent. His wife, June, a daughter, son and 2 grandsons survive him. Bob was a member of Valley-Simes Lodge, Chief Rabban and commander at Damascus Shrine, both in Rochester and a member of the Scottish Rite and Oasis Temple in Charlotte, NC, and The Royal Order of Jesters.

## Ralston, Gilbert W.

April 5th was the day the Lord embraced Gilbert W. Ralston, 80, and took him to his Heavenly Home. His 3 children, 6 grandchildren and a great-granddaughter will remember his legacy. Gilbert was a member of Oatka Lodge.

## Rupp, Edward E. "Ed"

Ed Rupp, 92, entered into Eternal Rest on March 25th, leaving a son and family to remember his legacy. Ed was a 58-year member of Unity Lodge, 53-year member of the American Legion (Greece) and a World War II Veteran of the US Army and Marines, serving in the Pacific Theatre. He labored hard for those he loved, then left us to remember.

## Widow to be Remembered

**Davis, Sara**, (90) widow of Thomas L. Davis (Craftsman Robertson), passed away January 1st.

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## R. W. Roderick C. Meier



By Barbara Goodrich

An active and well-known Mason, R. W. Roderick C. Meier was called Home on March 20, 2008.

Rod served as Master of Churchville Lodge (now Unity

Lodge) twice and was Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Alaska near the Grand Lodge of New York. Brothers from Doric Council, Cyrene-Monroe Commandery, Hiram Chapter, Scottish Rite and Damascus Shrine will all miss him.

The Masonic Service Bureau was privileged to have Rod as their Executive Director from 1987-1988. Always interested in and involved with the Bureau, in recent years he was a member of the Advisory Council.

In his personal life, he was an Engineer at Kodak for 43 years and was in the U.S. Air Force from 1944-1946.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 Canandaigua - Shortsville RAM - Palmyra/Eagle Lalla Rookh Groto Board of Governors KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford	5 Canandaigua - Shortsville RAM - Palmyra/Eagle Lalla Rookh Groto Board of Governors KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford	6 Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson, Shrine Center Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps Nunda Station (I) Oakland - Castile	7 Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy (E) Damascus Shrine OES - Lilac Star	8 Fame, Lima Mlinor - Victor Union - Lima RAM - Hiram Lalla Rookh Caldron	9 Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m. \$7 adult; \$4 Child 30 Orchard Street	10 Daughters of the Nile, Zama Temple - Fairport
11 Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinner Weds 14th and 28th 287 East Avenue, Hilton	12 ERAC - Shrine Center (E) Fairport/Flower City (E & I) Union Star-Honeoye Falls (E&I) Unity - Spencerport (E) Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield (E)	13 Eagle - Honeoye (E) Seneca - Webster Valley-Sines, Shrine Center (E) RAM - Dansville	14 Oakta - Scottsville (E) Masonic Service Bureau Monthly Luncheon Meeting OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville, Corthlian Fellowship	15 Eunice - Caledonia Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster Scottish Rite	16 KT - Sagoyewatha - Phelps Shrine - Noble B.B./Friend 4:30 p.m. M.S.B. Yard Sale	17 KT - Sagoyewatha - Phelps Shrine - Noble B.B./Friend 4:30 p.m. M.S.B. Yard Sale
18 Eagle Lodge Eagle Chapter Spaghetti Dinner Thursday, May 15th 4994 County Rd 36 Honeoye	19 Canandaigua - Shortsville KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford Lalla Rookh Groto Legion of Honor	20 Clio - Hilton (E) Craftsman Robertson, Shrine Center Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps Nunda Station Oakland - Castile (E) OES - Nolatika, Starlight	21 Ark - Geneva Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy RSM - Doric Council, Pittsford	22 Fame, Shrine Center (E & I) Mlinor - Victor Union - Lima RAM - Hiram James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post	23 Monroe District Joint Investiture Service, 7:30 p.m., Fairport Lodge Hall	24 Armed Forces Day
25 Auburn Shrine Club at Springside Inn, Auburn	26 Shrine Lunch Club - Ladies Day	27 Eagle - Honeoye (I) RAM - Dansville, LeRoy OES - Leah - Hilton	28 Oakta - Scottsville Tall Cedars of Lebanon OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville, Corthlian Fellowship	29 Perry Shrine Club at Hole-in-the-Wall Restaurant	30 Monroe District Joint Investiture Service, 7:30 p.m., Fairport Lodge Hall	31 OES Grand Matrons Visit, Rick's Prime Rib House
<b>Memorial Day Observed</b>						

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