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Masonic Development Course to be Offered Locally Attention All New Master Masons!

By R.:W.: Michael Nohle, Grand Steward

The Masonic Development Course is being held locally and, if you were Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in the past few years, this Course may interest you. It is intended to help you receive even further Light in Masonry. Also, even more seasoned Brothers may enjoy and certainly learn a few new things from taking this comprehensive Course.

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MDC is being held on Wednesday nights - November 12th, December 10th and January 14th at Eunice Lodge in Caledonia, from 7-9 p.m. It will be presented by W.: Mike Grady

and R.:W.: John Gallant. The cost is \$20, which basically covers the cost of refreshments and is payable in advance or at the first session.

Register Now!

To register for the Course, contact the Staff Officer(s) in your District.

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Be sure to register as soon as possible. The first session is only days away. I hope to see many of you there.

Wrecking Ball Fells LeRoy Landmark

By W.: Doug Poole

Since 1906, the home of Olive Branch Lodge was 8 West Main Street, LeRoy. The building was a Universalist Church, built in 1859. We have sold to a developer as the site for a Walgreens Drug Store. While we decide on a new Lodge Building, we will temporarily meet at the Oatka Hose Company, 10 North Avenue, LeRoy.

All is Not Gone...

Several features of the old building have been saved. A glass conservator is currently restoring the John H. Lent Memorial Masonic Window. That, along with some woodwork, doors and other architectural details, has been saved for use in our new construction. Thanks to the efforts of Worshipful Brother Joseph Steffen, Past Master of Craftsman Robertson Lodge, we have the Bronze Plaque from the building. It couldn't be removed until the building was demolished due to asbestos contamination in the building.

Trivia

We were granted a Dispensation March 9, 1811, and Chartered May 20, 1813, in Batavia.



We are the only Lodge west of the Genesee that didn't go dark



during the aftermath of the Morgan Affair.

Olive Branch Lodge moved to LeRoy in 1847. Prior to that, Bethany was our home from 1821-1845 and we were in Attica from 1845 - 1847. Pre-1839, we were Olive Branch No. 215, at which time Grand Lodge re-numbered the remaining Lodges in New York.

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V.:W.: Hugh Woodside New Assistant Grand Lecturer




The nomination of Hugh Woodside, Past Master of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge, to the

position of Assistant Grand Lecturer was approved at a special meeting of the Purple Apron Club of the Monroe District. V.:W.: Harry DeHollander presented the recommendation to R.:W.: Charles Toombs, who happened to be meeting with the Grand Master, and received literally immediate approval. He replaces the late V.:W.: Ronald Bryant.

V.:W.: Woodside was introduced at the School of Ritual at Unity Lodge on September 30th, presented his Apron, and began his duties that evening as he assisted with the program.

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Please contact George Foehner, Chairman
Call 586-5255

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Dated Material



Editor's Corner

No editorial this month. Just the following special notice:

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speedy and complete recovery so you can be back with us.

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Commencement of the Holidays

Veterans Day wasn't always called that; it was referred to as Armistice Day and is 90 years old this year. Armistice Day is the anniversary of the symbolic end of World War I on November 11, 1918. It commemorates the armistice signed between the Allies and Germany at Compiegne, France, for the cessation of hostilities on the Western Front, which took effect at the eleventh hour in the morning - the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month."

The date was a national holiday in many of the former allied nations to allow people to commemorate those members of the armed forces who were killed during the war. In November, 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11th as the first commemoration of Armistice Day. In November 1954, then President Dwight Eisenhower signed into law the Congressional Bill changing the name of the holiday from "Armistice" to Veterans Day.

We, as Masons, salute our Brothers and members of the Armed Forces who defend the freedoms that we many times take for granted.

Thanksgiving

The first recorded Thanksgiving ceremony in this country was on September 8, 1565, in what is now St. Augustine, Florida. Six hundred Spaniard settlers landed at what would become the city and immediately held a Mass of Thanksgiving for their safe delivery to the New World, followed by a feast and celebration. Contrary to what I recall from school those many years ago, the settlers who later came to be known as the "Pilgrims" set apart a day to celebrate at Plymouth, Massachusetts, immediately after their first harvest, in 1621. At the time, this was not regarded as a Thanksgiving observance; harvest festivals were existing parts of English and local Indian tradition, alike.

The Massachusetts Bay Colony celebrated Thanksgiving for the first time in 1630, and frequently thereafter until about 1680, when it became an annual festival in that Colony.

During the 18th century individual colonies commonly observed days of thanksgiving throughout each year. We would probably not recognize those celebrations, as we now know them, as they were a day set aside for prayer and fasting. Later in the 1700s, individual colonies periodically designated a day of thanksgiving in honor of a military victory, an adoption of a state constitution or an exceptionally good crop. A Thanksgiving Day celebration was held in December, 1777, by the colonies nationwide, commemorating the surrender of British General Burgoyne at Saratoga. As President, on October 3, 1789, George Washington created the first Thanksgiving Day designated by the national government of the United States of America. President John Adams declared Thanksgivings in 1798 and 1799. No Thanksgiving proclamations were issued by Thomas Jefferson,

but James Madison renewed the tradition in 1814, in response to resolutions of Congress, at the close of the War of 1812.

A Thanksgiving Day was annually appointed by the governor of New York in 1817. In some Southern States there was opposition to the observance on the grounds that it was a relic of Puritanic bigotry. By 1858 proclamations appointing a thanksgiving day were issued by governors of 25 States and two territories.

We have much to be thankful for this November. Remember to thank a Veteran on the eleventh and on the 27th, we will all celebrate Thanksgiving with our families.

In the middle of the American Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day, to be celebrated the final Thursday in November, 1863. Since that date Thanksgiving has been observed annually in the United States.

Personal Representatives of the Grand Master

Note from M. Donald Darrohn III, Trustee of Masonic Hall & Home: I enjoy history and many of the old "The New York Masonic Outlook" (the forerunner to the current "Empire State Mason") has some wonderful messages of which most of today's Brethren are not aware. This article was originally printed in the October, 1933, "Masonic Outlook."

How many who witness the reception of the District Deputy Grand Master upon his Official Visit know when the Office of the visiting Craftsman originated? Or have wondered about its background? For there is a most interesting story behind it - a story that goes back as far as 1804, when on December 5th, a resolution that was to be of far-reaching effect was presented to Grand Lodge. This resolution authorized the Grand Master to appoint Inspectors whose duty it should be to visit the several Lodges in their Districts for the purpose of promoting uniformity in the work, collecting their Dues and so forth.

The resolution was referred to a special committee, but nothing was done and another resolution was adopted on December 4, 1805, discharging the committee and appointing a new one. This new committee reported February 19, 1806, in favor of dividing the State into Districts and appointing for them Inspectors to be known as "Grand Visitors" ("visitors" is always the old-time spelling).

The Grand Visitor system became, at times, a subject of criticism and on December 1, 1818, communications from several Lodges recommended alterations. These suggestions were

read and referred to the Grand Officers, who reported on June 1, 1814: "That, from a variety of causes, the system of District Grand Visitors has not realized the expectations that had been formed of it; that some of the Grand Visitors have declined acting, others have resigned and few have attended to their duty." It was then decided to divide the State into three Grand Masonic Districts for visitation, the Grand Visitors in addition to their expenses to be allowed a suitable compensation, to be agreed upon by them and the Grand Officers. On June 18, 1817, the Grand Lodge complimented the work of the Grand Visitors, but suggested the propriety of some more economical plan for the collection of the Dues of the up-State Lodges.

In 1819, a resolution was introduced into Grand Lodge to the effect that the State be divided into eighteen Grand Visiting Districts, with a Grand Visitor for each. The Grand Visitor in each case would be a resident of his respective District. A Presiding Grand Visitor was provided for, his duty being to preside at the meetings of the Grand Visitors and instruct them in the manner of work.

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Leon J. VanHuben

March 8, 1933 - October 8, 2008

Thank you for loving and sharing, For giving and for caring, God bless you and keep you, Until we meet again.

October 8, 2008, was a day of sorrow for our Masonic Fraternities when Leon VanHuben, 75, was Raised to the Celestial Lodge.

Leon lived a life dedicated to the Masons and those Concordant Bodies to which he belonged. A Mason for more than 50 years, he worked hard and served in many capacities as an officer and on committees. Leon held Offices of Treasurer ('91-'92) and Secretary ('93-'04) during his membership in Fame Lodge. At the time of his death, Leon was a member of Craftsman-Robertson Lodge.

Concordant bodies to which Leon belonged included Lalla Rookh Grotto, where he served as Monarch (2000); Empire State Grotto Association, previously serving as Secretary and Trustee at the time of his death; and Masonic War Veterans.

The Order of the Eastern Star benefited from the dedication of Leon's membership. He belonged to Corinthian-Fellowship Chapter where he served as



Patron for many years. As a Grand Officer, he was OES Monroe District Grand Lecturer in 1988.

Leon participated with the Masonic Service Bureau for many years. He assisted with the Interfaith Service & Brunch and helped with numerous projects and committees. He held the position of Director when he passed away.

A Veteran of the US Coast Guard, he belonged to Doty-McDill American Legion Post.

His wife, Beverly, two children and five grandchildren will remember his dedication to life and the Fraternities.

Memorial Services will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, November 16th at the Shrine Center, 979 Bay Road, Webster.

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LeRoy Landmark Falls
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Before the Lodge

In an odd way, we are intrigued to see what lies below our building. Before the Church was built, there was a building called the Round House. It was built by the Knights Templar and was the home of Genesee Commandery and LeRoy Lodge No. 260. It was a three-story building with a store on the ground floor, school on the sec-

ond floor and a Lodge meeting room on the third. LeRoy Lodge surrendered its Charter in 1828. Of note, one of the men who helped build the Round House was William Morgan. We hope we can find remains of this building to also preserve. (Editor's Note: W.: Joe Steffen's Company, Empire Wrecking, was the contractor hired to clear the parcel.)

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By Doug Poole

Fall is certainly in the air. Trees are turning a hue of gold and orange; a definite nip is in the air. We seem to be settling into our usual routine of meetings and activities.

Our plans for the future of Olive Branch are going forward. We have the largest group of Candidates we have seen in years. It is good to see so much going on. The tempo is increasing.

New Meeting Place

We have a new temporary meeting site. Meetings are being held at the Oatka Hose Company Clubhouse. It is located at 10 North Avenue, LeRoy. This is not the most well known street in LeRoy. It is located off of North Street near the railroad tracks. Feel free to call the Master or Secretary for directions.

Our Building Committee is diligently studying options for our new Lodge. There is a location on the outskirts of the Village that looks promising and it

would provide us a one-story building with rental income. As always, the devil is in the details. We hope to have a firm proposal by next month.

When it was announced we were leaving 8 West Main Street, we had many inquiries about the location of our Lodge. Olive Branch was at that location since 1906! We learned how necessary it is to get our name out in the community. One of our first steps is to once again become a sponsor of the Halloween Parade. It was always one of our big community events, but had slipped by the wayside over the years.

Sad News

Not all our news is good this month. It is my sad duty to announce the passing of R.:W.: Paul Smith to that House not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens. He left this earthly plain on September 26th. A Masonic funeral was held on September 29th; officiating was W.: Nevin Brick, assisted by Brothers Michael and Gary Smith, who are Paul's sons and Lodge Members. Our sincere condolences go to his widow, Helen, and his family.

Official Visit

Our November 5th meeting will be the visit of our District Deputy Grand Master R.:W.: John Cook. Grand Steward, R.:W.: Wayne Patridge, will accompany him. As we don't presently have a kitchen, we will meet at 7:30 p.m. We hope all can attend.

tract visits. We have been able to join our peer District Officers at Monroe, Ontario/Seneca/Yates and Genesee-Wyoming on their Official Visits. It has been really fun and we are looking forward to doing a few more.

November Events

This Month we commence the MDC programs. This year we have the opportunity again to work with multiple Districts. (Please see R.:W.: Joe Shanks column for more of the details.)

I wish "Good Luck" to Mt. Morris with their Brother Bring-a-Friend Night on November 17th. These programs are truly a worthwhile effort and they are successful in generating interest in our Craft.

Are you looking for an evening of fun and fellowship? Union Lodge will be holding their Sixth Annual Table Lodge on November 20th. The Guest speaker for the evening will be R.:W.: Tim McMullin, Junior Grand Warden. If you are interested in joining them for their festive feast please contact W.: Jim Smith, W.: Mike Grady or me.

As the month progresses, Degrees in our District will be continuing. Phoenix Lodge will be having a Master Mason Degree and Livonia and Genesee Lodge will be holding their Fellowcraft Degree. Please consider joining the Brothers from these Lodges, R.:W.: Joe Shanks and me. Your attendance will always be appreciated.

I hope Masons around the District and the State have a Happy Thanksgiving, filled with family, good times and delicious food. We are looking forward to my wife's family and many friends coming to our home for dinner. I know our kitchen will be filled with the delightful aroma of turkey, broccoli bake and my wife's mouth-watering pies. I expect yours will be, too.

and Genesee-Wyoming District will join us again this year.

The Road to the East (RTTE) program dates will be February 7th, 21st and 28th. These will be on Saturday mornings starting at 9 a.m.

Brothers, if you want to be Master of your Lodge or a Grand Lodge Officer, you must take the MDC and RTTE programs.

Union Lodge No. 45

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

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Usually I glance forward in our *Masonic Times* articles. This time I'll open with "looking back!"

Looking Back

The Livingston District's Grand Lecturer's Convention was held October 1st. Thank you, Brothers, for your support of this important event! I've never seen us seat and serve 65 for dinner, after which more than 70 Brothers attended R.:W.: Charles Toombs' Livingston District Grand Lecturer's Convention. Congratulations, Brothers, your support has secured our ability to bring home another Howard Potts Award in May! I'm sure other articles in this issue provide further insights on this event, but as Master of the hosting Lodge, I am very proud and thankful for the support and attendance for this event. In particular, my thanks go to the Lima Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, for an amazing meal.

Award Recipient

Now that our Valley of Rochester Symbolic Lodge Award winner has been announced, let me provide some insight about our Lodge's recipient, Brother Duane Sisson. Duane is active in our Lodge in so many "seen," and "unseen" ways. Not only as our Marshal, Duane is always ready to step in as both Junior and Senior Deacon, which is really helpful! One of the unseen ways Duane supports the Lodge is his faithful caretaking of the Joseph Chase grave on US Routes 5 & 20, just West of Lima. Duane regularly travels with Union Lodge Brothers to other Lodges, Association meetings and Staff Officer visits. He is an active Trustee of the Lodge, a critical and not particularly visible job. There are many other roles Duane takes on in support of Union Lodge, too

numerous to list. Congratulations Duane, and thanks for your support!!

Looking Forward

November has additional important events for Union Lodge. On November 11th we will have a Veterans Appreciation Dinner, giving us a chance to thank Lima Area Veterans for their service. Please sign up to help us recognize and honor our Veterans. Contact me for more information.

Masonic Development Course

A reminder that the *Masonic Development Course* kicks off this year on November 12th (per Joe Shanks) at Eunice Lodge in Caledonia at 7 p.m. I'll be attending and hope to see other Union Lodge members there.

Back for its sixth year, November 20th brings the now (in) famous Union Lodge Table Lodge. This is a popular event not only in the Livingston, but also neighboring Districts, and quickly sells out. Be sure to let Table Lodge Chairman R.:W.: John Gallant know if you'd like tickets.

The November Livingston District Association Meeting will be at our Lodge on Monday, November 24th, at 7:30 p.m. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. so come and see what your Worshipful Master cooks up for dinner.

Fall is a great time to spend time together. See you in Lodge!

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A group of us attended the Grand Lecturer's Convention at Union Lodge. We were treated to a great dinner and met our new Grand Lecturer, R.:W.: Charles Toombs. Our Lodge also received the Attendance Award for the Schools of Ritual. This meeting was very well attended by our District.

On October 16th, we traveled to the Shrine Center in Webster to see one of our Lodge Brothers receive an award. R.:W.: Brother Gerald Hussong received the 2008 Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Award. Brother Hussong has been our Secretary for many years; when you see him, congratulate him.

As always, stop in and see what's happening at your Masonic Lodge!

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(one of the largest gatherings in recent years) and two Lodges qualified for the Howard Potts Award. Thanks to all who came.

I extend my kudos to Livonia, Genesee and Phoenix Lodges on the successful completion of their Degrees. Everyone did a great job. I know our new Brothers are in good hands and well along their way as they progress with their Masonic travels.

Awards

To all the Brothers who were recognized by their Lodges at the Valley of Rochester, AASR, Symbolic Lodge Awards, I extend my congratulations to you. I know the Brothers from Livingston District who were selected by their Lodges to receive this award are truly a critical part of the core of Masonry. Without Brothers like these, our local level of Masonry would not be able to function.

I wish to reserve special thanks to R.:W.: Dick Trescott and the spectacular job he has done with the Child ID Program that we do in conjunction with the Livingston County Sheriff's Department. Not only did Dick organize and coordinate the Lodge Brothers to work the sessions, we were able to process close to 1,000 children this year!

R.:W.: Joe and I have also had a wonderful time doing cross-dis-

trict visits. November is upon us, Brothers, with the fun of Winter closing in. November 1st will be the District Purple Apron Presentation for District Deputy Grand Master, John Gallant; Roland Stanly Jr.; Roy Moses; and your Grand Steward, Joe Shanks, at the Genesee River Restaurant and Reception Center, 134 North Main Street in Mt. Morris. Cocktails at 6:00 p.m.; Dinner at 7 p.m. Cost is \$30 for the buffet supper. R.:W.: Jim Sullivan, Past Senior Grand Warden will be the guest speaker.

Back to Masonic Education

The *Masonic Development Course (MDC)* will be held at Eunice Lodge in Caledonia. The cost is \$20 for the three sessions, scheduled for November 12th, December 10th and January 14th. We start at 7 p.m. sharp! and should be done by 9 p.m. with refreshments during the evening. Monroe District has challenged Livingston, telling us they will have more members attending. I told them to "bring it on!" Wayne District

District Deputy Grand Master Livingston District



R.:W.:
John Gallant

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What a whirlwind of activity these last couple of months has been. We have finished our Official Visits and wish to extend our thanks to all the Lodges in the District! It is truly spectacular how all the Brothers made R.:W.: Joe Shanks, R.:W.: Roy Moses and me feel right at home. Every one of our visits was definitely a learning experience. Now looking forward to the next few months, we are preparing to visit all the Lodges, simply as guests and Brothers.

Our Grand Lecturer's Convention was very interesting; this was the District's first chance to meet our new Grand Lecturer. As a member of our District Team, I was extremely proud of all the support from the Brothers. We had 65 Brothers who attended

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Fall is well on its way - the colors are bright and the frost is on the pumpkin. A lot happened in the month of October.

Official Visits are half over and have been very interesting to say the least. My traveling companions have been most helpful and have made it fun. Our District has a lot of knowledge and experience and they are not afraid to pass it on, I say thanks.

Our Apron Presentation was October 3rd; attendance was great. The M.: W.: Neal Bidnick, Past Grand Master, was our guest speaker for the evening and gave us some inspiring thoughts.

Presentations

R.: W.: Clayton Ruggles presented the *E. Platt Soper Fellowship Award* to R.: W.: Eldon White. Congratulations, Brother White, it was well deserved.

Two Eagle Scout awards were presented by M.: W.: Bidnick to Josh Jansen and Kurt Romeiser.

Dedicated Service Awards

Dedicated Service Awards were given to W.: Gordon Phillips (presented by R.: W.: Eldon White, Master of Milnor Lodge); W.: Gary Schultz (presented by W.: Jamie Kaim, Master of Geneva Lodge); and W.: Donald Braun (presented by R.: W.: Ronald Galens, DDGM) at an Awards Dinner last July.

Apron Presentations

Grand Historian, R.: W.: James H. Rice (presented by M.: W.: Bidnick, PGM). Congratulations, Brother Rice; having the Grand Historian from our District is an honor for us all.

Assistant Grand Lecturers

R.: W.: Clayton Ruggles (presented by R.: W.: Ronald Galens, DDGM of O/S/Y); R.: W.: Bruce Huie (presented by W.: Jamie Kaim, Master of Geneva Lodge).

Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.: W.: William Valois (presented by W.: Fred Newton, Master of Pocahontas Lodge).

District Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: Ronald Galens (presented by W.: George Landstrom, PM of Garoga-Sincerity Lodge).

Thanks to my father, W.: George Landstrom, for presenting my Apron. He has been a Mason since 1951. Without his love and guidance, I wouldn't be able to do this. "Thanks, Dad."

My family has been very supportive of my being DDGM. It is very time consuming and, without their understanding, this would not be possible. Also, thanks to the Past Purple members for having the confidence in me to perform my duties.

Again, if any Lodge has any events they would like me to attend, please give me advance notice and I will try to attend.

Upcoming Dates Official Visits

November

4th - Farmerville-Union
 10th - Dundee
 13th - Milnor
 19th - Ark

December

2nd - Garoga-Sincerity (Homecoming)

4th - I plan to visit Constellation Lodge in Perry for the Homecoming of R.: W.: John Cook, DDGM of Genesee-Wyoming Dist. If interested in going, call me and we can carpool.

Remember our Veterans on Veterans Day! Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

Garoga-Sincerity Lodge No. 200



1st & 3rd
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By Clayton Ruggles

As we continue into this Masonic year, the Lodge is very active and busy. By the time you read this article, our Pork Chop Supper will already have taken place. We also have a 1st Degree scheduled for November 18th. We will need a lot of help with this Degree. Please, if you receive a call asking for help, make an effort to get to Lodge and assist us with this important event. Sideliners are also needed, as this makes a lasting impression on our Candidates.

We will also be having more dinners as the year goes on. Please assist us in these upcoming events. It takes a great deal of planning and work to execute them and the Lodge needs your help to make them successful.

I have also been asked if Game Night will continue. Yes, we will soon be scheduling them on Friday nights, as they have been in the past. These Game Nights have been very successful; all that will be required is that you bring a snack or a dish of something hot to pass. I will discuss this at the next meeting and have a definite date soon.

We have started to receive donations for our pavilion enclosure. We need your donations to help off-set costs. Checks can be sent to our Lodge Treasurer, Secretary or myself. Make sure you designate "Building Fund" on your check. Thanks for your cooperation in this important issue, as it takes all members to maintain our building and property.

I hope to see you in Lodge. Don't forget that the 1st Tuesday of each month is a Pot Luck Supper. It starts at 6:30 p.m.; just bring a dish-to-pass.

Happy Birthday

We send November birthday greetings to Brothers Stephen

Phillips (1st); Paul Adams and William Sergeant (7th); James Allen (8th); Robert Bird and Don Henning (10th); William Hargrove (12th); Robert Kloepfel (15th) and Douglas Nicot (17th).

Masonic Anniversaries

The following Brothers were Raised in November:

- 1946 Charles Romeiser
- 1955 - Donald Fridley
- 1972 - Thomas Pardington and Elliott Schocken
- 1974 - Jack Resnik
- 1975 - Terence Mays
- 1981 - Daniel Guth, William Peterson and Gary Yancey
- 1990 - Paul McIntyre and Clayton Ruggles
- 2001 - Donald Romeiser, Ronald Galens, and William Smith

Milnor Lodge No. 139



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November is one of the transition months, the nice weather of Fall changes to cold and snow of Winter. Some may complain, but this is the favorite time of year for many of our Brothers. Many enjoy watching football, while others spend their spare time hunting. Thankfully, one of our hunters, W.: Jim Hartz, is very generous in sharing his

bounty. The venison stew he shares with the Lodge is always a favorite. Good luck to Jim and the rest of the hunters.

District Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: Ronald Galens, will present the Grand Master's message November 13th. The Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.: W.: William Valois, will accompany him. R.: W.: Ken Hall will provide dinner at 6:30 p.m.

We were unable to present the George Washington Memorial program in September. It is rescheduled for the December 11th meeting. Corky and Joyce Thon will serve a chicken and biscuit dinner, with proceeds going to the Brotherhood Fund.

Degree

The 1st Degree will be conferred on at least one candidate on January 22nd.

Update

In late September, W.: Phillip and Karen Trautman hit a deer while riding their motorcycle near their home. Both were injured. Karen was transported to Thompson Hospital in Canandaigua and released that evening. Phil's injuries were more serious and he was transported by Mercy Flight to Strong Memorial Hospital, where he remained until mid-October. Recuperation will take some time and we look forward to seeing both at Lodge activities when healthy.

From the Secretary ...

Brotherhood Fund

It is time for us to dig deeply into our pockets and support the Masonic Brotherhood Fund. The information will be included with the 2009 Dues mailing later this month.

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We should all be mindful that November 11th is Veterans Day. We owe much to all veterans for those freedoms we so often take for granted. Thank you.

Our first meeting of the year was held on September 17th. Thank you to all who helped your new Master get through his first meeting. It never fails to amaze me no matter how well you think you have the Ritual down, those prompts from the Secretary are vital. Thanks, Lance. The meeting included a ballot on the Petition of a potential new member. The outcome was favorable and we anticipated a 1st Degree on October 15th. We will then have two Brothers ready for the 2nd Degree. Our official Lodge Historian will be W.: Thomas Abraham. Brother Abraham was a natural choice after the yeoman's effort put forth getting the booklet ready for the 200th Anniversary Celebration.

Finally, there are ten Ark Lodge Brothers ready to carry the Traveling Trowel to distant reaches of the O/S/Y District in

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October. In keeping with our efforts to do more socializing outside the Lodge meetings, we will use the occasion to meet for dinner prior to presenting the Traveling Trophy to an unsuspecting Lodge.

Hopefully, if the Master can keep up with the task, Brothers of Ark Lodge should see an increase in communication from the Lodge. My goal is to send, at regular intervals, a newsletter with information about what's going on in the Lodge, as well as, with the Brother's of Ark Lodge. I encourage all to forward any information to me that would be of interest to the Brothers concerning happenings in your life. My email is: tsmart5276@aol.com and my address is: 493 East Bluff Drive, Penn Yan, NY 14527.

Speaking of emails, we're attempting to compile a list of email addresses of the Brothers of Ark Lodge. This would open up yet another form of communication for the Lodge. If you have an email address, please take time to send the Master a note, even if it just says: "Here it is," so that your email can be added to the list.

November Masonic Anniversaries

- 1950 - Donald Randall
- 1958 - Robert Meeks
- 1959 - Harold Comstock and J. Richard Hart
- 1960 - Jeffrey Merrill and George VanSickle
- 1967 - Charles Jenkins, Edwin Watling and Rene Reynolds
- 1971 - Walter Strong
- 1976 - Charles Rouse Jr.
- 1982 - Gary Baxter, Joseph Hessney Jr. and Lance Ward
- 1993 - Peter Einset

My wish for November is to see a goodly number of you on the sidelines for our November 19th meeting. I hope you are all able to celebrate Thanksgiving with family or friends and give thanks for all the blessings we receive in this life. ✕

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The Farmer's Almanac calls for a mild November with snow (that white stuff) around Thanksgiving. Boy, I already miss the warm days of this past Summer. Oh well, we all knew it would come to this sooner or later. It isn't all bad as we can snuggle under the covers as the days get shorter and the leaves are off the trees. Hot coffee and other warm liquids are the norm now.

November Official Visits

- 6th - Northfield
- 10th - ERAC
- 11th - Seneca
- 24th - Fairport-Flower City

School of Ritual

On September 30th we had our first School of Ritual at Unity Lodge in Spencerport, under the direction of V.: W.: Harry DeHollander and our new AGL, V.: W.: Hugh Woodside. The subject of the evening was Balloting and Closing. However five Lodges were not in attendance. I do not want to embarrass anyone, but it seems that the word "COMMUNICATION" was not passed along to some of the Brothers of those Lodges. In today's world of emails, the written word (*Masonic Times*) and cell phone, I find it disturbing that 30% of our Brothers did not find information on attending this educational opportunity. One Master said he did not know of the School.

If you remember, we had a District Kickoff meeting back in August where we handed out material to each Master explaining all the District Committees and *DATES.* We tried very hard to convey the programs for the upcoming year. For those who were at the School, we hope you went away with new information that will benefit you in your Lodges.

The next School of Ritual will be on January 27, 2009, at the Shrine Center. More information will be provided by our AGL's (pay attention) and we will meet and greet you there.

As we have traveled around to many of the District Lodges, we have witnessed great Ritual, have welcomed into the Craft over two dozen new Brothers and have enjoyed the fellowship and culinary delights of Brothers as we work together in this great Fraternity. We are a 'special band of Brothers' who seek

after Truth, Integrity, Charity and Brotherly Love. It is our honor to serve such men as are found in the 13 Lodges of the Monroe District.

At the Official Visits we are mindful of the sacrifices that many of our servicemen make and we have set aside a portion of the time to honor those who either have served or are serving during the current situation in the world. Recently we had the pleasure to recognize three Brothers from Unity Lodge and three Brothers from Oakta Lodge for their efforts. In upcoming Visits, I would request that any active or recently returned military persons come to Lodge in their Dress Uniforms so that we may recognize and pay tribute to your service to our country.

R.: W.: Donald Darrohn has been accompanying us as we make our visits and speaking about the Masonic Care Community and its Charities. We know that many Brothers have not taken the opportunity to travel with their families to visit our Masonic Home for one reason or another. You really should sometime; it really is a gem. It sits on nearly 475 acres of manicured property in Utica. Recently the Trustees of the Home spent over \$65 million to build facilities, which are cutting edge in the care for our senior members. It also has one of the best rehabilitation units anywhere and a friendly and supportive staff. On a side note: Utica also has a beautiful train station that is worth your time to visit.

We acknowledge our Brothers who are celebrating birthdays this month. To me a birthday is always a cause of celebration and should be acknowledged. Besides it is always nice to have cake and enjoy another year with our families who have gathered to wish you many happy returns.

R.: W.: Donald Tubman and Brother Rick Downs are to be complimented in their efforts in providing CHILD ID opportunities for the Monroe District. A few (they need more help) Brothers have seen the importance of this work. If what we do can assist in the saving of one child, then all the effort will have been worth the inconvenience that sometimes we face when asked to assist them. They are also working with the local Fire Departments to provide locations for this program.

The educational programs for the District start this month with the *Masonic Development Course* on November 12th, December 10th and January 14th. More details can be found in the Staff Officers' Columns. Again the educational opportunities are there for you to learn and grow in Masonry.

It's your decision whether or not you want to broaden your Masonic horizons. A lot of time and effort go into these presentations that will be held at Eunice Lodge in Caledonia.

We express our thanks to all of you who make up the Monroe District in allowing us to serve you and may God Bless. ✕

Grand Steward

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As has been stated previously, our role as Staff Officers for the District is to educate. I might add, we benefit also. I have learned a number of things in my short tenure as Grand Steward. We are bound by more than just the love of the Fraternity. I have found we share a number of interests in common. For example: law enforcement, motorcycles, community charity work and Masonic Youth programs. I have tried to mention some historic significance of each Lodge during our visits. But the Brothers have a wealth of knowledge about their particular Lodges.

Mark Your Calendar

The *Masonic Development Course* will be held at Eunice Lodge, 3141 State Street, Caledonia. The dates are November 12th, December 10th, and January 14th. As in the past, this will be a joint District venture. The cost for the Course is \$20, which includes refreshments. Recently Raised Master Masons, and those not so recent, should avail themselves of this training. If interested, please either email me at gtodd1@rochester.rr.com or call me at (h) 964-5809, (c) 298-0852 or (w) 654-0253 or Mike Nohle at: mikenohle@aol.com; Phone: 216-9016.

It would be a wonderful thing if the Monroe District outnumbered Livingston and Wayne Districts in attendance. As of this writing, only one Brother has seen fit to register for the Course. Time is running short.

With respect to the *Masonic Development Course*, I was asked by one of the Brothers in my Lodge if it would help him learn Ritual. My answer at the time was "No," but I have had time to think about that answer. I have changed my answer to "Yes." Why? Most consider Ritual simply a matter of memorization. By memorizing do you truly understand the meaning behind the words? Do you truly understand why certain things were asked of each of us during the various degrees? The *Masonic Development Course* will provide that insight for you.

For example, the meaning of Wardens. Wardens are found in all Bodies of Masonry, in all Rites, in all countries. Both its derivation and its translations give the meaning of the word. It comes from the Saxon "weardian," to guard, to watch.

In France, the second and third Officers are Premier and Second Surveillant; in Germany, Erster and Zweiter Aufseher; in Spain, Primer and Segundo Vigilante; in

Italy, Primo and Secondo Sorvegliante. All the words mean to overlook, to see, to watch, to keep ward and to observe. (*The Master's Book* by Carl H. Claudy, page 89).

As always, if we as District Officers can be of assistance to you or your Lodge, feel free to contact one of us. We would be willing to attend any of your programs, Lodge meetings, etc. We only ask not to wait until the last minute. Our calendars are fairly full and we would need time to schedule your requests.

Until next month, see you in the Quarries. ✕

Grand Steward

Monroe



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As we visit the Lodges in our District, I am slowly getting to know many of you and the personality and character of each Lodge. There is a common trend that is beginning to become apparent. That is, many of our line Officers and even Masters are not worldly and educated about Masonry. This is likely due to the fact they have not received necessary training to help them lead with vigor and enthusiasm.

When asked if the Master has received the *LSOME* or *MDC* programs, the common answer is "no." Recently, a Master mentioned to me he was unfamiliar with much of the symbolism of the three Degrees. I submit to you that our Masters have not been properly prepared to serve from the East. This is not their fault. I will take some of the responsibility as a member of the District Leadership Team.

What's the Fix?

The answer is easy. If each Candidate/new Brother receives good mentoring, attend the *LSOME* training and *MDC*, all of our Master Masons will be educated and be worldly about the Craft. If Masters take the *RTTE* and *LDC* courses in preparation for their Master year, they will be much better equipped to serve their Lodges from the East.

Perhaps these are hard words, but I'm betting few, if any, of you will disagree. It all begins with how we raise Master Masons. They must be trained effectively at the Lodge level and strongly encouraged to participate in the advanced training available to them. I am always available to discuss this topic and to help any Master Mason or Master of any Lodge to this end.

Key Word - Charity

Charity (noun) according to the Encarta Dictionary means, the voluntary provision of money, materials, or help to people in need. This has been a topic I have presented at Official Visits to your Lodges. Traditionally in Masonry, charity, or the practice thereof, was out of concern for "distressed worthy Master Masons, their widows and orphans." Today, our sense of charity has evolved somewhat.

Our Lodges are often engaged in programs to raise money for charitable organizations in our

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communities. We do this to help further the awareness of our great Fraternity in this area. This is a very important cause and we do need to have a presence in our towns and villages to attract new members. This being said, it is equally important we do not forget to help, aid and assist distressed worthy Master Masons, their widows and orphans.

Supporting the Masonic Care Community is one perfect way to do this. We need to continually reach out to our shut-in Brothers, our surviving spouses and loved ones. Please be sure your Lodge has programs for this and that you have a designee to serve as a Lodge contact for Brothers in need and their families. Masons must always be there for each other first. »

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

School of Ritual
There was a School of Ritual held in Spencerport on September 30th. The attendance was very good, about 80 Brothers. The only thing that puzzled me is that five or six Lodges didn't have a representative present. I can't believe some Lodges think they know everything there is to know about the Ritual, Balloting and Opening and Closing, which were the subjects of the School. Well, maybe they do, but if you want to learn something and further your Masonic Education, the next School of Ritual will be held on January 27th at the Shrine Center starting at 7:30 p.m.
Happy Thanksgiving to all! »

Area 15 Brotherhood Fund
R.:W.:
Derek VanHouten
Monroe District

Last month the Annual Brotherhood Fund Campaign officially began in the State, and will conclude in May of 2009. I'm sure that all of you have read articles and pledged a TAX DEDUCTIBLE gift in the past. The Lodge Chairmen, some of the hardest working Brothers in the State, will again be making their appeals in *Masonic Times* articles and in Lodge meetings, to ask you to consider providing funds for Grand Lodge. We are fully aware of the tight money conditions for this coming campaign. You all deserve a pat on the back as last year Area 15 Brothers and friends raised in excess of \$58,665 for our share of the funds for Grand Lodge. Our Grand Master's Theme for his term is "Lead with your Heart," so we ask you to keep this in mind when considering whether or not to contribute. He has indicated he will continue to give the gift of a Masonic pocketwatch for a donation of \$500 for the Benevolent Fund and for \$100, a beautiful hand-stitched, framed tapestry of the Grand Lodge Seal Square and Compass. Your Lodge Chairman can assist with this.

In total there are seven worthy programs that need your

help on a yearly basis and we are highlighting one of them here. We all took an obligation to "Help, Aid, and Assist" in our Degrees. The Masonic Benevolence Fund is designed to respond to appeals from distressed Brothers and their families. Donations to this program are a true response to what we, as Masons, believe in.

If you have questions, the Lodge Chairman should be able to help; if not, the District Chairman of each of the three Districts in the Area 15 jurisdiction may be called upon.

I would encourage the Masters of the 35 Lodges in Area 15 to allow your Lodge Chairman the opportunity at each Lodge meeting to say a few words about the progress your Lodge is making or to take any questions that might come from the Brethren. »

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The Child ID Program needs your help! We are reaching out to you to have great events in November and December. In 2008 and 2009, we're striving to schedule as many events as possible and team with fire departments, the police and, of course, all Lodges and Concordant Bodies.

This is also an opportunity for the Masonic Fraternity to be visible. I had several men ask about how they could join the Masons while at North Greece.

Positive Impact
Our Brother, Joe Privitera, experienced the results of a Child ID Program. A few weeks ago I was at the San Antonio airport with my wife, Trish, and my 4-year-old grandson, "TJ." We were preparing to come home after a week stay with my son and his family. My wife had all the ID information and passed it to the airline agent. The agent was very impressed with TJ's ID card. That is when I found out the ID card was prepared at a Child ID event. It displayed his picture and fingerprint. My daughter then had the card laminated. The airline agent even called another agent over to look at the card. Needless to say, it was very impressive.



Don and Mickey Darrohn busily processing children. It was a busy time for everyone involved.



Bernie Lazerson, Tyler Ekwel, Helga Jamele, Mike Coyner and John Jamele (standing).

In October, Unity Lodge helped North Greece Fire Department process 45 children at an Open House. We had great support from Don and Mickey Darrohn, Tom Perrone and Andy Alvarez, who worked for almost four straight hours to complete everyone.

If you would like to help us with future events, contact Don Tubman or Rick Downs, Co-coordinators of the Monroe County Program, with your plan.

We would like to reach those children who are not involved in the school Child ID Programs and probably the most at risk. (The Monroe County Sheriff's Office and Rochester Police Department have an aggressive in-school Child ID Program.)



Interview at North Greece.

Generate Ideas
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 CHIPS 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.

A Perfect Example...
From John Jamele, Unity Lodge
On August 31st, Brothers: Junior Warden, Andy Alvarez;



Laura Alvarez joins Andy at the keyboard.

Junior Deacon, Tyler Ekwel; Steward, Mike Coyner; Andy's wife Laura; my wife Helga and I, along with Bernie Lazerson, Junior Warden at Fairport-Flower City Lodge, returned to Perinton Town Park to run the Child ID program.

The occasion was the LiDestri Foods Annual Family Picnic. Andy is employed at LiDestri in the Purchasing Department. Being committed to both the Child ID program and LiDestri, Andy recognized this as an ideal opportunity. He arranged with the folks at LiDestri to have us run the program during the picnic festivities.

John LiDestri and his wife, Cindy, owners of LiDestri Foods, were very enthusiastic about the program and did everything they could to promote it among the 400-plus employees and families at the picnic. Cindy took the application forms around the entire grounds and distributed them among the employees. She encouraged them to have their children processed and directed them to our station.



Bernie Lazerson and Tyler Ekwel setting up equipment.



Andy Alvarez and Tom Perrone manning the computers for input of information to complete Child ID process.

The LiDestris were great hosts. They came by every now and then to see how we were doing, brought us bottled water, etc., to keep us refreshed and invited us to share in the large variety of picnic fare. By the end of the day, we had processed 42 children through the Child ID System.

This kind of interaction between Masons and local institutions, such as LiDestri, who share values of social consciousness is the kind of thing which, little by little, leads to a better world.

Get Involved
We have requested that each Lodge have a Coordinator to help us man these events. They are not just a local Lodge event, but a County and Grand Lodge event.

We have not heard from each of the Lodges regarding who their Child ID Lodge Coordinator is. Can you please do this so when a request comes in for an event in your area, we know who to contact?

Information about the Masonic ID program is available online at <http://nychip.org/>. We are always looking for volunteers to help with the Program.

We can be reached most easily by email to schedule an event at datubman@yahoo.com or rcdowns@rochester.rr.com. You can also contact Don Tubman at 889-4725. »



Traveling Gavel
By Erik Loepker, Chairman
Hark! Is that a challenge in the air? As I posted in our last issue, our Brethren at Valley-Simes Lodge still retain possession of the Traveling Gavel.

As it is, I've heard the faintest rumors that Brothers of other Lodges are making plans to visit the Brethren of Valley-Simes Lodge on those dates to retrieve the Gavel. ...

No Longer a Rumor!
On October 14th, after W.: Brother David Adams called ahead to obtain permission from the Master of Valley-Simes Lodge, the Brothers from Northfield Lodge presented themselves to reclaim the Traveling Gavel. The Gavel now resides at Northfield Lodge in Pittsford. They meet the first and third Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. »

Remember the Brotherhood Fund

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By Erik Loepker, Jr. Warden

Remember this Number!
586-2976

Write it down! Pin it up! Tape it to your phone!

"But, hey, Brother Loepker," you cry, as you scramble for a pencil and paper; "what's so important about this number?"

It is the telephone number of Northfield Lodge. I can even hear the resounding, "So what?" as I write this. In today's day and age, communication seems to have become more problematic than easier. With the raging and relentless advance of technology, the means to "reach out and touch someone" (to borrow AT&T's slogan) has grown wildly divergent, attaining a kind of saturation point that matches the levels of other "labor-saving" devices that curiously leave us with less time rather than more.

Sadly, not everyone follows the same technological path, or progresses along those paths at the same speed. Some have Wi-Fi email, some have cable/modem email, yet others have dial-up email. Then, telecommunications meet everything from iPhone to BlackBerry®, to standard cell phones and still some have only their home phones. There may even be those who only receive "snail mail" (that is to say, letter by post).

I've heard many laments from Brothers of many Lodges far and near regarding the deplorable state with which communication between the Brethren and the Lodge exists (or somewhat fails to do so). Yes, we too have fallen into such ways.

But, there is hope! While the Fraternity yet lives and breathes, we can strive to pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off and stride forward with confidence. I'm not saying that we'll change overnight, but communication is very important and ranks high on our "to-do" list.

Why should you remember 586-2976? Why should you write it down? After all, it's not like anybody lives at the Lodge. Do we expect you to leave us a message saying, "Howdy-doo?" Not at all. In fact, our answering machine no longer records messages. But, it does make announcements. We're actively using it to announce to anyone who calls, our agenda for the next month. It will state our family activities, Communications, special events, etc. If you feel lost, just call 586-2976 and you'll be brought up to speed.

If you have email, please contact me at:

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and I will include you in our email lists, which we use to send information on a regular basis. Also, be sure to check our website:
<http://www.northfieldLodge.org>
W.: David Adams ensures this is kept up-to-date.

We are Brothers; the telephone works both ways. You may not

have been called lately, but let me ask you, when did you last call a Brother just to say, "How have you been?" That simple question means a lot. We know it and we all intend to get better at it. In the meantime, let's take a peek ahead.

November Events
6th - Official Visit (Formal Dress), Dinner will be served
20th - 2nd Degree (Formal Dress) Dinner will be served
Happy Thanksgiving!

Valley-Simes Lodge No. 109

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A Special Service

It was a cool Sunday morning, but the sun was shining. Eleven of us were at graveside to perform a "Graveside Memorial Service" for Brother Chester Morrison, who passed away 21 years ago. Brother Morrison was a member of Frank L. Simes Lodge. He was Raised in 1952 and passed away in 1987. He did not receive a Masonic Service at the time of his death. His son, Ed, lives in Texas and became a Mason about a year ago. As he learned more about the Craft, he decided closure was needed and he contacted the Grand Lodge of Texas. We received the request from the Grand Lodge of New York.

We asked R.: W.: Derek VanHouten to perform the ceremony for us. Ed was there, with his Lady, and the ceremony was very moving for all of us. I took Ed to see the Damascus Shrine Center and then went to lunch. He said he couldn't get over the support and hospitality he received; it was a closure long-needed for his father and himself.

My apologies for not getting my article in last month. I really wanted to get this in last month, then I lost the original letter, which had all of the attendees listed.

Sickness and Distress

Many of our Brothers are getting up there in age and can't get around as well. My Brothers, please help us with phone calls, visitation to those Brothers you know and communicate back to the Lodge. Brothers, if you're injured or in poor health, please let us know.

W.: Gary Burke did an outstanding job with his Brother Bring-a-Friend Program at our last meeting! He brought out information that was useful to us all. We had one potential Candidate, with 26 Brothers in attendance.

Our Officers have been working hard on Ritual rehearsals as well as rehearsing for the 1st Degree. Many thanks to Nelson Bertch for hosting these rehearsals.

We had our Official Visit at our October meeting. We'll have at least two Candidates for the 1st Degree scheduled for November 11th. Please join us for these events.

You have my Trestleboard and information that was mailed out, but contact Herb Spencer or me for further information or questions. Don't forget our Holiday Celebration in December!

I hope to see or hear from you soon!

ERAC

Lodge No. 163

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



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By Robert Kostin
Communications Officer

Our September 22nd Awards Night was a great success and there was plenty of good cheer from the sidelines. Our Worshipful Master, James Jenerson, takes this opportunity to thank each and every Award recipient for their dedicated service to the Craft. Also, a special thanks to all the family and friends who attended.

Long service awards of notable interest include Frederick S. Holderle (70 years); Herman F. Thomas (65 years); Jack D. Michie, Harold F. Murphy, Robert B. Nephew and Maurice Solomon, each with 60 years.

In Sickness and Health

Our thoughts go to Brother David Caplan who suffered a serious health-related hardship recently. Please inquire in Lodge the nature of the issue and where and how to lend support.

Communications Corner

ERAC Lodge is pleased to announce a new website at www.erac163.org.

A hearty thank you to Brother Robert Kostin and all those who are assisting him. The site is one supporting leg in this year's Lodge theme of "Encompass Thy Brother." We believe an informed Brother is a helpful Brother, and good communication process is key to enabling that.

The mission of ERAC's new communications process is to ensure that all Lodge members are aware of every upcoming event, in a timely manner, with accurate and clear detail. Although cabletows vary greatly, no Brother will be unaware where and when participation is possible.

On the new website you will find up-to-date information on upcoming events, plus summaries and slideshows of picnics and other open occasions. If you've



Harold Metzler (55 yrs), James Jenerson, Master, and Edward Simon (50 years).

attended a recent ERAC Lodge open event, you can be sure your picture will be on our website! You might want to look into that by visiting www.erac163.org.

The Domain Name erac163.org ...

is also our communications base of operations. From that address we will be sending email blasts and official notifications from the Worshipful Master to Lodge members and subscribers.

For our Officers, we've created generic contact address for each Officer, i.e. wm@erac163.org, seniordeacon@erac163.org, etc., as well as rsvp@erac163.org and others.

As Officers change, year after year, these addresses will remain as-is and automatically route communications to the appropriate Officer.

ERAC also maintains a Google Group, intended for general open Lodge discussion. The new communications process does not replace that, rather it provides a new platform for official words and announcements from our Worshipful Master.

Direct questions or comments regarding the new ERAC website and communications process to Robert M. Kostin, our Communications Officer, at email: communications@erac163.org, Ph: 330-5035. The Communications Officer function is a newly created position in ERAC Lodge and serves at the pleasure of our Worshipful Master.

Upcoming Events

In the month of November, ERAC Lodge will host two events during our regular meeting nights on the second and fourth Monday. On November 10th, ERAC will host an Official Visit. Officers are requested to attend in tuxedo. This is a Tiled Meet-

ing. On November 24th, the Brother's Giving Thanks Program will present Guest Speaker Paul Gleason. This, too, is a Tiled Meeting.

Please take time, Brothers, this month and reach out to someone who has not been in Lodge and invite him to attend, always remembering that we must "Encompass Thy Brother."

Union Star Lodge No. 320

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7:30 p.m.



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Congratulations!

October turned out to be a very exciting month at Union Star. On October 5th, as I looked at my morning newspaper, something caught my eye in the Local Section. There it was ... a wonderful article on one of Union Star's fine young men. Brother Gene Gordon, a Physics and Astronomy Teacher at Fairport High School, was on his way to NASA's Mission Control Center in Maryland to participate in NASA's Messenger Program. The program is a scientific investigation of the planet Mercury via spacecraft. Although I did not know about this adventure, I did know that only two weeks earlier he had been picked as New York State "Teacher of the Year" in Physics.

We, at Union Star, had recently chosen Gene to receive the Scottish Rite Symbolic Award for



Brothers who received recognition for their Masonic Service are: Front row (l to r) Henry Meech (45 yrs), Harold Metzler (55 yrs), James Jenerson, Master, Richard Greenaway (10 yrs), David Caplan (40 yrs), Reginald Reed (5 yrs), John D. Wihlen (5 yrs), Phillip Hurwitz (15 yrs), Edward Simon (50 yrs). Back row (l to r) Terry Wihlen, Sr. (25 yrs), Daniel Emerson (25 yrs), Gary Burke (30 yrs), John Hellaby III (5 yrs), Edward Wihlen (5 yrs) and John C. Wihlen (45 yrs).

Distinguished Service to Union Star. All these adventures and awards come as no surprise to those of us who know Gene. Brother Gordon is a fine Mason, husband, father, teacher and all-around great guy. Our heartiest congratulations and we wish him well on these and many more adventures to come.

Upcoming Events

At our Regular Communication on October 13th, we balloted on two Petitions and two Affiliations, all in the affirmative. This assures that we will be doing a 1st Degree on November 10th, with practice on Monday, November 3rd. Plan to attend to greet our new Brother's and Candidates. Please make your dinner reservations for November 10th to the Secretary by November 7th.

November


3rd - 1st Degree Rehearsal at 7 p.m.
10th - Dinner at 6 p.m.; 1st Degree at 7:30 p.m.
17th - Christmas Party Meeting at 7 p.m.
24th - Fellowcraft at 7 p.m.

December

8th - Regular Communication at 7:30 p.m.
13th - Christmas Dinner Party at 6:30 p.m. "Bring your Lady"
22nd - Fellowcraft at 7 p.m.

Wakan/Hubbard
Lodge No. 154

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



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By Jon P. Getz

How fast the month has gone. As we move forward towards Thanksgiving, the Lodge continues with plans to make us even better. Here are some of the Lodge happenings.

Community Cleanup

On the weekend of September 27th, Brothers cleaned for the Adopt-a-Highway Program. Whitney Road, from Linden Avenue to Route 250, was picked up and cleaned by a number of Brothers. Thank you to John Rees, Joe Oelgoetz, Angelo DiCataldo, Syd Curran and Tom Ward, as well as to any Brother inadvertently not mentioned and participated in this important community service event.

Brother Bring-a-Friend

On October 20th, the Lodge scheduled a Brother Bring-a-Friend event. This is the type of program we hope to continue to make us even stronger. A special thank you to John Zabel for his hard work on this event. More information will follow in the next newsletter.

Continued Lodge Improvements

As mentioned last month, the Brothers of the Lodge continue to work on improvements to our historical building. We are planning some outside beautification projects in the Spring to complement the work completed on the North side of the building. Anyone interested is invited to assist the Building Committee with this project.

Sad News

It is with sadness that we mention the passing of Brother

Ray Goodwin who passed to the Great Architect on October 1st.

We also wish to pay tribute and mention the passing of Helen Weekes, the widow of Brother Llewellyn Weekes.

If any Brother wishes to provide information, photos or news for the next *Masonic Times*, please email Brother. Jon Getz with your information. This includes any old photographs so Brothers may share some memories.

Seneca Lodge
No. 797

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Official Visit

Our Official Visit will be the November 11th meeting, preceded by a fine, catered dinner at 6 p.m. (Reservations required by November 6th. Contact Junior Warden Jack Breitung, 581-1415.) The meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. and dress code is tuxedos.

We are pleased to have DDGM R.: W.: Derek VanHouten and fellow Grand Officers of the Monroe District favor us with a visit to deliver the Grand Master's Message. All are encouraged to attend and learn more about the many excellent programs being conducted by Grand Lodge and within our District.

Child ID

On September 13th Seneca Lodge Brothers conducted a Child ID event for a Scouting Bike Rodeo at Winslow Elementary School in Henrietta. Our Lodge's Child ID Coordinator, Brother Kenneth Nelson, reported the event went very well and all parents were impressed with the equipment. They thanked us for doing this important work.

Assisting in the event were: W.: Robert Kimmel; W.: Michael Ferguson; W.: Dana Cline; W.: Raymond Crandall; DSA; Frederic Norter and Karen Briggs. A total of 43 children were processed in a span of about four hours, exclusively using two, newer mini-CD Digital Workstations.

Sad News

We are saddened to report the passing of Brother Henry Edward Goebel. Brother Goebel died September 25th at age 97. He was a Master Mason for thirty years, having been Raised in Seneca Lodge on May 16, 1978.

Outside Monroe District

Yours truly has now relocated to Raleigh, NC, where the sun shines warmly upon still-green trees (as I write this in early October). I am happy to report that Freemasonry is very much alive and well in this great State. My wife, Laurie, and I have been warmly welcomed by the Brethren of Millbrook Lodge No. 97, F.&A.M. of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, located very near to our residence.

They have a wonderful Lodge building, a large and active membership, many social activities and bi-weekly Communications. But, most importantly, they clearly have an abundance of that spirit of friendship and Brotherly love that is a fundamental tenet of Masonry. This is something we

speak of at every Masonic gathering I have ever attended. Let there be no doubt among those new to our Craft that this is also what we truly practice, here and everywhere in the world - not only as Masons in Lodge, but as men living in increasingly challenging times.

At this time of Thanksgiving please join me in giving thanks for one of life's more simple and enduring joys - friendship. Warm wishes to all Masons, their families and friends for the coming Holiday Season.

WEBSTER
LODGE NO. 538

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October began with our Lodge initiating seven new members. W.: Ed Malchoff presided in the East to confer the Degree, after which he was presented with his Past Master's Apron with the assistance of R.: W.: Derek E. VanHouten, District Deputy Grand Master.

Spaghetti Dinner

On the following evening, a record-breaking 217 spaghetti dinners were served and it was a complete sellout! The beneficiary of this month's proceeds was "Friends of Webster Trails."

Thirteen Brothers attended our September Fellowcraft Club meeting and accomplished a like number of tasks.

At the time of this writing, I am looking forward to escorting Brother Robert M. Passino to receive the Symbolic Lodge Award at the Scottish Rite Awards night at the Damascus Shrine Center. There is no doubt in my mind that Webster Lodge will be there in full force to cheer Bob when he receives his Award.

We will be treated to an interesting presentation by W.: Bruce Horncastle on November 6th about the Rosslyn Chapel. Joy Woodley will be serving a Swiss Steak dinner at 6:30 p.m. for those with reservations. This is an open meeting where you are welcome to bring your lady, relatives and friends. If you wish to make your dinner reservations by telephone, please call me at 352-1532 or e-mail Scott Cronk at: ssc538@yahoo.com by November 3rd.

The Fellowcraft Club will meet on the 13th.

I will be conferring the 2nd Degree on our class of seven on November 20th. Please come out in support of our Fall Class and meet our new Brothers.

As we observe Thanksgiving, be sure to give thanks for living in the greatest nation on earth. Please exercise your most precious right as a citizen by voting in this most important election. Leave nothing to chance. Every vote counts. Ask that God Bless our Nation's leaders-elect and that He give them the strength and wisdom to govern wisely.

I am looking forward to December 4th when we will have a Brother Bring-a-Friend evening. Be sure to invite anyone whom you think would become a good Mason.

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



Derek VanHouten (left), presented Edwin Malchoff with his Past Master's Apron with the assistance of current Master, Warren Patterson.

In closing, it has been brought to my attention that there are several functions on the Lodge organ which are not operational or not functioning properly. Furthermore, it has been determined that few, if any, of the malfunctioning items are serviceable. It would be nice to replace the organ with one that is

working correctly. If you know of an organ that may be available, please let us know.

November dates

- 6th - Open Meeting - Rosslyn Chapel Presentation
- 7th - Spaghetti Dinner
- 13th - Fellowcraft Club
- 20th - 2nd Degree

Fairport-Flower City
Lodge No. 476

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Mondays
7:30 p.m.

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October was a busy month. Awards were presented to a number of long-time members. The Entered Apprentice Degree was conferred on a new class under the leadership of W.: Bernard Lazerson. The Lodge hosted the Grand Lecturer's Convention, preceded by a well-received steak dinner.

The Veterans will be recognized at an open meeting on November 10th. Family and friends are invited to a patriotic program. R.: W.: K. Rick Howe will recite the poem, "This Old Flag."

R.: W.: Derek VanHouten, the District Deputy Grand Master for the Monroe District, will make his Official Visit on November 24th. Your support of your Officers, the District Deputy and his Staff and the good works of Grand Lodge, would be welcome.

Masonic Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following Brothers raised during the month of November:

- 1948 - Charles Blazey and Gordon Burton
- 1950 - Carl Mosher
- 1952 - Warren Reigelsperger
- 1955 - Alan Libglid
- 1957 - Stuart Bobry and Robert "Bud" Fisher
- 1958 - Dwight Turner
- 1959 - Lawrence Bleichfeld and Harold Feinberg

- 1963 - James Comstock and Lawrence Hood
- 1965 - Frank Kazdan
- 1966 - Bruce Budd, Murray Kellogg and Martin Lukacher
- 1968 - Robert Cameron and Robert Robbins
- 1969 - John Lindsay
- 1970 - Frederick Ogborne
- 1971 - Richard Scott
- 1973 - Hyman Graver
- 1974 - William Gerber
- 1975 - Robert Chappe
- 1976 - Roy Forest
- 1977 - Thomas Gilchrist
- 1978 - David Averbach
- 1979 - David Mawhiney
- 1980 - Gregory Hampton
- 1984 - James Scheerens and Brett Shulman
- 1985 - Michael DeSpain
- 1986 - Peter Moore
- 1989 - Brian Alexander, Carl Dattel and Eric Dreeson
- 1990 - Morton Stein
- 1991 - Gregory Ludwig
- 1992 - Tommie Richenderfer
- 1998 - Robert Johnson
- 2003 - Brennan Coon and Dennis Finucane.

November Birthdays

November birthday wishes go to Brothers Stewart Pederson (6th), Robert Vandebush (8th), James Scheerens (11th), Gary Gray (12th), David Andrulis (13th), David Zon (16th), Gregory Ludwig (19th), Irving Starr and David Averbach (22nd), Michael Marks (24th), William Lozon and Robert Johnson (26th) Stanley Chizuk (29th), Brian Bills and Stanley Friedman (30th) and Samuel Beckley (31st). Best wishes for the year to come!

Sad News

We mourn the passing of W.: Bill Laird, who was living in Corning in recent years. We extend our sympathy to his family.

I hope to meet with each of you around the Altar this year.

Remember the Brotherhood Fund

O-At-Ka**Lodge No. 759**

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Brothers, we had a delightful evening at our last communication on October 8th. The evening started with a great collation, with Brothers meeting and greeting our two newest candidates. Shelle White presented a fabulous chili dinner and, as always, the food was well received. Thanks Shelle.

After dinner, the Brothers moved upstairs to the Lodge room to begin the evening's Degree work. The Master for the evening was Brother Brennan Coon, who performed the Entered Apprentice obligation with great enthusiasm and passion. The whole Ritual was an exciting thing to see and be a part of. I am sure, the new Brothers were equally impressed with their Masonic foundation.

Brother Ken Skender will give the Historical Lecture on October 22 and this will complete the 1st Degree work for these new Brothers. November 12th will be the 2nd Degree and on December 10th we will conclude with the 3rd Degree.

While we initiated two new members that evening, R.:W.: Don Tubman presented Brother Pete Cormack with a Certificate from the Scottish Rite recognizing his 35 years of participation with that Concordant Body. Brother Cormack was made a 32° Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret in November, 1973. Congratulations, Pete.

Everything seems to be falling into place for our first Pancake Breakfast on October 26th. Brother Pete Crandall has taken care of permits and certifications with the County Health Department. The event has been posted to *R News*, the Community Calendars for Channels 8 and 13, and the *Get Out of the House* segment on Channel 10. Watch for these announcements and join us at the Pancake Breakfast. Remember, your help is always welcome.



Brother Pete Cormack receiving 35-year AASR Certificate from R.:W.: Don Tubman and W.: Master, Bill Flesher.

Enjoy the Citysm

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Pete Crandall has been asked to step in as Chaplain of the Lodge since John Horn is tending to his wife's needs. Our thoughts are with John during these tough days and we hope and pray for his wife's speedy recovery. John will be our Chaplain Emeritus and he will always be welcomed to sit in the East with Pete and myself.

The District Deputy Grand Master, R.:W.: Derek VanHouten and the Grand Stewards, R.:W.: Michael Nohle and R.:W.: George Todd, made their Official Visit on September 24th. The Grand Master's message, as delivered by the DDGM and Grand Stewards, focused on caring for our Masonic family, which not only includes our Brothers, but also their spouses and children. Part of the Grand Master's message conveyed the need for the members of the Lodge to care for one another and to keep track of Brothers who do not attend Lodge meetings on a regular basis. With that in mind, if any Brother is in sickness or distress, or in need of our aid or sympathy, please contact Brother Brennan Coon, our Junior Warden and chairman of the Surviving Spouses Program. His number is 889-2322.

I have also re-instituted the calling list with a calling committee, chaired by R.:W.: Don Tubman. Brother Don will coordinate calling all the Brothers of Oatka on a regular basis to ascertain if they are well.

R.:W.: Derek VanHouten, during his Official Visit to our Lodge, honored two of our Brothers with special recognition for their service and duty to a grateful nation as active duty members of the U.S. Army. Brothers Harold "Rox" Roxburgh and Mark Zajonczkoski received the Grand Master's Masonic Pin from the DDGM and Grand Honors from the Brethren present at the Communication. I am sure many Lodges have Brothers who now serve in the military. Oatka Lodge's military Brothers are Christopher Cianflone, James Davenport, Jeff Klimeck, Allan Seastrom, Michael Schultz and Steven Swim. Additionally, the two newest Brothers who received their 1st Degree on October 8th, are also members of the US Army, making the total number of active-duty military Brothers at Oatka, ten.

UNITY**Lodge No. 479**

2nd & 4th
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Recent Events

On September 22nd, we hosted the District Deputy Grand Master, R.:W.: Derek E. VanHouten, and his Grand Lodge Staff Officers, R.:W.: George L. Todd and R.:W.: Michael L. Nohle, for the Official Visit.

After a deluxe Beef Stroganoff dinner, we repaired to the Lodge Room to conduct our business and the Official Visit.

Grand Stewards R.:W.: Todd and R.:W.: Nohle each spoke on a part of the Grand Master's Program. Essentially, the message was "Back to Basics," Masonic Charity and Masonic Education - all very worthwhile and meaningful subjects of interest to all Masons.

R.:W.: VanHouten delivered the Grand Master's Message and closed the Lodge.

Refreshments and more social camaraderie followed. Many thanks to my wife, Helga, for sharing her culinary talent in preparing the dinner and after-meeting refreshments.

On September 29th, a Euchre Party was held. There were three tables of players, which was not a big turnout. We may try this again, but it appears there might not be enough interest to warrant the effort involved. I thank R.:W.: Ruel "Buz" Lovett for his efforts to make this idea work.

School of Ritual

On September 30th, 20 of our Unity Lodge Brothers attended the School of Ritual in Spencerport. The topics of the School were Balloting and Opening and Closing. Webster Lodge was also well represented. The total attendance for the School was over 80 Brothers from the District. Our AGLS V.:W.: Harry DeHollander and V.:W.: Hugh Woodside presided over the School.

The Unity Lodge Brothers who attended the School were Brothers Rob Buchanan, Don Darrohn, Tyler Ekwel, Dave Fairley, Don Fox, Bill Fredenburg, Ed Gillott, Tom Grape, Tim Hull, Dave Jones, John Lemke, Jay McCullough, Tom Michielsen, Bill Mitchell, Tom Perrone, Joe Privitera, Bob Spaulding, Dave Sylvester, Jim Toogood and Derek VanHouten. Thanks for the great showing!

The next School is scheduled for January 27th at the Shrine Center at 7:30 p.m. If you need a ride, call someone.

Upcoming Events

November is going to be a very important month for Unity Lodge.

On November 10th, we will confer the 1st Degree. This will be the first time a Degree will be conferred by almost 100% of our new Line of Officers. We will do the Degree whether or not we have a Candidate. We need the practice. There will be a rehearsal on November 3rd.

On November 24th, we have scheduled our Table Lodge. More details by email and telephone as they are determined.

November Birthdays

Congratulations to the following Brothers who celebrate birthdays in November:

David W. Jones and Joseph J. Privitera (1st); Gary Hutcherson (3rd); Russell A. Bird (4th); Tyler W. Ekwel (5th); Robert Allen and William A. Chapman (6th); Robert L. Bellman (8th); Thomas J. Brusso, William W. Peterson and Lawrence A. Thibault (11th); Anthony Marotti (12th); Andres Alvarez (15th); William A. Farnsworth and Robert C. O'Hara (19th); Martin K. Michaels (24th); Christopher M. Harness (26th); Orlo L. Noxon (27th); Edgar B. Means (29th).

Masonic Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following Brothers Raised during the month of November:

1936 Homer H. Schantz
 1946 Richard G. Felgner and Ralph H. Smith
 1948 Robert T. Irwin
 1951 Michael Friedman
 1952 John E. Evans, Jr., William N. Freeburg and Ronald C. Hamman
 1954 William A. Farnsworth and William H. Steele
 1956 Frederick R. G. Steele
 1958 Charles D. Clark and Orlo L. Noxon
 1960 Elmer O. Semmler
 1961 Ferman E. Bailey, Keith L. Bower, John R. Lee, Edward G. Ruoff and Donald A. Sarver
 1962 Gordon E. Davis and Charles R. Frear
 1963 Warren R. Dewitt
 1964 Karl F. Janson
 1965 Donald E. Freeman, Sr.
 1967 Harry W. Buss
 1968 Colin R. Baker, Eugene G. Brendel, Leroy Lester, Thomas W. Maddicks, Ray E. Mandeville

1969 John A. Page
 1970 Ronald J. Arndt
 1973 George D. Deichert
 1975 William Dunn and Rudolph J. Youngman
 1976 Jeffrey A. Lebanon and Jerry F. Luedemann
 1977 Robert F. Novak and Scott Simpson
 1978 Robert L. Bellman, Richard R. Bellman and John W. Little

1979 Russell A. Bird and Joseph J. Privitera
 1981 Steven Daycock and David W. Jones
 1982 Millard D. Fairley, Ronald H. Schultz and Dennis F. Tianello

1983 William C. Collister
 1984 Edgar B. Means
 1987 Daniel B. Bragg and Neil E. Laundry
 1989 John J. Sywulski
 1990 David A. Fraser and Brian P. Keery

1991 Randolph K. Bloechl, Craig T. Mollon and Thomas G. Vergo
 1993 Andres Alvarez, James De Lorenzo and John E. Dyer
 WOW! What a month for our Lodge.

Special Tribute**Homer H. Schantz**

Worshipful Brother Homer H. Schantz was born December 25, 1914, and Raised to the Degree of Master Mason on November 17, 1936 in Charlotte Lodge. This makes him the longest-serving member of our Lodge. He was Master of Charlotte Lodge in 1942.

He and his wife, Courtney, were married on February 14, 1938, and celebrated their 70th anniversary this past Valentine's Day.

They left Rochester for Florida in 1969 and returned to Rochester in 1992. They currently live in Webster. Their son, David,

who lives in Irondequoit, visits them often. They are both in good health and are enjoying life.

We wish them both many more years of health and happiness and hope to see Worshipful Brother Homer in Lodge again soon.

That, Brothers, is it for this month. I wish all the happiest and healthiest of Thanksgivings. Eat heartily!

Craftsman Robertson**Lodge No. 969**

1st & 3rd Tuesdays

7:30 p.m.



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By R.:W.: Skip Waterstreet**Sickness and Distress**

It is with deep regret and sadness I report the passing of Brother Leon VanHuben, a 52-year member of the Craft. Brother VanHuben affiliated with Craftsman Robertson Lodge only a few short years ago, but had accepted the Secretary-Treasurer's job of the Fellowcraft Club and had been active, as health permitted. Previously, he had been Treasurer and Secretary of Fame Lodge. Our condolences were expressed to his widow, Beverly. There will be a Masonic Funeral Service on Sunday, November 16th, at 3 p.m. in the Damascus Shrine Center, followed by a Memorial Service. All Brothers and friends are invited to attend this celebration of his life. There will be refreshments in the Dining Room at the conclusion of the Services. Additional information can be found on the Masonic Service Bureau page.

Worshipful Bill Hook continues to have his problems. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

Brother John Hughes was back in Lodge, still wearing a cast and somewhat hobbled by his injury. It was good to see him again.

Worshipful Dave King is struggling with some issues, had a stent put in to clear a blockage and was doing better. Then he was down with another malady, which hospitalized him. Here's hoping he is up and around by the time you read this.

Still another Brother recovering from surgery is Joe LaRue. He seems to be on the right path!

Please keep all of them in your thoughts and prayers. Be sure to let me, or another Officer, know if you are ill or need our assistance.

Birthdays

Let's put some upbeat news in next. Here are Lodge Brothers who were born in November. Happy Birthday! James Locklin (2nd); Wayne Gundry (5th); Gary LaShomb (7th); Clifford White (15th); George Lloyd (16th); George Pasch, Jr. (17th); Frank Zaffino (22nd); William Evert and Fouad Farah (29th); and Joseph Crociatta (30th).

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Damascus News

Damascus Shrine Center No. 2

November 2008

Shrine and Divan Meetings

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LARRY CANFIELD
POTENTATE

Sportsman Raffle

It gives me great pleasure to report that the Sportsman Raffle made \$5,192 profit. Words cannot express our thanks and appreciation to Rick Ponticello for a great job. Thanks also to Sue and Lee Coller for working at the door when folks arrived, the crew who handled the food and those who did a great job with the special raffles. We estimated that, overall, attendance was 150-200. Everyone had a great time and everything was handled in a true Masonic way. Thanks again.

Potentate's Reception

The Reception was a nice evening for everyone. Even though Chief Aide, Norris Shapiro, was not feeling well, he still did a great job. Thanks to Howard Colegrove who, along with Lady Carol and Vicky Ball tended bar. Sue and Lee Coller did a great job at the door. Our Master of Ceremony, Chief Rabban Bruce Chilton, PP, was excellent. All enjoyed the DJ and the food was delicious. Lady Ellie and I thank everyone who attended.

Upcoming Events Hot Sands Degree

The Hot Sands Degree is November 5th at the Shrine Center. This is the last Ceremonial for 2008. We will be naming the class in honor of Noble Bill Kuehne. PLEASE, submit your Petitions. There will be a dinner followed by the new Ceremonial, which will be taped and sent to Tampa. They are very interested in what is being done. Plan on attending and welcoming our new Nobles to the Shrine. The Directors Staff will be doing the Second Section. This meeting is for Nobles only.

Annual Meeting

December 3rd is the Annual Meeting and Election of 2009 Officers. This meeting is for Nobles only. We will be electing your new Divan for 2009, so please attend.

December 20th is the Annual Christmas Party at Geneva Club 86. Details are featured in this issue. The Geneva Shrine Club does a wonderful job, so let's attend, support them and enjoy a memorable evening. Last year we had a snow-storm; let's hope Mother Nature is considerate this year.

On January 7th, we will have our Annual Shell-a-Buck Dinner and Installation of our 2009 Divan.

As the year draws to a close, we must look ahead to 2009. Your continued help and support is what Shrinedom is all about.



SUMMONS

You are hereby summoned
to attend the regular monthly meeting
of Damascus Shrine

December 3, 2008

7:00 p.m.

for the purpose of
Election of Officers

for Damascus Shrine for the year 2009



JIM SLOCUM
RECORDER

Nobles, there are members who have not paid their Dues for two years and who will be dropped at the end of the year for "Non-payment of Dues." You know who you are; please, we need those Dues. Along the same lines, there are more who have not paid Dues for 2008. Come on, guys, we need those Dues as the 2009 Dues will be requested in November.

Sportsman Raffle

The Sportsman Raffle was a huge success this year thanks to Rick Ponticello's efforts. We also appreciate and thank his many helpers, too many to mention and would probably miss somebody. It proves that, if everybody helps, it can be successful.

Congratulations to the winners! The winners of guns were:

- Roy Bruno, Jr.
- Robert Roth
- Ken Zimmerman
- Lee Salmen
- Rick Adams
- Chop DeWiterier
- Dr. P. W. Haake
- Jack Bareis
- Fred Ditirio
- Lance Ward

Archery Package - Donald Nogaj
Fishing Package - James Taylor

Cell Tower

At the October meeting, Noble Phil Hurwitz presented a proposal on the Cell Tower options for which there was a lot of discussion. It was voted to hire a consultant to explore and advise the best way to go with the future of the tower.



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Jim Slocum's Retiring!

Jim Slocum, Recorder, of Damascus Shriners has announced his retirement from this Office, effective in January. Thank you, Jim for all the years of service to the Damascus Shrine. Now you can kick back and enjoy member benefits and participation. Congratulations on your fine accomplishments and diligent work on our behalf.

DIRECTORS STAFF

By Vance Collom, Secretary

The Directors Staff met for the first time at the Lehigh Valley Restaurant with 29 members and guests in attendance.

We thank Earl Gorton and Joe Nye for bringing in several gallon bags of aluminum soda can tabs. The monies earned from selling these tabs goes directly to the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Hot Sands Degree

Everyone is urged to come out on November 5th and support the Hot Sands Degree. The Directors Staff will be putting on several skits after the Degree. The skits are designed for the enjoyment of all and any Noble who would like to participate in a skit is welcome to join the Directors Staff.

Recorder, Jim Slocum, reported he has plenty of calendars and the Clubs and Units make one dollar for each calendar sold. This is a good fundraiser if we all sell a few calendars.

Our next meeting will be November 19th, at the Lehigh Valley Restaurant - Corner of Routes 21 and 96. Cash bar at 5:30 p.m.; Dinner at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome and everyone orders off the menu.

Until next time, God Bless.

Damascus Legion of Honor Meeting

November 12th

at Damascus Shrine Center
979 Bay Road, Webster

Program - Necrology Service

Social Hour - 6 p.m.

Cheese & Crackers

Cash Bar

Dinner - 7 p.m.

Menu ...

Salad

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November 3rd at 671-3565

November Birthdays

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 Robert T. Brodell
 George R. Burke
 Arthur D. Cohen
 Harold Coller
 Jose Diaz
 Lawrence K. Ely
 John Fegley
 John W. Foster
 Homer E. Fritz
 Richard G. Gamrod
 Richard F. Griswold
 P. William Haake
 Lewis W. Hares
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 Harlan C. Morse
 Robert F. Novak
 Orlo L. Noxon
 John C. Owens
 Leon R. Perkins
 Stephen Persaile
 Richard O. Reber
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 Willard Schwarting
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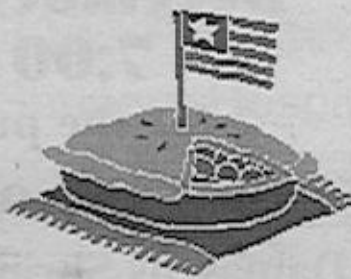
November 08, 2008

at Damascus Shrine Center

Social Hour with cheese and crackers from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

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PERRY SHRINE CLUB

By Ed Hollwedel

The September meeting was very well attended with 28 members and friends. The program had a great deal to do with this record turnout. Bob Pacer, the Manager of Oliver's Candies in Batavia, told us how good chocolate was for us. Yes, the nutritional value of chocolate. Of course, he brought samples for all and three door prizes.

Upcoming Events

The following lists the remaining meetings for the rest of this year with the location and program planned for each:

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

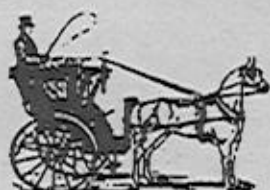
December 17th - Ladies Night Christmas Party at National Hotel, Cuylerville. As always, Cocktails at 6 p.m. and Dinner at 7 p.m. Order off the menu. Friends and spouses are always welcome.

Perry Shrine Club is trying to decrease postage costs and use email to notify members of meetings and other important information. Please send me your email address if you have not already done so. It will save the Club (and you) money. You may send your address to: ehollwedel@rochester.rr.com.

Calendar Winners for September

| DAY | NO. | WINNER |
|------|-----|------------------------|
| 9/1 | 897 | Jean Tallada |
| 9/2 | 928 | Four Corners Framing |
| 9/3 | 423 | Damascus Shrine Center |
| 9/4 | 596 | Lance Ward |
| 9/5 | 167 | Tom Marino |
| 9/6 | 105 | Peggy Cooper |
| 9/7 | 865 | Joe Pratt |
| 9/8 | 085 | Edna Shanks |
| 9/9 | 701 | Rosco Ceravolo |
| 9/10 | 952 | Damascus Shrine Center |
| 9/11 | 421 | Rose Marie Papracki |
| 9/12 | 446 | Daniel Pritchard |
| 9/13 | 689 | Patty Harris |
| 9/14 | 313 | Donald Jenner |
| 9/15 | 061 | Damascus Shrine Center |
| 9/16 | 968 | Damascus Shrine Center |
| 9/17 | 509 | Lori Gray |
| 9/18 | 964 | Damascus Shrine Center |
| 9/19 | 742 | Damascus Shrine Center |
| 9/20 | 000 | Nicole Jackson |
| 9/21 | 150 | Betty Huff |
| 9/22 | 764 | Betty Brown |
| 9/23 | 185 | Kim Dudrak |
| 9/24 | 232 | Ron Edwards |
| 9/25 | 402 | Jim Thompson |
| 9/26 | 006 | Jim Slocum |
| 9/27 | 317 | Damascus Shrine Center |
| 9/28 | 975 | Tim Baker |
| 9/29 | 871 | Rebecca Bell |
| 9/30 | 556 | Lance Ward |

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Saturday, December 20th

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Club 86-Avenue E- Geneva

5:30 PM Hors D'Oeuvres - Personality Adjustment

7:00 PM Dinner Served

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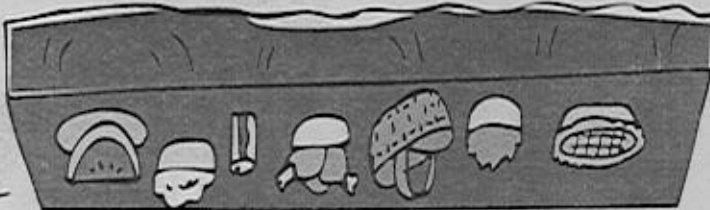
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SHRINE LUNCH CLUB

By Jim Toogood

Ladies Day Lunch Club will be at the Nutcracker Restaurant, 2159 Empire Boulevard on Monday November 17th. No reservations needed.

SHRINEABILIA

By Derek VanHouten

Noble Chuck White continues to amaze me with articles he finds and passes along to me. This month a small envelope with a ladies (I think) pin was inside. It's a simple gold bow with the Damascus symbol in the center of the pin. It looks to be around the 60's era, but could be earlier. There is no manufacturer's name on it.

You know, there must be some good stories out there that are probably just itching to be told about the "good old days" of Damascus. Just send them to me via email or stick them in an envelope and send to me; I will acknowledge receiving them.

DONOR RELATIONS

By Derek VanHouten

Shriners Hospitals for Children are a one-of-a-kind health care system providing pediatric specialty care to thousands of kids each year – at no charge to their families – thanks to the generosity of donors, past and present.

Every gift makes a difference and your gift could save the life of a child. Our Potentate and Lady have obtained donations through the use of the piggy banks you've seen around. So far it has amounted to several thousand dollars in small change this year for our Hospitals.

Shriners Hospitals for Children are fully qualified 501(c)3 charitable organizations under IRS regulations. They have also been designated as a recipient of the Independent Charities Seal of Excellence. It indicates the Shrine meets the highest standards of public accountability, program and cost effectiveness.

According to the 2007 (990) Tax Return of Shriners Hospitals, we were able to treat 211,092 children at our hospitals and had 18,668 admissions.

We can all be proud of what is accomplished at our Centers of Excellence, the Shriners Hospitals for Children, that the 191 Shrine Centers support. Now, more than ever, they need our help, so let's fill up those piggy banks before the end of the year and consider making a tax-deductible donation to Shriners Hospitals for Children.

AUBURN SHRINE CLUB

By David Bowman

Wine Tasting and Dinner

In September, Bob Coleman and family, ('cause I know it wasn't just Bob) put on a Wine Feast Tasting Night followed by a delicious Pork Dinner served by the Lakeview Salem OES Chapter. I just thought I'd mention that because I'm not sure Jamie and Bill and table guests ever got to the dinner part of the evening. Oh to be young again! Our leader, Larry Canfield, and his Lady Ellie were able to join us; the room was full. Craig and Michelle and Steve and Claudia were there to help the old man out. Don Dill had a nice table full of people as well. Lew and Ginny Hares were back on their feet. There is no truth to the rumor (started by me) that Bruce Christopher made the applesauce, although I saw him at the market just before the dinner.

Remember Your Dues!

If you still haven't given Ken your Dues for 2008-2009, you can send him the \$10 or hand deliver it at the next meeting.

Share Ideas

If you have an idea for future meeting topics, share them with any one of the Officers. Gerry, John, Chuck or I will be happy to hear them. Call or email, if you wish.

I would guess the Club will be ringing bells for the Salvation Army again this year. Gerry will be looking for a Coordinator to do scheduling. Don't be surprised if you "get the call."

I guess everyone saw the picture in the *Empire State Mason* showing the aluminum tabs that were collected and turned over to our Club from the Rainbow Girls. You might have noticed someone getting his face in the picture. Gee, Bob, cameras are expensive.

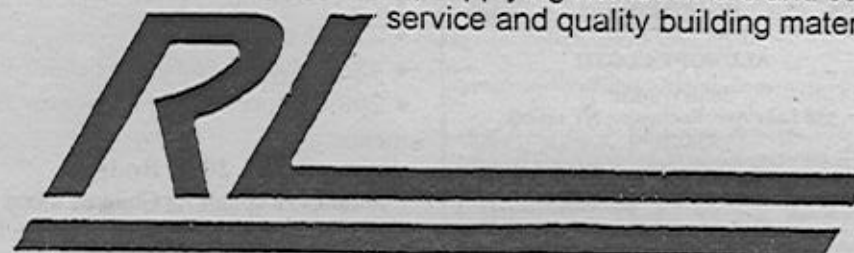
I heard from Rich Nunn the other day. We had to rearrange some meeting dates. Seems he is fully involved in the "sandwich generation" now. He has been spending time getting his mother ready to leave the Sunny South for some more temperate climes (just another way of saying UP NORTH). We hope things go smoothly and are thinking of you as you work your way through all the paperwork, etc.

Before you know it, we should be hearing about Christmas parties and social events. I will try to get information out as timely as I receive it.

Just remember, if the seasons didn't change, our woolen undies would never wear out!

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Ralph W. Semb Re-Elected Chairman, Board of Trustees of Shriners Hospitals

During the 2008 Imperial Council Session, held in St. Louis June 29th-July 3rd, Ralph W. Semb of Erving, Mass., was re-elected to serve his sixth term as Chairman of the Shriners Hospitals for Children Board of Trustees.

Semb was elected an Imperial Officer of Shriners International in 1989, and he served as Imperial Potentate (President and CEO) and Chairman of the Board of Directors in 1999-2000. As Junior Past Imperial Potentate in 2000-2001, he served on the Board of Trustees of Shriners Hospitals.

Semb owns and manages several businesses in the Erving area, including an apartment complex and a self-storage facility. He is President of French King Entertainment Center, which has been called one of the finest bowling centers in New England. He is president of the International Candlepin Bowling Association, a member of the Board of Directors of the Massachusetts Bowling Association, and past-President and Treasurer of the Western New England Candlepin Bowling Association.

In March 1984, Semb recorded the highest single Candlepin Bowling String in the world, a 245, consisting of seven strikes in a row and completing the string with spares. He is also an avid skier. At age 6, he became interested in ski jumping and by age 15 was rated a "Class A" Ski Jumper. In 1960, he was named to the United States Ski Jumping Squad, trained in Europe and was a member of the 1964 Olympic Team in Innsbruck,

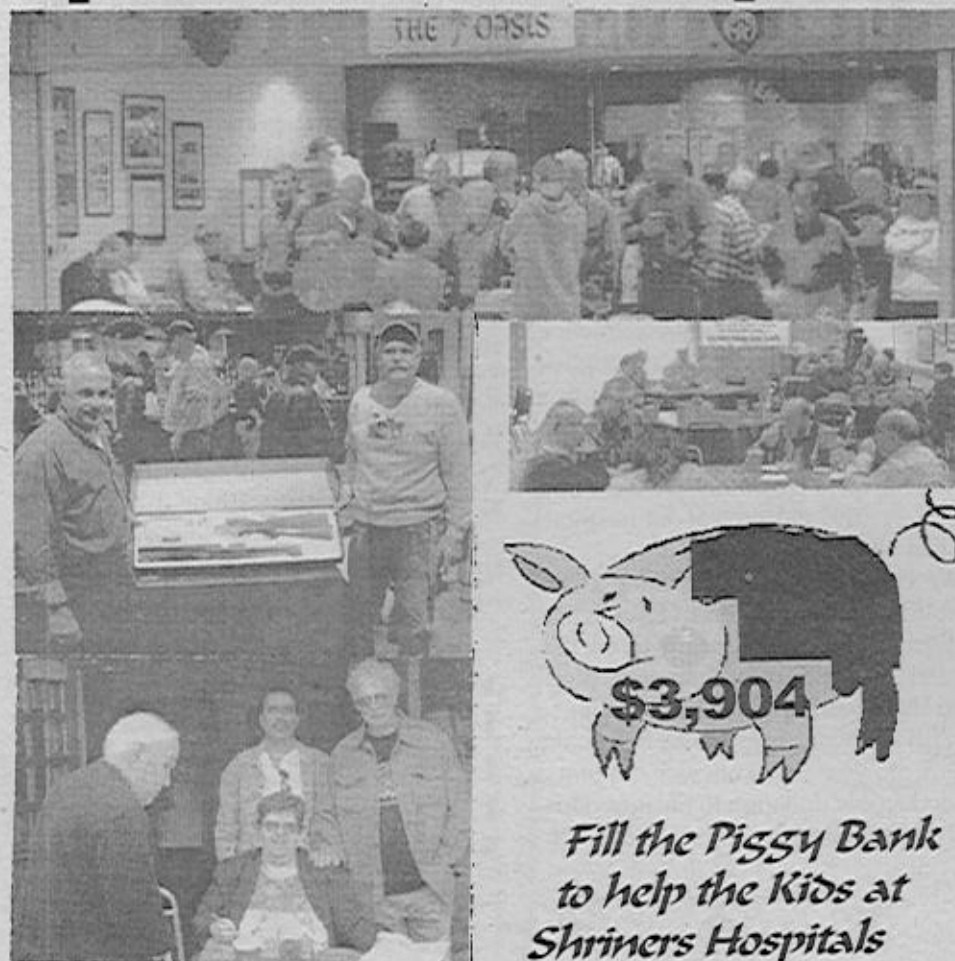


Austria. In his spare time, Semb is a flight instructor in both single- and multi-engine aircraft. He also teaches instrument flying. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Mooney Airplane Pilots Association Safety Foundation.

A Past Potentate of Melha Shriners, Semb has been an active member in the Fraternity since he first became a Shriner in 1975. A member of Republican Lodge, A.F. & A.M., Semb is a 33° Scottish Rite Mason and an Honorary Member of the Red Cross of the York Rite.

Semb and his wife, Pat, who was employed at Shriners Hospitals for Children - Springfield before retiring, have been married for 21 years and have six children. Three of their sons are Shriners.

Sportsman Raffle Snapshots



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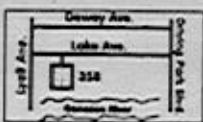
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2007 Facts and Figures for Shriners Hospitals for Children

Over the past 86 years, Shriners Hospitals for Children has provided the best, most advanced medical care at absolutely no charge to more than 865,000 children with orthopaedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, and cleft lip and palate. Founded by Shriners of North America, this unique health care system has grown from a single hospital in Shreveport, LA, to 22 sophisticated pediatric specialty hospitals located across the U.S., Canada and Mexico.

Providing Pediatric Specialty Care

The Shriners Hospitals specializing in orthopaedic conditions are committed to providing specialized medical and rehabilitative services to children with congenital deformities and conditions, orthopaedic injuries, and diseases of the neuromusculoskeletal system. Some of the most commonly treated disorders include clubfoot, limb deficiencies and discrepancies, scoliosis (curvature of the spine), osteogenesis imperfecta (brittle bone disease), juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, and

orthopaedic problems related to spina bifida, cerebral palsy and muscular dystrophy. The orthopaedic hospitals in Chicago, Philadelphia and Sacramento, Calif., also provide spinal cord injury rehabilitation.

The Shriners Hospitals that specialize in treating burns, located in Boston, MA; Cincinnati, OH; Galveston, TX; and Sacramento, CA, are known worldwide as leaders in burn research and treatment. These hospitals provide a full range of care, including physical rehabilitation and psychological support services for patients with burn injuries and related complications, including scarring and smoke inhalation.

In 2005, cleft lip and palate was added to Shriners Hospitals' official care disciplines. This comprehensive program involves lip and palate repair, nasal reconstruction, jaw surgery, dental procedures and audiological, speech and psychological services. The Chicago Shriners Hospital's program is the model for a national program currently in development.



2007 Patient Care Statistics

In 2007, Shriners Hospitals for Children approved 39,454 new patient applications and cared for 125,125 patients, providing the following services:

- 302,614 outpatient, outreach and telemedicine clinic visits
- 226,455 radiology procedures
- 72,159 orthotic and prosthetic devices
- 25,028 operations
- 422,325 physical therapy treatments
- 200,810 occupational therapy treatments

The 2008 Budget

Shriners Hospitals for Children's total budget for 2008 is \$826 million, of which \$722 million is designated for operating expenses, including \$44 million for research.

The budget also includes \$104 million for buildings and equipment, which includes funds for building renovations, new construction, and improving and upgrading medical technologies, such as digital radiology and electronic medical records.

A new category - corporate fund-raising - was added to the budget this year, reflecting the growing importance of a concerted effort in that area, especially given the changes in the economy and in the health care industry.

Shriners Hospitals for Children is determined to remain financially strong in order to continue to provide the best possible care to children far into the future.

For more information, please visit www.shrinershospitals.org.

Craftsman Robertson
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Lodge Events

Our meeting on October 7th was fairly brief to allow Officers an opportunity to rehearse the 1st Degree and discuss responsibilities for their appearance at the Grand Lecturer's Convention. On October 21st, we had a dinner with ladies and guests invited to witness presentation of Service Awards to Brothers of the Lodge. More on this evening next month.

A reminder that our first meeting in November is Election Day, the 4th. Since the Shrine Center is a Polling Place, and there is expected to be a large voter turnout, parking spaces may be at a premium. I will try to save the back end of the "L" (where the Shrine Offic-

ers' signs are) for Lodge Brothers. Perhaps a volunteer will be able to watch for our members to arrive and move the cones to allow them to park there. Feel free to call me at the office (671-9730) if you are attending and need to have a space reserved.

We will use the Fellowcraft night once again for a dinner with the Ladies. As usual, it will be at the Nutcracker beginning at 6:30 p.m. Brother Warren Doerrer has arranged for a speaker that evening.

This month we are also scheduled to confer the 1st Degree. The Investigation Committee has been in contact with two candidates, to my knowledge, and the balloting and conferral are scheduled for the same evening.

Happy Thanksgiving to each one of you, my Brothers. I still hope to see you in Lodge.

about 25 from a number of States and is comprised of babies to family elders. What a mix, what a great time and new memories!

Masonic Development Course

As I promised, we will have a *Masonic Development Course* right here in Wayne District this year. It will be held at the Sodus Lodge at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday of November, December and January. We miss all the holidays. The focus of the course is the first Three Degrees of Masonry - the history, symbolism and meaning to each of us. Call me at (315) 483-2745 to reserve a spot now and I will order the materials for you.

Remember, I am available to help with education and training of your Officers and members throughout the year. I can also assist in explaining the different Awards offered through Grand Lodge to members, Scouts, and community volunteers.

Child ID

W.: Mike Boone, DSA, of Sodus Lodge is our District Chairman of the Child ID Program and is off to a great start with three events held or planned already. He has a goal of raising \$2,500 to purchase a system for our District and not have to always travel to another District to get the equipment. Can you or your Lodge help Mike achieve his goal?

As a final thought this month, we will get through these tumultuous times. Look around and count all the good things around you and in this great Nation. God bless you and God bless America.

only in far away places, but also right here in OUR country, state county and village.

One more thing ... GET OUT AND DO YOUR DUTY! VOTE!

Don't forget the Election Day Dinner. The Eastern Star Chapter never fails to outdo themselves in making sure you won't go away disappointed.

Taxes! Taxes! Taxes!
By Tom Michielsen

The leaves are falling faster than we can rake them. Halloween has passed and the children are stuffed with candy. The sweet smells of apple and pumpkin pies are in the air. Thanksgiving dinner will soon be cooking and we will all over-eat and be stuffed for days to come.

Income from Foreign Sources

Many United States citizens and resident aliens receive money from foreign sources. These taxpayers must remember that they must report all such income on their tax return, unless it is exempt under federal law.

U.S. citizens and residents are taxed on their worldwide income. This applies whether a person lives inside or outside the United States. Foreign income must be reported on a U.S. tax return whether or not the person receives a form.

Foreign source income includes, but is not limited to, earned and unearned income, such as: wages and tips, interest, dividends, capital gains, pensions, rents and royalties.

Are You Paying or Receiving Alimony?

If you were recently divorced and are paying or receiving alimony under a divorce decree or agreement, you need to consider the tax implication for your income tax return. Here are the general guidelines:

Alimony payments received from your spouse or former spouse are taxable to you in the year you receive them. Because no taxes are withheld from alimony payments, you may need to make estimated tax payments or increase the amount withheld from your paycheck.

Alimony payments you make under a divorce or separation instrument are deductible if certain requirements are met. Any payments not required by such a decree or agreement do not qualify as deductible alimony payments.

Child support you pay is never deductible. Child support you receive is not taxable.

If you paid or received alimony you must use Form 1040. You cannot use Form 1040A or Form 1040EZ. If you received alimony, you must give the person who paid the alimony your social security number or you may have to pay a \$50 penalty.

Beware of Tax Scams

Don't fall victim to tax scams. These schemes take several shapes, ranging from promises of large tax refunds to illegal ways of "untaxing" yourself.

I suggest that you remember three important guidelines:

- You are responsible and liable for the content of your tax return;
- Anyone who promises you a bigger refund without knowing

your tax situation could be misleading you; and

- Never sign a tax return without looking it over to make sure it is accurate.

Deducting Costs of Refinancing Your Home

Taxpayers who refinanced their homes may be eligible to deduct some costs associated with their loans.

The term "points" is used to describe certain charges paid to obtain a home mortgage.

Here are some things to remember when deducting points:

- Taxpayers who itemize deductions generally may be able to deduct the points paid to obtain a home mortgage as mortgage interest;
- Points paid solely to refinance a home mortgage usually must be deducted over the life of the loan;
- Points can be fully deducted in the year paid if certain tests are met.

For a refinanced mortgage, the interest deduction for points is determined by dividing the points paid by the number of payments to be made over the life of the loan. This information is usually available from lenders. Taxpayers may deduct points only for those payments made in the tax year.

However, if part of the refinanced mortgage money was used to finance improvements to the home and if the taxpayer meets certain other requirements, the points associated with the home improvements may be fully deductible in the year the points were paid. Also, if a homeowner is refinancing a mortgage for a second time, the balance of points paid for the first refinanced mortgage may be fully deductible in the year it is paid off.

Upcoming Due Dates

October 31st - Payroll Reports Due

November 15th - October Payroll Taxes Due

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

Wayne District

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November Official Visits

3rd - Savannah Lodge; Dinner at North Main Street Restaurant at 6:30 p.m.; Communication at 7:30 p.m.

4th - Sodus Lodge; Dinner at 6:46 p.m.; Communication at 8 p.m.

If you plan to attend, contact Michael Boone, Master ... email: dinner-ontime@localnet.com or call (315) 483-8001.

12th - Wolcott Lodge; Dinner at 6:30 p.m. (Rose Diner); Communication at 7:30 p.m.

17th - Newark Lodge; Dinner at 6:30 p.m.; Communication at 7:30 p.m.

If you plan to attend, contact Edward Miller ... email: dinner-emiller7@rochester.rr.com

19th - Rose Lodge; Communication - 7:30 p.m.

Child ID

Wayne District's Child ID Program has been rejuvenated under the leadership of Michael Boone, Master of Sodus Lodge. At the writing of this article, at least two events have taken place.

The first one held at Sodus Fall Festival Days where 25 children were processed. The following Sunday an event was done at the Sodus Firemen's Open House. Hopes are in process to possibly do an elementary school class in the southern part of the District.

Mike is soliciting funds so Wayne District may purchase their own unit. The first event was done with equipment borrowed from Monroe District. For the second event, we had to have the Western Regional Chairman bring equipment from Buffalo for our use because Monroe District had a project the same day. If we are to be successful, we need to have our own unit. The cost is approxi-

mately \$2,800, plus ink for the printer, paper to print the information and other necessary material to do the job properly.

My Brothers, should Mike ask you or your Lodge for contributions for our own equipment, I ask you to donate as liberally as you feel you can. He is planning to solicit area businesses and other organizations so we, as Masons, may help to protect the children of Wayne County.

For those of you who have not seen this new procedure, I suggest you volunteer to assist at an event. Bring your children, grandchildren, or neighbor kids. Advise all parents we keep nothing but the Permission Slip. All materials are the property of the parent. They will receive a CD containing all the child's information, i.e., photo, fingerprints and personal data, plus a laminated ID card the parent can carry when traveling.

Should the child becoming missing or lost, this information can be given to the Criminal Justice System, and they, in turn, will publish it for fast recovery.

This equipment can also be used to record data for Senior Citizens and students, should you have a young adult attending a school of higher learning.

If you would be interested in doing a project or volunteering to help, contact Mike (315) 483-8001. It may be your child or grandchild you will be helping.

Grand Steward Wayne District



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Be sure to use your freedom to vote this Election Day!! It will be an historic day, no doubt about it.

Marilyn and I wish you all a very happy Thanksgiving and hope you can be surrounded by family and friends, as we plan to be. Our group often numbers

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Masters & Wardens

Last month I mentioned I would attempt to update you on location of Masters and Wardens Meetings. Well, you won't have far to travel this month as WE are hosting the meeting on November 13th. All Brothers are invited to support Masters and Wardens. Let me know if you can attend so we have a good count for the Ladies of Eastern Star. You all know they put on the greatest of meals.

Also, in October there was much discussion in the Lodge Room concerning the disposition of the Building and what plans need to be made and when. YOUR input is needed and any and all constructive suggestions will be welcomed and given serious consideration. Now is the time to speak up and let your voice be heard.

Our annual dinner for those who have lost their spouse is upcoming in December, as well as our visit from our District Deputy Grand Master. We are also looking forward to applications from our Brother Bring-a-Friend gathering. We anticipate Degree work over the next several months.

Let us be thankful for our blessings this upcoming Holiday Season and be ever mindful of those less fortunate - not

Remember the Brotherhood Fund

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Scottish Rite NEWS

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

Our Scottish Rite year got off to a good start on September 18th with the celebration of the Feast of Tishri Table Lodge, followed by our Annual Meeting and Awards Night.

Special thanks to the entire Feast of Tishri cast, who did an excellent job during the ceremony - Bernie Lazerson, 32°, King Solomon; Mike Morris, 33°, Hiram King of Tyre; Don Tubman, 32°, Orator; First thru Seventh Craftsmen - Dana Cline, 32°; George Nasra, 32° DSA; Pat Mulrooney, 32°; Sy Kopen, 32°; Eric Lubberts, 32°; Phil Hurwitz, 32°; John Faro, 32°, respectively; and First thru Seventh Toasts - Mike Morris, 33°; Joe Bourcy, 32° DSA; Rick Howe, 32° DSA; Don Tubman, 32°; Dana Cline, 32°; George Nasra, 32° DSA; Jack VanElzakker, 32° MSA, respectively.

Awards

It is my distinct pleasure to recognize this year's AASR - Valley of Rochester Award recipients.

AASR Service Awards

Two Brothers are recognized for 60 years or more of service to the Scottish Rite - Robert Hunt and Frederick Hinsdale.

The following Brothers are recognized for 50 or more years of service: Myron Colegrove, John Wihlen, Wilson Johncox, Robert Nephew, and Raymond Unger, Jr.

Meritorious Service Award

Congratulations to Distinguished Brother William R. Lindsay, 32° MSA. Brother Lindsay was one of twenty Brothers throughout the State to receive the Meritorious Service Award at the 139th Annual Convocation of New York State Council of Deliberation. The Meritorious Service Award is the highest honor the State of New York Council of Deliberation can award. Brother Lindsay has devoted a tremendous amount of time and energy to the Valley of Rochester and has played a key role in making the Valley of Rochester one of the best run Valleys in the entire AASR Northern Jurisdiction!

**Ill.: John B. Mullan, 33°
Dedicated Service Awards**

The Ill.: John B. Mullan, 33° Dedicated Service Award, which may be conferred upon members of the Rite in the Valley of Rochester, who have attained the 32° and who, by reason of dedicated service over an extended period, are deemed worthy of such recognition. The Presiding Officers of the Bodies of the Rite, the Secretary, the



2007-2008 Distinguished Service Award (Blue Cap) Recipients (from l - r): Brian Bills, K. Rick Howe and George Nasra, together with Commander-in-Chief, G. Michael Morris (far left) and Deputy's Representative, Stephen R. Whittaker (far right).



Members of the Charles R. Frear, 32° MSA, Class (2007-2008) together with the first-line signers of their Valley of Rochester membership application.

Treasurer and the Deputy's Representative individually nominate candidates for consideration each year. The Commander-in-Chief selects from the list of nominees the recipients for that year.

Please join me in recognizing and congratulating this year's Dedicated Service Award recipients - K. Rick Howe, 32° DSA; George Nasra, 32° DSA; and Brian Bills, 32° DSA.

**Charles R. Frear, 32° MSA
Class (2007-2008)**

Members of the Charles R. Frear, 32° MSA, Class received their Valley of Rochester membership certificates during the Annual meeting on September 18th. The class consisted of nine new Sublime Princes - Terry M. Adams, Donald R. Baylor, Bernard D. Lazerson, William J. Edwards, James L. Hotzgartner, Donald J. Johnson, John S. Lemke, Evar L. Miller, Andrew J. Tascione IV. Welcome to the Valley of Rochester, my Brothers!

**Membership Development
& Retention**

Our Goal ... 50 new members this year added to the Valley of Rochester Roster! Brethren, to achieve this goal, we will have to work together. We need your help. Simply put ... **"Who's on Your List?"**

We are asking each member of the Valley to do four (4) things this year:

1. Contact men, who you know to be of good moral character, and invite them to attend a Bring-a-Friend Program at your Symbolic (Blue) Lodge.

2. Contact your Brothers who are not 32° Masons, and invite them to a Scottish Rite Event. Prospective members are cordially invited to attend any of our Family Life Programs, and we have two Bring-a-Brother (or "Explore the Rite") Nights scheduled this year. The Brother Bring-a-Brother nights will take place on November 13th and February 19th.

3. "Reach Out, and Say Hello," and re-activate Scottish Rite Brothers who have been inactive.

4. Attend as many of the Scottish Rite meetings, programs and activities as your Cabletow will allow. Each meeting this year begins with a social hour and dinner, followed by the program. Come join the fellowship, renew old friendships and make new ones!

**Brother Bring-a-Brother ("Explore the Rite") Night
Thursday, November 13th**

Our first BBAB Night will be held on Thursday, November 13th at Fairport Lodge Hall, Social - 5:30 p.m.; Dinner - 6:30 p.m.; Program - 7:30 p.m.

(NOTE: Due to a scheduling conflict at the Shrine Center, the location for this event has been moved to Fairport Lodge Hall.)

As part of the program, we will be presenting AASR Public Degree under the direction of Gary Burke, 32° MSA, and Gary Sanford, 32°. The Public Degree gives one a glimpse into various Scottish Rite Degrees that will be presented this year.

In addition, we will give a brief introduction to the various

**Valley of Rochester
Fall 2008-2009 Schedule**

November 13th - Public Degree * BBB Evening
NOTE: Change of Venue ~
will be at Fairport-Flower City Masonic Hall

5:30 p.m. - Social Hour
6:30 p.m. - Dinner - *Reservations Required*; 7:30 p.m. - Meeting

November 20th - Veterans Program - Nite at the Rite
(Mid-East Vets as Guests)

5:30 p.m. - Social Hour
6:30 p.m. - "Wurst Plate" Dinner with Beer Tasting
Reservations Required; 7:30 p.m. - Meeting

December 4th - 4th and 11th Degrees

5:30 p.m. - Social Hour
6:30 p.m. - Dinner - *Reservations Required*; 7:30 p.m. - Meeting

December 12th (Friday)

Toys-for-Tots * Holiday Decoration Party
Free Spaghetti Dinner for any Mason who brings a gift!
Reservations Requested

December 13th (Saturday)

**All-Masonic Children's Holiday Party
and "Toys-for-Tots"**
Reservations Requested

January 15th - 14th Degree

5:30 p.m. - Social Hour
6:30 p.m. - Dinner - *Reservations Required*; 7:30 p.m. - Meeting

January 29th - 15th Degree

NOTE: Date Change
5:30 p.m. - Social Hour
6:30 p.m. - Dinner - *Reservations Required*; 7:30 p.m. - Meeting

Make your reservations On Time!
At least 5 days prior to any activity
(585) 264-1160 or 1-800-858-2320

Scottish Rite Charities with a special emphasis on the 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children. The dinner that evening will feature chicken parmesan. There is no charge for dinner for our guests and for

our members who bring a guest. Otherwise, the cost for dinner is \$10 each. Please make/send your reservations to the Valley Office - phone 264-1160; email: secretary@ValleyofRochester.org by Thursday, November 6th.



Members of the Charles R. Frear, 32° MSA, Class (2007-2008) with their Valley of Rochester Membership Certificates (from l - r) Terry Adams, Donald Baylor, John Lemke, Bernard Lazerson and Evar Miller, together with the Class Coordinator Jack VanElzakker, 32° MSA.



Feast of Tishri Cast (from left to right) Pat Mulrooney, Dana Cline, Bernie Lazerson, John Faro, Mike Morris, George Nasra, Sy Kopen and Phil Hurwitz.

We Acknowledge and Thank our Scottish Rite Veterans

Robert D. Allen, Jr.
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* Active Duty

So again, "Who's on Your List?" Pick up the phone, make the calls and come join the fun and fellowship on November 13th!

First-Line Signers

As a special perk, first-line signers on new Member Applications to the Valley of Rochester will receive an attractive "32° Mason" ball cap! I am hoping to see a whole room full of 32° Mason ball caps on November 13th!

2008-2009 Class Sponsor

I am pleased to announce that Ill. Charles O. Hancock, 33°, has been named as this year's Valley of Rochester Class Sponsor. Illustrious Brother Hancock has devoted a tremendous amount of his time and energy towards the leadership and operation of Valley of Rochester.

Illustrious Brother Hancock is a native of Waltham, MA, but has resided in Rochester for many years, where he has worked as a Medical-Device Sterilization and Regulatory-Affairs Specialist. Raised in Christopher G. Fox Masonic Lodge in Amherst, NY, in 1967, he currently is a member of Seneca Lodge. In the Valley of Rochester, he served as Sovereign Prince of the Rochester Council of Princes of Jerusalem, 1995-96; Commander-in-Chief, 1999-2002; Valley Secretary, 2002-2003; and is currently serving as a Member at Large of the Valley's General Committee.

Congratulations, Illustrious Brother Hancock, for this well-deserved honor and recognition!

Learning Center Expansion

The expansion of the Frank and Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center was completed the first week in September, just in time for the start of the new academic year. The expansion consisted of the addition of three (3) more classrooms (giving a total of 11 classrooms); a new teacher resource/preparation area; and the expansion of the parent's waiting-room area. The new facilities look great!

Before the expansion, the wait list for students to get into the Center was approximately 40 students. It can sometimes take up to two (2) years for a slot to open. With this facilities expansion, we can now accommodate up to 44 students during the academic year, and 44 students during the Summer session! This expansion will go a long way in helping to reduce our wait list.

A special note of thanks goes to Distinguished Brother Jack VanElzakker, 32° MSA, for all the time and effort he put in to make sure the work on the Learning Center expansion was done properly, on time and within budget. Jack essentially served as the General Contractor for the project - working the details with the architect, Village of Pittsford regulatory agencies, the Pittsford Fire Department, construction contractors, Learning Center Staff and others. Jack, it is your attention to "the details" that helped the project run so smoothly. Thank you for all you do for the Valley of Rochester!

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News from the Troops...

By Dan Fletcher

Home Leave

Since my last communiqué, I made it home on Leave – an adventure for sure! First stop was FOB Ghazni where we sat on the airfield and watched rocks grow for three days waiting for “Green” (American-CH-47 Chinooks) to come by and take us to Baghram Air Field. There is a “ring route” of Chinooks that make the rounds from airfield to airfield, transporting everything from supplies to VIPs to guys like us going on Leave. They are limited in number and are frequently “tasked out” to support air assault missions, counter ambushes, “house-cleanings,” and taking Colonels to “shuras” (meetings). Either way, we were stuck until arrival of a ride with the Polish Army Air Force – MI-8 HIP helicopters – that arrive more frequently now that two Battalions of Poles are coming to Ghazni.

The helicopter ride went well; experienced a good aerial view of Southern Afghanistan. It's amazing what you can grow in the high desert, complete with large dunes and high mountain peaks (if you can get water to it). Some of the Afghan gardens, fields and orchards are quite beautiful, appearing well-organized from the air. We made it to BAF (Baghram Air Field) followed by a ten-hour flight to Kuwait where 16,000 U.S. Military and civilian personnel have nice dining halls and good gyms. Our accommodations were crowded and military aircraft roared overhead all night long. It was 116°F when we landed and stayed at that temperature day and night with a nice hot wind blasting at you as well. (How and why on God's earth do people live in this place except for the oil????)

The barracks were air conditioned, but as usual, I brought too much stuff and had a long hike to the assigned area (VIPs - Colonels and the like are right next to the bus stop). Got a pizza and washed Afghanistan off my clothes and body before the flight to Atlanta. Got to ride in first class by volunteering for baggage detail – very comfortable and nice leg room! After five days of traveling, my lovely wife Teresa greeted me!

Leave was great! It was very relaxing and I visited with a lot of friends and family; kind of surreal going from a combat zone where I have to wear a pistol, assault rifle, jump whenever I hear a whistle or boom and scan the horizon for threats, to driving wherever and whenever I want without a care in the world.

After 15 glorious days it was back to Afghanistan. The return trip was much the same. Kept sleeping as much as possible so the jet lag was not as bad this time. First class seats again – including the one from Rochester to Atlanta! Nice of Delta Airlines to do that for me as I was in uniform. Kuwait was a little cooler – 96°F this time. As we

were standing together the engineers were doing a “controlled detonation” of IEDs (improvised explosive devices – roadside bombs) from Iraq, which was kind of unnerving. Many of us were already half way to the ground with the first boom. Welcome back to the Theatre.

I talked to a couple of guys who were going back to Iraq and had taken heavy casualties in their Unit from an IED called an Explosive Formed Projectile. This is a fiendish pipe-like bomb that goes right through our armor and is machine-manufactured, courtesy of the Iranians. We have not seen too many of these in Afghanistan yet, but 16 donkeys loaded with them were caught coming in from Iran. Some of the Anti-Afghan Forces (AAF) have tried to make these, but usually blow themselves up as precision machine tools are required to make them and they are expensive. Hmmm ... where do you suppose the bad guys get the money and machine tools???? When it comes to weapons, nobody has fewer scruples than the Chinese. They sell to everyone – good and bad, make a handy profit.

From Kuwait, it was back to BAF. Mercifully, we were only there two days when we caught a ride from a joint Polish-American Convoy (NATO in action! “An attack on one is an attack on all”). I rode with the Poles, which was uncomfortable; the back seats of the Up-Armored HUMWVs are not made for people with long legs. The Poles are turning out to be pretty good soldiers and are increasingly aggressive, going on day and night patrols with the ANP in and around Ghazni City, but boy do they like to talk on the radio! Kuwait City was interesting ... a vibrant city like any other in the world with never-ending bazaars, but no structures over three stories high and Kulats extending up into and on the surrounding mountains. The various ethnic groups who make up the Afghan population were everywhere and seemed to coexist with remarkable harmony as everyone went about their business. There were Hazara men with hand-driven carts loaded with vegetables and Uzbek vendors bartering with Pashtun women for fruit and other food stuffs. Cart after cart and stalls run by Turkmen, Pashtun and Tajik men selling everything from clothes to trinkets to electronic items. Young boys and girls were everywhere, the latter in colorful headscarves, along with a few young girls, or less orthodox Hazara and Tajik women. Some men were bareheaded, but many wore turbans – rare in American cities, but common in Afghanistan. I have to admit, the Afghan women have very good taste in shoes! (That's because it's all you ever see of them – lots of blue, black and green blobs running around the landscape). As I stated before, who needs Wegman's and Wal-

Mart when you can get just about anything at the Bazaar. I would have liked to get out and walk with the crowds, but with my body armor and weapons, it surely would have caused a stir.

An Outing of Progress

Today we went to a local District Center in DiYak to the North West of Vulcan to install a new Police Chief. What fun! Great to be around the Afghans and it was very interesting passing through the local villages. One even had solar-powered street lamps! Our gunners toss Beanie Babies and candy to the kids as we roll through town. We stopped at a police substation while on the way back and I assisted with traffic control. Basically I was dismounted with the civilians. The local kids, teenagers and passersby were very cordial and I tried my best (with my limited Dari) to speak with them. A hearty “Salam Alekum (Peace be upon you – universal in all Muslim countries) always brings a smile and a wave. I felt bad that I did not have any pens, toys or candy to give them.

I always feel very comfortable amongst the Afghan civilian populace; they're very cordial people who at best display a mild interest in our presence just as anyone in any city of the world would at an Army Convoy in their midst. We are also enjoying the Presidential Election Debates – not so much for the politics that can spark some heated discussions in our operations center. The Afghans think we are nuts to get so excited about politics. They also find it odd that we do strange things like standing in the sun when they sensibly get into the shade.

Strain on the Troops

It is remarkable to see the strain on our Army from this war. We finally received our new RG 33 “Cougar” MRAP – mine resistant, ambush-protected vehicles – after waiting seven months for vehicles previously destroyed in ambushes. With the ANA ETT's leaving to form and train a new Kandak (Afghan National Army Battalion) in Gardez, we have inherited their vehicles. Now we can get around easier to observe and mentor the ANP. For now, I am catching rides with any team that happens to be going to the ANP Headquarters, Substation or District Center.

There are five substations in the city of Ghazni, along with the main headquarters, and 18 Districts in the Province for a total of around 2,500 policemen. No wonder with this, combat actions and any U.S. issues the Provincial Team and I seldom get off of Vulcan. I am becoming a “Staff Officer” and envy some of these young Lieutenants who are going on missions off the FOB and can get out and play once in a while. I know I need to grow up and get used to being a stogy Staff Officer as a Senior Captain, but I still enjoy going on missions and training. Other evidence of the strain is the youth of our officers and NCO corps. I see Captains and Majors that are in their early to late 20s as well as Sergeant First Class and Sergeant Majors. They are tactically and technically competent but really do not have the life experience to manage the numerous missions and soldiers they are responsible for and even they admit that they were promoted too fast and were not allowed to properly develop as leaders.

A reason for the strain is the older, more experienced Officers and NCOs are getting fed up with the “OPTEMPO” (operational tempo). Constant deployments and training rotations means they never get a break or chance to see their families. Plus, they can make more money for less hassle in the civilian sector. They are trying to fill the gaps with contractors, but is that what you want defending your nation – soldiers or civilian contractors? People give parades for soldiers, but not contractors ... remember what happened to ancient Rome when the “contractors” realized they could get a better deal elsewhere or could simply “take over the source” of their money supply. Also, a lot of these guys are not from the U.S. so where is their loyalty, other than money?

At Ghazni we are very fortunate as most of our DynCorp contractors are former U.S. Soldiers or Marines. All are experienced law enforcement professionals and are great companions and comrades-in-arms when we are out working with the Afghan Police.

What's the Solution?

How do we get more troops into this effort when many choose not to serve? We have been to numerous “shuras” with the local populace and at every one the local people state how they would like to work with the Coalition and Afghan government, but when they do not see us or the police for months on end (and they are surrounded by Taliban everyday), what choice do they have? One village elder stood up and stated, “we are powerless against the Taliban; they demand food, shelter and money and if we refuse, they kill or humiliate our wives and families. Then we get into trouble with the Coalition for helping the Taliban. If you and the Afghan Security forces are not here to defend us and drive the Taliban and other groups away, what are we to do?” The only way we can prevail here besides helping the Afghan Security forces gain material, training and confidence is to, as Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said, “Clear the village or area of the enemy, hold the village and then build,” but with so few troops in this Theatre (everything else until recently is going to Iraq) we do what we can with what we have.

We are trying to get the Afghan populace to use their cell phones to report enemy activity, but if they don't know the number, help doesn't show up in a timely fashion or there are not regular patrols. How does that build confidence? We have also heard the Taliban have decided to stay in Afghanistan for the Winter. I guess we will be doing some “bug squashing” in the snow. This should be interesting as most of the mountain passes are clogged with (really, really deep) snow in the Winter. Forget about snow removal ... the best the Afghans have is a couple of guys throwing sand out the back of a Ford Ranger and a squad with shovels. This is going to be an interesting Winter.

Gone to the Dogs!

On a lighter note, my favorite times of the day are with the dogs. We often go running in the morning and it is very comforting to have two of our four-footed friends – Rocky and Blondie – running beside us. The dogs seem to really enjoy running with us or with other guys who go on marches with

their backpacks, body armor and weapons. The second favorite time is right before twilight when the temperature is just right – “bathtub warm” – and we sit on benches behind the Dining Hall and give scraps or dog treats to the dogs and play with them with toys provided by my lovely wife, Teresa. Blondie absolutely loves being brushed and Wahgez wags his tail looking for scraps or someone to throw the ball. Luckily one of them is orange so it is easy to find in the dark. It is a very pleasant time.

Interesting guys – the Poles

I recently had a delightful conversation with one of their Generals. This man had such admiration for our Country – marveling at how we can fight two wars, give generous contributions in aid to other countries and still have some left over to explore space and try to get to Mars. He called us “the best soldiers in the world”. Wow! I was very impressed and humbled.

A Special Tribute

Had an interesting memorial to Pat Tillman, the Pro-football player who gave up an easy life and million-dollar career to join the U.S. Army Rangers to serve his Country. Now that is a hero. Most of us do not put too much thought into what we do and certainly do not consider ourselves “heroes.” In my opinion, real heroes are guys like that who walk away from very successful, lucrative careers and comfortable lives and families to serve their Country here. Some of the other unsung “heroes” are the contractors (DynCorp) who ride with us daily and take a lot of the same risks. Yes, they are paid very handsomely for what they do and most say they wouldn't do it if not for the money, but they are serving their Country the same as us and their contributions to our efforts have helped us out immensely in everything from training, to mentoring the Afghan Police Leadership to gathering information so we can plan our strategy to help the police.

On to the Next Base

Greetings from FOB Vulcan! We keep getting more people requiring more B-Huts and barriers to protect them. What is amazing is how the Army sends in the people, builds the FOBs and other buildings, then either turns it all over to the host nation security forces or a NATO ally like the Polish. Your tax dollars at work!

We have some interesting characters here on Vulcan. It is interesting with all the personality conflicts on the FOB (though minor compared to where I was in Khowst) and our irritation at the depredations of the Taliban on the local populace, how easy it is to be consumed by anger, frustration and hate. But as they say in the Bible (in so many words), “pray for your friends, pray even harder for your enemies” or as Abraham Lincoln (the great leader that he was) said, “What better way to destroy my enemies than to make them my friends.” Another analogy reinforced what I learned from a lecture long ago and I see present in my dealings with the Afghans – “you can ignore a person, but you can't ignore a good attitude.”

It is surprising what you can accomplish with people when you treat them with respect and dignity. The Afghans love a good personality and respect and treatment of the dignity of the indi-

vidual is highly valued in their society, especially as it conforms with "Pashtunwali" (the way of the Pashtuns). I tend to think this philosophy is the world-over. What I really love about this place is the relative harmony and extraordinary teamwork that goes on - especially for mission preparation and FOB maintenance operations such as off-loading the five-ton truck from a food run or a Jingle truck from a water run. Everyone on the FOB forms a line to off-load the items and securely store them - Americans Soldiers, Afghan workers, Interpreters, Officers, NCOs, DynCorp contractors - everyone! There is a great deal of banter and good humor in the work.

Ramadan

Our Afghan friends and neighbors recently celebrated the holy month of Ramadan, which requires fasting during the day. It is considered an insult to offer them food or drink during the day, which was difficult to remember, as in our culture you always offer a visitor something to drink when they enter your house. The end of Ramadan was another festival *Eid-al-Fitr* or "Festival of Fast Breaking". This festival lasts about a week and is very much like our Christmas and Thanksgiving rolled into one. The Muslims gather together with friends and family, eat really good meals and exchange presents - all in celebrations of the gift of the Koran from God to their Prophet Muhammad (Peace be upon him). We could not get much done with our Afghan Police or Army counterparts at this time as they were all on holiday.

I used this time to settle into my newly completed B-hut, make some changes and conduct research into the Afghan culture, financial and administrative regulations to better prepare myself when meeting their Officials.

I have recently met a couple of very interesting people. One was called "CPT Caleb" and he is a regular Army officer who has led an extraordinary life. When he was young, he got a hold of a book called "Most Messed Up Countries on the Planet." He decided to visit those countries and got a job riding into the mountains of Afghanistan, scouting areas for U.S. Aide projects. He learned Dari and after a year of living with the Afghan mountain tribes, during the time of the Taliban, he proceeded to walk across Asia. He lived for a time on a houseboat in Kashmir, slept on the streets in India, walked through Nepal, Bhutan and China. When he was in Singapor, he read "Black Hawk Down" and decided to join the Army and go to Ranger School. He was quite at home with the Afghans and a fascinating person to talk to.

Another individual was a former Indian Army Soldier who fought Muslim Insurgents in Kashmir for nine years. He is currently working for the UN, visiting the Police Districts and trying to help and advise the Afghans. It is interesting the Western nations are not the only ones waging a war on Muslim Extremists and dealing with Insurgencies.

Guard Duty

Guard duty is always interesting. We are usually in groups of two - one watching the radio, one roving the perimeter. The dogs always accompany us

on these patrols and are good companions when you are by yourself guarding a FOB in the middle of a combat zone. However, the other night I think Blondie was bored. I would be checking the perimeter with Wahgez in tow and "bark, bark, bark" - Blondie had sensed something. So I walked across the FOB to check on the alarm and ... no alarm. So Waghez and I go back to checking the perimeter and "bark, bark, bark" - Blondie is sounding the alarm! So back across the FOB and... no alarm. This continued for a good hour; I think she just wanted human response to her barking. I finally gave up and went into the Tactical Operations Center to take my turn in monitoring the radio.

Goodwill Actions

Today was actually fun! In fact a lot of this assignment at Vulcan is fun. It is a shame as I only have a few months to go. Anyway, we went back to the DiYak District center to assist with a "Medcap" - basically a free temporary medical clinic for poor Afghans. We wanted to give away some humanitarian assistance (food, clothes and toys) to the Afghans at the same time but the Afghan National Army decided they did not want to support us so we had to settle for the Medcap. Between us, the Provisional Reconstruction Team (U.S. engineers) and the Polish, we had enough firepower to destroy an entire Taliban Battalion. The Poles also brought a couple of snipers with really cool rifles, a couple of 60mm mortars and their "Rosemack" armored personnel carriers equipped with 30 mm cannon.

Approximately 500 Afghans showed up, including 300 women and children, which is great considering female health care is so rare in many poor Muslim countries - especially Afghanistan. I took pictures of some women in burkas and saw a couple of them without the burkas in the clinic. It appears their traditional dresses are quite colorful underneath the burka. I tried to take pictures of the kids. The boys were not shy, but the little girls turned away like startled goldfish so I had to catch them when they were distracted by the guards as they lined up for entrance into the clinic.

Everyone had to be searched; fortunately, we had a couple of

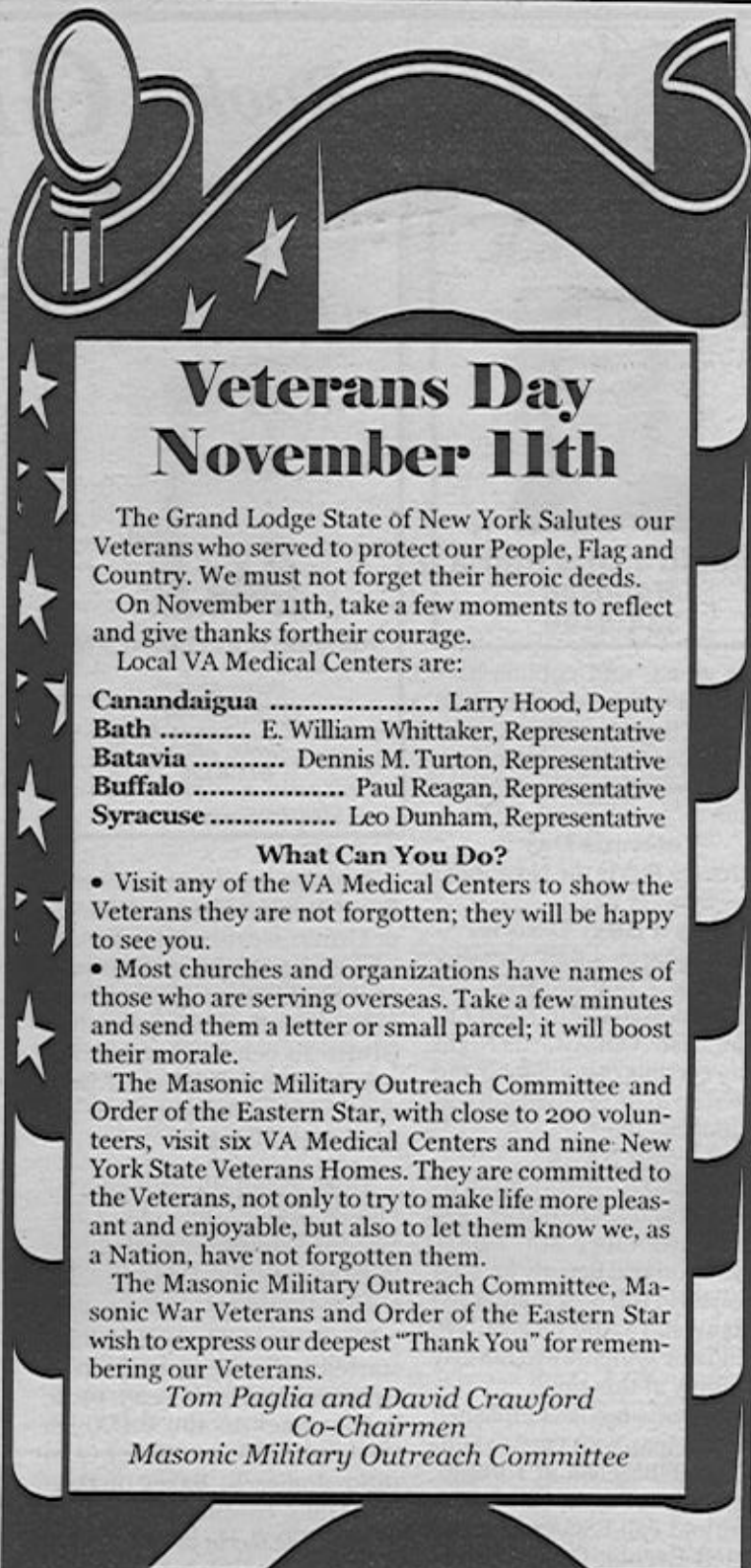
female soldiers for this task as well as female medics to process the women and girls from both the U.S. and Poland. The Polish Civil Affairs personnel had a pro-government/coalition diatribe in Dari blaring on loud speakers. They should know about the power of propaganda, being a former Warsaw Pact Country. They were giving out frisbees and kites to the Afghan boys. We played frisbee with some of the boys and tried to help them fly one of their kites ... a difficult task with our body armor and weapons. I took several pictures of the kids and it is remarkable how beautiful Afghan children are.

I road in the gun turret of a 5-ton truck going to and from the District Center. We were carrying supplies for the Humanitarian Assistance drop. I had a very good view of the surrounding countryside. The weapon system was a M240B 7.62 Machine Gun with a manual turret so it was a lot of work to swing the thing around. I tossed hard candy to the kids, which was a lot of fun as we rolled through their villages. A lot of convoys do it so many children turn out to wave and see if we have any candy as we roll by. It is interesting that the treats are really not expected, the kids just like waving to an Army convoy.

Back to the Medcap, one of the sub-governors was paid to bring the villagers to the medical clinic and Humanitarian assistance drop, which I thought was really noble. Most of the villagers were either Pashtuns or Tajiks and there was fewer than I expected. I suppose most are under threat of the Taliban for accepting aid from the coalition forces, which is unfortunate.

Run With the Dogs

I continue to run with some of my good friends here at Vulcan on the ANA FOB. The dogs often run with us and seem to look forward to the early morning event. They stay with us almost the whole time, playing, running ahead and behind us, nipping at each other and socializing with the mother dog and puppy family that is on the ANA FOB. Right now the dogs are eating like kings as the cooks are giving them our leftovers (chicken, steak, spare-ribs, hamburgers, sausage patties, etc.). They are the most spoiled dogs in Afghanistan! "



Veterans Day November 11th

The Grand Lodge State of New York Salutes our Veterans who served to protect our People, Flag and Country. We must not forget their heroic deeds.

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- Most churches and organizations have names of those who are serving overseas. Take a few minutes and send them a letter or small parcel; it will boost their morale.

The Masonic Military Outreach Committee and Order of the Eastern Star, with close to 200 volunteers, visit six VA Medical Centers and nine New York State Veterans Homes. They are committed to the Veterans, not only to try to make life more pleasant and enjoyable, but also to let them know we, as a Nation, have not forgotten them.

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The ghosts and goblins have gone back to the witches cave, Daylight Saving Time is over, the Election will be over soon and we will enter the Holiday Season.

Veterans Day

Veterans Day is the November 11th - fly your flag!

It Was a Busy October

The Monarch's Ball, October 11th, was a big success. We joined Zuleika Grotto (Buffalo) for the affair. Our Awards Night was an evening of good food and fellowship that included our Ladies in attendance.

Sad News

Lalla Rookh Grotto mourns the loss of Leon Van Huben, PM 2000, on October 8th. I have known Leon and Beverly for over 40 years. He will be remembered by many and sadly missed. We all send our sympathy to Beverly and family at this time.

Your Grotto has accomplished much this year, with trips to Seneca Casino, Baseball in Toronto, Canandaigua Day-at-the-Races, Spring and Fall ESGA meetings, Jeweled Events, Golf Tournament, our Appreciation Day Picnic, and our usual Awards Night. Did you miss any of these events? You missed a good time!! Got a question? Call the person who is coordinating the program. Remember **Your check is your reservation**. Please note the cut-off date of each event.

The Legion of Honor will meet November 17th at 6 p.m. Your regular Grotto meeting is the third Wednesday, November 19th, at 7:30 p.m.; lunch will follow.

As your Monarch, I speak for all the Officers and Prophets in wishing everyone a "Happy Thanksgiving." In your prayers, remember our servicemen and women on duty around the world.

In June, I received an email from Prophet Norman Lincoln of Ormus Grotto, Dayton, OH, who is also the Grand Historian of RAM of Ohio. He had been asked to write a history of their Grotto in celebration of their upcoming celebration of their 100th Anniversary of their existence as a Grotto.

Thus began an exchange of emails, phone calls and a further development on this end of delving into the years of Ohio Grotto History.

While it would seem to have started with the institution of Ormus Grotto on May 25, 1908, it goes back to the F.D.C. in Hamilton, NY, on October 2, 1889. James K. Baker of Dayton, Ohio, became a Knight of the old F.D.C. He later wrote to Fairchild asking to start a Grotto in Dayton. Fairchild wrote back, several months later, saying he was too busy to start one then.

Years after both died, the Fairchild letter was returned to Mokanna Grotto. Records show Barker was MC in Ormus Grotto in 1927.

From this, my next National Grotto Magazine article is entitled DOOLITTLE. In 1922, Lt. James H. Doolittle of the Army Air Corps became a Prophet in Ormus Grotto. On January 2, 1942, he lead 16, B-25 Bombers in the first raid over Japan, which was the basis of a 1944 movie "Thirty Seconds over Tokyo."

into Districts and by and with the consent of the Grand Lodge to appoint a Grand Visitor, who shall be a Past Master or Master of a Lodge; for each of the said Districts, whose duty it shall be to visit at least once in every year the several Lodges in the District for which he shall be appointed, and to collect the sums which are or may become due from the said Lodges to this Grand Lodge for Grand Lodge Dues and once in every three months transmit the same to the Grand Secretary; and on all such visits to give instructions to the different Lodges aforesaid as to the manner of work. - And that the sum of Dollars per day be allowed to each of the said Grand Visitors out of the Funds of this Grand Lodge, for every day necessarily spent in traveling to and from, and visiting the said Lodges, allowing miles of travel for a day to be computed

Secretary's Column

By Kenneth Hutchinson, PM

Nominations

At the October 15th Grotto meeting we nominated Prophets for the top three Offices, as well as Secretary, Treasurer, Venerable Prophet, two Trustees and three Board Members. The following are nominees for your consideration:

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Bernie Lazerson

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Kenneth V. Hutchinson, PM
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Trustee (1 year)

Ronald J. Morthorst, PM
Board of Governors

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Franklin Ghyzel

Heinz Gunkel

Luigi Campanelli

Election

It is the duty of the membership to come out and cast your vote for the nominated Officers, who are listed above. The traditional Free Turkey Dinner, with reservation and 2008 Dues Card at 6:30 p.m. will precede the December 17th Election. The Monarch-Elect will announce the Appointed Officers after he is elected. A Closed Installation will immediately follow the Elections.

We are all of one thought and goal, that being the advancement and well being of Lalla Rookh Grotto. Being of one mind with different opinions of how to reach that goal, let each and every one leave with a feeling of well being and very glad they spent the evening in the good fellowship of fellow Prophets.

Membership

By Bernard Lazerson, Chairman

My Brothers, Master Masons have many places to turn with their Working Tools. To be honest, all Masonic bodies have a place. M.O.V.P.E.R., the Veiled Prophets have a very select place providing good fellowship, civic

and humanitarian activities, and a way for Masons to meet members of other Lodges on the level and in good cheer.

The world around us is faced with uncertainty and discord. What better way to calm our fears, enhance our Brotherly desires, and promote well-being in our communities than by joining an organization like Grotto.

Our mission is the well being of humanity through our philanthropic efforts, and especially caring for the least able in our society. Children are our focus, and the least able of them - the disabled.

As you know, together we can do so much, but alone we are but a single small voice. There are Brothers in your Lodges that are Prophets. Seek them out, as they will seek you out; and investigate our organization. You will find that we can fulfill many of the goals you already have. As always, I will be there to assist you in this quest. Just call Bernie Lazerson, 271-7446. Thank you for your kind consideration. *

Caldron News

By Donna Laundry, MCO

Lalla Rookh Caldron, of the Daughters of Mokanna, held its Open Installation of Officers on Sunday afternoon, October 19th. Installing Officer Beverly Murray, assisted by Installing Marshal Quenda Stern, both Past Supreme Mighty Chosen Ones, first installed Donna Laundry as Mighty Chosen One. Then they continued with the installation of the rest of the Officers. They are Marcia Morrison, Hildegard DiJames, Betty Rainey, Sue Wilson, Janet Porter, Sula Baxter, Joan Palmer, Christina Eeckhout, Merline Bueg, Linda Austin, Beverly Murray, Betty Madison, Annette Towle, Dorothy Merritt and Cecil Losinger.

Change of Date

Our November meeting will be held on November 20th at 7:30 p.m. in Spencerport at the Masonic Lodge Building. Our meetings are usually held on the second Thursday of the month, but a conflict with the OES Monroe District Banquet on November 13th is the reason for this change.

As part of our association with the Grotto, we help support

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gpwife03@rochester.rr.com. I would be glad to talk to you about our organization.

Since the Rainbow is my symbol this year, I'd like to leave you with this thought. *Life is like a rainbow. You need both the sun and the rain to make its colors appear.*

I wish you all a safe and Happy Thanksgiving, shared with family or friends.

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On June 8, 1820, it was resolved "That it is at present inexpedient to make any alteration in the system of Grand Visitations," but on June 21, 1820, it was resolved "That the resolution of January 1, 1814, by which the State was divided into three Grand Masonic Districts for visitation be repealed."

On September 12, the subject of Grand Visitations was up again, when it was decided that on the following December, the number of Grand Visitors and the determination of their Districts, duties and compositions would be submitted to Grand Lodge for final disposition.

So it was that on December 6, 1820, the following action was taken: "Resolved, That it be recommended to the M.:W.: Grand Master to divide the State

from the place of residence of such Grand Visitor."

Accordingly, on December 16, 1820, a committee with the matter in hand submitted the following resolution and urged its adoption by Grand Lodge:

"Resolved, That it be and hereby is recommended to the M.:W.: Grand Master to divide the State into Three Masonic Districts; - the First to contain the Lodges on Long and Staten Islands and in the Counties of Westchester, Putnam and Rockland, and the Second and Third District to contain the residue of the Lodges in the State except those in the City and County of New York. - That to each District there be appointed in the manner provided for by the Constitution and ordinances, a Grand Visitor, who shall be subject to all the provisions of the same, and shall perform all the duties re-

quired of Grand Visitors thereby, and by such instructions as shall, from time to time, be given to them, respectively, by or under the authority of the Grand Master." This resolution was accepted and approved.

In 1830, it was resolved: "That a Visitor be appointed in each county, whose duty it shall be to call on the several Lodges within his District to examine into their situations, to receive the amount of their returns or a surrender of their Warrants, jewels, etc., which Visitor shall not receive any compensation beyond his actual expenses, nor in any case exceeding fifty percent of the amount collected, after he shall have visited and made returns to the Grand Lodges of all the Lodges in his county."

In 1833, it was recommended that the Grand Visitor system be continued one year longer. On June 1, 1842, it was felt the

Grand Visitor system should be made permanent and the duties of the Visitors defined by law, and in 1851, the Lodges were divided into eight Visitation Districts. The will have sensed how tentative and experimental the whole system of Grand Visitors really was; it never seemed to "jell," to take a logical form that met at all points the needs of the individual Lodges. The system had one glaring fault; namely, that the Grand Visitor was essentially a Dues collector, and as such not in a position to represent the Grand Master in his territory. A function that would humanize the relationship of the Grand Visitor to the Lodges was needed, and this was arrived at in 1855, when the present system of the District Deputy Grand Masters was started - the District Deputies

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York Rite NEWS

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3rd Wednesday



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Our visit from Right Illustrious David Raymond was an enjoyable night, with a great dinner ahead of the meeting. All enjoyed themselves. Those who did not make it missed meeting one of our upcoming Grand Council Officers.

The November meeting is the Official Visit of the District Deputy Grand Master, Right Illustrious Norman Austin. We will have a dinner beforehand at 6:30 p.m.; reservations are to be made with the Illustrious Master or the Recorder by November 15th.

We are planning Degrees after New Year, so let's have some Candidates.

Cyrene-Monroe
Commandery No. 12
Chartered 1993
3rd Monday



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The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar for the State of New York occurred September 19th-21st in the beautiful Catskills at the Hudson Valley Resort and Spa. I thank, publicly, Cyrene-Monroe Commandery No. 12, who provided a significant stipend to me so that I could attend the Conclave. Thank you, Sir Knights!

Cyrene-Monroe Commandery can be proud of its efforts in 2007/08 and of its members. Once again we were recognized for our overall percentage of members donating to the Knights Templar Eye charity. We were called to the podium and received a sticker to be placed on our certificate.

Cyrene-Monroe had many of its members elected and appointed to the 2008/09 Grand Commandery-Line. First and foremost, Right Eminent Sir Knight David Lathers is elected as the Grand Commander of Knights Templar for the State of New York. Eminent Sir Knight and Reverend Charles M. Roberts is elected as Grand Standard Bearer and Eminent Sir Knight Donald Q. Adams is appointed Grand Sentinel. Additionally, a good friend to Cyrene-Monroe Commandery, Eminent Sir Knight James MacConnell was elected to be Grand Generalissimo. Congratulations to all these faithful Sir Knights. Thank them when you see them, for their service to our Order.

Other things that happened at Grand Commandery are:

- Only 14 Commanderies passed Inspection. Cyrene-Monroe was one of those, which passed with flying colors.
- A couple of changes were recommended within the Tacties. These will be discussed at our next Conclave.
- Summer uniform was approved to be worn between May 1st and October 31st. The Grand Commander can order the wearing of our regular uniform (full dress) to any event he deems appropriate during this period; for example, during St. Johns Day in June in Utica.
- Sir Knight Frederick Beitter was elected as Grand Warder. He hails from St. George Commandery in Schenectady.

Upcoming Events

We will be celebrating, along with our Ladies and anyone else you want to bring along such as children or grandchildren, a hearty Thanksgiving feast at our November meeting date of Monday, November 17th. We plan to have a dinner consisting of Turkey and all the trimmings. A program is planned for your enjoyment immediately preceding our festive dinner. Social gathering begins around 6:30 p.m., with dinner beginning around 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person. It will be at Northfield Lodge Hall in Pittsford.

In December, we will be celebrating one of the most important events in a Christian Knight's year, the birth of our Blessed Savior. To that end we will be hosting our Christmas Toast on December 15th at Northfield Lodge Hall in Pittsford. The event will begin at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments and snacks will be provided by our Ladies. We are asking everyone to bring a dish-to-pass.

Cyrene-Monroe Commandery's Inspection is early this year. Mark your calendar for Monday, March 16, 2009. I plan to have several rehearsals on the following Sundays beginning at 3:00 p.m.: March 1st, March 8th and March 15th. Officers, please do everything possible to attend these practice sessions. We want to pass our Inspection with flying colors and keep up the strong tradition of Cyrene-Monroe Commandery.

Fall of Medieval Order October 13, 1307

The Templar Knights success since its inception in 1096 (endorsed by the Roman Catholic Church in 1129) was tied closely to the Crusades. When the Holy Land was lost, support for the Order faded. Rumors about the Templars' secret Initiation Ceremony, as well as the power that they garnered (especially banking power) over the close to two centuries of their existence caused both concern and jealousy among many of their contemporaries. One such contemporary was Philip IV, King of France, deeply in debt to the Order, began pressuring Pope Clement V to take action against the Order.

As a side note, Clement V was the first of what has been called "The Avignon Popes." Basically, "The Avignon Popes" were all French Popes. Due to infighting within the Roman Catholic

Church, Pope Clement V moved the "Roman Curia" (Administrative apparatus of the Holy See and the entire governing body of the Roman Catholic Church) to Avignon, France, in order to come under the "protection" of King Philip IV of France. This period lasted from 1307 to 1377, at which time the Papacy moved back to Rome.


Based on allegations made by Philip and others, and testified to in secret courts, orders were given to arrest as many Knights Templar as possible. The arrests began on October 13, 1307. Most of the Knights in France, including the Grand Master, Jacques de Molay, were arrested. Under continued pressure from Philip, Pope Clement disbanded the Order in 1312.

Recently, papers were found within the Vatican that shows that Pope Clement later exonerated the Templars. These papers are known as "Processus Contra Templarios" and have been released for public study. Our very

own Grand Lodge, via the Chancellor Robert R. Livingston Masonic Library, has purchased one of the 799 limited copies issued by the Vatican. This work is available for all to review and study. That would be another article.

May our Sovereign Lord bless you and yours!

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Sir Knights, Attention! November 1st will be a Zone 11 Collaboration doing the Orders at DeMo-

Genesee
York Rite
College No. 25
(Chartered July 14, 1962)



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On September 27th the first meeting of the 2008-09 year for Genesee York Rite College No. 25 was held and many distinguished Brothers were present. Prior to the official opening of the College for business, a public ceremony was held for the Companion Knights, Ladies and guests who were present. Pre-Eminent Governor-Elect Tom Paglia presented a program of three short talks on the meaning of "The Table For the Military Personnel



Veterans Day "Missing Man" Ceremony

who gave their all with their lives." The items on the Table were explained. The second brief talk centered upon "What the Flag Draped over the Coffin Means" (why it is folded the way it is before being presented to the family). And the final talk was on the "Actual Words for Taps," which most people never hear. Everyone enjoyed this ceremony.

The College was honored to have present Most Pre-Eminently Distinguished Brother Roy E. VanDelinder, Jr., Treasurer General and Past Governor General,

The Officers of Genesee York Rite College No. 25 for the 2008-09 sovereign year are as follows:

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| Pre-Eminent Governor | Thomas M. Paglia |
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| Trustees(1yr) | Lawrence W. Dunn, PG, OPC |



Many of the distinguished Grand York Rite Officers and Genesee York Rite College Officers.

Knight Commander of the Purple Cross of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America.

Most Pre-Eminently Distinguished Brother Roy proceeded to open the College, obligate two elected Officers (Pre-Eminent Governor Tom Paglia and Eminent Chancellor Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III). Most Pre-Eminently Distinguished Brother Roy is someone we should all emulate. His mastery in opening, Degree work and that of making everyone feel at ease, is something to behold.

The College then adjourned for dinner in the dining hall of Northfield Lodge. Before eating, Em. Rev. Charles M. Roberts made the formal welcome and announcements for the presentation of two awards. First, Most Pre-Eminently Distinguished Brother Roy presented the 2007-08 York Rite Year Award to Sir Knight Ernest A. Stelianou of Webster (a non-college member) for his service to the York Rite. This annual award is given locally by the College.

lay Commandery in Hornell. While we will be involved in all of the Orders, our Commandery will lead the Order of the Temple under the direction of SK R. Stuart Smith, Jr. We thank Stu for organizing the parts and participants again this year.

We also have a Combined Regional Training Session in Attica this month. More details at our November 15th meeting or call me for carpooling information.

Please remember the Eye Foundation. Besides monetary donations, we collect aluminum of all sorts for redemption. SK L. Ronald Edwards is our leader in this effort. Please give Ron your collection of aluminum. Many Sir Knights collect the aluminum can tabs as part of their donation.

Please join us for breakfast on November 15th at the Blue Ribbon Restaurant at 7:30 a.m. prior to our meeting at 9 a.m.

Please keep all those with health problems in your thoughts and prayers.

Both Sir Knight Ernie and his Lady June were present to receive this honor.

Second, Very Eminently Distinguished Brother Steven L. Wing, Deputy Grand Governor of the State of New York, on behalf of the immediate Past Governor of the State of New York, Right Pre-Eminently Distinguished Brother Edward S. Newsham, presented the Sovereign College of North America Distinguished Service Award to Companion Knight Howard C. Colegrove of Geneva. This Award is bestowed upon only one Companion Knight nominated from the seven Colleges in the State of New York and endorsed by the Grand Governor. Companion Knight Howard and his Lady Carol were present to receive this distinct honor. After the Awards presentation, everyone enjoyed a fine dinner prepared by Mrs. Joy Woodley.

Our next Assembly will be on December 6th at Hesperus Lodge in Bergen at 3:00 p.m.

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By Tom Richenderfer
District Grand Lecturer

All good things must come to an end. It seems like only weeks ago that Rt. Wthy. Diane Dobbertin and I were attending our Reception at Fairport Masonic Hall, but here we are, at the end of our year.

Rt. Wthy. Diane and I thank each and every member of the Monroe District for your kindness, generosity and support. With your help, our projects were very successful and our jobs were made much easier.

On October 5th, the Homecoming was held at Webster Masonic Hall to welcome home the four Grand Officers of the Monroe District. The honorees were Rt. Wthy. Faythe Mattern, Grand Chaplain; Rt. Wthy. Diane Dobbertin, District Deputy Grand Matron; Rt. Wthy. Tom Richenderfer, District Grand Lecturer and Rt. Wthy. Janice Smith, Grand Representative of Arizona. It was a wonderful afternoon, which was made very special for me by the presence of my aunt, Rt. Wthy. Ida Bower, Grand Representative of North Carolina, from Pennsylvania. After the meeting, refreshments were enjoyed by all.

Sickness and Distress

Rt. Wthy. George Bundoc had a toe amputated and subse-

quently fell and broke the other toes on the same foot.

Dud Dobbertin fell and broke some ribs.

Condolences

Rt. Wthy. Helen Weekes passed away September 25th; an Eastern Star Service was held for her on October 4th. She was Grand Historian in 1973.

Rt. Wthy. Leon VanHuben passed away October 8th. He was District Grand Lecturer in 1988. A Memorial Service will be held November 16th, 3 p.m. at the Shrine Center, 979 Bay Road, Webster.

Upcoming Events

November 1st - East/West Luncheon, 11 a.m. at "Whatcha-GotCookin" in the Old Box Factory, 6 North Main Street (next to the Lift Bridge), Fairport.

November 13th - Monroe District Banquet at the Burgundy Basin.

December 6th - Monroe District Christmas Party, 5 p.m. at Webster Masonic Hall.

Rt. Wthy. Diane and I wish Chris Hampton and Ken Milner much success in their year as they take the reigns of Monroe District. We also hope they have as much fun as we have had over the past year.

to vote. But she was present to see her colleagues entering the fields of medicine and ministry within the church framework as never before, though slow at first. As we know, women are now present in every arena. Though Miss Anthony was never able to vote, she knew that it was inevitable that women would one day gain this privilege.

Those who have been reading these articles know that I received a borrowed Crown, but not all of our Sisters are in such a position and so I must thank my father, Samuel Mackey, and the Masonic Brothers for giving me this moment to be special and as in the song, "I would be true...I would be strong, for there is much to suffer; I would be brave for there is much to dare." I fulfilled a childhood dream of Princes and Princesses in myself at our Sweet Sixteen Party.

Sickness and Distress

It is with great sadness I report the passing of Rt. Wthy. Leon VanHuben. A Memorial Service will be held November 16th, 3 p.m., at the Shrine Center.

The father of Wthy. Barbara McMinns passed away.

Wthy. Norma Lee's sister died. Please remember these Sisters and Brothers in your prayers.

My Word - "Faith"

"A simple, childlike faith in a Divine friend solves all the problems that come to us by land or sea."

by Helen Keller

Happy Thanksgiving!

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By Robert Crystal

Well, Sisters and Brothers, Summer is over. Don't grieve its passing. Look instead at all the things we have laid out in front of us. As we glean in the field, let us think of the bread we will be baking!

We started our new season with a birthday feast. Potluck is always an adventure. Will everybody bring a salad? (That has happened!) Or will we have a lot of desserts? (Isn't it nice when that happens?) We had a good balance for the meeting on September 16th so, if you missed the meeting, you also missed some pretty good dishes. We have really settled into our new digs. Now setup for meetings isn't a treasure hunt!

The meeting was "Move-up Night," and our future Matron and Patron did very well assuming their stations in the East. Also, good news is that we had a Petition. Further good news, Pat Dalykas reported that her daughter, Tracy Dalykas, is doing well and so is the baby. (If anyone wants pictures, the proud grandma will be more than happy to share!)

Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings walked into the meeting with pride in her stride. The miracle



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Order of the Eastern Star

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of modern surgery has given new lightness to her step.

We collected Teddy Bears for our birthday party gift. These will be given to Tracy Dalykas for the Ward Street Shelter for little kids in crisis. If you have ever been at a fire or accident or if there has been need for the police, wouldn't a soft Teddy Bear have been a comforting gift? We hope our offerings end up in the "right hands."

At our October 7th meeting, we decided to raffle off the photo album Billie Robinson gave us. The drawing will be December 2nd. Tickets are \$1 each, 6 for \$5. We decided to move the time of our meetings to 7 p.m.; with our new, totally accessible meeting room and an earlier meeting time, we hope to see more of our "veteran" Sisters.

Our Installation will be on December 2nd, and our Christmas Party on December 16th at Valicia's Ristorante. Partygoers

should contact either Matron, Cindy Nielsen; Matron-elect, Pat Dalykas; or Secretary, Carol Wynings.

Pat promises her term will be very active, with a movie night (Yes, wide-screen TVs can show more than football games), a course in gift bow tying, floral arranging, a cheese and cracker party, at least one potluck supper and one "Roosevelt style" kitchen cabinet meeting.

By the time you read this in the *Masonic Times*, we will have gone and come back from our Winery Tour. Brother Bob has said he will be on his best behavior. Our next article will report how successful he was at that promise. We will have several guests on the tour, some from other Chapters, some who are not (yet) OES. We invite our Sister Chapters to plan for next October. Nolotka will be doing this again next year and we would love to have you with us.

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This Assembly will be followed by our Annual Christmas Party. The Party will be held at the Viking Valhalla Restaurant in Bergen. Dinner will be at 5 p.m., give or take a few minutes. You MUST have a reservation in by November 15th, to Eminent Secretary, Rev. Charles M. Roberts at 621-3796 or email at: cholyone@rochester.rr.com.

The early reservation date is for us to know how many ladies will be attending. As Pre-Eminent Governor, I would like to see this be a big sell-out! This is open to those who are members of other Colleges as well - all of us at Genesee York Rite College would like you to join us.

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Our only meeting in November will be the 12th. It will be our Homecoming Tureen Dinner at 6 p.m., Draping of the Altar, Elections and Reports. There will be much to report, as this will be the meeting following Grand Sessions in Saratoga Springs.

December 10th will be an Open Installation at 7:30 p.m. and our only meeting in December. My husband and I will be installed again as Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron. Wow, there is so much work to do!

Your Right to Vote!

I was privileged to attend the "Day of Reflection," presented by Church Women United. The program was about Susan B. Anthony and was titled, "The Anthony Ticket: From Wilderness to Promised Land." This is the 88th year since women won the right to vote. One of her key quotations, "Failure is Impossible," was coined in that Susan never saw women win the right

Representatives

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being assigned much the same duties as now.

On June 4, 1858, it was resolved "That the several subordinate Lodges within a radius of 10 miles of the City Hall of New York shall be apportioned into three Districts by the first five elective Grand Officers who may also alter and again apportion, rearrange and increase the number of districts at any succeeding Annual Communication.

In 1859 there were fifteen District Deputies and the grand Master called particular attention to the fact that District Deputies were not, and were not to be, considered by the Lodges as Lecturers in their Districts, but that they were to check wrongs and irregularities. In 1873, there were twenty-eight Districts, and in 1876 twenty-nine Districts.

June 5, 1889, there were thirty Districts, and today fifty-nine, in addition to the Syrian-Lebanon District

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In Memoriam

Goebel, Henry Edward

The Great Architect of the Universe called Henry Edward Goebel, 97, on September 25th. He was a 30-year member of Seneca Lodge. May he find peace with the Lord.

Goodwin, Raymond I.

On October 1st, Raymond Goodwin, 81, found loving peace in the arms of the Lord. Raymond is survived by his wife, Arline, and 5 children. He was a member of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge.

Hinsdale, Frederick M.

Frederick Hinsdale, 92, departed for his Heavenly Home October 8th leaving 2 children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren to gently turn a page in our book of memories. Fred was a member of Scottish Rite.

Martin, Robert H., Sr. "Red"

Robert Martin entered Eternal Rest on October 14th, leaving his wife, Blanche; 2 children, 5 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren to remember him. "Red" was a member of Webster Lodge. Thoughts today, memories forever.

Raymond, Arnold A.

September 21st, at the age of 86, Arnold Raymond went to his Heavenly Home. "Arnie" is survived by 3 children and 3 grandchildren. He was a member of Craftsman Robertson Lodge. May Arnie find peace with the Lord.

Smith, Paul H.

On September 26th, the Great Architect of the Universe called Paul Smith. Paul's wife, Helen, and 2 children will miss him. Paul was a 52-year dedicated member of Olive Branch Lodge and Grand Representative to Saskatchewan 1993-1997. He was a loyal supporter of his Lodge and most instrumental in the maintenance of the Lodge building. You left us with a garden of beautiful memories, sprayed with a million tears.

Starr, Irving

At the age of 85, Irving Starr left his Earthly Home on September 20th, leaving his wife, Joy Ann; 3 children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren to share his memories. Irv was a member of Fairport-Flower City Lodge, Scottish Rite and Shrine. He labored hard for those he loved, then left us to remember.

Youngman, Jon W.

On October 4th, Jon Youngman, 66, went Home to his Lord. Jon was a 37-year member of Drumlin Square Lodge. May he find peace with the Lord.

Widows to be Remembered

Alvarez, Rita Ann (78), widow of Mario Alvarez (Union Star Lodge), passed away October 8th.

Barcik, Alice J. (99), widow of Joseph D. Barcik (Craftsman Robertson Lodge), passed away June 11th.

Carey, Virginia M. (90), widow of Emery Carey (Unity Lodge), passed away September 18th.

Crayton, Helen L. (91), widow of Wilford Crayton (Wakan-Hubbard Lodge), passed away October 7th.

Hartz, Jane (89), widow of Charlie Hartz (Milnor Lodge), passed away October 9th.

Keir, Constance A. (85), widow of Ken Keir (Unity Lodge), passed away September 18th.

Sanderson, Marjorie Caird (96), widow of Arthur Sanderson (Wakan-Hubbard Lodge), passed away September 27th.

Sweet, Gladys S. (99), widow of Perry Sweet (Craftsman Robertson Lodge), passed away September 24th.

Weekes, Helen (93), widow of Llewellyn Weekes (Wakan-Hubbard Lodge), passed away September 25th.

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**Masonic Activities
Looking Ahead**

DECEMBER

- 3rd Shrine Meeting - Elections at Shrine Center
- 4th Scottish Rite - 4° and 11° at Shrine Center
- 6th OES District Christmas Party at Webster Lodge Hall
- 6th York Rite at Hesperus Lodge Hall-Bergen
- 10th MDC - Eunice Lodge Hall-Caledonia
- 12th "Toys-for-Tots" Decorating Dinner at Shrine Center
- 13th Children's Holiday Party for All Masonic Bodies at Shrine Center

JANUARY

- 14th MDC - Eunice Lodge Hall-Caledonia
- 15th Scottish Rite - 14° at Shrine Center
- 27th School of Ritual at Shrine Center
- 29th Scottish Rite - 15° at Shrine Center

FEBRUARY

- 14th Scottish Rite Valentine Dinner with Our Ladies (Place TBA)

MARCH

- 22nd Feast of the Paschal Lamb at Shrine Center
- 27th College of Freemasonry Dinner at Shrine Center
- 28th College of Freemasonry at Shrine Center

APRIL

- 25th Monroe District Widows Luncheon at Burgundy Basin

MAY

- 16th Oatka Cornerstone Laying Celebration

Birthstone - Topaz
Flower - Chrysanthemum

BIG CALENDAR - NOVEMBER 2008

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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| <p>Events at Shrine Center or Shriners' Events in this typeface. See Damascus News section for details.</p> | | <p>Deadline for the December issue of the Aflasonic Times is November 10</p> | | | | <p>1 OES - Rochester Chapter - Spencerport Livingston District Apron Presentation: Mt. Morris (Genesee River Restaurant)</p> |
| <p>2 Daylight Saving Time Ends</p> | <p>3 Canandaigua - Shortsville RAM - Palmyra/Eagle KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford Shrine Lunch Club</p> | <p>4 Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson, Shrine Center Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps; 1st Nunda Station Oakland - Castile OES - Fairport, Notatka, Starlight</p> | <p>5 Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy (OV) Damascus Shrine - Hot Sands OES - Liac Star</p> | <p>6 Eunice - Caledonia Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford (OV) Webster RSM - Palmyra Council</p> | <p>7 Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m. \$7 adult, \$4 Child 30 Orchard Street</p> | <p>8 Daughters of the Nile, Zama Temple - Fairport Harvest Dinner, Shrine Center</p> |
| <p>9 Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinner Weds 12th 287 East Avenue, Hilton</p> | <p>10 ERAC - Shrine Center (OV) Fairport/Flower City Union Star - Honeoye Falls; 1st Unity - Spencerport Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield Shrine Lunch Club</p> | <p>11 Eagle - Honeoye Seneca - Webster (OV) Valley-Simes, Shrine Center; 1st RAM - Dansville OES - Leah - Hilton, Mary Jane Holmes - Brockport</p> | <p>12 Oatka - Scottsville MDC @ Eunice Lodge Masonic Service Bureau Monthly Luncheon Meeting OES - Corinthian Fellowship Shrine - Legion of Honor</p> | <p>13 Fame, Shrine Center Millinor - Victor (OV) Union - Lima RAM - Hiram OES Monroe District Banquet @ Burgundy Basin Scottish Rite - BBB / Public Degree @ Fairport Lodge Hall</p> | | <p>15 KT - Sagoyewatha - Phelps</p> |
| <p>16 Eagle Lodge Eagle Chapter Spaghetti Dinner November 20th 4994 County Rd 36 Honeoye</p> | <p>17 Canandaigua - Shortsville KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford Lalla Rookh Grotto Legion of Honor Shrine Lunch Club - Ladies Day</p> | <p>18 Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson, Shrine Center Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps; 1st Nunda Station OES - Notatka, Starlight (Open Installation)</p> | <p>19 Ark - Geneva (OV) Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy RSM - Doric Council, Pittsford Lalla Rookh Grotto</p> | <p>20 Eunice - Caledonia Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford; 2nd Webster; 2nd Scottish Rite - Vets Program Lalla Rookh Caldron</p> | | <p>22</p> |
| <p>23</p> | <p>24 ERAC - Shrine Center Fairport/Flower City (OV) Union Star - Honeoye Falls Unity - Spencerport Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield Shrine Lunch Club</p> | <p>25 Eagle - Honeoye Valley-Simes, Shrine Center RAM - Dansville, LeRoy</p> | <p>26 Oatka - Scottsville Tall Cedars of Lebanon</p> | <p>27 Thanksgiving Day</p> | <p>28</p> | <p>29 Masters, Wardens, Lodge Coordinators Have-a-Heart Campaign Kick-Off at Ronald McDonald House, 11:00 a.m.</p> |

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