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Monroe Grand Lecturer's Convention, October 28th



R. W. Charles Toombs

The newly appointed Grand Lecturer, R. W. Charles E. Toombs, will make his first visit to the Monroe District on Tuesday, October 28th. Fairport Masonic Hall will, once again, be the site of the Convention. The evening will begin with a Steak Dinner at 6:30 p.m. W. Thomas Goodrich, Master of Fairport-Flower City Lodge,

and his crew do an excellent job on this dinner. Reservations are required by October 26th, either through your Lodge representative or by sending an email message to V. W. Harry DeHollander at: ny4harry@aol.com. Remember, a reservation made is a reservation paid.

R. W. Toombs was born in Bowling Green, Virginia, educated in Caroline County Public Schools and served in the United States Air Force. He was Raised in Nortrip Lodge No. 998 in 1972 and served seven terms as Master. He has held many committee assignments and chaired several. He is also a member of the Valley of Syracuse, AASR, and Royal Arch Masons. His complete biography is available at the Grand Lodge website.

Brother Toombs resides in Kirkville with his wife, Coleen. They are the parents of five children and grandparents of nine.

67th Interfaith Service and Brunch October 26th, Country Party House, East Rochester



Moses Robinson

The Masonic Service Bureau is again sponsoring the Interfaith Service and Brunch. This event, which is held almost annually, began in 1938 and was previously called the Communion Breakfast. It gives Masons and friends the opportunity to worship together, in the spirit of friendship and Brotherly love.

The Service is followed by Brunch and an opportunity to further enjoy each other's company. Tickets for the Brunch are \$13 per person and are available from the Secretary of your Organization or the Masonic Service Bureau. Tickets are NOT sold at the door.

For individual ticket orders, please send your check to the Service Bureau at 979 Bay Road, Suite 2, Webster, NY 14580. You may pick up your pre-ordered tickets at the door.

Award Presentation

The Distinguished Community Service Award will be presented in the program following the Brunch. This year's recipient is Officer Moses Robinson, a member of the Rochester Police Department and currently a School Resource Officer at a local high school, providing assistance in drug resistance training, peer mediation, leadership training and conflict resolution.

As promised last month, here is some biographical information on Mr. Robinson. He began his law enforcement career in 1985 and has provided gang awareness presentations and intervention and prevention methods to the City of Rochester School District staff. He is an instructor for the Bureau of Justice Assistance (RCPI) and provides for law enforcement and community stakeholders a national overview of major gang activity around the United States. He is an instructor for New York State Department of Criminal Justice's Office of Public Safety on Youth Gang Awareness Training, Criminal Street Gang Investigations and Gang Collaborative Training.

Mr. Robinson is a certified School Resource Officer with the National Association of School Resource Officers, and a Certified School Resource Officer with the State of New York Division of Criminal Justice Services. He has received training at the National Gang Training Research Center as both a Gang Specialist and in conducting Gang Crimes Investigations. He is charged with investigating crimes committed by juveniles or school age youth as prescribed by the Family Court Act, Social Service Law, Criminal Procedure Law and the New York State Penal Law, and implementing strategies for reducing criminal conduct within schools.

He has provided training statewide to New York State law enforcement professionals, community service agencies, school districts and others in the development of comprehensive approaches to gang-related issues, youth gang trends, gangs in school and school safety, gang identification and debriefing gang members. He has also

provided training in the capacity of developing community strategies, gang legislation and the implementation of community intervention and prevention alternatives for youth.

Officer Robinson has been a Criminal Street Gang Awareness Instructor at St. Petersburg College, St. Petersburg, FL, providing training nationwide to uniformed patrol officers, investigators and criminal justice professionals.

Mr. Robinson holds memberships in several Investigators Associations across the Country, the National Major Gang Task Force and the National Association of School Resource Officers. He holds numerous certifications in the Law Enforcement field.

A graduate of Monroe Community College and Cortland State University, Mr. Robinson is currently studying to obtain his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminal Justice with a minor in Behavioral Psychology. He resides in Rochester.

Please join us in honoring this outstanding community servant on Sunday, October 26th.

A "Short" Western Escapade

By Clifford Short

While Traveling, Visit Other Lodges

While living in Colorado, I recently had the opportunity to attend an "Outdoor Lodge Meeting," sponsored by Wheatland Lodge. The actual Lodge Hall is in the small town of Wheatland, Wyoming, but once a year, they get special Dispensation to hold a tiled meeting outdoors, high up in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains.

I heard about this meeting a month earlier when I attended a 1st Degree at Estes Park Lodge and requested directions to the location. Ask and thou shall receive! The Secretary of the Lodge graciously provided directions that seemed to be quite simple ... Just take Route 25 North to the Route 34-Laramie Exit. Turn West on Route 34 and continue until you find Tunnel Road. Turn right on Tunnel Road and follow it over the Laramie River until you find Kennedy Ranch. It sounded so simple!

Heading Out

I left work at 2 p.m. and was on the road by 2:30 p.m. The exit was 115 miles north of

where I live in Windsor, CO, then it was 17.5 miles to the Tunnel Road intersection. About a half mile down Tunnel Road, it turns to very, very loose gravel and for the next 18 miles I started to climb into the foothills of the Rocky Mountains. There were times when I didn't think my car was going to stay on the road ... evidently 30 mph was too fast for loose gravel!

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M. W. Thomas R. Nance, Grand Master of Masons in the State of Wyoming, with R. W. Clifford Short (right).

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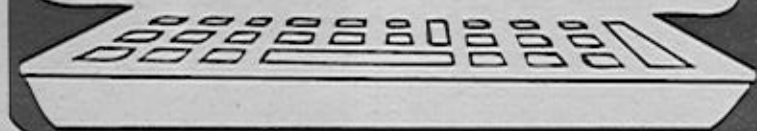
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Convening at 9 a.m.
(We expect to finish by Noon)
at the Webster Masonic Hall
30 Orchard Street, Webster

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R. W. Gilbert Savitzky, Grand Secretary
Brother Mark Menard, MORI Setup



AARP Driver Safety Program

at Damascus Shrine Center
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979 Bay Road, Webster

Sponsored by Masonic Service Bureau

Monday, October 20th & Wednesday, October 22nd

Two Sessions - 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. - Must attend both!

To make a reservation or for more information
call the Masonic Service Bureau - 671-9730

Damascus News see page 11

Dated Material



Editor's Corner

I apologize for the late arrival of the *Masonic Times* for September. There were a number of issues that contributed to this failure.

We had family obligations requiring some time away from the office; there was much copy to report Masonic activities over the Summer vacation period; we wrote and re-positioned copy to accommodate an article on the sudden passing of an Assistant Grand Lecturer; the motherboard on the computer we use for all the photographic images died on Thursday of "crunch week." From more than 200 pictures on file, David was selecting those we wanted or had to publish when it went.

We are VERY grateful to John Chase, of Chase Computer Consulting, for making an emergency "house call," diagnosing the gravity of the situation and providing a new tower late Saturday afternoon with all our data files intact. We were operational again by 5:00 p.m., but had lost three crucial days.

We shall strive to improve!

In all the confusion, I neglected to mention some contributors. W.: Sean Noonan, Secretary of Clio Lodge and a member of Damascus Wheelers, provided JPEG images from which we selected the photo of V.: W.: Ronald Bryant. Thank you Brother Sean.

To Linda King Costanzo (Dave King's daughter) who was here for the Wheelers Rodeo and "Ugly Run" and supplied us with many pictures of the events... thank you, too!

In numerous past issues, R.: W.: Donald Tubman and W.: John Dudley have submitted pictures, not only of their respective Lodge activities, but District events as well. I am extremely grateful for their willingness and assistance. It is not possible for me to be at every function. Even when I am, sometimes they produce better pictures than I am able to obtain due to positioning or timing.

Other individuals don't come to me right now, but I know they are out there, so thanks to you all. We appreciate your support. Thanks for reading.

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Monroe Kickoff

R.: W.: Derek VanHouten hosted his first Kickoff Dinner as District Deputy Grand Master of the Monroe District. Plans for the year were presented to Lodge representatives. R.: W.: Michael Nohle and R.: W.: George Todd, new Grand Stewards, also spoke.



Ill.: G. Michael Morris presented W.: Carl Preddy, Master, (left) with a plaque for Seneca Lodge's support.

Ill.: G. Michael Morris, Commander-in-Chief of the Valley of Rochester, AASR, used the occasion to present Seneca Lodge Master, W.: Carl Preddy, with a plaque. The Lodge donated funds for a full scholarship for a child to attend the Frank and Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center.

R.: W.: Derek VanHouten thanked Ill.: Mike Morris for the Valley's continued support in providing the Catered Dinner and copies for the notebooks given to each Master. He also thanked Damascus Shriners for allowing the Shrine Center to be used for this event again.

R.: W.: Charles Waterstreet, on behalf of the Masonic Service Bureau, loaned Grand Lodge Jewels to the new Staff Officers. Through an anonymous donor, the Service Bureau is now in possession of Jewels for the Grand Steward and the Grand Sword Bearer. In prior years, R.: W.: Donald Brugger has loaned, through the Service Bureau, the "Cameron Jewel," a Grand Director of Ceremonies Jewel given to him for his tenure, to those who followed him.

The District now has available a complete set of Jewels for use by Staff Officers, which are returned at the end of their term.

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Allied Lodge Worshipful Master Banks Installed

Brother Curtis Alan Banks was installed as Master of Allied Lodge No. 1170 in New York City in June. Attending the ceremony was M.: W.: Neal I. Bidnick, Past Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York. Brother banks serves as liaison between the Grand Lodge of New York and Prince Hall Affiliated Organizations.



10th Anniversary Gala & Fundraiser

Frank and Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children

Sunday, October 26, 2008

Casa Larga Vineyards
2287 Turk Hill Road
Fairport, NY

Sunday, October 26, 2008

2:00 - 5:00 PM

Admission Price: \$50 per person
Advance reservations required by October 17, 2008



Please join us in the celebration of the accomplishments of the Frank and Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children, and help us to expand the wonderful services the Learning Center provides to the children right here in our own community!

Casa Larga Vineyards provides a wonderful and picturesque venue for the Anniversary Gala. There will be a number of "stations" featuring freshly made pasta dishes, carved meats, salads, desserts, and an open bar. The program will highlight the accomplishments of the Learning Center and recognize those who have helped to make it a success. There will also be an Auction and a Silent Auction featuring interesting Masonic and non-Masonic items as well.

A highlight of this year's Anniversary Gala will be the drawing for a quilt that was designed and made by the children and scholars of the Rochester Learning Center (See photo below). The price for a quilt ticket is \$5.

As part of the program, there will also be an opportunity to make a donation to the Learning Center.

All monies raised will go directly to the support of tutoring services at the Frank and Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children.



Quilt handmade by students at the Frank and Bette Paul Learning Center for Children (Rochester, NY)

Reservation Form—Must be received by Friday, October 17, 2008

Frank and Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children
10th Anniversary Celebration & Fundraiser

Date: Sunday, October 26, 2008
Location: Casa Larga Vineyards

Time: 2:00 – 5:00 PM
Admission Price: \$50 per person

Name(s): _____

Number attending: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Were are unable to attend, but enclosed is our tax-deductible donation of:

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$150 Other _____

Please make checks payable to the "Rochester Learning Center," and mail to:

Learning Center Anniversary Celebration
c/o Rochester Consistory
3300 Monroe Ave, Suite #320
Rochester, NY 14618

St. John's Day, 2008



Masonic War Veterans Color Guard lead the parade.

By R.:W.: Skip Waterstreet

On a glorious Summer day with blue skies and bright, warm sunshine, the Annual St. John's Day celebration was held June 21st on the campus of the Masonic Care Community in Utica. Hundreds of Masons gathered, along with family and friends, to witness the presentation of Commissions to the Assistant Grand Lecturers, Grand Lodge Staff Officers and District Deputy Grand Masters from across the State.

An impressive parade of the appointees was led to Tompkins Chapel by the La Banda Rossa, who had also played a concert for those attending the festivities. They were followed by Knights Templars in full regalia, their white plumes gleaming in the sun, and Grand Chapter State of New York Royal Arch Masons.

Following the presentations, M.:W.: Edward G. Gilbert, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, delivered his message. The full text was published in the Summer issue of *Empire State Mason*.

The carnival-like atmosphere provided all the opportunity to tour the campus, view displays, peruse, and maybe purchase, hand-made items by residents of the Community. There were several food and drink vendors, plus the opportunity to purchase Masonic-related items.

It was another day of weird weather conditions, as on the way home I drove through a blinding thunderstorm. Fortunately, it did not dampen any of the doings.

Livingston District Deputy

R.:W.: John A. Gallant has been appointed District Deputy Grand Master for the 2008-2010 term.

Brother John was Raised in 1987 in Union Lodge (Lima),

where he served as Master from 2003 to 2005, and again as Pro-Tem, 2005-2006. He is Chair of the Trustees and the Table Lodge Committee.

R.:W.: Gallant has served as President of the Livingston District Association. His other Masonic affiliations include Dansville Chapter, RAM; Doric Council, Cryptic Masons; Damascus Shriners, member of the Degree Team; and he has dual affiliation with Morrison Lodge in Northwood, New Hampshire, which was his father's Lodge.

Personally, Brother John has been married to Debbie for twenty-eight years, and they are the parents of three children: Laura, Dan and Joe, whom John Raised in 2006 and participated in his wedding earlier this year.

A member of Temple Beth Am, he served on many committees over the last twenty-five years. He served as a Scout Master for four years and has been a member of the Lima Historical Society for twenty-five years.

Grand Steward

The Staff Officer for this term is R.:W.: Joseph Shanks, who has been appointed a Grand Steward. A member of Union Lodge for twenty-five years, Right Worshipful Shanks served the Lodge twice as Master and for the past four years was a Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Brazil near the Grand Lodge of New York.

Brother Shanks has been President of the Livingston District Association and Chairman of the District Brotherhood Fund. He is a member of the Valley of Rochester, AASR, and Damascus Shriners, where he is co-chair of the Shrine Degree Team and a member of the Wheelers Unit.

Brother Joe and Audrey, to whom he has been married for thirty-five years, are the parents of two children.



R.:W.: Bill Jones

Wayne District Deputy

The ceremony in June began the second appointment for R.:W.: William C. Jones as District Deputy, his first was in 2000. He also served as Grand Steward, 1974-1975.

An active Mason for nearly fifty years, Brother Jones was Raised in Macedon Lodge, serving as Master in 1964. In 1993, he chaired the 125th Anniversary celebration. He was Master of Drumlin Square Lodge in 2006-2007 and is the current Secretary. He is also an affiliated member of ERAC Lodge.

Service to Grand Lodge has included being a member of the following Committees: Lodge and Buildings; Leadership and Education; Deputy Grand Master's Advisory Committee; and is presently the Chairman of the Surviving Spouses and Loved Ones Program.

Much of Right Worshipful Jones' Masonic career involved York Rite Bodies. He was High Priest twice, in 1975 and 1995, of Palmyra Eagle Chapter, and General Chairman of the 175th Anniversary (Re-dedication) held in 1998; Thrice Illustrious Master 1980-81 of Palmyra Council, Cryptic Masons; he has been Commander of Zenobia Commandery and Sagoyewatha Commandery multiple times.

A Deputy Zone Commander for 3 years, he is the current Zone Commander and is Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, State of Nevada. He was awarded the Knights Templar Cross of Honor in 1998. Twice he served as Governor of the Genesee York Rite College. He received the Order of the Purple Cross in 1990; is the current Registrar of Empire State Priory; currently the Prelate of St. Mark's Conclave, Red Cross of Constantine; present Sovereign Master Of Finger Lakes Council AMD; and current 6th Pillar of HRAKTP Tabernacle.

As a member of the Valley of Rochester, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, William Jones, DSA, helps in the Valley Office as Assistant Secretary.

Brother Bill is married to Mary Lou and resides in Macedon. A retired Operating Engineer, he also served four years in the United States Marine Corps.



R.:W.: Ted Powley

Grand Steward

R.:W.: F. Edward (Ted) Powley received the appointment as Grand Steward. He is a Past District Deputy (2002-2004) of Wayne District, Past Grand Lodge Officers group President, and has been an Officer in the Wayne District Masters & Wardens Association since 1998. He is a member of the Grand Lodge Public Service Committee.

His Blue Lodge memberships include Medina and Sodus, where he is Secretary. Other affiliations are: Wayne Chapter, current High Priest; District Deputy Grand High Priest of the 24th District, Royal Arch Masons, 2006-2008; Deputy Master, Palmyra Chapter (Cryptic Masons); Commander, Sagoyewatha Commandery, Knights Templar; Deputy Master of Genesee York Rite College; and a Woodsman of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon.

Brother Ted has been married to Marilyn for thirty-nine years and they are the parents of four grown children. He is the Mayor of the Village of Sodus and is employed as a Plant Manager.

In addition to his personal information, R.:W.: Powley included his goals for the term. He hopes to make known to the Brothers of Wayne District the great wealth of information provided by Grand Lodge. He will provide Brothers the opportunity to participate in MDC and RTTE Courses, which will teach leadership skills useful in moving to the East and governing their Lodge. Seeing that new Brothers are mentored for at least their first year and increasing the use of Masonic websites and email for communication are also on his agenda.

Other Districts

No response to my request for information has been received from Grand Lodge ap-

pointments in the Genesee-Wyoming District or the Ontario/Seneca/Yates District.

R.:W.: John F. Cook is the District Deputy Grand Master for the Genesee-Wyoming District. He is assisted by R.:W.: Wayne Patridge, Grand Steward for 2008-2010.

The District Deputy for Ontario/Seneca/Yates is R.:W.: Ronald Galens. R.:W.: William A. Valois III is the Grand Director of Ceremonies.



R.:W.: Tom and Cora Paglia

Veterans Service

Dispensing information on the Veterans Service Committee were R.:W.: Thomas Paglia, and his wife, Cora. They passed out a pamphlet explaining the goal and activities of the Committee, hoping to enlighten the Brothers attending St. John's Day events and recruit volunteers to assist in future programs, making sure our Veterans are not forgotten.

You may send donations to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund, earmarked for the Veterans Service Committee. This will enable them to continue to distribute comfort kits; organize picnics, birthday parties, Ward ice cream and cake parties and bingo parties; present welcome home certificates and many other activities to help make the hospitalized Veterans lives a little more pleasant.



R.:W.: Don Darrohn



In the parade were (from left) R.:W.: Derek VanHouten, District Deputy Grand Master of the Monroe District; R.:W.: Michael Nohle, Grand Steward; R.:W.: Charles Catapano, District Deputy Grand Master of the First Nassau District; and R.:W.: George Todd, Grand Steward.



R.:W.: John Gallant (left), District Deputy Grand Master of Livingston District, marches towards Tompkins Chapel with R.:W.: Joseph Shanks, Grand Steward.

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This completes the article published last month by Captain Dan Fletcher (a Unity Lodge Brother) on his experiences while deployed in Afghanistan.

The countryside is pretty much all brown with a few spots of green from the trees, orchards and wheat fields. This pretty much explains why the Afghans decorate their trucks with all kinds of ornaments and the guys carry around flowers. They also call this place "rocket city" for the Chinese-made 107-mm rockets the local bad guys lob at us from time to time.

Local Observations

Just a few notes from my observations of the locals. What is interesting about the local Pashtuns is that they can find a seat without sitting down virtually anywhere. What all can do is squat down and rest their buttocks on their Achilles heels and rest their elbows on their knees.

We recently conducted a range and our Afghan National Police security detail perched like birds on the top of the dirt berms on either side of the range for hours quite comfortably. They are also superb runners up mountains that leave all of us North Americans huffing and puffing.

Pashtun Tribes

One thing I have found very interesting in how the local Pashtuns are organized. It seems that at least this group is divided into tribes. Each District (like a county) is named after a tribe for a total of 13 tribes that make up the Province of Khowst.

There is, for instance, the Terezayi Tribe that inhabit the Terezayi District. Then there is the Jaji Madan who inhabit the Jaji Madan District and the Sabari who inhabit the Sabari District and so on.

The way you tell the difference is by their accent. What is interesting is an Afghan with proper training can literally change his accent to make other Afghans be-

lieve he is from another tribe. Each tribe is run by a Tribal Elder or group of Elders. The tribe is then broken down into villages where each have an Elder and further to a Family Elder.

I met a Tribal Elder from the Matun Tribe who has influence over 33,000 Matuns and at the end of our conversation he gave me his personal assurance that I would be welcome and under his protection whenever I was in this District. He was perhaps only being polite, but what a compliment!

Unique Characteristics

Each Tribe has its own unique characteristics and sometimes there is fighting between the Tribes over water and resources - kind of like the Clans of Scotland used to do in the 16th Century.

The Sabari, for instance, always fight whoever is in control. They fought the Russians, the Mujadine, the Communists, the Taliban and now this government.

The Jaji Madan live in a miniature "Shangri La" - beautiful mountains, green pastures and a people who like peace and security and will do just about anything to keep it that way. They work with us, support the police and do not allow strangers to buy land in their District. Anyone who comes in to start trouble from outside the Tribe is either arrested, shown to the borders of Jaji land or into the grave.

Not all Pashtuns stay in their Tribal Areas. They move around for work or other reasons. I recently met a construction worker from Jaji who, in addition to being an excellent bricklayer, was also an excellent cook. We had chicken over an open fire in the middle of the District Center he was building. Greasy, but very good with flat bread to go with it.

Although the city is populated mostly by Pashtuns, there are a couple of groups in the area. One is called the "Kuchi" and they are a group of nomadic herders. If you see a lot of goats, cows and horses, that is the Kuchi. Many are very wealthy as they make their living off of not only livestock but smuggling weapons and drugs over the border to and from Pakistan.

Another group is the Gypsies. Like their cousins in Europe they are also nomadic traders and entertainers from India. The problem with this group is they are stuck in Afghanistan as they cannot go home to India because Islamic Pakistan is in the way and does not like Indians.

I have come to enjoy the company of the Pashtuns, even as I struggle with their language. Some are reserved, but most are warm friendly people with a wry sense of humor and a love of

singing and music. I haven't heard one yet who was flat or off key and when they sing the words of the Koran it is very beautiful. They have an excellent sense of hospitality as dictated by the code of Pashtunwali - way of the Pashtuns - an honor code that covers everything from hospitality, family honor, protection of women and guests and the right to revenge. They are also shrewd businessmen and negotiations with them is always a thinking game. In combat, they charge the enemy as it is the way of honor and retreat is forbidden. They are also fast runners and quite accustomed to rugged terrain. Pashtuns are, by nature, fearless as is most of the Afghan ethnic groups though we are trying to temper their courage with wisdom and prudence.

Afghan Food

I am really starting to like Afghan food better than American food. The cooks in the Dining Hall are all contract workers from Bosnia and Macedonia. They're hard-working people, but boy can they ruin a good piece of meat - way too spicy!

Another interesting thing they do is put finely ground salt on the watermelon. That's what they have for dessert - no ice cream or fatty stuff. Try it, it's good! The salt is not grainy like ours but instead like talcum powder. Everyone eats from the same bowl but with your right hand and as per Pashtunwali concept of living or philosophy - all must wash their hands prior to eating.

I am quite fortunate as I am on a fairly secure FOB with a good gym and dining hall. Others are in mountainous areas with poor food and frequent rocket, mortar and small arms fire attacks. I also have flush toilets and hot showers. Luck of the draw I suppose.

Afghan food is always excellent - they serve a lot of watermelon, rice mixed with beef and raisins, cooked bean dishes and yogurt with large pieces of flat bread. All excellent and with large quantities and none very spicy which surprised me as this is the crossroads of Asian and astride the Silk and Spice routes of old.

Contractors

We have a LOT of contractors here. Most work for Kellogg Brown and Root (KBR) - providing all our food and water needs. We also have BAH representatives who work on the new MRAP (Mine-Resistant, Ambush-Protected) vehicles - big armored trucks that can withstand a direct hit by a mine and are really good in a fire fight. Dynacorp contractors train the

police. In fact, one of them predicted a "contractor war" in our lifetime. The logistics provided by KBR, the weapons by BAH, the soldiers by Dynacorp and Blackwater. Aside from being expensive, it is not much fun cheering on a contractor rather than a soldier and all can quit or switch sides if the money is not good.

Don't get me wrong ... the Americans are very loyal citizens who believe in what they are doing and the foreigners are hard workers. Everyone here works 12 hours a day; everyday; no days off! Isn't his how Ancient Rome fell - the "contractors" turned on their masters and took over?

Not Without Loss

I appreciate all of your prayers, but please pray for the souls and families of my fallen comrades. Three were killed by a command-detonated pressure plate mine that cut their HUMWV in half. One was killed by a bomb in another area. The fourth was an academic named "Bhatia" and he was working on his PhD from Oxford University in Sociology and Anthropology (one chapter left in his thesis). He was working with our troops to help us understand the Afghan people; his advice saved hundreds of lives for our troops and the local population.

Some more recent losses were Hilton, MaKay and Palmateer and they were killed when their HUMVEE was ambushed and blown up along with their driver - a young specialist who I knew years ago. A Lieutenant Farcas, who was a good friend of mine, committed suicide. Also, Lieutenant Diewhirst, in one of the Active Duty units we are stationed with was killed in an ambush to the North. A couple of our guys were injured and so were the Afghan Police who also lost one killed. The bad guys also attacked a local police center and the ANP (Afghan National Police) lost two more and had three injured. I arranged for one of their shot up guys to come to the hospital here in Salerno and went to visit him and he recognized me from a previous operation and was so surprised to see me! Good kid, had been shot in the leg but was recovering well and is now with his family. New York Army National Guardsmen and your neighbors and protectors. Please pray for the souls and families of our dead and for recovery for the wounded.

Under Attack

We take a lot of rocket attacks here - 107-mm Rockets MADE IN CHINA!!!! I've had a few near misses - one blew up my parking space five minutes before I arrived. Darn, I liked that

space! Another hit while I was standing outside the bunker. I know, what were you doing outside the bunker, dummy? Well, you usually can tell whether the shells are coming close enough to deck you because they fly high and are noisy. The one that hit the HESCO barrier 100 meters behind me, was low and quiet. Sorry, Mom!!!!

We recently completed an Operation in Sabari where I met the Sub-Governor there - a local celebrity and celebrated Mujaddin fighter who drove the Russians out of the Province. An interesting man - his Excellency, the Sub-Governor! He had us over for chicken, Chai tea, bread and watermelon.

Remember ...

I know there are people who think academics should stay out of this war, but as Franklin Delano Roosevelt said, "we cannot ignore the problem (of Nazi Germany at the time) by simply pulling the covers over our heads." As many of you might recall, we turned our backs on these people once when the terrorists drove planes into the Twin Towers of NYC. They had received their training and plans from here in Khowst and other places. The Afghans deserve our help and we cannot abandon them again.

A Tale of Revenge

The local bad guys found out the address of the local cops. They attacked his house when he was not at home and his wife greeted them by lobbing 5-10 grenades, after which the neighbors opened up with anti-tank RPGs and AK-47 machine guns. You have to admit, it is hard to beat Pashtun/Afghan hospitality - good or bad.

This Just In ...

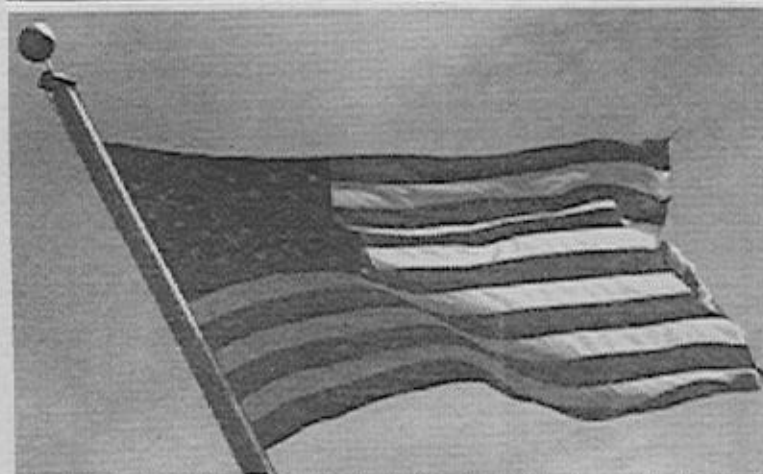
Brother and Captain Dan Fletcher reports from Afghanistan that he is now at FOB Vulcan, outside the city of Ghazni, recently transferred from FOB Salerno. He tells us there is "not much on this post."

He says he could use some mail. His address is:

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Captain Dan Fletcher



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Operation Paperback

Brother Dennis "Gil" Gellach, Past Commander of James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post, Masonic War Veterans, passed along these thank you notes received from the American Red Cross and service personnel who have received the paperback books you have contributed. He is chairman of the program and works to obtain addresses of our deployed troops, collects, packages and ships your donations to these men and women.

Your continued support is greatly appreciated as these responses indicate.

A collection of handwritten thank-you notes and signatures from service members and their families, including names like John Kuzman and Dennis Runko.

District Deputy Grand Master



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Would you believe it's almost Pumpkin time ... as the days grow shorter and the colors are changing, the Fall Season gets into full swing.

October Official Visits

The Monroe District Official Visits are:

- 7th - Clio
- 13th - Wakan Hubbard
- 14th - Valley-Simes
- 27th - Union Star

Don't forget the Scottish Rite Symbolic Awards at the Shrine on October 16th.

On October 25th, there will be a Joint District Meeting of Secretaries at Webster Masonic Hall. There is additional information elsewhere in the *Masonic Times*.

We had a tragic loss of V.:W.: Ron Bryant, AGL, in late August due to complications of a motorcycle accident. To pay tribute to him for his passion and the spirit he demonstrated in preparing for this assignment, my message for all of you is that, hopefully, the spirit and enthusiasm he had for our beloved Craft may be contagious throughout the District. May we always remember him. "Big Ron" will always ride up front in the hearts and minds of many of our Brothers.

Grand Steward

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October is here and my favorite time of year has begun. The change of seasons excites the part of me that loves the outdoors. It's time for fun and relaxation with friends at deer camp and hunting around our great State. I'm sure many of you share this annual experience.

Your leadership team has begun visiting Lodges in our District. Thanks, in advance or in retrospect, for your gracious hospitality and for giving us your attention as we present the Grand Master's Message. We appreciate your interest as we discuss the educational programs you are presenting in your Lodges and are available to further the education of your Officers and Brethren.

Again, I emphasize the importance of following the guidelines of our Mentoring Program and that you present the *LSOME* DVD as an integral part of the training experience your 2008-09 classes will receive. Beyond this, the *Masonic Development Course* should be strongly encouraged for newly Raised Brothers. Properly educated new Brothers will strengthen

your Lodge and the Craft as a whole.

I know I sound like a broken record, but I firmly believe education is the key to member retention and to developing active and excited Masons. Please remember to call on your Staff Officers for support and guidance. We are here for you.

Key Word - Beneficent

This month my key word is **Beneficent** (adjective), which, according to the *Encarta Dictionary*, means "doing good or charitable acts" and "producing benefits and advantages." What a great word! This word, which appears in our Ritual is what Masons do. We have beneficent influence over each other, our families and friends, and our communities. As we live our Masonic lives, we should all keep this word in mind and engage in activities that are beneficent to others.

One way to do this is to work closely with new Masons to enlighten them about our Craft. Mentoring and training, done well, will have a beneficent influence on new Brothers, which will extend far beyond them as they grow as Masons. They will have a beneficent influence on their Lodges and Brethren, their families and friends, their communities, and on the perception of the world regarding Freemasonry. I hope my work as your Staff Officer will be beneficent to the Lodges of our District and our Grand Lodge.

Grand Steward

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It seems like it was only yesterday when I wrote the last article. Now it's time for another. As a disclaimer, my articles are not to be construed as original work. I often borrow from others who have gone this way before.

We, as a team, have started our Official Visits, the first being at Craftsman Robertson Lodge on September 2nd. We were well received by the Brothers of the Lodge. As stated during the Visit, I personally feel an affinity with this Lodge. W.: Brother Ralph Jurgens and I both lived in Hamlin. At one time we both belonged to the same Lions Club and W.: Brother Dwayne Smith and I both lived in Hamlin where we were both members of Social Lodge in Kendall. These memberships were not during the same time period. What a small world this really is.

Mark Your Calendar

The *Masonic Development Course* will be held at Eunice Lodge, 3141 State Street, Caledonia on November 12th, December 10th, 2008 and January 14, 2009. As in the past, this will be a joint District venture. The cost for the school 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 964-5809 (H), 298-

0852 (C), 654-0253 (W) or Mike Nohle at mikenohle@aol.com Phone: 216-9016. It would be wonderful if Monroe District outnumbered Livingston and Wayne Districts in attendance.

You're My Brother...

In our Fraternity we call each other Brother, but what does it really mean? Some common definitions are: *One related or closely united to another by some common tie or interest, as of rank, profession, membership in a society, toil, suffering, etc.; One who, or that which, resembles another in distinctive qualities or traits of character; To make a Brother of; to call or treat as a Brother; to admit to a Brotherhood.* It would appear those definitions also applies to Mason.

But in the usages of Freemasonry, "Brother" is neither a sentimental nor familiar form of address but is a title - as much so as Worshipful, Right Worshipful, or Most Worshipful, and must always be used as such. A man does not attend a Lodge Communication in his capacity as a private individual; he is not Joe, Bill or John. He is there in his capacity as a Master Mason, and for this reason, one should never in open Lodge refer to "Bill B. but always to "Brother B." in the same literal sense as any other Officer in Lodge or Grand Lodge.

Always address a Grand Lodge Officer at any Communication by his correct title. He, in turn, must show the same courtesy to other Grand Lodge Officers present as well as to the Worshipful Master and to the Brethren of the Lodge. The rule of etiquette should be precisely observed, no matter what ties of family or friendship may exist. The use of the "Sirs" in conjunction with any Masonic title is improper.

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If we, as District Officers, can be of assistance to you or your Lodge, feel free to contact one of us. We are 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.

Assistant Grand Lecturer

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By V.:W.: Harry J. DeHollander, AGL Monroe District

This is my third attempt to write this article and put into words to you, my Brothers and other readers, my feelings about the sudden passing of Very Worshipful Ron Bryant, my AGL partner in the Monroe District. I find I cannot do it, maybe some day, but not right now.

The first School of Ritual, scheduled for August 25th at Webster Lodge was cancelled due to Ron's pending funeral on the 26th and 27th. The Worshipful Master, Warren Patterson, did

have the Lodge building open for any Brother who cared to, or needed to, stop in to reflect on the life and times of our Brother. At one time during the evening I counted more than two dozen Brothers and friends in attendance.

Grand Lecturer's Convention

The date of our **Grand Lecturer's Convention** is **October 28th** at Fairport Masonic Hall. The Convention opens at 7:30 p.m.; dress code will be jacket and tie. A steak dinner precedes the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Reservations required by October 26th. Make reservation with either V.:W.: Harry DeHollander - Phone 624-1717, email ny4harry@aol.com or W.: Tom Goodrich at 442-8725.

Remember, Brothers, that a reservation made is a reservation paid. The work for the evening will be Balloting on a Petition and Closing of Lodge. Craftsman Robertson and Unity Lodge will share the work. Lodges who have their top seven Officers present will be eligible to receive the Howard Potts Award during the 2009 Grand Lodge Session.

Our Monroe District School of Ritual Attendance Banner Award for the 2007-2008 year will be presented to Unity Lodge. Unity has been the winner of this award for the past several years. My inside information is Webster is going to take those honors this year. This award is based on the number of Lodge Officers and Brothers present at each School of Ritual. The numbers present are calculated on a spread sheet to obtain a percentage number, so any Lodge has a fair shot at winning this banner for the year.

Member Development

R.:W.:

Joseph Privitera
Monroe District

We will soon be starting our Degree work for the Fall classes. To start new Brothers in the right direction, Lodges should be using the *LSOME* training system. For those of you who are not familiar with the *LSOME* (Lodge System of Masonic Education) program, it consists of four sessions, one before the 1st Degree and the others after each Degree. There is also a book and a video program on DVD for each session. The symbolism for each Degree and what it means are explained. The result is that you have a Brother who is trained and educated and receives the basics for further study.

If you need the materials such as the *LSOME* book or DVD you can call R.:W.: George Todd, R.:W.: Mike Nohle or me. Contact information is in

the Hot Number Section on the inside the last page of this issue.

Grand Lecturer's Convention

The Grand Lecturer's Convention will be held on October 28th at the Fairport Masonic Hall. This should be very instructive. I hope to see you there.

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Let's Exceed Last Year

The Child ID Program (CHIPS) had a great August. We are reaching out to you to have an even better Fall than last year!!! Requests are "trickling in" from the various Fire Departments (FASNY).

We have lined up Unity Lodge to help Barnard and North Greece Fire Departments with their Open Houses on two weekends in October.

Contact Don Tubman or Rick Downs, Co-ordinators of the Monroe County Program (as listed below) with your plan. In 2008 and 2009 we would like to schedule as many events as possible and team with fire departments, police and, of course, all the Lodges and Concordant Bodies.

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

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

Appoint a Chairman

We have not heard from every Lodge regarding who their CHIP's 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?

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

CHIP events held since our last posting:

Autistic Children's Support Group in Fairport by Hugh Woodside, his Wakan-Hubbard Lodge Brethren, with help from Fairport-Flower City Lodge Brethren.

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LiDestri Foods Summer Picnic and Safety Day in Fairport with Andy Alvarez and his group from Unity Lodge and help from Fairport-Flower City Brethren. Those guys are amazing.

Information about the Masonic Child 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 may contact Don Tubman at 889-4725.



Traveling Gavel Update
by Erik Loepker, Chairman

When last we left our heroes, the Brethren of Valley-Simes Lodge were still in possession of that wondrous artifact, the Traveling Gavel. Interred deep within the edifice of their lair, this tool gathers dust whilst it awaits the intrepid advance of new seekers of fraternity and friendship.

Unlike most cliché admonitions, undertaking a quest for the Traveling Gavel should not be taken lightly. In fact, it should be undertaken with a joie de vivre, a frisson of anticipation at being able to go forth to meet Brothers in their own Lodges and experience the little differences that make their Rituals and fellowship rich and diverse, yet still feel like "home."

However, despite the fact that I'm sure my words here are stirring your passions and prompting you to verily jump forth to wrest the Traveling Gavel from Valley-Simes Lodge, it is not an operation that can be done alone. Oh no...you must enlist at least six of your own Brethren for such a momentous enterprise. That's the intent; going forth with your Brothers to meet and participate with other Brothers in what they do, and thereby enhance the bonds of Fraternal affections.

Now, I know some out there who will treat this as a pointless exercise at best, and a vile and time-consuming ordeal at worst. After all, in today's hectic and pell-mell world, taking the time to organize a trip that not only fits into the schedules of six other people, but also that coincides with a limited target window (usually only twice a month)...this is easily perceived as a grueling labor. But, to view it this way misses the point.

With all the tasks we have in life - in our homes, around our

homes, with our children, with our children's school, at our church, at our jobs, around our community - it is sometimes easy to fall into a trap that deals with extra-curricular activities of the Lodge as a burdensome obligation. This need not be so! If you (or your Secretary) contacts Valley-Simes (for example) beforehand, you should be able to determine their schedule. Imagine visiting on a night where a meal is served. (Mmm...smell that chili!) Or, how about on a Degree rehearsal night? (It may seem a burden when you have to rehearse, but watching, or even helping, others do so can be somewhat entertaining!) And, some Lodges even have an active fellowship club before or after Communications, where you can play cards or other games, or chat about topics to enliven your day.

That is the reason to pursue the Traveling Gavel. It breathes life into the Fraternity and enables you to do the same thing, but with different people. I have a dear friend and Brother who lives by the epigram, "It's not what you do, it's with whom you do it." Like everything about the Fraternity, it's not the tool, it's what it represents. See you in Lodge!

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Note New Location

The Secretaries Seminar will now be held at Webster Lodge, 30 Orchard Street in Webster on Saturday, October 25th. Starting time is still 9 a.m. Continental Breakfast will start at 8:30 a.m. We expect to finish by noon.

This is an invitation for ALL Secretaries who use the MORI System or wish to learn more on its use. Any Secretary, Assistant Secretary or Master in the Districts of Monroe, Livingston, Wayne, Genesee-Wyoming or Ontario/Seneca/Yates is invited to attend. Kindly contact the DDGM of your respective District to let him know you will attend.


W.: Mark Menard, who originally set up the MORI System, will be in attendance to give his input on how to do things, and inform us of future plans. Also in attendance will be the Grand Secretary, R.: W.: Gilbert Savitzky, who will tell us what is going on at Grand Lodge regarding the Secretary's work and some interesting feedback. The main agenda will be from these two Brothers.

The remaining time will be spent on answering your concerns. I need to hear from you, my Brothers, with your questions, so we put them on the agenda. I have already heard from some with their questions. This year I will not have any paper handouts, however, I have prepared a CD-R, which I will give out. This will contain many items I keep on my computer, such as forms and letters that may be of interest or help in your work as Secretary.

If you wish, I can be contacted at (585) 334-7493 or by email at hspence1@rochester.rr.com.

Kudos go out to the Valley of Rochester, AASR, Webster Lodge, Masonic Service Bureau and Joy Woodley. Without their help and assistance this could not have been done.

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By Jon Getz

Welcome back, Brothers. It is amazing how quickly the Summer has gone by. We hope to have a fantastic and exciting year ahead at the Lodge.

Congratulations!
On September 8th, W.: Jim Nielsen received a Certificate and Pin commemorating his 55 years as a Brother. Brother George Greene received a Certificate and Pin commemorating 50 years. The Brothers of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge congratulate and commend both Brothers for their years of dedication and service.

Summer Clam Bake
On August 23rd the Lodge held a wonderful clambake. The Brothers who attended enjoyed fellowship while eating some great food. Many thanks to Brother Roger Lynch, his wife Nancy, and Paul Kober, as well as all the Brothers who helped make this event such a success.

Ride for Charity
On September 6th and 7th, W.: Hugh Woodside, with Brothers Jon Getz and Sean Brown, rode 162 miles in the Bike MS: Pedal to the Park event. The ride, which started in Spencerport on Saturday, ended at Darien Lake. Sunday was an easier ride with approximately 50 miles of bike riding. All three Brothers completed the ride and, more importantly, helped raise money for a great cause. Many thanks to the Brothers and those who sponsored each of the Brothers for this event.

Lodge Happenings
As many Brothers know, there is a strong commitment to continue with fellowship after Lodge Communications. For this reason, the Lodge is looking into improving activities after the Monday Communications. This includes obtaining a better television so Brothers who wish, and are able, can watch Monday Night Football (just as an example) and have some food to share. Thoughts and comments about such ideas are appreciated and should be directed to the Worshipful Master.

The Lodge also continues in working towards improvements to the Lodge Hall. The North side of the building was completely re-sided and more improvements are being researched. Anyone interested in working on the Building Committee is invited to assist in this important project.

If any Brother wishes to provide information or news for the next *Masonic Times*, please email Brother Jon Getz with your information. Thank you to all the Brothers for helping make this year fantastic.



Wakan-Hubbard Lodge presented Service Certificates and Pins to (l to r): W.: Jim Nielsen, for 55-years; W.: Hugh Woodside, who assisted in making the presentations; and Brother George Greene, 50-years. (Photo Courtesy of Hugh Woodside)




W.: Don Bell, Brother Roger Lynch and Brother Paul Kober chatting at Wakan-Hubbard's clambake!



Brother Jon Getz, W.: Hugh Woodside, Alex Fung and Brother Sean Brown (l to r) participated in the Bike MS: Pedal to the Park to support the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

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Bring-a-Friend Night and many guest speakers lined up. Our prayers go out to all Masonic Families whose loved one was called to the Grand Lodge above. May the Great Architect grant you peace.

Committees
Brother Dave Upham, Sr., was named Committee Chairman of Education; Brother Sean McKenna, Committee Chairman of Retention and Recovery; and Robert Kostin, Communication Officer and Web Chairman. There are many more committees that need filling to help us meet our goals this year. Watch for more updates.

Please remember to reach out to the Brothers you have not seen in Lodge in awhile and let them know WE ARE THERE FOR THEM.

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By Erik Loepker, Jr. Warden
What does October signify? Many things, I'm sure. But, at present, I'm mindful of the fact that Autumn is upon us.

"So, what," you inquire? Well, that means shorter daylight hours and longer night hours. While this enables romantic candlelit dinners with our significant others to occur at a more reasonable time, it also brings to mind that our Lodge is a place for us all to find light within the darkness.

In bringing up the point of finding light, we realize that, aside from the lights within Lodge (both tangible and symbolic), there is also the light of knowledge. After all, in cartoons, the best way to show a character has had a clever idea is to make a light bulb appear over its head.

Now, there are many means for us to do this. There is, of course, the Master's Minute; a slice of time we've set aside at the end of our Communication, where W.: David Adams, our Worshipful Master, or a Brother appointed by him, gives a small presentation. These presenta-

tions pertain to Masonry and will come from any one of a wealth of sources.

Another means we will use for spreading knowledge are the myriad of programs found outside the local Lodge, such as *LSOME* or *Road to the East*. These are excellent programs that are well worth your time to investigate.

We also consider our interaction with the community. Our current Senior Warden, Brother James Deasey, III, has been selected to Chair the *Masonic Student Assistance Training Program* for Monroe District. If you are not aware, this is an excellent program where the Fraternity interacts with educators to provide tools needed to help young students at risk. You are heartily encouraged to contact Brother Deasey if you would like to participate in, or learn more about, the program.

In a stroke of irony, R.: W.: Derek VanHouten has appointed our Junior Warden, Brother Erik Loepker, as Chairman of the *Traveling Gavel*. Despite his continued championing of that cause, he is also continuing the program for our Lodge's *Traveling Craftsmen*.

For those of you who may have missed out, the *Traveling Craftsmen* is an idea wherein the Brothers get together and visit other Lodges. It's similar to the *Traveling Gavel* program, but, instead of being limited to the Gavel's location, we can show up in any number and can go to any Lodge we like. We call ahead to ensure that the Lodge we pick will be open and that the Secretary will have his Lodge's seal on the night

we arrive. Those of us who go, get our picture and the seal of the Lodge in our Lodge Passports.

The *Traveling Craftsmen* will make their next visit the week of October 13th. Please contact Brother Loepker for more information.

Upcoming Events

October 2nd - 1st Degree
October 16th - All Brothers are asked to come and support our recipient of the *Scottish Rite Symbolic Blue Lodge Award*.
October 31st - Our Family Event - The Wheelers' Halloween Haunted Hayride at the Shrine Center. It's a great event! See you there!

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Lodge No. 722

2nd & 4th Thursdays
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This month and next are packed with lots of fun.

October 23rd - Brother Bring-a-Friend Night; Roasted Chicken Dinner at \$8 per person. The program includes "Coins of our Country" by John Zabel.

November 13th - 2008 Awards; Turkey dinner, \$9 each. Families are encouraged to come out.

Be safe for Halloween and the start of the Holiday Season. Remember Christmas is just around the corner.

O-At-Ka

Lodge No. 759

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Brothers, now I know the Summer is over - we had our first Regular Communication September 10th and many new items of business were covered.

Adopt-a-Highway

The Lodge is being asked by the State DOT to continue doing our part of the Adopt-a-Highway Program for our section of Route 390. Last Spring I thought we only had the northbound, two-mile stretch from the Rush/Scottsville Exit to the Thruway. I was surprised, while taking a ride with my wife on 390 southbound, to see our Lodge name on that side of the highway, as well. The group last Spring did not cover that side, so we really need to get many more Brothers out to pick up the roadside there, too.

Other items of interest brought up at the Communication were the *Brotherhood Fund* Program for this year and the *Cornerstone Laying Ceremony*.

Brotherhood Fund

Brother Tom Nersinger is the *Brotherhood Fund* Chairman and he was preparing to send out the donation envelopes with the October newsletter. You should have received yours. The Army Brothers are making plans for an event to raise money for a special donation to the *Military Outreach Program* of the *Brotherhood Fund*.

Cornerstone Laying

The other item is that I am excited to say the Grand Master, M.: W.: Edward Gilbert, and Grand Marshal, R.: W.: Robert Finley, will be attending our *Cornerstone Laying Ceremony* Program on May 16, 2009. Along with DDGM, R.: W.: Derek VanHouten; Grand Stewards, R.: W.: Michael Nohle and R.: W.: George Todd; and all Brothers of Oatka Lodge, we will be sending invitations to other Lodges in the area to join us in celebrating the 140th Anniversary of our Lodge building.

However, there is much work to be done on the building before this date so several work parties are being planned and coordinated by Brother Steve Phillips.

After speaking with Brother Tim White, it looks like we will be planning to get some fundraising events started this month. I hope these events will be monthly from now on and help fill the Lodge treasury.

At our first Communication, Brother Larry Dunn presented the "Fervency and Zeal" Program of the York Rite. His explanation of the various Degrees and orders of the York Rite raised many questions and garnered much enthusiasm for Royal Arch and Cryptic Masonry and the Chivalric Orders of the Knights Templar. Several of the Brothers were inquiring about Petitions. Good job, Larry!

Tenets of Freemasonry

Though I normally prefer to present items of good news in the articles for the *Masonic*

Times, I feel the need to deviate from that standard for just a moment. Following the Lodge Communication, the Masonic Guild of Scottsville held a meeting, presided over by Brother Chris Cameron. During this meeting, the conversations became a little heated. While it is good that we all can feel free to speak our minds, I just want to emphasize two very important tenets of Freemasonry. Those tenets are *Friendship* and *Brotherly Love* - we may disagree with each other on issues and tempers may flare, but we are all part of this glorious Fraternity that preaches *Friendship*, *Morality* and *Brotherly Love*. So I hope that when we, as Masons, have our differences, we all remember our commitments to *Friendship* and *Brotherly Love*, remaining united in a fantastic Fraternity that is entrusted with making good men better.

Seneca Lodge

No. 797

2nd Tuesday

7:30 p.m.

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Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at Webster Masonic Hall, 30 Orchard Street, Webster. The October 14th meeting times will be Fellowcraft, 6-6:30 p.m., Dinner, Open Lodge at 7:30 p.m. The program will be "New Brothers Night," focusing on further instruction of the new Master Masons Raised in preceding years. We are pleased to have R.: W.: Steve Whittaker present his renowned *Lantern Lecture*; other points of instruction are also being planned. We strongly urge those new to the Lodge to attend this special event.

The Inaugural Meeting of the new season was held September 9th on a splendid, mild evening with 23 Seneca Brothers and two guests in attendance. Various communications were read and announcements made, including assignment of new committees and chairmen.

Committees

Brother Robert Kost was appointed *Brotherhood Fund* Chairman, replacing Brother Richard Heidorn, whom we thanked for several years of service in this role. Seneca's *Child ID* activities will be coordinated by Brother Kenneth Nelson. A new committee, *Membership Development*, also known as *Mentorship*, has been formed under W.: Brother Robert Kimmel. Brother Jason Cline, SD, will lead our *Youth Enrichment* program, seeking new ways to foster the educational development of young people. *Fellowcraft* Committee, chaired by Brother Jack Breitung, JW, with the help of Brother Brent Coward, Assistant Steward, and Brother Robert Kost, arranged excellent food and refreshments following the meeting.

After closing and a great meal, we conducted a *Brother-Bring-a-Friend* Program. Our presentation consisted of a series of speakers addressing various as-

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pects of Freemasonry with myself as host. I gave an introduction to the Fraternity, its objectives, character, and benefits. W.: Michael Ferguson then gave a summary of the history and development of the Craft from the Middle Ages to the present. W.: Raymond Crandall spoke to the nature and importance of Masonic Ritual, as it relates to the process of becoming a Master Mason. Brother Jack Breitung shared his views on the benefits and activities available to members of this Lodge. W.: Robert Kimmel then gave an overview of opportunities that lie beyond Blue Lodge in the various Concordant Bodies. The wrapup touched on a few practical matters - Petitions, dates, Dues, publications - and left some time for questions. Each speaker wove into their discourse some of their personal feelings, experiences and reasons why they pursue the Craft with continued passion. I felt this made the program particularly effective, appealing to both head and heart in a way that no script, brochure or video can hope to do. At least one Petition was tendered by the end of the evening. I encourage other Lodges putting on such programs to consider applying aspects of this approach. I am certain the above-mentioned Brothers would be happy to consult on the matter. ✕



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Apple Fest
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October 4th & 5th
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By R.: W.: Skip Waterstreet

We started the year off with a bang with our own R.: W.: Derek E. VanHouten making his first Official Visit, as District Deputy Grand Master, to Craftsman Robertson Lodge on September 2nd. Accompanying him were the two Grand Stewards, R.: W.: Michael Nohle and R.: W.: George Todd. These Brothers did an excellent job in relaying the message of Grand Master, M.: W.: Edward G. Gilbert, and relating their plans for the Monroe District during the next Masonic year.

W.: Kenneth Skidmore escorted me into Lodge for the first time since I received my appointment and new Apron. I was accorded Grand Honors, which was a thrill. I retired and had the honor of escorting R.: W.: VanHouten into our Lodge.

The Fellowcraft Club meeting turned into a dinner with the Ladies at the Nutcracker Restaurant. Following a delicious turkey dinner, arranged by our Senior Deacon, Brother Richard Smith, we listened to speakers from the Kidney Foundation on Organ Donation, including a survivor of two kidney transplants. Shame on me for not publishing the names of the two young ladies who spoke...maybe next month. I forgot to obtain them as I went about other responsibilities. It was a very interesting program and a great thought-provoking expression on the importance of considering this increasingly important benefit to mankind.

October

We have tentative plans to present Service Award Certificates and Pins at the October 16th meeting. We are assured by Grand Lodge personnel they will arrive in time. Letters have gone out to the recipients inviting them to attend. It is expected a dinner will precede the meeting.

October Birthdays

Celebrants for this month are: Joseph LaRue (2nd); Raymond Ross (6th); Gabriel Milonni (11th); Leroy Forbes (13th); Joseph Roe and John Hughes (15th); Richard Smith (18th); Phillip Cissell (19th); and Kevin Hook (21st). May each of you enjoy a wonderful day. Happy Birthday!

Sickness and Distress
Brother John Hughes is still having difficulty with his Achilles tendon, being scolded by his doctor and pretty much limited to going to work and remaining housebound. He hopes to get released shortly and be able to attend Lodge again.

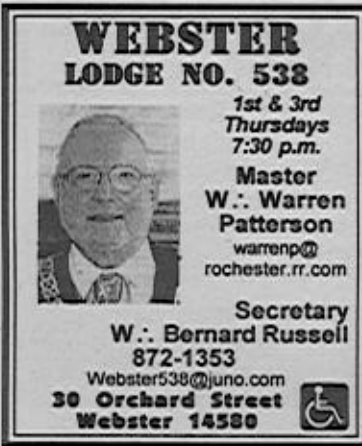
Brother Leon VanHuben had rotator cuff surgery two days after this article was written. We all hope it was successful and he is making a full recovery. There are rumors that he won't pitch again!

Yard Sale

Our August effort, under the direction of our Secretary, W.: Ralph Jurgens, did not fare quite as well financially as our June event. The combined dates raised \$743.59, which was donated to the Masonic Service Bureau. As the Executive Director, I can tell you it was VERY much appreciated. The motherboard died on the computer on which we do all the photography and repros for the *Masonic Times*. This happened at a critical time in the process and we purchased a new complete tower, as opposed to fixing the old one with six- to seven-year-old components. That cost was \$750, so the net to the Bureau was \$1.41. I'd replace ALL the computers at that price!

The efforts of all who helped are appreciated. At the risk of leaving out someone, those I know and remember from the small amount of time I was able to put in, were: Barbara Goodrich; Sue Kendig; Joy Woodley; W.: Joe and Gail Steffen, and children; Brothers Warren Doerrer, Nick Eull and Charlie Howell; W.: Ken Schumacher and W.: Ralph Jurgens. Discussions were to be held regarding another sale for next year or coming up with other activities.

See you in Lodge. ✕



**WEBSTER
LODGE NO. 538**
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Brethren, I am deeply saddened to have to report the untimely passing of our devoted and loving Brother, V.: W.: Ron Bryant. Ron was a dedicated Brother who was always ready to help in any way he could. The School of Ritual scheduled for August 25th was canceled, and the Lodge was open for reflection of Ron's life. Those who were present were joined by Brother David Bryant, Ron's brother. More information about Ron appeared on the front page of the September *Masonic Times*. He will be sadly missed by us all.

I have been informed that applications are being accepted to fill the AGL vacancy that Ron's passing has created. Should you feel qualified, and wish to serve in that capacity, please let me know quickly. The appointee must be a Past Master. A selection needs to be made before the Grand Lecturer's Convention in October.

W.: Ed Malchoff will be in the East to confer the 1st Degree on



SPAGHETTI DINNER
Friday, October 3rd
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
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30 Orchard Street
Adults - \$7 Children - \$4

our Fall class on October 2nd. Please come out to support him, and welcome our Candidates. It is expected we will have a rather large class.

Spaghetti Dinners

Our Spaghetti Dinners resume on October 3rd for the season. Your help in any capacity is appreciated, although cleanup is generally where the need is the greatest. Please remember, this is our primary charitable community service project.

Webster Lodge Fellowcraft Club will meet on Thursday evening, October 9th. It is anticipated there will be plenty of things to keep us busy.

Scottish Rite Awards Night

In lieu of a Lodge meeting on October 16th, we will be attending the Scottish Rite Awards at the Shrine Center. I would encourage as many of you as possible to support this year's recipient as we have done in the past. Webster Lodge has earned a reputation in past years by its enthusiastic vocal support (*cheering*) of our award recipient. We must not be outdone, as some Lodges have tried to do in recent years. Wives, friends, relatives and our new Brothers are welcome to attend. Refreshments are served following the ceremony.

Interfaith Service & Brunch

The Interfaith Service and Brunch will be at the Country Party House in East Rochester, Sunday, October 19th. Tickets are available from our Lodge secretary at \$13 per person, or



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Lodge No. 476**
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We are off to a great start. A "Brother Bring-a-Friend" Dinner and Program were enjoyed by several Brothers and five interested gentlemen. We will have to wait a few years for John Lindsay's son, Argyle, to be able to join, but he did polish off a steak. Petitions were received and assigned to committees.

Membership Awards will be given out on October 13th. Come and help celebrate Brothers who are long-standing members.

The 1st Degree will be conferred on October 27th. W.: Bernard Lazerson, Junior War-

through the Masonic Service Bureau.

Grand Lecturer's Convention

Tuesday, October 28th is the date of the Grand Lecturer's Convention. We need the top seven Officers present to qualify for the Howard Potts Award. In addition, the Lodge with the largest attendance point total from each District, is awarded a banner to be displayed in the Lodge for the ensuing year. As usual, the Convention will be at Fairport Masonic Hall at 7:30 p.m. A Steak Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. to those with a reservation. To make a reservation, call me at 352-1532 or email: warrenp@rochester.rr.com by Saturday, October 25th.

I am pleased to announce a special program to be presented by W.: Bruce R. Horncastle on Thursday evening, November 6th. This will be an Open Meeting. Wives and guests are invited and encouraged to attend. A dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. The topic of the program will be the Rosslyn Chapel. The Rosslyn Chapel construction began in the Mid-15th Century and it has a very interesting history. Please put this on your calendar now. Brother Horncastle informs me that most likely this will be the last opportunity to see this program, as he is making plans to relocate to a Southern State.

Make your dinner reservations by November 3rd through our Junior Warden, Brother Scott Cronk, by calling 671-4548 or ssc538@yahoo.com. ✕

den, will be in the East. There will be a rehearsal at 7 p.m. on Monday, October 20th. Call him (271-7446) if you are willing to assist in any way.

Masonic Anniversaries

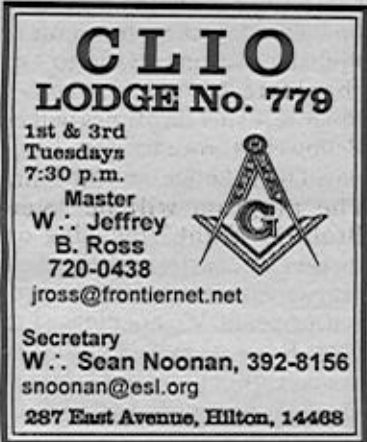
Congratulations to the following Brothers Raised during the month of October:

- 1950 Isaac Sarfay
- 1957 Arthur Bennet and William Burgess
- 1960 Arthur Friedman
- 1969 Ronald Freeling and Paul Israel

October Birthdays

October birthday wishes go out to Brothers Edward Goodrich (1st), Maurice Solomon (4th), Warham Quinlan and Paul Sultar (6th), Ralph Loiacono (8th), John Lenzi (13th), Wayne Beckwith (16th), Philip Neivert (18th), Edwin Cornell (20th), Allen Fowler, Philip Kaplan and Bernard Lazerson (21st), Michael Marks (24th), Stanley Chizuk (29th), Stanley Friedman (30th) and Samuel Beckley (31st). Best wishes for the year to come!

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



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Happy Anniversary

As we return to our labor, it is my honor and privilege to announce that 2008 represents a major accomplishment for Clio Lodge. It is our 130th Anniversary in Hilton. This is no small achievement for any Lodge in a large city, let alone a small town like ours. Congratulations to each and every one of you and the ones who have come this way before us.

By the time this article is read we should know how our Sub Sandwich sales at the Apple Fest went. My thanks and gratitude for all the hard work that was put forth in this event. Hopefully, we can turn this into something very productive for the Lodge and its Brethren.

Upcoming Events

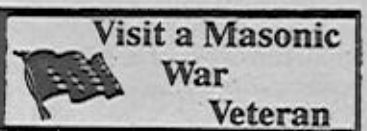
October

- 7th - Official Visit
- 15th - Spaghetti Dinner
- 19th - Rehearsal for 1st Degree; time TBA
- 21st - 1st Degree; Mike Postilli
- 29th - Spaghetti Dinner

November

- 4th - Masonic Etiquette; Joe Privitera

If you know of anyone in sickness or distress or in need of our aid or sympathy, please contact our Secretary, Sean Noonan, or me. See you in Lodge! ✕



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7:30 p.m.



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By Doug Poole

As Olive Branch is learning, nothing is constant but change. Once again, we thought everything was in place to start construction, but we find there is another hurdle in the road. So at this time we are sitting back and re-grouping.

Trustees Jim Nielsen, Frank Davis and Bob Bachorski have worked hard on this project. At the last meeting, we increased the Building Committee to six members and asked all members of Olive Branch to list any ideas and suggestions for either existing buildings or land. So far, submitted ideas are very interesting. A decision should be made before Spring.

Our temporary meeting site is being finalized. We have two possible locations in LeRoy.

Both have good points as well as drawbacks. Much like the building project, we don't want to make a decision in haste that we will soon regret.

We have three Candidates in-waiting for the Degrees. Once again, we will be working with Warsaw Lodge. The date for the 1st Degree should be finalized shortly.

Masonic Education is our major project. We are all a bit rusty and have re-activated several long-time members. Please come to Lodge and help us practice! *

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

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



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As the months pass from September to October, many people reflect upon their Summer activities and all the fun they shared with family and friends at social gatherings and parties. Over the past seven years when

I wrote October's article for the *Masonic Times*, I always found myself reflecting upon that fateful day of September 11, 2001. It's hard to believe that tragedy occurred seven years ago. Where has the sense of pride to be an American and the Nationalism gone? That is one great virtue about being a Mason ... no matter where you are in the world or how long you have belonged to this Fraternity, the pride of being a Mason never seems to go away. What a wonderful place America would be if everybody were always as proud to be an American as we are proud to be Masons.

Our first Communication of the year was not as successful as intended. We were a couple of Officers short and were not able to open Lodge. I'm blaming this on the long holiday weekend and that everybody was treating Tuesday, September 2nd as a Monday. We did however have a very productive discussion on some activities/programs to try and ignite a fire into Oakland Lodge and its awareness in the community.

Some of the activities discussed were fruit baskets, the Child-ID Program, Holiday Dinner for local needy families, and a Christmas Dinner for Oakland Lodge members, families and widows. To accomplish any of these programs, we will need the help of each member of Oakland Lodge.

I will give an update of the Assistant Grand Lecturer's visit in next month's article.

Come One, Come All!

Each member of Oakland Lodge is invited to come and

join in the Annual Fall Roadside Clean-up detail on Saturday, October 4th. All interested members should meet at the Castile Town Buildings at 8 a.m. Many hands make this a light task. The more members we get, the less each has to walk and gather treasures.

Let's Get the Potts

The Grand Lecturer's Convention for the Genesee-Wyoming District will be held at Arcade Lodge on Tuesday, October 14th. We have been unsuccessful the past two years in getting all the necessary Officers to attend this event to qualify for the Potts Award. We were very close last year and only lacked one Officer, due to work obligations. I will be calling all the Wardens, Deacons and Masters of Ceremony to try to get everybody to attend this year. All Brothers are welcome and encouraged to attend this convention. The evening is dedicated to the learning and understanding of our great Ritual. I never leave this event without learning something new in material or delivery of our Ritual. I hope all Officers and Brothers will be able to attend this convention.

October

October 7th - Short Business Meeting and planning for the Grand Lecturer's Convention.

October 21st - Further consideration on some events/programs discussed at our first Communication.

Brotherhood Fund

The Brotherhood Fund chairperson for the year will be your Master, Kenneth E. Smith. The best place to make your dona-

tions is at a regularly scheduled Communication, but for those Brothers who are unable to attend, please send your donations to Kenneth E. Smith, 137 Lake Street, LeRoy, NY 14482. I ask that all Brothers who choose to send their donations by mail should note the category to which you would like your donation designated in the memo part of your check. The categories for last year were:

- Grand Master's allocation
- Masonic Medical Research Laboratory
- Masonic Care Community
- Military Outreach Program
- Masonic Youth Programs
- Drug & Alcohol Abuse
- Livingston Masonic Library
- Child ID Program
- Masonic Benevolence
- Camp Turk
- Masonic Student Assistance Training
- Masonic Blood Donor Program
- DeMolay Endowment Fund
- Masonic Benevolence Endowment fund
- Camp Turk Endowment Fund
- Committee on Libraries & Museums

Thanks to all those Brothers who will donate throughout the year.

I hope this article finds my Brothers enjoying the change of season with the onset of Fall. May we all say a small prayer for those who have fought, and are still fighting, to keep this great Nation of ours free and safe.

May the blessings of heaven rest upon all my fellow Brothers and their families wherever they may be throughout the world. *

Ontario/Seneca/Yates

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My thanks to all for the continued support I have received so far. Everything is beginning to fall into place, as events start to happen.

Official Visits have started and Degrees are beginning.

Membership

Each Lodge is required to hold a Bring-a-Brother program or an Open House. When doing so, please inform our Membership Chairman, R.: W.: Eldon White, or myself so we can assist as needed.

Grand Lecturer's Convention

The Grand Lecturer's Convention for the Ontario/Seneca/Yates District will be held on October 17th at Pocahontas Lodge, Seneca Falls with Dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the Convention at 7:30 p.m. Call Brother Ruggles at (315) 548-3573 or email him at:

cruggle1@rochester.rr.com or Brother Huie at (315) 789-2985 or bhuie@rochester.rr.com, if

you plan on attending the dinner. Let's try to get most of the Lodges to qualify for the Howard Potts Award.

Secretaries' Seminar

The Secretaries' Seminar will be held on October 25th at (PLEASE NOTE LOCATION CHANGE) Webster Lodge, 30 Orchard St, Webster. Contact Brother Herb Spencer at (585) 334-7493; email hspenc1@rochester.rr.com or myself at (315) 548-3453; email rongalensosy@yahoo.com. Hopefully, all our Secretaries will attend. Several did last year and found it very informative.

Email Addresses

I still need email addresses from many of our Officers for my records. I will not give them to anyone else. They are for my use only.

Upcoming Events October

3rd - District Apron Presentation at the Holiday Inn in Waterloo; 6 p.m.

17th - Grand Lecturer's Convention at Pocahontas Lodge, Seneca Falls

Official Visits October

2nd - Seneca Lake Lodge
6th - John Hodge Lodge
14th - Eagle Lodge
22nd - Seneca Lodge

November

4th - Farmerville-Union Lodge
10th - Dundee Lodge *

Garoga-Sincerity Lodge No. 200

1st & 3rd
Tuesdays



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As I write this article it is hard to believe that Summer is over and we are now into Fall. It is good to be back in Lodge again for another busy Masonic year.

We have scheduled a Pork Chop Supper for October 18th. We will start serving at 4:30 p.m. If you have not attended one of these suppers, you are definitely missing out on a great experience. These pork chops are cooked outdoors over charcoal and served with a full menu including dessert. Get there early, as these suppers sell out very quickly.

Grand Lecturer's Convention

Another important date to remember is the Grand Lecturer's Convention, which will be held on Friday, October 17th. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. with the Convention starting at 7:30 p.m. We will need in attendance the Master, Senior and Junior Wardens and Senior and Junior Masters of Ceremony in order to qualify for the Howard Potts Award. The Convention will be held at Pocahontas Lodge in Seneca Falls. Please plan on attending. This event always proves to be an interesting evening.

Property Update

The finishing touches have now been put on our pavilion addition. We are looking for donations to help offset the cost. Contact either the Secretary or the Master for details. We are also looking for small maintenance tools such as shovels, rakes, an extension ladder, etc., which can be stored in our new area and used to maintain our building and property.

Participate in Activities

Game nights will be starting soon, more to follow on this.

To the Brothers who always attend Lodge, it is great to see you there participating in the activi-

ties and Lodge functions. To the Brothers who don't attend, why not try to attend a meeting and meet your new Lodge Officers? Meetings are on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays. Don't forget that Potluck Suppers are always on the 1st Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.; just bring a dish-to-pass. The meeting follows at 7:30 p.m. We hope to see you in Lodge.

October Birthdays

We send October birthday greetings to Craig Andrews (3rd), Robert Patrick, Jr. (5th), William Peterson (6th) and James Rodney (31st).

Masonic Anniversaries

Jesse Gillespie was raised on October 26, 1976. *

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Service Awards

Fall is in the air and we are back to work. As one of my first official duties, I had the privilege of presenting some awards to members of Eagle Lodge - most notable was a framed Certificate to W.: Leonard Hamilton for 60 years of service. With 55 years of service are W.: Howard Barnard, W.: Paul Humphrey and W.: David Retchless. R.: W.: Herbert Treble was recognized for 50 years of service and W.: Robert Helling with 45 years.

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October 2008

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LARRY CANFIELD
POTENTATE

It seems as the year is drawing to a close, the articles are getting shorter.

I give a big thanks to Gary Burke for the excellent Past Potentates Night in September. It was well attended. What made the night real special was the feedback from the Past Potentates who were present. Ill. Robert L. Anderson, Sr., PP, gave a real insight about his year as Potentate. It was very informative. Ill. Sy Kopen, PP, also added his comments. Ill. Rod Rittenhouse, PP, spoke about the building of our Shrine Center in Webster and all the issues around the project. Yes, Rod, you did make the right decision. So many Past Potentates have dedicated their time to make sure Damascus Shrine is alive and well. We are enjoying the fruits of their hard work. Thanks again to ALL our Past Potentates.

Special Farewell

As we look ahead to the coming months, Joe Minas has just announced his retirement. We cannot thank Joe enough for his hard work and dedication.

Calendar Change

You will note that we will not have a Ceremonial in October. The Grand Lecturer's Convention in Livingston District is the same day and many of our cast members will be attending the Convention, so it makes sense to make the change. The Ceremonial will be taped for Imperial. They are they are very interested in the new First Section that was written by High Priest and Prophet Rich Friedman. A special thanks to Rich who has done an outstanding job with the Ritual. Imperial has asked Rich to join the Ritual Committee in Tampa. He will soon be going to Tampa as a guest of Imperial to serve on that team. Nothing but good can come out of his participation.

Sportsman Raffle

The Sportsman Raffle is scheduled for October 4th and Rick Ponticello has done a great job getting it organized. We hope to see a big turn out for this event.

Garage Sale

We will be having a HUGEEEEEE. Garage Sale at the Shrine Center. Set-up is Thursday, October 23rd; sale

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days are Friday and Saturday. A special Bag Day will be on Saturday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Please bring QUALITY items to the Center. All net proceeds go to the Hospital, so let's make it a real success. Lady Ellie does need help with setup, sales and teardown. Ladies, we need your help along with our Nobles. Please let Nicole in the Office know when you can help.

Hot Sands

The Hot Sands Ceremonial will be on November 5th. Please get your Petitions in to the Office. We would like to end the year on the plus side. As a reminder, this will also be Noble William R. Kuehne Class. We want to keep his memory alive. Please, let's have a great turnout for new Shriners.

Harvest Dinner

Many have seen the posting for the Harvest Dinner. Please make reservations if you will be attending. Oscar Wilson has assured everyone that all will have a fun time. He has lined up some real special entertainment, which everyone will enjoy.

New Officer

Congratulations to Noble Tom Vasile, who was elected our new Assistant Rabban. Tom has served on the Divan before and will be a welcome addition to our team.

Election of Officers

The December meeting will be Election of the 2009 Officers for Damascus Shrine. Any interested Noble who would like to serve on the Elected Divan should let the Office, or any Divan member, know as soon as possible. Remember, you cannot campaign for any elected position, which is mandated by Imperial Shrine Law. You can, however, verbally campaign. This way we have a level field for those who are considering running for a position.

Piggy Bank Donations

Our Piggy Bank Program is drawing to a close. We want ALL banks returned no later than November 5th and hope they're filled. ALL monies will go to the Hospital. So pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, dollar coins and quiet money will really be appreciated. In the first half of the year we raised over \$1,000. Let's see if we can top that mark.

The Ladies have done an outstanding job with sewing all kinds of items for the Hospital. If you have more finished items please get them to the Shrine Center.

My very best to everyone.



Fill the Piggy Bank to help the Kids at Shriners Hospitals

Douglas E. Maxwell Elected Imperial Potentate at 134th Imperial Council Session

During the 2008 Imperial Council Session, held in St. Louis June 29-July 3, Douglas E. Maxwell of Chesterfield, MO, was elected Imperial Potentate of Shriners International, making him the highest-ranking Shriner in the world. As Imperial Potentate, he is serving his eleventh term as a member of the Board of Directors for the Shriners Fraternity. Maxwell is also serving as the Chairman of the Board of Directors for Shriners Hospitals for Children, a health care system of 22 hospitals in the U.S., Mexico and Canada.

In college at the University of Kansas, Maxwell studied architectural engineering and finance, receiving his Degree in 1969. He received his Master of Business Administration Degree from Southern Illinois University in 1975.

In the early '70s, Maxwell joined the U.S. Air Force as a second lieutenant. He flew the world routes of the Military Airlift Command, including missions to Europe, South America, Africa, Southeast Asia and Vietnam. For his distinguished service during the Vietnam War, he received both Vietnamese Combat Service Medals and the Air Force Commendation Medal. At the end of the war in 1975, he departed the military as a captain.

Maxwell and his father began a manufacturing company in 1975, building check-out counter conveyors and speed reducers. Today, Maxwell Manufacturing Co. has grown into the third largest builder of these conveyors in America.

During his 10 years on the Board of Directors of Shriners International, Imperial Sir Maxwell has served as chairman of the International Development Committee, the



Douglas E. Maxwell

Buildings and Equipment Committee and the Fleming-Florence Committee. He has also served on the Investment Committee and the Planning Committee.

Maxwell is a Past Potentate of Moolah Shriners in St. Louis. He is a 33rd degree member of the Scottish Rite, a Knight Templar in the York Rite, and a member of Beacon Masonic Lodge #3 and the International Order of DeMolay Legion of Honor. He is also an emeritus member of the St. Louis Shriners Hospital Board of Governors, having served on the Applications Committee and Buildings and Equipment Committee.

Maxwell is a member of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association and also the Missouri Pilots Association. He holds a commercial pilot's license and instructor's pilot's license.

He and his wife, Patricia, are high school sweethearts and have been married for 39 years.

DIRECTORS STAFF

By Vance Collom, Jr.

The next Directors Staff meeting will be October 22nd at the Lehigh Valley Restaurant located at the Thruway-Manchester Exit #43 - corner of Route 96 and Route 21. Cash Bar at 5:30 p.m.; Dinner served at 6:30 p.m. We will order off the menu; Ladies and guests are invited.

We offer our condolences to Ron Edwards on the passing of Shirley Wells on August 12th. Shirley will be missed by all. Please keep Ron in your prayers.

The Hot Sands Degree has been moved from the October to November 5th Shrine Meeting. Everyone come out and enjoy the new Degree presentation. The Directors Staff will be putting on several skits after the Hot Sands Degree and we can use everyone's help that night. Come early for dinner to help welcome and answer questions for the new Candidates.

Until next time, God Bless.

October Meeting Menu
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PERRY SHRINE CLUB

By Ed Hollwedel

The Summer Picnic on August 24th was well attended and all enjoyed the great cooking by Howard "Woody" Wood. We had great weather and enjoyed seeing all our friends again. We had a great surprise when dinner was served - Woody cooked Beef Tenderloins instead of steaks. Check out the pictures of those enjoying the Summer Picnic.

Upcoming Events

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

November 19th - Lumberyard Restaurant; Judith Nagel - All about the Red Cross
 December 17th - National Hotel, Cuylerville; Ladies Night Christmas Party - Cocktails at 6 p.m., Dinner at 7 p.m. Order off the menu. Friends and spouses are always welcome.

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**JIM SLOCUM
RECORDER**

Dues, Please!

Nobles, there are members who have not paid their Dues for two years and will be dropped at the end of the year for "Non-Payment of Dues" (NPD). You know who you are and, 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.

New Officer

At the last meeting, Noble Tom Vasile was elected to the position of Assistant Rabban to fill out the year for our late Noble, Bill Kuehne. Good luck, Tom; you are very courageous.

Gary Burke did a great job with the program honoring Past Potentates. Several of the Past Potentates gave a short talk on what the Shrine has done for them and what the Shrine Hospitals do for the kids.

A reminder ... if you have a favorite number for the calendars that are now ready to go for 2009, let me know before they are sent to the Clubs and Units. They make good gifts (birthday, anniversary, holiday, etc.) that keep on giving all year.

Remember the Sportsman Raffle is October 4th. There are plenty of tickets that will be available at the door. Noble Rick Ponticelo has done a good job of selecting the guns for this year's raffle.

Date Change...

The date for the Hot Sands was changed to the November meeting instead of the October meeting, as there was a conflict with the Grand Lecturer's Convention in the Livingston District. This change gives us more time to get some Petitions from some good Candidates. With Black Camel and NPDs, we need lots of good Candidates.



(l to r) Kenneth and Cathy Howe; Larry Canfield, Potentate; Delores Curtis; Judy and Derek VanHouten, PP; Alice and Robert Anderson, PP; Joyce Kelly; Howard Wood; Mary Louise and Edgar Hollwedel. Harlan Morse was not included in the picture.



More Food, (l to r) Harlan Morse; Derek VanHouten PP; Cathy Howe.



A Corny Setting (l to r) Larry Canfield, Potentate; Kenneth Howe; Derek VanHouten, PP; Robert Anderson, PP.

Calendar Winners for August

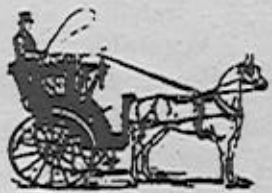
DAY	NO.	WINNER
8/1	389	Rosalee Cox
8/2	908	Ruth Hares
8/3	582	Damascus Shrine Center
8/4	347	Barb Stumbo
8/5	515	Richard Van Grol
8/6	234	Judy Earl
8/7	924	Damascus Shrine Center
8/8	836	Damascus Shrine Center
8/9	779	Ayla Ray
8/10	020	Cheryl McGee
8/11	598	Sharon Parker
8/12	982	Damascus Shrine Center
8/13	236	Damascus Shrine Center
8/14	722	Damascus Shrine Center
8/15	273	Lucille Cooley
8/16	731	Scott Swinton
8/17	406	Mark Malys
8/18	657	Damascus Shrine Center
8/19	239	Damascus Shrine Center
8/20	586	Damascus Shrine Center
8/21	590	Jerry Cooper
8/22	666	Damascus Shrine Center
8/23	995	Dave DeHollander
8/24	020	Cheryl McGee
8/25	889	John Kearney
8/26	433	Karl Leippi
8/27	728	Robert Anderson
8/28	133	Doug Day
8/29	700	Ted Tennant
8/30	744	Teri Hunt
8/31	469	Pam Burns



Howard Wood, the cook.



New Wheels for the Potentate, Larry Canfield.



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SHRINE LUNCH CLUB

By James Toogood

Ladies Day Lunch Club will be at the Nutcracker Restaurant, 2159 Empire Boulevard on Monday, October 20th. No reservations needed.

3RD ANNUAL SPORTSMAN RAFFLE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

1-5 P.M.

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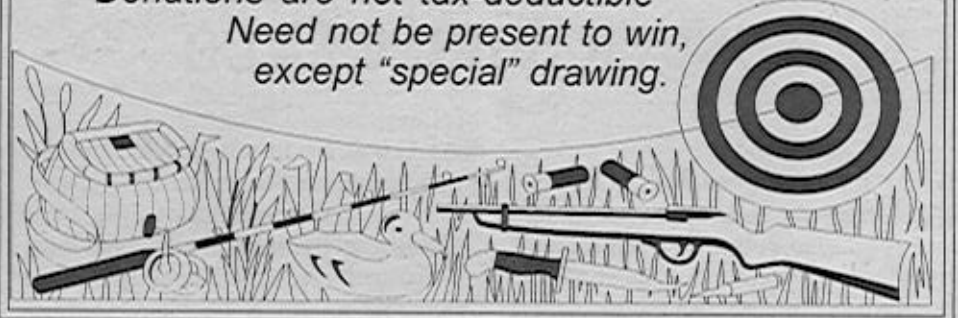
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Damascus Shrine Garage Sale

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Bag Sale (\$5/Bag)
Saturday, October 25th
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.



Volunteers needed for
Set-up Day!
Thursday, October 23rd
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Examples of good clean items we
need: Household items (dishes, glass-
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Planning Ahead ...

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July 4-7, 2009



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If you wish to join us, make your reservation soon.
A \$25 Binder Fee is required to secure a room; No Refunds.
Complete Details will be in the Next Issue.

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December 3rd, 7:00 p.m.

SHRINEABILIA

By Derek VanHouten

Last month I received a call from Virginia Quimby, who was a friend of Past Potentate Harley C. Smith (1965), and was in possession of a "Masonic" sword. Of course, I was interested and made the necessary plans to see her. When I got to her house, she invited me in and I was surprised to see that the sword was a Commandery Sword. After several minutes of small talk I thanked her and left with the sword that Ill. Harley Smith used many times.

When I got home, I removed the hilt

and found a mark of origin of the sword on the inner part of the blade that indicated the sword was made in Germany. What they did was take a piece of 1/4" round stock and make this most beautiful sword. Looking down the blade one can see the individual hammer marks.

The sword will now be in a suitable resting place in our display case along with our other Shrine treasures. Hopefully, other Surviving Spouses might consider contacting me with articles of interest that they wish to contribute to the Shrine Center.

AUBURN SHRINE CLUB

By David Bowman

Whew, have you been busy! Ken Polard did another wonderful Steak Roast. I do miss the lake, but I love the company. Marilyn Coleman wishes to thank all for the donations you scraped together for Molly. (Molly says "Woof!") I know that I'm off Marilyn's list as I downed every bite of my steak. I just wonder with all the rain this Summer, how Ken picked the right day for the party?

We collected lots of aluminum tabs. Keep those donations coming; Ken has a big van!

Congratulations to Eli Hernandez on the birth of a beautiful daughter on August 7th. I'm not sure how much help Eli was with the delivery, but I'm sure Rina will fill us in the next time we see her.

I saw Bruce Christopher at the Merry-Go-Round Theater in August. He was with a stunning beauty that I guess is his wife. If not, forget I mentioned it.

I hope you all made it to the wine tasting that Bob Coleman put on in September. It was a great time with a great meal to go along with it. It reminds me of a story that is told around our house. Seems that a college student stopped at my Grandmother's in Ithaca to see one of my cousins who was also a student. My grandmother asked if he would like to join them for dinner. That's when the student replied, "No thanks, Mrs. Robb, I'm drinking my dinner." OK, I guess that covers the wine tasting stories.

October brings the meeting that I'm in charge of. Hope you all made reserva-

tions. I know it is hunting season, but I'm not to be referred to as Bambi.

Garage Sale

Coming up this month on a higher level is a Garage Sale at the Damascus Shrine Center. Set-up day is Thursday, October 23rd, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; the sale is Friday October 24th from 9 a.m.-7 p.m.! There will be a \$5 Bag Sale on Saturday the 25th from 9a.m. - 1 p.m. (if you need bags). Sorry for that. We need volunteers. Bring your wife, girlfriend, neighbor, anyone. If you can help any day you are needed. Call Lady Ellie at (315) 524-8729. Please save your plastic bags, newspapers, and paper bags for the Bag Sale.

We are looking for donations of dishes, glassware, pots/pans, blankets, towels, books of all types (get it, books of all types!). Sorry again. Also clothing for the Fall and Winter, garden tools and electrical items that work!

Harvest Dinner

I'm going to mention the Harvest Dinner on November 8th one more time. You really need to make it a point to go. If you have never been, take it from me, last year was my first, and it won't be my last.

I will finish with a short story. After "The Great Race," I was in Wegman's returning cans and bottles. My sister forgot to take the tabs off a few cans. Each time that happened, I would stop stuffing and remove the tab. There was a man next to me with a cart full of cans. The rest you can guess. He asked why I was doing it, and then removed them from his cans. He even got his son to help, too.

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 Richard Snyder
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Harold Densmore
 August 27, 2008



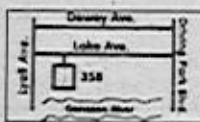
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October Official Visits

October 8th - Humanity Lodge,
Lyons; Dinner at 6:30 p.m.; Com-
munication at 7:30 p.m.

October 13th - Clyde Lodge;
Dinner ?; Communication 7 p.m.

October 20th - Pultneyville
Lodge; Dinner at 7 p.m.; Com-
munication at 8 p.m.

October 28th - Marion Lodge;
Dinner at 6:30 p.m.; Communi-
cation at 7:30 p.m.

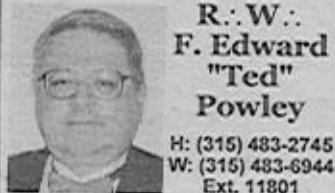
Grand Lecturer's Convention

The Grand Lecturer's Con-
vention will take place on Octo-
ber 16th at Wayne Lodge in On-
tario. First Section at 4 p.m. will
include the Masonic Memorial
Service and, hopefully, answer
questions concerning the
Graveside Service. A social
time and catered dinner will
start at approximately 6 p.m. At
7:30 p.m. we will return to the
Lodge Room for the evening
program consisting of the Opening
and Closing Ritual of a Lodge.

Keep in mind the dinner for
this Convention is free to all Mas-
ter Masons in Wayne District and

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gether? If not, why not practice
for a few minutes in front of a
mirror to look sharp? Do you
wait to be recognized by the
Master before beginning to
speak? Do you show respect to
others by being quiet as they
speak? Do you respect the
Master's Carpet and never
walk between the altar and the
East except for Degree work? Do
you always wear your apron on
the outside of your jacket? These
are just a few of the finer points
of Masonry that make a

is paid for by the per capita fee
assessment for each Lodge.

RSVP Please!

It is imperative each Lodge re-
sponds to V.: W.: William C.
Benedict, AGL, for a count of
your members planning to at-
tend the Convention. Also,
please provide an Officer/
Brother to participate in the
Ritual exemplification, when
asked to do so.

Apron Presentation

On October 21st, Sodus Lodge
will present R.: W.: F. Edward
"Ted" Powley with his Grand
Steward's Apron. Dinner will be
served at 6:45 p.m., followed by
the Communication at 8 p.m. It
would be nice for as many as
possible to attend this event.
Ted has been a tireless worker
in both the Fraternity and the
Community of Sodus as well.

Those planning to attend
the dinner contact the Master,
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Communicate

There is only one Lodge in
Wayne District that subscribes
to the *Masonic Times*, thus a
limited number of Brothers who
can read what is happening each
month. Many Brothers receive
this paper through Concordant
Bodies to which some belong. It
would be greatly appreciated if
those of you, who do receive it,
share this information with your
Lodge. It is my hope that a reme-
dy is soon to be in place to help
rectify this situation and the dis-
bursement of information will
be better.

Mason look polished and well
mannered. There is a small
booklet available for a nominal
fee from Grand Lodge Sales
called *Masonic Etiquette* if you
would like to know more about
Masonic manners.

I encourage you to try to learn
a new part, a new lecture and a
new office this year. Several
Lodges have stopped advancing
Officers in their progressive line
of Officers. While this is often
convenient, it is not good for the
future of the Lodge or organiza-
tion. I know it is from lack of
new members, but it often leads
to stagnation and lack of inter-
est in the Lodge.

I believe everyone can learn
and advance throughout their
entire life. Your ability to re-
member may not be as good as
it once was, but parts can be
split up among Brothers. Don't
give up on yourself; be positive
and supportive to others to
learn and try new parts. I know
I tried harder when encouraged
by my father or friends. Let's en-
courage one another; it works.
Practice is also a great thing to
do and we tend to overlook it
these days.

As you do more and learn
more, you will see that not every
part is done word for word, but
the thought or action is well per-
formed and the result is a suc-
cess. The Candidate therefore
received an excellent Degree or
a program was well presented.

My Brothers, October is a
busy month with lots of Ma-

sonic events. I hope we pick a
few of the same ones and enjoy
some good times together. En-
joy our fabulous Fall weather
and colors!

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Our Lodge is in a state of tran-
sition. The stated Communica-
tions are no longer a matter of
Opening, Routine, and then
Closing followed by cake and ice
cream. Our future existence is
in question and a hard appraisal
and level-headed answers are
required.

Do we remain in our present fa-
cility and, if so, for how long? Do
we find a new location or buy an
existing building and convert it to
our use? Do we seek out a dona-
tion of, or buy, property to build?
In the Village? In the Town? What
shall we do and when do we do it?
Many questions!

The one question that we do
not have to address is one that
has been suggested. Do we lis-
ten to those voices that say Ma-
sonry is dying and fold up our
tents and dissolve? I think not.
I think that I am not alone in
believing that Masonry may not
be the entity of 100 or even 50
years ago, but will live on to see
another 50 or 100!

Many of our members are get-
ting along in years and find it
difficult to participate as they
did in the past. Some can no
longer do paper drives, fish din-
ners, fair booths or even drive
to meetings. They do, however,
participate to the best of their
ability and are examples to
emulate.

Our future hinges on those
newer and younger Masons
whom we have a responsibility
to nurture, and to provide a
meeting place so they may be-
come the strong heartbeat of
our future. Newer and younger
men are coming to our Lodge
and other Lodges and they, as
well as ourselves, must find and
encourage new members to fol-
low in our footsteps. Petitions
have been requested by several
who are interested in our Fra-
ternity and are in the process of
being completed.

Now I ask you to do your part
to bring someone who you feel
will become a good member of
Masonry to our Brother Bring-
a-Friend Open Meeting on
Sunday, October 19th to be
held in the Lodge Rooms at 2
p.m. Light refreshments will be
served afterwards.

I also ask that not only all Of-
ficers, but all Brothers, make an
effort to attend Masters and
Wardens. This is a worthwhile
means to know your Brothers
within the District and gain
knowledge of what is happening
outside our little corner of the
County. Meetings are normally
held the 2nd Thursday of the
month. Information as to loca-
tion each month is generally
announced at our regular meet-
ing. Meetings are preceded by a
Knife and Fork fellowship ses-
sion followed by an informa-
tional period. See you there.

Eagle Lodge

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The Eagle Lodge Officers for
this year are:

Master **George Romanyshyn**
Sr. Warden **Gary Warren**
Jr. Warden **Edward Helling**
Treasurer **Leland Durkee**
Secretary **Kenneth Milner**
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Jr. Deacon **George Hornung**
Sr. MC **Kenneth Ratliff**
Jr. MC **John Williams**
Sr. Steward **Michael Dick**
Marshal **Russell Coon**
Tiler **Todd Statt**

Official Visit

The Official Visit of R.: W.:
Ronald B. Galens, DDGM, will
be Tuesday, October 14th, 7:30
p.m. I invite Brothers from any
Lodge to come to this or any
meeting. There will be a dinner
before the Official Visit starting
at 6:30 p.m. If you plan on at-
tending, call me at 229-2786 by
October 7th so we have a din-
ner for you.

the year. Please call with reser-
vations by Monday, October
6th, for the Thursday meeting.
Remember to bring your glass,
as only few will be available.

W.: Jim Vanwyk will present
the short form 3rd Degree Lec-
ture at our second meeting. This
is not standard Ritual; however,
it is very informative and many
have not experienced this lecture.

Bring-a-Friend Night

Hopefully, you have invited a
friend to attend the Brother
Bring-a-Friend Night to be held
Thursday, October 16th. Refre-
shments will be provided.

Dr. John Stelter Masonic Study
Club will hold its Inaugural Meet-
ing on October 29th. The group is
open to all Master Masons who
have a desire to learn. Please con-
tact R.: W.: Jim Rice for more
details.

Convention

Milnor Lodge has the opportu-
nity to win its first Howard Potts
Award at the Grand Lecturer's
Convention Friday, October 17th
at Pocahontas Lodge. The re-
quirements are the attendance of
the Elected, Appointed and In-
stalled Master, Wardens, Dea-
cons and Masters of Ceremony.
Please note the change of date
from previous years. Let me
know if you can attend. Reser-
vations are required for dinner.

Sickness and Distress

W.: Brother Bob Meuler
passed away September 9th.

Willard Bastain is still recu-
perating at Crest Manor in
Perinton and is looking for-
ward to returning home. A
card or visit will help Willard
keep his spirits up. Please keep
him in your prayers.

**Milnor
Lodge No. 139**

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The Brothers from Livingston District and I extend our heartfelt condolences to V.: W.: Ron Bryant's family; they are in our thoughts and prayers. I had the pleasure to meet Ron at the AGL's meeting in Lima on the day of his accident. Ron was a great man, he was very excited for his upcoming year as AGL and it was obvious he was doing what he enjoyed. He will be missed by all of us.

I want to offer "Kudos" to all the Brothers in Livingston District for their efforts with the Brotherhood Fund. In case anyone missed the the results from last year's Brotherhood Fund Appeal, Livingston District was #1 with 44.16% participation. So, congratulations to everyone for contributing to the Fund and special congratulations to Genesee and Livonia Lodges for hitting the 100% milestone.

During the month of September I had the opportunity to attend a number of fun and interesting events. R.: W.: Joe Shanks and I had a very pleasant time at R.: W.: Dennis Breheny's Homecoming held at Sauquoit Lodge. It was especially enjoyable to be present as Dennis was being lauded for all his enthusiasm and hard work for the Craft. I also had the distinct pleasure to participate in the Homecoming for Rt. Wthy. Joanne Palmer, District Deputy Grand Matron and Rt. Wthy. Arnold Palmer, District Grand Lecturer, OES, of Livingston District. This was my first opportunity to join the Brothers and Sisters of the Eastern Star at a District level and I am truly looking forward to getting the chance to do it more often.

I will be completing my Official Visits this month. I do have one correction to the schedule ... we will be visiting Phoenix Lodge on the 7th. My visits so far have been fun, informative and certainly a learning experience. Even though I have been a little nervous, the Brothers have been extremely supportive and have gone out of their way to make me feel at home. I extend the invitation to all the Brothers to join us as we complete our visits.

We also have the Grand Lecturer's Convention for Livingston District on October 1st. I am looking forward to the visit by the Grand Lecturer, R.: W.: Brother Chuck Toombs and getting the chance to hear him speak about our Ritual. I extend a special "Thank you" to the Brothers of Union Lodge as they host the Convention.

Another very important activity this month is the Symbolic Lodge Award presented by the Valley of Rochester, AASR. I ask all Masters to please consider submitting the name of a well-deserving Brother from their Lodge. As a reminder to everyone, the deadline for the submission is early October.

The first School of Ritual in the District will be October 22nd at Mt. Morris Lodge. R.: W.: Roy Moses and I remind all the Lodges to attend. The work of the evening will be a smorgasbord of topics. We will be discussing Opening & Closing, Balloting, the Memorial Service and Masonic Protocol.

To the Master and Secretaries ... don't forget the Secretaries/MORI meeting that R.: W.: Herb Spencer is coordinating. Mike Menard, the MORI Representative, will be there to demonstrate, help and answer any questions you may have. The meeting is being held on October 25th in Webster Lodge at 9 a.m. I hope all the Lodges in the District will send a Representative and I look forward to participating in the discussions.

R.: W.: Joe Shanks, myself and our wives are looking forward to attending the Grand Master's Ball being held on October 25th in Buffalo. The M.: W.: Edward Gilbert will be honored that evening and I am sure it will be a spectacular event. If there are any Brothers from Livingston who wish to join us please let Joe or me know.

As our Lodges prepare for the Conferral of the Degrees on their Candidates these next few months, I ask all of you to dust off your LSOME materials. The Mentoring Program along with the LSOME Chapters and DVD presentations are an absolute "must" for the success of any Degree Program in keeping a Candidate's interest and furthering his Masonic education. I particularly recommend that an enthusiastic and knowledgeable Brother be entrusted to support the Candidate as his Mentor. When a Mentor is there, who continually shows his love for Masonry, there is nothing better that displays to our newest members how wonderful our Fraternity really is. If you have any questions please let me know. I am involved in the program as a Mentor and I assure you it works!

I extend a small thank you to R.: W.: Derek VanHouten for reminding me, via his article in last month's *Masonic Times*, to congratulate our Brothers in the District for their Grand Lodge appointments announced this year.

R.: W.: Roland F. Stanley, Jr., from Mt. Morris Lodge, as the Grand Representative to Piaui, Brazil.

R.: W.: Alan Ramsay, from Union Lodge, as the AGL of the Western Region.

R.: W.: Alan Roggen, from Eunice Lodge, as a member of the Community Service Committee.

W.: Mike Grady, from Union Lodge, as a member of the Membership Development Committee.

Lastly, looking forward to next month, Livingston District

will be holding our Apron Presentation Dinner on November 1st at the Genesee River Conference Center in Mt. Morris. We will be honoring a few "crazed" individuals who still are a bit overwhelmed. Announcements and invitations should be going out soon. x

Grand Steward

Livingston District



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Joseph Shanks

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Autumn is here, Brothers! District Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: John Gallant and I have made four of our Official Visits. We look forward to meeting all the Brothers in the Livingston District.

Getting back to our *Masonic Development Course* sessions, the dates are November 12th, December 10th and January 14th, 2009. All sessions will be at Eunice Lodge in Caledonia.

The *Road to the East* Program dates in 2009 will be February 7th, 21st and 28th, also at Eunice Lodge in Caledonia. All sessions will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Any Brothers who want to be Master of their Lodge or a Grand Lodge Officer, must take the MDC and RTTE Programs. x

Union Lodge No. 45

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

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Greetings Brothers! I was quite "wordy" in the last issue of the *Masonic Times* so this month I'll exercise due restraint!

Grand Lecturer's Convention

Livingston District's Grand Lecturer's Convention will be on Wednesday, October 1st, right around the time you receive this publication. So you can count on having heard from me to ensure a good turnout, and hopefully meet the requirements for the Howard Potts Award.

Our District Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: John Gallant, will conclude his Fall Official Visits with a Homecoming on Thursday, October 23rd. Let's all be here to welcome him! As with any dinner event, I'll need an accurate count, so please let me know if you plan to attend.

One of the projects we are working on is a Veterans Appreciation Dinner, to be held on Veterans Day, November 11th. This event will be a dinner for our local Veterans, with an interesting and informative program. Please plan on attending!

Committees

At our September 11th meeting we established the following Committees:

- Bicentennial Planning
- Fun & Fellowship
- Community Involvement

Financial Planning

These Committees will include appointments as required, but I believe every Lodge member should be involved in any aspect of the workings of the Lodge that interests him. So feel free to sign up for any committee you like, and don't be surprised if I request your participation where I think you would add significant value.

Bicentennial Planning

It's only eight short years until Union Lodge celebrates its 200th Anniversary! There is much to do before this historic event. Get in on the ground floor of this committee as we identify what we need to do, and figure out how to get it done.

Fun & Fellowship

I've heard some leaders of the Craft say that Lodges don't travel together anymore. Well, Union Lodge certainly does! We attend Livingston Masonic Association Meetings together, assist other Lodges with Degrees, and travel with our DDGM, Staff Officer and AGL. In addition, we've recently begun visiting Brothers who haven't been in Lodge in a while to present them with their Anniversary Certificates. Other activities of this Committee include the football games and movie nights we've done on the second floor in the past, and our Widows Programs. Sign up and bring some new ideas for things for us to do.

Community Involvement

Our key community involvement activities have been the Talent Show, Chicken Bar-B-Que, Roadside Clean-up and donations for programs like the school lock-in, Boys State and groups like the Volunteer Firemen and Ambulance. Last year we added a Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser for the Lima Historical Society and a tour of our building. We'll continue these activities and add more. The Veterans Appreciation is being planned by this Committee.

Financial Planning

While the care and maintenance of our building is the responsibility of the Trustees and the handling of our monies the obligation of our Treasurer, several members have suggested some interesting and important ideas about establishing specific funds and implementing financial instruments for supporting our Lodge in new and innovative ways. It's time we established a formal committee to tie these related activities together in a constructive and meaningful fashion.

In Closing ...

In addition to our column in the *Masonic Times*, we also publish a monthly newsletter; *The Union Light*. It's here that W.: Mike Grady includes many wonderful pictures of recent Lodge events. Mike spends

quite a bit of effort on this, and it shows! Last year we started distributing *The Union Light* via email, so if you are a *Friend of Union Lodge* and would like us to include you on our email distribution list, just let me know.

Lastly, let me mention that planning is a process, meaning that it involves continual review and modification. My goal in putting our planning down in writing in letters to our members, the newsletter and the *Masonic Times* is to free our meeting up to be shorter, more interesting, and just plain fun. I value any feedback you have anytime, either by calling me on my cell phone or by email. I'm already having a great time this Masonic year; I hope you are too! See you in Lodge! x

Nunda Station

Lodge No. 682

1st & 3rd Tuesdays
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We have had our first meeting and saw some of our Brothers who we might not have crossed paths with over the Summer.

Trestleboard Change

There is a change in our Trestleboard. By the time you read this, we will already have had the Official Visit of our District Deputy, R.: W.: John Gallant and our Grand Steward, R.: W.: Joseph Shanks. We moved up our Official Visit to keep the schedule on track.

Coming up will be the Grand Lecturer's Convention on October 1st at Union Lodge. Dinner will be at 6 p.m. All Officers are urged to attend so we can win the Howard Potts Award and have an excellent turnout for our new Grand Lecturer. If you haven't been to one in awhile, come to this Dinner/Meeting and enjoy an excellent meal, an informative meeting and wonderful fellowship with our Masonic Brothers.

We have two Brothers who had recent surgery - R.: W.: Gerald Hussong and W.: William Wright.

We welcome anyone who has not been able to attend Lodge Meetings in awhile. Come to a meeting and we will make you welcome with your Masonic Brothers. We always have refreshments after our meetings, along with more fellowship. As always, stop in and see what's happening at your Masonic Lodge! x

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Western Escapade
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Open Range

I came around one corner to find I had to stop before hitting African Antelope crossing the road in front of me. I thought I had traveled to a different country. Later, I found out I was crossing the "Circle C Outfitters Ranch," which is a place where hunters can track and hunt many different kinds of animals from around the world.

After about 50 minutes, at 7200 feet above sea level, I came over a rise and something caught my eye as I was passing it on my right. I almost missed it because it was tucked into an area surrounded by huge rocks. I backed up and turned into a field - the parking lot!

Welcomed Greetings

I was greeted by three Brothers, who inquired who I was, why I was there and requested verifiable proof that I was, in fact, a Master Mason. I was really glad to have both my Masonic Passport from Grand Lodge and my Dues Card with me. They took all my information and told me I was a Brother who had traveled a greater distance than any other they could remember to visit their Lodge.

After a great outdoor Bar-B-Que, we got down to the business of the Lodge meeting. Master Masons from seven different States were represented, including the Deputy Grand Master from Texas. The Worshipful Master recognized eleven past




Grand Masters of Wyoming but one of the present sitting Grand Line Officers from the State of Wyoming, and the Past and Present Masters of Lodges.

All of the dignitaries were called up to address the East which in Wyoming is coming to the West of the Altar and addressing the Worshipful Master with the Sign of Master Mason. They were then escorted out of the Lodge confines and escorted back in where they could be greeted properly, escorted to the East individually recognized and given Wyoming Grand Honors which entail all the Brotherly giving all the Signs of Masonry. They were then escorted back to their respective seats.

It was then time to introduce the Present Grand Master of Masons in the State of Wyoming, the Most Worshipful Thomas R. Nance. I had done some research before attending this meeting and found it interesting that Brother Nance and I were Raised in 1988 and shared the same age.

When he approached West of the Altar, M.: W.: Nance suggested to the Worshipful Master that two other Honorees who


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Hopefully, our September Assembly went well. We were hoping to fill the Council Line of Officers.

Our October 15th Assembly will be preceded by a dinner prepared by Ill.: Garry Hutchurson. The dinner will be at 6:30 p.m.; please make your reservations with Garry (494-1395) by October 9th. We will be hosting Right Illustrious David H. Raymond, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work for his visit to our Council.

Come enjoy the evening and after our meeting share what you did for excitement this past Summer.

Sir Knights, Attention! Our October 18th Conclave will find us busy preparing for the Orders in November at Hornell. Please see our Assistant Zone Commander, SK Stu Smith, as he sets the Cast. Many hands make for light work. We always have a good time making new Knights Templar.

Lady Marilyn and I look forward to seeing many from Sagoyewatha Commandery at the Grand Commander's Reception. Let's support our new Grand Commander, Eminent SK David Lathers, every way and every time that we can. It's been a long journey.


Think of our Sir Knights and Ladies who are having health problems.

Remember to save aluminum for the Eye Foundation.

See you at 7:30 a.m. on the 18th at the Blue Ribbon Restaurant for breakfast!

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On September 7th, we held our Lodge Welcome Back Picnic. A good turnout of Brothers and sisters enjoyed great food and fellowship. The food was highlighted by Brother Allen Foehner's homemade macaroni salad; many thanks.

The following night, we held our first Lodge meeting. The weather was warm, so we were glad it was Sport Shirt Night. The turnout was good and we discussed many of the plans of this year's programs. We also had a visit from W.: Bill Hartman, Master of St. Marks-Philetus Lodge in Binghamton. He is a fine young man and his father, Bill, should be very proud.

Pizza and wings were a hit at our September 22nd, Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. Many

- October Events**
- 13th - Regular Communication, 7:30 p.m.
 - 16th - SR Symbolic Blue Lodge Awards at Shrine, 6:30 p.m.
 - 27th - DDGM Official Visit, 6:30 p.m., Dinner; 7:30 p.m.; Special Communication
 - 28th - Grand Lecturer's Convention at Fairport-Flower City Lodge; 6:30 p.m. - Dinner; 7:30 p.m. - Meeting

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Thirty-seven Brothers enjoyed our recent Steak Roast, which Chef, Mike Edelman, ably assisted by Steward, Tim Hull and Senior Deacon, Tom Perrone, grilled the steak to perfection. The whole affair was produced under the watchful eye of Junior Warden, Andy Alvarez. Thanks to these Brothers for a job well done.

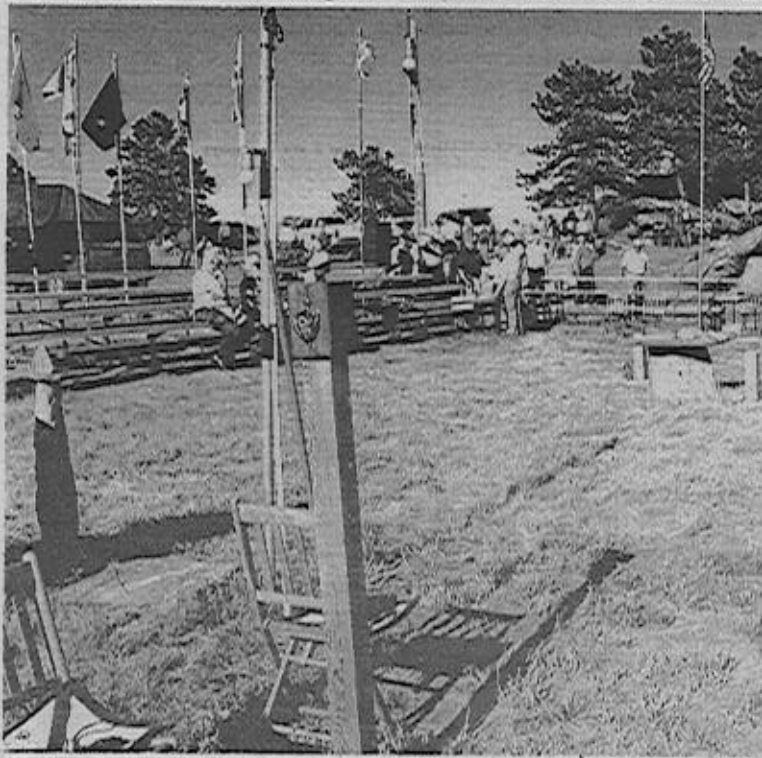


Photo above is the outdoor Lodge "room" where annual event at top of article is on the boulders in the background, just to

Brother Millard Fairley of Monument Lodge in Vermont. Millard is the father of our Brother, Dave Fairley.

V.: W.: DeHollander, AGL, spoke briefly and emotionally about the untimely passing of his fellow AGL, V.: W.: Ron Bryant.

The program for the meeting was an introduction to "Masonic Etiquette and Protocol," presented by R.: W.: John Zabel. R.: W.: Zabel is a very

suffering from arthritis and uses a walker to get around. He has had several operations and radiation treatments for bladder and prostate cancer. He sends his greetings to the Lodge and would appreciate phone calls or visits. His address is 3039 Brockport-Spencerport Road, Spencerport, 14559-2109; phone 352 6906.

Orlo Noxon's back surgery was done August 21st and he is now recovering.



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Valley of Rochester Fall 2008 Schedule

October 16th - Symbolic Lodge Awards Night

Reservations Required

5:30 p.m. - Hors d'oeuvres

7:30 p.m. - Meeting

Pizza & Wings after meeting

October 26th (Sunday); 2-5 p.m.

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Gala and Auction to Benefit Our Learning Center

November 13th - Public Degree * BBB Evening

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)

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Allegiance

The Bodies of the Scottish Rite, sitting in the Valley of Rochester, State of New York, acknowledge and yield allegiance to the Supreme Council, 33°, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, whose Grand East is in Lexington, Massachusetts and whose officers are:

Ill. : John William McNaughton, 33°

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Ill. : David P. Spencer, 33°

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Deputy's Representative

Ill. : Stephen R. Whittaker, 33°



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

Greetings Brethren! We ended the Summer with some nice events - Our Annual Summer Outing on August 15th, a Veterans Outreach Picnic on August 22nd and the Supreme Council Meeting in Providence, August 24th-26th.

AASR Summer Outing

Our Annual Summer Outing was held again this year at the Wildwood Country Club with hors d'oeuvres and a Carved Roast Beef Buffet Dinner for Valley members and their Ladies. The event was in honor of our new Ill. : John B. Mullen, 33°, Dedicated Service Award Recipients - Distinguished Brothers K. Richard Howe, 32° DSA; Brian Bills, 32° DSA; and George Nasra, 32° DSA. This Award is conferred upon members of the Rite in this Valley who have attained the 32°, and who, by reason of dedicated service over an extended period, are deemed worthy of such recognition. Congratulations,



(l to r) Distinguished Brothers Brian Bills, 32° DSA, and K. Rick Howe, 32° DSA, were presented their "Blue" caps by Ill. : Stephen R. Whittaker, 33°, and Ill. : G. Michael Morris, 33°, during the AASR Summer Outing at Wildwood Country Club in August.

Brothers, and on behalf of the entire membership of the Valley of Rochester, thank you for the time and energy you have devoted to the Valley.

Mark your calendar! Next year's Annual Summer Outing will be a Dinner Cruise on the "Canandaigua Lady!" The Outing will be Sunday afternoon, August 16, 2009. We have booked the entire boat, and I have already put in a request for good weather!

Veterans Outreach Picnic

On August 22nd, the Valley of Rochester, in cooperation with the Masonic War Veterans group, sponsored a "Thank You Picnic" at Henrietta Park for area Veterans as well as Masonic Veterans, with emphasis on honoring those local Veterans needing some extra support. There were approximately 30 Veterans in attendance. We plan to hold this event again next Summer. Thanks to everyone who helped to make the Veterans Outreach Picnic a success.

Supreme Council Meeting

The 196th Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America was held this year in Providence, RI. Valley of Rochester members in attendance included: Ill. : Stephen R. Whittaker, 33°, Ill. : Charles O. Hancock, 33°, Ill. : John E. Zabel 33°, and Ill. : G. Michael Morris, 33°. Ill. : John W. Orr, 33°, attended from the Valley of Corning.

At the meeting it was announced that Ill. : Harold L. Aldrich, 33°, who has served as the Deputy for New York State for the past nine (9) years, was appointed to the position of Grand Minister of State for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, and Ill. : Peter J. Samiec, 33°, was appointed as the new Deputy for New York. At the New York State Dinner, held on Tuesday evening, the Valley of

Rochester received some good news - Joseph Bourcy, 32° DSA, was one of five Sublime Princes from New York State elected to receive the 33rd Degree at next year's Supreme Council Meeting in Boston. Congratulations, Joe!

Symbolic Lodge Awards

The Symbolic Lodge Awards program provides the Worshipful Master of each Lodge in the surrounding six-county area the opportunity to name and recognize an outstanding contributor to his Lodge's operation in a multiple-Lodge public forum with other similar recipients. Each Master is allowed one nomination of his choosing per year. This outstanding program has garnered interest and participation from our Grand Master and many other in- and out-of-state Masonic areas. This year I am pleased to announce that R. : W. : Bruce Renner, Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York will be in attendance and will present the Symbolic Lodge Awards.

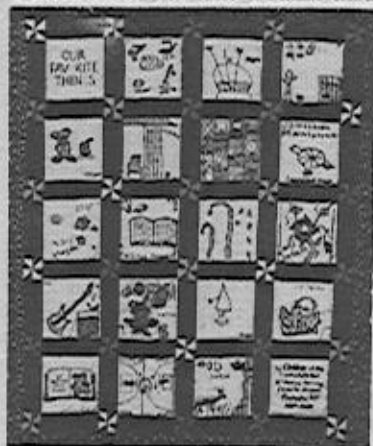


R. : W. : Bruce Renner

A request for nominations has been sent to the Master and Secretary of each Lodge. Please make every effort to come and join the celebration in honor of our Brothers' work in the quarries. An attractive Certificate of Appreciation and an invitation to join the AASR - Valley of Rochester, at no cost for the first year, will be presented to each Lodge member so recognized.

Rochester Learning Center 11th Anniversary Gala & Fundraiser

The 11th Anniversary Gala & Fundraiser for the Frank and



Learning Center Quilt - Designed and made by the students and tutors of the Frank and Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children.

Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children will be held on Sunday, October, 26th, at Casa Larga Vineyards (see ad on page 3). In addition to good food and fellowship, a key goal is to help raise funds to support the operations and endowment for the Rochester Learning Center. A highlight at this year's event will be a drawing for a quilt that was designed and



(l to r) Betsy Renner, Ruth Morris and Sally Mix discuss the design of the quilt made this year by the students and scholars at the Frank and Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children.

made by the students and tutors of the Rochester Learning Center. The price of a quilt ticket is \$5. Our goal is to sell 1000 tickets. Quilt tickets are available through the Valley of Rochester Office, phone: 264-1160, email: secretary@valleyofrochester.edu.

Focus of Membership Development and Retention

As I mentioned in the September issue of the *Masonic Times*, our goal this year is to add fifty (50) new members to the AASR - Valley of Rochester roster. To accomplish this goal, we need your help! We are asking each member of the Valley to do four (4) things this year:

1. Contact a man, who you know to be of good moral character, and invite him to attend a Bring-a-Friend program at your Symbolic (Blue) Lodge;

2. Contact a Brother, who is not a 32° Mason, and invite him 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 Nights scheduled - November 13th and February 19, 2009. At these events, we will be presenting the AASR Public Degree, which gives a brief glimpse of the various Degrees;

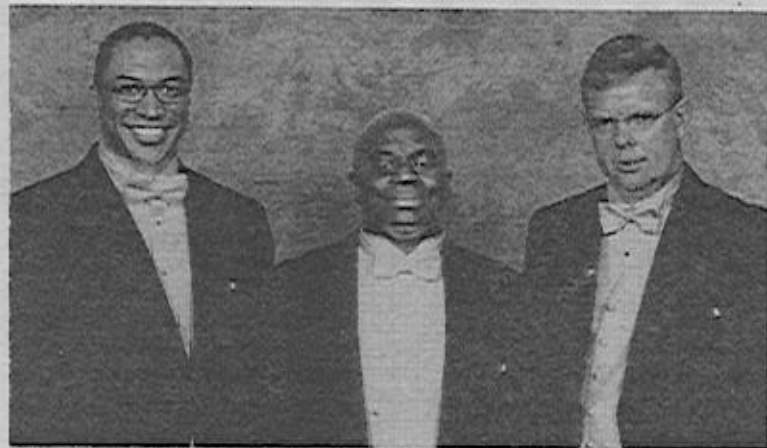
3. "Reach Out, and Say Hello," and re-activate a Scottish Rite Brother who has been inactive;

4. Attend as many 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!

On behalf of the Officers and the entire membership, thank you for your help and support that you provide to increase the membership of our Symbolic Lodges and our Valley! I look forward to seeing you at the upcoming Scottish Rite events. "

Local Masonic Leaders are Honored

Annual Meeting of the Scottish Rite Supreme Council Selects/Elects New Yorkers



The highest honor of Scottish Rite Freemasonry, the 33°, was presented to (left to right) Curtis A. Banks, Clifford T. Jacobs and William C. Brunet, Sr., at the 196th Annual Meeting of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, in Providence, Rhode Island.

More than 1,500, 33° Masons and their Ladies gathered in Providence, RI, late in August for the Annual Meeting of Scottish Rite Masons in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. Those in attendance included Grand Masters from the 15 Grand Lodges in the Jurisdiction and Representatives from 24 Scottish Rite Jurisdictions around the world.

Re-elected to another three-year term were John William McNaughton, as Sovereign Grand Commander, and Jim S. Deyo, as Grand Lieutenant Commander.

Newly elected at the meeting were Harold L. Aldrich (Varysburg, NY) as Grand Minister of State; Donald G. Hicks, Jr. (Leominster, MA) as Grand Treasurer General; and C. DeForrest Trexler (Macungie,

PA) as Grand Secretary General. New State Deputies include Peter J. Samiec (New York) and Eric Ginette (Vermont).

At the conclusion of the meeting, the 33° was conferred upon 104 members who were selected for dedicated service to Scottish Rite Freemasonry or service reflecting credit upon the Fraternity. Three New York Masons were among that group: Curtis A. Banks (Jamaica); Clifford T. Jacobs (East Elmhurst); and William C. Brunet, Sr. (Utica).

The names of 114 nominees to receive the 33° at next year's meeting in Boston were announced. New Yorkers included were: Joseph E. Bourcy III (Fairport); Robert W. Crump (Plattsburgh); Michael D. Derry (Central Bridge); Vincent Libone (Bayside); and Gilbert Savitsky (Forest Hills). "

Taxes! Taxes! Taxes!

By Tom Michielsen

The leaves are turning bright colors and soon will be falling faster than we can rake them. The sweet smells of apple and pumpkin pies are in the air. Autumn must be here again. That means Winter is coming soon, right after Halloween and Thanksgiving.

Gambling Income & Losses

Gambling winnings are fully taxable and must be reported on your tax return. Gambling income includes, but is not limited to, winnings from lotteries, raffles, horse and dog races and casinos, as well as the fair market value of prizes such as cars, houses, trips or other noncash prizes.

Depending on the type and amount of your winnings, the payer might provide you with a Form W-2G (Certain Gambling Winnings) and may have withheld federal income taxes from the payment.

Here are some general guidelines on gambling income and losses:

• **Reporting Winnings** - The full amount of your gambling winnings for the year must be reported on line 21, Form 1040. You may not use Form 1040A or 1040EZ. This rule applies regardless of the amount and regardless of whether you receive a Form W-2G or any other reporting form.

• **Deducting losses** - If you itemize deductions, you can deduct your gambling losses for the year on Schedule A line 28. You cannot deduct gambling losses that are more than your winnings.

It is important to keep an accurate diary or similar record of your gambling winnings and losses. To deduct your losses, you must be able to provide receipts, tickets, statements or other records that show the amount of both your winnings and losses.

Mortgage Workouts, Tax-Free for Many Homeowners

There is now tax relief for struggling homeowners. If your mortgage debt is partly or entirely forgiven during 2007, 2008 or 2009, you may be able to claim special tax relief by fill-

ing out Form 982 and attaching it to your federal income tax return for that year.

Normally, debt forgiveness results in taxable income. But under the Mortgage Forgiveness Debt Relief Act of 2007, you may be able to exclude from tax up to \$2 million of debt forgiven on your principal residence. The limit is \$1 million for a married person filing a separate return.

Debt reduced through mortgage restructuring, as well as mortgage debt forgiven in connection with a foreclosure, may qualify for this relief. The debt must have been used to buy, build or substantially improve your principal residence and must have been secured by that residence. Debt used to refinance qualifying debt is also eligible for the exclusion, but only up to the amount of the old mortgage principal, just before the refinancing.

Debt forgiven on second homes, rental property, business property, credit cards or car loans, does not qualify for the new tax-relief provision. In some cases, however, other kinds of tax relief, based on insolvency, for example, may be available. See Form 982 for details.

If your debt is reduced or eliminated, you will receive a year-end statement (Form 1099-C) from your lender. By law, this form must show the amount of debt forgiven and the fair market value of any property given up through foreclosure.

The IRS urges borrowers to check the Form 1099-C carefully. Notify the lender immediately if any of the information shown is incorrect. You should pay particular attention to the amount of debt forgiven (Box 2) and the value listed for your home (Box 7).

Upcoming Due Dates
October 15th - September Payroll Taxes Due

If you have any tax questions, please forward them to tmichie1@rochester.rr.com or Thomas Michielsen, 127 West Avenue, Spencerport, NY 14559. "

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Veterans Picnic

⇓ Photos ⇓

On a picture-perfect day, Greg Ludwig manned the grill, cooking hot dogs and hamburgers to go along with the salads, chips (and ice cream for dessert) for the Veterans, Mem-

bers of the Masonic War Veterans and Members of the Valley of Rochester, AASR, who were sponsors of the event. No one went away hungry!





Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

Ronald J. Morthorst
Monarch

Legion
Clowns
Caldron
Historian



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



Ronald J. Morthorst
Monarch
334-4196

We're back to the Quarries - Labor Day is gone, our Fall programs are in place, the seasons are changing and your Grotto is making changes, too. We have an automated phone message system in place to remind the local Prophets of upcoming events.

The October 15th Grotto meeting is going to be an Awards Night and Past Monarchs Night, as well as nominations of our 2009 Officers. Our ladies are invited for dinner. It will be an Octoberfest - Pork, Sauerkraut, Mashed Potatoes, Dessert; 6 p.m., \$10 per person.

Effective immediately, all dinners and outside events involving the Grotto membership will be "Your Check Is Your Reservation," made out to the person who is coordinating the event.

For the October dinner mentioned above, send your check/reservation to MC Jim Toogood, 1568 Vroom Road, Spencerport, NY 14559-9762; phone number is 594-2189, before October 8th. Thank you for your cooperation.

Don't forget the Lalla Rookh Grotto Monarch's Ball with our Ladies held with our Buffalo Brother Prophets and Ladies of Zuleika Grotto on Saturday, October 11th at the Holiday Inn, Batavia. See the ad on this page. Rooms are available by calling Holiday Inn and asking for the Grotto rate.

We will be installing PM Ken Hutchinson as President of the Empire State Grotto Association for 2008-2009 at the Monarch's Ball in Batavia. He was elected at the Fall Convention in Binghamton, but had to attend the wedding of his daughter on that same day.

Hope to see everybody at the Ball.

Grand Historian



Kenneth Hutchinson, PM

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A human interest article from the M.O.V.P.E.R. Supreme Sessions held in June, 1909. The Grotto's Grand Officers and Representatives arrived in Worcester, MA, on the 9th pre-

LALLA ROOKH GROTTO
Monarch Ron Morthorst and his Lady Marilyn
and
Zuleika Grotto
Monarch Dave Terry and his Lady Joann

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October 11th, 2008

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Rooms \$69 + tax
for reservations call
hotel direct



Dinner
\$30/person
includes tax
& gratuity
5pm cocktails
cash bar
6pm dinner

Dinner selections:

Prime rib - Apple stuffed chicken - Grilled Salmon

Please send check with dinner reservations to:

Bob Chapman
167 Stepping Stone Lane
Orchard Park, NY 14127
(716) 667-2123

Ken Milner
125 Longview Blvd
Livonia, NY 14487
(585) 346-6018

CALL NOW! You still may be able to make a reservation.

Secretary's Column

By Kenneth Hutchinson, PM

Recently a Prophet suggested I include our Grotto Website, as he couldn't recall it. Easy enough, it is:

www.lallarookhgrotto.com

Our Webmaster, Brian Bills, diligently keeps it up-to-date. Included you will find related links of the Supreme Council Site, along with Grand Lodge, Caldron, Shrine, Masonic War Veterans and Masonic Service Bureau.

Brian has included the History of M.O.V.P.E.R. as well as our own. Also featured is the Legion of Honor, Upcoming Events, Bulletin Board, Officers and the E.S.G.A. It is visited by Masons and Prophets across the Realm who can comment and ask questions.

pared to have a good time. They were tipped off early that Worcester was a "no-license" town. "Fun" was the password adopted, and the Veiled Prophets intended to have plenty of it while they were in Worcester. Some came without their wives, got together in their rooms and got things going, as there was in all of them.

A password and several other signs were needed in order to gain admission into one room, but once a fellow was admitted, he had a hard time getting out. A Grand Officer thought it would be nice to join some of the men from his city. He found the room and knocked, "Walsher." "Who's Walsher?" The door remained closed.

"Let me in," who was then asked for the password. He didn't know it.

"Have you got the horns?"

"I have some horns." The door was opened. He showed the Grotto pin which had horns on

Sickness and Distress

Frank Ghyzel has still been having problems with his legs, but continues to improve.

Ron Charron is on the mend after being hospitalized while a plugged artery was cleared.

Leon VanHuben had shoulder surgery. After he went home, he suffered congestive heart failure and is currently at Strong Hospital.

Remember these Prophets in your thoughts and prayers.

Caldron News

By Marcia Morrison, MCO

I guess I am still on "Summer Hours" which means I do not have to write a news article. So I missed the article for September. If nothing else, "I am a SHORT TIMER"! Yeah!!! Let's see if I can get something for you this month.

it, but he was held up because the horns were turned down. It was only after he was put through the "third degree" was he finally admitted. Then he had a hard time getting out an hour later. "Great fellows there," he later said.

The bunch from Elmira is a progressive one. They were out for fun and were going to have it. They passed out cards which read "We are not a "no-license" town. We are out to have a big time. You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink-water. To treat friends, treat them kindly. To kill them treat them often (with water). Bear these facts in mind. On the back of the card was the caricature of a man drinking water from a big pitcher. It was entitled "Taking a bath in Worcester." (Reference - WORCESTER DAILY TELEGRAM; JUNE 10, 1909)

So it was ninety-nine years ago in Worcester, MA

Many thanks to all the Daughters and "Joe" and "Ray" who helped with the "Spencerport Canal Days." Once again, it was two good days for selling pop and water.

Some of us attended Supreme Session in Canton, OH. As always, we had a good time. It is always good to see old friends and make new friends.

Upcoming Events

October 9th - Election of Officers and Reports

October 18th - White Fez Club Meeting at 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch at the Lehigh Restaurant on West Henrietta Road.

October 19th - Installation of Officers; 2 p.m.

Happy Birthday to the September and October Daughters. We hope to see "YOU" at our next Caldron meeting on October 9th at 7:30 p.m.

Lalla Rookh Grotto's Generosity Continues

The May meeting of Lalla Rookh Grotto was very special for recipients of annual charitable donations. Representatives were present to receive the awards (photos below). The Masonic Service Bureau is honored and very grateful for being one of the recipients this year. On behalf of all the recipients, "Thank you, Lalla Rookh Grotto for your generosity and the great work you do."



Attend Grotto Meetings

October 6th

Board of Governors Meeting - 7 p.m.
Shrine Center

Saturday, October 11th

Monarch's Ball
Holiday Inn, Batavia
(See Ad for details)

October 15th

Grotto Meeting-Awards Night,
Past Monarchs' Night,
Nominations
With our Ladies
Reservations-Call Jim Toogood
594-2189

Monday, October 20th

Legion of Honor Meeting-6 p.m.

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By Rt. Wthy. Diane Dobbertin

School Days, School Days...

Oh, yes, it's back to the routine already. The Chicken Bar-B-Que on August 16th, was very successful. If you missed it, the chicken was great, the Peach Shortcake was bigger and the Peach Pies were all gone by 3 p.m. The weather was perfect, lending to the success of selling out the products.

At our District Dinner in Oriskany, the tradition of announcing our new District Grand Officers for 2009 took place. Most Wthy. Wanda Williams and Most Wthy. Neil Laundry announced that Wthy. Christina Hampton will be District Deputy Grand Matron and Rt. Wthy. Ken Milner will be District Grand Lecturer. It was also announced that one of our members, Rt. Wthy. Elaine Milner's name was submitted by O/S/Y District to be Commissioner of Appeals West for a one-year term.

The District Picnic on August 30th was attended by only 12 people. I realize it was a holiday weekend, but I didn't realize that all but 12 members of Monroe District would be out of town!!! The 12 of us had lots of good food and a beautiful day to share!

Upcoming Events

October 5th - Combined Home-comings at Webster Lodge Hall, 3 p.m.
October 27th-29th - Grand Sessions, Saratoga Springs

November 11th - District Banquet at Burgundy Basin
December 6th - District Christmas Party at Webster Lodge Hall

A Special Birthday!

On November 6th, Wthy. Mildred Evans will be **102!!** Mildred voted in the Presidential Election the first year women were allowed to vote! She is determined to vote this year in the Presidential race!!!

Sickness and Distress

Our condolences to Wthy. Sandi Kuehne, whose husband, Bill, passed away in June and Rt. Wthy. Jan Porter on the death of her sister in August.

During the Summer, Rt. Wthy. Doreen Rhodes had surgery, Rt. Wthy. George Bundoc had foot surgery, Wthy. Hilde DiJames had knee replacement surgery and Rt. Wthy. Barbara Bossert had back surgery. This is all that I have heard about. If there are other Sisters or Brothers who should be noted here, please let me know at ddobbertin@rochester.rr.com or phone 705-7310. Don't forget to share good news of interest throughout the District as well.

Don't forget **Grand Sessions - October 27th, 28th and 29th.** Rt. Wthy. Tom Richenderfer has hotel reservation forms. Your Chapter Secretary will also have the forms.

Until next time ... **REMEMBER TO BE WISE IN ALL YOU SAY AND DO!** ❧

You're Invited

Eagle Star Chapter No. 350
Royal Garoga Chapter No. 425
Gah-A-Yan-Duh Chapter No. 566
of the Ontario-Seneca-Yates District
Cordially invites you to attend the

Open Reception of their 2009 Grand Officers

(pending election/appointment)

R.W. Elaine R. Milner, Commissioner of Appeals, West
R.W. Carol Ann M. Farnung, Associate Grand Marshal
W. Mary J. Ruggles, District Deputy Grand Matron
R.W. Clayton R. Ruggles, District Grand Lecturer
W. Marlene H. Pohl, Grand Representative of Arizona
R.W. George D. Hornung, Grand Representative of Montana

Sunday, November 2, 2008

Social Hour - 12 Noon; Luncheon by Reservation - 1 p.m.
Open Meeting - 2 p.m.
at Phelps Hotel
90 Main Street, Phelps

RSVP by October 21st, if attending.

Suggested attire: Cocktail-length dresses; Business Suits/Sports Jackets and Tie

Corinthian Fellowship

Chapter No. 322

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

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

Rt. Wthy. Beverly VanHuben
Secretary - 647-1391

805 Blossom Road
Rochester 14610

Please note ... at the Sweet Sixteen party in May, Wthy. Marilyn was crowned by Wthy. Arlene Lewis with a crown, borrowed from Sister Barbara Jean Smith, Past Most Ancient Matron of Heroines of Jericho Court No. 1003, United National Mason and Order of Eastern Stars, Inc., Wilmington, NC (not affiliated with PHA in Rochester). United National is one of several Masonic Bodies in Rochester.

I met Barbara in 1994 when I was a first-time Matron. She is a Past Worthy Matron and Queen of the Nile No. 312 of which she holds the Charter for this Chapter as she was also Founder.

At this time, there is a lot of activity between Grand Lodge and Prince Hall recognizing each other. Past Grand Master, M.:W.: Gary A. Henningsen reminded all that Masonry has always considered the man's internal qualifications and his moral fiber. We must all recognize that in our urban areas that demographics are changing and

our obligation is to take good men and make them better.

Sickness and Distress

Ruth Knierim broke her ankle and required surgery over the Summer. Linda, who is recovering from knee surgery earlier in the year, is now looking after her mom.

Leon VanHuben had rotator cuff repair surgery in September and is recovering quite well, but not looking forward to a five-week limitation of activity.

Please remember these Sisters and Brothers in your prayers.

New Address

Frank Murrer has been moved to the Monroe Community Hospital. His new address is 435 East Henrietta Road; Rochester, NY 14620-4629.

Upcoming Events October

8th - Regular Meeting, Street Dress
22nd - Ample Form Opening, Street Dress
26th-29th - Grand Sessions in Saratoga Springs

Remember to bring paper products and cleaning supplies to our meetings in support of R.A.I.H.N., our District Project.

Closing Thoughts

Children of all ages are known to shut their ears to advice, but open their eyes to example.

Faith

Faith builds a bridge from this world to the next.

Happy Halloween! ❧

- OES Monroe District
- Grand Officers'
- Homecoming
- Sunday, October 5th

Fidelity Triangle No. 4

Oldest Chapter in New York State



2nd & 4th Saturdays, 8:00 p.m.
287 East Avenue, Hilton 14468-1333

By Wendy Burroughs

The girls are very busy with many upcoming projects and have initiated four new members! The main contact for Triangle information and events is Eileen Waterhouse, Junior Deputy; Ph: 698-9804; email: nyyank15fan@yahoo.com.



On September 13th, these Fidelity Triangle members attended the Capital District's Convention.



New members (l to r) Madelyn Harris, Legend Noble, Crystal Noble, Amanda McNelly were Initiated on June 26th.

Upcoming Events October

11th - District Convention; 63 John Street, Akron, NY; Meeting at 2 p.m.

19th - Initiation; Hilton Masonic Hall at 2 p.m.

November

22nd - Annual Term Dinner; Hilton Masonic Hall at 5 p.m. Tickets available from Junior

Deputy Eileen Waterhouse or a Triangle Girl.

Our Annual Poinsettia Sale will be starting soon. There are new colors and varieties. Please contact Junior Deputy, Eileen Waterhouse or a Triangle Girl for information or ordering.

Please show your support for this Organization; it is the future of O.E.S. ❧

Don't Miss It...

Roast Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner

Friday, October 10th

Serving 4:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

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News of Camp DeMolay



By Skip Waterstreet

It has been a busy and exciting time at Sodus Point this year. Architectural drawings were provided by Thomas Pellett. After some discussions and alterations, plans were finalized, a building permit obtained and construction began in February on the new recreation hall and garage. This replaced a nearly 50-year-old building that had badly deteriorated over the years, especially from rain water and melted snow/ice water running around and through it.

In an effort to eliminate, or certainly reduce, this condition, foundation stone from James Cleason, of Abram Cleason Co.



Inc., in Newark, arrived last fall, raising the floor level nearly three feet. It was tamped and graded by Jack Steinkamp, using equipment provided by James Hollingsworth.

Once the milder weather arrived, snow melted and ground thawed, building materials were ordered and we were under way. Richard Santelli, of Santelli Construction in Sodus Point, won the bid for the project.



As the project progressed, a few alterations (common on most all building projects) were made. Ceiling material for the



porch was donated, and the Camp purchased the same material for the interior of the recreation hall. Jack and Richard Santelli, who volunteered this portion, installed the ceiling over the porch. Richie also used the concrete leftover from pouring the floor to make a landing area at the base of the lower flight of stairs.

A Ceremony of Dedication was held on June 8th. Although not completely finished, enough of the work was done to hold an Open House. The Masonic Service Bureau invited Lodges, Masonic Bodies, Scouting Organizations, Civic groups, Town and Village Leaders and the general public to the program, which was organized and chaired by Joy Woodley, a member of the Board of Directors. Gary Burke, who attended the Camp as a DeMolay a few years ago, acted as Master of Ceremony.

As part of the festivities, Robert L. Anderson spoke briefly on the history of the Camp. He had also written an article which was included in the printed program passed out to those attending. It was his Lodge Brothers - Frank L. Simes Lodge (now Valley-Simes Lodge) - who had constructed the original building, replaced by this structure.

Two stainless-steel flagpoles had been donated and installed by Donald Darrohn, President of the Masonic Service Bureau, and his wife, Mickey. Ceremonies opened with Boy Scouts hoisting the American Flag.

Reverend Paul Gleason offered prayers and blessings for the new Hall. It was then officially named the Valley-Simes Recreation Hall, with a suitable plaque installed by Richard Snyder, Trustee of Valley-Simes Lodge and immediate past Project Manager of Camp DeMolay.

Among those recognized was new Eagle Scout Andrew Miller. The project he completed to earn his Badge was two sets of stairs. One set brings you from Anderson Lodge to the driveway. The second brings you down from the driveway to the new recreation building. His mother, father and sister were also in attendance.

Helping Andrew accept the praise of the Service Bureau were two members of the Finger Lakes Council of the Boy

Scouts of America, James Russell and Mary Zonneville. Both are actively looking for ways to help keep Camp DeMolay operating, as Scouts are one of the prime users of the facility.

Work Continues

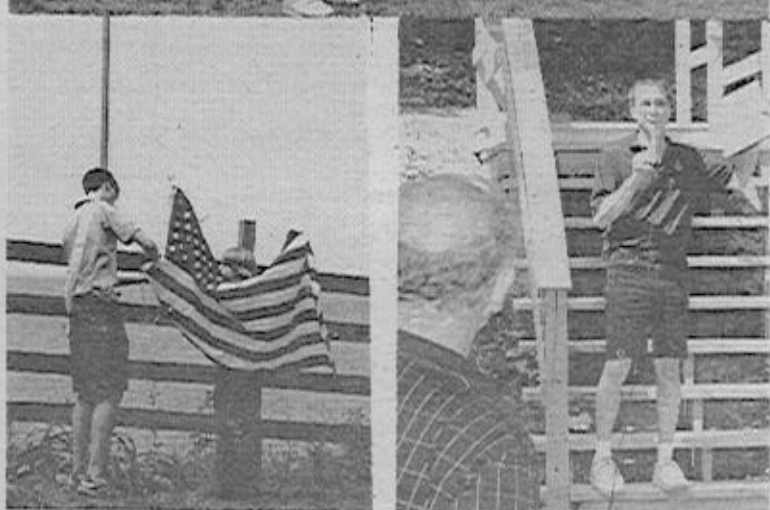
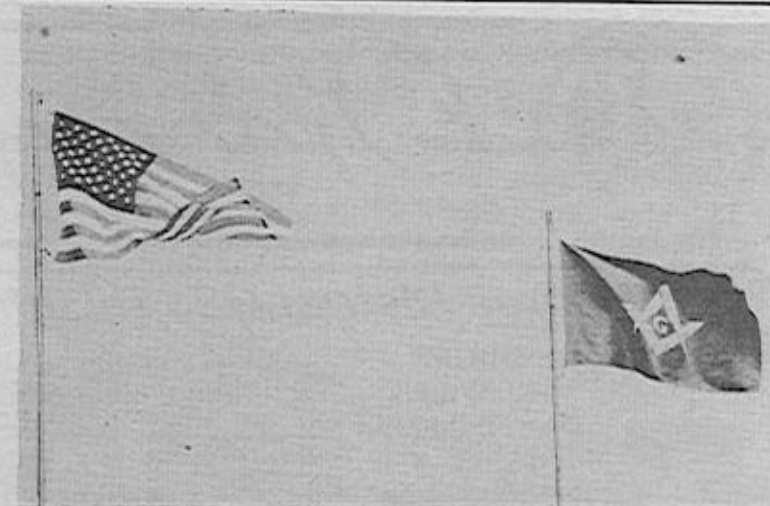
Once the exterior construction was finished, Richard Snyder, Ralph Jurgens, the new Project Manager of the Camp, and Skip Waterstreet spent two days applying stain to the structure, with the raw wood literally slurping the stain out of the brushes and rollers. Gutters have now been added to both sides of the building to further help control the flow of water away from the foundation.

Ralph and Richard have been to the Camp one day a week all Summer long. Hot water heaters have been repaired and replaced in the bathhouse. The current project, as this is written, is fixing the windows and painting the trim on Anderson Lodge. Just like home, there always seems to be something that needs to be completed.

Electrical work

Another major undertaking this year was the replacement of overhead wires. George Foeher with his sons Robert and Allen, of Foeher Electric, have provided underground cable and related accessories. Trenches were dug and the cable laid in them, but hookups are not quite completed. This will eliminate a possible hazard that was of concern to Board Members.

The accompanying pictures give you an idea of some of the activities. You have a look at the old building, the new one, some of the steps in the construction project, a glimpse of the stairs, the Flags flying from the new poles and speakers at the Open House. I hope I've mentioned everyone involved. If not, let me know and I'll do an addendum next month.



In Memoriam

Atkinson, Laverne C.

The Great Architect of the Universe called Laverne "Lefty" Atkinson, 77, on September 5th. He is survived by 2 sons, 5 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Lefty was a Korean War Veteran; Past Commander of 2 American Legion Posts; member of Scottish Rite; Past Master of Renovation Lodge; current High Priest of Royal Arch Masons and member of Knights Templar. His accomplishments will live on.

Meuller, William R. "Bob"

William R. Meuller, "Bob," passed away September 9th at the age of 78. Bob was the Treasurer and a Past Master of Milnor Lodge. He is survived by 5 children, 9 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. May he find peace with the Lord.

Widows to be Remembered

Hinds, Virginia B. (81), widow of William W. Hinds (Unity Lodge) passed away July 6th.

Alman, Edith L. (96) widow of Lawrence C. Alman (Unity Lodge) passed away August 8th.



Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

NOVEMBER

- 1st O/S/Y Apron Presentation
- 2nd O/S/Y Eastern Star Grand Officers Reception
- 3rd Shrine Divan Meeting
- 5th Shrine Meeting at Shrine Center - Hot Sands
- 8th Joey & Maria's Wedding Show & Dinner at Shrine Center
- 11th
 - OES District Banquet
 - Union Lodge Veterans Appreciation Dinner
 - Triangle District Convention
- 13th Scottish Rite Public Degree, BBB at Shrine Center
- 20th Veterans' Recognition Night at Shrine Center
- 22nd Triangle Term Dinner, Hilton
- 29th Wheelers Dinner at Shrine Center

DECEMBER

- 3rd Shrine Meeting - Elections at Shrine Center
- 6th OES District Christmas Party
- 12th "Toys-for-Tots" Decorating Dinner at Shrine Center
- 13th Children's Holiday Party for All Masonic Bodies 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

APRIL

- 25th Monroe District Widows Luncheon at Burgundy Basin

MAY

- 16th Oatka Cornerstone Laying Celebration

Grand Master's Ball honoring M.:W.: Edward G. Gilbert Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York Saturday, October 25, 2008

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Zipporah Court holds Annual Dinner

The Seventh Annual Red and White Candlelight Dinner, a fundraiser for Zipporah Court, Heroines of Jericho, was held in August. The Dinner celebrates the accomplishments of the Court and allows them to share their plans with the community.



Evelyn Hubbard
Most Ancient Matron



Barbara Tisdale
Vice Ancient Matron



Calvin Hubbard
Worthy Joshua



Heroine Sarah Frasier recited a poem.



Heroine Cynthia Tarver, Past Most Ancient Matron, recognized the guests in attendance.

Birchstone - Opal
Flower - Calcuttula

BIG CALENDAR - OCTOBER 2008

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

<p>Events at Shrine Center in this typeface. Shriners events also SO SEE DAMASCUS NEWS section for details.</p>	<p>SNOWBIRDS! You MUST tell us when you are leaving for warmer climates! The Masonic Times will be mailed to your Summer address until you tell us otherwise. Please let us know when you return, and we will change the mail back to your regular address. Last year, we sent papers to four Florida addresses for people who didn't go South, or didn't go as early as we were told they were going!</p>	<p>1 Drumlif Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy LIV - Grand Lecturer's Convention Damascus Shrine OES - Lilac Star</p>	<p>2 Eunice - Caledonia Northfield 1st - Pittsford Webster - 1st</p>	<p>3 O/S/V District Apron Presentation Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m. \$7 adult; \$4 Child 30 Orchard Street</p>	<p>4 OES - Rochester Chapter - Spencerport Shrine Sportsman Raffle</p>
<p>5 OES Monroe District Combined Homecomings at Webster Lodge Hall</p>	<p>6 Canandaigua - Shortsville RAM - Palmyra/Eagle KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford Shrine Lunch Club</p>	<p>8 Oatka - Scottsville Masonic Service Bureau Monthly Board Luncheon OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville, Corinthian Fellowship Yom Kippur</p>	<p>9 Fame., Shrine Center Milnor - Victor Union - Lima Webster Fellowship Club RAM - Hiram Lalla Rookh Caldron</p>	<p>10 Starlight Chapter's Roast Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner in Spencerport</p>	<p>11 Shrine Rod & Gun Club, Rochester Brooks, 9 a.m. Daughters of the Nile, Zama Temple - Fairport</p>
<p>12 Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinner Weds 15th and 29th 287 East Avenue, Hilton</p>	<p>13 ERAC - Shrine Center Fairport-Flower City - Awards Union Star - Honeoye Falls Unity - Spencerport Wakar/Hubbard (OV) - Penfield Shrine Lunch Club Columbus Day Observed</p>	<p>15 Ark - Geneva Drumlif Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy RSM - Doric Council, Pittsford Lalla Rookh Grotto, MON - Masters and Wardens OES - Lilac Star</p>	<p>16 Eunice - Caledonia Northfield - Pittsford Scottish Rite Symbolic Awards Wayne - Grand Lecturer's Convention</p>	<p>17 O/S/V Grand Lecturer's Convention Eagle Lodge Spaghetti Dinner</p>	<p>18 KT - Sagoyewatha - Phelps Garoga-Sincerity Pork Chop Supper</p>
<p>19 Interfaith Service & Brunch, 10 a.m. Country Party House Triangle Initiation, Hilton Clio - Hilton; 1st Rehearsal Eagle Lodge Eagle Chapter Spaghetti Dinner October 17th 4994 County Rd 36 Honeoye</p>	<p>20 Canandaigua - Shortsville Fairport-Flower City - 1st Rehearsal KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford Lalla Rookh Grotto Legion of Honor OES - Eolian Shrine Lunch Club - Ladies Day</p>	<p>21 Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson, Shrine Center Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps Nunda Station OES - Lilac Star, Nolaka, Starlight WYN - Grand Stewards Apron Presentation - Sodius Lodge</p>	<p>23 Fame - BBF: Shrine Center Milnor - Victor Union (OV) - Lima RAM - Hiram James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post Perry Shrine Club</p>	<p>24 Shrine Garage Sale</p>	<p>25 Shrine Garage Sale Wheelers' Halloween Party at Shrine Center Secretaries Meeting - Webster Lodge Hall Grand Master's Ball</p>
<p>26 Frank & Betty Paul 32nd Masonic Learning Center Fundraiser - Casa Larga</p>	<p>27 ERAC - Shrine Center Fairport-Flower City - 1st Union Star (OV) - Honeoye Falls Unity - Spencerport Wakar/Hubbard - Penfield Shrine Lunch Club OES Grand Sessions - Saratoga Springs</p>	<p>22 Oatka - Scottsville Tall Cedars of Lebanon OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville, Corinthian Fellowship LIV-School of Ritual; Mt. Morris Canandaigua Shrine Club Directors Staff</p>	<p>29 O/S/V - The Dr. John Stelzer Masonic Study Club Inaugural Meeting</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 Deadline for the November issue of the Masonic Times is October 10th</p>

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