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Officer Moses Robinson to Receive Distinguished Community Service Award



working with troubled youth in our community. It is that "above and beyond the call of duty" attitude that marks all of the recipients of our Distinguished Community Service Award and Officer Robinson is a shining example of that focus. Officer Robinson's biography will appear in the October issue of the *Masonic Times*.

Here is what you need to know to participate in honoring this fine man and the dangerous work he does on our behalf on a daily basis.

October 19, 2008

**Interfaith Service -
10:00 a.m.**

Brunch and Award Presentation immediately following.

at Country Party House
321 East Linden Avenue
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Cost - \$13 per person

By R. W.: Richard Friedman

Violence among the youth of America is taking an unprecedented toll on young lives, on communities and on our very freedoms. Our children are our future and for many children in our community that future is very bleak, often measures in minutes and not decades.

The Masonic Service Bureau will recognize a man who is in the front lines of working with violent youth and attempting to keep

youth who have not yet entered a gang system from doing so.

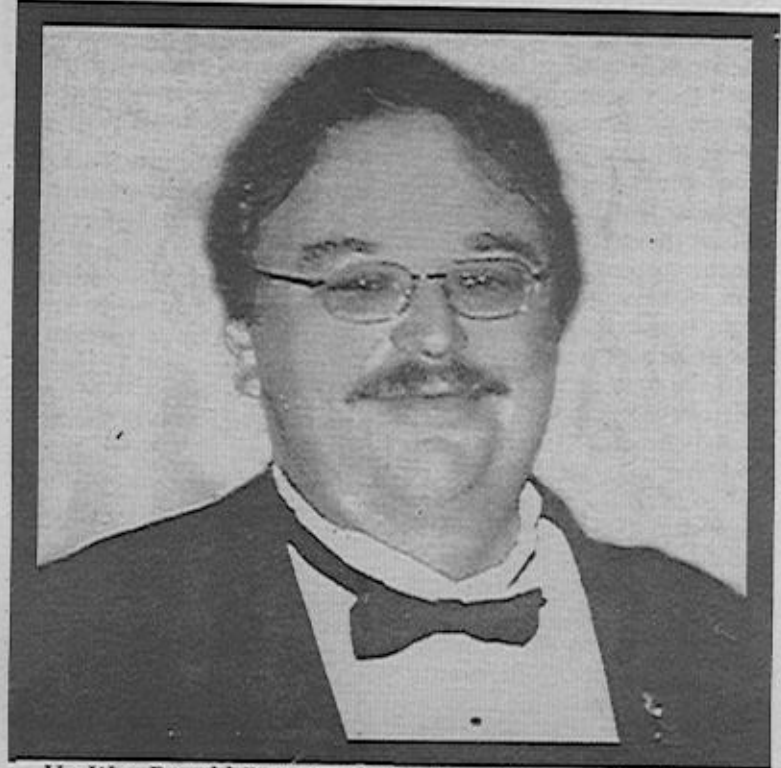
The 2008 Distinguished Community Service Award will be conferred upon Officer Moses Robinson of the Rochester Police Department. Officer Robinson is a nationally known expert on youth gangs and the culture of violence in which they exist. Not only does Officer Robinson work on the front lines in his capacity as a Police Officer, he volunteers his time freely in

Tickets have been, and are being made available to all of the Masonic and related Bodies via the mail.

Anyone reading this who wishes to make a reservation directly can do so by calling the Masonic Service Bureau at 671-9730.

We look forward to seeing a great turnout to honor the work of all of our volunteers that so greatly assist our community.

AGL Ron Bryant Succumbs at 45



V. W.: Ronald Bryant, who received his Commission as Assistant Grand Lecturer for the Monroe District at the St. John's Day event at the Masonic Care Community in June, died August 21st. Brother Ron had been injured in a motorcycle accident a few days earlier. Calling hours were held at the Damascus Shrine Center, followed by a Masonic Funeral Service. An Honor Guard stood at attention by his coffin during the wake. His Memorial Service was held at Asbury First United Methodist Church in Rochester on August 27th.

A Past Master of Webster Lodge, Brother Ron was a very active member of the Wheelers Unit of Damascus Shriners. He was involved in the Blue Knights Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, as well as the Webster Special Police.

V. W.: Bryant leaves behind his wife, Kathie; daughter, Holly; mother, Shirley; father, Philip; brother, David; and two nephews.

Memorials may be directed to Shriners Hospitals for Children or Asbury First United Methodist Church Children's Ministry.

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Charles Frear to Receive DeMolay Legion of Honor



receive the DeMolay Honorary Legion of Honor Award. This is the highest Award that can be bestowed by DeMolay International. The purpose of this Award is to recognize an individual who has rendered distinguished service to youth, his community and his country.

Distinguished Brother Frear is a Past Potentate of Damascus Temple (two separate terms) and for many years was the Chairman of the Annual Shrine Circus. During his chairmanship, there were 80,000 children who attended Circus performances. In 2007-2008, he was the Class Sponsor for the Valley of Rochester, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

He has rendered outstanding service as well to the Salvation

Army in Rochester. He is a military Veteran, having served in the US Navy, US Army and US Marine Corps. His brother, Ill. Arnold Frear, 33°, is an Honorary Member of the DeMolay Legion of Honor.

The Hadi-Ya-Saga Preceptory of the Order of DeMolay congratulates Distinguished Brother Frear on his election. The Degree conferral will be conducted later in the year.

By Ill. Stephen R. Whittaker, 33° Deputy's Representative

At its Annual Convention in June, DeMolay International elected Distinguished Brother Charles R. Frear, 32° MSA, to

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!

O-S-Y District Apron Presentations

Friday, October 3rd

at Holiday Inn, Route 414, Waterloo
Social - 6:30 p.m. Dinner - 7:30 p.m.

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Damascus News see page 11



Editor's Corner

Have You Noticed?

The Big Calendar on the back page has been enlarged. We did this for two reasons. Since we have included *Damascus News* in the *Masonic Times*, Shriners had to check the calendar in the Shrine section and then look at the Big Calendar to see if there were any conflicts in events or meetings. We have now added the Shrine dates, in a different type style, to the Big Calendar which will (hopefully) list all the activities scheduled for the current month. In addition, we have increased the size of the type to make the calendar easier for all to read.

In the next issue, on the inside of the back page, we plan to list the Hot Numbers column and an expanded Looking Ahead listing. If you have any activity planned for this Masonic year, please let us know. We will post it there, where it can be a reference for all other organizations to check before planning one of their events. While it is impossible to avoid all conflicts, we hope to help keep the major events from doubling up.

This listing is not intended for regular meetings of your group. Subscribing organizations' meetings are listed each month in the Big Calendar, and their normal meeting days and times are included in the logo at the head of their column. We are looking for special functions, anniversary gatherings, District events ... anything you would like publicized.

Post It!

The aim is for you to tear off the back page of the *Masonic Times* and use it as refrigerator decor for the current month. You will have the calendar right in front of you, to which you can add your other events and appointments. You will be able to turn the sheet over to see what is coming up in the future. When the next issue arrives, you can replace the sheet and have the current information handy.

This change is the result of a suggestion. Please let me know if you have an idea to share.

Thanks for reading.

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Masonic Good Will

It's Summer time and the Lodge is dark. We're waiting for Fall and the Craft to begin meeting again. But this Lodge is busy with a community event offering breakfast. You never know who will stop by to partake or just want to see what a Masonic Lodge looks like.

Such was the case in Spencerport the end of July; the place was Unity Lodge, but it could have been a Masonic Lodge anywhere. The opportunities are always there. Whether it's the Brother who lives in Spencerport, but belongs to Fame Lodge, which meets at the Shrine in Webster; or the Past Master from Hart Lodge in Nicholasville, KY, they both appreciated the opportunity to visit another Lodge. The Fame Brother had his son in tow and

wanted to share with him what a Lodge room looked like. What a wonderful gift! The Kentucky Past Master asked if he could see the Lodge room and expressed his gratitude. He left and returned again with a gift - he insisted upon making a monetary donation to the Lodge.

This simple act of Masonic Good Will expresses the bond, fellowship and commitment of what Freemasonry is all about.

Loan Closet

The Masonic Service Bureau has, for years, provided services to local Lodges and the community at large. The Loan Closet in particular continues to be the Good Will agent for those requiring equipment. Why not tell someone else about our treasure - share the wealth; share the Good Will.

September brings the opening of our Lodges. The opportunities for fellowship and Ritual are always present; but does anyone know where the Traveling Gavel is? We should attempt to move that Gavel through as many of our Lodges as we can this year. The Good Will and fellowship brought about by the effort to have all the Lodges "hold" the Gavel would be exciting. The Good Will that results from the welcome banter and hearty exchange of social intercourse demonstrates some of the best attributes of our Craft. Welcome back to the quarries, Brethren!

Editor's Note: The Traveling Gavel is at Valley-Simes Lodge, whose next tiled meeting is October 10th.

Saturday, October 25th, convening at 9 a.m.; at the Damascus Shrine Center, 979 Bay Road, Webster. We expect to finish before noon.

Brother 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 give us some interesting feedback.

At the present time there is no specific agenda. However, if you have anything you wish addressed, let me know, as I will be putting things together. I can be contacted by email at: hspence1@rochester.rr.com or by phone at 334-7493.

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Secretary's Seminar

This is an invitation for ALL Secretaries who use the MORI System. Any Secretary in the Districts of Monroe, Wayne, Livingston, Genesee-Wyoming and Ontario-Seneca-Yates. Let the DDGM of your District know if you intend to come.

1960 Masters 50-year Gathering



Since 1958, the members of the 1960 Master's group have met several times each year. This summer a picnic was held at Bob Anderson's. Local members who were able to attend are pictured (from left): Bob Leavitt, Bob Anderson, Betty Anderson, Ed McCormick, Doris Zable and Bob Zabel.

Funds Presented

The Masonic Service Bureau made its annual grants to charitable and youth organizations in June. The money for these contributions comes from dividends earned on our investment portfolio. The amount available is determined in November of each year, included in the budget presented to the Board of Directors and approved at the December meeting. The Charitable Grant Committee then solicits information from perspective recipients, evaluates their requests and selects which organizations will receive funds.



Theresa Waterhouse and Gary Burke speak on Triangle Girls.

One group perennially a recipient is Fidelity Triangle, an organization for girls between the ages of 10 and 21. Like all of our Bodies, they could use more members. If you have daughters or granddaughters in this age bracket who might like more information, they can contact Debi Burke, 865-4940, or Wendy Burrows, 621-6051.

More awards in photo below.

Recipients of Charity Grant Awards



Representatives from the Organizations selected to receive Grants from the Masonic Service Bureau are pictured above, (front row l-r) Shirley London and Sue Forsyth (Salem United Church of Christ), Patty Lorenzen (St. Peter's Kitchen), Robert Lauterbach (Calvary St. Andrews), Fred Dischinger (Community Lutheran Ministry) and Lesley DeLong (Grace Community Village). (Back row, l-r) Gary Burke and Theresa Waterhouse (Monroe District Youth Organizations), William Evans (Grace Urban Ministries), Vicki Deady (Advent House), Richard Hartung (Cameron Community Ministries), Christine Burke (Aurora House), Shirley Gray (A Meal and More), Sandie Ville (Aurora House), Robert Frasier, Jr. (Trinity Emanuel Presbyterian Church), Erica Vera (Rochester Area Interfaith Hospitality Network), Rosanne Kulikowski (Mercier Literacy Program), Ken Harrison and Eileen Meyers (Journey Home).

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Education Assistance Awards Presented to 15 Top Applicants

June 19th was a great day in the lives of fifteen students who were selected from twenty-seven applicants to receive the 2008 Education Assistance Awards from the Masonic Service Bureau. Each recipient will receive a check for \$1,000 once they submit the required paperwork indicating they are enrolled in the college or university of their choice.

Since the inception of this program in 1986, over a quarter of a million dollars has been contributed to more than 250 students. In recent years, fifteen awards of \$1,000 each have been provided through the interest and dividends from the investment portfolio of the Masonic Service Bureau.

At the same time, an equal sum of money has been granted to various non-profit groups who serve the elderly, the needy and youth programs. Those organizations granted funds for 2008 are listed in the caption of the photo on the facing page.

Requirements

Students must submit an application and other requested documents. These are turned over to members of the Education Assistance Award Committee, who review the contents and issue a numerical rating. The scores are tabulated and ranked, with the number of suc-

cessful applicants based on the number of awards available.

A letter from a sponsoring Mason, either relative or friend, recommending the student is part of the documentation required, as is information from the guidance office of a high school student. The student or a representative must be present at the Awards Ceremony to receive the Grant.

Persons interested in applying for the 2009 awards may call the Masonic Service Bureau Office, at 671-9730, and have their name put on a mailing list. Once the 2009 Budget is approved in January, applications are mailed to persons requesting one and to secretaries of Lodges, Chapters and Concordant Bodies.

An important note ... These Grants are for one-time-only and the funds are given directly to the student.

Charitable Grants

Pretty much the same process is used for determining the recipients of the Grants for charitable work. Here there is no limit on the number of times an Organization may receive a Grant, provided they continue to meet the Committee's criteria.

If you would like more information, contact the Service Bureau Office.



Beverly VanHuben, center, Chair of the Education Assistance Committee, listens as Carol Verbridge speaks on behalf of her son, Mason, who was in Tennessee on a study program and unable to attend. His father, Alan, stands with Bev.



Pictured above are Educational Assistance recipients who attending the Awards Night, (front row, l-r) Nicole Morthorst, Ashlee Bueg, Amanda Steffen, Jacqueline Mattick, Emily Hargrave, Amanda Trickey; (back row, l-r) Katie Johnson, Cory Drexel, Maxwell Dean, Aaron Bueg and Vanessa Carlson.



Aaron Bueg



Ashlee M. Bueg



Vanessa Carlson



Maxwell E. Dean



Cory T. Drexel



Amanda Fox



Emily A. Hargrave



Katie Johnson



Philip Kless



Jacqueline Mattick



Nicole Morthorst



Amanda Steffen



Amanda Trickey



Robert Verbridge



Mason Verbridge





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Lodge of Perfection



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

Greetings Brethren! 2008-2009 is shaping up to be an exciting, action-packed year for the Valley of Rochester. This year we will be focusing on three principal initiatives - 1) Family-Life Programs and Activities; 2) Membership Development and Retention; and 3) Masonic Education. In this article, I'll give you a brief overview of the Family-Life Programs we have scheduled for this year - recent and future.

Our Focus is on Family Life

The 3rd Annual AASR Camp Morris Clambake and Steak Dinner in Springwater, held on June 28th, was again a tremendous success! There were approximately 105 people in attendance and everyone had a great time!

This year we really lucked out with the weather. That day strong thunderstorm cells were moving across the Region. It was absolutely pouring in Rochester and areas just north of Springwater, but we ended up getting only a few drops of rain at the Camp, then the sun came out and it turned out to be an absolutely beautiful afternoon!

Head Clam Chef Steve Whitaker steamed up, Rhode Island style, around 180 dozen clams! That, together with 96 hot dogs, 105 steaks, and delicious dishes that everyone brought ensured that no one, I mean no one, went away hungry! This year, with the assistance of Ill. John Zabel, the event was even recorded and put on YouTube! Check out the video on the Valley's website, www.valleyofrochester.com, under the "News" tab.

Special thanks to the Rose Croix Officer Line, Jack Van Elzakker and everyone who pitched in with the setup, cooking, and cleanup. Your help really made it easy for Ruth and me this year. The 4th Annual AASR Camp Morris Clambake is scheduled for Saturday, June 27, 2009. Hope to see you there!

Seabreeze Outing

The Scottish Rite Seabreeze Outing on July 27th was a lot of fun with approximately 60 people in attendance, and here, too, everyone had a wonderful time. It is a great family activity and gets bigger every year. Special thanks to the Council Officer Line for their help with the arrangements for the event.

A complete listing of the Valley of Rochester 2008-2009 Family Life Programs is given below. Mark your calendar! It is going to be an action-packed, family-oriented year!

Focus on Membership Development & Retention

We have an aggressive Membership goal this year. It is to add 50 new members to the roster of our Valley, and with your help, help from each and every one of you, WE CAN DO IT! The skeptics of the world will say, "How can we possibly do that? It has been ten years since we added that many new members in a given year to the Valley." ... which is true.

So how are we going to do it? My Brothers, it is quite simple. I am asking each member of this Valley to step up to the plate and do four things:

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. We have two Bring-a-Brother Nights scheduled this year - November 13, 2008 and February 19, 2009. We will be presenting the AASR Public Degree, giving a brief glimpse of the various Degrees they will be seeing.

3. Reach out, say hello, and reactivate a Scottish Rite Brother who has been inactive.

4. Attend Scottish Rite meetings, programs and activities as your cabletow will allow. Each meeting this year begins with a social hour and dinner, which precedes the meeting. Come join the fellowship, renew old friendships and make new ones!

My Brothers, there are currently 907 Sublime Princes on the Roster in the Valley of Rochester. If each of you will take the initiative, and do these four simple things for the Valley this year, we will blow the doors off this modest goal welcoming 50 new Scottish Rite Masons to our Valley this year! On behalf of the Valley of Rochester Officers and the entire membership, thank you, in advance, for your efforts!

NYS Council of Deliberation

This year, 18 members of the Valley of Rochester attended the New York State Council of Deliberation meeting held July 25th-27th in Liverpool. There were six highlights of the meeting that were of particular importance and significance to the Valley of Rochester:

1. The presentation of the Meritorious Service Award to our Valley Secretary, now Distinguished Brother William R. Lindsay, 32° MSA (see separate article). Thank you, Bill, for all you have done for the Valley of Rochester!

2. It was announced that Valley of Rochester's Sublime Prince Seymour Kopen was elected to receive the Meritorious Service Award at the 2009 Council of Deliberation. Congratulations, Brother Sy!

3. The Valley of Rochester was one of five Valleys in the State that received an "Outstanding Degree Presentations" Award for 2007-2008. As you are keenly aware, our Degrees form the core of the Masonic Education Mission within the Scottish Rite. Congratulations

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Ill. Gary A. Henningsen, 33°

to everyone who participated in the Degrees last year!

4. The Frank and Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children, which is sponsored by the Valley of Rochester, was featured during the dinner on Friday evening. Center Director, Ann Kaczka, presented an overview of the recent activities and accomplishments of the Learning Center, which was followed by an emotional and inspirational testimonial by Tim and Kelly Erwin and their daughter, Allyson, who is currently enrolled in the program. They emphasized the impact the Learning Center Program has for the child and their family. Their story truly drove home what the Learning Center Program is all about - "MAKING A DIFFERENCE, ONE CHILD AT A TIME!"

5. The Rochester Learning Center proudly presented 2008 "Sponsor a Child" plaques to the following people and organizations: Ms. Lillian (Bette) Paul, the Valley of Binghamton, the New York State Scottish Rite Charities Foundation, and the Valley of Rochester for the commitment to the Rochester Learning Center Program. One additional presentation will be made to Seneca Lodge, who made the Learning Center a key focus of their charitable activities last year.

6. The Valley of Rochester will be the host Valley of the NYS Council of Deliberation in Liverpool, July 24th-26th, 2009. Members of the Valley of Rochester were installed as

Commander-in-Chief's article with pictures continues on the bottom of Page 5

Valley of Rochester Fall 2008 Schedule

September 18th

**Annual Meeting * Awards Night *
Tishri Celebration**

Social Hour and Dinner - Reservations Required

October 16th

Symbolic Lodge Awards Night

Hors d'oeuvres and Pizza & Wings - Reservations Required

October 26th (Sunday)

at Casa Larga; Fairport

Gala and Auction to Benefit Our Learning Center

November 13th

Public Degree * BBB Evening

Social Hour and Dinner - Reservations Required

November 20th

Veterans' Recognition Night

(Mid-East Vets as Guests)

Social Hour and "Wurst Plate" Dinner with Beer Tasting
Reservations Required

December 4th

4th and 11th Degrees

Social Hour and Dinner - Reservations Required

December 12th (Friday)

Toys-for-Tots * Holiday Decoration Party

Free Spaghetti Dinner for any Mason who brings a gift!
Reservations Requested

December 13th (Saturday)

**Children's Holiday Party for all Masonic Bodies
and collecting Toys-for-Tots - Reservations Requested**

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11th Anniversary Celebration...

Frank and Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children Fundraiser

Sunday, October 26th
2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Reservations Required;
All Seating is Reserved

Casa Larga Vineyards

2287 Turk Hill Road, Fairport

Admission \$50 per person

By Ill.: G. Michael Morris, 33°

On Sunday, October 26th, from 2 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., we will be celebrating the 11th anniversary of the Frank and Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children at Casa Larga Vineyards in Fairport.

The 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children provide clinically proven dyslexia tutoring services. They are the only nationwide organization offering two years of intensive one-on-one tutoring in the Orton-Gillingham method completely free-of-charge. The Learning Centers are open to all children. Dyslexia can't be cured, but it can be overcome. The program, offered at the 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children, provides the most effective treatment of its kind in battling this reading disorder.

The program will be a celebration of the outstanding accomplishments of the tutoring staff with recognition of individual contributions. This will be done in the setting of an outstanding regional winery complete with a selection of gourmet foods accompanied by a selection of ap-



Bette Paul receives a "Sponsor a Child" plaque at the 2008 NYS Council of Deliberation for her sponsorship of two children at the Frank and Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children. (R-L) Kelly Erwin, John Paul, Bette Paul, Allyson Erwin, Mike Morris, Ann Kaczka, Tim Erwin.

propriate beverages. Both silent and live auctions will be conducted during the celebration affording an opportunity to obtain both valuable and interesting items.

Tickets are available at \$50 per person. Tables for eight may be reserved for organizations. All seating is reserved.

The anniversary celebration is part of our Annual "Sponsor a Child" Fundraising Campaign aimed at finding a sponsor for every dyslexic child enrolled in

the program. All monies raised will go directly to tutoring services at the Frank and Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children, located in Pittsford.

For additional information, please contact:

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WILLIAM R. LINDSAY RECEIVES MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD



By Ill.: G. Michael Morris, 33°
Commander in Chief

Please join me in recognizing and congratulating the AASR Valley of Rochester's newest Meritorious Service Award recipient - Distinguished Brother William R. Lindsay, 32° MSA! Brother Lindsay was one of twenty Brothers throughout the state to receive the award at the 139th Annual Convocation of New York State Council of Deliberation in Liverpool on July 26th. Brother Lindsay has devoted a tremendous amount of time and energy to the Valley of Rochester over the years, and has played a key role in making the Valley of Rochester one of the best run Valleys in the entire AASR Northern Jurisdiction!

The history of the Meritorious Service Award dates back to 1939, when the New York State Council of Deliberation was authorized to present an award to a member of a Valley who has distinguished himself through outstanding service or leadership and dedication to the Rite. Each nominee must receive a unanimous recommendation by the presiding Officers of the Valley. This is followed by a thorough scrutiny by the M.S.A.

Committee and seldom have all survived this process. Brother Lindsay has been recommended, selected, and elected to receive this - the Highest Honor the State of New York Council of Deliberation can confer.

Brother Lindsay is a native of Livingston County, but has resided in Rochester, for many years, where he worked as a teacher and administrator for Greece Central Schools. He was Raised in Zetland Lodge in 1986 and is now a member of ERAC Lodge, Webster. Brother Lindsay served as Worshipful Master of Towpath Lodge in 1991. He served as Grand Lodge District Deputy Grand Master for the Monroe District, 2000-2002.

He joined the Valley of Rochester in 1993, where he currently serves as Secretary. He received the Ill.: John B. Mullan, 33°, Distinguished Service Award in 2003.

Brother Lindsay has also served as High Priest of Hiram Chapter, R.A.M., Illustrious Master of Doric Council, Cryptic Masons, and Sovereign Master of Genesee Council. A.M.D.

Brother Lindsay has been active in Masonic education at both the State and local level. He has served on the Leadership and Education Services Committee for a number of years, worked as an IDC trainer, and now is a member of the MUNY Team. At the local level, he has been an active organizer of the *Masonic Development Course* and *Road to the East* classes.

He is also an active member of Fairport Congregational Church, and enjoys genealogy and being at his cabin near Letchworth State Park.

Bill, a heartfelt "Thank You" for all you have done for the Valley of Rochester, its members and Officers!

Valley Appointment to Craig Wright



By Ill.: Stephen R. Whittaker, 33°
Deputy's Representative

Commander in Chief, Ill.: G. Michael Morris, 33°, has

appointed Sublime Prince W. Craig Wright, 32°, as Assistant Secretary of the Valley of Rochester. Craig has a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from Wittenberg University of Springfield, Ohio, and a Master of Business Administration in Finance from RIT.

After a number of years with the Xerox Corporation, he entered the financial services profession. He has worked with life insurance products, retirement investment products and many other financial planning products and services. Craig is a member of Seneca Lodge in Webster. Please welcome Craig to his new position within our Valley.

"Our Favorite Things" Quilt

"Our Favorite Things" Quilt
By Ill.: Stephen Whittaker, 33°
Deputy's Representative

The students at the Learning Center have created a very unique quilt that is being used as a fundraiser as part of the 11th Annual Gala Celebration at Casa Larga in October. If you might be interested in this, tickets are available at the Valley Office, the Learning Center on Monroe Avenue and the Masonic Service Bureau Office.



Distinguished Brother William R. Lindsay receives 2008 NYS State Council of Deliberation Meritorious Service Award from M.: W.: Edward Gilbert, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.



Valley of Rochester MSA recipients at the 2008 NYS Council of Deliberation meeting. Left to Right: Distinguished Brothers Gary Burke, Matthew Gingold, William Lindsay, Stephen Whittaker and Jack Van Elzakker, 32° MSA.

Commander-in-Chief

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Officers for the 2009 Council of Deliberation. Ill.: Robert D. Pedersen, 33°, and Ill.: John Zabel, 33°, are the Co-Chairs of next year's COD Organizing Committee. There is a tremendous amount of planning and

preparation that will be required for the 2009 COD meeting. Any help and assistance you can provide for next year's COD will be greatly appreciated. You will be hearing more about it during the coming months.



Masonic Veterans Service



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By Thomas M. Paglia

Operation Military Goodwill

The following letter was received in reference to care packages sent to Iraq...

My name is Chaplain (Captain) Ben F. Ellington and your package was received at FOB Caldwell and given to me to hand out to soldiers. My Chaplain Assistant and I have organized a room where the guys can go and grab the supplies. I thank you for your kindness and express my heartfelt gratitude.

Your package was a gift from God for many reasons:

- We are at an area with a small PX and only have access to a limited supply of goods. Toiletries and goodies are a premium here.
- In addition, the guys appreciate a touch of home from the United States.
- Lastly, it lets our soldiers know that someone cares about them and remembers them as they are so far away from home.

Our sincere thanks from Benjamin F. Ellington, Chaplain and Joseph M. Hernandez, Chaplain Assistant.

With Thanks

Letter to
Dennis Gellasch
from
Capt. Markus Trouerbach

Many thanks to Operation Military Goodwill, the Masonic War Veterans Committee and all those who volunteered their time and resources.

My name is Captain Trouerbach and I'm the Senior Mentor/Advisor here (Afghanistan) for Embedded Training Team 7-3, based out of Combat Outpost (COP) Lowell.

You sent a few packages to GySgt McKernan who is currently unavailable for about a month. I'm taking this time to thank you for the packages and personal effort you volunteered to take care of my Marines. These packages really make

everyone's day. We only get mail here once a month due to the danger in flying to our COP.

My team spends most of their time climbing mountains on patrol with the Afghan National Army and after an exhausting 12/13-hour day, your donations go a long way. In the 20 years I've been in the Marine Corps, I haven't missed a conflict. Each time I am pleasantly surprised at how many Americans are dedicated to supporting their troops and nation.

Rochester is my hometown and I can't express how proud I am to have Americans from my hometown helping us. When I was in Iraq, I was shot down while air-crewing a CH-46 helicopter. Somehow the Rochester news got wind of it and it made it on the news. I got so many emails and letters from old friends, it was wonderful.

A Request to Share

I have a favor to ask... If you have contacts with any of the newspapers, I would like to submit an article I wrote about

a Humanitarian Aid Mission my team did in Afghanistan. I can't talk about tactical operations, but would love to let the American people know our mission is more than pure combat. Additionally, I have been recording a documentary with video and pictures since we started training for this mission.

I am searching for a news station in Rochester or in New York that would be interested in working with me to publish it. Our mission is unique. My team is embedded with the Afghan National Army responsible for mentoring, training, and advising them to prepare for self-sufficiency. We sleep, eat, patrol, bleed and sweat with them.

In all my years as a Marine, nothing has prepared me for this challenging and dangerous mission. It's the most rewarding thing I have ever done. Thanks for your help and again for all the donations, support and patriotism.

Respectfully,
Captain Markus Trouerbach

Scott Mason a new Brother of Clio Lodge writes...



Clio Lodge's new Brother, Scott Mason, on duty in Afghan combat region.

Things are okay. I don't know when I'm leaving to get to my final destination.

It's very poor and I kinda just want to spend all my money at the store just so they can feed their family. I have seen them drinking from puddles and washing clothes in the same puddle. Ninety percent of kids don't have any shoes, are dirty and have long hair or no hair. They aren't educated and if they are, only the men get educated and

the women provide for the kids. Sometimes they sift through the trash to find things.

The houses, if not built very well, will fall over after a hard rain and have to be re-built. That makes me glad to have a

cheap old 1950's home that creaks in the middle of the night.

I will write again and provide an address as soon as I get it. God Bless.

Scott



Toby Keith came to our FOB from Iraq. He sang some songs to a disappointing crowd of only about 60 people.



A Polish troop and me with the owner in front of his house. This shows the clothes they wear here.

with my struggles with Dari. After initial greetings, he would ask some sort of conversational question, to which I would respond with the usual "deer-in-the-headlight" look and frantically dig out my emergency language phrase guide for a response. Dari is a lot like French

in pronunciation and is similar to Farsi - the language of Iran - kind of like American English is to British English.

Pashto is another matter. I liken it to German only more guttural. With Dari, we can converse with the Army and government officials and some ethnic

groups, as long as they don't go into a tribal language or dialect. All of the ANA (Afghan National Army) guys were very patient and helpful.

Pashtun Talents

A Pashtun, named "Gillot," had a very mechanical mindset. I suggested he study engineering to which he said sadly, "you have opportunities we presently do not." Pity that such talent has to be spent on war, but until they expel the "riff-raff" that threatens their country, they cannot move forward and helping them with this is where guys like me come in.

Another Pashtun, named "Ahmed", was 19 years old and very articulate. When I asked why he joined the Army, he replied, "My Country is my Mother and I am but a drop of her blood." This is coming from a guy with a 10th-grade education, at best, who grew up in the chaos of the Soviet invasion, civil war, the Taliban tyranny and watching what was once a beautiful promising country, be torn apart. If only some of our privileged young people could be so dedicated and eloquent!

In a way, I felt sorry for these Afghans. They were allowed a few short weeks in relative safety in "the land of the big PX" (post exchange) and had to go back to fighting a war in their ravaged land. They seemed not bothered by it at all and were quite eager to return home, so I guess home is where your family is. It is amazing to me, their attitudes after fighting a war for 6 years, were so very cheerful and upbeat.

More of Their Traits

They have a rich heritage for music. Once, while we were waiting in line for a night fire machine gun range, one of them whom I became quite good friends with started singing. I responded with a few lines from the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "We Gather Together". Needless to say, they can sing much better than I, and a few moments later, more ANA guys started singing so we had an international choral fest going in the middle of nowhere while waiting to fire machine guns! I asked what their songs were about, and they responded love, war, and the loss and the love of their homeland. I found these most interesting as many Scottish tunes with which I am familiar offer the same sentiment. What is also interesting is, despite our differences, we can still share experiences, tactics old legends, stories and a love of music.

Deployment to Kabul

We flew from Topeka, KS to Bangor, ME, then to Leipzig, Germany, and on to Manas Air Base, Kyrgyzstan. A military transport then took us to Kabul.

My Education Continues

The Kyrgyz are of Mongolian stock, not surprising since this is so close to China. They have an interesting history.

It seems the Base was named after a Kyrgyz hero called "Manas" who united the tribes long ago to resist domination by the Uigurz (like an Asian version of "Braveheart"). There were a lot of concession shops on the Base where you could buy locally made souvenirs. Many had dramatic pictures of Manas and his deeds. There were dresses and other items very similar to what you see in pictures of Mongolia, confirming the origin of the people.

Mix in the Russians

Left over from the time this was part of the Soviet Union, local Russians were also on the Base. As usual, the two groups were totally unique with their own bloodlines and heritage. One local merchant remarked that many of the Russians were leaving due to the bad state of the economy.

The locals speak a combination of Russian and "Kyrgo-Russian". The Kyrgyz language is very complicated so many people simply adopted easier Russian words. The written word is both in Kyrgyz and Russian, along with English, which are learned in school. Rather surreal to be on a Base that still has Soviet-Era propaganda on some walls, a "Soviet" feeling in the air and that used to have US nuclear weapons pointed at it.

I must admit jealousy with regard to our Air Force airmen. They live like kings here with great food 24/7, nice coffee shops and 6-month duty tours.

Time to Move On

After a couple of days to get over our jet lag, we were stuffed into military transports with literally no space at all! My face was mashed into my backpack the whole time as we were in full "battle rattle" the whole flight to Kabul. We were there only a few days for processing and then divided into groups for shipment to various assignments throughout the country.

It's interesting how you feel in this kind of situation. Every now and then, a little scared, mingled with confidence and in many ways, elation. I guess after all the training and preparation, we are kind of eager to get on with the job.

There's some personal gratification. After 21 years of field problems, classes, drills, field training exercises, practice battle drills, etc., I was finally doing what I had been training for!

The Environment

Weather is not bad. We managed arrival during the first time in 11 months that it had rained - go figure! It keeps the dust down. With no sewage disposal system in Kabul, you can guess what's in the dust.

I keep busy training for the mission - reviewing language cards, reading power points and computer programs, along with other military devices.

On the Move Again

Our quarters are cramped - 30 guys in rickety bunks in tents. I still wake up at 2:30 a.m. and can't get back to sleep, but that's not necessarily a bad thing. You beat the crowd to the computers and phones. Five a.m. here is 9 p.m. in New York so that works.

FOB Salerno

I am outside the city of Khowst in Southeastern Afghanistan. It is a pretty big FOB (Forward Operating Base) with an airport large enough for C-130s and also Apache, Blackhawk and Chinook helicopters. I have pretty much my own room, but it is by the 155-mm howitzers and the Waste Treatment Facility. You know what that's like when the wind is right. It's about 85°-90° during the day and will increase as the Summer goes on. The food here is provided by Kellogg Brown and Root (KBR) and is pretty good most of the time. To be frank, I eat a lot of Afghan food when we visit the police officials but it is often the American food that gives me a stomach ache.

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Correspondence from Captain Dan Fletcher (Unity Lodge) ...

My Afghan Friends

I've said before, all of the Afghan Army guys we met were very bright - the "cream of the crop" of their Army. One Hazara in particular, was very helpful

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York Rite NEWS

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Welcome back!

Here we are in September! Where did the Summer go? Well, Sir Knights, we have a very exciting and busy Templar year ahead of us. Our first meeting will be held on Monday, September 15th. Our discussion that evening will be concerning the Grand Commandery, which will be held the following weekend, September 19th-21st.

Very Eminent Sir Knight David Lathers

If all goes as planned, Cyrene-Monroe Commandery's very own Very Eminent Sir Knight David Lathers, Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of the State of New York will be installed as the Grand Com-

mander of Knights Templar of the State of New York. Very Eminent Lathers has been a strong leader within Cyrene-Monroe. He has been our acting Generalissimo for many years. In that position he has whispered wise counsel to all of the most recent Commanders of the Commandery. We have been strengthened by his presence and his leadership. We wish him a very memorable and enjoyable year as our Grand Commander!

Upcoming Events October

Our first event in October will be to honor our new Grand Commander. Plans are set to hold the Grand Commander's Reception for David Lathers on Saturday, October 18th at Hornell Golf Club, 473 Seneca Road, Hornell. Social begins at 6 p.m., with dinner beginning at 7:00 p.m. Cost for Dinner is \$30. Choices are Grilled Salmon, Chicken French or Prime Rib. For more information go to www.knightstemplar.org/gcct/ny. Or you may send your reservation into Sir Knight Larry Dunn, PO Box 518, North Chili, NY 14514.

On Monday evening, October 20th, we will be celebrating the 701st anniversary of the arrest of the Knights Templar that oc-

curred on October 13, 1307 by King Phillip the Fair of France. We will be having a feast and toast to be held at Northfield Masonic Hall with Social beginning at 6:30 p.m. and Feast at 7:30 p.m. If you want, come dressed in period garb. I, for one, plan to attend in full dress of a Templar Knight.

November

On November 1st, Zone 11 will hold its Annual Pilgrimage. We plan to bestow all the Orders upon those worthy aspirants who have been voted upon and elected to Knighthood. Location will be the Masonic Hall of Hornell, 43 Maple Street. A continental breakfast of baked goods, juice and coffee will begin at 8:30 a.m. The Orders will begin around 9 a.m.

Remember that Cyrene-Monroe will be responsible for the conferral of the Order of Malta during this Pilgrimage. We will be in need of Sir Knights to participate.

On Monday, November 17th, we will be holding our Thanksgiving Feast. This will be a Thanksgiving dinner with all Sir Knights and their families. We plan to have Turkey and all the trimmings. Cost should be around \$10 per person. Festivities will begin at 6:30 p.m.

with dinner at 7:30 p.m. We will hold this event at Northfield Masonic Hall in Pittsford.

Military Order of Malta

Cyrene Monroe Commandery is known for the conferral of the Order of Malta. Did you know that there exists an Order that traces its heritage to the Knights Hospitaller, a warrior monk order, similar to the Knights Templar, which was created during the Crusades? The Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of Saint John of Jerusalem, of Rhodes and of Malta (known as the Sovereign Military Order of Malta (SMOM), Order of Malta or Knights of Malta is a Catholic order based in Rome, Italy. It takes its origins from the Knights Hospitaller, an organization founded in Jerusalem in 1050. As an order of Monks, they erected a hospital to care for the poor and sick pilgrims to the Holy Land. After the conquest of Jerusalem in 1099 during the First Crusade, it became a military order under its own charter. Following the loss of Christian territory in the Holy Land, the Order operated from Rhodes (1310-1523) and later from Malta (1530-1798), over which it was sovereign.

Although this state came to an end with the ejection of the Or-

der from Malta by Napoleon, the Order as such survived. It retains its claim of sovereignty under international law and has been granted permanent observer status at the United Nations. SMOM is considered to be the main successor to the medieval Knights Hospitaller.

Today the Order has 12,500 members, 80,000 permanent volunteers, 13,000 medical personnel, including doctors, nurses, auxiliaries and paramedics. The Order is based in Rome, Italy. It has two offices - Palazzo Malta in Via dei Condotti (where the Grand Master resides and government bodies meet), and the Villa Malta on the Aventine (which hosts the Grand Priory of Rome, the Embassy of the Order to Holy See and the Embassy of the Order to Italy). Their focus has been one of providing medical assistance to wherever they are called. They are known in Europe to run medical trains and did this through both World Wars.

There is no connection between SMOM and the Masonic Knights Templar Order of Malta. However, it is interesting and provides some historical background and relevance to our Order.

May our Sovereign Lord and Redeemer bless you and yours! ✽

Palmyra/Eagle Chapter No. 79

1st Monday, 7:30 p.m.



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Welcome back, Companions. I hope everyone's Summer went well. As with every year, our Summer seems to fly by and this year's seemed to be quite wet!

We will begin our new Capitular year on with our first meeting October 6th. We will be going over the Duties of the Officers.

On October 28th, Wayne Chapter in Sodus will host the

Grand Lecturer's Convention which will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will be preceded by a dinner at the Steger Haus at 6 p.m. Companion John Krest, who is Master of Drumlin Square Lodge this year, has invited us to exemplify the "Fervency and Zeal" Program before the Lodge. We have set the date of January 21, 2009. John told me he has at least one very interested Brother.

As you recall, we must exemplify the Mark Master Degree this year. We have three Candidates waiting. Let's start the year with a bang!

On August 21st, I went into Rochester General Hospital for some extensive surgery. By the time you read this, I will be recovering at home and awaiting a second surgery. Please keep me in your thoughts and prayers. Until next month. ✽

ery occurring on the third weekend of September, our Commandery's By-Laws state we will meet on the second Saturday in the month of September. That date is **September 13th**, and our meeting will begin at 9 a.m. Breakfast at the Blue Ribbon Restaurant at 7:30 a.m. for those who can join us.

Sickness and Distress

We have a number of Sir Knights who have had health problems in recent months. I look forward to hearing from Sir Knights Larry Hood, L. Ronald Edwards, Dave Rising, and Rev. Charles Roberts. They have been in our thoughts and prayers. It will be good to see them again.

I'm enthused about the coming Templar year. I look forward to seeing all of our members grow in their positions and gain confidence in both the Tactics and speaking roles. We're going to have a lot of fun together. ✽

Date of First Meeting
Because of Grand Command-

Palmyra Council No. 26

Cryptic Masons
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Companions, welcome back to the new Cryptic year. We will start off this year on October 9th at 8:00 p.m. The agenda will be the first reading of some changes to our By-Laws. Our November Assembly will be Summoned and we will vote to amend them. These changes are for the good of the Council.

We will be working this year on Degree work, as we have the potential of getting some candidates from Chapter if all goes well.

On August 21st, I entered Rochester General Hospital for some extensive surgery and by the time you read this, will hopefully be at home recovering and awaiting a second surgery. Please keep me in your thoughts and prayers. Until October, my Companions. ✽

Did You Know That?

- Once a Petition has been reviewed by an Investigating Committee, it must be presented for a vote in Open Lodge, and by ballot (HBML §536). The vote itself may be postponed to a future date, but it cannot be indefinitely postponed. Any such postponement cannot be justified when its purpose is to frustrate or prevent the exercise of the right to ballot. (HBML §539).
- The ballot for a Petition for Initiation or Affiliation, can only take place during a Stated Communication (HBML §540).
- Where a collective ballot appears cloudy, then the proper procedure

Doric Council No. 19 Cryptic Masons

(Chartered 1861)

3rd Wednesday



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Summer is about over and it is time to resume our labor in the secret vault. I hope all had a great Summer break.

Our first assembly will be on September 17th at 7:30 p.m. Come help lay out the plan for the year. We have a Grand Line Officer's Visit and the District Deputy Grand Master's Visit this Fall. We will be discussing Degree dates and when to have a Table Council.

We need a couple of Companions to come forward to fill Officer chairs this year. We will be discussing having dinners before meetings.

Next month I hope to list all the Officers and what the upcoming meeting programs will be. Come and help make an active group. ✽

is to conduct individual ballots without announcing the result of the collective ballot. A Petitioner may not be rejected on a collective ballot (HBML §543, incl. Supplement).

- Every member present at any balloting must vote - no exceptions (HBML §546) save that for the Tiler, who may be attending to his duties (HBML §547).
- Displaying the ballot for inspection by the Wardens is an ancient landmark; failure to do so renders the ballot void. Only the Master may announce the results of the ballot. ✽

The Working Tools of an E-Mason

Submitted by David Martin
Area 16 Historian

I now present you with the Working Tools of an E-mason ... They are:

- the mouse
- the keyboard
- and the modem.

Thus Explained

The mouse is to move within the desktop, the keyboard to input the data and the modem to publish in cyberspace.

We are not online, as computer nerds, but rather as Free and Accepted E-Masons. We use these tools to obtain more Masonic light and to show us the true meaning and value of E-Masons.

Thus we apply them...

The mouse teaches us to keep within the bounds of the screen - a square wherein which we all meet on the level.

The keyboard is to show us that communicating will lead us to a better understanding of each other and the rest of mankind.

The modem is to teach us that even when we are alone, or in the most remote part of the globe, we may meet and gain moral sustenance and support from each other, and thus gain more light, from our Ancient and Honorable Fraternity.

So Mote it Be. ✽

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With the coming of Fall, Wayne District will resume its labors, with many exciting activities planned for the ensuing year.

The first Official Visit in the District will take place September 24th at 7:30 p.m., at Wayne Lodge. Prior to the Deputy's message, V.: W.: William C. Benedict II will be presented with his Assistant Grand Lecturer's Apron and Jewel by the Brothers of his Lodge. There will be a dinner preceding the Communication, at 6:30 p.m. For reservations call R.: W.: Richard E. Brewer at (315) 986-5673 or email: brewerjmc@verizon.net by September 17th.

My Brothers, the task of an AGL is not an easy one. I know Brother Benedict would appreciate all who can attend from this and surrounding Districts, as he takes on this new endeavor. He is more than willing

to work with all Lodges and perform the duties as required by the Grand Lecturer and Grand Lodge. I would hope that as many as possible could attend his Apron Presentation to offer him congratulations, support and encouragement.

Surviving Loved Ones Program

On or about September 1st, all Masters in the State will receive a packet entitled "Surviving Spouses and Loved Ones Program." As I said in my June message, "the Grand Master has said there will be no new programs, but an expansion and improvement in some of our existing programs." This is one of the Grand Master's most passionate desires. It will be more fully explained as I make the Official Visits. For those of you who would like an immediate view of this Program, it can be downloaded at the following link:

www.esmason.com/pdf/surviving_spouses.pdf

Keep one thing in mind, in the future, all Pins for the Surviving Spouses will be free for the asking from the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Home.

As soon as you learn of the death of a Brother, contact the Western Region Advisor, R.: W.: Albert W. Hoffman, whose address and phone number can be found on page 2, so a con-

lence card from the Grand Master may be sent to the Surviving Spouse when a Brother "lays down his working tools." Within Wayne District, I would like to receive a copy of this form, and I will send a card to the Lady.

Let Wayne District take a lead in this newly revised curriculum. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me. As the State Chairman, if I don't have the answers, I will get them.

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendar for these events in the near future:

October 8th - Humanity Lodge, Official Visit; Dinner 6:30 p.m., Communication 7:30 p.m.

October 25th - There will be two important events taking place on Saturday, October 25th:

Secretary's Seminar

At 9 a.m., in the Shrine Center, 979 Bay Road, Webster, there will a Secretary's Seminar for those who want to learn more about the MORI System. This Seminar will be conducted by Mark Menard, creator of MORI, followed by the Grand Secretary, R.: W.: Gilbert Savitzky, PGT, who will answer questions concerning the roles and duties of a Lodge Secretary. All this will be preceded by a free Continental Breakfast. So come early. If you are planning to attend, please contact me so I may give Monroe District a count.

Grand Master's Ball

At 5:30 p.m., Social Hour for the Grand Master's Ball will commence at the Buffalo/Niagara Marriott in Buffalo with dinner at 7:15 p.m. For those who need a reservation form (to be made no later than October 15th) contact me.

Grand Steward Wayne District



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

As your Grand Steward, my main task is education and training. You may ask "what about membership retention?" to which I say, that's what training is all about. I will be explaining all the training programs our Grand Lodge offers to our members and Officers. Do you know and understand L SOME, the MDC, and the Road to the East Programs? Does your Lodge provide the 24-Inch Gauge to your Officers, encourage them to attend District meetings, enroll in training programs, to travel in the District, Region and State? These are just a few of the things I hope to make all Masters aware of and use to make the coming year a most enjoyable and successful one.

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

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

I look forward to seeing you throughout the District at many events. Do you need help with your Trestleboard or an Officers' planning meeting? Call me. "

Drumlin Square Lodge No. 1180

1st & 3rd Wednesdays

Master

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As Master, I recognize the enormous responsibilities that face us this year. We are moving three Brothers up through the Chairs, which is something we have not seen for some time. We will be seeking new members to follow behind them. That is the best of news that I am happy to report.

The principles of Masonry include Leadership, Respect, Friendship, Integrity, Knowledge and Charity. I am asking all of you for your help, knowl-

edge and suggestions to assist me as I try to serve you and the Lodge this year.

You may be asking yourselves why I make this request. The only answer I can give is that events are forcing the Lodge to address what many of us know is a complex issue. The Trustees of the Temple Association are pursuing the abandonment of the Palmyra Masonic Hall due to rising repair costs, rising utilities and tax assessments and the stated inability of various Concordant Bodies to meet their financial obligations to the Association.

The Order of the Eastern Star has contacted the Palmyra Town Hall to investigate holding their meetings elsewhere. It has been suggested that the Lodge begin looking also. My responsibility to the Lodge is to seek your input and provide alternatives for consideration. My thoughts are as follows:

- Begin looking for property to rent or lease.
- Look for property outside the Village to build a new facility and open it to all Concordant Bodies, either as a member of a Temple Association or not.
- Continue to remain within the present Temple Building and make some adjustment to the percentage rate of rent to each Concordant Body, not only based on membership but on Building use and ability to pay. Our obligation holds us steadfast to the relief of any worthy Brother, their widow or orphans to provide relief, being satisfied their need is genuine and we have the ability to do so. We have provided and are currently providing some relief, but a harder look is necessary at that situation.

So you see, my Brothers, this year will be one in which we all have to participate. It will prove to be a turning point for not only Drumlin Square Lodge but ALL the Concordant Bodies of Palmyra Masonic Hall.

The Grand East has stated in the past that Blue Lodge is the foundation upon which all of Masonry stands. No Concordant Body can stand alone without this foundation. Bring your input to our first Fall Meeting on September 17th at 7:30 p.m., call me (315) 597-5060 or email:

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Late Breaking News!

I have been informed that Master Mason Night has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 16th at 7:30 p.m. The Ladies of Eastern Star regret this mix-up and hope that many of you can attend.

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I hope everyone had a good Summer, a very restful few months and the pleasure of enjoying them with your family and friends. My Summer was filled with some very happy memories of weddings, picnics and gatherings with friends.

One of the fun events this Summer was our District Summer Picnic at Ricky Green Park in Conesus. We had close to forty people join us for a pleasant afternoon. I thank R.: W.: Dick Trescott and his Picnic Committee for providing food, beverages and best of all "good weather!"

R.: W.: Joe Shanks, our families and myself, had an exciting time at St. John's Day at the Masonic Care Community Campus in Utica. The festivities, including a very moving message from Grand Master, M.: W.: Edward G. Gilbert, were outstanding. The Campus is simply amazing and a great place to visit. I have been there before, but with all

the pomp and circumstance for St. John's Day, the Campus was certainly "stepped up a notch."

As I peer into the future using my trusty 2008 Calendar, I see the weeks are going to be getting very busy as we pick up our "working tools," roll up our sleeves and prepare to begin our labors in the Quarries this coming Masonic year. We will be having many events and activities within the District and, as part of my responsibilities, I look forward to presenting M.: W.: Gilbert's message to the District during Official Visits.

I will be starting my Official Visits in September and finish them in October. The following is my schedule. I hope many Brothers can join me as I visit our Lodges.

Official Visits September

- 16th - Phoenix Lodge
- 17th - Livonia Lodge
- 18th - Avon Springs
- 25th - Genesee Lodge

October

- 2nd - Eunice Lodge
- 6th - Mt. Morris Lodge
- 7th - Nunda Station
- 23rd - Union Lodge

I am really looking forward to the next two years as your DDGM. It will be a real delight to work with R.: W.: Joe Shanks and R.: W.: Roy Moses, along with all the Masters and Brothers of the Livingston District. I know that these next two years are going to go by very fast, but I also know that with a great District like Livingston, we will be enjoying every minute of it. "



By Jim Smith

Who's that Noble Chicken?

I'm standing behind the table at our Annual Chicken Bar-B-Que at the Lima Crossroads Day Festival. It's been a lot of work getting to the point of actually selling chicken dinners. We hire Phoenix Lodge to do the cooking. They pull up with their custom Bar-B-Que trailer and everything needed to prepare the 250 half-chickens. It's a great deal for both Lodges. We set up a booth, cook salt potatoes, portion out macaroni salad and add a roll, butter and a drink to complete the meal.

This takes a lot of preparation and coordination to pull off. Thankfully, my partner-in-crime for this event is R.: W.: Joe Shanks, who has done this before. A lot!

we snack and converse on the second floor, there is time for longer discussions and communing. It's this time together that really keeps our bonds of friendship strong, promoting true fidelity between us.

Tale of The Second Floor

You know, these days I guess I kind of take our second floor for granted, but over the length of our history, it's a relatively new addition. We purchased our current building in 1865, and promptly sold the 1st and 2nd floors for \$2,000. It wasn't until a hundred years later (in 1965) that we bought them back again for \$27,000.

When I joined Union Lodge in 1981, the second floor was split into two, somewhat rather abandoned, rooms. The room on the left side of the steep and narrow stairs was about one-quarter of the current second floor room and housed our antique pool table. It was possible to enter this room, but with all the junk stacked from floor to ceiling, it simply wasn't possible to get close enough to the table to play.

The room on the right of the stairs encompassed the remaining three-quarters of the second floor. Opening the door to this room and peering in was like looking back through time at an abandoned warehouse, complete with a jungle of cobwebs, no real ceiling and a rickety floor with entire sections missing. Truth be told, you were best off just continuing up the steep staircase until you got to the well-appointed and entirely welcoming third floor.

The transformation of the second floor into the fine kitchen and beautiful hall we enjoy today is the result of many Brothers' hard work and due attention.

Most of the membership contributed to and organized a huge auction held at the Lima Volunteer Fire House, raising several thousand dollars for the renovation. Procurements were arranged, both purchased and do-

Joe has done all the heavy lifting by setting up logistics with Phoenix Lodge, ordering the taters, rolls, salads and drinks. He even gets us a refrigerated truck for keeping the food out of the sun! He shows up at 8 a.m. to put cones in front of the Lodge to keep the area clear for our booth and Phoenix's trailer. I help out by scheduling Brothers in shifts to work the booth, getting the to-go containers, napkins and silverware sets, water and ice, plenty of \$1s and \$5s, but Joe really makes it happen.

Well, imagine my anger, just when we start actually making our first sales, to see a full-size chicken down at the corner of the Lodge, working the crowd that has gathered for the Bed Race! We always have the chicken Bar-B-Que for Crossroads Day! Why has this rancid bird flown in disturbing our Bar-B-Que?!?!? I know the church in Avon is having a Chicken Bar-B-Que later in the afternoon, this KFC escapee had better not be hawking that event in our coop!!!

Although we're not short-staffed, I can't leave the booth right then to figure out what this fowl bird is up to. We're busy selling dinners. So I get madder and madder getting myself into a real flap about this unwelcome visitor! How bold to stand within sight of our booth!!! I notice the bird is wearing a sign,

and can stand it no longer. I shout "I'll be right back..." over my shoulder as I abandon my Brothers working the booth and run up to the corner to find out just who it is that has come to roost on our turf.

Ahhh, all is well. While the sign on the front of the yellow feathered beast says "Fresh Chicken" (Barbecue) Today 12:00 - 7:00 (not good since it's the same time as our BBQ), the sign on the back says "Union Lodge #45, 1893 Rochester Street - Thank You!." Phew!!! This cage-less chick is one of our own, but who?

Although this strut'n rooster won't cluck a word, I quickly recognize who's in the gullet of the uninvited capon. Do you know who it is? Take a closer look at the picture. Now do you know?

Here are some hints: He's a Past Master of Union Lodge, a Noble of the Mystic Shrine, co-president of the Damascus Shrine Degree Team, a Wheeler, former member of the Damascus Shrine Divan, former Grand Representative to Brazil, and the new Livingston District Grand Lodge Staff Officer - Grand Steward.

Of course, it's none other than the Bird Man of Lima, R.: W.: Joe Shanks! Thanks, Joe, for the surprise, and going over-the-top to make this event fun for the entire community. "

nations from employers, (think big yellow box! and others), crews were organized, logistical problems of all magnitudes were solved. The custom shimming of each and every floor joist, not only to join the two previously separate rooms, but overcome the amazing variations in levels of the floor joists in the larger room was an act of craftsmanship breathtaking to behold!

One Brother, in particular, is responsible for starting and leading this ambitious project to a successful conclusion. R.: W.: James Van Maaren, a mason by trade, had the wisdom and strength to commence and complete this project with the beauty we continue to perceive today. Of course, there are other key Brothers, both current and past, without whom this project could not have been accomplished. But, if there is one name to be associated with the transformation of our dark and dusty two-room abandoned cigar factory into the fabulous kitchen and reception hall we have today, it is R.: W.: James Van Maaren. Thanks, Jim!

Summer in Review

In the last issue of the *Masonic Times*, I enumerated the many activities planned for the Summer. We had a wonderful Steak Roast on June 26th, put on by W.: Bruce Whitmore,

R.: W.: Howard Sexton and W.: Ron Manning and hosted by W.: James D. Kirkwood. As always, we were privileged to have Brothers from other Lodges and Districts attend and even had the pleasure of past Grand Lecturer, R.: W.: James Sullivan's company.

On July 18th, Union Lodge took our turn manning the Livingston Masonic District's Booth at the Hemlock Fair. Thanks to R.: W.: Roy Moses, R.: W.: Joe Shanks, W.: Lee Shanks, R.: W.: John Gallant and Brother Bill Combs for helping represent our Lodge at this event. Roy put this event together for the Livingston District, building the impressive display and coordinating the staffing for the booth from all eight Lodges in the District, for all five days of the fair. Great job, Roy!

We had our Annual Chicken Bar-B-Que at Lima's Crossroads Days on August 2nd. Thanks to W.: Mike Grady, W.: Ron Manning, Brothers Dave Hansen, Greg Radford, Duane Sisson, Tim Harvey, R.: W.: Bob Young and R.: W.: Jim Slocum for working this event. In particular, a very heartfelt, BIG thank you to R.: W.: Joe Shanks for taking on the lion's share of preparing for and working our annual

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Grand Steward Livingston District



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Well Brothers, I received my Commission June 21st at St. John's Day. This makes it official that I will be the Grand Steward for 2008-2010. I look forward to meeting each and

every Brother in the Livingston District.

We have the dates for the *Masonic Development Course* sessions, but not for the *Road to the East* program.

Masonic Development Course

- November 12th - Session 1
- December 10th - Session 2

All work will be done at Eunice Lodge in Caledonia. The Monroe, Genesee-Wyoming and Wayne Districts will be joining us this year. District Deputy John Gallant and I have our Official Visits on our Trestleboard.

Brothers, if you would like the DDGM or myself at a Masonic function, please let us know! "

rations for the coming Winter, the end of daylight savings time and, amongst other things, returning to Lodge. For many of us, Lodge activities have continued right through the Summer months, in spite of the suspension of formal meetings.

I, for one, am ready to get back to our regular meeting schedule. There is a lot of comfort for me in the routine of getting together on the second and fourth Thursdays each month. While there are planned activities and programs set for each meeting, there is also the spontaneity of the unique grouping of Brothers who attend each meeting. I very much value the quick greetings and exchanges that we all have as we prepare for, execute and retire from each Lodge meeting. After Lodge, as

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I hope you all had a wonderful, relaxing, perhaps sometimes busy, peaceful, rewarding and fun-filled Summer. I know I sure did!

As we move into Fall, we once again begin to consider back to school activities, outside prepa-

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fundraiser! I love this event and look forward each year to the fun and fellowship we share together. This is a great way for our community to see us at our best.

Working Tools Laid Down

Sadly, we have lost three Brothers recently. W.: Frank Pitcher, Brother Robert Knapp and Brother Ronald Allison have all forever dropped the working tools of life.

Frank has been a snowbird and Florida resident for awhile now, and the Pitcher family plans to have a local service sometime in October. I'll be sure to keep you informed of this event.

We were honored to be able to have a Masonic service for Bob Knapp on July 8th. Bob has been our Tiler for 25 years and cooked our 1st Degree Pancake Dinners all that time. He was a member of Damascus Shrine Degree Team, and proud to be a Mason and a Shriner. Thank you all who attended this service! I lost count at 45 of all the Brothers and Nobles who lined up to pay their last respects. I have since received a note from Bob's daughter, which includes: "Dad was always proud to be a Mason, and now we know why."

I know I've been long-winded this issue, but we've had a very active Summer while being "dark." Now it's time to turn up the steam as we begin our Fall schedule.

Our first meeting of the season is Thursday, September 11th. At this meeting I'll flesh out the trestleboard I presented in June. It is an honor and a privilege to serve as Master of Union Lodge. I thank each of you for your support and friendship.

See you in Lodge!

Nunda Station

Lodge No. 682

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Greetings Brethren. Summer is over and time for all of us to get back to our Masonic work.

September 2nd will be our first meeting and we hope to see you there to catch up on the Summer's happenings.

On October 7th we will be having an Official Visit of our Grand Lodge Representatives. R.: W.: John Gallant is our District Deputy Grand Master and R.: W.: Joseph Shanks is our Staff Officer. We will be having a dinner at 6:30 p.m.; bring a dish-to-pass. Come join us for dinner and see what's happening at your Masonic Lodge.

communication. This has been no easy task over the past couple of years and can only be accomplished with the support of each and every Brother. There is nothing more discouraging than showing up to Lodge and not having enough Brothers present to properly open Lodge. I will try my hardest to get an article submitted with the scheduled meeting dates for the upcoming month. The Lodge will also be mailing each Brother a copy of the Trestleboard so you have the dates of our Regular Communications and, hopefully, can work them into your calendar.

My second goal of the year deals with the Conferring of Degrees. It has been a couple of years since we have performed any Degree work at Oakland Lodge. Hopefully, that will change this year. My goal is to have all the chairs filled with members of Oakland Lodge in the first section of each Degree being conferred. Once again, this will be no easy task and can only be accomplished with the help of each and every Brother. With the help of my fellow Brothers and some potential candidates, we will be able to accomplish both of these goals this year.

September

We have two Regular Communications scheduled for the month of September. The first will be Tuesday, September 2nd, at 7:30 p.m. The agenda for this Communication will be a quick business meeting to catch up any business that didn't get handled over the Summer. This Communication will also be used to practice the Ritual performed during the Opening and Closing of Lodge, helping prepare the Officers and members of Oakland Lodge for our second Communication. That will take place on Tuesday, September 16th at 7:30 p.m., and will be the Official Visit by our new Assistant Grand Lecturer, V.: W.: Dennis Parmenter. Hopefully, our Ritual work will compare to those who came before us. All Brothers will be able to attend and fill the sidelines for our AGL, as well as support the Officers who will lead Oakland Lodge this year.

I hope this article finds my fellow Brothers enjoying a happy and healthy end to the Summer season. May we all find some time to say a small prayer for those who love and are still fighting to keep this great nation free and safe. May the blessings of heaven rest upon each of my fellow Brothers and their families wherever they may be throughout the world.

Olive Branch

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Another Summer has come and gone. They just seem to fly by faster and faster. Hope all are rested, as we have a very busy year ahead of us, and we do mean busy!

For those who may not have heard, we closed on the sale of 8 West Main Street. Most of the

Lodge property is now stored in a 48-foot trailer. We are waiting for the asbestos clean-up before we can remove woodwork for use in the new location. It turned out all the plaster in the walls contained asbestos. It is being properly contained and treated at the expense of the buyer.

With the building gone, we have had to change where our mail is delivered. From now on mail should be sent to: Olive Branch Lodge No. 39, c/o Douglas Poole, 7833 Walker Road, Le Roy, NY 14482.

A second change is our Treasurer. Clayton Dimick, has retired. Our new Treasurer is W.: Neil Bedford. Welcome aboard, Neil.

We have a tentative site to build our new "Masonic Community Center." Right now we are going before the Planning and Zoning Boards to get the necessary approvals. It is our hope to have all of them by the time you read this article. Keep your fingers crossed.

As soon as we get approvals, we have plans prepared for the new building. It will be one story and about 1,000 sq. feet smaller than our current location. It will be far more energy efficient. No more \$1,500 a month heating

bills. Another major feature will be parking for 30 cars. No more mad dashes across the road from Lodge.

Membership

Membership, as always, is very much a concern. We have both good, as well as sad, news to report. We have three Candidates in-waiting for the 1st Degree. They are three young men, well-known in our community. That will make four new Brothers this year.

The sad news is we have lost one of the pillars of Olive Branch. W.: James I. Baldwin laid down his earthly working tools and went to his reward in that house not made by human hands, eternal in the Heavens on July 17th. Jim was Raised in Olive Branch Lodge on April 19, 1950.

Jim was our Worshipful Master in 1960. Though he moved to Arizona many years ago, he stayed active in the Lodge and LeRoy No. 183, Royal Arch Masons. He was very helpful in planning our current move, and his counsel will be truly missed.

As we said, this will be a busy year and we will need everyone's help and support. We hope you can find time within the length of your Cabletow to join us.

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There are still a few Lodges that have not sent their Election of Officers' Forms to me. Please do so as soon as possible as I need them to finish my sched-

ule for the upcoming year. Please contact me for any special events or communications you would like me to attend.

Our Webmaster, Brother Ken Hall, has worked hard at maintaining our website:

<http://OSYDistrict.org>

All of the Lodges, Officers, schedule of events and Visits are located there. If you have anything you would like added, please contact Ken.

Upcoming Events

September 27th - Utica Bus Trip (all welcome)

October 3rd - Apron Presentation; Holiday Inn, Waterloo

Official Visit Schedule

September

15th - Canandaigua

17th - Milo

23rd - Pocahontas

25th - Geneva

October

2nd - Seneca Lake

6th - John Hodge

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Ontario-Seneca-Yates District
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No. 379, F. & A.M.

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



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I can't believe it's time to gather up our working tools and make our way back to the quarries. It seems like just yesterday we were getting installed into our new positions and making plans for the Summer. Hopefully, all my Brothers have been enjoying the Summer.

I would like to review a couple of events that occurred before the end of last year, but after the last *Masonic Times* was published. The first event was our Annual Ladies Night that took place on June 17th at the Silver Lake Country Club. This is always a special evening filled with great dining and conversation and a way for us to thank our ladies for affording us the opportunity to be gone throughout the year for communications and Degree work. This year was a little more special in that Brother Richard Zonneville and his wife were able to come and join us and allowed W.: Robert Kemp the opportunity to present Brother Zonneville his 50-year Pin and Certificate.

I personally had the pleasure of sitting next to Brother Zonneville

during dinner and getting to know him better and hear some of the stories of his 50 years in Masonry. Brother Zonneville told about his travels with some of the great Masons who belonged to Oakland Lodge in the past whom I, personally, didn't get a chance to meet. I always find it interesting to hear stories about those who came before me and are currently looking down upon me and my fellow Brothers. Congratulations, Brother Zonneville, on your 50 years of Masonic service. Hopefully, we can all meet again in 10 years for your 60 years of membership.

The second event occurred on June 24th, when seven Brothers from Oakland Lodge traveled to the VA Hospital in Batavia to play Bingo with our Veterans. It's a great feeling when we attend this event and have more help than we need. The Veterans are very appreciative of the time we spend playing Bingo with them and the ice cream we share with them at the end of the evening. Thanks to all the Brothers who took time out of their busy schedules to join this event.

Goals

On June 3rd, I was installed as the Master of Oakland Lodge for the ensuing Masonic year. I can't explain in words the gratitude and honor I feel in being chosen again to lead our Lodge. I cannot and will not guarantee the path we will follow; I only hope you enjoy the journey.

I have two main goals I would like to accomplish over the next year. The first goal is to open Lodge each and every scheduled



Damascus News

Damascus Shrine Center No. 2

September 2008

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

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



LARRY CANFIELD
POTENTATE

This Summer has been very busy and rewarding in so many different ways. Many sincere thanks go to some key people responsible for the successes ...

Thank you, Carl Mason, for all his hard work and great efforts in putting together our parade schedule. It was excellent and we appreciate your efforts. Thanks again, Carl.

We had a grand evening at the Merry-Go-Round Playhouse. The show was great and the food was outstanding. Many thanks go to Larry Pritchard for all the work in setting it up.

A special thanks to Erwin Newell and Lady Brenda for stepping in and setting up our Imperial Program. We had a nice attendance, the weather was great and the dinner at John's Steak House was very special. Thanks to Ill. Bruce Chilton, we rode our motorcycles to Imperial and it was really a great time. My Lady Ellie enjoyed the ride and for the most part weather was good most of the time. Lance Ward, Bob Anderson, Sr. and Bob, Jr. participated in the parade representing Damascus Shriners, which was really great.

Thanks also to Ken Milner for the Genesee Country Museum event. It was really different and those who attended were most impressed.

Ugly Run

A special thanks to Rick Ponticello and the whole crew for their efforts on the Rodeo and Ugly Run. The Rodeo was a first-time event and everyone learned much. Looks like this will be an ongoing event and will grow as time goes on. We had a great donation for the Hospital Sunday Evening after the run. \$1,000 in cash was donated to the hospitals. The donor elected not to have their name mentioned. We will report the results in the next issue. Ill. Bruce Chilton drew the winner's name for the scooter. Congratulations to Jim Pray, the lucky person. Jim, enjoy the ride!

Congratulations to Rich Friedman and Lady Joanne on their marriage. The best of luck in the years to come. Congratulations to Nicole on her marriage. Seems like it was a great Summer for folks getting together.

Sickness and Distress

We continue to mourn a great loss. Our Assistant Rabban, Bill Kuehne, passed away. He will be missed by so many. Before Bill passed on, a special ceremony was held to award Bill his Emeritus at Erie Hospital. Imperial Sir Ralph Semb and Imperial Sir George Mitchell,

along with the President of the Erie Board, Wayne Latchut were present and made the presentation. It was very special for Bill and Sandria. A special thanks to Lyle Maldoon for his efforts in organizing the event.

Our Recorder, Jim Slocum, has been ill on and off this Summer, but it seems to be on the mend. We hope it continues.

As we enter the Fall Season, many events are planned for everyone. A special mailing was sent out listing all the events for the rest of the year. We sincerely hope it will allow you time to plan and attend.

In September we hold a special Election to fill the Assistant Rabban position. This is done according to Shrine Law. We will also be honoring the Past Potentates and their Ladies. It's an opportunity to recognize them for their great work over the years. We hope you will plan on attending. Gary Burke is planning a memorable evening together.

In keeping with our theme, honoring Bill Kuehne, the Fall Class is also dedicated in his memory. We ask your help and support in bringing new members into the Damascus Shrine. As a special treat, the Directors will be doing their new skits. We will also be doing the new Ceremonial. Ill. Bruce Chilton and Rich Friedman will be handling the Ceremonial. It is really excellent and takes a fresh look at Shrinedom.

In October, we will be having a special Garage Sale. All Proceeds will go to the Hospital. This goes hand-in-hand with the Piggy Bank Program. We raised over \$1,000 in small change the first-half of the year. Let's keep it going and fill the banks for the rest of the year. The Ladies project for sewing is also an ongoing project for the balance of this year. Several of the ladies have done a great job sewing sheets, pillow cases and the like. Wayne Shrine Club helped out with a donation to buy car seats which was great.

Please remember the Golf Tournament on September 19th, chaired by Ill. Bob Anderson. It is a major fundraiser for the Hospital.

Our Reception is on September 20th at the Burgundy Basin, followed by breakfast on September 21st at the Brookwood Inn, Pittsford. A flyer was included in the mailing with details and dinner selections. You MUST make reservations to attend by calling Nicole at the Shrine Center.

On a special note, we hope you come and see what a great job the Wihlen's did with the front of the Shrine Center. The front of the center has never looked better. Lets keep it looking good.

In closing, I, along with lady Ellie, would like to extend our thanks and appreciation to everyone for all the help and support we have received for the first-half of the year. We look forward to the coming months.



C. Victor Thornton

February 8, 1915-April 5, 2008



C. Victor Thornton, who served as Imperial Potentate of Shriners of North America during the 1971-1972 Imperial Year, passed away on April 5, 2008.

Personal History

Imperial Sir Thornton was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, on February, 1915, and lived his early years in Utah and Idaho. In 1935, he graduated with honors from the University of Utah with a Degree in Civil Engineering and was employed by steel companies in Youngstown, Ohio; Washington, DC; and Alexandria, VA.

He and his brother, Lloyd, later started two steel fabricating companies, Thornton Industries, Inc., in Fort Worth, Texas, and Western Steel Company in Corpus Christi, Texas, and a real estate development company, Southview Corporation, in Corpus Christi, as well as various other enterprises in Fort Worth.

Community Service

An active member of the community, Imperial Sir Thornton held several leadership roles. He was Chairman of the Tarrant County Highway Development Association in 1957; Chairman of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce in 1960; member of Tarrant County Water Board from 1972-1988, serving as its Chairman from 1984-1988; member of the Dallas-Fort Worth Railtran Policy Committee; Board member of the Southwest Exposition

and Livestock Show; and served on the Fort Worth Aviation Board.

He was a member of the Exchange Club, and served as a Board member of the Longhorn Council, Boy Scouts of America, Casa Manana Musicals, Fort Worth Opera and as Chairman of the 1989 Annual Campaign of the Arts Council of Fort Worth and Tarrant County.

Masonic Credentials

Imperial Sir Thornton was Past Master of Julian Feild Lodge No. 908, Past President of the Fort Worth Scottish Rite Association, a member of the York Rite and a 33° Scottish Rite Mason. He was a Past Director, Fort Worth Court No. 32, Royal Order of Jesters; Past Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of Texas; Honorary Legion of Honor of DeMolay; Sovereign of St. Timothy Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine; and a member of the Royal Order of Scotland, Cabiri, Quetzalcoat and Grotto.

Shrine Background

He was Potentate of Moslah Shriners in 1959, Director General of the Texas Shrine Association in 1964 and was elected to the Office of the Imperial Outer Guard in New York in 1964. Committee assignments included Hospital Budget Committee, Study Committee and Hospital Evaluation Committee, among others. He was Imperial Potentate of Shriners of North America in 1971-1972 and Chairman of the Shriners Hospitals for Children, Board of Trustees from 1977-1982. He was also a Trustee Emeritus and Chairman Emeritus of Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Imperial Sir Thornton is survived by his wife, Margaret Thornton, their children, Charles V. Thornton III and his wife, Suzanne, of San Francisco; Carolyn L. Moorhouse and her husband, John, of Seymour Texas; and David F. Thornton and his wife, Sharyn, of Fort Worth; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was a member of University Christian Church where he served as Chairman of the Board of Elders in 1957 and on its Board of Trustees.

His many friends in The Imperial Council and in all of Shrinedom join with the Imperial Potentate in expressing sincere condolences to his loved ones at his parting.

Damascus Legion of Honor Meeting with Ismailia Legion of Honor and our Ladies
September 10th
at Damascus Shrine Center
979 Bay Road, Webster
Social Hour - 6 p.m.
Shrimp, Cheese & Crackers
Cash Bar
Dinner - 7 p.m.
Menu ...
Salad
Prime Rib of Beef
Red Roasted Potatoes
Vegetable
Rolls & Butter
Dessert
\$20 per person
RSVP no later than
September 8th at 671-3565

Please join us as we give special recognition to the
**Past Potentates of
Damascus Shriners**
Wednesday, September 3rd
This event is open to the Ladies.
Call the Hotline for dinner reservations.
671-3565

DAMASCUS LEGION OF HONOR



**JIM SLOCUM
RECORDER**

I hope everyone enjoyed their Summer and all of the activities! I know I was not able to attend everything that I wanted to, but did enjoy the things I attended.

The outing to the Genesee Country Museum was fantastic, even though I wasn't feeling the best. The lunch was well worth the price. I would love to follow the troops through the woods and into the opening where the skirmish took place, as that would be living the history, but I would have to join the group. Sure is nice to dream.

I have no minutes to report, as we were dark for the months of July and August.

Sportsman Raffle

Rick Ponticello said we need your support for the Sportsman Raffle on October 4th to make our 3rd Annual Raffle successful. Get your tickets in as soon as possible as it takes time to enter them into the database.

A big thanks to Jay Wihlen's property management crew for making the flower beds and grounds look good once again.

PERRY SHRINE CLUB

By Ed Hollwedel

The June Meeting was very well-attended and all enjoyed the great location on Silver Lake, seeing all our friends again, along with the program by Howard Wood. The Ladies who won the gifts were extra happy.

Pictures of all those enjoying the Summer Picnic on August 24th, in Pavilion will be in the next issue. Be sure to get your copy.

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

September 25th - Lumberyard Restaurant; Robert Pacer will speak on Oliver's Candies. This program is always very popular. Candy seems to have universal interest. Don't miss it.

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

November 19th - Lumberyard Restaurant; Judith Nagel will tell us all about the Red Cross

December 17th - National Hotel, Cuylerville; Ladies Night Christmas Party

As always, Cocktails at 6 p.m.; Dinner at 7 p.m.. Order off the menu. Friends and spouses are always welcome.

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



New members of the Legion of Honor, shown with Commander Donald Rose, PP, (left) are: Noble Fred Ludwig, Noble Gordon Palmer and Noble Donald Osborne. At right is Sgt. at Arms, James Pray, PC.

By Cyrus Kloner

Twenty-two members were present at the June 11th meeting and a delicious Lasagna Dinner was enjoyed by all present. The Petitions of Frederick W. Ludwig, Gordon Palmer and Donald Osborne were favorably voted upon and they were obligated as new members of the Legion of the Honor (see picture).

Our next meeting will be held on September 10th, at the Damascus Shrine

Center and will feature a Prime Rib Dinner with all of the trimmings. This meeting will be in conjunction with the Ismailia Legion of Honor and is open to all Shriners and their Ladies.

The Damascus Legion of Honor is always looking for Veterans to become members. Remember "It's an honor to belong to the Legion of Honor."

AUBURN SHRINE CLUB

Well Summer's pretty well wrapping up, but an exciting time has been had by the Shriners since June.

We began with a great dinner and musical "All Shook Up" in June. It was spearheaded at our end by Larry Pritchard and John Cambareri. Great job guys. We all saw a great show after a wonderful dinner. Larry coordinated the show and John made the dining arrangements.

Did you make it to Ken Pollard's Steak Roast in August? Personally, I was there early so Ken would cook my steak just sooooo. And it was sooooo good. Don't know how you do it, Ken, but it just melts in the mouth. My bride didn't do bad eating her share. Bob and Marilyn Coleman were busy collecting "scraps" for Molly the dog. I'm sure Bob is glad Molly isn't like the dog for Bush's baked beans or we might know just how much of the scraps Molly got and how much a certain Shiner got the next day!

Speaking of Bob Coleman ... he is going to try to follow that Steak Roast with a Wine Tasting Experience on September 15th at the Auburn Lodge Center. Good Luck to him on that! You should have received a notice about it by now or my name is going to be mud. Anyway, the dinner portion of the Wine Tasting will be \$12. Sign up by calling Bob at

home; if he isn't there, leave a message with Molly the dog!

Just in case you haven't been getting emails or snail mails about our events, drop me an email at dp49b@verizon.net or leave a message on the machine at (315) 253-3947. It is unfortunate, but sometimes my computer can make a mistake and lose an address (yeah, I know it is really me, but come on, give me a break).

What's Next?

Oh yeah, I'm in charge of the program for October. So please attend; I really get nervous about these things. Bob and Ken like to rub it in if I don't have as many people as they do.

How about going to the Harvest Dinner at the Shrine Center in November? I went last year for the first time and it is the greatest way to meet and greet. The tables are set for groups and you can get a group together or take your chances. Either way, you really shouldn't miss it.

Aluminum Can Tabs

BTW (see my computer skills?) keep collecting those tabs. The Auburn Rainbow Girls brought so many tabs to the Auburn Lodge in June that you could hardly see Mark Gould behind the bags. Hey, maybe that was a good thing? Anyway, keep 'em coming they are all appreciated.

Potentate's Breakfast Sunday, September 21st

9 a.m. - 11 a.m. ~ \$15 per person
at Brookwood Inn (2nd Floor)

Casual Dress, No Fez

RSVP to Nicole (Jackson) Kea 671-7701 Immediately

SHRINE LUNCH CLUB

By James Toogood

Ladies Day Lunch Club will be at the Nutcracker Restaurant at 2159 Empire Boulevard on Monday September 15th. No Reservations needed.

September Birthdays

William S. Amber
Dennis R. Andrews
Dwight H. Andrews
Alan J. Bartholomew
Daryl L. Bentley
Kenneth Buckley
Donald R. Cambisi
Harold A. Carlson
Ted M. Cisco
Myron N. Colegrove
Lee L. Collier
Fredric F. Cornell
Robert E. Cowley
Donald F. Davis
Ernest H. Day
David L. Denz
C. William Fitch
Arnold W. Frear
John R. Frost
Richard L. Guilfoil
John B. Henderson
William C. Hockenberger
Charles H. Holliday
James Jarvie
Donald R. Jenks
C. Lee Johnson
Norman J. Johnstone
Gordon J. Klehamer
Christopher M. Kremer
S. Charles Lewis
Allen J. Luccitti
Richard E. MacConnell
Ronald A. Mack
Richard A. Marchner
Douglas P. Mason
Patrick T. McBride
Eugene A. Melville
Harold E. Metzler
Gregori Monoenko
Sean R. Noonan
Joseph D. Nye
William W. Patterson
Lawrence Peters
Terry L. Pickett
Richard J. Ponticello
James J. Powell
William H. Rindfleisch
Charles Roberts
George N. Romanyshyn
James Ryan
Frank T. Sackett
David C. Scharlau
Lawrence Schulman
Joseph L. Shanks
Raymond A. Sipple
C. Acker Smith
Scott W. Smith
Rob G. Steinorth
Harold C. Stewart
Charles F. Thibault
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Entry Fee: \$350 per team member

For more information, please visit the Shriners International Team Championship Website at: www.shrinersgolfteam.org

Six-time Grammy Award-winning singer, songwriter, record producer and actor Justin Timberlake has teamed with Shriners Hospitals for Children to become the co-host of the PGA TOUR's Las Vegas golf event, known in 2007 as the "Frys.com Open Benefiting Shriners Hospitals for Children." The event - now the "Justin Timberlake Shriners Hospitals for Children Open" - is part of the PGA TOUR's Fall Series and will be played October 13th-19th at TPC Summerlin.

"I couldn't be more excited to co-host the upcoming 2008 Las Vegas Tournament and to be involved with the Shriners Hospitals for Children," Timberlake said. "We will make sure to make this event unique and memorable, and we will raise money for charity while participating in the greatest game ever played. I thank the PGA TOUR and Shriners Hospitals for Children for this

amazing opportunity. Raising money to better children's lives while playing golf? I can't think of a better way to pass the time."

As part of his involvement, Timberlake will play in the Celebrity Pro-Am and host a concert during the tournament week. Shriners Hospitals remains the beneficiary of the event, which will be televised on the Golf Channel and will reach 130 countries.

"We couldn't be happier that Justin Timberlake will be a part of the tournament," said Ralph W. Semb, Chairman of Shriners Hospitals for Children's Board of Trustees. "Justin's involvement will bring an unprecedented amount of attention and interest to the event, which will assist us in helping young people receive the quality medical treatment they deserve, at no charge. We look forward to the bright future of this event."

DIRECTORS STAFF

The Directors Staff has had a busy Summer and continued to hold monthly meetings on the fourth Wednesday of each month. We thank our Director, Lee Collier, for all the activities he and his Lady Sue provided to support the Directors Staff Club and Damascus Shrine. We thank Lee for providing us with an invocation and benediction at our meetings. A big thank you to our President, Ron Edwards, who keeps the meetings running smoothly. We also thank our Vice-President, Carl Mason, for all the hard work as Colonel of the Units, in scheduling and getting the parades organized and running smoothly.

I hope everyone comes out to enjoy some of the many Shrine activities coming up this Fall. There will be a Hot Sands Degree at the October 1st Shrine meeting. The Directors Staff members are urged to come out early and greet the new Nobles and help with the skits after the Hot Sands Degree.

The next meeting will be September 24th at our new location, The Lehigh Valley Restaurant, corner of Routes 96 and 21 in Manchester. We are sorry to see DiPacific's Restaurant closing after 58 years of good food and service. Our set-up will be the same at The Lehigh Valley Restaurant with a cash bar at 5:30 p.m. and we will order dinner from the menu at 6:30 p.m. Guests and Ladies are invited and always welcome at all meet-

ings. This meeting will be casual dress. We hope to see you there.

3RD ANNUAL SPORTSMAN RAFFLE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4TH

1-5 P.M.

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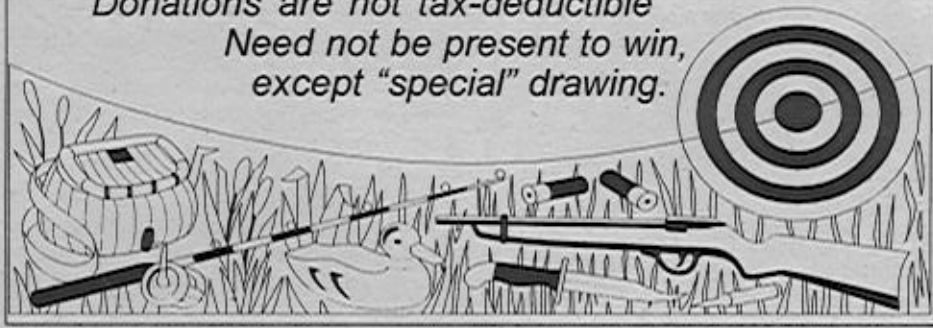
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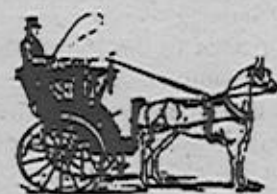
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Summer Calendar Winners

May

DAY	NO.	WINNER
5/1	388	Jeff Stanton
5/2	758	Betty Burns
5/3	749	Bradley Cox
5/4	477	Joyce Hussong
5/5	411	Joe Nye
5/6	527	Marie Peets
5/7	485	Damascus Shrine Center
5/8	276	Damascus Shrine Center
5/9	167	Tom Marino
5/10	587	Donald Wilson
5/11	313	Donald Jenner
5/12	525	Scott Griswold
5/13	347	Barb Stumbo
5/14	537	Lynn Abrington
5/15	576	Brian Collom
5/16	048	Brenda Cosentino
5/17	244	Mary Deland
5/18	825	Eli Lubberts
5/19	800	Derek Brunette
5/20	204	Sandy Vasquez
5/21	519	Jeff Kidd
5/22	904	Damascus Shrine Center
5/23	654	Damascus Shrine Center
5/24	782	Damascus Shrine Center
5/25	756	Nancy Petro
5/26	803	Mike Goodman
5/27	307	Damascus Shrine Center
5/28	306	Joan Vaverchak
5/29	361	Cynthia Lott
5/30	132	Steve Ventura
5/31	369	Edgar Hollwedel

June

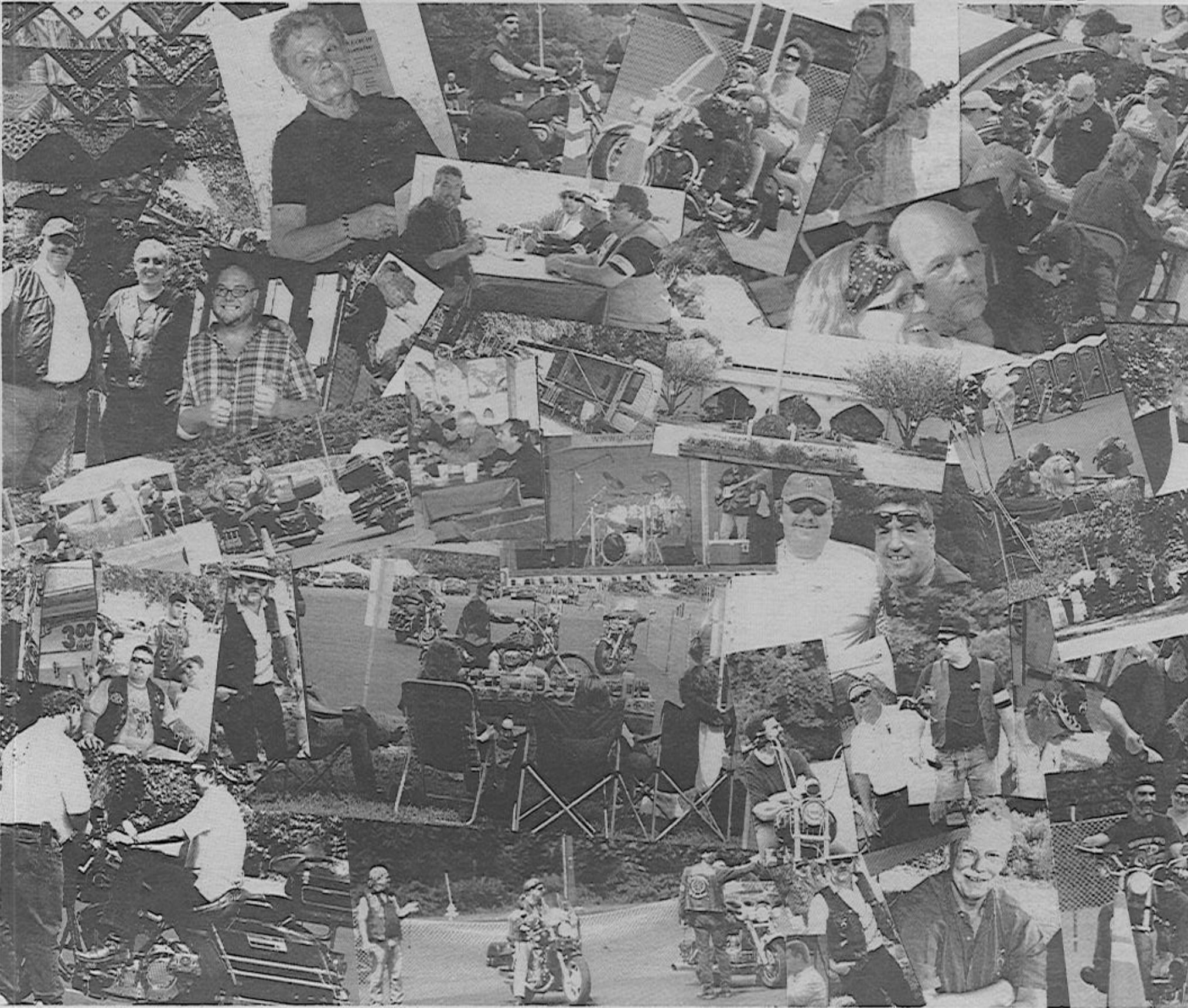
DAY	NO.	WINNER
6/1	160	Lisa Preston
6/2	193	William Learn
6/3	884	Damascus Shrine Center
6/4	388	Jeff Stanton
6/5	546	Vicky Collom
6/6	180	Bob Haff
6/7	016	Corrine Gerega
6/8	018	Bridget Fitzgerald
6/9	563	Vance Collom
6/10	662	Barbara Merren
6/11	928	Four Corners Framing
6/12	106	Lisa Doiron
6/13	741	Scott Swinton
6/14	765	Damascus Shrine Center
6/15	034	Jim Slocum
6/16	198	Deborah Shanks
6/17	504	Damascus Shrine Center
6/18	142	Jeff Tiballi
6/19	160	Lisa Preston
6/20	125	Barbara Cooper
6/21	284	Edna Buckholz
6/22	951	Matt Bowman
6/23	000	Office
6/24	077	Jerry Cooper
6/25	888	Damascus Shrine Center
6/26	590	Jerry Cooper
6/27	753	Diane Waterstreet
6/28	530	Linda Zahn
6/29	500	Joseph Wood
6/30	199	Veronica DiDuro

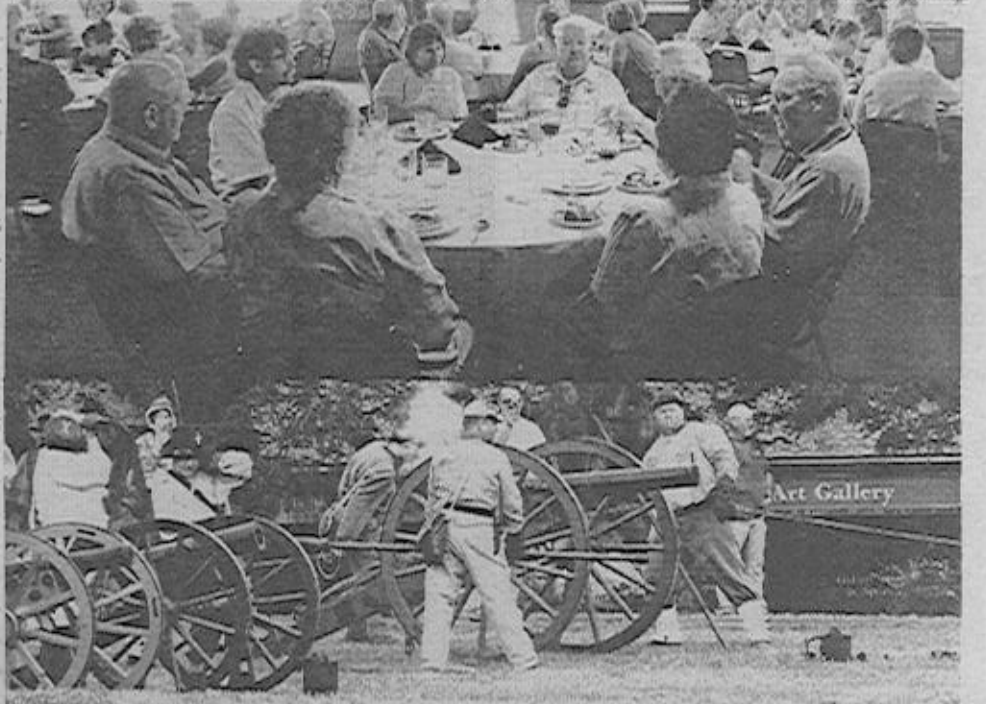
July

DAY	NO.	WINNER
7/1	009	Bob Reeves
7/2	997	Melissa Welton
7/3	098	Valerie Roberts
7/4	506	John Ehrlich
7/5	979	Edgar Hollwedel
7/6	921	Amanda Bowman
7/7	906	Damascus Shrine Center
7/8	737	Damascus Shrine Center
7/9	465	Damascus Shrine Center
7/10	679	Dan Burkhart
7/11	623	Damascus Shrine Center
7/12	648	William Hudson
7/13	568	Elenor Crulshank
7/14	087	Kim Dudrak
7/15	339	Edgar Hollwedel
7/16	802	David King
7/17	606	Roland Ford
7/18	871	Rebecca Bell
7/19	107	Joe Parker
7/20	515	Richard Van Grol
7/21	961	Tina Bowman
7/22	979	Edgar Hollwedel
7/23	651	Amy Wayne
7/24	375	Steve Goebert
7/25	442	John Hellaby
7/26	829	Jim Hare
7/27	165	Linda Henry
7/28	861	Janet Carlone
7/29	710	Cori Lubberts
7/30	767	Damascus Shrine Center
7/31	397	Sharon Wornor



Summer Shrine Activities - Cruz-in' Nights - Motorcycle Rodeo - Ugly Run





- Genesee Country Village and Museum with Civil War Re-enactment



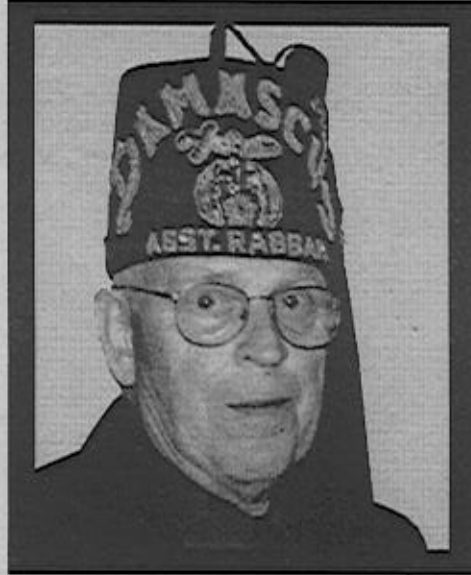


William J. Kuehne Remembered by Many

Noble Assistant Raban, William J. Kuehne, struggled valiantly to overcome his cancer, but fell victim to the disease on June 8th. The entire nobility will miss this gentle man and gentleman, who served the Shrine in many capacities over the years, including editor of *Damascus News* and organist. He was also a member of the Wheelers Unit.

A member of the Erie Hospital Board, he was presented his Emeritus Certificate in May when the gravity of his condition became apparent. Imperial Sir Ralph Semb, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Shriners Hospitals for Children, and Imperial Sir George Mitchell, Imperial High Priest & Prophet, came to a luncheon at the Shrine Center to honor Noble Bill.

An active Mason, Brother Kuehne was a Past Grand Director of Ceremonies; Past Master of Webster Lodge; dual affiliate of ERAC Lodge; a member of the Valley of Rochester, AASR, where he was awarded the DSA; and Lalla Rookh



Grotto. In York Rite, he was a Past District Deputy Grand High Priest of the 27th Capitular District, RAM; a member of Hiram Chapter and Past High



Newest class of Nobles of Damascus Shriners - the William J. Kuehne Spring Class - June, 2008

Dedicated to the Memory of Nobles:

George D. Cox
May 26, 2008

James S. Gibney
May 26, 2008

William J. Kuehne
June 8, 2008

James F. Mauk, Jr.
June 9, 2008

Charles Domaire
June 29, 2008

Robert Knapp
July 6, 2008

John F. Crough
July 7, 2008



Priest of Webster Chapter; he was also a member of the Jester Court; and Lilac Star Chapter, OES.

Further honor was bestowed upon Noble Kuehne when Ill. Larry Canfield, Potentate, named the Spring Ceremonial Class the "William J. Kuehne Class." The Fall Ceremonial Class will also be named in his honor.

He is survived by his loving wife Sandria, Brothers Chuck, Fred and Bob and numerous nieces and nephews.

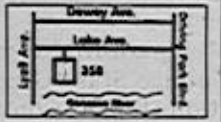
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- Chicken Cordon Bleu - \$21
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Golfer	Dinner Companion	Amount
		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$

Total Enclosed: \$ _____



Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

Ronald J. Morthorst
Monarch

Legion
Clowns
Caldron
Historian



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



Ronald J. Morthorst
Monarch
334-4196

Hope you had a pleasant Summer with your family and friends. The Fall season is upon us and is filled with many different programs - and they are open to all Lalla Rookh Grotto members.

Upcoming Events

Empire State Grotto Association (ESGA) Convention is Thursday, September 11th through Sunday, September 14th in Binghamton. For information, call the Monarch at 334-4196.

Legion of Honor meeting is on Monday, September 15th, at 6:00 p.m.

Regular Grotto meeting is Wednesday, September 17th, at 7:30 p.m.

I thank all the Prophets for the cards and visits in June and July while I was recuperating from knee surgery. Now I'm back on track, so to speak.

The "Day At The Races" was well attended - good food, good weather, good fellowship, as always. Don't know how the group made out, but I hope you did well. See you all next year.

Check out the great golfers in Dick Topel's article about the Tournament in June.

The Appreciation Day Picnic was a huge success. We had a good turnout for the opportunity to say "thank you" to the people who make things happen. This would not be possible without you. You make Lalla Rookh Grotto. Be proud of all we do every year. As your Monarch, I say THANK YOU.

Save this Date

Saturday, October 11th, is the Monarch's Ball at the Holiday Inn, Batavia. This will be a great night - excellent food, good music and there will be a Hospitality Room for your convenience. Come early and socialize. See the ad in this issue of the Masonic Times.

Attend Grotto Meetings

September 11th-14th

E.S.G.A. Fall Convention, Binghamton
Binghamton Regency Hotel
Call Hot Line for details.
Register by September 1st

September 15th

Legion of Honor Meeting
6 p.m.

September 17th

Grotto Meeting
Shrine Center
7:30 p.m. - Meeting
Lunch to Follow

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Grand Historian By Kenneth Hutchinson, PM

Today I watched the television news, read the newspaper and concluded the world has its faults, but few of us would give it up until we have to. I was reminded of a poem written by a Prophet, some 80 years ago ...

*Pretty good world! Let us sing it that way -
Pretty good world, good Prophets!
Make up your mind that you're in it to stay -
At least for a season, good Prophets!
Pretty good world, with its dark and its bright
Pretty good world, with its love and its light;
Sing it that way till you whisper, 'Good-night'
Pretty good world, good Prophets.*

The real objective of this Order of Veiled Prophets is to make the world a better, happier place in which to live.

LALLA ROOKH GROTTO
Monarch Ron Morthorst and his Lady Marilyn
and
Zuleika Grotto
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MONARCH'S BALL

October 11th, 2008



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Please reply before September 20th

Secretary's Column

By Kenneth Hutchinson, PM

Secretary's Corner

I hope all of you experienced a happy and productive Summer and this article in the Masonic Times finds you ready for the Grotto's Fall activities. What happened is interesting, what is coming up is important.

E.S.G.A.

The single most important event is the E.S.G.A. Fall Convention Secretary September 11th - 13th, in Binghamton, hosted by Aames Grotto. Hotel reservations may be made by phoning the Binghamton Regency Hotel, One Sarbro Square, PO Box 2337, Binghamton, NY 13902. Phone: (607) 722-7575.

Convention reservation to: Roy Fynboe, P.M., P.P., 40 No. Morningside Dr., Binghamton, NY 13905-1213.

We're hoping for pleasant weather and a big attendance at the Fall Convention. So put on your fez and come help us welcome our newly installed Grand Monarch, Robert Pool, PM, and his Lady Elizabeth, "Sam." Also meet the Officers and Prophets of our neighboring Grottoes, to stimulate and foster those things which will help build up and advance our Order.

Grand Master's Ball

This event, honoring M.: W.: Edward G. Gilbert, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, will be held on October 25th at the Buffalo/Niagara Marriott; 1340 Millersport Highway, Amherst. Dinner is \$68 perperson. Reservations to King Mix (716) 684-5946. M.: W.: Gilbert was a Past President of the E.S.G.A.

Sickness and Distress

William Kuehne, an 11-year member, died June 8th.

Ron Morthorst, PM, is recovering from knee replacement surgery.

New Prophet

Come out and greet our newest Prophet, Cy White, of Drumlin Square Lodge in Palmyra.

Prophet L. Warren Patterson was installed as Master of Webster Lodge on June 5th before a large turnout. Other Prophets who serve their Lodges are:

Jim Slocum, Secretary, Union Lodge in Lima

Herb Spencer, Secretary, Valley-Simes Lodge, Webster
Ron Morthorst, Secretary, Union Star Lodge, Honeoye Falls
Ken Milner, Secretary, Eagle Lodge, Honeoye

Having in mind the source of our membership, its good purpose has been to foster the spirit of good fellowship and support our own Masonic Lodges, when possible.

Membership

By Bernard Lazerson, Chairman

My Brothers, we are back to work from our long period of Summer refreshment and now I have an important matter to discuss with you. There is, in our Masonic midst, an organization long-veiled in secrecy and obscurity. It is an organization near and dear to me, which has helped Brothers be more brotherly and led to many a lasting tie, one to another. It is known as Mystic Order of the Veiled Prophets of the Enchanted Realm (M. O. V. P. E. R.), or Grotto.

Lalla Rookh Grotto in the Monroe District is the second oldest and continuously functioning Grotto in North America.

Grotto has long since ceased to accept applications for membership because Brother Masons want merely a good time or a thrill. Every day it is becoming easier to sell the Grotto because in this great international

body, men are men in the real sense of the word. They are real honest-to-goodness citizens, representing everything that is good and true in this life and yet, not ending there. They desire to lend a helping hand to less fortunate individuals as part of their mission here on earth.

"Character" is our watchword. It is not sacrificed for numbers, only men of principle and character that recognize the necessity of harmony, careful guidance and unity. We may have differences of opinion, but we have no dissensions and we have every evidence to brighten our hopes for an even greater and more glorious future.

I am the Membership Chairman for this year and I welcome your kind consideration of affiliation with our Body. There are fellow Prophets in every Lodge. Seek them out for a Petition, or contact Ron at 334-4196. He (or I) will be only too glad to discuss the benefits of our Body with you.

2008 Golf Report

By Richard Topel, PM

We did it again! A clear-sky with the sun shining, all polished golf balls with shined clubs ready to hit the greens. Sometimes they found the hole when you talked to them and others forgot to turn their hearing aids on!

The 19th Hole and the Steak Roast had some of the best stories when they finished.

The final results were:

1st Place Terry Hatch

2nd Place Gary Sanford
3rd Place Paul O'Meara
4th Place Dave Hammerbeck
Closest to the Pin

Paul O'Meara (46 inches)
Longest Drive Jay Falvo
High Gross Ron Cramer and
Eliot Schwartz

All enjoyed great refreshments, food and fellowship.

Did you miss this year? We are playing again next year. Watch the Masonic Times for information.

Thanks for attending.

Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

OCTOBER

- 1st Shrine Fall Ceremonial at Shrine Center
- 3rd O/S/Y District Apron Presentation & Awards in Waterloo
- 4th Sportsman's Raffle at Shrine Center
- 16th Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Awards at Shrine Center
- 23rd-25th Shrine Garage Sale at Shrine Center
- 25th Secretary's Seminar - "The Mori System" at Shrine Center
- 25th Wheelers Halloween Party at Shrine Center
- 26th 11th Anniversary Celebration/Fundraiser for Frank and Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center @ Casa Larga

NOVEMBER

- 5th Shrine Meeting at Shrine Center
- 8th Joey & Maria's Wedding Show & Dinner at Shrine Center
- 13th Scottish Rite Public Degree, BBB at Shrine Center
- 20th Veterans' Recognition Night at Shrine Center
- 29th Wheelers Dinner at Shrine Center

DECEMBER

- 3rd Shrine Meeting - Elections at Shrine Center
- 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

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We get this list sometime in August and run this separate acknowledgment chart, in addition to sending them individual letters of thanks.

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It is necessary for us to run our own campaign to obtain the necessary funds required to cover our operating expenses. The Masonic Service Bureau will be conducting its Annual Appeal for support in a letter to be mailed next

month. We would appreciate your consideration in these continuing difficult economic times. Please remember what we do and how valuable this service is to you and the community. We sincerely appreciate it. Thank you in advance.

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Ronald P. Kamp
Director of Development
and Communications

cal Diseases of the Heart. This book was co-authored by Drs. Charles Antzelevitch, Executive Director of the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory, and Ihor Gussack, Deputy Therapeutic Area Head, Cardiovascular, Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, Inc. The book has 63 chapters that are organized into 7 sections. It is rare for such a prestigious medical journal to praise such a body of work.

Please click on this link to watch a short movie about the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory:

www.impactmovie.com/mmrl

The *New England Journal of Medicine*, one of the most highly respected medical journals in the world, has just published a book review on *Electri-*

MMRL Summer Fellowship Program

By Ronald P. Kamp

Since 1960, the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL) has recognized the importance to encourage talented young men and women to pursue a career in science or medicine. This year Madalene Boyle (St. Lawrence University), Matthew Costanza (Rochester Institute of Technology), Lisa Murphy (Albany College of Pharmacy), Avanish Reddy (Toscani College), Meghan Shaughnessy (University of Notre Dame) and Michael Talarico (Hobart College) will join a distinguished group of over 400 students who have participated in the MMRL Summer Fellowship Program.

The 10-week program permits students direct involvement in research projects under staff guidance in the fields of experimental cardiology, molecular biology and molecular genetics. During their tenure, students

gain an appreciation for how scientific problems pertaining to medical disease are approached and examined, and experience the day-to-day running of a cutting-edge research facility. After completing the program, they will gain knowledge and practical experience in physiological, biochemical, molecular and pharmacological methodologies and be better prepared to make important career decisions.

The Summer session closed with a scientific symposium presented by the students on August 7th, followed by an Awards Luncheon honoring the Summer Fellows and local sponsors at the Laboratory. Funding for this year's program has been provided by Slocum-Dickson Foundation, Dr. Atul Butala, Dr. Ashok and Shilpa Patel, Utica Lodge and Bredablick Lodge.



Students who participated in the MMRL Summer Fellowship Program. (L-R) Mike Talarico, Meghan Shaughnessy, Avanish Reddy, Lisa Murphy, Matt Costanza and Madalene Boyle.

Antzelevitch Lectures in Europe on Sudden Cardiac Death

By Ronald Kamp

Cardiostim 2008, an international European meeting that brings together renowned worldwide experts in the field of cardiac electrophysiology, was held in Nice, France in June. Dr. Charles Antzelevitch, Executive Director and Director of Research of the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory, was invited to present three lectures dealing with inherited cardiac arrhythmia syndromes such as the Short QT and Brugada Syndromes, as well as a lecture on novel approaches for the management of atrial fibrillation, the most common abnormal rhythm of the heart encountered in the clinic.

Sudden death from cardiac causes can vary depending on population risk factors but is believed to be as high as 1 in 1,000 worldwide. Within the United States, sudden cardiac death (SCD) takes the life of an estimated 350,000 each year. The MMRL is the leading center for the study of the Brugada Syndrome in the United States and is also at the forefront of our understanding of the genetic basis and mechanisms of inherited syndromes.

Inherited Syndromes

Inherited syndromes such as Short QT and Brugada, affect

the electrical activity of the heart and have been shown to play a determining role in SCD. These syndromes tragically take the lives of children and young adults, often with little or no warning. Genetic mutations responsible for congenital syndromes can also predispose to arrhythmogenesis associated with ischemic heart disease responsible for heart attacks and other cardiac abnormalities (enlarged hearts, for example).

Through collaborations with clinical centers and physicians worldwide, the MMRL is provided blood from patients afflicted with abnormal rhythms of the heart. Following extraction of the DNA and polymerase chain reaction (PCR) amplification, genetic sequencing is performed to identify genetic errors. The mutant genes are then cloned and expressed in a human cell line so as to identify the nature of the cellular defect. The characteristics of the defect is determined by electrophysiological techniques, provide us specific direction for the design of the experimental models of the disease.

Atrial Fibrillation

Atrial fibrillation (AF) is the most common symptomatic abnormal heart rhythm encountered by physicians and is increasing in prevalence as America

ages. Over 2.2 million Americans are afflicted with the disease. The risk of stroke from AF is estimated to be 1.5% for those 50-59 years of age, and approaches an incredible 30% for those 80 and older. Effective pharmacological treatment of AF is one of the largest unmet medical needs facing our society because most available drugs have low effectiveness and those with high effectiveness, have high toxicity. In recent studies, MMRL scientists have characterized the atrial selectivity of a novel drug, Ranolazine, and have attempted to explain the molecular basis for this. These results were published in *Circulation*, the number one cardiology journal, in September of 2007. Antzelevitch is working with investigators nationwide to design clinical trials for testing the effectiveness of ranolazine in the management of atrial fibrillation.

Antzelevitch and his colleagues at the MMRL are leading the way in defining the mechanisms that cause cardiac arrhythmias and in discovering innovative new approaches to therapy.

The MMRL was recently selected as one of the "Top 100 Charities of Distinction" in the United States by Greg Gumbel's cable TV show, "Eye on America." A segment featuring the Laboratory aired over the Summer. The MMRL will also be featured later in the year in a National Geographic TV special. To learn more about the MMRL or how you can support this life-saving research, please visit, www.mmrl.edu.

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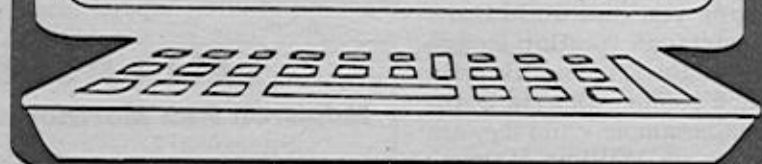
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Welcome back, Brothers. I hope all had a nice Summer. Lodge Officers for this year are as follows.

Master **John Walti**
 Sr. Warden **Stephen Durso**
 Jr. Warden **Kenneth Gibbs**
 Treasurer **Ronald Galens**
 Secretary **Bob Ruggles**
 Chaplain **Bob Bird**
 Sr. Deacon **David Bruzee**
 Jr. Deacon

Stewards **William Hargrove**
William Lally
David Smith
Steve Phillips and Carl Carlson
 Marshal **Don Tiffany**
 Tiler **William Smith**

Our Chicken Bar-B-Que on August 2nd was a success. Although we didn't sell out, we still did well. A special thank you to all who helped with this event.

We have enclosed part of the South end of our pavilion, which will be used as badly needed storage space. We also added a sidewalk to the West entrance of the Lodge. If you have not had a chance to stop by, please do so at any time and let us know how you like it. Thanks to all who helped on this project over the Summer months. A special thank you to Ramon and Chris Howard of Howard's Home Improvement for all the help they provided.

I hope to see you in Lodge on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. Don't forget that the 1st Tuesday of every month, starting in September, we have Pot Luck Suppers. They start at 6:30 p.m. Just bring a dish to pass. ✘

Eagle Lodge No. 619
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By Clayton Ruggles
From the Desk of the Secretary

It's that time again; Summer is almost over and it is time to get back to labor. I hope every-

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one enjoyed their vacations, picnics and whatever else you did while the Lodge was dark.

We all wish W.: Brother Don Schneider and his wife, Marge, the best. I know they will be missed as they take up residency in Florida.

Also, best wishes to our Junior Warden, Ed Helling, as he starts his new career. We hope he will be able to make some of our meetings after he finishes Police School.

Our first meeting will be on September 9th at 7:30 p.m. Come out and support our new Master George Romanyshyn. I look forward to seeing you in Lodge.

Naples Grape Festival
 I remind you that we, along with Eagle Star Chapter, will be selling hotdogs again at the Naples Grape Festival, September 27th-28th. W.: Brother Bob Helling will be asking for help for this two-day event.

Spaghetti Dinner
 Don't forget the 3rd Thursday is Spaghetti Dinner and we can always use help ... or just stop in for dinner. ✘

Milnor Lodge No. 139
 2nd & 4th Thursdays
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Welcome back! For most of us, Masonry starts back from our Summer rest. Milnor Lodge did not have any planned activities over the break. There were, however, Masonic activities - Saint John's Day in Utica, a District Campout and the Charities Golf Tournament, to name a few.

A Busy Year Ahead
 W.: Phil Trautman will present the Walk-About Program at the September 11th meeting, preceded by a steak dinner. Reservations must be made by the September 9th (this will not be casual dress).

At the September 25th communication, W.: Larry Mahoney will share a George Washington Masonic Memorial DVD. This is a place we all should visit.

October's first meeting will be a Table Lodge, details to follow. October 18th (not a regular meeting night) will be a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. Please plan to attend and bring a gentleman who would be a good Mason.

On October 25th Jim VanWyk will present the short form 3rd Degree Lecture. This may no longer be standard Ritual, but it is very informative and something many have never seen.

Some OSY District events of interest: Saturday, September 27th, a free trip to the Masonic Care Community in Utica is planned. The bus will leave from Garoga-Sincerity Lodge in Phelps at 8 a.m. and return about 5:30 p.m. This is open to friends and family and no doubt prove to be great day. Please contact me with your reservations.

October 3rd is the District Apron Presentation and Awards Ceremony at the Holiday Inn in Waterloo. This year W.: Gordon Phillips will be recognized for a Dedicated Service Award. I hope we have a large contingent from Milnor Lodge to honor Gordon.

Sickness and Distress
 On July 12th, a graveside service was presented at the Friends Cemetery for Brother Edward (Ted) Weigert, who passed away last Spring at his home in Florida.

Brother Willard Bastian had hernia surgery this Summer and is now recovering. The Lodge has sent a card, but if you would like to send a personal note. At this writing, Brother Bastian is convalescing at Crest Manor in Perinton.

Secretary's Corner
 My Brothers, by now you should have received, via US Mail, a copy of the revised By-Laws, a membership list and a letter from the Master, W.: Eldon White. The biggest effect of the By-Laws revisions is an increase in the Dues to \$65 per year, effective with the 2009 Dues. This was necessary due to the ever-increasing cost of everything. As an example, it cost your Lodge \$228 to send the package to every member. The 2009 Dues Notices will be mailed in October; if you have not as yet paid your 2008 Dues, please do so at your earliest convenience. I look forward to seeing you in September. ✘

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I am humbled to sit in the East as, according to Past Master Anthony Khuory, the 100th Master of Ark Lodge. A long line of good men have preceded me in the East since 1807. I will work hard not to let them or you, the current Brothers of Ark Lodge, down. Along the way, I will need your help, as I'm relatively new to the Craft compared to the majority of my fellow Brothers. Please make comments on what is good, or not so good, so that I can help the Lodge continue to grow and prosper in good works.

Our Service Award Dinner was held July 16th at the Crow's Nest Restaurant on Seneca Lake. Brothers Bill Cram and Anthony Khuory (55 years); Howard Colegrove (50 years); and Joe Hessney, Sr. (40 years) were all present to receive their pins and certificates. Despite the deluge and lightning that helped add excitement to the evening, I believe everyone enjoyed the fellowship and food.

The 2008-09 Officers for Ark Lodge are:
 Master **Tom Smart**
 Sr. Warden **Tom Abraham**
 Jr. Warden **Bob Mattick**
 Secretary **Lance Ward**
 Treasurer **Jed Brandow**
 Chaplain **Anthony Khuory**
 Sr. Deacon **Charles Rouse**
 Jr. Deacon **Peter Einset**
 Master of Ceremony **Howard Colegrove**
 Tiler **Tom Bryan**

Our first scheduled communication for the year will be September 17th. I hope to see as many Brothers on the sidelines as there are in the chairs. We have Degree work to be done for several candidates this Fall - much help will be needed. I'll be in touch for all possible help and support. ✘

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Some events have transpired over the Summer which should be of interest to you. We were able to attend several Installations prior to June 30th. We were impressed with the Officer Lines that will be taking over the 13 Lodges of the Monroe District. Hearty congratulations to all new and returning Officers.

Your District Leaders traveled to Utica for additional training on June 20th and 21st and the very impressive and emotional Commission Ceremony on Saturday afternoon in Tompkins Chapel.

V.: W.:s Harry DeHollander and Ronald Bryant were the first to receive their Warrants. Across the aisle, R.: W.: Mike Nohle and R.: W.: George Todd were waiting along with all the other Staff Officers. Families and guests filled the Chapel for the Ceremony. In turn, we were all presented our Commissions. The DDGMs also were presented their Jewels of Office. I was very moved to represent you, the Brethren of the Monroe District.

As I received the Jewel from the Deputy Grand Master and stood momentarily before my colleagues, I choked back a tear as I and those seated out in the audience realized the importance of the moment.

The Grand Master presented his message and you will hear it first hand as we journey around to the Lodges in the next few weeks. He did talk about being "Cathedral Thinkers" and what that means.

A new Widows Program is being unveiled and the name has been changed. It will be known as "Surviving Spouses and Loved Ones." We will explain various aspects of the Program during the year.

As we have traveled around the Lodges, we have noticed in some cases a lack of decorum as to Etiquette and Protocol. So we have added to the District Team R.: W.: John Zable to Chair this Committee on E & P. In addition, we have added the Brotherhood Development Team headed up by W.: Mike DiCataldo and W.: William Flesher, with R.: W.: James De Lorenzo as their Advisor. We have witnessed in some Lodges new Brothers who don't have a clue as to the basics, in part because their first line signers do not take the time to stand by them for instruction.

The Summer break wasn't long enough for many of us. The weather in July really played havoc with some of our Summer plans for socializing. August

brought several picnics and on August 25th our first School of Ritual was held at Webster Lodge. Thank goodness for air conditioning.

Congratulations to the following Right Worshipful Brothers, Worshipful Brothers and Brothers who have been appointed to Grand Lodge Committees within our District:

- R.: W.: Frederick Stahl as an Emeritus member to the Endowment Committee and Advisor to the Grand Lodge Finance Committee
- V.: W.: Joseph Oelgoetz as a Member of the Endowment Committee
- R.: W.: Maurice Solomon as an Emeritus Member of the Custodians of the Work Committee
- R.: W.: Richard Friedman as Chairman of the Custodians of the Work Committee and (MUNY) Masonic University of New York
- Our friend from Wayne District, R.: W.: William C. Jones as a Member of the Advisory Committee, Leadership and Educational Services Committee along with the Lodges and Buildings Committee
- W.: George Nasra as a Member of the Custodians of the Work Committee
- W.: Donald C. Bell is a member of the Masonic Blood Donor Committee
- R.: W.: M. Donald Darrohn III as Chairman of the Long-Range Planning Committee
- R.: W.: John Zabel as a member of the Leadership and Educational Services Committee
- R.: W.: George Todd as Vice Chairman of the Masonic Family Fellowship Committee
- W.: Hugh Woodside as a Member of the Masonic Benevolence Committee
- R.: W.: Derek VanHouten as a Member of the Masonic Brotherhood Fund Committee
- W.: Bill Edwards as a Member of the Masonic University of New York (MUNY) Committee
- The new Committee on Surviving Spouse and Loved Ones Chairman is R.: W.: William C. Jones from Wayne District.
- The Rev. and R.: W.: Paul Gleason as Co-Chairman of the Necrology Committee
- R.: W.: Cyrus Kloner as a Member of the Law Enforcement Committee of Grand Lodge and a Member of the Constitutions Committee
- R.: W.: Bruce Chilton as Chairman of the Membership Development Committee
- Brother Lawrence Hood as a Member of the Military Outreach Committee
- R.: W.: Thomas Paglia as Co-Chairman of the Military Outreach Committee
- W.: David Crawford as Co-Chairman of the Military Outreach Committee
- R.: W.: Charles Waterstreet as a Member of the Publications Committee of Grand Lodge.

When you see these fine Brothers, please congratulate them for their service and commitment to our beloved Craft and what they do for us.

DDGM Monroe
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The Fall season brings everyone back to the Lodge rooms and the beginning of the Official Visit season.

Official Visits

The following will be the visits for September:


- September 2nd - Craftsman Robertson
- September 18th - Webster
- September 22nd - Unity
- September 24th - Oakta

Upcoming Events

Looking ahead to a couple of important dates. On October 25th, we are going to have an area-wide Secretary's meeting R.:W.: Herb Spencer has been hard at work in organizing this. The Grand Secretary is expected to be in attendance, along with other Brothers. A Continental Breakfast will be available for the attendees.

This has been a lot of information to digest and it's time to close. Before we leave, if sometime on a clear day and you listen very carefully, you may hear a faint whistle of a train somewhere. Who knows, maybe in time we will venture together again and explore the silver ribbons of our landscape of the District. Thank you for allowing us to serve you.

Grand Steward
Monroe



R.:W.:
George Todd
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Since my first article we have attended numerous Installation ceremonies in the District. I thank all the Lodges for the great hospitality shown to us. Let's not forget the wonderful meals served. It will be very hard for me to keep my weight down.

Staff Officers received their commissions during St. John's Day; what a grand ceremony. I, for one, was in awe and greatly impressed. To march down the Care Community street and hear the cheers and applause of the crowd was something to behold. Now I know why actors, singers and athletes yearn for the roar of the crowd. If you haven't visited the Masonic Care Community, you should. It's a jewel hidden away in Utica.

As I have stated previously, our mission is to promote Masonic education. We accomplish this task with *LSOME*, *MDC* and *RTTE* Courses. Yes, I have taken those courses. I was told that, if interested in joining the line of Officers, you needed those courses. In addition I will pose questions in my article. I will also provide the answers, as I know them to be. I would strongly encourage those who want to learn more about Masonry to avail themselves of these courses, even if you have been a Master Mason for a long period of time, or have taken the course in the past. Remember, things do change over time and our memory may, from time to time, fail us. If you only take home one new idea, that's one you didn't have prior to the course.

Question of the Month
How many Saints John are recognized by our Fraternity? Would you believe, three? The Saints who were chosen for the Fraternity of Freemasonry were Saint John the Baptist and Saint John the Evangelist. These are properly referred to as the Holy Saints John. There is a third patron who is associated with the Lodge of the Holy Saints John of Jerusalem. This is the Saint John who was the Patriarch of Alexandria, Egypt, in the early Seventh Century and founded many hospitals and shelters. He funded the rebuilding of those in Jerusalem after many were destroyed by early Seventh Century barbarians, hence his name, Saint John of Jerusalem or Saint John, the Almoner. His life was devoted to works of charity.


One more question for this month; what does duly and truly prepared mean? It refers to the wearing of special garments furnished by the Lodge to emphasize a concern with Man's internal qualifications, rather than his worldly wealth and honors. By wearing the garments of humility, the candidate signifies the sincerity of his intentions.

If you didn't know the answers, and be honest, you are a good candidate for the *MDC*. As stated by other District Staff Officers, the *Masonic Development Course* is scheduled for November 12th, December 10th and January 14th. The course hours are 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. and will be held at Eunice Lodge, 3141 State Street in Caledonia.

I hope you had a good Summer, but now it's time for us to roll up our sleeves and get back to work. If we, as Staff Officers, can be of assistance, feel free to contact us. We are here for you.

The greatness of the Monroe District is, and was, accomplished by the work of all of us. Until next month see you all in the quarries.

Grand Steward
Monroe



R.:W.:
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I trust everyone enjoyed the Summer months in good health and with vigor. Of course, the Summer sure flew by. I am looking forward with excitement to visiting your Lodge with our District Deputy and fellow Staff Officer and to participating with you and your 2008-09 classes in Masonic Educational Programs.

Key Word - Aspire

In my columns, I'd like to try and emphasize key words that seem to have particular meaning to the work in which we are engaged. Starting at the beginning of the alphabet and for this article I have selected the word "Aspire." According to the "Encarta Dictionary," this word is a transitive verb meaning "to have particular ambition" or "to fly high." I am driven to be the best Grand Steward that I can be. This is my aspiration going forward. As Masons, to what do you wish to aspire? It is my hope you will aspire to do great things

and contribute largely to the Craft. Also, it is my desire each of you will encourage new Brothers to aspire to high goals in the Fraternity. High aspirations can, and likely will, lead to a strong and vibrant future.

A Message to Masters and Secretaries

Please check your Lodge System of Masonic Education Program Resources so you are prepared to present this program to Candidates and new Brothers. The *LSOME* DVD and several *LSOME* guidebooks are necessary. Secretaries should have received the DVD last year.

DVDs and guidebooks are available from Lodge Services. Most everyone owns a DVD player today. If you do not have the audiovisual equipment to present the DVD, any laptop computer will work. If you have troubles locating one, please contact me. I will loan you mine or, if possible, I will arrange with you to present the DVD to your Candidates and classes. Please contact me as soon as possible for scheduling. AV equipment rentals are also an option.

As far as when and where, please allow me to make some suggestions. The first section can be shown at your Brother Bring-a-Friend Program and/or at Candidate interviews. How about presenting the subsequent sections before or during a Regular Communication? You'll be surprised how much your existing and even long-standing Brothers will enjoy and take away new information from it. Another idea is over refreshments or lunch following a meeting. This way *LSOME* may be presented on a regular Lodge night, helping to offset scheduling problems and the difficulties of getting Brothers to come out on alternate dates.

My fellow Grand Steward and I are happy to help with obtaining DVDs and guidebooks or in any other way we can. Please don't procrastinate. Mobilize for your Lodge's *LSOME* program right away. Together, we can "strengthen, enhance and nurture our time honored Fraternity."

Monroe District
Child ID
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By Don Tubman

The CHIPS Program had a very successful Summer and we are reaching out to you to have an even better Fall! 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 again with fire departments, the police and, of course, all Lodges and Concordant Bodies.

Our aim is to reach those children who are not involved in the school CHIPS Programs and probably the most at risk. The Monroe County Sheriff's Office and Rochester Police Department

have an aggressive in school CHIPS 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 CHIPS event, feel free to contact us.

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

Recent CHIP Events

May 17th, Scottish Rite - The Frank & Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children suffering from Dyslexia

May 24th, Eureka Lodge (PHA), - Health Fair

June 14th, Union Star
June 20th, Valley-Simes
July 12th, Webster Firemen's Carnival

August 8th, Wakan-Hubbard - Autistic Children's Walk at Fairport Canal Park

Information about the Masonic ID Program is available on-line at: www.nychip.org/

We are always looking for Volunteers to help with the program and ask each Lodge to designate a Coordinator so that each Lodge has at least one event this year.

We can be reached most easily by email to schedule an event at: datubman@yahoo.com or rdowns@rochester.rr.com

You can contact Don Tubman at 889-4725.



Schedule a Child ID Program Now!

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The Monroe District is working with Fairport-Flower City and Unity Lodge to raise funds to purchase additional computer units, that cost about \$2,600 each.



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By R.: W.: George Todd

The next meeting of Masters and Wardens will be Wednesday, September 17th at 7 p.m. Meetings are currently being held at the Country Village Family Restaurant located at 1100 Long Pond Road. Dinner on your own at 6 p.m.

Due to a lack of turnout at the last meeting of last year, we were unable to select new Officers. The election of Officers will be held at this meeting. Let's have a good turnout. This is your organization and only you can move it forward.

**Area 15
Brotherhood
Fund**

R.: W.:
**Derek VanHouten
Monroe District**

Now that we are back to work in the Quarries of Masonry, I acknowledge the five Lodges in Area 15 that accomplished 50% or better support in the 2007-2008 Brotherhood Fund Campaign.

A hearty congratulations go out to the following: Livonia with 105.13%; Geneseo with 100% participation; Wakan-Hubbard with 65.12%; 56.76% of Craftsman Robertson donated and Phoenix kicked in 50%. These Lodges and their Chairmen deserve a round of high fives, or whatever, to say THANK YOU for a job well done!

Next year's campaign is just around the corner, beginning in October and continuing until May. Why not consider joining your Lodge Brothers, reach into your pockets and contribute to this noble cause? Remember two things - it will make you feel better in that you helped one of the programs of Grand Lodge and it is tax-deductible.

R.: W.: Bob Stack has indicated that a Certificate of Appreciation will be sent to the above-mentioned Lodges thanking them for their efforts.

**Member
Development**

R.: W.:
**Joseph Privitera
Monroe District**

Communication

It's that time of year again. Lodges begin a new year and I cannot express enough about the importance of our Lodge leadership communicating with members and how important it is for the Brothers to communicate with the chosen leaders of their Lodge. It is vital that the lines of communication between the Brothers of Lodge and the Master be free-flowing and active.

The primary source of information for Brothers of the Monroe District is the publication

you are reading right now, the *Masonic Times*. When a Master writes his article, he is not only communicating with local Brethren, but with Brothers living out-of-State. The first page they open to is their Lodge article to read about what is going on in their Lodge. I also know of many Masonic widows who read Lodge articles.

I know specifically of a fifty-year plus Lodge Brother living in South Carolina, who, when the article is not there, calls me up and wants me to find out why. I can't answer the question because I am just as disappointed and a little upset as he is. When the article is missing several times during the Lodge year, they begin to get annoyed. They pay their Dues and part of the Dues is going toward payment of the *Masonic Times*. If a Master of a Lodge can't write the article for his Lodge, then he should appoint someone else to accomplish this task.

Trestleboards should be mailed at least twice a year to all the Brothers. Why more than once? Because they are not written in stone and are subject to change.

There is nothing more annoying than coming to an event and finding the date has been changed or cancelled. There are other ways to communicate to the members such as using the phone or email. The tools are there. All we have to do is use them.

As I mentioned, communication is a two-way street. We, as members of our Lodge, have a responsibility to make suggestions to the leadership as to what kind of programs we would like to see. We must also express our opinions, in a constructive manner, on Lodge matters.

I hope you all have a successful Lodge year and maybe I will see you there sometime this year. Remember, one of the key words in Masonry is "communication."

**Blood Donor
Chairman**

W.: John Jamele
Monroe District
637-5643

The mission of the Masonic Blood Donor Program remains the same - to maintain and/or increase District and Lodge support for Community Blood Drives.

This mission is accomplished by individual Lodges sponsoring blood drives in their communities (where practical), by Lodges assisting other sponsoring entities (when it is not practical for the Lodge to sponsor drives themselves) and by encouraging family, friends and especially Brother Masons to become donors, health permitting.

A major goal of the District this year is for every Lodge in the District to be directly and actively involved in sponsoring, or otherwise supporting, blood drives in their communities.

I am requesting that each Master appoint a Blood Donor Chairman for his Lodge and to inform me as to whom that person is. We will then proceed to work on a program for the District.

Recent Blood Drives

May 20th - Unity Lodge, Chairman Andy Tascione; 43 units collected.

July 3rd - Webster Lodge, Chairman Peter Bowers; 30 units collected.

July 5th - Clio Lodge, Chairman Gordon Smith; 24 units collected.

The Mega Drive held at the Ogden Community Center on July 22nd; collected 96 units.

Upcoming Blood Drives

Unity Lodge will sponsor a blood drive at the Ogden Community Center on Wednesday, December 3, from 1 - 7 p.m.

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It is hoped that everyone had a safe and enjoyable Summer.



W.: Thomas F. Pellett, Jr. and R.: W.: Paul A. Moore

I wish to express my gratitude to R.: W.: Paul A. Moore and W.: Thomas F. Pellett, Jr. for performing an excellent job as my Installing Team on June 5th. Among those present at the Installation were six Past Masters from my 1986 Masters Group, three Brothers from Ionic Lodge No. 549 in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, and Monarch Ronald Morthorst and Kenneth V. Hutchinson, Secretary, of Lalla Rookh Grotto.

Over the Summer our Lodge participated in the Webster Firemen's Parade and conducted a very successful Child ID program at the carnival on June 14th. Forty-three children were ID'd that afternoon. Thanks to all who helped!

Our Lodge year will commence on September 4th with our traditional "Corn & Sausage Roast" at 6:30p.m. A Regular Communication follows at 7:30 p.m. Dress code is "casual!"

Your Fellowcraft Club will meet on September 11th. There surely will be some tasks which need to be addressed. Please come dressed in clothes suitable for work.

Official Visit

We will have our Official Visit on September 18th. A dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Please make your reservations to Brother Scott Cronk: ssc538@yahoo.com

or 671-4548, no later than Monday, September 15th. Please remember, "a reservation made is a reservation paid!" Officers are requested to wear a Tux if you have one. Otherwise a dark suit will be acceptable. Please come out in support of R.: W.: Derek VanHouten and our own R.: W.: Mike Nohle on their Official Visit.

Masonic Education

One of my strong ambitions this year is to stress the importance of Masonic Education. By the time this message reaches you, the first School of Ritual



2008-2009 Webster Lodge Officers.

will have been hosted by our Lodge. Only three remain for the entire Masonic Year - the next one being at Unity Lodge (Spencerport) on Monday, September 29th. Please Brothers, make a strong effort to attend. Our Assistant Grand Lecturers, V.: W.: Harry J. DeHollander and V.: W.: Ron Bryant work diligently to prepare an interesting and educational evening to help us understand and better perform the beautiful Masonic Ritual.

Our 1st Degree will be conferred on October 2nd. Formal

attire for the Officers please, or a dark suit.

Webster Lodge will resume the Monthly Spaghetti Dinner Program on Friday, October 3rd. This is our major Community Service Charity Program. Please come out in support of it. We can always use more help, especially for clean-up.

We will have the pleasure of music once again at Webster Lodge. R.: W.: Dave Allen has agreed to be our Musician and has been installed as such.

I look forward to greeting you as we resume our labors.

**Seneca Lodge
No. 797**

2nd Tuesday
7:30 p.m.

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Seneca Lodge closed out an extremely successful year at our June 10th Awards Night. The year saw our ranks increase by SIX new Brothers - Brent Coward, Matt Dehmler, Paul Goldman, Evan Kowal, Richard Leavitt and Joseph Terzo. Congratulations and welcome to each and all.

As there is balance in all things, we conducted that evening a Lodge of Remembrance commemorating the passing of two respected Brothers from our midst - Rae A. Clarke and George W. Huther.

As part of its youth enrichment program, Seneca has, for several years, offered a monetary scholarship for graduating seniors who have demonstrated our values. For the first time we were pleased to present a check for \$1000 to this year's recipient, Christina Walley, of Old Forge, NY, who attended with her mother and grandmother, a widow of our Lodge.

Masonic Anniversaries

It was my particular pleasure and honor to present 21 Seneca Brothers with Certificates and Pins for Fraternal Service, ranging from 20 years to an astonishing TWO recipients of 60-year Certificates - Richard A. Gilmour, DSA, and Brother Delbert D. Fix. Both Dick and Del, as well as a remarkable number of other honorees, remain active participants in our Lodge and serve as beacons of Masonic virtue for all Brethren.

The other honored recipients and their years of service:

1953 Russell C. Marron, Jr.

- 1958 John N. Butterworth, Jr.
Howard J. Luddington, Jr.
Neil E. Lawrence
- 1963 Vincent A. Palmer, Jr.
William A. Wackerman
- 1968 Robert N. Blazey
Joseph T. Fisher
Jonathan H. Trost
Harry F. Voss
- 1973 Frank E. Johnston, Jr.
Arthur W. Schuster, Jr.
- 1978 Asaf Durakovic
Henry E. Goebel
- 1983 Richard N. Shellman
Thomas K. Stewart
Peter J. Van Elzacker
Stuart A. Walthour
- 1988 James A. Payne, Jr.

By this reading everyone should have received their signed Certificates and Pins; if not, please contact the Secretary. To all the above we offer warmest congratulations suffused with immeasurable respect.

On the evening of the presentation I was honored to have R.: W.: Mike Nohle, Grand Steward, assisting with the presentations. Mike favored us with remarks on behalf of the DDGM. It was an altogether special evening for me, my first as Master, and I believe for all present.

Seneca Lodge offers its members several opportunities for social contact throughout the year. Perhaps the most popular is our family Steak Roast, which was held on August 17th. We also plan a Holiday Dinner in December, a Ladies' Night in April and a Recognition Tea Party sometime in the Spring. Watch your Trestleboard mailings for full details.

The first meeting of the New Year will be held on September 9th at the Webster Masonic Hall. This is planned to be our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. There will be a short tiled business meeting starting promptly at 5:30 p.m., followed by a Fellowcraft hour, dinner and the open program. As always, reservations for dinner must be made through the Junior Warden the week prior - details in your Trestleboard mailing or check our website:

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Well Brothers, it seems like Summer just started, but it is time to ramp up for another busy year of Masonic fun and enjoyment. As your new Master, I can assure you this year will be packed with many interesting meetings, enjoyable evenings, and memorable events.

The Summer hasn't been quiet at the Lodge, however, and many of you returning to our Regular Communications will see lots of changes. Several work parties have done renovating, painting and cleaning of the Lodge building. Take a look at the front door - the hideous green is gone and replaced with the color that was researched to be as close as possible to the original paint back in 1869. Also, the Square and Compasses over the door have been repainted and the outside lighting changed a bit.

Upstairs, the old storeroom above the stairs has been returned to its original bathroom and the previous bathroom has been renovated into opening the Fellowcraft Room, making it bigger. The bar still needs finishing, but it is usable. And take a look at the big storeroom - it has been cleaned up! I didn't know we had so much room.

The kitchen downstairs is all set for inspection by the Health Department. Erik and Pete Crandall will be getting that done soon. This means that, starting in September, we can have an "all-you-can-eat" dinner and/or breakfast once a month. Details with our tenant need to be worked out, but we, as a Lodge, need to start raising funds. Let's get busy and make these monthly events a welcomed venue in Scottsville.

While I am writing this article before the Scottsville Summerfest has taken place, I know just about everything for the barbecue, except the chicken, has been brought together for the event. Let's hope that we are as successful with our dinner sales as we were last year.

Of course, I will continue to publish the Lodge newsletter this year to communicate, in more detail, information about different Lodge happenings. So look for your September issue

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Brothers of Oatka Lodge on highway clean-up detail.

coming soon. As a cost saving effort, Summoned Notices will be sent along with the newsletter in an envelope that will have the words "Summoned Notice" stamped on the outside. Watch for these mailings especially.

That wraps up this month's *Masonic Times* article, but I am anxiously looking forward to my year as Master and I hope each of you will make an effort to come to Lodge more often. It will be exciting to meet the Brothers of Oatka I haven't met, as yet. »

Valley-Simes Lodge No. 109

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Hi everyone! I've had quite a good Summer, hope everyone else did also. I hope all of you are well.

Sickness and Distress

W.: Nelson Bertch's wife, Sharon, underwent cataract surgery on both eyes. She is doing well now.

Brother Jose Diaz has had a reprieve from bi-weekly dialysis, but still has some problems with his liver and kidneys, and is still looking at alternatives to his bone marrow cancer.

I'm appointing a committee to review methods of assisting these Brothers when needed. There are numerous Brothers in our Lodge who are home, but not doing so well and could use a call or a visit. I'll try to elaborate more in upcoming articles. We need to re-vamp our Hospitaler Program, so it is clearer and consistent. Call or email me and/or Herb Spencer with any information.

It was great seeing Brother Carl Ester and his wife, Charlotte, at our Installation of Officers! Carl had hip replacement earlier in the year.

As an addition to Herb Spencer's mailing about notifying your family on how to contact us, you can cut out the Lodge logo and address information (or highlight it) and give to your family for notification of health issues also.

Congratulations to R.: W.: and Rev. Paul R. Gleason, Jr., on again being appointed as Grand Chaplain (I think this is 37 years)!

We had our Summer Picnic at Camp DeMolay and while we didn't have very large attendance, we had a great time and enjoyed good fellowship. We are looking at setting up a work party, in the near future, to help paint the Camp where needed.

Upcoming Events

September 9th - Brother Bring-a-Friend Night; Bring those who may be interested in Masonry (including your family as well as theirs). We'll have pizza and wings. Please call or email for reservations to either Mike Houston or me. If you don't have prospective members, please join us anyway, to show support of our program from the sidelines. W.: Gary Burke will be conducting the Program.

October 14th - Official Visit from the District Deputy; Join



2008-2009 Officers of Valley-Simes Lodge appear with R.: W.: Derek VanHouten, District Deputy Grand Master and R.: W.: George Todd, Grand Steward.

us to hear the Grand Master's message and what's new in the Monroe District!

We'll be conducting a 1st Degree for some new members in November! Get your Petitions in and attend the Degrees to show your support!

Hope to see or hear from you all soon! »

CLIO LODGE No. 779

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Welcome back!

As Summer comes to a close and we return to our labors, I hope everyone enjoyed their Summer and this article finds you all safely in good health.

Upcoming events

September 2nd - Officers meeting

September 16th - Regularly scheduled Communication

September 24th - Spaghetti Dinner

Clio Lodge will be participating in Hilton's Annual Apple Festival on October 4th and 5th. As many of you are well aware, we will have a booth to sell Meatball Subs. Our Junior Warden, Mike Postilli, has headed up a committee for this event with the assistance of many others. Much progress has been made to insure this is a success. Any help you can give him with this fundraiser will be much appreciated. As this event gets closer there will be more information to follow.

As far as membership is concerned, the upcoming year looks very promising for Clio Lodge. We already have one Candidate upon whom we voted; a second has been investigated and received a favorable vote from the Committee; and a third Petition is in the works. Great job on getting the word out on what Freemasonry is and all that it stands for. In our busy life, it is so easy to forget about others and I'm as guilty as anyone for this.

If you know of someone in sickness or distress or in need of our aid or sympathy please contact me. Never forget, many of our Brothers from Clio Lodge are overseas looking out for the safety and security of all of us. Keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

See you in Lodge! »

Union Star Lodge No. 320

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2nd Mondays
7:30 p.m.

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Greetings Brothers, I hope all is well with you and yours. As always Summer came and went too fast. I didn't get everything done around the house, either too hot or heavy rain; maybe this Fall.

Sad News

On a sad note, I report the passing of Linda Cotteleer at the young age of 58. She is survived by her husband, Joe; parents, Bud and Shirley Ripley; and brother, Kerry Ripley. She will be sadly missed. During Joe's time with the Lodge, she put in many hours of hard work at the Lodge, helping to make it the place it is today.

Cost-Cutting Effort

Like everyone, the Lodge is feeling higher costs to operate. I have decided **not** to send out Trestleboards to all members, as in the past. From now on, we will use the *Masonic Times* where I will feature two months of Trestleboard activity at a time in each article. I will email it to those who have email service and call all local members for September's events.

Trestleboards will be available at the Lodge and on-line at unionstarMason.org. If every local member shows up at our first meeting to get a Trestleboard, the Lodge should be packed. Our discussion will be about the coming year and should be lively and full of ideas. I look forward to seeing one and all September 8th at 7:30 p.m.

September Events

7th (Sunday) - Welcome-Back Picnic, 2 p.m.

8th (Monday) - Sport Shirt Night, 7:30 p.m.

20th (Saturday) - IDC at Shrine Center, 8 a.m.

22nd (Monday) - Fellowcraft and Brother Bring-a-Friend Night, 7 p.m.

30th (Tuesday) - School of Ritual at Unity Lodge, 7:30 p.m.

October Events

13th (Monday) - Regular Communication, 7:30 p.m.

16th (Thursday) - SR Symbolic Blue Lodge Awards at Shrine, 6:30 p.m.

18th (Saturday) - IDC, 8 a.m.

27th (Monday) - DDGM Official Visit, 6:30 p.m. - Dinner; 7:30 p.m. - Special Communication

28th (Tuesday) - Grand Lecturers Convention at Fairport-Flower City Lodge, 6:30 p.m. Dinner; 7:30 p.m. Meeting »

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An open letter to the members of Northfield Lodge...

We are starting off another year at Northfield Lodge, and we've a lot of fresh faces sitting in the hot seats, while our experienced Brothers get to take a breather. Or, at least, that's what they think - there will always be some emergency on which we neophytes will need guidance. In the meantime, however, we know you miss Lodge and we really miss having you there. Nothing can replace the affections of Brotherly love, unity and solidarity that we've all joined the Fraternity to find.

Today's world seems to hang heavily with the poisoned scent of cynicism and anxiety; but the Lodge is one place where we should be able to set such worries aside and feel safe in making positive improvements within each other and ourselves.

Fellowship should never be underrated. In order to really make

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this happen, we all need to step together. The Lodge provides a framework for us all to meet on the level, but we are the critical element which breathes life into the Fraternity. You (yes, you!) contribute to the vitality that makes this all work. Whether in labor or refreshment, the more Brothers who participate at Lodge meetings, the more successful we become.

Now we all look to each other. There are several goals we would like to see happen and we crave to know the goals you would like to have the Lodge achieve. We're not talking just about work or community objectives - all work and no play makes for a dull Brother. In fact, we are trying to revive after-meeting fellowship gatherings for socializing and we've been planning more family oriented activities to include our significant others and children in what we do.

But we may be missing a trick or two. We know that you have concerns or maybe just a good idea (or three). That would be excellent for us to know. Also, we want to make sure you are included more consistently in our efforts. Every little bit helps, and even just having a Brother there for support means more than people usually think about.

There is no Brother quite like you; your presence is what makes Northfield Lodge a unique and wonderful place. You will soon be contacted by one of the Officers (if you haven't already), just for a quick check-in. If you don't hear from us, please, give us a call. Anytime. Seriously. That's what Brothers are for.



Unity Lodge Officers: (Front row) Junior Master of Ceremonies, John Lemke; Junior Deacon, Tyler Ekwel; Senior Deacon, Tom Perrone; Tiler, Rick Randolph; Senior Master of Ceremonies, Joseph Picioli; Marshal, Robert Buchanan; and James Toogood, who acted as a Proxy. (back row) David Jones, Secretary; Andres Alvarez, Junior Warden; John Jamele, Master; M. Donald Darrohn, Senior Warden; Donald P. Fox, Chaplain; Thomas Michielsen, Treasurer.

form of music and singing. Thank you, Brother Rick.

This picnic has been traditionally held on the evening of the third Monday of June. However, it had been requested that we change to a Saturday so that more could attend. The turnout was disappointing. There were significantly fewer in attendance than in any of the three preceding years.

This matter can be discussed in Lodge when the time is right, but for next year we will revert to the third Monday of June, which is the 15th, at 6 p.m. It will be at Pineway Ponds Boetcher Lodge as usual.

Installation of Officers

Our Installation of Officers for this year took place on Monday, June 30th. It was an Open Installation and several Brothers with families or friends attended. The Installation ceremony was ably conducted by V.: W.: John Dyer as Installing Master, R.: W.: James De Lorenzo as Installing Marshal and R.: W.: Ruel Lovett as Installing Chaplain. These Brothers did a great job and conducted the Ceremony with dignity and proficiency.

It was a pleasure to be among the Officers being installed that evening and I thank these Brothers for their sensitive handling of the event. Afterward, we all enjoyed sociability, a buffet and suitable beverages.

The Officers installed were:
Master **John Jamele**
Sr. Warden

M. Donald Darrohn
Jr. Warden **Andres Alvarez**
Treasurer

Thomas Michielsen
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Trustee **John Hennessey, Jr.**
Chaplain **Donald P. Fox**
Sr. Deacon **Tom Perrone**
Jr. Deacon **Tyler Ekwel**
Sr. MC **Joseph Picioli**
Jr. MC **John Lemke**
Stewards **Timothy J. Hull**
Michael Coyner

Marshal **Robert Buchanan**
Musician **J. Edward Gillott**
Tiler **Rick Randolph**

Summer Activities

On July 22, we participated in the Red Cross Mega Blood Drive at the Ogden Community Center and collected 96 units of blood.

Our Annual Pancake Breakfast, held in conjunction with the Spencerport Canal Days, was on July 26th and 27th. Volunteers for this event were Mickey and Don Darrohn, Gene Brendel, Leon Randall, Tim Hull, Helga and John Jamele, Andy Tascione, Andy Alvarez, Jan Lughart, Jim Toogood, Mike Edelman, John Lemke, Ted

Wolfley and his son "TJ," Tom Perrone and Jay McCullough. Thanks to these volunteers for a job well done. Special thanks to our new Senior Master of Ceremony, Joe Picioli, for preparing the classy new sidewalk signs for the Pancake Breakfast.

On August 4th, Helga and I, assisted by our granddaughter, Willa Dean planted the flowers in the garden on Route 531.

On August 7th, a group of 58 Masons and guests met at the Rochester Harbor for an evening on the paddle wheeler "Harbor Belle." Included in this group were two visiting Brothers from other Jurisdictions, Brother Mark Sykes from Dayton, Ohio, and Brother Michael Wiesmayr from Austria. We cruised up the river to the Veterans Memorial Bridge and back and then out into the Lake. A good time was had by all.

Upcoming Events

Monday, September 8th will be our first meeting of the year. There will be a Steak Roast; dress will be casual. The program for the evening will be presented by R.: W.: John Zabel who will talk to us about Masonic Etiquette and Protocol.

Monday, September 22nd will be the Official Visit by the new District Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: Derek VanHouten and the District Grand Lodge Staff Officers. There will be a dinner beforehand. Dress for Officers of the Lodge will be tux with black tie (and socks). For others tux or dark suit.

Additional details as to menu and price for both of these meetings will be communicated by email or telephone.

Let's have a good turnout for this event to demonstrate our support for Derek, one of our own Lodge Brothers, as he delivers the Grand Master's Message.

Monday, September 29th, a Euchre Tournament is planned at Unity Lodge for Brothers from Unity, Hesperus and any others who might be so inclined.

Tuesday, September 30th, the second School of Ritual will be held at Unity Lodge. While it is especially important for Officers of the Lodge to attend these Schools of Ritual to enhance their understanding of how to conduct the Ritual, it is also very important for Brothers who are not Officers to attend for the same reasons. When we attend the School of Ritual, we demonstrate our commitment to the Ritual. The Attendance Banner, which we have held for some time and wish to retain by our attendance, is a symbol of our commitment to the Ritual, its preservation and proper implementation.



Some members of Helga Jamele's Kitchen Crew for the Pancake Breakfast in July posed for this photo during a break in the action. (From left) Helga, Andy Alvarez, Tom Perrone and Mike Edelman. (Photos courtesy of John Jamele)



W.: John and Helga Jamele plant flowers in garden on Route 531, with the help of granddaughter, Willa Dean.

Good News

R.: W.: Brother Joe Privitera has spent the entire Summer at his cottage in Quebec.

R.: W.: Brother Dave Jones is recuperating nicely from his by-pass and heart valve surgery. He is back to work full-time and is raring to get into action.

Brother Rob Buchanan, a recently Raised Brother and our new Marshal, and his wife, Kellie, are the proud parents of a beautiful baby girl, Laney Jo, born July 26th. All are healthy and happy and doing very well. Congratulations to Kellie and Rob!

Sickness and Distress

Norm Gauch is still on a regular schedule of dialysis three times a week. Sometimes it is a little tough on him, but generally he feels good. He is planning on being at the Steak Dinner.

John Bennett makes regular visits to the chiropractor and is getting better.

John Hinds is doing well and is recovering from his injuries and operations originating with a fall last year.

The recent hurricane season was very unkind to our Brother Gary Cornelius. Gary and Annette had planned to stay here until September but had to return to Texas in July to cope with the damage to their mobile home and to the new house he and Annette have recently built. It

sounds pretty bad. Gary and Annette would probably welcome notes of commiseration and encouragement. Their email address is: chewey1050@sbcglobal.net.

Ray Mandeville is receiving chronic pain treatments for pain originating with spinal stenosis. Ray is also being treated for some vertigo.

At age 94, Bill Miller has severe breathing problems and is on oxygen. He also had a pacemaker put in recently. He gets around mostly by wheelchair. He currently resides at The Landing of Brockport, an assisted living home. They get out to lunch from time to time at places like the Olive Garden, Red Lobster, etc. He has sons living in the area who frequently visit him as does his friend Annie. Karl-Heinz Reich also visits him often and frequently entertains the residents of The Landing with his keyboard and squeeze box.

Bill tells me to say, "Hi" to everybody and he would appreciate visits and cards. The address is:

The Landing of Brockport
90 West Avenue
Brockport, NY 14420

Orlo Noxon suffers from severe back and spinal pain. He has been in a Chronic Pain Management Program without relief. He was scheduled to have spinal surgery on August 13th; at the last minute it was postponed until October 2nd. Orlo is not happy about this.

Some of you may consider the hiccups a nuisance, but Brother Earl Pearce swears by them, not at them. Sometime early in July, Earl suffered an attack of hiccups. No matter how he tried, they would not go away. Finally, he went to the doctor for help. The Nurse Practitioner went through a series of tests and procedures from a regimen listed on the computer. One of these called for an x-ray of the diaphragm. While examining the x-ray, it was noted that part of the lungs were also visible and a spot was observed on the right lung. Further examination proved the spot to be malignant and one entire lobe of the lung was removed. The report is that all cancer was removed and that Earl is clean.

"The hiccups saved your life," the doctor told Earl. Please do not get the idea that this story suggests any connection at all between hiccups and lung cancer. This was purely a coincidence, and a happy one at that.

Our best wishes and prayers for relief go out to all these Brothers, and to any other Brothers who may be experiencing sickness and distress.

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Lodge No. 479

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I am sure everyone is completely wiped out by a Summer full of all kinds of activities and looking forward to a peaceful, restful year in Lodge.

Old News

On May 20th, we sponsored a Red Cross Blood Drive at the Ogden Community Center; 43 units were collected.

Congratulations!

The June 9th meeting was our Annual Awards Night. Sixteen of the 54 Brothers eligible for awards were present. Service Pins, some with Certificates, were distributed to these Brothers. Awards for those who were not present will be mailed or otherwise delivered to them.

Congratulations to the following Brothers with 50 or more years of service to the Fraternity:

60 years - Bernard W. Johnson and Donald M. McCauley

55 years - Robert A. Kreason; W.: John S. Mattern, DSA; Harry F. Michaels; and Arthur A. Rogers

50 Years - W.: Raymond J. Burroughs, Orlo R. Noxon, Bruce R. Palmer, James M. Simmons and William L. Tipton, Jr.

Annual Picnic

Our Annual Lodge Picnic was on June 21st, at Pineway Ponds Park in Ogden. There was plenty to eat and drink. R.: W.: K. Rick Howe from Livingston District provided entertainment in the

Unity Lodge

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Our Elevator

You may be familiar with the old adage, "What goes up, must come down." Not our elevator! When it goes up, it stays there! The elevator doctor has been called and is busily diagnosing the problem. We anticipate a full recovery by our first meeting in September.

September Birthdays

Happy Birthday to those Brothers who have birthdays in September:

Daniel B. Bragg, Raymond Burroughs and James A. Mitchell (2nd); George Gannon (3rd); and Jack S. Phelps, Jr. (4th); Richard Johnston (5th); Andrew H. McKay (6th); Charles P. Raab (8th); Gordon Davis, Jr. and James C. McAtee (9th); Harvey Butts and Norman J. Weinreber (17th); Alfred Allyn (18th); Edward Ruoff (21st); Charles F. Thibault (25th); John Belgiorino, Richard Kessler and Laurence C. Rendulic (26th); Robert T. Buch-anan and Richard T. Padget (29th); and John E. Evans, Jr. (30th).

We would like very much to hear from those of you who never, or very rarely, make it to Lodge. Please write or call us and bring us up-to-date about yourself. We will share this with the rest of the Brothers through this column in the *Masonic Times* and in Lodge.



(Above) W.: Mike Adamus sits with Griffin Woodside, Mason-in-training. (Right) At the Wakan-Hubbard Lodge Steakroast, R.: W.: A. John Tijou, W.: Sherwin Isaacs and Brother Harold Greenlee enjoyed each others' company. (Photos courtesy of Mike Adamus.)



stallation, refreshments and fellowship. W.: Hugh Woodside presided over the Installation as Installing Master, assisted by W.: John Rees, DSA, as Installing Marshal and V.: W.: Joe Oelgoetz as Installing Chaplain. Guests of the Lodge that evening included R.: W.: Derek VanHouten, District Deputy Grand Master for the Monroe District; R.: W.: Mike Nohle, Grand Steward; V.: W.: Harry DeHollander and V.: W.: Ron Bryant, Assistant Grand Lecturers. Please join me in congratulating the newly elected and appointed line, and give them your support to make their year a success!

Fellowcraft Steak Roast

The Fellowcraft Club's annual Steak Roast was held July 12th, at Fellows Road Park in Fairport. Approximately 15 Brothers and guests joined for an afternoon of fellowship, and we even had a few kids with us! Thanks to R.: W.: John Zabel for all his hard work to make the event a success!

Child ID at Autism JAM

The Autism JAM Foundation was established in February, 2008. In collaboration with Autism Speaks, Autism JAM's mission is to raise funds for autism research and autism awareness across our community. The founders of the organization are the parents of three children with autism, Jack, Alina and Matt, who are cousins. More information about the organization can be found on its website: www.autismjam.org.

The foundation held its inaugural Autism JAM event at Mendon Ponds Park, August 9th. The event included a registered 5K run, picnic and silent auction. The Lodge was contacted on short notice to run a Child ID station, which we were able to do for a couple of hours. Many thanks to W.: Mike DiCataldo for helping run the station, as well as to R.: W.: Don Tubman and Rick Downs of the District's Child ID Committee for helping get the event together on short notice. Much to the surprise of the foundation,

over 200 people registered for the 5K and picnic attendance appeared to be between 200-250 all together, although a final count wasn't available at the time this article was written. Wakan-Hubbard Lodge was happy to be a part of this inaugural event to support autism awareness and research, and we were able to ID about 25 kids during the short time we were there.

Clambake

When this article went to press, Senior Deacon Roger Lynch was hard at work preparing for the Lodge's annual clambake. It was held on August 23rd at the Henrietta Town Park. We'll give you a full report next month. Thanks to Roger for his hard work in putting this event together!

Service Awards

Our first meeting of the Fall will be held on Monday, September 8th at 7:30 p.m. at the Penfield Masonic Hall. We'll be celebrating the many years of service to Masonry given by a number of Brothers who will be recognized that evening. George H. Greene and Richard Nageotte will be recognized for 50 years of service to Masonry and Louis Hopkins, James Nielsen and John Pieso, Jr., will be rec-

ognized for 55 years of service. Please join us for fun and fellowship. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

Masonic Speaker Grant Romer

On Monday, September 22nd, the Lodge will be pleased to have W.: Grant Romer as our guest for the evening. Grant is the Director of the Advanced Residency Program in Photograph Conservation Photo Conservation Department at George Eastman House, International Museum of Photography and Film. Grant is also a Past Master and a knowledgeable Mason and general historian. Please join us for attitude adjustment at 6 p.m., followed by dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m. More information concerning the dinner will be made available as the date approaches. Thanks to R.: W.: John Zabel for organizing the program for the evening.

Adopt-a-Highway

The Lodge will hold its Fall Adopt-a-Highway clean-up on Saturday, September 25th. Meet at the Lodge at 8:30 a.m. for coffee and donuts and please join us to clean-up the short stretch of Whitney Road which the Lodge cares for between Spring Lake Park and Route 250.



(Above) W.: Ken Schumacher and R.: W.: Skip Waterstreet clothe W.: Clyde Siverd with Dedicated Service Award Apron. (Below) Connie Siverd affixes the DSA Pin to Clyde's lapel.



We again congratulate Brother Clyde on receiving this honor.

The Yard Sale in June at the Shrine Center netted over \$400, which was donated to the Masonic Service Bureau. With some merchandise left over and the possibility of more coming in, a second event was planned for August 23rd. Details of that sale will be reported next month.

Sympathy

Brother Rene VanDeVeire and Helen Hook, wife of W.: William Hook, received condolences following the death of their mother, Stella VanDeVeire, from several Brothers and their wives who visited the funeral parlor.

Sickness and Distress

W.: Clyde Siverd, DSA, has had a couple of medical issues over the Summer, but seems to be doing well as I write this, as is Brother Rene VanDeVeire. He has had some adjustments to his medications and is hoping this will curtail his symptoms.

Brother Leon VanHuben is awaiting surgery on his rotator cuff. He, too, has other medical issues with which he is dealing.

These are all that have been brought to my attention. If you know of others, please pass along the information.

Brotherhood Fund

Elsewhere in this issue you will read that Craftsman Robertson Lodge is one that has received special recognition for the high percentage participation of its friends and Members. That is because of YOU! The new campaign is scheduled to begin next month, and we look forward to your continued support.

Reminders

There are still a few Dues Cards in the book for 2008, and the 2009 mailing will be going

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By W.: Hugh H. Woodside
 On behalf of the Worshipful Master and Officers of the Lodge, I hope you and your families had a safe and enjoyable Summer. For those of you who have had a difficult few months for health or other reasons, you are in our thoughts. Please contact the Worshipful Master at: ronlalik@rochester.rr.com or at 377-0097 if there is anything that the Lodge can do to help.

Installation of Officers

On June 24th, the Worshipful Master called a special communication for the Installation of Officers for the 2008-2009 Masonic year. About 35 Brothers and guests enjoyed the In-



Wakan-Hubbard Lodge 2008/2009 Officers and Distinguished Guests. (Front, l to r): Tom Keenan, Roger Lynch, Angelo DiCataldo, Fraser Ritchie, John Zabel; (Middle) Mike Nohle (Grand Steward), Peter Derry, Sean Brown, Mike DiCataldo, Don Brugger, Rick Yendall; (Back) Ron Bryant and Harry DeHollander (Assistant Grand Lecturers), Ron Lalik, Tom Ward, Mike Adamus, Derek Van Houten (District Deputy Grand Master). (Photo courtesy of John Zabel)

Craftsman Robertson Lodge No. 969
 1st & 3rd Tuesdays
 7:30 p.m.

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By R.: W.: Skip Waterstreet

Welcome back to another Masonic year, my Brothers. It will be the first opportunity for some of our new Officers to greet a District Deputy and Staff Officers when we open on September 2nd. R.: W.: Derek VanHouten requested the honor of making his first Official Visit presentation on behalf of Grand Master, Most Worshipful Edward G. Gilbert, to his home Lodge. He is expected to be accompanied by two Grand Stewards, R.: W.: Michael Nohle and R.: W.: George Todd. Lodge is scheduled to open at 7:30 p.m.

Dinner and Entertainment?

Plans are underway for a Dinner with the Ladies on September 9th at the Nutcracker. Brother Richard Smith was working out the details, but nothing had been firm up as I wrote this column. Put the date on your calendar and plan to join us!

Happy, Happy...

We have the privilege of honoring eight Brothers this month

on the occasion of their birth. Without divulging the year (of course), we send our celebratory congratulations to: William Kaufman (2nd); Robert Waldeck (3rd); Robert Shartran (10th); Gilbert Blew and Joseph Steffen (14th); William Stark, Jr. (16th); John Shannon (18th); and Donald Conner (25th). Happy Birthday!

June

Our Open Installation of Officers went off nicely, with R.: W.: Derek VanHouten as Installing Master and W.: Clyde Siverd, DSA, as Installing Marshal. Following the ceremony, W.: Clyde Siverd was presented his Dedicated Service Award Apron by W.: Kenneth Schumacher, with the assistance of yours truly. Connie Siverd was escorted to the East by W.: Charles Strickland, Acting Marshal, and applied the DSA Pin to her husband's lapel.



R.: W.: Derek VanHouten, W.: Ken Schumacher, Master, W.: Clyde Siverd, DSA, and R.: W.: Skip Waterstreet following presentation of Dedicated Service Award Certificate to Brother Siverd.

out in a few weeks. There is still time to catch up.

At the Annual Meeting, we voted to increase the fees for Petitions, Affiliations and Initiations beginning January 1, 2009. That means you have three more months to encourage any relatives or friends to join us under the current fee structure. If you need Petitions, call our Secretary, W.: Ralph Jurgens - (315) 524-3686, or me at the Service Bureau Office - 671-9730.

See you in Lodge.

tons of extras and sides. The little ones enjoyed the kayak and tubing behind a Jet Ski. It was a great pleasure to meet Brother Bob Dibble, whom I had never met before.

September 11th will be the first meeting back after the Summer break. We welcome every Brother to come out and get re-acquainted if you are a little rusty. The meal is Pulled Pork and Corn for \$9. I hope to see you there.



R.W. Don Krech presented Brother John Burpee his 55-year Certificate and Pin, shortly before his death, August 1st.

man (7th), Doug Higgins and Leon Sporn (9th), Bill Hackenberger and Kel Kelsey (13th), Bob Koehler (16th), Brennan Coon (19th), Jerry Pulver (20th), Paul Israel (21st), Arthur Bennet and Henry Shulman (27th) and Dave Denz (30th). Best wishes for the year to come.

Sickness and Distress


As a lot of you know, I was diagnosed with stage 3B lung cancer this past Spring. Although my prognosis was gloomy, my optimism remained high. Through the efforts of my ace Medical Team at the Wilmot Cancer Center at Strong Memorial Hospital, I underwent six weeks of chemotherapy and surgery to remove tumors and 40% of my

right lung. I was told on August 8th by my surgeon that all x-rays and tests show that I am now cancer free! As a preventive measure I still need two more rounds of chemotherapy, which I will gladly endure, knowing that is the last. I thank all of you for your cards, calls, visits and prayers. The doctors told me from the beginning my positive mental attitude would be so important to beating the odds. My Brothers, I thank you for helping me keep that attitude and coming out clean. I look forward to serving as your Worshipful Master this year. With YOUR assistance, the Lodge will prosper and shed its beneficent influence upon mankind. I hope to see you around the Altar.

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Welcome back to Lodge. I hope your Summer was filled with fun.

The theme for ERAC Lodge this year is "Encompass Thy Brother." We have a great Trestleboard with many planned events that will provide sound Masonic instruction.

Also, upcoming this year, is the Officers' Ball. Keep an eye out for details. This is going to be a gala event of the District.

Congratulations and thanks to our new Officers:

- Master **James Jenerson**
- Sr. Warden **Patrick Nicholson**
- Jr. Warden **Patrick Mulrooney**
- Treasurer **Terry Wihlen, Jr.**
- Secretary **Terry Wihlen, Sr.**
- Chaplain **Lew Perna**
- Sr. Deacon **Jeff Buell**
- Jr. Deacon **John Hellaby**
- Sr. MC **Jonathan Thrall**
- Jr. MC **Charles Crawford**
- Stewards **Mike Vanas**
Zach Taylor
James MacDuff
Ahmad English

Marshal **Bruce Kats**
Tiler **D'wayne Simmons**
Thanks to all who are willing to serve.

The Scholarship Picnic was a great success. It was filmed, in part, by 9News; if you didn't make it you missed your 30-seconds of fame.

Congratulations!

Pat Mulrooney has a new grandson, Zach Taylor has a new baby girl and the Worshipful Master has a new granddaughter.

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The Summer has gone by so fast, but the Brothers were able to have a great picnic on July 17th. The weather was great and the Ladies and Brothers really put on a wonderful spread of goodies. As tradition, we had a Corn and Sausage Roast and

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I hope everyone had a great Summer. It has been said that the Lodge goes dark during the Summer months. We did not have any meetings during July and August, but we did gather on two occasions.

The Annual Lodge Picnic was held August 12th at White Birch Lodge in Perinton.

A Memorial Service was held for Brother Alfred K. Miller on August 23rd at our Lodge. Thank you to all who attended each of these events.

Brother Bring-a-Friend

Our first program for September will be a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night on the 8th. There will be a dinner at 6:30p.m., followed by the program. Call the Junior Warden, W.: Bernie Lazerson at 271-7446 to confirm your reservation. As per usual, this steak dinner will be \$10 per person, free to our guests, and any Brother who brings a guest. If you know of an interested party, please let us know and a personal invitation will be sent.

The Lodge Officers met in August to work out the Trestleboard for the year. This will be sent to each of you, and outlined in future issues of the paper.

Masonic Anniversaries

Not many Brothers were Raised in the month of September. We have four. Brother Cosmo Pusateri was raised on the 9th, Stan Steinberg on the 25th and Bill Lozon on the 30th. We all remember the Raising of Brother Jason Scheerens on September 8th in 2004 before he headed to Iraq. The Lodge was filled with Brethren from far and wide, including the Deputy Grand Master, M.: W.: Neal Bidnick. Congratulations to all.

September Birthdays

September birthday wishes go out to Brothers Gerald Greenberg (5th), Eric Prince (6th), Jim Comstock and Larry Schul-

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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For Room Reservations, specify "Grand Master's Ball"
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Social Hour: 5:30 - 7 p.m.
Open Bar & Hot/Cold Hors d'oeuvres
Music for your listening pleasure by Kevin Clark on the Piano

Dinner: 7:15 p.m.
Minestrone Soup ~ Tossed Garden Salad ~ Rolls with Butter
Choice of Entrée ...
Chicken Roulade
Prime Rib of Beef
Seared Atlantic Salmon
Smashed Potatoes w/Cheddar Cheese, Sour Cream & Bacon
Chef's Choice of Vegetable ~ Chef's Selection of Dessert
Coffee, Assorted Teas, Milk & Soft Drinks

Children's Menu
Chicken Fingers w/French Fries
Fruit Cup & Dessert

Donation: \$68 per person ~ Children \$16.60
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Men's Attire: Tuxedo or Dark Suit Women's Attire: Semi-Formal

Grand Master's Ball Reservation
Make check payable to: "Erie County Masonic Foundation, Inc." and
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Enclosed is \$ _____ for _____ reservations to the Grand Master's Ball - October 25, 2008
(Reservation Deadline is October 15, 2008. NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.)

Name	Guest	Title
Address		
City	State	Zip
Phone:	e-mail:	
Lodge Name	No.	District
Meal Selection: _____ Chicken Roulade _____ Prime Rib of Beef _____ Seared Atlantic Salmon _____ Children's Meal		
ALL SEATING IS RESERVED. I prefer to be seated with:		
Lodge No. _____ or District _____ or Other _____		



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By Rt. Wthy. Tom Richenderfer
District Grand Lecturer

Welcome back from Summer vacations! I hope everyone had a great Summer and is now refreshed, relaxed and rejuvenated.

It was a busy Summer in the District. We started on May 31st with the Official Visit of the Grand Matron and Grand Patron. The turnout to the luncheon was fantastic and all had a wonderful time.

June

In June, we started the month off with the Lilac Luncheon. Twenty-four members rode the bus to Oriskany to share a meal with the residents of the Eastern Star Home.

The 100th Anniversary Celebration of the founding of the Eastern Star Home was held on June 13th. Then, on the 21st, we gathered at the United Church of Pittsford for Fun Night. Again, everyone shared a wonderful evening of games and friendship.

July

In July was Pilgrimage Weekend in Oriskany. On July 25th, we enjoyed a delicious dinner with the Queens District. At that dinner it was announced that

Christina Hampton will be District Deputy Grand Matron and Ken Milner will be District Grand Lecturer for 2009. Congratulations to Chris and Ken and best wishes for a great year!

On July 26th, was the Festival at the Eastern Star Home. Rt. Wthy. Diane and I, as well as other members of the District, worked in some of the booths at the Festival. It was a nice day (until the rain started during the Officers' Parade) and I got to talk with a lot of members from the District who made their way to Oriskany to take part in the celebrations.

August

We had a very successful District Chicken Bar-B-Que on August 16th. We owe a great deal of the success to the perfect weather and the many volunteers who worked.

So it is now September. Time to get Chapter meetings started, wrap-up one great year and plan for the next great year.

In October, of course, is Grand Sessions in Saratoga Springs. Information about hotel reservations will be mailed to the Chapter Secretaries.

I hope you all have a great Fall season.



Portion of Head Table at District Official Visit (l to r) Most Wthy. Janet S. Johnson, Grand Treasurer; Most Wthy. Jodelle C. Fletcher, Grand Matron; Rt. Wthy. Diane Dobbertin, Monroe District DDGM; Rt. Wthy. Tom Richenderfer, Monroe District DGL; Most Wthy. Clifford L. Gross, Grand Patron; and Rt. Wthy. Sharon V. Haase, Associate Grand Matron.

(Courtesy of Grand Historian)

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

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Rochester 14610

Ancient Matron of Heroines of Jericho (PHA) United National Mason and Order of Eastern Stars, Inc, Wilmington, NC., while a bagpiper welcomed in the festivities. He continued with accordion music during our Birthday Dinner.

Wthy. Marilyn presented Wthy. Bob and Crystal, the youngest Triangle member, with a Burger-King crown; fulfilling the childhood dream of King Arthur and "The Once and Future King." All had a great time. During our meeting Dad Burke spoke about the DeMolay boys.

We had a really neat picnic at Wthy. Marilyn and Bob's house on August 3rd. We were all impressed with the chapter's memory skills.

Upcoming Events September

10th - First Regular Meeting. Welcome back. (Street Dress)
24th - Regular Meeting. (Street Dress)

Hope you all had a really great Summer. I close with my word Faith - "Faith builds a bridge from this world to the next."



Monroe District Matrons and Patrons at District Official Visit. (l to r) Rt. Wthy. Mary Hall, Leah Chapter; Wthy. Joyce Blank, Mary Jane Holmes Chapter; Wthy. Christina Hampton and Rt. Wthy. Raymond DiJames, Starlight Chapter; Rt. Wthy. John Lenzi and Wthy. Mary Blik, Fairport Chapter; and Rt. Wthy. Roger Lynch and Rt. Wthy. Sula Baxter, Lilac Star Chapter.

(Courtesy of Grand Historian)



Sweet 16th Birthday Party with Jake Polanski, who provided accordion music, posing with Worthy Matron, Marilyn Israel, her Girl Scout colleague, Jean Kendrick, and Jean's grandson, Isaac Brown, who was visiting from Memphis, Tennessee. (Below), Fidelity Triangle Girls Maryanne Greenaway and Crystal Bailey cut and served the cake.



Don't Miss It...
Starlight Chapter #507
O.E.S.
is preparing a

Roast Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner

Friday, October 10th
Serving 4:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Adult - \$8
Children (5-12) - \$4

at Spencerport Masonic Hall
133 South Union Street

Ontario/Seneca/Yates OES Highlights

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By CarolAnn Farnung

Our OES Sisters and Brothers have been busy this Summer hosting an On-Station Picnic in June for 75 residents and staff at the Canandaigua Veterans Hospital and an Ice Cream Cone Party in August for the residents of the facility. The DGL thanks all who have helped this year and encourages those who are able to attend our final Ice Cream Cone Party on September 13th. This party will be held at a new location, Building 333, as renovations and updates are being made to Building 7. The residents are truly grateful for the companionship and, of course, the yummy ice cream.

O/S/Y District is preparing for a busy Fall. Our District Chapter meetings will begin again in September. On Friday, September 12th there will be a District Dinner Meeting. All members are welcome, but reservations are requested. Royal-Garoga Chapter in Phelps will host this dinner meeting at their Chapter.

My project as DDGM has been to raise money for the Hospice and Comfort Homes within our District. Basket raffles have been successful throughout the year. As a final event this year, we are hosting a Wine Tasting Tour on Sunday, October 5th from 1 p.m.-6 p.m. For tickets/reservations, contact CarolAnn Farnung at 473-0958 or cfarnung@bigfoot.com. Tickets are \$45. This fun-filled Fall afternoon will include transportation on a "Limo bus" to five Finger Lakes Wineries and a Microbrewery. Hurry, as we have a limit of 50 people. All persons 21 and older are welcome. Reservations and payment by September 29th are a must!

Join us as the District Grand Officers "Sail to Eagle Star Island" for their Homecoming on Saturday, October 11th. Beach festivities begin at 5:30 p.m. with dinner to follow. Subscription \$8. All inquiries should be directed to Sister Lori Gilley at 461-1051 or email:

wgilley1@rochester.rr.com

Fairport Chapter #444, OES Rummage Sale

Friday, September 19th
9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday, September 20th
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

at Fairport Lodge
87 South Main Street, Fairport

Please help us in raise funds to support
our many Masonic charities!

Donations of clothing, craft, household items and small appliances are appreciated and will be accepted Thursday, September 18th from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Of course, everyone's welcome to shop at the Sale!

Please call Wthy. Mary K. Blik, Matron, (223-4921) for additional information.

In Memoriam

Anderson, Cora Thurlow

Cora Anderson, 96, closed her chapter of mortal life on May 8th and entered Eternal Rest. Cora was a member of Nolatka Chapter, OES, and is survived by 4 children, 10 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren, who will always reminisce about her life. Memories are like threads of gold, they never tarnish or grow old.

Baldwin, James Irving

James Baldwin, 82, passed away on July 17th. Jim was a 58-year member of Olive Branch Lodge, serving as Master in 1960-1961, and Past High Priest of Le Roy Chapter, Royal Arch Masons. He was a Navy Veteran and belonged to the American Legion Post #576 in Le Roy. Jim's lifelong passion for drumming progressed from being active in the high school band and local Drum Corps during his early years into an avid jazz and big band drummer for the remainder of his life. His children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren survive him.

Bisig, Victor D.

On June 11th, Victor Bisig, 78, met his Maker, leaving Geneseo Lodge and Scottish Rite Brothers to remember him. May he find peace with the Great Architect of the Universe.

Burpee, John A.

On August 1st, John Burpee, 91, was welcomed into Heaven by the Great Architect of the Universe. He is survived by 3 children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. John was a member of Fame Lodge. May he find peace with the Lord.

Crough, John F.

On July 8th, the loving arms of the Lord embraced John F. Crough, 54, leaving his wife, Kathy, and a son to survive him. ERAC Lodge remembers John, a six-year member, as a good Brother who had just started his Masonic life. Sadly missed, lovingly remembered.

Dechau, Carl L.

Carl Dechau, 94, passed away July 19th. His life will be remembered for many years of dedication in the community - a lifetime member of Ridge Culver Volunteer Fire Department, a member of Point Pleasant Volunteer Fire Department, active in Boy Scouts and a professional engineer organization. He was a Mason for more than 60 years and belonged to Fame Lodge. His wife, Patricia, 2 sons, 4 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren survive him. God bless.

Domair, Charles F.

On June 29th, Charles F. Domair departed for his Heavenly Home, leaving his wife, Lorraine, a son and grandchildren to remember him. Charles was a member of Fame Lodge and Damascus Shriners. He was a clarinet and saxophone musician. May the Heavenly bands be blessed with his talent.

Gibney, James Sutherland

The loving arms of the Lord embraced James Gibney, 85, on May 26th. His wife of 61 years, Doris, 3 children, 9 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren survive him. James was a Member of Constellation Lodge and Damascus Shriners. His Masonic Brothers and family will miss him.

Hauser, Walter F.

Walter F. Hauser, 86, passed away on June 2nd. His wife, Nancy, 2 children and a grandson survive him. Walter was a Mason for more than 60 years and currently a member of ERAC Lodge. There is a link death cannot sever, Brotherhood and remembrance last forever.

Hornik, Howard

Howard Hornik, 84, passed away June 30th. He is survived by 2 children and a grandson. Locally, he was a member of Cyrene-Monroe Commandery. In Colorado, he was a member of Tejon Masonic Lodge, York Rite and Shriners. Howard was a World War II Army Veteran.

Knapp, Robert H.

Robert H. Knapp, 82, died on July 6th. His wife, Josephine, 7 children, 13 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren are comforted by their memories of him. Robert was a member of Union Lodge and Damascus Shriners. He lived a life of volunteerism and is blessed with the reward of heavenly peace.

Kuehne, William J.

The Great Architect of the Universe called William J. Kuehne, a true example of a Mason and active member of Concordant Bodies, on June 8th. His wife, Sandria, his extended family and many friends survive Bill.

His Masonic involvement included being a member and Past Master of Webster Lodge; member of ERAC Lodge; the Rochester Scottish Rite, where he received the DSA; Lalla Rookh Grotto; Damascus Shrine, where he was Assistant Rabban and member of the Wheelers; Hiram Chapter and Past High Priest of Webster Chapter; Jesters Court; and Lilac Star Chapter, OES. Bill was a Past Grand Director of Ceremonies and Past District Deputy High Priest of the 27th Capitular District, RAM. He was also an Emeritus Board Member of the Shriners Hospitals for Children in Erie. He left us with a garden of beautiful memories, sprayed with a million tears.

Mauk, Jr., James F.

James F. Mauk, Jr., 88, passed away June 9th. Jim is survived by 2 children, 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Jim was a very active Mason and Shriner when living in Rochester, serving as Commander of the Legion of Honor of the Damascus Temple Shriners. He labored hard for those he loved; then left us to remember.

Patterson, Albert F. "Al"

Albert Patterson, Jr., 79, went to the Celestial Lodge above on June 29th. Al was a 58-year member of ERAC Lodge and served as Master of East Rochester Lodge in 1963. May he find peace with the Great Architect of the Universe.

Pestell, David G.

On June 10th, David Pestell, 65, went to the Celestial Lodge above. He leaves his loving companion, Barb Hinton, a daughter and 4 grandchildren. His many friends, extended family, canine companions and Brothers of Clio Lodge will miss him. A page in our book of memories is gently turned today.

Pfund, Douglas A.

On June 26th, Douglas Pfund, 83, entered Eternal Rest. Three children, 3 grandchildren and a great-grandson will remember his life. The Brothers of Clio Lodge will keep his memory in their hearts.

Pinkney, David M.

David Pinkney, 87, went home to his Lord on June 21st. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Evelyn, 2 children and a grandchild. David was a World War II Veteran and was awarded the Silver Star for Gallantry in Action. He was a member of ERAC Lodge.

Robison, Agnes Kirkpatrick

Agnes Robison passed away on May 22nd and leaves 2 children and 3 grandchildren to remember her. Agnes was a Past Matron of Paul Chapter, OES, and a member of Corinthian-Fellowship Chapter. As you were you will always be, treasured forever in our memory.

Simpson, Frank Carlton

Frank C. Simpson, 98, passed away June 21st. Frank was a Past Master of Towpath Lodge (now ERAC). Outside of Monroe District, he was a member of Amber Lodge in Parishville, Scottish Rite (Valley of Canton, Ohio), and Grand Steward ('96-'98) for the Second St. Lawrence District. All who knew him will remember his long dedication to the Fraternal Brotherhood.

Smith, Rodger H.

On June 8th, Rodger Smith, 62, left his Earthly Home and his wife, Jeanie, family and friends will remember an early passing. Rodger was a member of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge and Hiram Chapter, RAM. You left us with a garden of beautiful memories, sprayed with a million tears.

Wiener, Henry "Hank"

We have received word that Hank Wiener, 88, died March 4th in Richmond, Virginia. His wife, Margaret, 3 children and 3 grandchildren survive him. Hank was a member of Fairport-Flower City Lodge. Memories are like threads of gold; then never tarnish or grow old.

Widows to be Remembered

Burdett, Suzanne H. (75), widow of Richard A. Burdett, Sr. (Northfield) passed away June 19th.

Corts, Dorothy E. (91), widow of Ernest Corts (Craftsman Robertson) passed away July 28th.

Harper, Marian G. (95), widow of John Harper (Unity) passed away August 14th.

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

Pembroke, Constance Goulding. widow of Charles J. Pembroke II (Northfield) passed away May 31st.

Wheeler, Winifred, widow of James Wheeler (ERAC) passed away June 11th.

Wright, Carolyn A. (70), widow of Denny W. Wright (Clio) passed away June 1st.

Taxes! Taxes! Taxes!

By Tom Michielsen

Well, Summer is about over, the children are thinking of school days and renewing friendships, and it is time to again resume our labors. Our Representatives in Congress and the various State Assemblies have again changed the tax laws, some for the better and some for the worst.

Did you, or a representative, attend the Tax and Accounting Seminar that was held last June? If not, I will try to summarize some of that information here.

"What is Income?" for a Tax-exempt Organization

Income is the total amount the organization receives during its annual accounting period without subtracting any expenses or costs. I know that is legalese, but what does it mean? The following are some examples: Grand Lodge, Grand Chapter or Supreme Council dues; local dues; gifts to charity paid to the local organization; investment income, i.e. interest, dividends, capital gain distributions; rental income; bequests; annuity or pension income; sale of inventory items; sale of stocks and bonds; sale of other assets (buildings, furniture or paraphernalia); and gross income from special events whether it is cash or non-cash, even if you donate the proceeds to others.

Beginning in 2008, small, tax-exempt organizations that previously were not required to file Returns may be required to file an Annual Electronic Notice, Form 990-N, Electronic Notice (e-Postcard) for Tax-Exempt Organizations not Required To File Form 990 or 990-EZ. This filing requirement applies to tax periods beginning after December 31, 2006.

Exempt organizations whose annual gross receipts are normally \$25,000 or less are not required to file a Form 990 or Form 990-EZ, Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax. However, for tax periods beginning after 2006, these organizations will be required to file a Form 990-N. The form will be due by the 15th day of the fifth month after the close of the organization's tax period (May 15 for calendar-year taxpayers). Those whose annual gross receipts are over \$25,000 and whose assets are over \$100,000 must file Form 990. Those with assets of \$100,000 or less can file Form 990-EZ. Any Exempt Organization required to file either Form 990 or 990-EZ, should also file with the Attorney General's Office.

Tips for Recently Married or Divorced Taxpayers

Newlyweds and the recently divorced should ensure the name on their tax return matches the name registered with the Social Security

Administration (SSA). A mismatch could delay a tax refund.

- For recently married taxpayers, the tax scenario begins when the bride says "I do." If she takes her husband's last name, as most wives do, but doesn't tell the SSA about the name change, a complication may result. When the couple files a joint tax return with her new name, the Internal Revenue Service computers will not be able to match the new name with the Social Security Number (SSN).

- After a divorce, a woman who had taken her husband's name and made that change known to the SSA should contact the SSA if she reassumes a previous name. It's easy to inform the SSA of a name change by filing Form SS-5 at a local SSA office. It usually takes two weeks to have the change verified.

Generally, taxpayers must provide Social Security Numbers for each dependent claimed on the tax return. For adopted children without Social Security numbers, the parents can apply for an Adoption Taxpayer Identification Number, or ATIN, by filing Form W-7A with the Internal Revenue Service. The ATIN is a temporary number used in place of the Social Security Number on the tax return.

Keeping Good Tax Records

In a tax emergency, would you be ready? Well-organized records not only help you prepare your tax return, but they also help you answer questions if your return is selected for examination or prepare a response if you are billed for additional tax.

Fortunately, you don't have to keep all tax records around forever. Normally, tax records should be kept for three years, but some documents — such as records relating to a home purchase or sale, stock transactions, IRA and business or rental property — should be kept longer.

If you are an employer, you must keep all your employment tax records for at least 4 years after the tax becomes due or is paid, whichever is later.

If you are in business, there is no particular method of book-keeping you must use. However, you must clearly and accurately show your gross income and expenses. The records should substantiate both your income and expenses.

Upcoming Due Dates

September 15th — August Payroll Taxes Due

September 15th — Third Quarter Estimated Taxes Due

September 20th — Sales Tax Due

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BIG CALENDAR - SEPTEMBER 2008

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
7		1 Labor Day	2 Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson (OV), Shrine Center Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps Nunda Station Oakland - Castile OES - Fairport, Noliska, Starlight	3 Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy Damascus Shrine - Past Potentates Night w/Ladies OES - Lilac Star	4 Eunice - Caledonia Northfield - Pittsford Webster	5	6 OES - Rochester Chapter - Spencerport	
Grandparent's Day	8 ERAC - Shrine Center Fairport/Lower City Union Star - Honeoye Falls Unity - Spencerport Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield	9 Eagle - Honeoye Seneca - Webster Valley-Simes, Shrine Center RAM - Dansville OES - Leah - Hilton, Mary Jane Holmes - Brockport	10 Oatka - Scottsville Masonic Service Bureau Monthly Board Luncheon OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville, Corinthian Fellowship	11 Fame, Shrine Center Milnor - Victor Union - Lima RAM - Hiram Lalla Rookh Caldron ESSGA Convention, Binghamton	12 ESSGA Convention, Binghamton	13 Shrine Rod & Gun Club, Rochester Brooks, 9 a.m. <i>Daughters of the Nile, Zama Temple - Fairport</i>		
14	15 Candaigua - Shortsville KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford Lalla Rookh Grotto Legion of Honor OES - Etolian	16 Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson, Shrine Center Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps Nunda Station OES - Lilac Star, Noliska, Starlight	17 Ark - Geneva Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy RSM - Doric Council, Pittsford Lalla Rookh Grotto MON - Masters and Wardens OES - Lilac Star	18 Eunice - Caledonia Northfield - Pittsford Webster Scottish Rite	19 Shrine Duffer's Golf Tournament, Lima Country Club, noon	20 KT - Sagoyewatha - Phelps Shrine Potentates Reception, Brookwood Country Club, 2:00 to 4:00; Burgundy Basin, 6:00 - 9		
21 Shrine Potentates Breakfast, Brookwood Country Club, 9:00 a.m.	22 ERAC - Shrine Center Fairport/Lower City Union Star - Honeoye Falls Unity - Spencerport Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield	23 Eagle - Honeoye Valley-Simes RAM - Dansville, LeRoy OES - Leah - Hilton Shrine Wheelers Dinner, Bill Grays, Sea Breeze	24 Oatka - Scottsville Tall Cedars of Lebanon OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville, Corinthian Fellowship	25 Fame, Shrine Center Milnor - Victor Union - Lima RAM - Hiram James A. HardWayne Charter Post Perry Shrine Club, Lumberyard Restaurant	26 Shrine - NYOSA, Genera	27 OSY - Bus trip to Masonic Care Community, Ulta		
28 Shrine - NYOSA, Genera	29 Shrine Lunch Club First Day of Autumn	30 MON - School of Ritual, Unity Lodge - Spencerport	1 October Damascus Shrine - Fall Ceremonial, 7:00 p.m. 4 October Damascus Shrine Sportsman Raffle, Shrine Center, 1:00-4:00 p.m.		Shrine Events or Events at Shrine Center in this typeface. See <i>Damascus News</i> section for details.	Shrine - NYOSA, Genera Deadline for the October issue of the <i>Masonic Times</i> is September 10th		

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