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## Buffalo Assists Rochester DeMolay

By R.:W.: Michael Hueston

What a fantastic start to the new year! On January 19th, the Rochester Chapter, Order of DeMolay, attended a Ceremony at the Ismailia Shrine Center in Buffalo. Two new members, Maverick Gerhard and David Locke, received the DeMolay Degree. The Degree, conferred by DeMolay members from across the State, was very well attended. Our new members are Maverick Gerhard and David Locke. They both are in the 9th Grade and reside in Webster. Maverick attends Webster Schroeder High School while David attends Webster Thomas High School.

After the Degree there was a Pizza Party and Dance for members of the DeMolay and the Triangle Girls. Everyone had a good time. It was a good night for both of our boys as they danced and ate their share of the delicious pizza. My thanks to the Advisors who attended the Ceremony and helped to make all this happen. Bernie



New inductees into DeMolay David Locke (left) and Maverick Gerhard.

Lazerson, Kevin Gerhard and Doug Locke joined me for the event.

Please help us if you can by letting us know of any young men between the ages of 12 and 21 years old who would be a good candidate for DeMolay. An Open House for the Rochester Chapter Order of DeMolay is scheduled for March 27th at the Fairport Masonic Hall. On this night we will answer any and all questions regarding DeMolay. □

## College of Freemasonry Returns

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By V.:W.: William Edwards

Just do it! What are you waiting for? Mark your calendar and make your reservation for the 2013 College of Freemasonry educational event, which will be held on Saturday, March 23rd. The theme is, *Masonic Renewal and the Future of Masonry for the next 100 years*. Over the past three Centuries Masons have responded to the question, "What have you come to do?" differently.

In his book, *American Freemasons - Three Centuries of Building Communities*, Brother Mark Tabbert explores how generations of Masons who have been exposed to the Tenets of Freemasonry have put them into practice. While Freemasonry is built upon a solid foundation of Landmarks and Principles, how we practice our Craft has changed with time. Some generations have emphasized Brotherhood and Fellowship; others have focused on self-improvement or community service. Now is our time to hold the Working Tools of the Craft and put them to good use.

An outstanding group of nationally recognized Masonic speakers will be exploring this topic and you will want to be a part of the conversation. Our Keynote speaker is Ill.: S. Brent Morris, 33°, Grand Cross. He is Managing Editor of the *Scottish Rite Journal*, the largest circulation Masonic magazine in the world. Brother Morris has authored many articles and books on Freemasonry, including *The Complete Idiot's Guide® to Freemasonry*.

Other featured speakers on the program include Robert G. Davis, author of *Understanding Manhood in America: Freemasonry's enduring Quest for the Mature Masculine*. Robert is Executive Secretary of the Guthrie Scottish Rite Bodies in Oklahoma. He is a Past Master of three Masonic Lodges, and served as the Charter Master of Guildhall Lodge No. 553, a traditional practices Lodge in Oklahoma. Robert is well known both in the areas of Masonic Research and Masonic Renewal.

Andrew Hammer, author of *Observing the Craft. The Pursuit of Excellence In Masonic Labour and Observance*, is Past Master of Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 and sits on the Board of the Masonic Restoration Foundation.

## 39th Annual Spring Banquet

Estella Chapter, OES (Prince Hall Affiliated), which has been active in the Rochester Community for over 100 years, once again will host their Spring Banquet. This annual event will be held on Friday, March 15th, at the Lodge on the Green, 2888 Ridgeway Avenue.

This affair is their main fundraiser. It enables the Chapter to support several

A member of Inspiration Lodge No. 109, M.:W.: Joseph Crociata is the immediate Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, F.A.A.M. A native of Rochester, he was Raised in Craftsman Lodge No. 969. Anyone who has heard M.:W.: Crociata speak will know he will get us all fired up about Freemasonry and our future.

Ill.: Peter J. Samiec, 33°, Active Member of the Supreme Council and Deputy for the State of New York, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, will be speaking about the 200th Anniversary of the Scottish Rite.

Ill.: and R.:W.: Thomas Jackson will be in attendance to present the Thomas W. Jackson Award for Excellence in Masonic Education. If you search the internet you will find a number of thought provoking speeches by Brother Jackson.

We also are very fortunate to have M.:W.: James Sullivan, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, as a participant. What a great lineup of speakers! To wrap up the event, the speakers will be participating in an engaging panel discussion. I anticipate this to be very a passionate, lively and memorable exchange.

The event will be held at Genesee Community College in Batavia. Registration sign-in will be at 9:00 a.m. and the program will commence at 10:00 a.m. Coffee and Muffins will be available for a light breakfast and lunch will be provided. It is rumored that Ben Franklin will be making a visit during lunch. Tickets are \$20 per person and reservations can be made through the Scottish Rite Office at 264-1160.

To kick off the weekend, a dinner will be held with the speakers for Scottish Rite members at the Clarion Hotel in Batavia. Additional details will be mailed to Valley members. The event is sponsored by the Valley of Rochester, Scottish Rite, NMJ.

While we may not agree with all the opinions expressed by the speakers, we can all benefit from the sharing of knowledge and learning about different trends in the world of Freemasonry. See you on March 23rd! □

March 15th - All Welcome!

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## Happy Valentine's Day

to all the

# Sweethearts of the Fraternity

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## Grant Applications Now Available

The Masonic Service Bureau's Education Assistance Committee announces that applications for the 2013 Awards Program are now available - **on a one-time-only basis!** All applicants must either belong to a Masonic Youth Organization or be sponsored by a Member of a Masonic Lodge or Related Body. They also must be a High School Senior who has been accepted for 2013 enrollment at an accredited college OR a Student who is currently attending an accredited college on a full-time basis.

Masons desiring support for continuing education may also request an application. It is the plan of the Committee to award TWO \$500 Grants, also on a **one-time-only basis**. Applications for either of these programs may be obtained from the Masonic Service Bureau; 979 Bay Road; Webster, NY 14580; email: [bmasonic@rochester.rr.com](mailto:bmasonic@rochester.rr.com) or call 671-9730.

Each year the Bureau offers Grants to area Charities for the use of their actual charity mission and objectives.

Application is made by the Charity writing a request letter that outlines their purpose, other sources of funding, including a financial report and the project/activity to which the funds would be applied.

All applications must be **postmarked** no later than **Midnight, March 31, 2013**. Call the Bureau for more information. □



671-9730

## Editor's Corner

I know some people read this column who may not read other sections of the newspaper. They are only interested in the articles from the Organizations to which they belong, so please allow me to put in a couple of plugs this month.

If you are looking for Degree work, be sure to check out the Big Calendar. We try to list each one near the Lodge that is conferring the Degree. In the coming months, there seems to be a large number of opportunities for you to visit and witness another Officer Line strut their stuff. It also could be helpful to you if you need to "catch up" a Brother unable to take a Degree with his class. I, for one, hope this trend continues all year, and these new Master Masons attend meetings regularly and move into a position in Line in the near future.

Another big event coming next month and featured on the front page of this issue, is the College of Freemasonry. V.:W.: Bill Edwards has secured a stellar lineup of Masonic Dignitaries who will speak on a variety of subjects and then participate in a panel discussion. I'm excited to meet and hear them speak, including M.:W.: Joe Crociata, Past Grand Master of the District of Columbia, and a Brother of Inspiration Lodge No. 109, among others. R.:W.: Thomas Jackson has been here before and delivers a great message. In addition, he will present the Valley of Rochester's Thomas Jackson Award.

I know this is a frequent statement when reservations are required, but the space is limited at the venue - Genesee Community College - so it would really behoove you to make your reservation early, if you have any interest in attending. Call the Scottish Rite Office - 264-1160 - to get your name on the list. Then send in your check.

The next event sounds like it could be a fun time, but unfortunately not for me. The Mighty Run on the Masonic Care Community Campus in Utica on the 4th of May is a new effort at fundraising for the facilities. See the ad on this for more details, or stop into the Service Bureau Office and pick up a flyer.

For sixteen weeks, beginning on May 10th, Damascus Shriners again will be holding their Cruz Nights. This event has become more and more popular each year. The dedication of a few of the Nobles who show up week after week is a wonderful testimony to their love of the Craft and its Principles. They would welcome more assistance from Shriners; and, I'll bet any non-Shriner with an interest in Classic Cars and willing to assist would be welcome with open arms!

Summer will be here before we know it! Camp Turk is looking for more campers to help fill their six-week season. If your Lodge is able and would like to sponsor a child, this is the time to start planning. Or, if you have a child or grandchild who would like to have this experience, sign them up. More information is available in the ad elsewhere in this issue.

There you go! I've just helped you fill dates in your calendar for the next seven months. You don't have to thank me now. You can wait until you have enjoyed all these (and other) activities. I appreciate the thoughts!

Thanks for reading!

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By Joy Woodley

At the January meeting of the Board of Directors of the Masonic Service Bureau, R.:W.: Gary Sanford, immediate Past-President of the Board, installed the Officers and Directors for 2013.

Elected Directors are: **Garry Cranker, James De Lorenzo, John Dudley, George Foehner, Christina Hampton, Elaine Milner, Roy Moses, Warren Patterson and Doreen Rhodes.**

Officers and members of the Executive Committee are: Joy Woodley, President; Derek VanHouten, Vice-President; Secretary, Barbara Goodrich; Treasurer, Herbert Spencer; and Executive Director, Charles "Skip" Waterstreet.

Trustees are: Richard Snyder, Kenneth Milner and Terry Wihlen; Janet Porter continues as Office Manager.

### 2013 Grant Applications

It was announced that applications for Education Assistance and Charitable Grants are now available. Contact the Service Bureau Office if you wish to apply. Applications must be postmarked by March 31st in order to be considered.

Board meetings are the second Wednesday of the Month, September through June, at noon and are open to the

public. Feel free to come to the meeting.

### Ronald McDonald Houses The House that Love Built

There is a special yellow house filled with big red hearts on Westmoreland Drive in Rochester. It is open to families from all over the world providing affordable housing while their child is receiving health care at Golisano Children's Hospital. Here they meet other families, sit, talk and share meals. They comfort each other during some very trying times while hoping for the best outcome.

Rochester has a second Ronald McDonald House within Golisano Children's Hospital, which was the second one in the nation so situated.

To all those who volunteer their time during the *Have-a-Heart* Campaign, passing out red hearts and helping raise money for these wonderful houses... Thank You! God Bless.

## Saturday May 4th

### on the Masonic Care Community Campus

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All proceeds to benefit the Masonic Care Community in Utica

Contact Brother JP Kidwell  
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## Attention Young Men Ages 12-21 ... DEMOLAY OPEN HOUSE WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27TH, 7 P.M.

at Fairport Masonic Hall  
87 South Main Street, Fairport

Young men, ages 12 to 21, and their parents are invited to stop by and learn about the Rochester Chapter of DeMolay from one of our advisors

Interested young men are asked to email their name, address, phone and age to: [secretary@valleyofrochester.org](mailto:secretary@valleyofrochester.org). Call (585) 264-1160 (M-F 9-12) if further info is needed



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By now you should all be used to writing 2013! Time marches on and so does Masonic Education. It's time to write *Road to the East (RTTE)* at 7 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday of March (21st), April (18th) and May (16th) on your calendar. Place - Sodus Lodge, 4 East Main Street, Sodus. Spring starts the day before our first session. (Winter will be in the past!)

Now for those of you who have never thumbed through the *RTTE* Manual, it's way different than *LSOME* or the *Masonic Development Course (MDC)* programs. *RTTE* is the operations and answer keys for what the Wardens and Master need to know to run a well-oiled machine called "your Lodge." So it's three, action-packed and informative sessions on what you need to know before, during and after your Lodge meetings. What things to be prepared for, who to contact and who-does-what kinds of answers as you move up the Lodge Line. Senior Deacons and up should be at these meetings. This program will help you make your future years easier and more fun. Lodges that have Officers at the *RTTE*, will be the superior Lodges of Wayne District in the years to come.

The Grand Lodge Committee on Leadership and Education highly recommends that each Officer has his own copy of the *RTTE* Manual. The cost of the manual is \$45. Perhaps your Lodge will help you with the cost. It's worth the cost as you will use it for years. I need to order your manual so the sooner you can confirm you will be at the *RTTE* Course with me, the sooner I can order and receive them. My telephone number is (315) 483-2745. It takes messages. My email is [soduspowleys@msn.com](mailto:soduspowleys@msn.com).

Remember that the last Course, the Master's Chair, can only be taken by newly elected Masters in June. So if you are an Officer in Line, the *RTTE* Course is the one for you.

Mark your calendar now; order your Manual with me now. Get ready for three fun and memorable nights in March, April and May! God bless America! ☐

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By Brother Robert J. Zanin, Jr.  
Senior Deacon

Hello from Drumlin Square! This month we welcome two new Master Masons, Brothers Richard Schopinsky and Brother Robert Baumgartner. They were Raised January 15th with a few Brothers from Sodus. Thank you to Sodus Lodge for hosting the Master's Degree. If you have not

come to the Lodge to welcome these new Brothers, please stop by and say hello.

December was a busy month for all of us, but we still found time to celebrate the Holiday Season with a Pot-Luck Dinner and Auction. We raised money for our Surviving Spouse Luncheon in May.

On February 20th we will have a Table Lodge, which will be an Open Meeting. Bring a guest to share in this annual event. Brother David Taber is always a host who can entertain a great time for all! It is also an opportunity to show off the Lodge to your friends and family who may be curious or haven't attended in a while.

On that note, if you know of someone who is interested in the Brotherhood, we could always have a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. Ask around at work, church or your neighborhood. Some potential Freemasons may be out there and not know who or how to ask to join. If it wasn't for Brother Peter Wimer adding my name to the invitation list, I would not have known how to contact the Lodge. Thank you Peter!

Another way to bring in more guys is to have Game Nights at the Lodge. I know we have discussed this before, but I would really like to see this through this year. If you have any ideas, please contact either Master Richard Brewer or myself, so we can get the ball rolling!

On March 3rd we will be having a special pre-meeting dinner and presentation honoring Jeremy Unterborne, the Eagle Scout who led the Historical Marker Restoration Project around the Village of Palmyra. This included restoring General John Swift's Historical Marker on Main Street. General Swift was one of our most notable original Palmyra Masons. Please stop by for this event and show your support for his hard work.

I will end this month by simply saying, "See you at Lodge!" ☐

# Monroe District

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In the 1st Degree, we receive our White Apron, and an explanation about what it represents. During this explanation, the narrator indicates that during our journey as a Mason, "... the purple of the Fraternity may rest upon your honored shoulder"

Could that be you? Maybe you have thought about becoming either a Grand Lodge Staff Officer (GLSO) or District Deputy Grand Master (DDGM). Maybe you have heard stories about the level of commitment required.

The honor of serving your Brothers in the Craft is a rewarding experience. It does require a level of commitment. I will lay out as best I know how, what's involved in becoming either a Grand Lodge Staff Officer or District Deputy Grand Master.

To be considered for a Grand Lodge Officer (GLSO or DDGM) position requires that you have attained the rank of Worshipful ... in other words, you have already served as a duly elected Master of your Lodge. As a general rule, if your Brothers thought you were qualified enough to lead them in Lodge, then chances are you possess the skill set needed to be a Grand Lodge Officer.

A recurring concern that has been expressed to me by Brothers is the time commitment involved. That's a fair concern. I have thought back to my time as a Worshipful Master, and compared it to the time I spend both as a GLSO, and now as your DDGM. There is not a significant difference in time commitment. In fact, running a Lodge can require a greater time commitment than being a Grand Lodge Officer.

Another concern expressed to me is the cost involved in being a Grand Lodge Officer. A two-year commitment can run anywhere from \$3,500-\$5,000. There is the cost of your Grand Lodge Uniform, travel to Grand Lodge (a portion of which is reimbursed by Grand Lodge) and training sessions in Utica. Other expenses tend towards entertainment, since you should be visible within the District.

I realize that finances can be an issue. It was for me the very first time I interviewed for a Grand Lodge Officer position. I decided to hold off until I was in a better position. Your own circumstances will dictate whether this time is right for you.

Some Brothers have remarked that they couldn't be a Grand Lodge Officer because "of the politics." Politics is the method by which humans with diverse agendas navigate the human element. Master Masons are no less immune to political machinations than any other group. Group politics becomes a problem when diverse groups row in opposite directions. When we are working towards a common goal, then politics help bring together diverse viewpoints to achieve a common goal. Politics is an adult sport.

Fortunately, we have a very strong District, which despite strong personalities, always manages to do the right thing. The admonition who can best lead and who can best follow is particularly apt here.

So why be a Grand Lodge Officer? Because it's your opportunity to lead our District with your vision. In next month's article, I'll cover what is expected of a Grand Lodge Officer.

### Looking Ahead

This month marks our *Have-a-Heart* Fundraiser Campaign for the Ronald McDonald House. Please make what time you have available to join your Lodge at one of our area Malls and help raise money to help families get their children through their medical treatment.

### A Poem for February

#### *Dust of Snow*

by Robert Frost

The way a crow  
Shook down on me  
The dust of snow  
From a hemlock tree

Has given my heart  
A change of mood  
And saved some part  
Of a day I had rued.

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By Robert Buchanan

February marks a special month in the Monroe District with our upcoming *Have-a-Heart* Campaign. Please find in your heart some time to assist your Lodge with the dates and times it is scheduled and help staff the booth in your assigned Mall for the Ronald McDonald Houses. It only takes a few hours of your time to help a worthwhile cause. If you can make it, call a Brother and see if they are willing to join you. Remember, the District Deputy Grand Master has granted Dispensation for Brothers to wear their Aprons at this event to help showcase Masons making a difference in our communities.

I would like to share with you a small bit of the history of these Houses directly from the Ronald McDonald House website — [www.ronaldshouse.com/welcome-ronald-mcdonald-house-charities-rochester-ny](http://www.ronaldshouse.com/welcome-ronald-mcdonald-house-charities-rochester-ny):

"In 1969, former Philadelphia Eagles tight-end Fred Hill's three-year-old daughter was diagnosed with Leukemia. Fred was driven to "do something" - so he rallied the Eagles, the Philadelphia McDonald's owners and the Philadelphia community to build the first Ronald McDonald House, which opened in 1974. Since then, many other communities have followed suit, recognizing this same need in their own area. Today, there are more than 307 Houses throughout the United States and 30 countries and regions around the world.

"In 1985, inspired by the impact of these Ronald McDonald Houses, McDonald's owner/operators in the Rochester area approached Strong Memorial Hospital regarding opening a Ronald McDonald House in Rochester. The hospital supported the proposal, and the University of Rochester donated the building site. With local McDonald's operators' initial pledge of \$250,000 and a seed grant of \$25,000 from McDonald's Corporation, the capital campaign was off to a strong start.

"The first fundraiser was a Shamrock Shake Campaign. Many others in the Rochester area stepped up to provide the \$1.3 million and the volunteer support needed to open the doors to the 128th "Home Away From Home" in February 1990. Since then we have provided a haven for more than 10,000 families traveling to Rochester for their child's specialized medical care.

"In 1996, the Rochester Ronald McDonald House merged with the local chapter of Ronald McDonald Children's Charities. United as Ronald McDonald House Charities of Rochester, NY, we have the power to extend our reach to thousands of children in the greater Rochester community who benefit from programs and services provided by children's charities supported through our grants program. In 2005, we further expanded our continuum of care by opening our "House Within The Hospital." Located atop the state-of-the-art Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at Golisano

Children's Hospital at Strong, our 4,000 square foot House provides proximate respite and support for families just 60 seconds away from their critically ill or injured child. This unique, on-site haven allows us to serve more families than ever before."

Last year, Ronald McDonald House Charities of Rochester, NY, supported more than 900 families and children, all because of the love and generous donations of our donors and volunteers.

### Road to the East

This year's *Road to the East* training sessions are scheduled for February 23rd and March 9th. Both sessions will start at 8 a.m. and end around 2 p.m. As with all of this year's training seminars, the RTTE sessions will be at the Damascus Shrine Center, 979 Bay Road in Webster. We welcome all Senior and Junior Wardens who are on the path to become Masters of their Lodges. We also welcome any Senior Deacons who truly have an interest in one day being the Worshipful Master. If this is your first time going to the East or you have decided to make a second or third trip around, we encourage all to attend. It is never too early to start planning your Trestleboard. Please come to learn and share your experiences with us. Donuts and coffee will be provided in the morning as well as lunch around noon. The cost this year is \$35 and you will need to bring a copy of the *24-Inch Gauge*, the *Blue Masonic Law of New York Book*, as well as a copy of your Lodge's By-Laws. Please email your reservations to either R. W. Rob Buchanan,

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**Happy Valentines Day!**

I hope you are able to spend this year's Valentine's Day with your loved ones. Cherish the time you have! God Bless. □



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By V. W. Paul Jason Kolacki

We certainly appreciate all the Brotherly hospitality we've received as we travel around the District to perform the Grand Master's Edict Degree evaluations. It is so encouraging to see the hard work and commitment the Officers are putting into the Ritual. It is especially rewarding to see new Officers performing the Ritual for their first time. One theme that is consistent is how important rehearsals are for the Degrees. It is equally important that your Stewards and Masters of Ceremony attend. Though they do not have many spoken lines, they do play an important part with the execution of the Degree floor work. The same is true for Conductors. As a Conductor, you're responsible for not only guiding your Candidate through the Degree, but also helping to make them feel comfortable and relaxed. Keeping your hand on their shoulder and gently reassuring them so that they can listen intently and absorb all of the Masonic light that is bestowed upon them. Thanks again for welcoming V. W. Pat Mulrooney and me into your Lodges so graciously these past months. It's been our pleasure to visit with you.

## Town Hall Meeting

R. W. William J. Thomas, Deputy Grand Master  
Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons  
of the State of New York

Invites you to a Town Hall Meeting

**February 6, 2013**

Social - 6:30 p.m. ~ Program - 7 p.m.-9 p.m.

At Pocahontas Lodge Hall

2417 Mound Road (SR 414 & Balsey Rd); Seneca Falls

Light refreshments will be provided.

*This is an Open forum on what we need to do in the future to improve our Lodges, Districts and Fraternity*

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### Ritual Competition

On March 27th at Unity Lodge, we will hold a special School of Ritual! The program of the evening will be a Ritual competition. All Master Masons are invited and encouraged to come out and support those Brothers who have stepped up to compete. There will be a portion of Ritual for all Brothers up to the Office of Senior Warden and a separate portion for all those either serving as, or who have served as, Master of a Lodge to perform. Information letters and submission forms will be sent to our District Lodges soon with a signup deadline of February 27th. Competitors will be scored on correctness, clarity and presentation of the work. We, your District AGLs, sincerely hope this program will excite and inspire many Brothers. This will be our 2nd Annual Competition. If you love Ritual, this is the place to be. Plan to be a part of this annual event. For those who have asked, Competition is tight for the School of Ritual Attendance Banner, with Webster Lodge hanging onto a slight lead. In addition to receiving more Light in Masonry, another reason to have as many of your Lodge's Officers and Master Masons attend each and every one of the Schools is so you can gain valuable points towards bringing the Banner home to your Lodge this year.

### Valentine's Day

February is the month for love! Love for our spouses and families, and for Masonry and our Masonic Brothers.

There are varying opinions as to the origin of Valentine's Day. Some experts state that it originated from St. Valentine, a Roman who was martyred for refusing to give up Christianity. He died on February 14, 269 A.D., the same day that had been devoted to love lotteries.

Legend also says that St. Valentine left a farewell note for the jailer's daughter, who had become his friend, and signed it "From Your Valentine."

Other aspects of the story say that Saint Valentine served as a priest at the temple during the reign of Emperor Claudius. Claudius then had Valentine jailed for defying him. In 496 A.D. Pope

Gelasius set aside February 14th to honor St. Valentine.

Over time, February 14th has become the date for exchanging love messages and a celebration of St. Valentine, the Patron Saint of Lovers. The date is marked by sending poems and simple gifts, such as flowers, to loved ones and secret loves.

I hope everyone has a nice Valentine's Day and may Brotherly Love prevail and shine through in all that you do. □

## Monroe District Masters and Wardens Association

By Frank Habitzreuther, President

We are looking for bodies to fill the *Have-a-Heart* Campaign slots at Marketplace Mall on February 13th especially the 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. and 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. timeframes.

Our next meeting will be held at the Calkins Road Wegman's Food Court on February 13th at 5:30 p.m. This is the same day we will be at Marketplace Mall for *Have-a-Heart*. We will be looking for help to cover the 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. slot any Deacons who can help out would be greatly appreciated. If anyone is interested, please call Frank at 486-4341 or email me at [animalhab@aol.com](mailto:animalhab@aol.com). □



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Brethren, although this is the shortest month there is plenty of work to do. The first sixteen days will be taken up by the *Have-a-Heart* Campaign. If you have not yet signed up, there is still plenty of time to do so. I'm sure R.: W.: Foehner will be glad to find a slot for you to fill.

February 25th - Your presence will be greatly appreciated as we will confer the 2nd Degree on three Candidates. I'm sure that they would like seeing the same turnout they witnessed when they took their 1st Degree.

### February Birthdays

Those who have matured this month, Roy A. Cluff, Gilbert L. Gilbert, Dennis O. Coons, Rodney R. Rittenhouse, Lawrence A. Millerd and George A. Foehner

### Upcoming Events

February 11th - Regular Communication, 7:30 p.m.

February 18th - Rehearsal for 2nd Degree, 7 p.m.

February 23rd - *Road to the East*, Shrine Center 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

February 25th - 2nd Degree; Dinner at 6:30 p.m., Meeting at 7:30 p.m. Call for reservations.

## CLIO LODGE No. 779

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As you're reading this, we've already started the *Have-a-Heart* Campaign Fundraiser. Clio Lodge has two more full days of fundraising at the Mall at Greece Ridge so if you weren't here for the kickoff, please try to come out on Sunday, February 10th (Noon-6 p.m.) or Saturday, February 16th (Noon-9 p.m.). Helping out the Ronald McDonald Houses in this way is one of Freemasonry's major opportunities every year to get out and do something visible in the community. Clio always takes great pride in the effort we put forth, so I'm really hoping to see a lot of our members out for the two upcoming days!

### Communication

We've got a lot in the works for upcoming months and in many cases the details may not be worked out in time to

get them in the **Masonic Times**. If you'd like to be kept up to date on special events and haven't been receiving my emails (or prefer to be contacted by phone), please contact me ASAP with your contact information so we can update your records and keep you in the loop!

### February Events

Other than the *Have-a-Heart* Campaign dates discussed above, February will be a very normal month for events at the Lodge:

February 5th and 19th - Regular Communications

February 13th and 27th - Spaghetti Dinners

I'll be aiming for a brief (but still important) first meeting as our Cable Tows will already be stretched thin from other activities.

### Mark Your Calendar

March 2nd - We have a Family Night at 6 p.m. We're currently working out some special plans for this day, so please keep an eye on your email for more details and possible changes to the time.

March 5th - Entered Apprentice Degree will be presented by Past Masters of Clio. If you're a Past Master (or a member we haven't seen for awhile) and would like to take a role in this Degree, please contact Brother Jeff Ross at 287-7302.

March 9th - Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. A lot of Brother-power is needed, especially on the day of the dinner. Tickets and information about the times that we'll need the most help will both be available during all of February!

### Special Thanks!

December and January were both hectic months with Brothers traveling for the Holidays and a calendar that wasn't conducive to a normal schedule. There was some concern early on among some of the Officers, myself included, that events may need to be canceled due to not having enough people to make them happen. I thank everyone who's gone out of their way to help out the Lodge, either by coming to an event you wouldn't normally help out at or being flexible with scheduling that was less than optimal. YOU helped to make what could have been a very volatile time period go by very smoothly, and for that you have my gratitude.

## FAME

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We entered a new year and I am looking forward to what it brings ... more opportunities for fellowship. See our pictures of Fame's Christmas Party. It was



Adam Zlotkus playing table football with Chad Gartland.

a great time of fellowship with friends and family and another opportunity for Brother Dick Topel's homemade chocolates as well.

Our Valentine's Celebration will be on our regular meeting night February 14th. Please bring your Ladies with you. Remember it will also be Red Tie Night. ☐



Enjoying Dinner and Fellowship with our wives as our children play.

## WEBSTER LODGE No. 538

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On behalf of our Worshipful Master, I will once again attempt to enlighten you as to the recent activities of your Lodge.

### Impact of a Tragedy

After much contemplation, I will try and relate to you the depth to which the Webster Lodge was affected by the recent tragedy involving the death of two and wounding of two members of the West Webster Fire Department. Among our active members, we have five who are presently Officers in Line and several more who are members of Webster,

West Webster, Pultneyville, Macedon, Pittsford, Rochester and Williamson Fire Departments. To our Worshipful Master, Brother Bill Gross, being on the Board of Fire Commissioners for West Webster, fell the task of coordinating, along with others of his Department as well as Law Enforcement, the Webster School District, Religious Organizations, Chief Officers of surrounding Departments and Citizen Volunteers, the task of seeing that thousands of Public Servants were housed and fed.

The Baptist Group that believes in disrupting public funerals was defeated when a line of fire vehicles formed a semi-circle blocking them from viewing the events. Many of us chose to assist at the various locations away from the actual services. Had it not been for this, many of your Brothers and Sisters from Webster and other Lodges, the events would not have gone as smoothly as they did.

In passing, the Explorer Firefighters, a young group under the direction of Past-Chief "Chip" from West Webster, have been participants at Brother Nick Hal-doupis' monthly Spaghetti Dinner. They have realized a profit of \$1,200, which they use for various community projects. Despite the loss of their leader, Fire Fighter "Chip," they promise to carry on.

Our last Brother Bring-a-Friend Night was a success with nine prospective "friends" attending. Sister Joy Woodley served a delicious Roast Pork Dinner.

The Annual Poinsettia Breakfast and delivery of 15 plants went well thanks to several of our "Snowbirds."

### Have-a-Heart Campaign

If you haven't already signed up to staff the *Have-a-Heart* Campaign Booth on February 2nd and 15th at Eastview Mall, please contact me or our Junior Warden, Al Borrino, (329-4761).

### Sickness and Distress

W.: Brother Ken Hutchinson remains in good spirits, but severely handicapped.

I don't know about Brother Fred Cornell's situation, but would appreciate any information about him. ☐



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R. W. Stephen Whittaker receives 45-year Certificate from W. Jack Breitung.



R. W. Charles Hancock receives 45-year Certificate from W. Jack Breitung

**Degree Preparation**

Senior Warden, Bob Shaver, will be the Master for the 1st Degree. Bob has an excellent command of the work and will certainly make quite an impact on our new Brothers. The Senior Warden will actually be our immediate Past Master, Worshipful Don Jenks. What a treat to see him in a Chair again!

Greetings to our Brothers near and far! To those near, I hope you enjoyed your white Christmas and whiter New Year. To our Brothers in warmer climates, I hope the Holidays were warm, sunny and equally fulfilling.

December was certainly a festive month as we celebrated the Holiday Season with our Annual Christmas Party and Breakfast with Santa for the children. Junior Warden, Jeff Quartley, did a phenomenal job as Santa, entertaining the kids and adults alike. Great job, Jeff, and thanks again!!! Breakfast was prepared by my wonderful family, boyfriends and friends. Aside from rising early for the job, they had a great time and created a wonderful spread of food. Thanks kids!!!

Our Christmas Party had an excellent turnout as always. The food was top-shelf as we always eat well at Seneca Lodge. But, by far, the highlight of the evening was our Annual Service Anniversary Awards Ceremony. We decided to have the ceremony at the Christmas Party so spouses and friends could attend the event. The pinnacle of the evening was when the 45-year Certificates were presented to R. W. Steve Whittaker and R. W. Charles Hancock. These fine gentlemen are the definition of Masonry and are to be congratulated everywhere they go. They have brought so much to Masonry and its Concordant Bodies. We could not be more proud of the accomplishments of these fine men, inside as well as outside of Masonry. They set an excellent example, not only for our Lodge, but for all men. Thank you, my Brothers.

January will be a busy month in Seneca Lodge. Most directly because we are fortunate to be welcoming seven new Brothers into our Masonic Fraternity. I have met several of the gentlemen and they are all excellent Candidates who will bring much to our fair Lodge. Being that many of them hail from area fire departments and already are part of an honorable Fraternity, I am sure they will integrate with our Brethren seamlessly.



Santa poses with young guests at the Christmas Party.



Santa poses with his helpers at the Seneca Lodge Christmas Party.

**Town Hall Meeting**

R. W. William J. Thomas, Deputy Grand Master  
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**February 6, 2013**

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The Junior Warden will be our own Jeff Quartley, also known as Santa in these parts. Dick Shellman, DSA, our Degree Director, is the finest Degree Director in the land. No one gets the Brothers ready for a Degree better than Brother Shellman.

The most exciting part for myself is the number of new Masons taking on roles in our 1st Degree. They are all fine men and Masons and will play their

meals in the District, please contact Junior Warden, Jeff Quartley, at 202-1524 or email: [piperq@rochester.rr.com](mailto:piperq@rochester.rr.com).

Until next month, I wish all health and happiness. □

**Wakan-Hubbard**  
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As the football season comes to a close and we wait for Spring to arrive, the Lodge is still meeting every 2nd and 4th Monday to fill some of your time. We have several new Brothers who are looking for more out of Masonry. Help us keep their interest piqued, as yours once was after being Raised.

**Upcoming Events**

February 8th – Valentine’s Dinner; you should have received your invitation by now. W.: Angelo DiCataldo and his group have worked very hard to put this together and make it a successful event. We look forward to seeing you there that night.

February 20th - Past Masters Meeting at the Lodge at 7 p.m. We will be continuing our discussion on the future of the Lodge and putting together a long-term plan to strengthen our membership. We are looking for input from as many Past Masters as possible so this plan can be formalized and presented to the Lodge. Your support will be appreciated and valued.

As always, remember those Brothers who are in need of our support. Our Lodge will only be as strong as those who participate. □

parts well. Unfortunately, I will not be able to take part in this Degree as I will be sailing the seven seas with my family. But if I ever had faith in a group putting on a fabulous Degree, it is my Brothers in Seneca Lodge. The new Brothers are in excellent hands.

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### From the Desk of the Secretary ...

Greetings and welcome to Old Man Winter.

In December, Brothers David Smith, Jason Morrisette and Stefano Bastianelli were Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason with the Shrine Degree Team ceremoniously providing their talents in the Ritual work.

### February Birthdays

Those Brothers who celebrate their birthdays in February are; Raymond Beardsley II, James Holzworth and William Spillane.

The New Year brings exciting news from the East, with many new events planned for the remainder of the year. So far we have two Candidates for the Spring Degree Sessions thanks to our Marshal, Brother Jonathan Buck, who as we are informed is somewhat of a gourmet cook and will be surprising us with one of his well-known dishes.

### Spring Degree Schedule

February 21st - A Dinner precedes each of the ceremonies with notification and reservation

March 21st - A Dinner precedes each of the ceremonies with notification and reservation

April 4th - A Dinner precedes each of the ceremonies with notification and reservation reminders from the Calling Committee. If you do not receive a call

from the Junior Warden or the Stewards the Sunday prior to the meetings, please call the Junior Warden, Devon Littlefield, at 203-1123, and let him know you will be attending the dinners.

While our website has been down for the past few months, we are assured by some of the newer members who are also techies including Brother Lance Daul, the website will be running shortly, please visit us at:

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## ERAC

Lodge No. 163

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December was a very busy month for ERAC Lodge. We started off the month with our Annual Ringing of the Bell for the Salvation Army on December 8th. Brother Rich Friedman did a great job coordinating this event. Thank you to Rich and all those who came out in the cold to Eastview Mall. Your dedication and support for this very important cause are greatly appreciated.

Our 1st Degree was held on December 10th with Carl Scarpulla sitting in the East for this Degree. He did a great job performing in the Master's Chair and it was wonderful to see everyone there to support our members and Carl during this very important Ritual as we Initiated five new Brothers.

Even though the weather was not the best on December 22nd, ERAC had a strong showing for our Annual Holiday

observe it on February 18th. If you do not know his name, it is George Washington.

### February Birthdays

This month Olive Branch celebrates the birthday of two Brothers - Justin Rosenbeck (5th) and Alexander Dodson (8th). Both Brothers live in Batavia. Hope you have great celebrations!

Seven Brothers were Raised this month. Welcome to Donald Keys, Ralph Goodberth, Harry Morith, Michael Rosenbeck, John Tabb, Leon Watson and Richard Williams. That's quite a distinguished group.

### Masonic Education

Olive Branch Lodge will be hosting the following classes for Genesee-Wyoming and Livingston Districts:

February 9th - *Masonic Development Course*. Starting time is 8:30 a.m., ending at 2 p.m.; Cost is \$35, including refreshments.

March 13th, March 23rd and March 30th - *Road to the East*. Each Session will start at 8:30 a.m. We hope you can attend.

Those who haven't been to Lodge are missing a real treat. Brother Bill MacPherson has tremendous homemade treats for refreshments. They are beyond description! Bill was honored by receiving the Valley of Rochester, AASR, Symbolic Lodge Award. An honor that's well-deserved. Congratulations!!!

See you around the Altar.

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On Christmas Eve, ERAC Lodge provided dinner for the families at the Ronald McDonald House. Brother Rich Greenaway coordinated this very important endeavor along with doing a lot of the cooking. Brother Sean McKenna personally knows Santa and made sure he arrived with candy canes for all. Thank you to Rich, Sean and all Brothers and their families who came out to help support this great cause.

### Upcoming Events

February 11th - we will be holding our Annual ERAC Table Lodge. Brother Mike Vanas will be heading up this event and he assures me this will be a most memorable night. Please watch your emails as there will be more information to follow.

February 25th - English-Style Lodge followed by the "Fellowcraft Tracing Board Lecture" by Bill Vassily will be the presentation at this meeting. It will be a most enlightening meeting, so please come out and broaden your knowledge.

As a reminder, Brother Rich Greenaway will be coordinating our *Have-a-Heart* Campaign at the Eastview Mall. Our dates to staff this event will be February 1st and the 9th from 12 Noon - 9 p.m. We look forward to everyone's dedication and support for this very important cause and hope to have another successful year!

May the Great Architect of the Universe bless you and your families.

### From the Secretary's Desk

By David Upham

January is not really a good month for the Secretary. Well, most of it really is,

but there are a few things that kind of paint a dark grey on those clouds instead of a silver lining. For one thing, January is when the reality hits that there are some who are no longer Brothers with us because they have been dropped for Non-Payment of Dues.

This time around, there were two Brothers who just disappeared off the face of the earth. Certified mail came back marked "undeliverable at that address and unable to be forwarded." Phone numbers disconnected. No way to get in touch with them and no choice but to drop them from membership. Other former Brothers promised to pay and didn't ... NPD. Two others received and signed for the Certified Mail and did nothing. Another refused to sign for the Certified Mail altogether. Only one Brother stepped up and told us he had a financial situation and needed our assistance with his Dues. Of course, he received it and he is still a member of the Craft.

What makes a long-term member who has faithfully paid his Dues year after year suddenly walk away from the Craft? The optimistic side of me wants to believe it's just a matter of them not realizing they are losing their membership in our beloved Fraternity because they have moved and just forgotten to tell us. But the reality is that I, as Secretary, have spent the better part of two months trying every trick I know of to keep these gentlemen on the membership roles and I have failed because I CAN'T FIND THEM!. That's the dark grey cloud paint to which I referred above. I don't like feeling that I have failed. If only there was some way I could remind all the Brothers to let their Lodge know when and where they move. If only there was some way I could remind the Brothers that no Brother will be dropped due to financial hardship. Perhaps if I could somehow put this reminder in print somehow ... somewhere ... in some newspaper or newsletter somewhere. If only there was a way ....

## Genesee-Wyoming District

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### Olive Branch

Lodge No. 39, F. & A.M.

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By W.: Doug Poole

This is the month where we wait for an appearance that supposedly controls the weather for six weeks. Accordingly, on February 2nd Punxsutawney Phil looks for his shadow. If he sees it, Winter sticks around for a while. If only we could blindfold him!

In Masonic History it is also a month famous because of a birthday - a Brother and our first American President was born in February...on the 22nd. This year we

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**JAMES MILLER  
POTENTATE**

The January 2nd Installation of Officers evening - from the delicious dinner to the Installation itself - was well done by all! The attendance was amazing as many called in regrets due to illness. This factor, coupled with the horrible road conditions, made attending any function that evening truly risky. Lady Mary Lou and I extend our sincere thanks to all those who braved it to come out and support your new Damascus Officers. (I promised Lady Mary Lou I wouldn't prance around the room again when talking! She says the next task is to calm my waving arms!)

And here "WE" go!! What seemed surreal in December is now very real! There is much on the Potentate's plate including the knowledge that Damascus has hardworking team members North, South, East and West ready to support this year's "WE" theme. Great appreciation is given here ahead of time!

**Housekeeping Note**

Most of you have this year's new pin. If you don't have one, there will be plenty available at the Shrine Center. Also, the new shirts and ties have arrived and by the time this **Masonic Times** issue is distributed, everyone should have theirs.

**Upcoming Events for Your Calendar**

February 2nd - Depending on whether that ol' wise Groundhog sees his shadow, Spring may be only six weeks away!

February 6th - Annual Damascus "Shell-a-Buck" Steak Dinner with all the trimmings. \$3 if your Dues are paid ... \$15 if you still need to "shell out." Oasis open at 5 p.m., Dinner at 6 p.m. Regular meeting to follow.

February 14th - Saint Valentine's Day Remember your flowers and chocolate (diamonds?!) for your Ladies.

March 6th - Damascus regular meeting night. Oasis open at 5 p.m., Chicken Parmesan Dinner at 6 p.m. Regular meeting to follow. *\*Please make your dinner reservations with Karin Staples at The Shrine Center Office by Friday, March 1st.*

March 9th - Pancake Breakfast at Cartwright's Maple Tree Inn, Angelica. Ladies and friends welcome! Don't forget to stop three miles down the road to browse in the quaint lovely village of Angelica after

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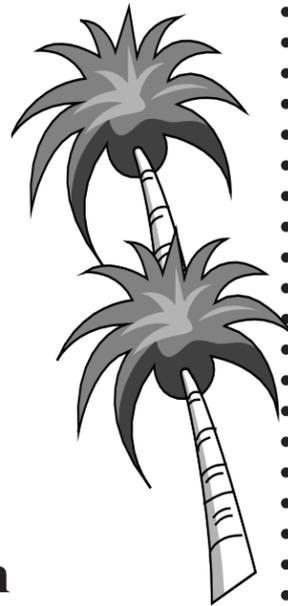
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breakfast and at least purchase a loaf of their famous Salt Rising Bread! NOTE: A bus "may" materialize - please call the Shrine Center Office expressing your interest for this day trip by mid-February.

March 16th - Rochester St. Patrick's Day Parade. This is a CALLOUT. Final details at the MARCH 6th Regular Meeting.

April 3rd - Regular Damascus Meeting. Oasis open at 5 p.m., Dinner at 6 p.m. Regular meeting to follow.

April 21st - Bus trip to Niagara Casino (IF enough interest - call the Shrine Center Office ASAP!).

**A Reminder from Lady Mary Lou ...**

... to all Ladies and their friends - make sure to have an Enhanced Driver's License or Passport by the end of April if interested in participating in a possible May day trip to Niagara-on-the-Lake for shopping and mid-afternoon "High Tea" at The Prince of Wales Hotel. Everything is on one very walkable main street! Details to follow. Please contact Lady Mary Lou with any questions: [millerjsml@frontiernet.net](mailto:millerjsml@frontiernet.net) or by phone at (585) 226-8743.

See you soon! ☐

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*From the Quill ...**By Derek VanHouten, Recorder*

A young student from the University of Rochester, Ms. Juliet Wu, contacted the Office several weeks ago and asked if she could get some information regarding the Potentate from 1923, Ill. Hermann Dossenbach. How many times do we walk by the early Potentates and do we ever wonder what contributions they made both to civil organizations and to the Shrine. I learned a great deal about Ill. Hermann in the time I spent with Ms. Wu. A couple of weeks later she sent me a 35-page copy of the paper she turned in.

What follows is a brief condensation of his illustrious life. The one item that really surprised me was that he was identified as the musical pioneer of Rochester. He was born in 1868 and died in 1946. He was the Founding Father of Orchestral Music in Rochester. Hermann spent nearly his entire life devoted to music and conducting. He founded the Rochester Parks Band and co-founded the Music Conservatory that preceded the Eastman School of Music.

According to documents held in the Special Collections at the University of Rochester, Hermann was an active member of fraternities since the early 1900s.

In 1908, he became a Master Mason and in 1909 became a Scottish Rite Mason. He belonged to Corinthian Temple Lodge and was elected Master in 1914. In 1923 he was elected as the Ill. Potentate of Damascus Temple. In 1936, he was given the Commission of Grand Representative of the Grand Orient of Amazonas.

He was also a Lifetime Member of the Monroe Commandery and his Brother Theodore served as the Band Director of the Damascus Shrine Band. Hermann served as the Director of the Rochester Parks Band from 1924-1945. One of the innovations was to devise a portable bandstand to make music more accessible. He won awards as the Director of the Park Band for the "Best Professional Band" in 1942. In 1935 he took over the Directorship of the Damascus Shrine Band.

The adulation of Hermann Dossenbach culminated in a tribute concert on June 11, 1944, that was beautifully captured in a radio program a few years later. During the tribute, Mayor Samuel B. Dicker called Hermann "the beacon of light that pointed the way 40 years ago toward the development of Rochester as a city of music lovers, gifted producers and appreciative and understanding audiences." Ill. Hermann Dossenbach died on January 28, 1946, at the age of 78 after a long illness. His obituary was in the *New York Times*, he was buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery and can be found in Range 7, S.E. ¼ Lot 59.

All this has come to light because of a young music student who was doing a term paper. Hope you found this of interest. □

**AUBURN SHRINE CLUB***By David Bowman*

When you read this, it will be February. The world did not end on December 21st and I had to hustle and buy presents. Darn those Mayans! So we are officially into 2013 and a month into our new Auburn Club Calendar. We hope you enjoyed ordering off the menu at the Hollywood. They have such great selections it only seemed fair for everyone to get just what they wanted.

The Shrine Christmas Party was a wonderful time. Please try to make it next year. A beautiful venue, just like the glamour days of the 40s and 50s, a 16-piece dance band, a tasty dinner and a bunch of Shriners. You really need to be a part of it. And Geneva isn't that far to travel, partner.

By the way, if you were there, I took your photo. If you would like the photo, send me an email and I will return the favor with your photo attached.

February brings a dinner and speaker brought to you by Bob Coleman. He should be back from cruising the Panama Canal with yours truly and our dates. Ask him how much he remembers.

I would like to celebrate the life of one of our longest members who anyone can remember. William W. Patterson passed away December 17th. Besides being a Past-President of the Auburn Shrine Club, a Damascus Shriner since 1949 and a Mason for nearly 78 years, Bill was a friend to all. A few quotes from people who knew him:

"he had the best interests of all he touched and served, and will never be forgotten!"

"your dad was truly a great friend to me. I hope that each of you will share your happy memories with each other and that you will find comfort in the Love that God has for all of you."

"he lived a long life and dedicated much of his life to help others. He will LONG be remembered."

"He truly was a fine gentleman."

WW's influence and the example he set over 100 years, cannot be adequately explained. To all who knew him, to all he touched, his memory will live in our hearts each day. □

**God Bless Our Troops****WAYNE COUNTY SHRINE CLUB***By Frank Russell, President*

The Wayne County Shrine Club held its first dinner meeting of the new year at the Countryside Restaurant in Clifton Springs on January 17th. First on the agenda was the Election of Officers for 2013. The current Officers were re-elected:

President **Frank Russell**  
Vice-President **Ernie Day**  
Secretary-Treasurer **Paul Adams**

After dinner, a very interesting and informative program was presented by Elizabeth Claypoole, the Executive Director for Cornell Cooperative Extension, Wayne County. One of her current projects is facilitating a webinar for farmers from across the United States on "Marketing and Profit." Her focus for this evening was on what Cornell Cooperative Extension does and, quite specifically, on Wayne County. Wayne County is the leading apple growing county in New York State and the second or third leading apple growing county in the United States. She explained the reason for being second or third in the United States depends on what year you look at. Clearly this has an impact on the various industries in the area that depend upon this production. She also spoke of the diversity of Wayne County's agriculture, namely that every crop grown in New York State is also grown in Wayne County.

Not only does Cornell Cooperative work with new and beginning farmers, but it provides programs for all the youth of the county. These programs include plant care, animal care and new technology.

The next meeting of the Wayne County Shrine Club will be Thursday, March 21st. The location is yet to be decided. □

**SHRINEABILIA***By Derek VanHouten*

Noble Edward Mayer stopped in recently and gave us a "Plaster of Paris" head of a somewhat jolly Shriner. He said it had been hanging in the old Mayer Boat Company down on St. Paul Street for over 50 years. He indicated that the Mayer Boat Co. doesn't exist anymore, maybe one of you boat lovers out there remember that facility. If you do, drop me a note about it. He felt it should be given to Damascus.

Thank you, Ed, for your historical contribution. □

**I Love the Parades!***By Mike Hueston, Colonel of the Units***St. Patrick's Day Parade Saturday, March 16th**

Please mark your calendar and plan to join us at this year's St. Patrick's Day Parade which will be on Saturday, March 16th. We will meet at the Shrine Center. We need the Clubs and all Units to help make this day a success. Last year there was a huge turnout for the parade, the streets were jammed with people and the atmosphere was incredible.

There will be more information in our next article, including all the Call-Out Parades for 2013. Let's show Rochester that the Damascus Shriners are still here and ready to have fun.

Please call me with any questions about our upcoming parades. I look forward to having everyone join us for these events. □

**"Shell-a-Buck" ...**

**Well, Three Bucks This is a Tiled Event. Wednesday February 6th**

**Come enjoy the famous Steak Dinner Prepared by Fairport Lodge Brothers!**

**Oasis Opens - 5 p.m. ~ Dinner - 6 p.m. Program - 7 p.m.**

**Reservations: office@DamascusShriners.org or (585) 671-3565**

**Dinner reservations are due by Noon, Monday, February 4th**

**Cost is \$3 with your current 2013 Dues card in hand; otherwise \$15.**

**Dates to Remember ...**

**February 4th - Divan Meeting**

**February 6th - Tiled Shriners Meeting**

**February 23rd - Wheelers Chili Cookoff, Hogg Degree and Euchre Tournament**

**March 23rd - Easter Egg Hunt**

**March 30th - Euchre Tournament**

**Directors Staff Dinner Meeting Wednesday February 27th**

**Yellow Mills Diner 2534 Route 31, Palmyra**

**Order off the Menu Social Time - 5:30 p.m. Dinner - 6:00 p.m.**

**Bring your Lady and Fez New Shriners & Guests welcome Casual Attire**

**Call Vance Collom (585) 217-9817 vcollom1@rochester.rr.com with any questions or to make reservations**

**February Birthdays**

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George Bracht  
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Richard Budgeon  
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Richard Chapple  
Howard Colegrove  
Charles Cutler  
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## Damascus Legion of Honor Meeting

# Wednesday, February 13th

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Social Hour - 5:30 p.m.  
(Hors d'oeuvres ... Cash Bar)  
Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

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### Saturday, February 23rd

Hogg Degree - 3 p.m.

*This is your chance, if you're not a Hogg, to become one!*

Wheeler's Chili Cook-off at 3:30 p.m.  
\$5 per person ~ Sample & Judge  
the Chili Entries

Open to anyone (Mason, Non-Mason, Women)  
Anyone over the age of 18

There will be prizes for the best Chilies!



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Every Friday Night During Lent

### February 15th thru March 29th

5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Cost - \$9

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Coleslaw or Green Salad ~ Roll & Butter

(Chicken Nuggets or Hot Dogs are also available)

For more information, Contact:

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## DAMASCUS TRESTLEBOARD 2012

### FEBRUARY



- 4th Divan Meeting
- 6th Tiled Shriners Meeting
- 23rd Wheeler's Chili Cook-off and Hogg Degree followed by Euchre Tournament

### MARCH



- 4th Divan Meeting
- 6th Tiled Shriners Meeting
- 23rd Easter Egg Hunt
- 30th Euchre Tournament

### APRIL



- 1st Divan Meeting
- 3rd Tiled Shriners Meeting
- 21st Seneca Casino Bus Trip
- 27th Euchre Tournament
- 29th Divan Meeting

### MAY

- 1st Open Shriners Meeting ... Mexican Meets the Potato (Auburn Presentation)

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## Damascus Shriners Euchre Tournaments

### Last Saturday of the Month ...

February 23rd ...

Wheeler's Chili Cook-off at 3:30 p.m.

Euchre follows at 7 p.m.

March 30th ~ April 27th

May 25th ...

End-of-Season Party after Tournament

### Fall Season

September 28th ~ October 26th ~ November 30th

December 28th ... Holiday Party

All Tournaments and Parties are Open to the Public

Food available for purchase: 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Registration: 6 p.m.-7 p.m. ~ Tournament Starts: 7 p.m.

Price: \$5 per player ~ 25¢ Euchre ~ 50/50 Raffle

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# Imperial Potentate's Message ...

Dear Fellow Nobles and Ladies,  
 Happy New Year to you and your family! The December schedule began on Monday the 4th with a stellar performance in the beautiful New York Grand Lodge Auditorium. Donna Kane, whose daughter is a scoliosis patient at the Philadelphia Hospital, and her friends (all Broadway performers) entertained us with their favorite show tunes. Mark the first Monday of December 2013 on your schedule for the next edition of this event.

Attending the Shriners home office employee service awards luncheon confirmed what we already knew ... we have a great group of very loyal employees. Forty employees with years of service ranging from five to 30 years were honored for their contributions to our organizations. Combined, their efforts reflect 455 years of dedication and commitment. After the awards were presented, everyone celebrated and had a wonderful time.

Next we traveled to the 76th Annual Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas Game, held at Wofford College Stadium in Spartanburg, SC. Everyone played a great game; ultimately the South Carolina High School All-Stars beat the North Carolina All-Stars 23-19. The popular event was attended by more than 7,500 supportive

fans, family members, volunteers, high school band members, cheerleaders, Nobles and Ladies. Imperial Sirs Wayne Lachut and Dale Stauss and their Ladies, Janet and Cheryl, attended the weekend events surrounding the game on behalf of Shriners International and Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

The Players Banquet on Friday night had a sell-out crowd. The game's Patient King, Brando Peek, and Patient Queen, Marly Wiseman, were recognized at the Players Banquet and greeted by all the players from both teams.

While in South Carolina, we visited the Greenville Hospital where our tour was given by patient Marina Hooker. A visit to Santa's workshop was a special place for us and the patients to visit. Hejaz Potentate Ron Kennedy and his lady, Shirley, hosted a dinner in our honor. Former Shriners Hospitals patients Kristian Champion, who is the reigning Miss Wheelchair North Carolina, and Sydney Sill, the current Miss Teen South Carolina shared their stories with those in attendance.

We moved on to the Boston Hospital for the Board of Governor's monthly meeting, chaired by David McKechnie. We joined hospital employees for their holiday luncheon in the cafeteria. We also attended the Annual Board of

Governor's Christmas Dinner along with hospital management. Imperial Sirs Wayne Lachut and Jim Cain and their Ladies, Janet and Patsy, also attended the Boston hospital events.

The next day we traveled with Imperial Sir Wayne and Lady Janet to the Springfield Hospital for a tour and introduction to the staff. Dr. Phillip Stoddard, Director of the Cleft Lip and Palate Program, and Research Specialist Beth Roscoe explained a new procedure using reverse engineering to prepare an infant for a cleft lip and palate procedure. A patent on the procedure is being pursued.

A tour of Connecticut Children's Medical Center with Springfield Hospital Board members provided insight into a possible partnership.

After a few days at home for Christmas we headed to Pasadena, CA, for the Rose Bowl Parade and Rose Bowl Game. The Shrine Hospital float in the Rose Bowl Parade featured four Patient Ambassadors - Hunter Woodhall, Jérémy Gabriel, Carrie Holmstrom and Stephanie Pineda. The float, with its two big teddy bears, won the Judges' Special Trophy, and was especially noted for its "spectacular effects and showmanship." Congratulations to everyone who worked on creating and decorating the float!

The parade was seen by more than 50 million television viewers, in addition to

the 800,000 people along the 5-1/2 mile route. What great exposure for Shriners Hospitals for Children® and Shriners International! Adding to that exposure was the opportunity to meet and greet people of all ages who viewed the floats on January 2nd. Many knew of someone who had received treatment at Shriners Hospitals for Children® or were patients themselves.

A special thank you to the Awesome Shrine Club of Al Malaikah Shriners for hosting an early New Year's Eve at the San Mareno Masonic Lodge for our group.

We also want to mention that Shriners Hospitals for Children® came in first place in the United Airlines 10 Million Charity Miles campaign. Thank you to everyone who voted and helped spread the word. This will be a tremendous benefit to our patients and to our transportation funds.

In February the Shrine Fraternity will showcase and emphasize the Legacy program for Shriners. Please take a moment to learn more about the program by visiting Shriners Village or contacting the Membership Development office at:

[membership@shrinenet.org](mailto:membership@shrinenet.org)  
 or (813) 281-8101.

Yours in the Faith,  
 Alan W. "AL" Madsen  
 Imperial Potentate

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Now that the Holidays have passed, I hope everyone had an enjoyable experience with friends and family. This Winter so far is a far cry from last Winter.

Most Lodges in my District are preparing for their 3rd Degree Ceremonies and some are contemplating a second round of Degree work with another 1st Degree on the near horizon. It has been a good Masonic year, as far as Candidates are concerned and our established Degree teams are working well.

Our District Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.: W.: Doug Stanley, is shifting into high gear this month and for the remainder of this Masonic Year with the

*Master's Chair, Masonic Development Course and the Road to the East Programs being offered to all Master Masons, especially those who wish to sit in the East.*

Grand Master Sullivan's Masonic Lapel Pins are being ordered as soon as I have checks from all the Lodges made out to the Brotherhood Fund with a donation of at least \$2 per each pin ordered.

Some District Deputies have special powers, as shown in the photograph of R.: W.: Doc Munger doing a pre-flight check on Rudolph to make sure his nose light batteries are serviceable for the Christmas Eve flight. This is a young wild button buck, which showed up on the Second Advent Sunday, December 9th, on Doc Munger's lawn. I actually scratched the animal under his chin and also behind his ears. I do not feed the deer on my property! It was a very humbling experience. □



## Nunda Station

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My thanks to the Officers and Brothers of Nunda Station Lodge for sticking with me and supporting my family with the death of Vilma's Niece. I am amazed by the support shown by Nunda Station Lodge and the Livingston District

Masons. With all the deaths and serious illness recently and the requests for prayers from all the Brothers, I am seeing Masonry at its best! Don't forget to include Elmore Blair and Charles Dur-yea in your prayers.

Our Lodge has a full plate of Degree work for the next couple of months! It is always a good sign when the program of the evening is a Degree. That is how we know we are growing and heading in the right direction; this also helps make our Lodge more proficient in Ritual. I am sure our younger Brothers, such as Marcus Hugi, Daniel Vasile, Jim VanSickle and Douglas Cox, in their new stations will benefit much more than they know, as they are putting forth the effort to learn and do the work. Thank you all!

On February 12th, Nunda Station will host the District's School of Ritual. I encourage everyone to attend and meet many of the Brothers from other Lodges who frequently share Ritual work with us. It is a good opportunity to observe proficiency and also to ask questions about why things are done in a certain way. Growing in Masonry often means discovering the meaning behind the behavior.

As we celebrate the start of a prosperous New Year, a time for each of us to renew our commitment to being better men, we are made sadly aware of our fellow citizens wallowing in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, grieving for the angels who died in a schoolhouse. As Masons, we should not forget them. As Masons we should in every practical way support the healing. We are the builders, after all. □

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I hope it hasn't been difficult for everyone to get out of the holiday groove and back into the normal swing of things. It's been nice visiting with loved ones and friends over the last month; hard to believe we are into the New Year already.

Our December started off with a successful Holiday Party. Plans are already in the works for a bigger and better event next year. We had a full house and even some young ones running around, which is nice to see. Special thanks to Brothers John Gallant, Derek Howlett and Rick Lafave who helped deliver the Poinset-

tias to our widows before Christmas. We had some nice conversations and recon-nections. The hope is that we can continue that with the Livingston District's Ladies Night on April 20th. We still have a couple of widows for whom we cannot find addresses; they have moved and I would appreciate contact information from anyone who might know of the new address.

We will be conferring the 3rd Degree on February 7th. The Lodge will open at 5:30 p.m. with a dinner at 6 p.m. The Degree will begin at 7:30 p.m. If you are planning on attending the dinner, please contact Brother Trescott so we can have a count. We will have two rehearsals for the Degree. Sunday, January 27th, and Sunday, February 3rd; both rehearsals will begin at 2 p.m. in the Lodge Room. If you are interested in having a part in the Degree, please contact Brother John Gallant who is putting together the Cast.

**Have-a-Heart Campaign**

The Livingston District has agreed to shifts for the *Have-a-Heart Campaign* at Marketplace Mall. Eunice Lodge has been assigned Friday, February 16th, from 12 Noon - 3 p.m. There are shifts with other Lodges available; if you are interested, please contact Richard Trescott, Secretary.

**Brother Bring-a-Friend Night**

We are also hosting a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night on Thursday, February 21st. The program is being put on by several of our Brothers and will begin at 7 p.m. We already have several people invited and welcome anyone else you think might be interested in our Fraternity. If so, please forward their names and addresses to me at:

[aqfbcoach1@gmail.com](mailto:aqfbcoach1@gmail.com)

so I can send them an invitation as well.

I hope you have a great start to the year; hope to see you along the way. □



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February is here, and it has brought with it the usual snow and cold. Yes, it is certainly Winter in the Finger Lakes. Despite the frigid weather, much is happening in the Ontario/Seneca/Yates District.

**Town Hall Meeting**

Our Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: William J. Thomas, will be holding a Town Hall Meeting at Pocahontas Lodge in Seneca Falls on Wednesday, February 6th. The evening will start with desserts and coffee at 6:30 p.m., with the program starting at 7 p.m. It is open to all Brothers and offers an excellent opportunity to meet our Deputy Grand Master and exchange ideas in an open forum. This evening will include the Brothers

of the Wayne, Monroe, Livingston and Genesee-Wyoming Districts and promises to be a very special event.

Degree work continues around the District. As I write this, Farmerville-Union, Ark, Milnor, Canandaigua, Geneva, Seneca Lake, Milo, John-Hodge, Seneca and Dundee Lodges all have Degree work taking place. Many new Brothers have come into the Craft in the last few years and we are blessed to see that continue this year. We welcome our new Brothers and note that many are already participating in the current Degrees taking place.

Brothers from around the District are always there to help with Degree work and the knowledge of the Ritual, fun and fellowship has been inspiring and enjoyable for us all. A special thank you to our AGLs, R.: W.: Frederick Newton and V.: W.: Stephen Durso, Sr. They have done a tremendous job of attending re-

hearsals, making sure all parts of a Degree are covered and sometimes stepping in at the last moment to do what's needed.

**Mark Your Calendar**

March 2nd - Ontario/Seneca/Yates District Association will meet at 9 a.m. at John Hodge Lodge in Naples. We will gather for breakfast prior to the meeting at 8 a.m. at the Redwood Restaurant.

The purpose of the Association is communication and Brotherhood. All Brothers are encouraged and welcome to attend. □

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493 E. Bluff Dr,  
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Ark Lodge is now entering its 206th year of continuous service of Freemasonry. We have had, and will continue to have, an impact in Geneva and the Finger Lakes Region. One of the best things we can do as Master Masons is to visit other Lodges in our District in order to meet our fellow Brothers. I have visited Geneva, Seneca, Dundee, Pocahontas, Milo, Seneca Lake, John Hodge and Garoga-Sincerity Lodges and can say that I have been enriched by the experience. My goal for the New Year is to visit the other Lodges in the District.

The Brothers of the O/S/Y District have been Brothers in every sense of the word. They have been most helpful when

called upon for any task from advice to participation in Degrees. Ark Lodge has held Degrees at Garoga-Sincerity and Seneca Lodges. The fellowship and help we have received has been overwhelming to me. I have a difficult time finding the appropriate words to express the deep gratitude and joy I feel when I visit another Lodge. The warmth and Brotherly love my Brothers and I receive is truly wonderful. I enjoy having our Degrees "on the road." There are always many Brothers on the sidelines who make the Degree more meaningful to our newly Raised Brothers. So I continue to encourage all of my fellow Masons to visit another Lodge during 2013 whether in the O/S/Y District or in another jurisdiction. After your visit, send me a note and tell me where you visited and tell me about the experience. I hope to hear from many Ark Lodge Brothers during the months to come.

On January 16th, DDGM Jed Brando made his Official Visit to Ark Lodge. After introducing his Staff Officer and Leadership Team, he delivered the Grand Master's Message which was very well received by the Brothers.

A reminder that your 2013 Dues are now due and please remember the Brotherhood Fund.

### Mark Your Calendar

February 6th - Town Hall Meeting with

the Deputy Grand Master at Pocahontas Lodge Hall, Seneca Falls, 6:30 p.m.

February 14th - Stated Communication of Geneva Lodge

February 20th - Stated Communication of Ark Lodge

February 28th - Stated Communication of Geneva Lodge □

## Garoga-Sincerity Lodge No. 200

1st & 3rd  
Tuesdays

Master  
W.: **William Hargrove**



Secretary  
R.: W.: **Clayton Ruggles**  
315-548-3573  
[cruggle1@rochester.rr.com](mailto:cruggle1@rochester.rr.com)  
67 Ontario Street, Phelps 14532

With the beginning of a new calendar year, we will be active with various fundraisers and other activities. We will keep you posted as they arise.

Remember that we have a Pot Luck Meal prior to our first meeting each month. The meal will start at 6:30 p.m., with pleasant conversation and a few

stories. Hope to see you there.

Don't forget Game Night is the 2nd and 4th Fridays of every month until further notice. Please be there by 6 p.m., and the fun will start at 6:30 p.m. with Euchre and board games. All are welcome to come. Spouses or significant others are welcome. Bring a neighbor or friend, a snack-to-pass and join in the fun.

### Sickness & Distress

We note the passing of Brother George Durkee on December 12th. A Masonic Service was provided. Brothers from the Lodge also provided a service for Donald Van Der Molen. Please continue your thoughts and prayers for all our Servicemen, Servicewomen and their families.

### From the Secretary's Desk

Dues Notices have been sent; please remit. We are trying to build an email address bank for all our members so we can contact you about other events that arise between our **Masonic Times** articles, i.e. the passing of a Brother. If you have not received emails from the Lodge and would like to, please send your email address to the Secretary.

### February Birthdays

We send February birthday greetings to Perry Adams (3rd), Doug Galens (12th) and Jesse Gillespie (15th).

### Masonic Anniversaries

The following Brother was Raised in February - Don Sabin (1951). □

## Rochester Forest No. 133



Tall Cedars of Lebanon  
of North America

4th Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
1822-A Penfield Rd, Penfield 14526

Edward F. "Ted" Powley  
(315) 483-6944 [days]  
[soduspowleys@msn.com](mailto:soduspowleys@msn.com)

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I am honored to be your new Grand Tall Cedar and thank you for your confidence in me. Our first social event of 2013 was our Holiday Dinner on January 4th at the Green Lantern Inn in Fairport. Our group of twenty included three Palmyra Council Cryptic Masons and their wives. We also enjoyed the company of family members, including some granddaughters ... and they were happy to report that it was their second party with us. Thanks to John Zabel for making the arrangements. The Mansion is gorgeous and the menu different enough to intrigue your interest.

For readers not familiar with the Tall Cedars, one only has to be a Master Mason to join. Our purpose is to share friendship and fun. Our main charity is the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). We help fund research for cures as there are many different types. We applaud the strong MDA organization in the Rochester area. I have been "arrested" several times to help raise funds to find the cure. "Bail money" I have gathered from family and friends goes to the MDA organization.

We meet the 4th Wednesday of the month at Wakan-Hubbard Lodge Hall, 1822A Penfield Road, Penfield. Our Scribe is Donald Bell, 15 Timothy Court, Rochester, 14623; telephone: 334-7768. He can answer your questions and provide you with an Application for membership. We welcome you to come meet us and join the fun!

We send greetings to our Companion and Past Grand Tall Cedar, Joe Raubar, hoping that your journey to good health is getting short and we will see you again soon.

George Springett, send us some of your jokes. You must have a bushel of them! □

## MMRL Selected to Receive Regional Economic Development Grant Funds

The Cardiac Research Institute at Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL) recently established a pioneering Organ Bioengineering Program that was selected as a Priority Project by the Mohawk Valley Regional Economic Development Council (REDC). The REDC is part of a new program supported by funds from Empire State Development of New York State which has been enthusiastically endorsed by Governor Andrew Cuomo. The \$300,000 matching grant received by the MMRL is part of an overall strategy to jumpstart and create jobs in the Mohawk Valley and NYS. "This grant opportunity will enable us to foster global collaborations among scientists and physicians and attract additional science, technology and engineering talent to the Mohawk Valley, creating a more technically-competent future workforce in our region." said MMRL executive director and principal investigator of the grant, Dr. Charles Antzelevitch.

Organ bioengineering will enhance and complement the ongoing research studies of the MMRL's Stem Cell Center. Using a healthy donated heart, scientists are seeking an effective and efficient means to remove all heart muscle and tissue from the donor organ leaving only intact collagen framework on which to introduce mesenchymal or induced pluripotent stem cells generated from the patient's own tissue, thus resulting in a genetically compatible cloned heart.

The complex process involves removal of all cells from cadaver hearts, thus generating a collagen scaffold. The patient's skin cells are then isolated and reprogrammed to generate stem cells, which are introduced into the collagen scaffold framework to grow a new functioning heart. The goal of organ bioengineering is to have the ability to clone a heart or any human body organ and not have the recipient's body reject the cloned transplanted organ. The ability to use one's own tissues to create the organ eliminates the need for life-long and dangerous immunosuppressant therapies. This technology will not be available for many years, but the technology now in its infancy is rapidly advancing.

According to Antzelevitch, "The MMRL continues to remain at the fore-



Dr. Charles Antzelevitch (left) congratulated by Governor Andrew Cuomo

front of research into heart disease on many fronts. This REDC grant allows us to explore a new potential treatment for patients with irreversible heart damage. This field has the potential to change the face of science and medicine as we know it today! With the continued support of the New York State REDC and similar grant initiatives, the MMRL will continue to bring hope that this type of research can provide the treatments and cures of tomorrow for those afflicted with diseases for which no cure is currently available."

Governor Andrew Cuomo recently announced the funding decisions for Round 2 of the Regional Economic Development Council (REDC) initiative. The Mohawk Valley REDC was awarded \$59.7 million for 70 projects. "For the second year in

row, the Regional Councils have been on the forefront of rebuilding New York State's economy," Governor Cuomo said in a press release from his office. "For too many years, top-down economic development policies have failed communities across the state and not truly invested in the unique resources and strengths of each of New York's regions. The strategic plans created during this process have given each region a comprehensive, locally created plan for future economic growth. With this second round of Regional Economic Development Council awards, the state is recognizing the creativity and innovation of each strategic plan, while investing hundreds of millions of dollars to put New Yorkers back to work and to rebuild our economy."

Founded in 1958, the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL) has gained international renown and wide acclaim in the scientific and medical community as a leading cardiac research center. The hallmark of the institute is its innovative and imaginative approach to fighting heart disease. The MMRL's legacy of scientific breakthroughs has helped to generate new heart medications and develop diagnostic procedures for the management of cardiac arrhythmias, and has aided in the advancement of life-saving technologies. The MMRL is also one of the top genetic screening centers in the world dedicated to helping families afflicted with sudden death syndromes. □

## St. Elizabeth Hospital Honors MMRL with Founders Day Community Award

The Cardiac Research Institute at Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL) received the Founder's Day Community Award at the 146th anniversary of St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

A unique collaboration between scientists at the MMRL and cardiologists and surgeons affiliated with the Mohawk Valley Heart Institute (MVHI) at St. Elizabeth Medical Center is serving to advance our knowledge about sudden death syndromes, atrial fibrillation (afib) and the electrical function of enlarged hearts (hypertrophic cardiomyopathy). Tissue samples removed from hearts during surgery, which are normally discarded, for the past several years have been sent to the MMRL for study. MMRL scientists

are using these tissue samples to obtain a better understanding of heart disease and to find new treatments for a wide variety of heart conditions.

"As a community, we are extremely fortunate to have an organization such as the MMRL," said Richard Ketcham, President/CEO of St. Elizabeth Medical Center. "The research being done by Dr. Charles Antzelevitch and his team has led to much advancement in the management of cardiac arrhythmias and other causes of heart disease. Masonic Medical Research Laboratory is a jewel in our community."

Antzelevitch, who serves as Executive Director and Director of Research of the MMRL, responded that "the



# Order of the Eastern Star

## Monroe District OES HiLights



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By R.W. Kathy Alvito

On January 5th we gathered at Unity Lodge Masonic Hall in Spencerport for the first Line Officers meeting of the year. We had a half of the Line Officers attend, which was disappointing considering the District Grand Lecturer and I had the traditional lunch provided at the organizational meeting. I am hoping for a better turnout in February.

### Change of Plans

There is a correction on the School of Instruction; we had to change it from March 9th to March 2nd at 9 a.m. at the Unity Masonic Hall in Spencerport. All members are invited; dress code is street dress. Following the School of Instruction we will have a brief Line Officers meeting.

M.W. Grand Matron, Kerri Rhebergen, and M.W. Grand Patron, Ken Milner, went to Florida for the Masonic OES Sojourner Receptions in Sarasota, Tampa and Lake Worth. I hope they had a warm, safe and enjoyable trip.

### Project SEARCH

As most of you know, the District project this year is Project SEARCH. Project Search is a program at the University of Rochester Medical Center (URMC) that helps young adults with developmental disabilities transition to the working world.

A partnership among several local agencies brought Rochester its first Project SEARCH, a program that helps young adults by giving them hands-on experience. Coordinated by the Institute for Innovative Transition at Strong Center for Developmental Disabilities and funded by a grant from the Golisano Foundation, it is a program that began with the help of Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES, the Arc of Monroe County and New York State.

Five days a week, a dozen young adults learn job readiness skills in the classroom for two hours. They spend the rest of the day developing those skills in an unpaid internship alongside a Job Coach. Project SEARCH students will rotate through three internships during their year-long program.

It's a hard road between school and the working world and this program will help smooth that transition and ultimately help the students be more successful.

As a way of raising funds, the Matrons have been given tickets to use in 50/50 raffles at each meeting. This way it will make it more enjoyable than leaving a jar and asking for donations. I will also be doing the same at other events. It is my hope we can present a nice check to Project SEARCH to be used for computers and other electronic equipment.

### Neil's Notes for February

By M.W. Neil E. Laundry

At the time of this writing, the Greater Monroe District was recovering from yet another of the several snow events (looked like storms to me) that started on the weekend before Christmas and continued fairly consistently through the first week in January with no end in sight. There was nothing big; just enough to keep roads slippery and scheduled events up in the air.

### School of Instruction – New Date

Speaking of scheduled events, I'd like to announce a change to the date for the District Grand Lecturer's School of Instruction. This event was originally planned for March 9th. We discovered that March 9th was also the date of the Manhattan/Brooklyn Grand Matron's Official Visit, which required the presence of several of our Grand Officers from Monroe District. Therefore, we have changed the School's date to co-

marked for the scholarship fund.

We have noticed that many Lodges or Districts have websites. If you would like to add a link to our website, [www.campturk.org](http://www.campturk.org), please contact me. Some Lodges and Districts are already linked.

Back by popular demand...Work Weekend at Camp Turk. We are currently organizing a Spring work weekend at Camp planned for May 18th. We are looking for volunteers to help do some interior painting and minor repair work. Please give us a call if you are interested in helping improve the Camp.

Need a program? If you would like to host a Camp Turk information night in your Lodge or District, give us a call and we will send one of our Committee members to your area for a presentation. If you have any additional questions, contact Mollie Denslow at 315-392-2081 or email us at [CampTurk@aol.com](mailto:CampTurk@aol.com).

This fraternity is truly blessed to have such a great facility as Camp Turk to offer to our youth. Give a youth a gift that will provide memories to last a lifetime! ☐

Save the Date! ~ Invite Your Friends!



Don't Miss the First  
Monroe District  
Order of the Eastern Star

## Murder Mystery Dinner March 23rd, 5 p.m.

Spencerport Masonic Hall, 133 South Union Street

**Intrigue**

mystery as it unfolds around you.

Enjoy an evening in the Old West!  
Dig into a delicious dinner and help  
solve the

**Mystery**

This will be a real "humdinger!"

Watch for Reservation details

incide with the Monroe District Line Officers Meeting on March 2nd, at the Spencerport Masonic Hall.

The School of Instruction will begin at 9 a.m. and conclude no later than 11:30 a.m. Arrive a bit early and enjoy coffee, juice and donuts The regular Line Officers groups will meet (if needed) following the School. I hope that the change will allow our 2013 current Grand Officers to attend and eliminate at least one extra meeting date for the Line Officers.

### Open to ALL OES Members

The School of Instruction is a District function open to all OES members and I encourage all to attend. I'm sure that it will be of special interest to current Chapter Officers and active Chapter members who regularly participate in Chapter meetings and are called upon, from time-to-time, to pro-tem a variety of Chairs.

### What Do You Want to Know?

I would like to repeat my request for specific topics or questions that folks would like addressed at the School. Please send suggestions to me at:

[neillaun@hotmail.com](mailto:neillaun@hotmail.com)

using the subject line keywords "School of Instruction" or call 964-2135 after

February 17th. You may leave a message.

I really hope for a great turnout as we will be gearing up for our Spring meetings, events and, of course, the start of our District Official Visits. It will be the perfect time to review our protocol and points of Ritual.

### District Mystery Dinner

I look forward to seeing everyone in March; please keep an eye out for further information about our first District Mystery Dinner, March 23rd. C'mon, Pilgrim! Enjoy an evening in the old west as you dig into a delicious dinner and help solve the mystery as it unfolds around you. This will be a real "humdinger!" You won't want to miss this one!

Please check with your Matron for specific information concerning other District special events, Chapter Official Visits, M.W. Ken's Homecoming (Grand Matron's Official Visit), the Lilac Luncheon, Pilgrimage Weekend, the Chicken Bar-B-Que, the Grand Matron's/Grand Patron's combined Social Visit and District Picnic, and many more activities.

It's going to be a super year to be a Star in Monroe District. Don't miss out on the fun. ☐

## CAMP TURK SEASON TO OPEN

By David Stoy, Chairman, Camp Turk Committee

Registration for the 2013 camping season at Camp Turk is underway! It is my hope each of you help to sponsor a child to Camp Turk this summer, whether it is a DeMolay, Triangle, Rainbow or Constellation member or a son or daughter, grandchild, great grandchild, neighbor or friend. Please note, a camper does NOT have to be related to a Mason in order to attend camp.

Camp Turk will be offering one-, two- or three-week sessions again this summer. Parents who have never sent their children away now have the chance to try our facility. Last summer, many of the campers who were signed up for a one- or two-week session extended their stay, once they gave camp a try.

Camp Turk offers a scholarship program for families in need of financial assistance. The application is available on our website at [www.campturk.org](http://www.campturk.org) or you can give us a call. If you would like to make a donation to the scholarship fund to help these deserving children, you can do so by sending a check

## Camp Turk Wish List

Igloo Coolers - 6	\$64.63 each
Paddle Boat	\$492.90
Projector	\$379.99
Left handed Genesis Bow	\$169.99
Corn Hole Set - 3	\$69.99 each
Paddle Boards - 1-3	\$749.00 each
Keurig Coffee Maker (For Camp Office)	\$106.99
Pop Up Tent	\$89.09
Portable Amp	
2 Drawer File Cabinet (For Director's Office)	\$134.99
Outdoor Theater	\$3249.00

### General Supplies Needed for Program Areas

25' Heavy Duty Indoor/Outdoor  
Extension Cords

### Office Supplies - copier paper

pens  
markers  
stapler  
envelopes  
office chair

### Field Supplies - Badminton rackets

yoga mats  
lacrosse balls

catchers helmet, adjustable  
chest protector (baseball)  
stop watch  
whistles  
equipment bags, heavy duty  
Kan Jam

**Music/Theatre Supplies** - portable  
speaker, Ipod speaker, guitar  
strings, sound activated lights,

**Hiking Supplies** - sleeping bags  
**Arts & Crafts Supplies** - Acrylic paint  
(black, red, yellow, white), metallic  
craft paint, large rolls of paper,  
Elmer's glue, masking tape, canvas  
(to paint on), face paint, bracelet  
string

### Computer Supplies - CD/DVD

Duplicator, DVD-R (300), CD  
sleeves, copier paper (5 reams)

**Waterfront Supplies** - buddy tags,  
whistles, lifeguard t-shirts (18), green  
plastic hospital bands, inflatable  
tubes (2), 303 Aerospace protectant  
(for inflatable slide), 250' of 1-5/8"  
marine rope, Motorola 35-mile  
talk-about waterproof radios (1 set),  
junior waterskis (\$99.99 each),  
5 gallon plastic buckets

Check website for more information. ☐

# Scottish Rite NEWS

Consistory  
Chapter Rose Croix  
Council of Princes of Jerusalem  
Lodge of Perfection



Ill. Kenneth "Rick" Howe, 33°  
Commander-in-Chief

In the last month I've had the privilege of talking about Scottish Rite at Northfield Lodge in Pittsford, Unity Lodge in Spencerport and Livonia Lodge in the Livingston District. Thank you Brothers for your hospitality.

Also, on January 17th, we had an exciting "Lite from the Rite" event on "Memorizing and Presenting Ritual." The Program was chaired by Ill. John Zabel, 33°. Some great insight was gained for all who attended.

February portends another busy month as we all head for the Malls to participate in the *Have-a-Heart* Fundraiser Campaign. Brothers from the Valley of Rochester will be at Marketplace on Thursday, February 14th.

On Thursday, February 21st, the Valley will be presenting the 18th Degree under the direction of Tom Goodrich, 32° DSA. Then on Saturday we will be going to Sanibel Cottage, Empire Boulevard in Webster, for a Valentine's Dinner



By John Lemke,  
Thrice Potent Master

My youngest son Eric, at college in Fredonia, informed me that the brakes on his car failed. He didn't have an accident, but of course they would have to be fixed before he came home at the end of the semester, just before Christmas. As is often the case with college students, his car is not new - about 10 years old. My fear was, of course, that a student away from home, not knowing anyone in Fredonia, would not be treated fairly by a repair shop. Even knowing there are many honest people in business, you worry that a young person without a lot of experience could be easily taken advantage of.

I searched on Google to find a Lodge in the Fredonia area. I was able to contact Worshipful Master Richard Sam from Dunkirk-Irondequoit Lodge in Fredonia - and he was able to recommend a couple of shops. Eric's car was fixed, and at what I thought was a more than fair price.

We can help our Brothers in many ways. We can fulfill our obligations in ways that don't even require spending money. The Brother who helps also has a positive experience. It is really a wonderful thing to be able to help a Brother. The connections we have in our Masonic Fraternity are ex-

with our Ladies. We have again extended and invite to our Brothers in all other Masonic groups to join us. It promises to be great time.

#### March Events

March 16th - John Lemke, 32° DSA, and his membership team will be heading to Warsaw for a "Rite on the Road" information Program. Arrival and social at 2:30 p.m.; at 3 p.m., the play, "The Last Full Measure," will be presented followed by an overview of Scottish Rite Masonry. After the Program is over we will enjoy a light repast (pizza and wings) and fellowship.

On Sunday, March 17th, "The Feast of the Pascal Lamb" will be presented at the Damascus Shrine Center. The Feast is our annual event that allows us to pay tribute to the Widows and say farewell to our Brothers who have passed on in the preceding year. This is a very special event and one that all Masons should attend. I encourage all to make an effort to share in this event.

#### College of Freemasonry

March 22nd and 23rd - Genesee Community College, Batavia

#### Mark the Calendar

Friday, March 22nd - dinner and entertainment for all Scottish Rite Masons and their Ladies.

Saturday, March 23rd - the College is open to all Masons. You don't want to miss this stellar line-up of speakers. Seats are limited, so get your reservations in early.

#### Degree Performance

Thursday, March, 31st, the new 32nd Degree will be presented at the Shrine Center under direction of 2nd Lt. Commander Jim MacConnell. Social at 5:30 p.m., Dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the Degree at 7:30 p.m. This is an opportunity for all Sublime Princes to stamp their Passport with the 31st and 32nd Degree. (The new 32° is a "trial version" that counts as the 31° and 32° in the Passport.) □

actly what we need in the stressful challenging times in which we live.

#### Consider Scottish Rite

Scottish Rite Brothers, in the next couple of weeks, consider what we have in our Scottish Rite Masonic Fraternity. Consider how Brothers in your Blue Lodge and other Brothers you know may be benefited by our Scottish Rite Fraternity. Speak to a Brother and encourage him to find out about the Scottish Rite. Print off an application for the Scottish Rite and present it to at least one Brother. This needn't be in the manner of being a pushy salesman. If you enjoy the Scottish Rite and appreciate a Masonic Fraternity that helps you extend your Masonic connections, then consider the positive experience a Brother can enjoy by your efforts. If you appreciate more Light, Degrees and lessons to help good men be better, then help other Brothers know.

Brothers, we are in uncertain times. To be optimistic is good, but prepare. Consider where we are in the long cycles time. Consider it is actually almost four score and 7 years since the previous low and doubling that time does take us back to the Civil War crisis. Explore further. Consider the Scottish Rite now, at our 200th-Year Anniversary.

"We will strive to be a Fraternity that fulfills our Masonic obligation to care for our members." □

## AASR Valley of Rochester 2012-2013 Officers

**Rochester Lodge of Perfection**  
Thrice Potent Master John S. Lemke, 32°

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

Ill.: John William McNaughton, 33°  
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New York State Council of Deliberation  
[www.nyscottishritemasons.org](http://www.nyscottishritemasons.org)  
Supreme Council, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction  
[www.scottishritenmj.org](http://www.scottishritenmj.org)

#### Children's Dyslexia Center - In Honor of Frank & Bette Paul

3300 Monroe Avenue, Suite 330, Rochester, NY 14618

Office (585) 264-1690; Fax (585) 264-1692; Email: [rochcent@rochester.rr.com](mailto:rochcent@rochester.rr.com)  
Ann Kaczka, Learning Center Director  
John W. Paul, Chair, Board of Governors

**WALK**  
TO HELP CHILDREN WITH DYSLLEXIA

**SAVE THE  
DATE**

**Saturday, April 13th**

**Perinton Park - Fairport  
(Along the Scenic Erie Canal)**

**Check-in: 9:30 a.m. ~ WALK: 10:30 a.m.**

**\*\* Picnic Luncheon 11:30 a.m. \*\***

The Walk for Dyslexia is the Annual Fundraiser for the Children's Dyslexia Center. Our children work hard to overcome their reading difficulties. Please recognize their efforts and the work done by the Learning Center by participating in the Annual WALK.

For registration info, either email  
[rochcent@rochester.rr.com](mailto:rochcent@rochester.rr.com)  
or call the Center at (585) 264-1690

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**Remember the Brotherhood Fund**

Visit the National Heritage Museum - an American History  
Museum founded and supported by 32° Scottish Rite  
Freemasons in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction

## A Valentine Treat for our Ladies

**Saturday, February 23rd**

at Sanibel Cottage Restaurant  
1517 Empire Boulevard, Webster

6 p.m. – Gathering & Social ...  
Hors d'oeuvres (Clams Casino) & Cash Bar  
7 p.m. – Dinner

### Buffet Menu:

Prime Rib Carving Station  
Chicken French  
Cheese Tortellini Alfredo  
Rosemary Roasted Potatoes  
Vegetable du Jour  
Tossed Salad w/ Dressing  
Rolls & Butter, Coffee or Tea  
plus a House Special "Mini Mud Ball" Dessert

**\$35 per person / \$65 per couple  
for Scottish Rite Members and their Lady  
(Non-Valley Members at \$65 per person)**

Send Reservation and Check by Friday, February 15th, to:

Valley of Rochester  
3300 Monroe Ave. Suite 320,  
Rochester, NY 14618-4617

No Phone Reservations or Payment at the Door

## Children's Dyslexia Center News

A Grandmother recently told us, "My grandson loves coming here; he wishes it was his regular school!"

And, the first words from one of our tutors upon completion of his Orton Gillingham training at the Center, "Thank you, thank you, thank you!" □



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Applications**

At this website of the  
**New York State Council of Deliberation**  
[www.nyscottishritemasons.org](http://www.nyscottishritemasons.org)

### Children must

submit the Supreme Council Abbott Scholarship  
Application **only**

The Supreme Council Abbott Scholarship  
Application is also available at this website  
under the Philanthropy tab:  
[www.scottishritemj.org](http://www.scottishritemj.org)

### Grandchildren must

submit the New York Council of Deliberation  
Application **only**

Submit completed applications by April 1st to:  
Valley of Rochester, AASR  
Attn: Valley Scholarship Chairman  
3300 Monroe Ave. Suite 320  
Rochester, NY 14618-4617

Call the Scottish Rite Office with any questions  
(585) 264-1160

## Valley of Rochester Happy New Year–2013

February 14th at Marketplace Mall, Henrietta  
Have-a-Heart Program (optional Colonial Costume)  
3 p.m. - 9 p.m.

February 21st at Shrine Center  
Business Meeting / Chicken Cordon Bleu Dinner (\*\*)  
Program - 18° - Knight of the Rose Croix  
Social - 5:30 p.m. ~ Dinner - 6:30 p.m. ~ Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

February 23rd at Sanibel Cottage  
Ladies Night - 7 p.m. (\*\*)  
\$35 per person-Members ~ \$65 per Member Couple  
Fine Dining ~ Music ~ Dancing

March 16th at Warsaw Masonic Hall  
"Rite on the Road" Meeting / BBB Membership Program  
Social - 2:30 p.m. ~ Program - 3 p.m. ~ Refreshments following  
Casual Dress - Ladies invited

March 17th at Shrine Center  
Feast of the Paschal Lamb  
3 p.m. Program ~ Dinner Following (\*\*)

March 21st at Shrine Center  
Business Meeting / Dinner (\*\*)  
Program - 32° - (New Trial Version)  
Social - 5:30 p.m. ~ Dinner - 6:30 p.m. ~ Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

College of Freemasonry  
March 22nd & 23rd at Genesee Community College, Batavia  
Friday - Members Social Evening with Dinner & Entertainment (\*\*)  
Saturday - Lecture Series, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. (\*\*)  
Theme - Masonic Renewal and Masonry in the Next 100 Years  
Open to all Masons - \$20 per person, Lunch included  
Seating is limited so please reserve early

April 13th - Children's Dyslexia Center Walk  
Perinton Park - Fairport  
Registration - 9:30 a.m.; Walk - 10:30 a.m.; Lunch follows

April 18th at Shrine Center  
Business Meeting / Dinner (\*\*)  
Candidate Orientation / BBB (Casual)  
Social - 5:30 p.m. ~ Dinner - 6:30 p.m. ~ Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

April 27th Reunion at Buffalo  
Program - 4°, 9°, 15°, 26° and 32°

May 11th at Cobblestone Creek Country Club  
Reunion Banquet

**\*\* Make your reservations On Time! Don't be Late!**  
At least 5 DAYS prior to any activity (585) 264-1160  
or Email: [secretary@valleyofrochester.org](mailto:secretary@valleyofrochester.org)

**Why not sign up on our Permanent Meeting Meal Reservation List?**

Completed Petitions are accepted any time ...  
Don't wait for the BBB Nights to turn yours in!



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The Masonic War Veterans Post No. 12 had an enjoyable Holiday Party with a Ham Steak Dinner prepared by Maximilian's Catering and assorted, home-baked pies by Judy. It was an honor to have Dennis Breheny, Grand Post, 1st Lt. Commander, and Jim Hoyt, Grand Post Representative, from Syracuse Post No. 43 join us for the lunch and party. Gil Gellasch did a great job of auctioning off many gifts and the Post made \$120 on the auction. It was a fun Holiday Party

and a relaxing and enjoyable time for all.

All members of Post No. 12 are invited to attend the New York State Grand Post 65th Annual Convention, May 17th-19th. The Convention will be held at Salvatore's Grand Hotel in Williamsville.

We have a great opportunity to attend this year's convention when it is held in Upstate New York, about an hour's drive from our Post. (Directions are: Go West on I-90 to Depew exit, then south a couple of blocks to Salvatore's on left.) All Officers and members are urged to attend some or all of the Convention activities. More information will be available at our next Post meeting.

Our next meeting will be February 28th. We will have lunch at 12 Noon and the meeting will start at 1 p.m. At that meeting we will hold a Lodge of Remembrance for our departed Brothers. All Masons and Veterans are welcome to attend. Everyone bring a friend.

### Coming Events

February 20th - VAMC Canandaigua Birthday Party, Building 7A at 2:30 p.m.

February 28th - Regular Meeting at Webster Masonic Hall, Lunch at 12 Noon, Meeting - 1 p.m. □

# York Rite NEWS

## Hiram Chapter No. 62



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

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### What's Happening

The new year of 2013 is here, with snow and some cold ... it is Winter after all. We installed our Line of Officers at our Regular Convocation on January 10th. The Council Officers did not change:

High Priest **John Zabel**  
King **Rick Howe**  
Scribe **Richard Horton**

There were some changes in the appointed positions, but if you weren't there you will have to come and see who is doing what.

The Chapter led the District in a Degree Festival on Saturday, January 26th, at the Palmyra Lodge Hall. The work was accomplished by Companions from several Chapters in this District and for other Districts. We hope that all who attended had a great time and learned more about our Degrees.

We are planning on having a Table Chapter on February 14th, Valentine's Day, so our wives are invited to attend and see what happens at a Table Chapter. This should be fun as we are having Companion Jon Buck cater the meal. He is planning a Pasta Bar where you can make your own dinner. What wife would not like to go out to dinner on Valentine's Day?

Grand Chapter Session is scheduled for the first weekend in March. All Companions are invited to attend the Sessions. The only closed session is the anointing of High Priests where you need to be a past High Priest or High Priest-elect to attend. There is a lot to do otherwise. For more information see John Zabel.

### Musings

I received the book titled, *Observing the Craft* by Andrew Hammer for Christmas and have read it. The author makes some very interesting points about Freemasonry and how it is practiced in today's typical Lodge. He also outlines a process

for improving Lodges and Masons in general. The book may rile up some Masons and can lead to some serious discussions about Freemasonry and our Lodges. I'll leave it there and let you read the book. It can be bought online as that is how my wife got my copy.

I would like to make some comments from my reading and understanding of Brother Hammer's book that we, as Royal Arch Masons, should consider. First, we must support our mother Lodge and all Lodges we may belong to. Ok, but how?

If we are not a Lodge Officer we can support the Master by helping to supply and present Masonic programs at Lodge meetings to help rise the understanding of Freemasonry to the Brothers of the Lodge. If we are an Officer we need to study the Ritual, build an understanding of its symbols and allegories and do our part to convey this to the Candidates and Brothers present during the Degree. We should work to elevate the dress code for Lodge meetings. As Companions, we should attend a Lodge meeting wearing a coat and tie. I know of one Companion who attends all Masonic meetings in a tux. He is attempting to set a standard and I am leaning towards his philosophy.

Second, we must assist our Lodge in admitting only the best men, men who will look to learn about the Tenets of Freemasonry and its philosophy. We don't need quantity, but quality. The men joining our Lodges should be capable of helping the Lodge support itself. We have a tendency of selling Freemasonry cheaply, i.e., low Initiation Fees and Dues. Of course, we can only get the best if they see real value in becoming a Mason. I see the value of a Lodge in the quality of its Degree work and the nature of its non-Degree Night Programs. Quality Degree work means putting some emotion into the presentation. Presenting word-perfect Ritual without emotion will put everyone to sleep and will not convey any good meaning. Hopefully, we have all seen superb Ritual work that we can strive to emulate.

Programs take time to plan and present, but a good Masonic Program series in a Lodge will encourage Brothers to attend and will teach them something. There are many programs referenced in the *24-Inch Gauge* and other sources. As Royal Arch Masons, we should encourage programs, both in Lodge and Chapter, especially those that teach us more

about Freemasonry and how we can apply it to our own lives.

Our Grand High Priest, M.:E.: Michael Dunn's theme for the year is "Transformation" or taking things up a level, e.g. the boiling point. We must do this - both to build our foundation which is the Lodge, and the reason why our Royal Arch Degrees are the completion of the 3rd Degree. There is much work to do and it can bring us pleasure and profit thereby. □

## Doric Council No. 19 Cryptic Masons (Chartered 1861)



3rd Wednesday

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Doric Council met on December 19th for its Regular Meeting. We had a lot of business to take care of and it was a successful night.

Joy Woodley prepared a great Christmas Turkey Dinner for us before we met, that was delicious and bountiful; we then opened the meeting. We elected Companion Rick Howe our new Principal Conductor of the Work, as our current one, I.: Joe Oelgoetz, resigned to move to Kentucky. John Burger was appointed Captain of the Guard.

We had the honor of having our Grand Master, M.:I.: Richard Anderson, and Deputy Grand Master, R.:I.: Leonard Mason, visit us. They were received with Grand Honors and gave us a great message for the Holidays.

We also received R.:I.: John Gallant, as this was his Official Visit for the year; He also was escorted to the East and received Grand Honors

He gave his program for the evening which was very good. Many thanks to Past III.: E. William Whitaker for all his help that night and for taking over for the January meeting as I will be in Florida with Lady Wendy for three weeks.

Hope to see you all at the February meeting. God Bless. □

## Cyrene-Monroe Commandery No. 12

Chartered 1993

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We have welcomed a New Year and it is time for us to begin rehearsing for our Annual Inspection. This year's Inspecting Officer is well known to us all, SK David Hardy, Grand Sword Bearer, from DeMolay Commandery in Hornell. That makes this Inspection very special and I am calling for an extra effort by the Sir Knights of Cyrene-Monroe to attend this Conclave. While other Inspections have been well received by other Inspecting Officers, it always seems that our numbers are few. So I am asking every Sir Knight to mark April 15th as an important date on their calendar and attend the Inspection. There will be a dinner before the Inspection. More information regarding this will be passed along soon.

December 17th was our Annual Christmas Toast, with messages from our Grand Master, Grand Commander and Grand Prelate being read. Following this, hearty toasts were given and stirring hymns of our Savior's Birth were sung by all.

Beginning with the March 18th Conclave, SK Charles Hancock, Captain General, will be leading the Conclave since I will be doing volunteer work in Ecuador. This is a change from the last time I spoke to a few of the Sir Knights. Originally, I was to go to Haiti to assist in an operating room there; however, I felt my nursing skills were a little rusty in this arena of healthcare to be of good use. Hence, an opportunity to teach poor, teenage children English, math and science in Ecuador is more in-line with my most recent profession. I will be leaving March 8th for Quito, Ecuador, and then onto Quinara by bus. I am looking forward to this adventure and I will keep everyone posted as to how things are going.

Until I return, may the peace of our Lord be with you all during this new and exciting year for Templary. □

## Hospital Honors MMRL

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MMRL is honored and appreciative beyond measure for this recognition. The longstanding partnership between our organizations serves as an exceptional model of cooperation aimed at accelerating advances in science and medicine, thus enabling and facilitating the development of novel treatments and cures."



Dr. Charles Antzelevitch holds Award from St. Elizabeth Hospital

center. The hallmark of the institute is its innovative and imaginative approach to fighting heart disease. The MMRL's legacy of scientific breakthroughs has helped to generate new heart medications and develop diagnostic procedures for the management of cardiac arrhythmias, and has aided in the advancement of life-saving technologies. The MMRL is also one of the top genetic screening centers in the world dedicated to helping families afflicted with sudden death syndromes.

St. Elizabeth Medical Center is a not-for-profit hospital founded on December 12, 1866 by the Sisters of St. Francis. It operates a 201-bed, acute regional hospital with inpatient services, outpatient services and is the Area Trauma Center. The Medical Center consists of the hospital, five regional teaching institutions and 14 community sites. In recent years, community needs have led to a number of collaborations that enable more services to be provided to the people across the Mohawk Valley region. Among these, St. Elizabeth is a part of the Mohawk Valley Heart Institute and the Central New York Diabetes Education Program. □

## THE FEAST OF THE PASCHAL LAMB

Presented by

The Chapter of Rose Croix  
of the Valley of Rochester, AASR

Sunday, March 17th

at Damascus Shrine Center  
979 Bay Road, Webster

2:30 p.m. - Doors open

3:00 p.m. - Ceremony

5:00 p.m. - Dinner

Deadline for Dinner Reservations

Monday, March 11th.

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# Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

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### Spring Events

Yes, I have decided that February is a Spring month. Winter can then be just a memory. This February our new Prophets and old Prophets alike can see the fun of the Grotto. We will begin with a Swiss Steak Dinner, on Wednesday, February 20th at 6:30 p.m. (Social - 5:30 p.m.) prepared by our Master of Ceremonies, Prophet Dick Topel, PM, for \$10. Then we will convene our General meeting with a discussion of our upcoming events.

Let us also not forget our service to the Fraternity, by participating in the *Have-a-Heart* Campaign at the Mall at Greece-Ridge from 3 p.m. - 9 p.m. (bring your Fez and your enthusiasm).

### Sickness and Infirmity

This has been a rough start of the year for some. Prophet Jim Toogood has had his share of trouble with his leg and foot,

and has not been able to get around too well. We have also not seen much of Prophets Fred Cornell and Bill Fredenburg. Prophet Noris Shapiro's wife has had a persistent eye infection.

My Prophets, we need to express our sympathy to our Prophet Brothers in need of a friend and helping hand. What is easy for some, is difficult for others. Let us always look to the other and the other's needs.

### Caldron's Birthday

Prophets, our Ladies of the Caldron need your goodwill, enthusiasm and participation. On February 24th - that's a Sunday, at 3 p.m., I urge you to join me in celebrating the Annual Birthday of our Daughters of Mokanna Caldron, under the excellent leadership of Mighty Chosen One, Jan Porter. The reflection of our purpose is in our participation. Let's truly participate. Just RSVP to me, so we can give the Caldron some kind of a number coming from our group.

### February is Love

Brotherly love is good, but "otherly" love is an essential ingredient of mens' lives. Love needs to be shown to your special Lady not only throughout the year, but also (and especially) on Valentine's Day. It is a good tradition with roots going way back in time. I wish all our special Ladies a very Happy Valentine's Day. Prophets, show your enthusiasm!

### Upcoming Events

March is Prophet Bring-a-Brother Month. Let us share our joy with those Brothers whom you find would fit in our Grotto.

I close with the usual wish for good health and good fellowship. Thank you to all my fellow Prophets and Ladies. ☺

## Daughters of Mokanna



By Jan Porter, MCO

As we enter the New Year of activity, we mourn the loss of two devoted Daughters, whom we will miss dearly.

Merline Bueg was a long-time member who loved and memorized the Ritual of the Daughters of Mokanna. She never missed an opportunity to attend and participate in all activities and camaraderie of the Organization. We welcome her daughter, Janice, to the Line; she is a true example of what her mother practiced.

Betty Rainey, a newer member of Lalla Rookh Caldron, served as Mighty Chosen One and supported the Organization as best she could, even when health issues were a challenge. May these Daughters find peace with the Lord.

### Mark Your Calendar

February 6th - Staff *Have-a-Heart* Booth at The Mall at Greece Ridge Center; 3 - 9 p.m.

February 14th - Stated Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

February 21st - Executive Council, 7 p.m. - Rehearsal for Supreme Inspection.

February 24th - Birthday Banquet at Red Fedele's Brook House Restaurant.

March 14th - Stated Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

March 16th - Closed meeting/Inspection, 2 p.m. Supreme Inspection by Supreme Mighty Chosen One, Linda Chapman. Approximately 5 p.m., Dinner.

March 21st - Executive Council, 7 p.m.

## Attend Grotto Meetings

**Monday, February 4th**  
Board of Governors  
Grotto Office - 7 p.m.

**Tuesday, February 5th**  
Have-a-Heart Participation  
The Mall at Greece-Ridge  
Wear Your Fez

**Wednesday, February 20th**  
Swiss Steak Dinner - 5:30 p.m. \$10  
General Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

**Sunday, February 24th**  
Caldron Birthday Celebration  
Brook House Restaurant  
Dinner at 3 p.m.

**CLIP AND SAVE!**  
Information Hot Line  
Monarch Bernie - 271-7446

### Sickness and Distress

Daughter Annette Towle is presently residing at the Wedgewood Nursing Home, 5 Church Street, Spencerport, NY 14559. Cards and visits would be appreciated.

Several Daughters have been troubled with the epidemic "bug" hitting our area this Winter; may everyone recover and feel much better soon.

May God bless and keep us in His care. ☺

# In Memoriam

### Gardner, Allan W.

Allan Gardner, 91, went to the waiting arms of his wife on January 5th. Two children, 2 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren will share memories of his life. Allan was a US Army World War II Veteran and member of Seneca Lodge. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal.

### Hess, Elmer L.

Word has been received that Elmer Hess, 94, was received into Eternal Glory on November 19, 2012. The Brothers of Fairport-Flower City will keep his memory in their hearts forever. May he find peace with the Lord.

### Patterson, William W.

William Patterson, laid down his Working Tools on December 17, 2012, at age 100. He leaves his wife, Eleanor; 2 children, 10 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren plus extended family to remember him. He was a member of Damascus Shrine and past-President of Auburn Shrine Club. No length of time can take away our thoughts of you today.

### Rainey, Betty J.

On December 18, 2012, Betty Rainey, 79, was received into Heaven and her memory will be cherished by her husband, David; 4 children, 10 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Betty was a member of Starlight Chapter, OES, and Lalla Rookh Caldron, Daughters of Mokanna. There are special people in our lives who never leave, even after they're gone.

### Smith, James G.

At age 84, James Smith departed his Earthly family leaving his wife, Doris and one son to carry on his legacy. He was a member of Seneca Lodge. Death leaves a heartache no one can heal. Love leaves a memory no one can steal.

### Smith, Ralph H.

On December 31, 2012, Ralph Smith, 87, was escorted by flights of angels to the waiting arms of his wife. He leaves 2 children and 1 grandchild to remember his life. Ralph was a member of Unity Lodge and Scottish Rite. He served in the US Navy during World War II. A memory is a keepsake of time that lives forever in the heart.

### Ulrich, Richard J., Sr.

Dick Ulrich, 91, met his Maker on January 13th. He was a World War II Veteran and member of Knights Templar. Remembrance is a golden chain that ties all the love and sorrows.

### Widow to be Remembered

Macauley, Dorothy, 83, widow of Donald Macauley (Unity Lodge), passed away January 2nd.

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## Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

### MARCH

- 1-2 York Rite Grand Chapter, Albany
- 2 Clio Family Night, Hilton
- 2 O/S/Y Association Meeting, Naples
- 9 Monroe District *Road to the East* - Session 2, Shrine Center
- 9 Clio Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner, Hilton
- 15 Estella Chapter Spring Banquet, Lodge on the Green
- 16 LIV/GEN-WYM *Road to the East*, Mount Morris
- 17 Feast of the Paschal Lamb, Shrine Center
- 21 Wayne District *Road to the East* - Session 1, Sodus
- 22-23 College of Freemasonry, Genesee Community College; Batavia
- 23 OES Murder Mystery Dinner
- 27 Monroe District School of Ritual, Unity Lodge Hall

### APRIL

- 15 Cyrene-Monroe Commandery Annual Inspection
- 18 Wayne District *Road to the East* - Session 2, Sodus
- 27 Haggai Chapter Annual Social & Community Awards Dinner, Lodge on the Green

### MAY

- 6-7 Grand Lodge Sessions, New York City
- 16 Wayne District *Road to the East* - Session 3, Sodus



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