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Rochester Chapter, Order of DeMolay A Special Message to Area Freemasons

Submitted with approval and support by all Advisory Council Members of the Rochester Chapter, Order of DeMolay

Dear Area Freemasons,

As you are aware from the information that has been published in over twenty editions of our **Masonic Times**, a new Advisory Council was established in early 2011 to re-organize this once vital Masonic Youth organization.

The members of the Advisory Council were trained and went about their duties and responsibilities with due diligence. A place of meeting was secured for the young men; funds were raised to ensure financial stability and the Degree costumes and items were catalogued and ready for use. At the same time, we have been fortunate that our District Deputy and Grand Lodge Officers and the **Masonic Times** have been very diligent in their initiatives to promote this program. We are blessed to have such a group of committed and caring adult Masonic leaders who have each spent hundreds of hours on behalf of this significant initiative.

As of April 1, 2013, the positive news is that there have been four young men who have taken their Degrees and are now members! The reality is that we need at least a dozen young men to effectively function as a Chapter.

The members of the Advisory Council are asking each LODGE in our area

if you could please SUBMIT THE NAME OF AT LEAST ONE ELIGIBLE YOUNG MAN to share this wonderful experience. As you know, most DeMolay members continue on and become Craft Lodge members when they turn twenty-one. This is an ideal source for future Freemasons! It is critical that we receive referrals of young men between the ages of 12-21 if we are to be successful in providing an opportunity for these young men to experience something special. As a point of fact, every Brother sitting in your Craft Lodge knows [at least] 270 other people...think about that!

You can forward contact information to Jack Van Elzakker, the Secretary of the Valley of Rochester, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite at:

secretary@valleyofrochester.org

I hope we can count on each of you to refer the name of a son, grandson, nephew, neighbor or friend's son or grandson or a young man that you may know through any of your network acquaintances. If you have any questions and would like more information about DeMolay, please contact us. [Perhaps we have assumed you are familiar with our precepts of filial love, reverence for sacred things, courtesy, comradeship, fidelity, cleanness and patriotism that have been hallmarks of DeMolay since its founding in 1919.]

Everything is in place...now we need some customers. "I'll let George do it" has not been working; I hope we can count on YOU! Thank you very kindly for your support.

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Area Kickoff of Ritual Renaissance Program

By Bill Edwards, Site Coordinator

The Rochester Regional *Ritual Renaissance Program (RRP)* Orientation Seminar took place on June 1st at the Damascus Shrine Center in Webster. The RRP is a new Program, sponsored by the Custodians of the Work to provide "best rehearsal" suggestions regarding the Ritual and its meaning, and to help all Brothers perform the work with excellence. The Program is designed to promote uniformity in how the Standard Work is performed and to provide a forum for the Craft to learn the soaring messages contained in our timeless Ritual.

Each Lodge has a Ritual Director appointed by the Worshipful Master. The Orientation was to help train them on the material to aid with Opening a Lodge and conducting an Entered Apprentice Degree. Some Lodges do not yet have a Ritual Director. If this is the case for your Lodge, encourage your Worshipful Master to appoint one.

There were 45 Brothers in attendance for the Seminar from the surrounding Districts including a special guest, Grand Lecturer R.:W.: Robert Strang. A team of Brothers from the represented Districts helped exemplify the Lodge Opening and the First Section of the Entered Apprentice Degree.

The exemplification team (and their respective Office) included: Worshipful Master, Pat Mulrooney; Senior Warden, Edward Hopkins; Junior Warden, Richard Brewer; Senior Deacon, Cliff Short; Junior Deacon, Fred Newton; Masters of Ceremony, Paul Dill and Steve Michener; Stewards, Dennis King and Kenneth Smith; Marshal, James Gagnon; Chaplain, Edwyn Hise; and Tiler, Bob Hanggi.

RRP Team Members R.:W.: Bob Strang, R.:W.: Richard Friedman and V.:W.: Bill Edwards handled the floor level critiques, answered general questions from the Brothers and introduced points and topics of interest. R.:W.:

John Gallant was the Scribe and the Monroe District Grand Lodge Officers helped with registration. Thank you to the Damascus Shrine for providing the facility for the event and the Masonic Service Bureau for helping to fund the event.

To conduct a successful Degree requires planning and preparation. This was reinforced by reviewing the Entered Apprentice Degree planning sheets. The importance of Conductors was discussed in detail. There was an emphasis on having the Conductors being present at the rehearsals and not having them selected "as an afterthought." Thinking of the Conductors as shepherds was strongly encouraged.

Team Member Richard Friedman presented a very personal version of the "Meaning of the Ritual." Starting with asking everyone what is the "Only secret in Freemasonry?" (Answer: "How it affects you as a Man") and ending with the observation that Masonry is not an easy journey and why it is vital that we all hold ourselves to a higher standard.

The final item on the schedule was the recognition of the Ritual Directors present. All Ritual Directors were welcomed to the East, greeted by the Grand Lecturer, R.:W.: Bob Strang, and Chairman of the Custodians, R.:W.: Richard Friedman. Each received their Ritual Director Pin and announced their Lodge affiliation. Along with the Pin, each Ritual Director received a CD which contained an electronic copy of all the material presented in the orientation. This included a floor work animation that was very well received by all the members present! Ask your Lodge's Ritual Director to see the material. It would make a great Lodge program.

In closing, a ring of fellowship was formed by all the Brothers present and everyone sang God Bless America. The Grand Lodge RRP Team is actively working on training material for the Fellowcraft Degree and the next orientation is scheduled for late March in Rochester. ☐



V.:W.: Bill Edwards explains portions of the program (above); most of the participants and assisting personnel posed for this photo (below).



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Dated Material

Purple Club
of the Monroe District
MEETING
Monday
September 30th
Keenan's Restaurant
1010 East Ridge Road
Dinner - 6:30 p.m.
Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Damascus News see page 11

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As we are saying goodbye to Summer, let's remember our Office Family who continue their services all year.

Loan Closet

Summer is always a busy time for Loan Closet equipment ... injuries from outdoor activities, hip and knee replacements cycle for Summer rehabilitation, visiting relatives and friends who require special needs for their stay, graduation ceremonies and weddings, etc. This generates the need for lots of time to clean returned and donated equipment as well as the process of documenting the inventory. Since the Loan Closet supports an 8-county area, the service grows.

Monroe Masonic Directory

The main project every Summer is the Monroe District Masonic Directory, which can be updated as soon as Lodge Installations are completed in June. This Directory is a key instrument for the leaders of the Lodge, Chapter and Concordant Bodies of Monroe District. It's a time-consuming task to follow up every entry if an organization doesn't voluntarily send in the information.

Camp DeMolay

Camp DeMolay is owned and operated by the Masonic Service Bureau. The Office schedules and confirms reservations for the Camp, including guidelines for using the facility. Camp

DeMolay is dependent upon volunteers to maintain it. These volunteers take the time to build, repair, paint and generally watch over the Camp as needed. Many thanks, specifically, to Richard Snyder for his endless hours of work on a project of endearment to him. He determines the work needed and appreciates the assistance of several other volunteers. Of course, Summertime is when so much of that work has to be done and sometimes it's difficult to find volunteers to help at this premium time of the year.

Masonic Times

Just when you think there's time left to enjoy the weather, it's time to start the

September issue of the **Masonic Times**. The staff start preparing this issue in early August ... so much for Summertime.

The Service Bureau is staffed by two individuals who seem to be excellent multi-taskers. They are always appreciative of any individual or group who stop by to help clean equipment that has stacked up in the Office area. If you have some time, give them a call.

The Masonic Service Bureau Board of Directors meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month, except July and August, 12 Noon at the Shrine Center. Anyone is welcome to attend. If you can make it, I'll see everyone there on September 11th. ☐

Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

OCTOBER

- 1 York Rite - District Grand Lecturer's Convention, Shortsville
- 2 Ark Lodge - DeWitt Clinton Award Presentation, Geneva C.C.
- 5-6 Hilton Apple Festival
- 12 Shrine Sportsman's Raffle, Shrine Center
- 15 Monroe District Grand Lecturer's Convention, Shrine Center
- 17 O/S/Y District Grand Lecturer's Convention, Penn Yan
- 17-19 OES Grand Sessions, Binghamton
- 19 Scottish Rite/Shrine Veterans Recognition Night, Shrine Center
- 25 Shrine - Potentate's Ball
- 26 Masonic Development Course, Shrine Center
- 26 Euchré Tournament, Shrine Center

NOVEMBER

- 3 Lalla Rookh Caldron Open Installation
- 4 OES - Lilac Star Card Party
- 9 Masonic Development Course, Shrine Center
- 23 Scottish Rite Fall Reunion, Shrine Center
- 30 Euchré Tournament, Shrine Center

DECEMBER

- 7 Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Awards, Shrine Center
- 14 All-Masonic Children's Holiday Party, Shrine Center
- 28 Euchré Tournament Holiday Party, Shrine Center

FEBRUARY

- 22 Road to the East, Shrine Center

MARCH

- 6 Webster Lodge 150th Anniversary Celebration
- 8 Road to the East, Shrine Center
- 31 Monroe District Table Lodge, Shrine Center

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(Two Sessions - MUST attend both)

1 p.m. to 4 p.m. each Session

(Use of facility, courtesy of Damascus Shriners)

\$17 per person – AARP Members

\$19 per person – AARP NON-Members

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The Cardiac Research Institute at Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL) needs your help. The front lines in the fight against heart disease takes place at laboratories, like ours, every day where scientists search for new ways to treat and cure a disease that afflicts millions of Americans. Discoveries emanating from the MMRL have led to improved life-saving technologies, new treatments for inherited cardiac arrhythmias and may very soon change the way individuals afflicted with atrial fibrillation are treated. Everyone knows someone who is or has been touched by heart disease. Your donation supports research that benefits humanity now for generations to come.

The MMRL has a 55-year track record of strong stewardship of your tax-deductible donations. Due to the dedicated and tireless efforts of the Board of Directors and Staff, we can say proudly that 84 cents of every dollar donated goes directly to fund life-saving cardiac research. Brethren of the Grand Lodge of New York founded this world-renowned Laboratory and have been joined in their support from Brethren



and friends residing in Florida, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Maryland, Delaware, New Hampshire, Wisconsin and Rhode Island. With the current decline in Federal funding of research, your support is more critical than ever to ensuring that innovative heart research and scientific discovery continue.

We welcome the opportunity to discuss with you what your philanthropic goals are and how the mission of the Laboratory parallels those aspirations. Your assistance, through charitable contributions and estate planning, will afford the Laboratory the ability to continue our efforts to provide hope and relief to those who desperately need it.

By inviting a representative of the Laboratory to speak at your tiled or public meetings and requesting literature to display at your Lodge we can share how your investment in medical research is changing the face of medicine. Together we can

illuminate a path to a healthier tomorrow in the name of Freemasonry.

For further information on either of these programs, please contact Ronald Kamp, MMRL Director of Development and Communications at kamp@mmrl.edu or call (315) 735-2217, Ext. 127.

Twelve Participate in the MMRL Summer Fellowship Program

By Myron Thurston III, Assistant Director of Development and Communications

Since 1960, the Cardiac Research Institute at Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL) has recognized the importance of encouraging talented young men and women to pursue a career in science or medicine.

The individuals selected through the highly competitive application process for 2013 are Collette Bora (Worcester

Polytechnic Institute), Lyndsey Brown (Marshall University), Elizabeth-Anne Carbone (Cornell University), Georg Gussak (Rutgers University), Sarah Izzo (Hamilton College), Ruben Mathew (Cornell University), Jenna Pfeiffer (SUNY Albany), Andrew Powers (SUNY Albany), Jennifer Sexton (Union College), Ashley Spina (Cornell University), Lini Thomas



(University of Texas at Dallas), and Tanya Zeina (Boston College) and they will join a distinguished group of over 400 gifted students who have participated in the MMRL Summer Fellowship Program.

The 10-week Program permits students direct involvement in research projects under staff guidance in the fields of experimental cardiology, molecular biology, molecular genetics, stem cell research and organ bioengineering. During their tenure, students gain an appreciation for how scientific problems pertaining to medical disease are approached and examined, and experience the day to day running of a cutting-

edge research facility. After completing the program, they will have gained knowledge and practical experience in physiological, biochemical, molecular and pharmacological methodologies and be better prepared to make important career decisions.

The Summer Session closed with a Scientific Symposium presented by the students on July 25th followed by an Awards Luncheon honoring the Summer Fellows and local sponsors at the Laboratory. Funding for this year's program has been provided by Drs. Atul and Amita Butala, the Cortese Family Fund, Dr. Theodore and Melva Max, Dr. Ashok and Shilpa Patel, Slocum-Dickson Foundation, Bredablick Lodge No. 880 and Utica Lodge No. 47.

Please visit www.mmrl.edu to learn more about the Summer Fellowship Program. The application for the 2014 Program will be available online as of January 2nd.

You are Invited to a Weekend of Fellowship . . .

The Colonial Craftsmen's Club of Colonial Massachusetts will be holding a Tiled Colonial-period Lodge Meeting of "On The Square 1775"

for Master Masons only
Saturday, October 5th
7 p.m.

Administration Building Auditorium
on the Masonic Care Community Campus
2150 Bleecker Street, Utica



This unique, one-hour re-enactment presentation is a short play depicting a Lodge meeting in the Town of Boston just before the Revolution. Infinity Lodge 00 will hold a special meeting to feature this re-enactment. (Aprons will be available)

For the Ladies

While the men attend Lodge, an adjunct group of Lady Members, called "The Distaff Side," will provide a one-hour Colonial costuming presentation as well as vignettes of 18th Century life for the Ladies (*no children please*) also at 7 p.m. in Fellowship Hall in the Administration Building.

A sit-down dinner with dessert begins at 5:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. There will be NO walk-up dinner tickets available. **All dinners must be pre-paid no later than September 20th.**

- Cost for dinner and either presentation - \$30.00 per person, all-inclusive
- Men's or Ladies' Presentation - Admission Tickets ONLY are \$10 each if pre-paid by October 1st. Please go to www.mmrl.edu/colonial to make your pre-paid reservations.
- ONLY Presentation Tickets at \$12.50 each will be available at the door

Worship Service on Sunday

On **Sunday, October 6th**, everyone is invited to attend a 9 a.m. Sunday Worship Service in the Daniel D. Tompkins Chapel on Campus. The air-conditioned Chapel features many Masonic-themed stained glass windows, crafted by Louis B. Tiffany. Following the service, the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory and Masonic Care Community will host tours from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.



Founded in 1973 by a group of Massachusetts Masons who had an interest in the Colonial and Revolutionary Eras in America, the Colonial Craftsmen's Club of Colonial Massachusetts is a social, fraternal and charitable Masonic Club operating within the jurisdiction of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. For more than 30 years, the Club has performed Masonic work for Lodges around the State, as well in many other States and jurisdictions from Nevada to Florida, and in the United Kingdom.

For hotel accommodations, restaurants and points-of-interest information, please visit Oneida County Tourism at www.oneidacountytourism.com.

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This is a special year for Monroe District, with our own Ken Milner as Grand Patron. We had a very nice attendance for his Homecoming on June 8th at the Radisson. There were 187 for dinner, plus additional guests for the meeting only. Some of the entertainment was planned (Amadeus Chorale and Grand Chaplain Sue DiSantis) and some just happened (skits by various Grand Officers and groups). All in all it was a fun night and a nice tribute to M.W. Ken.

On Flag Day, June 14th, sixteen of us traveled to Oriskany for the Lilac Luncheon with the residents of the Eastern Star Home and Pounder Hall. This year, because of the special day, it was a picnic theme, with US flags and red, white and blue attire everywhere. The Home is a unique facility; it is always a pleasure to share time with the residents.

The last weekend in July we were back at the Oriskany Campus for Pilgrimage Day. The weather was perfect, food and treasures to buy in ample supply, and the garage full of Share Booth items to raffle. Some winners were from Monroe District and the booth raised about \$15,000 for the Home.

Soon we will be in full swing for Fall meetings and activities. Actually, at the time you receive this issue of the **Masonic Times** many of us will be on the Grand Matron and Grand Patron's trip. It is a cruise to Bermuda on the Celebrity Summit, September 1st-7th. More on this adventure in October.

Mark Your Calendar

September 14th - Line Officers' Meeting, 9 a.m. at Spencerport Masonic Hall; the Grand Representatives will do a presentation.

September 27th - Homecoming of the 2013 Staff Officers and District Leaders 7:30 p.m. at Spencerport Masonic Hall. Please call Doreen Rhodes at 621-6051 by September 13th if you plan to attend.

October 5th - Line Officers' Meeting, 9 a.m. at Spencerport Masonic Hall

October 17th-19th - Grand Sessions in Binghamton, which is the culmination of M.W. Keri Rhebergen and M.W. Ken Milner's year as Grand Matron and Grand Patron. The Testimonial Dinner will be on October 16th.

Save the date of Friday, November 1st for a combined event. It will be our District Banquet, as well as the Reception of the 2014 Grand Officers - R.W. Beverly Thompson and R.W. Tom Richenderfer. Details will be forthcoming.

Please be an active member of your Chapter, help out where possible and come to as many of the above functions as you can. "The more the merrier" and "Many hands make light work," to quote a couple of clichés.

Notes From Neil

By M.W. Neil Laundry, DGL

Summer is almost over and we're preparing for a change in activities. I won't venture to say an "increase" in activities, because we've been pretty busy since June. Before getting to the new stuff, however, I need to catch you up on some old business.

R.W. Donna was installed as DDGM. at the conclusion of Lilac Star's May 15th Official Visit. We thank M.W. Wanda for representing M.W. Keri Rhebergen, Grand Matron, as our Interim DDGM during early May. Her generous assistance helped facilitate a smooth transition as we changed DDGMs for the second half of the year.

Our Chapter Official Visits were concluded mid-May and I thoroughly enjoyed them all. The programs and Degrees were outstanding. In retrospect, I continue to feel that several of this year's Star Point renderings were the finest I've ever seen. I only wish all our Sisters and Brothers across the State could have had the privilege of seeing them.

Within the first three weeks of June, we held and/or attended M.W. Ken Milner's "Homecoming," Monroe District's Annual Lilac Luncheon for the residents of our OES Home and Pounder Hall and M.W. Keri Rhebergen's Grand Matron's Homecoming.

Our new Activities Director at the Home arranged for the entertainment at the Lilac Luncheon. She brought in a terrific country western singer/guitarist who had a lot of us (residents included) singing right along. I had a ball! Spice up these events with three other Grand Matron's Official Visits and Mary Jane Holmes Chapter's visit to the Batavia Veterans Facility for their Annual "Pie and Ice Cream" Social and you'll have a little idea of the June schedule.

About twenty members of Monroe District joined groups from several other Districts for a delicious Friday evening Pilgrimage Dinner. Because of a bit of confusion regarding the date for the dinner, the venue was changed on-the-spot, and the entire entourage convoyed from the New Hartford Ramada to Chesterfield's Restaurant on the East Side of Utica near the Masonic Campus.

Following dinner, several Districts announced their Grand Officers for 2014. M.W. Wanda presented our current Officers and introduced our new District Deputy Grand Matron, R.W. Beverly Thompson, and District Grand Lecturer, R.W. Tom Richenderfer. It turned out to be a wonderful, if adventuresome, evening.

There were several other events scheduled for August - The Grand Matron and Grand Patron's Social Visit and District Picnic and the Peach Festival and Chicken Bar-B-Que.

Pre-Register for Grand Sessions

If you plan to attend Grand Sessions and haven't pre-registered yet, please do so immediately. Failure to pre-register means you will not have a seat reserved with our District. Grand Sessions Forms can be obtained through:

R.W. Donna Laundry
email: gpwife03@rochester.rr.com
or Neil Laundry

**Don't Miss This Combined District Dinner
... a Kickoff to Sessions!!!**

**You are invited to join friends
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**Clinton-Essex and Monroe Districts
Friday, October 18th**

**at Doubletree by Hilton, Binghamton
Buffet at 6:45 p.m.**

Price: \$26.50 (Includes tax and gratuity)

Reservations with payment needed by October 1st

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OR**

Allan Clark; PO Box 62, Moriah Center, NY 12961

Bring a wrapped item for an auction following dinner.

**Lilac Star Chapter #57
Order of the Eastern Star**

**Annual Autumn
Card Party and Luncheon**

**Monday, November 4th
10 a.m. — 2 p.m.**

Cards at 10 a.m.

**Webster Masonic Center
30 Orchard Street, Webster**

**A Chicken and Biscuit Luncheon
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Also, if you would like to attend the Clinton-Essex and Monroe District Combined Friday Night Dinner at Sessions,

you may make reservations through me. Check the notice accompanying this article or ask your Matron for details.

Take care, have fun, and we'll see you soon!

By Robert Crystal

Hello, one and all! The Dalykas winning streak continues. Our Matron got a FOUNTAIN at the Oriskany Festival of the Stars. Luckily, we had room in the back of the bus to tote it home. Doreen Rhodes was lucky to win luggage.

We had a great time watching all the Grands from our Chapter strolling through the heat and humidity for the Memorial Service. I took some pictures, but the quality is pretty low. After all, how good is a picture of Carol Wynings going to be when you have to snap it while chasing her around among the trees? She is a Photo-Phobe of the highest order. One would think she thought we were assaulting her!

What was the best part of the festival, you ask? Aside from the general good vibes from being among so many great Sisters and Brothers, and seeing how well Monroe District - specifically Nolatka Chapter - was represented, I think the best part was the food. Maple syrup and fudge, home-baked pies, cookies by-the-pound, strawberry sun-

daes, Italian sausage, red hots and funnel cakes. I gained weight just choosing which to eat.

There were also lots of used books, knick knacks, jewelry, gowns and even a couple of men's sports coats. Matron Pat bought a brand new collapsing umbrella for a dollar - the last one ... the very last one.

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**NOLATKA
Chapter No. 320**

*Order of the Eastern Star
1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.*

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594-4692**

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2647 Chill Avenue, 14624

Wayne District

District Deputy Grand Master - Jay Dewispelaere (315) 483-0475

Planning Ahead

As our Summer all too quickly draws to a close, it is time to look forward to our Masonic Year getting underway. On July 18th, Officers and Brothers of Wayne District Lodges met at Camp DeMolay on Lake Road, Sodus Point, to plan events for the coming year.

For those not familiar with Camp DeMolay, it is one of the jewels of our local Fraternity and an

under-appreciated one at that. The Camp is set in a beautiful, secluded stretch of Lake Shore in the Village of Sodus Point. It offers a full kitchen in a club house with several bunk houses and wash rooms for campers to use. Plenty of open space for games and quiet for those who simply want to relax.

Please contact the Masonic Service Bureau if you are looking for a getaway with the family, a place to host a family or class reunion or another casual social event.

Masters and Wardens

Please remember that the Wayne District Masters and Wardens Association has changed its meeting night. It will now meet on the Second Monday of each month, beginning Monday, October 14th. Locations will again rotate between District Lodges. The first meeting will be announced by R.:W.: William Benedict, who is this year's President.

Hope you had a wonderful Summer with family and friends, as I did. Masonry slows down a bit after June, but never stops completely. There are lots of picnics, festivals and carnivals to attend. Now the inside activities are resuming. I hope you get to practice your Part before your Lodge opens for the Fall Season.

Masonry is continual education and I have a number of Livingston Library Reading Certificates to present to Brothers who continued to read over the Summer.

One of the changes in the District this year is that the Masters and Wardens Association will be meeting the 2nd Monday of the month at a Lodge to be announced. This is one of the places in Masonry where we try new things quite often. All Master Masons are welcome to attend, not just Masters and Wardens. This is an opportunity to meet other Masons on a personal level during the dinners and meetings.

Early this Fall, our Past Purple Association will be collecting applications

It has been a pretty wet Summer but Masonic activity and planning never stops. Your Officers have been busy with preparing the Trestleboard for the ensuing year.

An Information Booth was staffed during Palmyra's Pirate Weekend in August.

Upcoming Events Information Night

We handed out flyers about our September 11th Information Night for prospective Candidates. Notices were also sent to the *Timeserver*, *Wayne Post* and *Macedon* newspapers for publication prior to our event. We are expecting to see a few new faces in the Lodge Rooms.

Master Mason Night

The Ladies of Palmyra Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star have invited us all to attend a meeting in our honor - Master Mason Night - on September 17th. Do your best to be present. I'm sure you will enjoy it, along with the treats of the evening. A few delicious homemade pies will be auctioned off. The Eastern Star Ladies have favored us with their delicious dinners throughout the year. Let's support them by turning out for this event.

September 18th is our first Communication of the Season. This night will be a measure of the success of our efforts to attract new members to our Fraternity. Remember that we all have a responsibility to our Lodge and Fraternity to be on the lookout for friends and acquaintances who may contribute to our Masonic fu-

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Official Visits

Official Visits for the Wayne District Team are scheduled as follows:

October 8th Marion Lodge No. 926
October 21st Newark Lodge No. 83
October 23rd Wayne Lodge No. 416

Dinners will precede most of the Official Visits, so please check with the Master or Secretary of the host Lodges for times and locations.

Before we get into the business of the Fall, a primer will be held on Opening and Closing of the Lodge. All Officers and Brothers are welcome to attend. We will meet at Pultneyville Lodge, Lake Road, Williamson on Saturday, September 7th. Breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m. with a review of the work at 9:30 a.m. V.:W.: Joe Green, Wayne District AGL, and I will send more information regarding this meeting to each Lodge.

Enjoy the rest of your Summer! ☐

Grand Director of Ceremonies Wayne



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for our next District Deputy, Staff Officer and Assistant Grand Lecturer. Your Master and Secretary have forms. If you have an interest or have questions about the job, please feel free to contact me. I encourage you to consider these positions and grow as a Mason.

I look forward to being with you this Fall. God bless the USA. ☐

Drumlin Square Lodge No. 1180

1st & 3rd Wednesdays



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ture. Our "To Be One Ask One" induction phrase could also be re-stated "Ask One To Be One" if in your judgement he could be a "Good One" for the Fraternity.

Congratulations to those newly elected and appointed Officers in the Line: Brothers Tom Krest, Rob Zanin, Jim Aylesworth, Bob Baumgartner and Dick Schopinsky. These men represent the future of Drumlin Square Lodge. Be sure to assist them in their endeavors.

Thanks also are appropriate for our Brothers who give up their time and effort year after year to ensure that the doors are open and we are in Order for Business. You know who they are.

Let's work together to make this year a success! ☐

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Monroe District

District Deputy Grand Master - Phillip Hurwitz 720-9653

Official Visits

September represents that time in our Fraternity when we "turn the lights back on." My Official Visit Schedule for this term is as follows:

September
9th Unity
10th Seneca
17th Clio
23rd ERAC
24th Inspiration

October

3rd Northfield
9th Oatka
10th Fame
14th Union Star
17th Webster
28th Wakan-Hubbard

November

11th Fairport-Flower City

Educational Courses

Our Educational Courses for the 2013-14 cycles will be held at the Shrine Center as follows:

Masonic Development Course

8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

October 26th and November 9th

Road to the East

8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

February 22nd and March 8th

Our Grand Master, M.:W.: James Sullivan, in his address to the Craft on June 22nd at St. John's Day, stressed the "pride" we should feel towards our Fraternity. Pride is an acronym for Programs, Ritual, Integrity, Deity and Education.



(Left to right) R.:W.: Rob Buchanan, R.:W.: Phil Hurwitz and R.:W.: Mike Hueston at St. John's Day festivities in Utica.

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Programs

I have witnessed that a number of Lodges in our District have taken that charge to heart. Steps are being taken to avoid what I call the "board meeting" syndrome into which any Lodge can easily fall. More and more, I am witnessing Masonic teachings being given from the East - either from the Master himself, or another Brother chosen for this important responsibility.

Ritual

As the Grand Master has stated ... "it is the cement which binds us together as Freemasons." Our Ritual Renaissance Program was held at the Shrine Center on June 1st. Its purpose is simple - to improve the presentation of our Ritual. The tools were presented and suggestions given, which, if followed, will improve the exemplification of Ritual in every Lodge, regardless of skill level.

Integrity

It is symbolized by the Plumb. In his *Encyclopedia of Freemasonry*, Ill. Brother Albert Mackey indicates that the Plumb represents the steadfast pursuit of truth ... "neither bending beneath the frowns of adversity nor yielding to the seductions of prosperity."

Deity

The Great Architect will judge whether we have kept our Aprons clean and have used the Working Tools to make ourselves, and the world around us, better.

Education

Learning is a life-long process. While the Lodge may go dark during the Summer, the light within all of us should always burn brightly while we live here on Earth.

I look forward to continuing my travels through our District and leave you with this thought for September ... "Let us endeavor so to live that when we come to die even the undertaker will be sorry." - Mark Twain

Reprinted from *A Masonic Thought for Each Day of the Year*, Cerza, Alphonse, Missouri Lodge of Research, 1971. ☐



Eagle Scout Commendation Certificates were presented by Drumlin Square Lodge on June 5th to Boy Scouts (l-r) Michael Powell, Ryan Hunsinger, Alex Kastner, Nicholas Skrotski and Evan Schwind. Back row (l-r) W.: Richard Brewer, Master; R.:W.: F. Edward "Ted" Powley, Grand Director of Ceremonies; and R.:W.: Jay DeWispelaere, District Deputy Grand Master.

Mark the
Date!

Monroe District Table Lodge

Honoring our Special Guest

M.: W.: James E. Sullivan, Grand Master

March 31, 2014

at Damascus Shrine Center

... Stay tuned!



By R.: W.: Michael Nohle

Welcome back. Your District Leadership Team is looking forward to seeing everyone at the District Official Visits; we hope you will attend your Lodge meetings and support your new Master and Officers. They have really worked hard to schedule programs everyone will enjoy.

St. John's Day

On June 22nd, the Most Worshipful James E. Sullivan, Grand Master of Masons for New York State, the Grand Line and all District Deputy Grand Masters and Staff Officers from all over New York met in Utica and had a great day celebrating St. Johns Day. We all received our Commissions. The Grand Master was well received and delivered an inspiring message to all Masons who were in attendance. I hope one day every Mason will join the fun and attend St. Johns Day in Utica. It really is a beautiful campus and the atmosphere is very special. You will come back home recharged and inspired to do more in Masonry.

Masonic Development Course

The *Masonic Development Course* will be held October 26th and November 9th, starting at 8:00 a.m. and ending at 2:00 p.m. at the Damascus Shrine Center, 979 Bay Road in Webster. Please plan to attend, as this Course is for all Masons no matter how long you have been a member of this Fraternity. We promise you will learn something and also share some of your experiences with the Brothers. Lunch will be provided. You can reserve your spot by emailing:

R.: W.: Rob Buchanan at

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I personally thank all the Brothers for the support and Brotherly Love shown to R.: W.: Rob Buchanan this past year while his wife, Kellie, was away, fighting for our freedom. Rob gave a lot of time and energy to our Fraternity and I know the love and support you showed Rob and his family was very special and helped in a lot of ways to get him through this year. Welcome Home, Kellie Buchanan, and thank you so much for all you sacrificed for all of us. You truly are a hero.

We look forward to seeing a lot of Brothers at the District events and at the Education Courses and thank you for your continued support and assistance in growing our great Fraternity. God bless you all. □

By V.: W.: Paul Jason Kolacki

It seems like just yesterday we broke for the Summer months so we could all enjoy some rest and refreshment. But like most Summers, it goes by all too quickly. So once again, it's time to pick up our Working Tools of the Craft.

School of Ritual

I'll begin by mentioning our first School of Ritual, which was scheduled to be held on August 28th. Because Degree work is not far off in many of our Lodges, we felt the agenda should remind you just what the Degrees will mean for new Candidates.

For some of you, it may have been many years since you received your 1st Degree, but it's something we never forget. Remember, you never get a second chance to make a first impression! It was our desire to take you back, to remember that important time in your life, and to put yourself in the place of those who will soon be taking that first step into Masonry. How did you feel that first night? Were you a bit nervous, or overwhelmed? Well those feelings are natural, and your new members will soon feel the same way.

With that in mind, you should afford them quiet time to reflect on what they are about to see and hear. They need to experience the reassuring touch and guidance of their conductors, and to hear the beauty of the Ritual spoken in a clear, concise and meaningful manner, uninterrupted by Lodge room distractions. Let the light of the Ritual shine through in all that you do. We hope this School of Ritual was helpful to the Officers and Brothers of your Lodges and that you will continue to work on and polish your Ritual skills.

Our next School of Ritual is scheduled for Wednesday, September 18th

at 7:30 p.m. and will be hosted by Fairport-Flower City Lodge. Further details about the program will be forthcoming.

Grand Lecturer's Convention

Looking forward, the Grand Lecturer's Convention is scheduled for Tuesday, October 15th, at the Damascus Shrine Center in Webster. Please note the change of venue for this event.

As we start the Masonic Year, please keep the following thoughts in mind ...

- Our Ritual is the language of Freemasonry. It is not ours to alter or rearrange in any way. It is important that while we pass the Ritual along to others, whether it be through Cipher translation or by mouth to ear, we do so with complete accuracy.
- We believe the very best Ritual is delivered both precisely and passionately. When we have learned it word-for-word and then we work to inject emotion and inflection, we achieve the best possible quality of conferral.
- As our Ritual teaches us, although we are flawed human beings, we as Masons are charged to aspire to achieve perfec-

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tion and to reach high in order to come as close to perfection as we possibly can. This lesson applies to how we live our lives and it also applies to how we perform our Ritual.

• Please remember to regularly revisit your Cipher to be sure you have learned it correctly. Respect our Ritual. Nurture it. It truly is what makes our Fraternity so special and so enduring.

V.: W.: Pat and I look forward to working with you in the coming year. We also want you to know we are here to assist you in any way we can. Please feel free to reach out to us for assistance. □

News from the Purple Club of the Monroe District

Monroe District Leadership Team

By R.: W.: Michael Nohle

VP Monroe District Purple Club

My Brothers, the time is here for you to submit your Application for District Deputy Grand Master or Grand Lodge Staff Officer.

In early July, every Lodge in the Monroe District should have received a selection package, including detailed information about guidelines for serving and an Application. If you would like a copy, please contact your Lodge Secretary or contact me.

Each applicant must receive a complete copy of the selection process to read, including the Application Form to fill out and sign.

Applications should be returned to me as soon as possible by way of US mail. My address is 291 Lake Road, Ontario, NY, 14519. The deadline for submission of the Application is October 15th of this year.

Should you have any questions, please contact me (email: mikenohle@aol.com or phone: 545-5522) or a member of your District Leadership Team. We would be happy to provide you with information regarding serving your District in one of the capacities. □

so make the appropriate changes in your copy.

Our second meeting of September will be an introduction to the 1st Degree as we prepare to confer the 1st Degree on new Petitioners. The details of the meeting are still in the works, but it should prove to be interesting and educational.

We will also be scheduling an Adopt-a-Highway clean-up session on a Saturday morning in early September. Details will be emailed or phoned to the Brothers. This is a good event to help the Penfield Community and have a good time together.

Remember that if you plan to change residence, please contact the Secretary with your new address so we can keep the Lodge records in order. We can also use changes in email addresses.

The Lodge received a letter from R.: W.: Chapin Blake. Brother Blake is now living in Colorado. He tries to attend Lodge there, but the local Lodge just consolidated with another Lodge that is further than he wishes to drive in the Winter. He did say he loved reading the **Masonic Times** and is glad he kept his membership with us.

Our Brother V.: W.: Joe Oelgoetz has moved to Columbus, Georgia, with his wife and is now working for Char-Broil. If you would like to reach him by any method, contact the Secretary for contact information. The Secretary can be reached by email at secretary@wakanhubbard.org.

Throughout the year we plan to put more information about the Lodge and its functions in the **Masonic Times** to keep all our Brethren, either local or long distance, informed of what is going on. We will also work on adding pictures, as available. □

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By R.: W.: John Zabel

Farewell to a Brother

Our Summer started with the unfortunate death of R.: W.: A. John Tijou in early July. At the request of Brother Tijou's son, W.: Charles Tijou, and the family, we conferred a Masonic Service to which there was a good turnout. The Lodge will miss John.

The Lodge held its Family Picnic on August 17th at Harris-Whalen Park. A good time was had by all. Brothers need to remember that the Harris part of the park name is after the family of a past member of our Lodge, Brother Bob Harris. Brother Harris used to drive his convertible in the Penfield 4th of July Parade.

Upcoming Events

The first meeting this Fall will be a preview of the coming year. Our Master, W.: Angelo Di Cataldo, has a very good year planned as you have seen in the Trestleboard mailed to all the members. Speaking of the Trestleboard, Brother Ed Huntley's email address is not correctly printed. His email address is:

It is with great honor that I greet you as Worshipful Master of Fairport-Flower City Lodge. We have an outstanding Lodge and I'm looking forward to continuing on the path of success.

Fellowship is the Theme

We are kicking off the new Season on September 9th with a Table Lodge. In fact, I'd like FELLOWSHIP to be one of the themes of this coming year. There will also be a few meetings with a "surprise." Regular business meetings are boring and I have a few suggestions to speed them up in order to free up more time for FELLOWSHIP.

First, I'd like to streamline the regular meetings. I will do my best to get the Brethren the details of the night's meeting a day or two in advance so we can all have our opinions ready for discussion and keep the meetings moving.

Second, along with W.: Tom Richenderfer, we'll have the Opening and Closing down to a science.

Third, I've asked the Secretary and Treasurer to keep their reports short and sweet. I will take care of most of the day-to-day items of the aforementioned Brothers. Those positions are time-consuming and thankless work and they do a fantastic job.

Of course, if something comes up, we'll have to work through the problems as they arise through discussion as our By-Laws permit.

W.: Tom Richenderfer will work in five minutes or so of mini-lectures on Masonic etiquette at every meeting. He is a wealth of

knowledge. Great suggestion, W.: Terry. These small changes in aggregate will hopefully keep the meetings as short as possible. If we start promptly at 7:30 p.m., there is no reason we cannot wrap things up by 8:30 p.m.

Brother John Smigle has offered to present some educational material during refreshments downstairs following the meetings.

Additionally, if you have any other suggestions, please contact me. The same goes for any critiques. I may be a new Worshipful Master, but this "ain't my first rodeo."

Finally, and most importantly ... If you have not been to Lodge meetings, please come. The quality of Masons in our Lodge is what makes us great and sets us apart from the rest. We have accomplished many great things in the past and will continue to do so in the future.

This July 4th, I had time to again reflect that Freemasonry is one of the

things that makes this Country great. That greatness is fostered in every Blue Lodge - especially this one of ours and we cannot do it without YOU.

Sad News

It is with sorrow to report the passing of Brother Carl Mosher. He died on June 28th at the age of 98 after 63 years as a Mason. Our sympathy to his widow and his son's family.

September Birthdays

September birthdays include Brothers: Burton Gordon (1st), Gerald Greenberg (5th), Patrick Hoffmann (6th), James Comstock and Lawrence Schulman (7th), Leon Sporn (9th), Easton "Kel" Kelsey and William Hockenberger (13th), Robert Koehler (16th), Jerome Pulver (20th), Paul Israel (21st), Marco Altieri (24th), Henry Shulman (27th) and David Denz (30th).

Best wishes for a healthy, happy and prosperous year ahead. □

Welcome back, Brothers of Fame Lodge! I hope your Summer was filled with enjoyment and relaxation. Though the Summer started a bit wet, it turned out to be beautiful.

Speaking of enjoyment, we held our Annual Corn and Sausage Roast on August 8th. The weather cooperated and our families enjoyed great food and fellowship. Kids were playing games on the Camp Eastman lawn while the adults sat back and relaxed.

Mark Your Calendar

The Officers of Fame Lodge have an exciting year planned.

Thursday, September 12th is our first meeting. Your Officers will prepare you a feast and all dinner donations will go to the Brotherhood Fund. We will also have Crazy Tie Night. Who will have the craziest tie this year?

September 26th - Regular Communication at which we will recognize our Past Masters.

Our Official Visit this year will occur at our October 10th meeting. Remember ... tuxedos for our Officers.

I can't wait to see all Brethren at our first meeting! Let us make this a great year for Fame Lodge. □

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Lodge No. 722

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

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By R.: W.: Dave Allen

Greetings from our Worshipful Master Joe Lewis. Once again, I've been given the duty to (hopefully) keep you informed of the important happenings of Webster Lodge.

Sickness and Distress

It should be noted of the passing of Brother Kenneth Lehr, a 50-year member. Ken's wife, Muriel, passed on several years ago.

Also, we were saddened to hear of the passing of Brother Charles Campbell's wife, Kris, whose suffering was alleviated by her Hospice Care.

W.: Brother Ken Hutchinson is still a patient at Blossom View in Sodus. Drop in if you have a chance.

Introducing Allyn Borrino

On a lighter note, for those of you who are not aware of our new Senior Warden's accomplishments, may I enlighten you? Lt. Allyn Borrino of the City of Rochester Fire Department and a Director of the Finger Lakes Regional Burn Association, has distinguished himself in more ways than you can imagine.

His dedication to burn victims - especially the children - and seeing that they are rewarded with a Summer Camp experience, is just one of the many duties assigned to him. He truly abides by that portion of our Ritual putting our "Neighbors first."

Given the fact that he will share the East with our Worshipful Master at our 150th Anniversary Celebration (he will serve as Master for the last half of 2014), his "plate is full" to say the least.

Spaghetti Dinners

Brother Nick's first Spaghetti Dinner is scheduled for October 4th. The recipient of profits is the Webster High Hockey Team. Please make yourselves available to assist.

New Secretary

It should be noted that our Secretary for so many years, W.: Bernie Russell, has entrusted those duties to Brother Jim Clancy. Jim is well-acquainted with the responsibilities of that Office and will

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become proficient in a very short time.

Our thanks to Bernie for many years of dedicated service. As his family is now very demanding - especially the children - we're sure he will not be lacking for things to do. Don't think you're "off the hook" though, we still expect you to honor us with your presence - especially to serve on the "150th Anniversary Committee," OK?

For those Brothers who can access our "538" website, Brother Borrino has been covering the last several communications very well. I'll try and do the "Master's Wishes" by filling in for those who don't have computer access, plus special events not included in the Meeting Minutes.

Point of interest W.: Joe Lewis is well on his way to becoming "Legal Beagle." He informed me that he spends most of his day "book worming" in the Law Library. Several of our Past Masters are Lawyers, but we don't see much of them. We hope W.: Brother Joe doesn't pursue the same path.

Back to Labor

September 5th is our first meeting. We don't have the new Trestleboard yet, but I will see it gets on the 538 website ASAP.

See you in Lodge. □

W.: Jason Gartland, Master cooked sausages (right) with wife, Cathy, and son, AJ, for Brothers and Wives (below) at the annual Fame Lodge Corn and Sausage Roast.



A hearty hello from Seneca Lodge as we embark upon our 2013-2014 Masonic Year! I hope our Brothers near and far are enjoying their Summer; may everyone be happy and healthy.

Even though the Lodge is "dark," your Lodge Officers have been busy preparing for the upcoming year. I, for one, am very excited for all we have planned this year in our fair Lodge.

This Summer featured our Annual Steak Roast run by Jeff Quartley with the assistance of his top-notch Stewards and several Brothers taking up the slack. It was well attended and the food was wonderful as always. Thanks so much to Brother Jeff and his minions for a job well done!

Also, we had the continuation of our monthly Mason's Lunch, organized by Brother Robert Kimmel, who continues to provide an important and enjoyable opportunity for the Brethren to gather for excellent food and a good time.

Seneca Lodge
No. 797

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Our Trustees continued the process of selecting an investor for Seneca's funds to ensure security and growth of our holdings. It is a difficult and arduous process that is in the hands of some of the finest Masons in Seneca Lodge.

Sometime during the ensuing year, the process will be complete and Seneca's financial future will be set for our lifetimes. If you ever have a question regarding the functions of our Trustees, please feel free to call upon them as they operate in the Light and want all Seneca Brothers to know what is going on regarding their responsibilities.

I look forward to announcing their success later this year. Thanks so much for your efforts, my esteemed Brothers!

The thing I am most excited about is the construction of a new bar for Seneca Lodge. Master Carpenter and new Master Mason Chris Bretz has designed and, at the time of this writing, is constructing what promises to be the coolest bar in any Lodge or gin mill in Rochester! You should see the designs! Next month I will include pictures of his masterpiece. I can't wait to enjoy fellowship this year!

Back to Activity

Our September 10th meeting will be our Official Visit of R.: W.: Phil Hurwitz,

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Mark Your Calendar!

Webster Lodge No. 538
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1864 - 2014

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DDGM, and other dignitaries I am sure. I look forward to R.:W.: Phil's visit as I have spent a fair amount of time with him over the past year and he has proven to be a terrific mentor, Mason and friend. We are fortunate to have such a fine man and Mason to lead us. I have learned there is nothing to be nervous about when in R.:W.: Phil's presence. He is there for us and is definitely on the Level with each and every one of us.

Upcoming Events

We have so many exciting events planned for the ensuing year. I'm not going to go into great detail at this time as I will address each event as it approaches, but some of the highlights include:

October 18-20 - Brother Bring-a-Friend Night and our Quad-Annual Saint Andrews Lodge visit to Rochester

November - TABLE LODGE!

December - Seneca Christmas Party

January - 1st Degree

February - 2nd Degree

April - 3rd Degree

May - Elections and Installation

Birthday Wishes

I will take this opportunity to recognize Brothers born in June, July, August and September ...

June

Benny Vitullo (6th), Jim Wasley (16th), Jason Parmeter (20th), Dick Shellman (25th) and Harry Voss (26th).

July

Neil Lawrence (3rd), Fritz Friedrich and Bill Schafer (9th), Joe Terzo (10th), Jason Cline (13th), Jason Zona (16th), Tom Lenweaver (22nd), Don Scrivens (22nd), Curt Barker and Ron Brown (23rd), Frank Martin (26th), Steve Whittaker (28th) and Chuck Daly (31st).

August

Bob Stone (5th), Joe Fisher and Jack Van Elzakker (8th), Jon Trost (20th), Jim Koch and Skip Schuster (22nd), Wayne Hoover (23rd), Rick Leavitt and Bob Shaver (28th) and Karl Fink (30th).

September

Jeffrey Reid (3rd), Don Jenks Jr. (5th), Gordon Hubbell (8th), Jim Payne (10th), Tony Turner (21st), Chris Hobiaca (28th) and Paul Vick (30th).

Thank you to all our Summer-born Brothers for your service to our Lodge no matter how long ago it may have been. Wherever you live, Seneca Lodge wishes you a heartfelt and most happy birthday!

If you are ever interested in visiting our Lodge and enjoying one of the finest meals in the District, please contact Junior Warden, Jeff Quartley at 202-1524 or email: piperq@rochester.rr.com. ☐

Saturday September 14th Serving 1 p.m. 'til Gone

**\$9 Dinner includes:
Half-Chicken, Roll & 2 Sides
At Hilton Masonic Hall
287 East Ave, Hilton NY**

For information/tickets, call (585) 329-0318

Welcome back, Brothers! I hope you all had a great Summer. Clio may have been dark for a couple of months, but our Brothers still managed to meet for a couple of Clio-related events.

Hilton Firemen's Parade

Several of our Lodge Brothers (myself included) marched in the Hilton Firemen's Parade. We had the honor of being joined in the march by our District Deputy Grand Master, R.:W.: Phil Hurwitz. It was a great event and one we plan to do each year from here on out. I especially enjoyed seeing the reactions of Masons and people related to Masons in the crowd - total strangers to me - who, when



Past Masters Frank Celone (left) and Jeff Ross (right) carry Clio Lodge Banner; Brothers follow.

they saw we were Masons, stood up and applauded or ran in front of us to snap our pictures. Many thanks to Past Master, Jeff Ross, who spearheaded our inclusion in the Parade ... and, of course, to all the Brothers who marched with us.



Clio Lodge Master, Pete Matthews, arrives at the Hilton Firemen's Carnival and asks, "Which way to the fried dough?"

September Events

As usual, Clio hits the ground running this Fall. Our first Regular Communication is September 3rd. I'm looking for-

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ward to seeing my Brothers again and starting my first year as Master.

On Saturday, September 14th, we will be having our Annual Fall Chicken Bar-B-Que. It runs from 12 Noon until gone and the price is \$9 for half a chicken, two sides and a roll ... not to mention the chance to see Uncle Clucky dancing in his chicken suit. I'm not exaggerating when I say it's the best Chicken Bar-B-Que going, so don't miss out!

Our Annual Official Visit of the District Deputy Grand Master, R.:W.: Phil Hurwitz will be Tuesday, September 17th.

On Wednesday, September 25th, we kick off our Spaghetti Dinner Season! As always, dinners are \$7 and served from 4:30 p.m.-7 p.m. (Uncle Clucky will not be attending for fear he'll end up as Chicken Cacciatore.)



(l-r) Brothers Lou Cook, Lew Steinman, Matt Scheffer and Dick Caupp.

Early October Events

We don't slow down heading into October with our 1st Degree being held Tuesday, October 1st.

Hilton Apple Fest 2013

It's Apple Fest time in Hilton again,



W.: Jeff Ross and Brother Steve Hamilton add the finishing touches to an order.



Brothers Matt Scheffer and Lew Steinman pause to smile for the camera while waiting for an order to come in.

and on Saturday and Sunday, October 5th and 6th, Clio will have a booth for selling Meatball Subs and Ziti. We will be setting up the booth on Thursday, October 3rd - meeting at the Lodge Hall at 1 p.m. and then heading to the Festival Grounds to assemble

the tent. On Monday, October 7th at 10 a.m., we will meet at the Festival Grounds to break it down.

A sign-up worksheet will be going around the Lodge at our first meeting, so Clio Brothers, keep these

dates in mind. We depend on and appreciate your help. Non-Clio Brothers, be sure to stop by and enjoy the festivities, an apple, and a few Meatball Subs!

September Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Clio Brothers Don



Master-Elect Pete Matthews and "Uncle Clucky" (aka: Don Cambisi) show off our sign by the road

Cambisi, Michael Steinman, David C. Korn, Sean Noonan, Douglas W. DeHollander and Pete Matthews.

Mark Your Calendar

September 3rd - Regular Communication, 1st Degree

September 14th - Chicken Bar-B-Que at Hilton Masonic Hall; \$9; Serving from 12 Noon 'til Gone

September 17th - District Deputy Grand Master Official Visit

September 25th - Spaghetti Dinner; \$7; Serving 4:30 p.m.-7 p.m. at Hilton Masonic Hall

Closing Thoughts

When addressing the Lodge at my Installation this year, R.:W.: Phil Hurwitz referred to Clio as "the little Lodge that could," in relation to all the extracurricular activities we do in order to keep Clio's doors open. A more apt description of Clio could not have been made. Our Brothers are so dedicated to our Lodge that they are willing to stretch their Cabletows like bungee cords and work their Ashlars off to make sure we continue to chug along here in Hilton.

An added benefit of all that effort is the very tight Brotherhood we have formed. We're not too shabby inside of the Lodge either, where we shine at Ritual work. I am honored that this great group of hard-working Masons saw fit to make me the man to run their Lodge this year. I thank you, my Brothers, and I look forward to the year ahead.

Now put down this paper, we've got meatballs to cook! ☐

MARTIN IPPOLITO

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Music Lessons

Beginners Welcome

Piano - Keyboards

Organ - Accordion

By R.:W.: Skip Waterstreet

Welcome back to the Quarries, my Brothers. As is usually the case, the Summer has flown by and here we are again, ready to tackle the Trestleboard set before us. Our Master, W.: Scott Rice, has asked me to continue to write the columns for the **Masonic Times**, so you are stuck with me again for another year.

We had a great Installation of Officers Ceremony last June. It was my privilege to serve as Installing Master, so of course I am prejudiced. I was ably assisted by W.: Joseph Steffen as Installing Marshal, and W.: William Shelby, DSA, as Installing Chaplain. My thanks to them both for an outstanding job. The pre-meeting Dinner was superb, and the cake following Installation, was yummy. The highlight of the evening was Worshipful Scott Rice inviting his daughters, Jordan and Hayley, to sit beside him in the East. Hayley was particularly thrilled with this opportunity.



Our Worshipful Master, Scott Rice, with his wife, Dawn, and daughters Jordan (left) and Hayley.

Take a good look at the 2013-2014 Line of Officers ... we've got some great young talent coming through the ranks. We "senior" members will be able to sit back and relax a lot more now. It is nice to be able to sit on the sideline and watch them perform the Ritual. Of course, you are welcome to let them know you want to assist with Degree work or social events. If you haven't taken the opportunity recently, why not stop by a Lodge meeting?. If you are in need of transportation, a call to the Master, Secretary or any Officer should help you solve that problem.

There was a huge turnout for our Clambake/Picnic at the Shrine Center last month. Brother Frank "Chip" Sackett was back manning the boiling pots, keeping the clams coming for all takers. Norris "Boss" Shapiro was directing the grill operations, with R.:W.: Alan Ramsay cooking hot dogs and Brother Scott Mason grilling hamburgers. Several others provided support as needed, including the preliminary setup, shucking the delicious corn on the cob and helping to clean up afterward. Thanks to them all for their help.

The day before this event was R.:W.: Mat Gingold's 90th Birthday. Norma and Nancy provided a cake for dessert, and those present serenaded Brother Mat with "Happy Birthday."

Barbara Mertz, widow of our late



Installed Officers of Inspiration Lodge (from left, front): Andrew Herzog, Marshal; Ryan Ramplin, Senior Deacon; Scott Rice, Master; Brian Bell, Senior Warden; Todd Colburn, Junior Warden; Scott Mason, Steward; W.: Richard Giedd, Tiler. (Back): W.: Joseph DiTucci, Chaplain; R.:W.: Derek VanHouten, Secretary; Julius Toth, Steward; Jerry Lack, Steward; W.: Glenn Stahl, Treasurer; Christian Cordts, Proxy; Thomas Belt, Trustee. Absent were David Leisten, Junior Deacon; William Grishaber, Senior Master of Ceremony; and Adam Gerken, Junior Master of Ceremony

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Brother Ken, attended the picnic. It was great to see her again.

A Note to Some Special Ladies

We hope more of our departed Brother's Ladies will take advantage of our open events. Of course, it is your choice, but please let us know you are interested, even if you can't make the current program. You may also tell us you are not interested. We understand not all of the women wanted to be involved with the Fraternity. We want to make sure you don't feel ignored and that you are aware of our willingness to keep you informed and active. So don't feel we are pushing you if it isn't your "thing." We have several women who come to as many events as they can, including the Widows Luncheon. Come join them ... and us.

Sickness and Distress

Worshipful Bill Hook continues to struggle from the affects of his medical issues.

Worshipful Ken Skidmore has ups and downs in his battle against a blood disorder.

Brother Frank Sackett reported to me that his grandson, Frankie, has had a setback and is being carefully watched.

Renee Tilburg, wife of Brother Brandon, was injured in an automobile accident. We hope she has a speedy recovery.

Please keep these Brothers and their family in your thoughts and prayers. If you know of anyone in need of our aid or sympathy, please let us know...the Master, or Wardens, or Secretary or me. We don't want to overlook anyone's infirmities, but we can't respond if we don't learn of a problem. I'll be happy to publicize good news events, too!

Back to Labor

We will open the year on September 10th. R.:W.: Derek VanHouten, Brother Todd Colburn or Brother Brian Bell (who has offered to assist our Junior Warden, Todd) will gladly take your reservation for Dinner. I don't know the menu, but I'm sure it will be good!

On September 24th, we will have our Official Visit of R.:W.: Philip Hurwitz, District Deputy Grand Master, along with his Grand Directors of Ceremonies Staff Officers, R.:W.: Rob Buchanan and our own Brother, R.:W.: Mike Hueston. Let's have a great turnout to greet these hard-working Brothers and hear their message and the information from our Grand Master, M.:W.: James E. Sullivan.

For the Cigar Smokers

I'm sure many of you know, but to pass the word again, there is a gathering the first Thursday of the month for Brothers who enjoy cigar smoking. Several Brothers and



R.:W.: Mat Gingold acknowledges Brothers and family members who serenaded him in celebration of his 90th birthday.

guests have attended the past events, which may be held at the Shrine Center or another selected spot. Our Senior Warden, Brother Brian Bell, can give you all the particulars if you would like to join this group. (You won't find me there...I gave up cigars [and smoking] decades ago! Maybe that is your incentive to attend.)

Birthdays are Back

Well, they never left us, but were not published during the last Masonic Year. W.: Scott Rice has asked they be included again, so here we go with the list for September.

Many happy returns are extended to: Solomon Shinder (1st); William Kaufman (2nd), Robert Waldeck (3rd), Allen Luccitti (4th), Irving Black (7th), Robert Shartran (10th), Joseph Steffen (14th), William Stark, Jr. and Frank Sackett (16th), John R. Shannon and Ryan G. Fly (18th), Rob G. Steinorth (19th), Brian C. Bell (21st), Edward J. Schmitt (23rd) and Ronald Yancone (30th).

Dues

We have 21 Brothers who have not paid their current Dues, and a few of them who are two years in arrears. Please contact our Secretary, R.:W.: Derek VanHouten, to make arrangements to clear your account.

Contact Information

Here is contact information for everyone mentioned above. Maybe you would like to cut out this portion and post it on your refrigerator or in your telephone book for future reference.

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A Note About RSVP

Allow me a personal moment here. If you receive a blanket email (those with dinner or event information requesting reservations, PLEASE reply to sender

only. "Reply to all" fills up our inboxes with mostly useless information. Nothing personal, but I really don't care if you are or are not attending (or the reason why) some event. If you and I both attend, I'll see you there...or, I'll see you in Lodge. □



Todd Colburn and W.: Joe DiTucci dug into the clam bags as soon as they were available.



Norris "The Boss" Shapiro explains the workings of the Shrine grill to R.:W.: Alan Ramsay, who cooked the hot dogs.



Scott Mason flipped burgers.



Art Hill and R.:W.: Herb Spencer shared chit chat and their picnic repast.

As Summer winds down, we come to my favorite Season - Fall. I always look forward to the changing colors, the smell of the late Autumn breezes ... the entire process leading us up to the Winter's freeze. It is a time of harvest and preparation. It is a time of new starts, patterned after the return to school for some, and for our Brotherhood, we go from dark Lodges back to light.

As we re-engage with our Brothers this Fall, we will be focused on bringing more Harmony and Light to our Lodge and across the District. Harmony leads to light, and few better epitomize this than our own Worshipful Terrance L. Hatch, who was awarded the Dedicated Service Award at our June Lodge Meeting. Terry is exemplary in his dealings with others, always lending a reasonable and thoughtful voice and always willing to help move the discussion towards a harmonious outcome. We are very fortunate to have a Brother of this caliber in our Lodge.

We are also very fortunate for the hard work displayed by many Brothers - especially that of our Chaplain, R.: W.: George Foehner, during our Annual Steak Roast in May. We had great attendance by both Brothers and their Ladies, with excellent dishes-to-pass. It was truly a great night.

A Little Late

July and August were busy birthday months, and many in September, too. I wish the following Brothers a happy belated birthday wish:

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Summer. Our Lodge gathers together in August each year for our Scholarship Picnic put on this year by our Junior Warden, Bruce Katz. It is always a good time when our Brothers and their families can get together in celebration and enjoy the resulting fellowship. Thank you to all who attended the picnic.

Congratulations to 25 Award Recipients honored in celebration this year: Michelle Bailey, Ara Bogmis, Josue Bogmis, Joshua Buell, Brittany Buell, Daniel Drexel, Lauren Drexel, MaryAnn Greenaway, Danielle Greenaway, Mitchell Haynes, Austin Hurwitz, Jonathan Katz, Joseph Katz, Michael Kostin, Peter Mason, Sarah Mattle, Colleen McKenna, Ian McNelly, Amanda McNelly, Cassandra Mundt, Benjamin Short, Emily Short, Conner Simonetti, Robin Etsuko Willick and Kevin Masao Willick.

Often these articles are a review of recent happenings or upcoming events; if you are interested in those details please visit our website www.eraclodge163.org (starting in September). If you don't have a computer and are interested in receiving them, please contact me at 314-0305 and I will be happy to make sure you receive them.

September is upon us and it's time for the builders to return to the quarries for work and instruction ... that seasonal call that ends our period of rest and refreshment and challenges us to return to our labors.

Who will answer the call? Will you? If so, why? Masonry is important to all Masons and yet not all Masons attend Lodge regularly. Sadly some have lost the drive to attend; others have not been adequately challenged in the quarries and have lost interest; and still others are restricted by limitations of their Cabletow.

Historically, our ancient operative Brethren needed to meet in the Lodge Room to review their work and receive instruction before attending to their various job duties and assignments. Our modern speculative Brethren need to meet in the Lodge Room for similar reasons - to receive proper instruction for their Masonic Labor, to rejuvenate their desire to improve themselves in Masonry and to enjoy the fellowship of their Brothers.

Attending Lodge Meetings reminds and challenges us to be men of action in the practice of Masonic Tenets each and every day; always meeting on the Level, acting by the Plumb and parting on the Square. By themselves, these are simply well-articulated words, but when these

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July Birthdays

Robert Aldrich, Raymond Beedle, Robert Dillman, Dean Fero, Francis Fitzgerald, William Hartman IV, Terrance Hatch, Gary Sanford, Frank Scopetti and Kenneth Tomaszewski.

August Birthdays

Ted Diehl, Thomas Dunn, John Harris, Ronald Morthorst, Dennison "Bud" Ripley, Harold Schofield Jr., Robert Sweeney and Harold Wagner.

September Birthdays

Richard Bull, Dan Faulkner, Gale Gridley, Franklyn Habitzreuther, Norman Johnstone, Stephan Michener, Troy Shouse, Raymond Sipple and Thomas Watson.

Finally, I extend invitations to our Brethren across the District to attend Union Star for any of our meetings. Come to Honeoye Falls and see what you might have been missing. □

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words are lived by a Master Mason, the wake they leave behind has a lasting effect. For a true Mason is distinguished by his ability to fulfill his obligations to the Craft and not simply by the Masonic Symbol he wears.

So I ask you, when is the last time you attended a Lodge meeting and received Masonic light? It's waiting there for you whenever you need it. All you have to do is walk through the door. The Officers of ERAC Lodge cordially invite any Brother to sit with us in Lodge and take part in the education and fellowship that ensues. If you haven't been in a while make it a point to attend a meeting this month. Even the best equipped builders need to stop by for supplies every now and again. When will you?

From the Secretary's Desk

By David Upham

Before I knew it, my Summer "rest" was passing and I am forced to now think about Autumn and all it brings. Preparing for Winter and prioritizing all those chores that come with owning a home ... Are the windows caulked and ready for those cold lake winds? Which plants need to be pruned; which need to be dug up and brought indoors? Should I add mulch and, if so, where? Would it be better to do some touch up with paint now or wait until Spring? Did I remember to send my good Winter coat to the cleaners? And on and on the list goes and grows!

It's kind of like that with Masonry, too. We go dark for the Summer which leaves most thoughts of the Masonic Routine on the back burner while we go about our Summer schedules. Suddenly, we are looking at our first meeting which is just days away and wondering what our new Master and his Team have planned for us to do. It's pretty simple for most of us, actually. When the first meeting comes, all we have to do is de-

cide if we are going to attend, get a clean shirt (hopefully) out of the closet, slip on a jacket, and show up. There seems to be no pruning, digging or painting to prepare for as Lodge just automatically happens.

Really? Does it really just happen? Perhaps we all might benefit from taking just a few minutes to think about our involvement in Lodge and what we'd really like to see in our Masonic lives, i.e., have I paid my Dues or just put it off for the time being? Do I have some gripe with the ways things have been done and I'd like to see some changes? Have I not been attending as often as I should and have I thought about that?

Just like any garden, our Masonic garden needs some attention from time to time. Is our garden getting overgrown with the weeds of discontent? If we don't take a few minutes to figure out what those weeds are and yank them out, they'll smother the garden ... and you can take that to the bank!

200th Anniversary Celebration of Freemasonry in Pittsford

On September 3, 1813, after waiting a full two years for Grand Lodge approval, Morning Star Lodge No. 223, finally received its Charter signed by Grand Master DeWitt Clinton, who would eventually become our State's sixth Governor.

The Lodge was located in the town of Northfield, in what would later be called Boyle, then Pittsford (1814). It would be three years before construction of the Erie Canal began in 1817. Monroe County would not be formed until 1821, and before that time Morning Star Lodge was in a much larger Ontario County.

Despite the fact that Morning Star's number 223 was higher than some other early Lodges in our District (i.e. Valley 109 - 1845 AD) it actually pre-dated all other Lodges in the Monroe District of New York State.

Morning Star continued to function until 1827-8 when it became dimmed as a result of the "unhappy excitement" surrounding the Morgan unpleasantness. One of Morning Star's former infamous members, Loton Lawson (dimitted 1824) was later indicted for the abduction of William Morgan out of the Canandaigua Jail.

There is strong evidence that a few Morning Star Members continued to meet informally during the Morgan years as they never returned their Charter to Grand Lodge. Today, the Morning Star 1813 Charter is in possession of Northfield Lodge. This is why I use the term "dimmed" rather than "dark." Eventually in 1857 a new Lodge - Northfield No. 426 was organized. They began meeting in the Phoenix Hotel building which still stands in Pittsford. Coincidentally, the Phoenix Hotel is rumored to be one of the last places William Morgan was seen in 1826.

At a meeting of Northfield Lodge in February, 1862, there was a proposal made to change the name of the Lodge back to Morning Star. However, this did not receive approval of the members. Thirty years later in 1892 the Northfield Brothers voted to purchase and refurbish the beautiful cobblestone school house where the Lodge has continued to meet

How about our attendance bush? When's the last time we gave it a good dose of fertilizer? For many of us, that bush is lookin' mighty puny! A good dose of Masonic Miracle Grow might be just what the plant doctor ordered! That participation hedge might have been pruned back just a little too much and be looking kind of sparse and not too healthy. Feed that, too, while we're at it. Read any good Masonic gardening books lately? There's a whole library just (computer) seconds down the road and there is absolute no subscription costs at all.

I think I've made my point. If you have a garden, you have to take care of it for it to give back to you what you expect from it. If you don't know what you expect from it, you need to read up on what's available for you to plant that will produce for you ... and through you. I'm suggesting that it's time for all of us to do some Masonic weeding, pruning, planting and feeding ... 'cause nobody else is gonna do it for us! □

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W.: Steve Michener, Master with his Dad, William "Bill" Michener.

for the last 121 years.

We have a rich history to be proud of my Brothers, and I hope you will join us this year as we celebrate 200 years of Freemasonry being alive and well in Pittsford, NY!

We're Very Busy

All Brothers should have received in the mail a copy of the Trestleboard for the upcoming year. We are a beehive of industrious activity.

- September 5th - Our first meeting for this Masonic Year. Our Senior Warden, Devon Littlefield, will be in the East and there will be a kick-off celebration of 200 years of Freemasonry in Pittsford.
- Saturday, September 14th from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m., we will be holding an Open House/Brother Bring-a-Friend Event. We could use as much turnout as possible and hopefully you can bring someone who may be interested in the Craft. The event is open to potential candidates and their families.



Group participating in the Northfield Lodge Golf Outing: (from left) Devon Littlefield, Joe Verdi, Jason Morrisette, Lance Daul, Ken Stavalone, Steve Michener.

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Damascus News

Damascus Shrine Center No. 2

September 2013

Shrine and Divan Meetings

Dinner Reservations Required

Call: (585) 671-7701 or (585) 671-3565 by Monday NOON

Shrine Office Hours

Monday — Friday

9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Website: www.damascusshrinemasons.org



**JAMES MILLER
POTENTATE**



The calendar view around the 4th of July always points to Summer and time out from high-level activities. Not so with Damascus! And per usual, Fall approaches with startling speed!

The Annual Shrine International Convention was held the end of June in Indianapolis. Damascus was represented by Past Potentates Bob Anderson, Lance Ward, Derek Van Houten and myself; Chief Rabban, Joseph DiTucci; and Assistant Rabban, Wayne McCrossen. A particular highlight ... with a bit of luck juggling time schedules, M.:W.: James Sullivan, Grand Master of Masons of the State of New York, honored us with his presence at our Damascus Dinner Night while there!

Special thanks to R.:W.: John Gallant and the very expert and dedicated Shrine Degree Team – they represent Damascus Shrine in a true “WE” spirit. You have high gratitude from us all!!

Thanks, also, to those Damascus volunteers who answered call-outs for the various parades through this Summer. You do Damascus Shrine proud!

From Damascus’ First Lady

Lady Mary Lou is busy marketing her chosen project of lightweight Designer Eco-Bags which fold and fasten into a 4” roll able to be carried in a purse or suitcase – they open up into a full size shoulder bag, holding up to 44 pounds. They come in a large variety of design choices. Cost is \$10. For every bag sold, \$5.50 goes to Shriner’s Hospitals for Children®.

Without displaying them at any Shrine functions until September, they are selling to friends and family like hotcakes – many being purchased for Christmas gifts for work and friends. Lady Mary Lou: (585) 329-7805 or email comments/questions to: millerjsml@frontiernet.net

Mark Your Calendar

September 4th – Tiled Shrine Meeting
September 15th – Clambake ... Please Note - this is a DATE CHANGE – at Shrine Center, 1-5 p.m. All the clams you can eat

plus all the trimmings! Music, too!
Cost: \$35 - Reserve ASAP (limited tickets) (585) 671-3565.

September 30th - Divan Meeting
October 2nd – Open Shriner Meeting/ Octoberfest, Shrine Center.

October 19th – Combined Shriners/AASR Veterans Appreciation Night, Shrine Center.

Potentate’s Ball

October 25th – Potentate’s Ball ... Please Note - this is a DATE CHANGE -

3–5 p.m. - Hospitality Room at East Avenue Inn, 384 East Avenue, Rochester.

6 p.m. - Cocktails/hors d’oeuvres followed by dinner and dancing at The Inn on Broadway, 26 Broadway Rochester. (Shuttle vans will be provided to and from dinner site).

A number of rooms have been reserved, but if you plan to stay over, reservations should be made ASAP. (585) 325-5010.

Damascus Euchre Tournaments

Last Saturday of the month ... Fall Dates:

September 28th

October 26th

November 30th

Next-to-New Sale

October 4th – Next-to-New Sale sponsored by Daughters of the Nile (proceeds support Shriners Hospitals for Children®) at Shrine Center; Friday 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

See you soon! □

From the Quill ...



By Derek VanHouten, Recorder

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By Derek VanHouten, Recorder

It may have been a wet, lazy Summer for most of you, but in the Shrine Office it has been a busy, every-day operation. Our Office Manager has been here handling the day-to-day operations of the Shrine Office.

One does not realize the dedication Karin puts in to keep Damascus running on an even keel. She has daily input to QuickBooks for checks to pay numerous bills. She answers calls and questions from the Nobles and Ladies – some who stop in from time-to-time and maintains/schedules the calendar that’s mounted on the wall in the outer office where YOU may look to see what dates might be open for a function. Karin created Facility-Use Forms that need to be correctly filled in for Baby Showers, Weddings, Lodge functions, Scottish Rite meetings, Shrine Club and Unit functions, picnics, Christmas Parties, etc. When Divan Members travel to their respective Clubs and Units, that material has to be traced and completed. She keeps track of lists for the preceding functions, who’s coming, sends out contact information and is responsible for changing and updating the bulletin boards in the hallways as well as daily updates to me so I can keep the Divan and Potentate informed.

Cruz Nights

Our Cruz Nights have been thrilling ... maybe that’s not exactly the right word, but for those who have come out week-after-week and have been so dedicated to work as runners, cooking staff, food line servers and kitchen crew, we could not have accomplished the 16 Friday nights that we did. So many of you helped out, but we were missing many of our new members who could have been assisting those who were here.

Under the direction of Norris “Boss” Shapiro and Lady Annette, many (with their Lady) who assisted are:

Jim Clancy (Julie), ordered food and maintained the kitchen; Ron Williams, French Fries and Salt Potatoes; Jerry Lack and Cindy, the “Bun” Lady; Scott Lasky and Kathy, cash register at beer tent; Bob Lasky (father of Scott), pots and pans; Derek VanHouten, Recorder, great Coleslaw, and entertainment provided by Paul “Jason” the “Golden Voice” of 102.7 FM Radio.

Other worker bees included:

The Grill Team ... Terry Whilen, Bruce Frazee, Dave Larson (Beth), Rich Friedman. The inside Plate and Cooking Team ... Ray Crandall, Gene Choma, Michael Shapiro and Wayne McCrossen. The Main Cashiers ... Helen and Annette Shapiro. The Parking Team ... Jim Ryan, Bruce Katz, George Corbett. The Set-up Guys ... Mike Rapson and Frank “Sonny” Sasson.

Not-to-be forgotten are those volunteers who were willing to work everywhere help was needed ... Gary “Bullhorn” Burke (Debi), David Eckerson “Fast Eddy” and his Lady friend, Bruce Frazee (Trish), Kathy Bryant, Richard Schmanke, Potentate Jim Miller (when he was available), Daughters of the Nile and Suzy for the Crafters - all working together to make a successful season despite the rainouts. If I have missed anyone the fault is the writer, no one else.

We need to thank Noble John Hellaby and a couple of his friends and Shriners for taking the time to place mulch on the gardens of the Shrine Center this Summer. He really needed extra help to do this and I saw a young Lady move some of 20 wheelbarrows of mulch for the south garden ... should have been done by a Noble.

Also, the ceiling of the outdoor pavilion was removed by the Potentate, Dave Larson and myself over a period of three weeks. It looks much cleaner now and the future plans can proceed. This will include new wiring and speakers and some type of permanent ceiling material.

Thanks also to Noble Jim Ryan who has spent many hours keeping our lawns looking neat.

Still Dues in Arrears

Nobles who are in arrears with their Dues, keep us writing letters to resolve the situation. To date, there are 184 Nobles who are one or two years in arrears. Even though someone has not paid Damascus Dues, we still have to pay the \$5 per member Hospital assessment to

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**God
Bless Our
Troops**

DAMASCUS TRESTLEBOARD 2013 SEPTEMBER



- 4th Tiled Shriners Meeting
- 6th Last Cruise Night
- 15th Clambake (Please Note ... this is a DATE CHANGE)
- 28th Euchré Tournament
- 30th Divan Meeting

OCTOBER



- 2nd Open Shriners Meeting - Oktoberfest
- 4th & 5th “Next-to-New Sale, Sponsored by Daughters of the Nile
- 7th Lunch Club at Fairport Village Inn
- 12th Sportsman’s Raffle
- 19th Shriners & Scottish Rite Veteran’s Appreciation Night
- 25th Potentate’s Ball (Please Note ... this is a DATE CHANGE)
- 26th Euchré Tournament

NOVEMBER

- 4th Divan Meeting
- 4th Lunch Club at Fairport Village Inn
- 6th Tiled Shriners Meeting
- 16th Fall Ceremonial, Harvest Dinner & Holiday Bazaar
- 30th Euchré Tournament

DECEMBER

- 2nd Divan Meeting
- 2nd Lunch Club at Fairport Village Inn
- 4th Tiled Shriners Annual Meeting - Election of Officers
- 14th All-Masonic Children’s Christmas Party (AASR Hosting)
- 28th Euchré Tournament Holiday Party



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A Message from the Imperial Potentate

By Alan "Al" W. Madsen, Imperial Potentate

Imperial Representatives of Shriners International voted to make a change to its Articles of Incorporation regarding Membership at the 139th Imperial Session. The prerequisite requiring that members of Shriners International are first, members of Freemasonry (Masons) in good standing, has been amended to exclude the requirement for the State of Arkansas. This legislation was brought forth by the two Shrine Temples in Arkansas following the Arkansas Grand Lodge edict last November that would no longer allow anyone to remain an Arkansas Mason AND an Arkansas Shriner.

Shriners International has always had a Masonic prerequisite and regrets that the actions of the Arkansas Grand Lodge made the passage of this legislation necessary to preserve the existence of the two Shrine Temples in Arkansas.

Shriners International is committed to maintaining open lines of communication with the Grand Lodge of Arkansas to encourage amicable relationships for current and future Masons and Shriners. This change does not affect other Shriners across the country, and the organization remains a Fraternity based on fun, fellowship and the Masonic principles of Brotherly love, relief and truth. Shriners International's primary focus continues to be its philanthropic mission to support Shriners Hospitals for Children®, a world-renowned health care system with 22 facilities in the United States, Canada and Mexico. □



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Ronald & Mary Sterling

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John & Sandra Wihlen
Cy & Olga White

Charity Fishing Event Raised \$1,980 for the Kids!



By Captain Bob Songin, Chairman

The seas were calm, the boats were ready, the fishing was on and all had fun. June 22nd was the day of our 2nd Annual Charity Fishing Event to help support our Hospitals. All went well and many fish cooperated by jumping on the hooks of many happy anglers.

Everyone got in the big fish pool, which Gary Sanford from Damascus won with the biggest fish, a King Salmon, good for \$140 of which he donated \$70 back to the Shrine for the Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

In all, 28 anglers on 7 vessels had a great day of fishing and a fine lunch at the Black North Inn afterwards. We are looking forward to more anglers next June as the word spreads of the good time had by all. Look for information in December's Rochester's *Damascus News* and Buffalo's *Shrine Smile*. We thank all who participated - both from Ismailia and Damascus Shrines - and for the great Captains who donated their vessels and time.

By the way, we raised \$1,980 for the Hospitals! That is \$280 more than last year! Congratulations - a job well done!!! □



From the Quill, Recorder

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Tampa. At the moment, we are waiting for close to \$9,500 in unpaid Dues. If you are one who will or have a personal letter from the Recorder encouraging YOU to settle up, please take action. If you are in a financial dilemma causing this situation, please let us work with you to eliminate the problem. We do not want to lose any of you.

We still have shirts from Ill. Gary Burke's Year and also name tags to be claimed. See Karin or me for help.

The quill is getting a bit dull after all of the above so I will close for now. □

Directors Staff Dinner Meeting Wednesday

September 25th
Yellow Mills Diner

2534 Route 31, Palmyra

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

Ladies and Guests Invited
Casual Attire

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



DAMASCUS LEGION OF HONOR

By Franklin Russell, Commander

Our Legion of Honor has been active over the Summer. On June 9th, the 2nd Annual Flag Retirement Ceremony was held at the Damascus Shrine Center. Our Damascus Shriner's Band joined in the ceremony.

On August 14th, the Legion had its Annual Steak Cookout.

A few of us are planning to attend the International Association Legions of Honor 31st Annual Wreath Laying ceremony at Arlington, Virginia, in November.

The stated objectives of the Legion of Honor are to foster a Spirit of Patriotism, Love of Country and Flag, and to perpetuate the memory of our Comrades-in-Arms who made the supreme sacrifice by giving their lives for their Country while mem-

bers of the Armed Forces.

We are Shrine Masons who have served, or are still serving, in the Armed Forces of our countries. Honorably discharged or retired, volunteer or draftee, officer or enlisted, we are all proud to be doing or having done whatever our Country needed to keep our Country safe. This includes service in our country's Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, Merchant Marines or in their Reserve components.

September 11th - The next meeting of the Damascus Legion of Honor will be when we plan to install several new Candidates. We are always looking for our Shrine Veterans to contact us and become a part of our Damascus Legion of Honor Unit. □



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Freedom is Not Free.



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Damascus Legion of Honor Meeting
Wednesday, September 11th
 Damascus Shrine Center
 979 Bay Road, Webster
 Social Hour - 5:30 p.m.
 (Hors d'oeuvres ... Cash Bar)
 Dinner - 6:30 p.m.
 Salad * Roast Beef * Mashed Potatoes
 Vegetable * Rolls & Butter * Coffee * Dessert
\$12 per person
 RSVP no later than Monday, September 9th at (585) 436-8216
 or email: cylegalrx@hotmail.com



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Mark Your Calendar ...
Don't Miss This!

Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, November 16th

9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

(Same day as Shrine Thanksgiving Dinner)

at Damascus Shrine Center;
979 Bay Road, Webster

Sponsored by Daughters of the Nile

Holiday Wreaths, Table and Wall Decorations (to give or keep),
a Variety of Handmade Gifts, Live Poinsettias, All Types of Gift Items,
Gift Wrapping and a Bake Sale!



Damascus Shriners Euchré Tournaments

Last Saturday of the Month ...

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.

\$5 per player ~ 25¢ Euchré ~ 50/50 Raffle

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WAYNE COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

By Frank Russell, President

The Wayne County Shrine Club had a very enjoyable dinner at the Steger Haus Restaurant in Sodus on July 18th. We had a most interesting program on the history of flags in the United Kingdom and the United States, presented by our own fellow Shriner, David Taber. I would recommend this to any group.

We were well represented from our Divan by David Larson. With all the foregoing, what more could the Club want. It was a most social and informative evening.

Our next meeting will be October 17th, at Studebaker's Grille, in Lyons, where those attending can order from the menu. The program is, as yet, unannounced. ☐

AUBURN SHRINE CLUB

By David Bowman

A little story ... it happened to me this Summer.

I was making arrangements to take the family on vacation. I asked my wife to help and, as luck would have it, we double-booked. How is this interesting? When I called the airline to try to un-book, I was talking to a very pleasant woman to whom I happened to mention that I had gone on the Masonic Cruise last January and I was also a Shriner. Well, here is the response.

"Oh, you are wonderful. My son was born with neither arms nor legs and he has been treated for years by the wonderful Shriners Hospitals for Children."

I had called for a favor, but the story I received showed me just how long the reach is of our organization. For all of you, I thank you on behalf of this wonderful up-beat woman.

Farewell to a Friend

The Auburn Shrine Club was saddened by the passing of our friend, Lew Hares. The memory of all that he has done for us will not fade. On a personal level, Lew once asked me if I was related to Ron Bowman. I said that he was my father. Lew went on to explain to me that when Lew became a Mason, my dad Raised him. Again, what a small world.

Upcoming Events

September will kick off with a Monday evening meeting at Old Erie with a discussion of the Shrine Hospitals led by our Representatives. Please set September 16th on your calendar and watch your mail and emails for more information.

October finds Larry Pritchard hosting us with discussions of Medicare. I'm going to make sure my wife is with me that night so I don't miss a word.

As we look forward to Fall, we look forward to seeing you at our meetings, for without you, there isn't us. ☐

Announcing ...

**4th Annual Hillbilly Degree
at Sea 2014 Family Cruise**

**It's a 5-day Eastern Caribbean
Cruise to Nassau and Freeport,
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to Benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children®

Sailing from Charleston, SC on

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September Birthdays



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Michael Roberts
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John Wright, Jr.





What's New in Erie...

Transformation to Ambulatory Model is a Big Success at Erie Facility

The successful transformation of Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie from an inpatient hospital to an outpatient specialty care center and ambulatory surgery center created a new level of pediatric orthopaedic medical services.

While inpatient surgical services remain available through partner facilities, the transformation has allowed the Erie Facility and its staff to focus on enhancing outpatient care to children in need.

Erie's specialty teams addressing such conditions as cerebral palsy, limb deficiencies and myelodysplasia have always been an important part of the patient care model. Erie's outpatient care for children with clubfoot, infantile scoliosis, plagiocephaly/torticollis and many other conditions is well recognized.

Under the new ambulatory model, Erie is developing teams to enhance care to children with feeding disorders and amplified pain syndrome, among others, and Erie continues to look at other potential care teams to address the unique medical needs of its patients. The Erie Facility also offers expertise in pediatric rehabilitation, wheelchair seating and movement analysis, as well as nutritional counseling with a registered dietitian.

Erie's ambulatory model focuses on three main areas of pediatric care - interdisciplinary specialty care through the Outpatient Clinic, outpatient rehabilitation services (physical therapy, occupational therapy and movement analysis) and ambulatory surgery.

Since the transformation from inpatient to ambulatory occurred in April 2012, levels of services have been expanding, especially in the Outpatient Clinic and in rehabilitation services. Statistics for 2012 demonstrate that Erie was the second busiest Shriners facility in the United States in terms of outpatient encounters with 14,560, second only in the U.S. to the Northern California Shriners Hospital, which is a combination burn and orthopaedic facility.

In 2012, Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie also set a record for the number of new patients referred for care. That figure of 2,579 was a slight increase over 2011 which was the previous record-breaking year. The Erie facility also added the position of Community Outreach Liaison. This professional nurse works with physicians and other providers in the region to promote and facilitate referral source development and expansion through relationship building, education and marketing. Everyone is very pleased with the results that have been achieved during the first year of operation as an ambulatory facility.

Erie Gets New Equipment to Help Kids Improve Visual Motor Skills

Helping patients increase success in their daily routines is one of the key goals of the therapists who work at Shriners Hos-

pitals for Children®. Now, the therapists at the Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie Outpatient Specialty Care Center have a new tool to help them with their efforts. The new Sanet Vision Integrator (SVI) helps patients improve visual motor integration skills by focusing on such issues as attention span, handwriting, fine motor delays, visual motor and perceptual delays, balance skills, sports vision enhancement and other difficulties. The SVI unit was a 2013 Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie capital equipment item and was purchased with funds received from the A.J. and Sigismunda Palumbo Charitable Trust and the Glen and Ruth Mengle Foundation. The SVI, which looks like a large-screen television, contains 13 vision training programs with adjustable variations to each program that translates into literally hundreds of procedures. It is portable and is used to treat multiple children weekly, primarily between the ages of 4 and 18.

The equipment actually speaks to the patients, instructing them to respond to verbal commands which, in turn, improve their auditory-visual integration and memory.

The different programs and the available variations of each program can help patients in so many ways. Some of the programs are similar to popular computer games so the children really enjoy using the SVI. The various computerized perceptual therapy programs within the SVI unit are important tools to help children with intellectual processing. The programs can help children with reading and spelling difficulties, understanding geometric shapes, poor handwriting, poor visual memory and so much more.

Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie is the only outpatient therapy facility in the Region with the SVI technology. The SVI equipment is used with children with a variety of diagnoses such as cerebral palsy, spina bifida, fine motor/visual motor delays, developmental disabilities, sports injuries and many other conditions. The Erie facility is receiving patient referrals not only from Shriners' physicians, but also from community primary care physicians, pediatricians, optometrists and others who work with children facing developmental challenges.

Shriners Erie to Host Event for Regional Health Care Providers

Regional health care providers will have an opportunity to see what's new at Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie during a special "Meet and Mingle" event being planned for Monday, October 7th. The event will be hosted by James W. Roach, M.D., Medical Director of Shriners Erie, and will feature brief presentations from other members of the facility's medical and professional staff.

The goal of the gathering is to update regional physicians and other health care providers about the services available at

Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie, introduce new services that are available in Erie and outline how to refer patients to the facility. This is a great opportunity to showcase the Erie Facility to the health care professionals who refer so many patients to Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie each year.

"Shredding for Shriners" Fundraiser Takes Off to Become Major Event

In May 2011, Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie launched a fundraising idea that has become more successful than anyone ever expected. And the success keeps growing!

"Shredding for Shriners" is a simple event that has raised thousands of dollars for the Erie facility. Twice a year (April and September), the Erie facility teams up with Shred-X of Erie to provide papers shredding services to local residents. People bring their documents and other important papers to the Shriners-Erie parking lot, and for a donation to the Erie facility, Shred-X of Erie professionally shreds the paper on the spot. Shred-X volunteers its services to the event so all of the proceeds go to the Erie Facility.

In 2011, only one shredding event was held. In 2012, shredding events were held in April and September and the total raised at these two events was about \$3,500. In April 2013 alone, more than \$3,800 was raised.

Saturday, September 21st, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. is the next "Shredding for Shriners" event. We fully expect the event will continue to grow!

Daughters of the Nile Donate Crown To be Displayed in Lower Lobby

There are some recent additions to the display case area in the Erie Facility's Lower Lobby. There is now a 14th Fez in the Shriner's Fez case and a jeweled crown has been added to the Ladies case. The 14th Fez belongs to the Ali Ghan Shriners of Cumberland, MD. Recently, Ali Ghan became the 14th Shrine Temple to formally affiliate with Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie.

Although Ali Ghan has brought patients to Erie periodically, their only formal hospital affiliation was with Philadelphia. That changed this year when their formal affiliation with Erie began.

For some time, the Ladies display case has contained a White Fez representing the Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America, one of two ladies groups within the Shriner's organization. Recently, the Ladies of Ahmose Temple No. 63 in Detroit, presented the Erie Facility with a jeweled crown representing all of the Daughters of the Nile Temples. Both the Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America and the Daughters of the Nile provide financial and volunteer support to Erie.

We are proud to have both groups formally represented at our facility and are

very proud of all of the work the members of these groups do for our patients.

Shriners Hospitals Erie Has New Facebook Page ... "Like" Us

For all of you Facebook fans, be sure to check out our new Facebook page ... Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie facility. You may have already been a "friend" on our old Erie Shriners Hospital page, but that "personal" page has been taken down this Summer and the new "business" page created in keeping with Facebook guidelines. Please "Like" us and help spread the word!

Shriners Erie Working with Local University to Enhance Movement Analysis Lab Services

Over the last 14 years, Erie's Movement Analysis Laboratory's (MAL) has seen seven different engineers, with an average tenure of about two years. Because Erie is not a center of Biomechanical Engineering, finding well-qualified individuals has never been easy. In the past, Shriners-Erie has undertaken a nationwide search, which takes a lot of time and resources. In an effort to explore new options for Erie, Kevin Cooney, PT, Rehabilitation Services Manager, has been working with Brad Jacobson, MS, ATC, Chairman of the Sports Medicine and Exercise Science Programs at Mercyhurst University in Erie, examining the development of a collaboration with a new Graduate Biomechanics Concentration at Mercyhurst.

As part of this collaboration, the Erie MAL contracts both a graduate level student to act as technical support for the Lab's clinical program, as well as a PhD level professor, whose tasks as a Shrine-contracted employee will include technical oversight, assistance with new program and research development, as well as potential grant writing for an additional revenue source. Contracting services in this manner offers several potential benefits for Shriners-Erie and Mercyhurst University.

The Mercyhurst Graduate Assistant (student) maintains a 12-month cycle at Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie, with replacement students being introduced and oriented to the Program each year. This provides the MAL with a constant stream of technical support without having to continually perform a nationwide search for a replacement employee.

Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie continues to have an arrangement with Gannon University's Physical Therapy Program for a 10-hour per week Graduate Assistant who has been instrumental in providing the Lab technical and clinical support. These collaborations have a tremendous impact on Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie's standing in the community, as it continues to partner with institutions in ways that are greatly beneficial to both parties.

For additional information, contact: Bob Howden (814) 875-8782. ☐

Dedicated to the Memory of Nobles

Maurice Bittman

May 21, 2013

Roy J. "Bud" Farnsworth

June 14, 2013

Lewis W. Hares

June 16, 2013

Clifford N. Hayner II

June 14, 2013

Albert C. Mallaber

May 23, 2013

Albert O. Schnabel, Sr.

July 26, 2013

George C. Zutes

July 17, 2013



Mark Your Calendar ...

• Saturday, November 16th •

• ~ Fall Ceremonial •

• ~ Holiday Bazaar •

• ~ Harvest Dinner •

• Details Coming ... •

Northfield Lodge
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• On September 19th, Custodian of the Work, R.:W.: Richard Friedman is coming to present "Why Bother with the Ritual." This should be a great night, Brothers, as we pursue excellent and inspired Ritual work. Also, on this night we will do our picks for our Masonic Necktie Exchange, which will occur in December. You have to be at this meeting if you want to participate. You don't want to miss it!

Our Junior Warden, Lance Daul, intends on having a meal before EVERY meeting. If you want one, please contact him either by phone (319-6796) or email: lance.daul@gmail.com. Notice by Monday before the meeting would be appreciated. **A reservation made is a reservation paid.**

September Birthdays

This month Brothers Donald Abamonte, Lawrence Cooper, Phillip Sheridan, and yours truly, celebrate another year on Planet Earth.

Belated Birthdays

We also recognize Brothers Leland Aldrich; Leon Behnke; Andrew Camp-

bell; James Mark Craib, Jr.; Erik Lopeker; George Morris; Robert Ratliff; Richard Russell; Robert Sweeney; Gary Werth and Jason Zona, who celebrated birthdays during the Summer.

And Finally ...

Brothers, I thank all of you who made Installation a pleasant and memorable evening for my family, me and the Brothers and families of all who attended. R.:W.: Jeff Williamson's delivery of the Charge and R.:W.: Phil Hurwitz's kind words added to an inspirational evening. Thanks to W.: John Dudley for running the show and R.:W.: Bill Spillane for seeing that we all reached our seats in an orderly manner.

Thanks to my wife, Gina, who presented me the beautiful gavel turned by a California Brother when I couldn't turn my own because my lathe "blew up." It was most meaningful for me to have my dad, Bill Michener, (60-year member) present to see me installed. Also, thanks to all Brothers who helped set up the tasty Dinosaur Bar-B-Que dinner and then cleaned up afterwards. The Carrot Cake was outstanding!

We are off to a great start and over the Summer enjoyed a Red Wings Game,



Photo taken following Northfield Lodge Installation with Officers and Brothers in attendance. (Left to right) John Ward, Ken Stavalone, Marty Reitz, Devon Littlefield, Jason Morrisette, Phil Hurwitz, Steve Ross, Steve Michener, Ed Rummier, Jeff Williamson, John Buck, Don Fox, Bill Spillane and Lance Daul.

a Family Picnic at the Lodge and 18 holes of golf at Champion Hills; thanks, Lance. (Devon ... it's not nice to throw a potential candidate's par 3 drive into the water when he's not looking, just because it wasn't on the green).

This promises to be an Educational, Enlightening, Encouraging, Entertain-

ing and Enthusiastic year (the 5 Es - our guiding principles for re-Energizing and Enjoyment) as we work together to build that temple not made with hands and foster the bonds of Brotherly love. Let's honor our Morning Star/Northfield fore Brothers of the last 200 years as we go about our labors. □

I hope the Summer has treated you and your family well. It sure has mine. Time sure does fly fast; it seems like only yesterday we had our last meeting together and all the Officers were installed into their new Chairs. Now I am writing about our new year starting in September.

Over the Summer our Lodge planted and maintained the gardens on Route 531. Many thanks to Brothers Pat Schwartz, James Robb, Craig McCann, along with myself - together we planted over 300 flowers and 30 shrubs. I am looking forward to seeing the new Square and Compass bushes turned in the Fall. It should be a beautiful sight.

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I hope all had a good Summer. I look forward to seeing everyone again at our September meeting which will be Thursday, September 26th, 1:00 p.m. at Webster Masonic Hall, 30 Orchard Street. Come at 12 Noon for a light lunch.

Please call me if you have any questions. □

**Purple Club
of Monroe District
MEETING**
Monday, September 30th
Keenan's Restaurant
1010 East Ridge Road
Dinner - 6:30 p.m.
Meeting 7:30 p.m.



Brother James Robb received the Gold Honor Award, presented by R.:E.: Charles M. Roberts, from the York Rite Sovereign College of North America at our May meeting.

Back to Labor

September 9th is our first meeting. It is our Annual Steak Roast and our Official Visit from the District Officers. Please be sure to come to Lodge this night. It is always a great dinner, with great friends. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.; Lodge Meeting Open at 7:30 p.m.; \$20

per person. Please RSVP to Cliff Short if you will be attending dinner - email: short4us@rochester.rr.com or call 402-1023.

September 23rd - our second meeting is Past Master Night. I plan on asking the Past Masters of the Lodge to fill the Chairs and Open and Close for the night. Come out to support the Past Masters and see if they've still "got it." I'm sure they do! The agenda for the night is a special talk by John Lemke, "Generational Theory, Freemasonry, and the Fourth Turning." It will be a thought-provoking discussion for the Lodge. Dinner will be

served at 6:30 p.m., cooked by Etolian Chapter; \$10 per plate. Please RSVP to Bob Songin - call 733-5829 or email: reelxite@rochester.rr.com.

I am honored to be the Master of Unity Lodge and am really looking forward to a great year.

Until we meet again, remember ... Always seek more Light, Brothers. □



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## Genesee-Wyoming

District Deputy Grand Master - Gary Busenlehner (585) 591-5754

I hope everyone had a wonderful Summer. It is now time to turn our attention to a new Masonic Year, This is the 200th Anniversary of Olive Branch Lodge No. 39 ... received its Charter in May 1813, signed by DeWitt Clinton, Grand Master.

To celebrate this event, we are selling a Commemorative Coin for \$10. If anyone is interested in purchasing one, please contact the Master or Secretary at the addresses in the logo at right.

In May, the Lodge voted to make our long-time Secretary, W.: Doug Poole, Secretary Emeritis for his long-standing dedication to Olive Branch Lodge and Masonry. While in rehab in Rochester, three Brothers traveled there to present him with a Certificate and Commemorative Clock for his dedicated service. He is now at home recovering from his time in the hospital and rehab. We all wish him a speedy recovery.

As your new Master I, Worshipful Bill MacPherson, has many plans for the coming year. which I will share with you in future articles.

The Masonic Community Center is now available to rent for parties. It was just used for a 50th wedding anniversary celebration.

## Livingston District

District Deputy Grand Master - Donald Munger (585) 243-9826

I feel it is safe to say that it has been a Summer to remember, weather-wise. Our new Lodge Masters and Officers are about to re-activate the formal Lodge meetings with their new agendas.

Hopefully, every Lodge has been considering how they will recruit new members this active Masonic Year (September-June). Polish up our Brother Bring-a-Friend Evenings and let's continue to bring in fine gentlemen to our ranks. Smaller Lodges can combine their

Bring-a-Friend events with other nearby Lodges to share the expenses and make a good turnout of Brothers.

Geographic Lodge boundaries don't have to limit who you can recruit to join your Lodge. Dispensations are relatively straight forward and generally not difficult to obtain even from District-to-District. If a Lodge member has friends who would like to join your Lodge but reside in another District it is not a problem.

### Make Your Presence Known

There is still time for your Lodge to invite the public into your Lodge Rooms and explain what Freemasonry is about. As Summer slowly becomes Fall there are still community celebrations where you can make yourselves known and promote Freemasonry.

News articles and photos in the local papers, if done well, will make the public aware of us and arouse their curiosity as to what we are about and what we do. We need to participate in our town and village celebrations such as parades, village fests, 4th of July celebrations, Labor Day events, etc. As your District Deputy Grand Master, I will grant you a Dispen-



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at Hemlock Fair in July. They set up a special booth on the Fairgrounds.

The Livingston District Golf Tournament at Conesus Golf Course was a fine time for all who participated.

The final event was the Bar-B-Que at

Avon Driving Park on August 15th.

I will be making my Official Visits very shortly and will be scheduling with each of you. I hope each of you had a fulfilling Summer and are ready to take up Masonic Business very shortly.

## Ontario/Seneca/Yates

District Deputy Grand Master - Jed Brandow (315) 548-2359

I hope everyone had a pleasant and enjoyable Summer. It certainly was cooler than recent ones, allowing for plenty of time to enjoy our beautiful Finger Lakes Region and all it has to offer.

I had the great joy of attending many Lodge Picnics, Steak Roasts and Awards Dinners throughout the Summer. I so look forward to the opportunity the Summer brings to be with all my Brothers and their families as they celebrate the accomplishments of their Lodges during the year just past and

recognize the years of service and special accomplishments of their Brothers.

Our O/S/Y Masonic Charities Golf Tournament will take place two weeks after I write this, but as final preparations are being made, it looks to be another big success.

As we begin our new Masonic Year, the Ontario/Seneca/Yates District certainly has much to be proud of. We have Raised 19 Master Masons so far in 2013 and have several Candidates in-waiting.

Our District response to the Grand Master's Pin sales and Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund were tremendous.

Our Lodges have also warmed my heart with their overwhelming response to my request for food donations for the Ronald McDonald House.

Farmerville-Union and Eagle Lodges both held hugely successful Masonic Safety ID Events last year, and our District helped out with the Masonic Safety ID booth at the State Fair as well. I thank you, my Brothers, for all you do ... for

With Summer coming to a close and a new Masonic Year ahead, I hope each and every Brother had time to enjoy the warm weather and take time for family and friends.

The next major event in the life of Ark Lodge will take place on October 2nd at the Geneva Country Club when we will present the DeWitt Clinton Award to Charles Bauder for his service to the Geneva Community. It is imperative that we have a good turnout of Masons to show that our Fraternity is viable and cares about the work that others do.

The Officers will be meeting and working to provide the Brothers with a meaningful and educational Masonic Year. The Officers for 2013 -2014 are:

- |            |                         |
|------------|-------------------------|
| Master     | <b>Thomas Abraham</b>   |
| Sr. Warden | <b>Robert Mattick</b>   |
| Jr. Warden | <b>John Keeton</b>      |
| Treasurer  | <b>Jed Brandow</b>      |
| Secretary  | <b>Thomas Smart</b>     |
| Chaplain   | <b>Anthony Khoury</b>   |
| Sr. Deacon | <b>Charles Rouse</b>    |
| Jr. Deacon | <b>James Verstinghe</b> |
| Sr. MC     | <b>Stephen Goebert</b>  |
| Jr. MC     | <b>Deloss Stuck</b>     |
| Marshal    | <b>Howard Colegrove</b> |
| Tiler      | <b>Richard Pierce</b>   |
- On July 17th, we had the Annual Anniversary Celebration at the Geneva Country Club. The recipients of Pins and Certificates were:
- |          |                           |
|----------|---------------------------|
| 60 years | <b>Anthony Khoury</b>     |
| 55 years | <b>Howard Colegrove</b>   |
| 45 years | <b>Joseph Hessney</b>     |
| 40 years | <b>Lawrence Wetherbee</b> |
| 35 years | <b>Edward George</b>      |
| 10 years | <b>Michael Barody</b>     |
|          | <b>Thomas Smart</b>       |

### District Deputy Grand Master

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each other, for your Lodges, for our District and for our communities.

I look forward to seeing you all in Lodge this Fall, when you will be hearing more about Pride in Freemasonry, as I bring you the message of our Grand Master, M.: W.: James E. Sullivan, during my Official Visits.

### Upcoming Events

September 7th - O/S/Y Association Meeting; Pocahontas Lodge (Seneca Falls) at 9 a.m. Breakfast at 8 a.m. at Penny's Place for those wishing.

October 9th - Seneca Lodge Official Visit, 7:30 p.m.

October 10th - Milnor Lodge Official Visit, 7:30 p.m.

October 16th - Milo Lodge Official Visit, 7:30 p.m.

October 17th - Grand Lecturer's Convention at Milo Lodge (Penn Yan), Dinner - 6:30 p.m.; Convention - 7:30 p.m.

October 26th - District Apron Presentation at Sons of Italy in Geneva; Cocktails - 6 p.m., Dinner - 7 p.m.

### Ark Lodge

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### John Girard, John Malyj, Horace Riddle, Richard Rockefeller

Following the Anniversary presentations, W.: Brother Charles A. Rouse, Jr. was very surprised to be presented a Dedicated Service Award Apron. Brother Rouse was Master in 1988. He currently serves as Senior Deacon, Chairman of the Brotherhood Fund and Chairman of our Facilities Committee. Brother Rouse is ever ready and able to assist in any way possible. Congratulations to all Pin and Certificate recipients and to Brother Rouse for all that each and every one of the Brothers has contributed to the past and future success of Ark Lodge.

### Mark Your Calendar

September 18th - Stated Communication, 7:30 p.m.

October 2nd - DeWitt Clinton Award Presentation to Charles Bauder at Geneva Country Club; Social - 6 p.m., followed by Dinner. *More information to follow.*

October 16th - Stated Communication, 7:30 p.m.



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September is the beginning of Masonic activities in most Lodges; Milnor's first meeting September 12th will feature our Annual Steak Roast at 6:30 p.m. We can count on Bud Peglow and crew for a great meal. Please contact Bud at 924-5632 for reservations.

I am proud to welcome two new Master Masons – Jeffery Steele and his nephew, Jonathan Steele. Jonathan is entering his sophomore year at Brigham Young University and we wish him our best. Brother Jeff lives in the area and, work permitting, will be able to attend Lodge Communications.

W.: Philip Trautman will conduct our new Brother on a Lodge *Walk-about*; this is a wonderful way to introduce a new Master Mason to the Craft.

The September 26th meeting will feature an interesting short program on the "Morgan Affair" presented by W.:

Since our June article, we have had a few events to note. At our June 4th Communication, Officers for the ensuing year were installed by R.:W.: Ronald Galens.

On June 25th, we held our Annual Lodge Picnic with steak and all the fixings.

On June 26th we held a Special Communication at which Brother Jesse James DeBoover, grandson of Brother Glen Webster, was Raised.

At the Phelps Sauerkraut Weekend, August 2nd and 3rd, the Lodge had a very successful Chicken Bar-B-Que and an equally successful Pulled Pork Stand on the Grounds. I thank all who helped make these events successful.

September 3rd will be our first meeting. We will have a Pot Luck Dinner starting at 6:30 p.m. Bring a dish-to-pass. Please call a Brother and bring them to our first meeting!!! Come and support your Lodge. Hope to see you all!!!

Congratulations to the following Officers for this coming year:

|            |                           |
|------------|---------------------------|
| Master     | <b>Kenneth Gibbs</b>      |
| Sr. Warden | <b>Stephen Durso, Jr.</b> |
| Jr. Warden | <b>Daniel Biery</b>       |
| Treasurer  | <b>Ramon Howard</b>       |
| Secretary  | <b>Clayton Ruggles</b>    |
| Chaplain   | <b>Stephen Durso, Sr.</b> |
| Sr. Deacon | <b>Gregory White</b>      |
| Jr. Deacon | <b>Jed Brandow</b>        |
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Kudos to Tall Cedar Don Brugger for shouting into the Forest to see if anyone was writing an article for the September edition of the **Masonic Times**. Your concern traveled the hills and vale to Sodus where it vibrated strongly yet. It moved me to travel over to my computer to enter some thoughts.

First, it takes some fortitude to call out for action in this day and age. Our Senior Tall Cedar, Cy White, is another one to speak his mind although he does not always sway other's opinions to his way. He doesn't give up and tries again. So thank you both for caring so much about our Fraternity.

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### September Birthdays

September birthday greetings to Carl Carlson (2nd), Dave Bruzee (3rd), Nelson Gulvin and Larry Gelder (4th), George Durkee and Terrance Mays (5th), William Amber (14th), Donald Romeiser (20th), Bernard Dell (23rd), Charles Bird (25th), and Michael Klimeczko (30th).

### Masonic Anniversary

Brother Jay Ford was Raised on September 12, 1967. □

The weather this Summer has been interesting, to say the least. In June and early July, a single cloud could sprout a downpour! The weather has improved although August has started off like October in the 70s.

It was a pleasure to see Joe Oelgoetz at the York Rite picnic; he was back in town for a visit while he sold his home. Thanks to TC John Zabel, DDGHP, for seeing this picnic through.

Our Sausage Roast in June was different this year. An umbrella was not needed! It was sunny. For a surprise, sweet corn was served, hot and steamy, with lots of butter and salt and pepper available. It was a great night with our Ladies.

We hope our success continues for our September Steak Roast on Wednesday, September 25th at Camp Smile. Watch your snail mail and email for the details and reservations. It's always so much easier when you have accurate reservations for a meal.

Lady Marilyn and I hope you enjoyed the rest of the Summer with fun and good health. We look forward to hearing of your adventures and travels at the Steak Roast. It's a great opportunity to invite a prospective Tall Cedar to meet us outdoors in a great place.

God bless you and the United States of America! □

# In Memoriam

## Bittman, Maurice

Maurice Bittman, 94, passed away May 21st. He was a member of Ark Lodge, Scottish Rite and Shrine.

## Evans, John E., Jr.

John Evans, Jr., 89, passed away June 4th. He is survived by his wife, June; 3 children, 4 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. John was a US Navy Veteran of World War II and a member of Unity Lodge.

## Farnsworth, Roy J. "Bud"

Roy Farnsworth, 92, passed away June 14th. He is survived by 2 children and 3 grandchildren. Bud was a US Army Air Corps Veteran of World War II and a member of Garoga-Sincerity Lodge, Scottish Rite and Shrine.

## Gilbert, Gilbert L. "Skip"

Gilbert Gilbert, 91, passed away July 8th. He is survived by 3 children, 9 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. Skip was a World War II Veteran and member of Union Star Lodge.

## Gray, Alan "Bud"

Alan Gray, 86, passed away March 27th. He is survived by 4 children, 7 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Bud was a member of Clio Lodge.

## Hares, Lewis W.

Lewis Hares, 93, passed away June 16th. He was a member of Auburn Shrine Club.

## Hayner, Clifford N. II

Clifford Hayner II, 74, passed away June 14th. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, and 2 children. Clifford was a US Navy Veteran, a member of Inspiration Lodge, Scottish Rite and Shrine.

## Hogle, Edward "Lex"

Edward Hogle, 94, passed away June 9th. He is survived by 2 children, 3 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Edward was a member of Unity Lodge.

## Jones, Gerald R., Sr.

Gerald Jones, 84, passed away June 26th. He is survived by 2 children, 2 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Jerry was a member of Clio Lodge.

## Jurgensen, Robert H.

Robert Jurgensen, 93, passed away August 8th. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Lola; 3 children, 3 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Robert was a member of Webster Lodge.

## King, W. Duane

Duane King, 77, passed away May 23rd. He was a member of Inspiration Lodge.

## Mallaber, Albert C.

Albert Mallaber, 85, passed away May 23rd. He was a member of Unity Lodge, Scottish Rite and Shrine.

## Mathers, Kenneth B.

Kenneth Mathers, 86, passed away June 12th. He is survived by 4 children, 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Bud was a US Navy Veteran of World War II, a Past Trustee of the Masonic Home Acacia Village and member of Social Lodge.

## Matthews, Ralph S.

Ralph Matthews, 90, passed away June 7th. He was a Veteran and a member of Northfield Lodge.

## McDougal, Henry

Henry McDougal, 94, passed away June 10th. "Mac" is survived by 2 children, 4 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. He was a member of Canandaigua Lodge.

## Miller, Ronald

Ronald Miller, 96, passed away June 10th. He was a Member of Scottish Rite.

## Mosher, Carl

Carl Mosher, 98, passed away June 28th. He is survived by his wife, Estelle; 1 son and 2 grandchildren. Carl was a US Army Veteran of World War II and member of Fairport-Flower City Lodge.

## Olney, Vincent L.

Vincent Olney, 89, passed away August 8th. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie; 3 children, 7 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Vincent was a member of Milnor Lodge.

## Reiber, George

George Reiber, 88, passed away May 31st. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Clara; 4 children, 7 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. George was an Army Air Force Veteran of World War II and member of Unity Lodge.

## Schnabel, Albert O., Sr.

Albert Schnabel, Sr., 88, passed away July 26th. Al was a member of Seneca Lodge, Scottish Rite and Shrine.

## Smith, Donald D.

Donald Smith, 78, passed away February 26th. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Jane; 3 children and 5 grandchildren. Don was a member of ERAC Lodge.

## Tijou, A. John

John Tijou passed away July 1st. He is survived by his wife, Edda; 2 children and 3 grandchildren. John was a member of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge and Scottish Rite.

## VanLare, Harold

Harold VanLare, 92, passed away July 26th. He is survived by 2 children, 2 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. Harold was a US Army Air Corps Veteran of World War II and a member of ERAC Lodge.

## Zutes, George C.

George Zutes, 90, passed away July 17th. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Sandra; 5 children and 7 grandchildren. He was a World War II Veteran and member of Seneca Lodge, Scottish Rite and Shrine.

### Widows to be Remembered

**Brewer, Vivian V.**, 90, widow of Harry Brewer (Webster Lodge), passed away July 15th.

**Dworkin, Betty**, 89, widow of William Dworkin (Inspiration Lodge), passed away April 1st.

**Francis, Helen K.**, 95, widow of George W. Francis (Inspiration Lodge), passed away June 6th.

**Gazley, Emily A.**, 93, widow of Herbert Gazley (Fairport-Flower City Lodge), passed away June 26th.

**Jackson, Grace D.**, 90, widow of Richard Jackson (Unity Lodge), passed away March 22nd.

**Meier, Charlotte**, 85, widow of Roderick Meier (Damascus Shrine), passed away March 25th.

**Perlmutter, Donna C.**, 81, widow of Leonard Perlmutter (Unity Lodge), passed away April 27th.

**Peterson, Norene E.**, 100, widow of Stanley V. Peterson (Wakan-Hubbard Lodge), passed away July 10th.

**Scarlett, Mary Elizabeth**, 94, widow of Bert R. Scarlett (Inspiration Lodge), passed away June 19th.

**Wood, Mary A.**, 88, widow of Howard Lee Wood (ERAC Lodge), passed away July 26th.

**Zabel, Doris L.**, 92, widow of Robert Zabel (Wakan-Hubbard Lodge), passed away April 12th. □

# York Rite NEWS

## Hiram Chapter No. 62



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### What's Happening

A portion of the Summer was spent working on a tentative Fall Schedule for the Chapter. Two activities are firm:

First, on our September 26th meeting night, there will be a District-wide Meeting in our Chapter. The program for the evening will be the visit of our Grand Line Officer, R.:E.: Paul Huck, Grand Master of the Third Veil. I am very familiar with Companion Huck as we served as Grand Veils together last year. I believe he will bring a different perspective of the Royal Arch during his visit. Please plan to attend.

Second, the District Grand Lecturer's Convention will be on October 1st. We are planning on having it at Excelsior Chapter in Shortsville that evening. Full details are still being worked out.

As a Chapter there are a couple of activities we need to work on ... First, building Degree Teams for each Degree so we can confer our own Degrees. We have the membership to do this, but it will take working together as a Chapter to accomplish this.

Second, we need to put together a small team to learn and present the "Peculiar Stone" play for Lodges. This is a very good introduction to the York Rite and Royal Arch in particular. We will be discussing these activities at our first meeting in September.

### Musings

My wife and I spent a couple of days in Geneva as a mini-vacation. We did the usual winery tours, but also walked around the center of Geneva. I showed my wife the Geneva Lodge residence and its entrance. It is really non-descript. Without the Square and Compasses decal on the door, no one would know it was there. This is also where the Geneva Chapter meets.

In continuing our walk, we saw the B.P.O.E. Elks building, which may not be active anymore, but I don't know. It was a distinctive structure the name and number of the Chapter carved in the stone above the main door. It was hard to miss. In thinking about this, it came to me that the York Rite in the Rochester area doesn't have anything that distinguishes us to the public or other Masons for that matter. We meet in Northfield Lodge Hall (Pittsford), which is marked as a Lodge, but there is no indication that other Masonic organizations meet there.

We need to look at becoming more visible to the public and other Masons. Becoming more visible can do several things, help us help build the Lodges where our members come from and build our own membership from Masons in local Lodges.

There is much we, as a Chapter, need to do to improve ourselves and make coming to meetings interesting and exciting. We should extend the Scottish Rite I.C.E. concept to ourselves. Provide Inspiration to our members, Con-

venience of meetings and activities and Excitement in our programs and other activities. We tried some of this with our picnic where we brought in a barbecue expert for ribs, brisket and chicken. It must have been enjoyable as there were no leftovers and several members expressed their pleasure in the meal, etc.

Your High Priest will listen to any suggestions and will work on those that look to supply the needs of the Companions. So let the High Priest know what you are thinking about the Chapter and its programs and activities. Oh, making a suggestion does not mean that you will be in charge of implementation, but may be asked for assistance in implementation, if needed.

Lastly, I read a book this Summer titled, *Holy Sh\*t* ... really. It is a history of swearing and is very good. It is not Masonic, but I believe there is some tie-in to Masonry that I am investigating. More on this later. □

## Cyrene-Monroe Commandery No. 12



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I am a firm believer in the value of Fraternal communications as part of our outreach to good men and Brother Masons. As your newly installed Commander, I think it's my responsibility to provide the Sir Knights of Cyrene-Monroe Commandery and all interested Brother Masons the information you need to avail yourself of every opportunity to exercise your rights and privileges of membership. In my monthly communications I will endeavor to inform you concerning a variety of issues appropriate to time and place.

For the 2013-14 Commandery Year, the following Officers have been installed:

Eminent Commander

Charles O. Hancock

Generalissimo Donald J. Brugger

Captain General Benedetto Vitullo

Recorder Charles M. Roberts

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Sr. Warden Gary D. Werth

Jr. Warden Stephan Michener

Standard Bearer Jonathan C. Buck

Sword Bearer Kenneth R. Howe, Jr.

Warder John E. Zabel

Sentinel William R. Fleisher

For Clarification ...

Cyrene-Monroe Commandery meets twice each month at the Northfield Lodge Hall in Pittsford. On the 1st Monday evening, starting at 7:00 p.m., an untiled meeting is held for the purpose of orientation, training, drill and discussion of issues of particular interest and importance to Knights Templar, their uniforms, practices and unique requirements as a unified order.

On the 3rd Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. a regular, tiled meeting of the Commandery is held for the purpose of conducting business, exemplifying Orders and receiving Candidates.

All Sir Knights are welcome to attend either or both monthly meetings. (The untiled meeting offers an opportunity for the "old guard" – who may not have at-

tended in some time – to re-familiarize themselves with our practices.)

We encourage our members to avail themselves of all opportunities to share the experience Templary offers by attending meetings of Sister Commanderies - particularly within our Zone.

Sagoyewatha Commandery meets on the third Saturday morning at 9 a.m. at Phelps Masonic Hall. DeMolay Commandery meets on the third Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Masonic Hall in Hornell.

Starting this Fall, Salem Town Commandery will be part of our Zone. It presently meets on the 2nd Tuesday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall in Port Byron.

### Change of Zone Number

This year our Zone designation will change from Zone 11 to Zone 8. The Zone Commander is SK Donald Adams, PGS.

September 20th–22nd - This year Grand Commandery will be celebrating its 200th Anniversary Conclave of Knights Templar in New York at the Hudson Valley Resort and Spa in Kerhonkson. All SKs are invited to attend Council. (Officers Commander, Generalissimo and Captain General are required by the By-Laws to attend.) See [www.grandcommanderyktny.org](http://www.grandcommanderyktny.org) for more information and details.

One of the highlights of the Anniversary Celebration year will be the 200th Commemorative Class of the Order of the Temple conferred by the Grand Line at 1 p.m. on November 9th at the Hornell Masonic Temple, 34 Maple Street, Hornell. This will become part of our history as recorded in the Proceedings of the Grand Commandery of New York.

A new jewel has been minted to wear on our uniforms to commemorate this momentous occasion. The jewel will be available for purchase. The festivities will continue with the Grand Commander's Ball that evening at the Hornell Golf Club followed by a Church Service on Sunday morning at the Christ Episcopal Church with all Sir Knights in full Templar uniform. More details to follow.

Other events will take place throughout the Anniversary Year of which I will try to keep you informed.

As I indicated last month, my monthly communications will include a discussion of items of interest and information to all Sir Knights. This month I will start an explanation of the significance of our Officer Jewels.

### Eminent Commander

The Jewel of the Eminent Commander is a Cross surrounded by rays of light. It is to remind us that humility, love, and pure benevolence are shining rays that emanate from the pure and undefiled religion of the blessed Emmanuel, and which should ever characterize the members of this Christian Order. It is to remind us of Him who died that He might give life to the world, and who is indeed the Lord and Saviour of all those who accept His guidance and obey His precepts.

The Commander is the presiding Officer in the East of the Commandery and must see that all is faithfully discharged according to the By-Laws, and the Constitution and General Regulations of the Grand Encampment of the U.S.A. and the State of New York.

### Generalissimo

The Jewel of the Generalissimo is a Square surmounted by a Paschal Lamb. When beholding the Lamb, let it stimulate you to have, at all times, a watchful eye over your own conduct, and an earnest solicitude for the prosperity of the kingdom of the blessed Emmanuel,

the spotless Lamb of God, who was slain from the foundation of the world. The Square is to remind us that the same principles of Brotherly love and friendship should forever govern the members of Freemasonry and of the Orders of Knighthood.

The Generalissimo's Station is on the right of the Commander; his duty is to assist the Commander in his various duties, and, in his absence, to preside.

### Captain General

The Jewel of the Captain General is a Level surmounted by a Cock. As the undaunted courage and valor of the Cock stimulates him to conquer his competitor, or yield himself a victim to the contest, so should the Captain General be stimulated to the discharge of every duty.

The Captain General's Station is on the left of the Commander. His duty, among other things, is to see that due preparation is made for the various meetings of the Commandery; that the Chambers and Asylum are in suitable array for the introduction of candidates and the dispatch of business. He is also to receive and communicate to the lines all orders issued by the Eminent Commander. He is to assist in Council, and, in the absence of the Commander and Generalissimo, to preside over the Commandery.

### Prelate

The Triple Triangle, which is the Jewel of the Prelate, and a beautiful emblem of Jehovah. The Prelates Station is on the right of the Generalissimo; his duty is to officiate at the Altar and to offer up prayers to Deity. The Jewel is to remind you of the importance of the trust reposed in you. And may He who is able, abundantly furnish you for every good work, preserve you from falling into error, improve, strengthen, establish and perfect you; and finally greet you with, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

### Recorder

Recorder of the Commandery's Station is on the left of the Captain General, in front. The qualities which should recommend a Recorder are, promptitude in issuing the notifications and orders of his superior Officers, punctuality in attending the meetings of the Commandery, correctness in recording their proceedings, judgment in discriminating between what is proper and what is improper to be committed to writing, integrity in accounting for all moneys that may pass through his hands, and fidelity in paying the same over into the hands of the Treasurer.

### Treasurer

The Treasurer's Station is on the right of the Generalissimo, in front. The qualities which should recommend a Treasurer are accuracy and fidelity; accuracy, in keeping a fair and minute account of all receipts and disbursements; fidelity, in carefully preserving all the property and funds of the Commandery that may be placed in his hands, and rendering a just account of the same whenever he is called upon for that purpose.

### Senior Warden

The Jewel of your Office is a Hollow Square and Sword of Justice. It is to remind you that, as the children of Israel marched in a hollow square in their journey through the wilderness, in order to guard and protect the Ark of the Covenant, so should you be vigilant in guarding every avenue from innovation and error. Let the Sword, therefore, be ever drawn to guard the Constitution of the Order.

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# Scottish Rite NEWS

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Council of Princes of Jerusalem  
Lodge of Perfection



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

On June 20th the Officers of the Valley gathered in Fairport Masonic Hall for Officers Academy where we laid out the game plan for the ensuing year. It is my intent that we go farther south into the Valley and share our vision for Scottish Rite with our Brothers in the Southern Tier.

It is also my intent to set up Scottish Rite Clubs so members can participate and enjoy Scottish Rite Masonry within the proximity of their own Districts. The Clubs can choose a night to meet that is convenient to their particular area and local schedules. I will be looking for a few good leaders to help get these projects off the ground. If you would like to help, please contact one of our Officers, me, or the Valley Office.

We also discussed the importance of involving our membership in the workings of the Valley. All First-Line Signers and Mentors have been admonished to stay in touch with our members. Many of our new members have been called and asked to take part in our Reunion Degrees. There are many small parts and walk-on parts that would offer our new members an opportunity to see how a Degree is put together without the pressure of committing to a major part.

We will be discussing the forming of a Degree Club for the purpose of nurturing and teaching Ritual memorization and presentation. Any member who would be interested in joining, please contact one of our Officers, the Valley Office or me.

On July 20th, Scottish Rite Masons for the Valley of Rochester, with guests from the Valleys of Binghamton, Syracuse, Jamestown and Buffalo attended our Seventh Annual Clambake and Steak Roast at the home of Ill. Mike Morris, 33°, and his Lady, Ruth, in Wayland. The weather was pleasant in a pristine setting along the Cohocton River. Clams, Steaks, Lobsters and dishes of all varieties were delivered and shared by our members and guests.

Ill. Mike Morris, 33°, received a large sword crafted by our own Distinguished Brother, Craig Mollon, 32°



**Ill. Stephen Whittaker, 33°, checks on the clams for attendees at the annual event at Camp Morris in July.**



DSA recipients, Bernie Lazerson, Eldon White and Angelo DiCataldo, waiting for their opportunity to partake.

MSA, who made the presentation and gave a stirring talk about Roland, one of Emperor Charlemagne's Lieutenants.

I had the pleasure of presenting three Dedicated Service Caps to three worthy Brothers. Angelo DiCataldo, DSA. Bernie Lazerson, DSA, and Eldon White, DSA. The Awards will be re-presented at our Annual Awards Night in September. Congratulations to each of you and thank for your service to the Scottish Rite and to Masonry in general.

July 26th - 28th the Valley Officers and their Ladies were in Syracuse at our Annual Council of Deliberation. On Friday evening many of us attended an Awards Banquet where two New York Veterans were honored for their service. The presentations were made to Ill. Peter Semiac, 33°, Deputy for New York, and our own Ill. Stephen R. Whittaker, 33°, Active Member of Supreme Council.

Awards were given to the youth groups. There were also presentations for our State's two Learning Centers and a moving speech was given by a young man who is one our great success stories.

A rather large donation was presented to the Commander-in-Chief for the Rochester Learning Center. The Valley of Rochester was one of three New York Valleys to receive an attractive glass plaque award for positive growth in membership. It will be proudly displayed in the Valley Office.

On Saturday, our Ladies were treated to day in the city. They enjoyed an Arts and Crafts Show and Jazz Festival as well



**Ill. James E. Sullivan, 33°, presented the Meritorious Service Award Cap and Pin to Phillip Hurwitz, 32° MSA, at the 2013 Council of Deliberation, in the presence of Ill. Peter Samiec, 33°, former Deputy for New York State, and Ill. Kenneth "Rick" Howe, 33°, Commander-in-Chief of the Valley of Rochester. (Below) Sublime Prince Phil is joined by wife, Pam, along with Illustrious Samiec and Illustrious Sullivan.**



## Valley of Rochester Fall – 2013

September 19th - Awards Meeting Shrine Center  
Social - 5:30 p.m. ~ Dinner - 6:30 p.m. (\*\*) ~ Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

September 23rd - Rite on the Road/Brother Bring-a-Brother Night  
at Unity Lodge Meeting  
Dinner - 6:30 p.m. (\*\*Make Reservation with Unity) ~ Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

October 8th - Rite on the Road/Brother Bring-a-Brother Night  
at Inspiration Lodge Meeting

October 17th - Valley Meeting, Shrine Center  
Lite from The Rite Program - TBA  
Social - 5:30 p.m. ~ Dinner - 6:30 p.m. (\*\*) ~ Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

October 19th - Veterans Recognition Night (AASR & Shrine)  
Shrine Center  
Social - 5:30 p.m. ~ Dinner - 6:30 p.m. (\*\*) ~ Program - 7:30 p.m.

October 28th - Scottish Rite Office is MOVING  
New Location ...  
811 Ayrault Road, Fairport

November 19th - Rite on the Road/Brother Bring-a-Brother Night  
at Clio Lodge Meeting

November 21st - Valley Meeting, Shrine Center  
Candidate Orientation/Brother Bring-a-Brother Night  
Social - 5:30 p.m. ~ Dinner - 6:30 p.m. (\*\*) ~ Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

November 23rd - Fall Reunion, Shrine Center  
Presentations of 4°, 9°, 14°, 20° and 32°  
Registration, Coffee & Donuts - 8 a.m.  
Degrees - 9 a.m.-3 p.m. ~ Lunch (\*\*)

December 7th - Symbolic Lodge Awards, Shrine Center

December 14th - All-Masonic Children's Holiday Party, Shrine Center

**\*\* Make your reservations On Time! Don't be Late!  
At least 5 DAYS prior to any activity (585) 264-1160  
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**Why not sign up on our Permanent Meeting Meal Reservation List?**

a lunch at a local Bistro. In the morning we were treated to a presentation of the 21st Degree, which was excellently performed by the Valley of Syracuse. Afterward, Ill. Bruce Renner, 33°, gave a heartfelt presentation on the History of The New York Council of Deliberation over the 100 years since 1913.

Saturday afternoon, in a Tiled Meeting, we were enlightened about the State of Rite and a stirring speech was given by Ill. Peter Semiac, 33°, Deputy for the State.

Saturday evening we attended the MSA Banquet. MSA stands for Meritorious Service Award and it is the highest honor given by the Council of Deliberation for the State of New York. The banquet is in honor of all recipients who have received the Award and for those Brothers who would receive the Award that evening. The Valley of Buffalo performed the Ritual service for the third consecutive year. With great pride we witnessed our own distinguished Brother Phil Hurwitz, 32° MSA, receive this prestigious Award. He was accompanied by his Lady, Pam.

It was my pleasure, also to call Charles "Skip" Waterstreet and inform him that he was selected as a new MSA and will be receiving his Pin and Cap at next year's banquet. Congratulations, Phil and Skip and thank you for all you do for the Valley of Rochester and for Freemasonry in general.

Several of our Valley's distinguished Brothers were present - Derek VanHouten, Steve Whittaker, Mat Gingold, Jim Slocum, Bill Jones and Jack VanElzakker.

The Valley of Rochester received another award at the Banquet. This one was a traveling plaque awarded to the Valley with the most new members in a given year. This was the second time our Valley has received this Award. Congratulations, Princes, and thank you for all your hard work.

The Valley of Rochester has been very fortunate with regard to honors received for Valley Achievements. This year's Council of Deliberation (COD) meeting in July ended with a bountiful crop of recognition for our Valley and members.

Sublime Princes Gordon Hubbell, 32° DSA, and Jim Slocum, 32° MSA, received plaques for completing all 29 Degrees in their passport booklet. They join a group of 36 statewide, including 5 others from Rochester (total 7).

Our Valley was acknowledged for having a positive growth this past year. This takes into account deaths, expulsions and other drops versus new member reinstatements. Our Valley Secretary, Jack VanElzakker 33°, received the COD Secretary Award for his efforts in the Valley. For the second time in three years, the Valley of Rochester led the State with the greatest number of new members. (41)

Personnel-wise, Jack VanElzakker 33°, was elected Secretary for the Scottish Rite Charities Corporation, and Charlie Hancock, 33°, was named Chairman for the prestigious Committee on Jurisprudence.

Please inform the Office (585 264-1160) ASAP of any sickness or distress you may become aware of that involves one of our MSA members.

#### Coming Attractions

September 19th is our first meeting for the year and our Annual Awards Night. Don't forget to call for your dinner reservations. The Valley Calendar is posted in these pages, please check for all of our events.

As we strive to introduce Master Masons to the fellowship and friendship of becoming a 32° Mason, retention of our current members is equally or perhaps even more important.

#### Musings

Recently, I read an editorial printed in *The Northern Light* and decided to repost it here along with some comments of my own.

#### Are We Listening?

There are many reasons why each of us joined the Masonic Fraternity, but I'm certain that attending boring meetings and functions was not one of them. As we work hard to make our Valleys inspirational and enjoyable, as Masons we must also instill these same concepts in our Lodges. First and foremost we're a Fraternity of like minded men who come together to enjoy each other's friendship and fellowship, not to be bored or have our time wasted.

The following letter was received from a Brother who possibly represents the 2.7 million Masons lost since 1959. "Dear Sovereign Grand Commander,

"I am writing to you about the article in the August 2011, *The Northern Light* by Jerry A. Roach, "Tales from the Tavern."

"I became a Mason for family history reasons. As I grew up, I saw the values of Masonry through the actions of my father and my uncles who are 32° Masons. My grandfather, also a 32° Mason, was a member of Lodge where George Washington was a member 150 plus years earlier.

"I had the privilege of having my father in Lodge to witness my receiving the 2nd Degree of Fellowcraft and as I received the 3rd Degree Master Mason. From there I went on to the Valley and received the 32nd Degree.

"I was honored to be part of the Masonic Fraternity and carry on a family

tradition. But sadly as time went on, the monthly meetings became redundant and did not pertain to me. Although I would have liked to work through the Chairs, my job did not afford me the time or the opportunity to do so. The meetings consisted of Opening ceremony, reading of meeting minutes, and a local business, usually selling their service.

"I would have enjoyed learning Masonic history, or new ways to be a better man. I became disillusioned and stopped going. As time passed I stopped paying my Dues. Today, on my own, I still research Freemasonry's past.

"I may have let my family history down by not sticking with it, but I wanted to let you know the article hit very close to home for me."

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#### My Thoughts ...

OK, first of all, as this Brother says, his Lodge meetings were redundant and boring. For the Masters of Lodges, you have taken an obligation to teach by giving a lecture or part of a lecture at every meeting, and expound the law by reading from the book of Constitution and Law. As I have visited many Lodges in the area, I've found that, for the most part, the Masters are doing a good job with their programs. But, I will go on to remind you that if you need help with programs for your Trestleboard, please call the Scottish Rite Office and ask.

There are any number of us who would be happy to come and give a talk on the subject of Freemasonry. I have made this statement many times, and many of you have asked for our help and were gladly accommodated.

I would also like to pose a thought about the Brother who "dropped out." What if that Brother had picked up one of the thousands of books, pamphlets or articles at his disposal and prepared a ten- to fifteen-minute talk and asked his Master for the requisite time to make the presentation? What if, after he had done that, another Brother sitting over in the shadows on the North Side of the Lodge said, "Hey, I can do that!" and came to the next meeting prepared to make a short talk?

Masons, historically, have been leaders. Well, be one!! If you're bored, do something about it! Years ago I read a quote by J. Paul Ghetty, who was, at one time, the richest man in the world. He said, "I'd rather have 1% of the energies of each of 100 men, than 100% of the energies of one man." Think about that. If everyone did just one thing instead of waiting for someone else to take care of it ... what a difference that would make!

If you have ten Brothers in your Lodge who each took up the task of presenting a ten-minute talk, the Master's Trestleboard would be full. It doesn't take a lot of time to prepare a ten-minute talk and you might even enjoy doing it. At any rate, if you're doing that, at least you won't be as bored.

We are admonished, as Masons, to get involved. Whether it is church, government, school board or whatever, it starts in the Lodge. We seem to have become a complacent society, expecting someone else to take care of things and then complain when things don't measure up to our expectations. If you see a problem, fix it. Get involved. Nothing gets resolved by walking away. 'nough said.

See you in the quarries. ☐

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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:

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## Scottish Rite Scholarships Announced

The Valley of Rochester is pleased to congratulate our Scottish Rite Scholarship Recipients for 2013.

#### Leon M. Abbott Scholarships

Leon M. Abbott Scholarship Awards are granted by the Supreme Council, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction to sons and daughters of Scottish Rite, NMJ members. They are typically \$900 - \$1,000 each and are presented directly to each recipient. These presentations were in July this year for New York State recipients.

Abbott Scholarship Recipients for the Valley of Rochester for 2013 are:

**Katherine M. Edwards**, University of Binghamton, Freshman, Undeclared  
**Eric W. Lemke**, SUNY Fredonia, Sophomore, Saxophone Performance/Sound Recording

**Ashley P. Burke**, RIT, Senior, Visual Media

**Aleida G. Blossom**, Art Institute of Pittsburgh, Sophomore, Photography  
**New York Scottish Rite Charities Scholarship**

New York State Scottish Rite Charities Corp. Scholarships are granted through the New York State COD to grandsons

and granddaughters of Scottish Rite Masons belonging to a New York Valley. The Award is unique to New York State and uses the same criteria as the Abbott Scholarships. The awards this year were \$700 per recipient.

New York Scottish Rite Charities Scholarship recipients for the Valley of Rochester for 2013 are:

**Daniel R. Drexel**, University of Buffalo, Senior, Electrical Engineering

**Lauren N. Drexel**, SUNY Brockport, Senior, Fine Arts/Psychology

**Kyle Z. Hancock**, Clarkson University, Senior, Chemical Engineering

**Rachel P. Varner**, Roberts Wesleyan College, Junior, Nursing

**Adam J. Wilcox**, Albany College of Pharmacy, Graduate, Pharmacy

**Cody J. Young**, SUNY Alfred, Senior, Drafting/CAD

Applications for next Spring will be due April 1, 2014. Forms, criteria and instructions can be obtained online after November at [www.scottishritenmj.org](http://www.scottishritenmj.org) for Abbott Scholarship consideration and at [www.nyscottishritemasons.org](http://www.nyscottishritemasons.org) for COD Scholarship consideration. ☐

## Rite on the Road

See Valley of Rochester Fall Calendar for more information and other Events

September 23rd  
October 8th  
November 19th

# 2013 Education Assistance Awards and Charity Grants

June 20th was the Masonic Service Bureau's Awards Night when 12 students shared \$12,000 in education assistance grants and one Mason received a Continuing Education Award. Since the inception of this program in 1986, over a quarter of a million dollars has been contributed to 321 students.

At the same time, grants totaling \$12,000 were distributed to various non-profit groups who serve the elderly, the needy and youth programs. Those organizations granted funds for 2013 are listed in the caption of the photo of charity recipients.

### Requirements

Students must submit an application and other requested documents. These are reviewed by an outside agency and ranked for levels of assistance. **An important note ...** This assistance is for **one-time-only** and the funds are given directly to the student.

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

### Obtaining an Application

Persons interested in applying for the 2014 Awards may call the Masonic Service Bureau Office, at 671-9730, and an Application will be mailed or emailed. Applications will also be mailed and emailed to Secretaries of Lodges, Chapters and Concordant Bodies.

### A Change in Procedure ...

An Application is available any time, starting now. This will provide all the information needed so you can get a head start on preparing/gathering documents required to complete the submission. Last year one-third of the Applications were incomplete - most common reason, No Transcript. We realize a current Transcript can't be included until a January/February timeframe, but all other information can be completed earlier. It might even help the Guidance Counselors expedite your request prior to the "rush" of other students.

### Charity Grants

Allocations totaling \$12,000 were distributed, based on needs, to 16 charitable organizations. A similar process is used for determining the recipients of the Charity Grants. Here there is no limit on the number of times an Organization may receive a



Katherine Edwards



Lauren Goodell



Sadie Walters



Haley Wilkes



Amber Hord



Benjamin Thompson



Emily Campbell



Rachel Watson



Odysseus Adamides



Sarah Miller



Carly VanOpdorp



Matt McFetridge  
Continuing Education Recipient

Grant, provided they continue to meet the Committee's criteria.

If you would like more information on these grants, contact the Service Bureau Office at 671-9730 or email: [bmasonic@rochester.rr.com](mailto:bmasonic@rochester.rr.com).



Education Assistance Recipients - Front Row (l-r) Lauren Goodell, Kathryn Edwards, Rachel Watson, Carly VanOpdorp and Sarah Miller. Back Row (l-r) Sadie Wolters, Amber Hord, Odysseus Adamides, Benjamin Thompson, Haley Wilkes and Emily Campbell. (Not pictured, Conner Simonetti)



Charity Grant Recipients - Front Row (l-r) C.P. Maloney, Honor Flight Rochester; Gordon Palmer, Masonic War Veterans; Bill Dischinger, Community Lutheran Ministry; Kristin Catalano, Isaiah House; Vicki Deady, Advent House; Patty Lorenzen, St. Peter's Kitchen; and Kay Merrifield, Salem Nutrition Center. Back Row (l-r) John Johnston, W.A.S.P.; Katherine Warren, Cameron Community Ministries; Patricia Miller, Mercy Flight Central; Sarah Chambers, American Red Cross; Glenda Hastings, Advent House; Joyce Horner, Literacy Volunteers of Livingston County and Chris Burke, Aurora House.

## Cyrene-Monroe

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Your Station is at the Southwest angle of the Triangle, and upon the right of the First Division. You will attend Pilgrim Warriors, comfort and support Pilgrim Penitents, and after due trial, introduce them into the Asylum. Let it be your constant care that the warrior be not deterred from duty, nor the penitent molested on his journey. Finally, let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in Heaven.

### Junior Warden

The Jewel of your Office is an Eagle and Flaming Sword. It is to remind you to perform your various duties with justice and valor, having an eagle eye on the prosperity of the Order.

Your Station is at the Northwest angle of the Triangle. Your duty is to attend poor and weary pilgrims traveling from afar, accompany them on their journey, and in due time recommend them to the Eminent Commander. You will be careful that, in addition to the pilgrim's garb, sandals, staff and scrip, their whole

preparation and deportment shall be such as to cause them to be recognized as children of humility. Teach them that "Magna est Veritas, et Prævalebit," is the Motto of the Order; and although they will often find the heights of fortune inaccessible, and the thorny path of life crooked, adverse and forlorn, yet, by faith and humility—courage, constancy, patience and perseverance—they may

gain admission into the Asylum above; there to enjoy the rewards that await the valiant soldiers of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, be ye perfect, always abounding in the work of the Lord, that you may be a shining light in the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid.

Christian Soldiers, Sir Knights all, in the latest issue of *Knight Templar Magazine*, Volume LIX, June 2013, Number 6,

our Grand Master reported on his experience with one Masonic Youth Organization (Order of Rainbow for Girls) and noted the ongoing support that we provide as necessary to their flourishing in the future.

We have locally a need for support for the DeMolay Chapter restarting. They need Candidates. If you have children or grandchildren who could benefit from participation in this group, please contact me (585-223-1850) or any of the advisors for more information.

I personally started my Masonic career in a DeMolay Chapter sponsored by Knights Templars.

The Officers and I look forward this Templar Year to seeing you take an active interest in attending the conclaves of the Commandery. Remember your knightly duty to God, Country and Templary in the coming days. See you soon!



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### Spring-Summer Recap

Alas, Fall is upon us. Leaves are going to fall and we are going to wrap up a great year for the Grotto. More on that later in this article.

Summer arrived with authority in June, just in time for our Golf Tournament. Prophet George Foehner ran a great event, with much laughter, sportsmanship and feasting. By all accounts, it was a complete success. Also in June, we had our last meeting until September, which was a casual picnic with quite a few new faces. We obligated our newest Prophet, Brother Peter Mathews, of Clio Lodge. Welcome. Soon we will be exceeding our largest membership in the last five or six years. Congratulations to all Proposers for a job well done.

### Sickness and Infirmary

Our Prophets are holding their own for the most part, as far as I know, with the notable exception of Bill Fredenburg. As most of you know, Prophet Bill's memory has been in fairly rapid decline these past couple of years and Dottie has had her hands full. Recently Bill was placed into St. John's Home, where they can better attend to his needs. As of this writing, Bill would love to have visitors. He is in the Reservoir Building, 6th floor

### Nolatka Chapter

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The Eastern Star Home Campus is a great assembly of buildings and people. I hope each of you gets a chance to do a tour, whether at a Festival or individually. The weather cooperated, too. It didn't start raining until we had left. It was a great day.

### Upcoming Plans

Now for the future ... watch this space because Worthy Pat has got some

By Robert Crystal

Welcome back, Sisters and Brothers! We hope you had a good Summer. Some of us had a lot of fun going to Oriskany in July. I wanted to get some pictures, but my skills with the camera are pretty cheesy. I hope at least one photo makes it into this page from some other source. I can report, however, that no one from your Chapter had to worry about toting a 50-inch flat screen TV ... or a laptop computer ... or collapsible propane grill ... or any of thirty or more other prizes home, even though I did drive the new "Crystal Bus." Gee, wasn't THAT a stroke of luck!

We did have a lot of fun, and were able to hold a lengthy conversation on the comparative deliciousness of Sahlen, Zweigle and Hofman sausages. (Erie District was only serving hots from their own area. Maybe Monroe will have to offer some competition some day.) I was able to buy a tomato knife from Ken's Operators. I also bought a Christian

and is receiving excellent care.

Prophet Paul Farnung and his Lady, Carol Ann, are off to Cleveland where they have the joy of welcoming a new grandchild.

So where is the sickness or distress you ask? Well talk to the mother who gave birth! Oh, and don't hit Paul on the shoulder - it is still tender. My Prophets, I repeat, we need to extend a helping hand to our Prophet Brothers in need of a friend and assistance. Let us always look to the other and the other's needs.

### May Catch-up

May was a month wherein we gave money and recognition to our many worthwhile area Organizations: \$1,500 to Mercy Flight Central in Canandaigua and lesser amounts to our Masonic Service Bureau, ESGA Humanitarian Fund, Ronald McDonald House, Henrietta Soccer Club, Henrietta Town Park, Honor Flight of Rochester, Red Cross Disaster Fund and the AASR College of Freemasonry. Details available from the Monarch, if needed.

### Supreme Council Session

Nashville! This was truly the finest Grotto or Masonic event I have ever attended. The people, the city, the organization of events both in and out of the hotel were superb. Yes, business was conducted, but I can assure you the attendees will remember this Session for a long time.

Lalla Rookh was honored with an attendance growth award -- primarily because of PM Ron Morthorst's efforts. Prophet Harry DeHollander, one of our newest Prophets, received a special award for the five Prophets he sponsored. Kudos to all. I wrote down the details so I can recap them all at the September Board of Governors Meeting. One special note ... the Humanitarian Foundation is growing and providing some outstanding aid to children with special needs. Very gratifying!

### August

Prophet Frank Habitzreuther, our Chief Justice, prepared Oak Hill Championship Golf Course for the PGA in the

great plans for us. "The Bread Man" is coming to make a presentation (reservations required) and we're going on a wine tour. That is just two out of the many she reeled off that I can remember.

We have Homecomings, Receptions and Christmas (yes, Christmas) Parties and a lot is going to happen between now and June. So make plans to attend. If you need a ride, the Crystal Bus Company will pick you up. Or you can ask Carol Pickworth for a ride in her Cadillac!

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Dior bag to give to one of my Sisters. The only defect in it was that the initials were reversed, so I got a good price. Everything else I bought I ate. And contrary to the rumors I heard, we did NOT sing all the way from Rochester to Oriskany!

### Remember These Sisters

Pat Pearson was not able to join us because she was not sufficiently recovered

first week of August. Of course, not by himself, but he is the man! August 6th I had the privilege of attending the Practice Round of the PGA and you could not have seen a more beautiful golf course. The tournament, as you know, will remain a memorable one. Go Duffner!

### Announcements

September 18th - General Meeting.

September 19th - Kick-off for the ESGA Fall Convention in Troy, NY. I urge all Prophets to attend. The Fall Meeting is very special, wherein we remember those Prophets who have passed in the previous year, and vote for Officers of the ESGA for the ensuing year. I can assure you, if I am nominated, I will not serve; and if elected, I will not run (or something like that).

October 16th is our nomination of Officers meeting. Your Grotto will best be served by good leadership - and that, my Prophets, is up to you. I am also putting together plans for a Joint Monarch's Banquet/Ball with our fellow Prophets of Zuleika Grotto. Details will be announced at the October Board of Governors Meeting.

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

Welcome back from the Summer break.

Many thanks to those who supported and worked at Spencerport Canal Days in July. We quenched the thirst of many visitors at our beverage stand. We appreciate the opportunity each year for this major fundraiser.

The Lalla Rookh Caldron girls are looking forward to attending Supreme Sessions for the Daughters of Mokanna

from her surgery.

Merilyn Israel was under the weather. Cassandra Lamas couldn't come because of her new job.

We ask your prayers for improved health for two and of thanksgiving for one!

### Upcoming Plans Being Made

Pat will be announcing plans for the upcoming months, and we look forward to you all finding a chance to visit with us.

If you haven't received a phone call from Betty Reisinger about our Thursday luncheons, you call her! (Her phone number is above in the emblem area.) It would be really great if you could come to lunch with us. We go to a different restaurant every month, so if you have a favorite, let Betty know!

Do you have a daughter, sister, niece

### Attend Grotto Meetings

Wednesday,  
September 18th  
Stated Meeting

September 19th - 21st  
ESGA Fall Meeting  
in Troy, NY  
Thursday - Social Evening  
Friday & Saturday - Meetings

Reminder ...  
October 16th is  
Nomination of Officers

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Monarch Bernie - 271-7446

being held in Akron, Ohio, September 18th-21st. Hildegard DiJames, Supreme Zeldina, is preparing for her participation and we're all very proud to have a Supreme Officer in the game.

### Upcoming Events

September 12th - Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

September 19th - Executive Council, 7:00 p.m.

October 10th - Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

NO Executive Council Meeting in October

Saturday, November 2nd is White Fez Luncheon and meeting. Details will be coming.

Sunday, November 3rd - Installation, 2 p.m., followed by a Dinner. This is an Open meeting, so feel free to attend and see what we're all about. ☐



R.W. Beverly Murray, R.W. Janet Porter and R.W. Joanne Mason presenting the Colors at Memorial Service in Oriskany.

or granddaughter or a friend who might enjoy being a Star? Ask them to join us at lunch. We'd love to get to know them. ☐



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