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## Honor Flights include Masonic Veterans

By Skip Waterstreet

Guests on two recent Honor Flights were names well known to the Masonic Community. On September 15th, Kenneth Rhodes returned from his visit to Washington, D.C. and was greeted by family, friends and Masonic Brothers. On September 29th, Mat Gingold was also greeted enthusiastically upon his return from the District of Columbia.

I know of one other Mason who has made the trip, but I am sure there are many others. Unfortunately, most of the time we do not hear about their excursion until after the fact.

What an experience! Upwards of a thousand people were on hand to greet the returning Veterans, lining the exit doors from the Security Area around the Concourse to the International Room where a reception was held. Haven't been? You should go! What an awesome experience; what an emotional experience for EVERYONE involved. A perfect way to greet those who have given so much for us.



Worshipful Brother Ken Rhodes was escorted and wheeled through the throngs of greeters in Concourse A by his Grandson.

While waiting for the arrival of these men and women, I had the opportunity to speak with Rick Meier, Public Relations and Media Liaison for Honor Flight Rochester, Inc. The flight on the 15th was scheduled to return 45 Veterans, but he wasn't sure if all those scheduled to

fly had been able to make it. Of those, 41 were Veterans of World War II and 4 were from the Korean conflict. The total since the formation of the Rochester organization is 1,448 participants, according to their website.

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Right Worshipful Mat Gingold was escorted by his daughter, Nancy, and was greeted by several Lodge Brothers upon his return.

## Scottish Rite Honors Masonic Times



Ill. Kenneth "Rick" Howe, 33°, Valley of Rochester Commander-in-Chief, presents the Brother Franklin Award plaque to Charles "Skip" Waterstreet, 32°, Editor of the **Masonic Times**.

By Skip Waterstreet

At 7:10 p.m. on August 19th, my cell phone rang. It was a 585 area code number, but not one I was familiar with. I answered. It was Ill. Rick Howe calling to inform me that the Valley of Rochester was recognized at the Supreme Council sessions in Washington, DC, as having the Best Publication - Category I (Valleys with membership less than 800 members), and presented with the Brother Franklin Award for Excellence in Valley Publications.

Unbeknownst to me, Ill. Jack VanElzakker, 33°, Secretary of the Valley of Rochester, had submitted copies of the newspaper for consideration. I would not consider this vehicle as a Scottish Rite publication,

although it has been the primary means of transmitting information to the Valley for many years. Jack thought it was a good year to try for the Award, as there was much publicity for the Valley's *College of Freemasonry* program on the front page of two issues, with supplemental information inside in the Scottish Rite section.

I am shocked and flattered by this recognition and share it with the rest of the crew who assist me every month. We work hard to turn out a quality product and it is definitely a proud moment to hear that others think it is. My thanks to the Staff and to the Supreme Council Committee for this prestigious recognition. And, Rick's number is now in my cell phone book!

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December 4th, 2013  
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*Editor's Corner*

At the October meeting of the Board of Directors of the Masonic Service Bureau, I had the privilege of informing them of the Award bestowed upon the **Masonic Times** by the Supreme Council, 33°, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. I was speechless when I received the call from Ill.: Kenneth "Rick" Howe, who was attending the sessions in Washington, D.C.

At the same meeting, I presented the proposed budget for the **Masonic Times** (along with the other items for the Service Bureau) to R.:W.: Terry Wihlen, Sr., Chairman of the Finance Committee. His Committee will review these figures and submit them to the Board in November, with the vote for approval scheduled for the December meeting. I specifically pointed out the figures for this publication, as the preliminary estimate is for a \$1,500 deficit.

It has been my goal as the Executive Director of the Bureau (the other hat I wear), that any event or activity sponsored by the Masonic Service Bureau be self-supporting. I find it difficult to ask you, the Sisters and Brothers of the Fraternity for contributions to keep us open and functioning, and then spend those funds on projects that do not relate to our basic objectives.

Nowhere in any documents that I have seen does it say that we (the Bureau) will operate a Camp or underwrite a District (now Regional) publication.

In my years as Editor, I have raised the subscription price twice - first from \$5 to \$8; then an additional dollar a few years later. I am at the point of raising it another dollar, and wonder if this will cause some subscribers to cancel.

The USPS is scheduled to raise their rates in 2014, but I don't know what affect that might have on the paper, which is mailed at the periodical rate and uses their special zip-code sorted discounts.

The circulation for the first issue I published as Editor was 4,709; we mailed 3,407 copies last month. Those 1,302 fewer subscribers means the loss of over \$10,000 in revenue...way more than needed to balance the budget. We cannot control the will of the Great Architect of the Universe; we don't try to understand the dimits or NPDs. But, for whatever reason the numbers have dropped, we have to try to find ways to obtain income. There isn't a lot we can do to cut expenses and save money. We are fortunate we are able to use the office space and equipment at the Masonic Service Bureau. If we had to have separate facilities, our expenses would be much higher.

One fundraiser we use is the *SaveAround* Rochester® coupon books. That has almost provid-

| Masonic Activities Looking Ahead |  |
|----------------------------------|--|
| <b>DECEMBER</b>                  |  |
| 7                                | Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Awards, Shrine Center                         |
| 14                               | All-Masonic Children's Holiday Party, Shrine Center                        |
| 28                               | Shriner's Euchré Tournament followed by Holiday Party, Shrine Center       |
| <b>JANUARY</b>                   |  |
| 25                               | Shriner's Euchré Tournament, Shrine Center                                 |
| <b>FEBRUARY</b>                  |  |
| 22                               | Road to the East, Shrine Center  |
| 22                               | Shriner's Euchré Tournament, Shrine Center                                 |
| <b>MARCH</b>                     |  |
| 6                                | Webster Lodge 150th Anniversary Celebration                                |
| 8                                | Road to the East, Shrine Center  |
| 29                               | Shriner's Euchré Tournament, Shrine Center                                 |
| 31                               | Monroe District Table Lodge, Shrine Center                                 |
| <b>APRIL</b>                     |  |
| 26                               | Shriner's Euchré Tournament, Shrine Center                                 |
| <b>MAY</b>                       |  |
| 3                                | Widows Luncheon, Burgundy Basin  |
| 5-6                              | Grand Lodge Sessions, New York City  |
| 31                               | Shriner's Euchré Tournament followed by End of Season Party, Shrine Center |

ed enough income to cover the mailing costs for two issues. We were hoping sales would grow and at least partially offset the continued loss of subscribers. That has not happened. I attribute that to two factors: 1) the economic downturn the last half dozen years has kept people away from eating out (in particular, although there are other items/services available in the book); 2) more organizations/schools have picked up this item and are using it to support their activities. [I felt guilty when the 8th-Grader in the neighborhood asked if I would support their Washington trip by buying the book, and I told him I was selling them, too, to benefit my Organization!]

We would encourage Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star and any other Organizations to become subscribers. This will allow them to communicate activities and fundraisers to their members.

The purpose of this explanation is to ask for your suggestions, opinions or comments, and is done at the recommendation of the members of the Board who were present at the meeting last month. If you care to participate, please send a letter or email - masonictimes@gmail.com - with your thoughts.

Thanks for reading. □

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### What's Happening

Our District Meeting was held on September 26th at our Chapter. The R.:E.: Paul Huck, Grand Master of the Third Veil, was present. He gave an excellent talk on the meaning of the Pass as he interprets it. All the Companions present came away with more knowledge of our Rite that night.

Our Candidates for the Degree were invited to the conferral of the Mark Master Mason and Past Master's Degree that were held in Batavia by LeRoy Chapter No. 183. Your High Priest had a part in the Past Master's Degree. I am sure the Candidates were suitably taken by the Degrees and will continue on to the Holy Royal Arch Degree.

### Grand Lecturer's Convention

The District 13 Grand Lecturer's Convention was held on October 2nd at Excelsior Chapter in Shortsville. This proved to be a very enlightening and interesting evening and short. The Grand Lecturer, R.:E.: Peter Pizzorno, gave an excellent overview of his take on how the presentation of the Ritual and how the individual Companions should view it. One of his concepts is that the Companion taking a part in a Degree should own the part. That means to become very familiar with the script and learning the words, but more importantly, present the part with meaning so the Candidate can better understand the full Degree.

The Convention was attended by Companions who are interested in the Ritual and the Rite. At our next Grand Lecturer's Convention next Fall, all Companions should plan on attending as you will be enlightened by the Grand Lecturer.

We will be at Northfield Lodge on November 7th to present the Peculiar Stone. It is a play that introduces the York Rite to Master Masons. The play



Companions who attended the District Meeting in September.

(Photos courtesy of R.:E.: John Dudley)

is short, but leads into the Mark Master Mason Degree, although only a York Rite Mason would know that from the presentation.

### Musings

Further to the talk given by R.:E.: Paul Huck on the Pass, there is much that can be learned about our Ritual and its meanings when time is taken to discuss it with knowledgeable Companions. This concept of discussing Masonic topics with knowledgeable people is in the charge of the 1st Degree. We need to extend the concept to the whole Fraternity, its Rites and Concordant Bodies. Much can be learned and the mind stretched in the discussions. If we keep our mind active in pondering and discussion of Masonic topics, we will set ourselves up to have a full, rich life and build many lifelong friendships.

As a Concordant Body of Freemasonry, we should look towards the source of our members. This, of course, is the Lodge. As Companions and Master Masons we each should support our Lodge and help it grow. As the Lodge grows so will the Chapter and the other Concordant Bodies grow.

How do we, as Companions, help our Lodge? The first way is to attend your Lodge meetings on a regular basis. Second, if needed, suggest possible Masonic programs to the Master of the Lodge. This will help the Master to have a great year and the brethren to enjoy the meetings. We have the Peculiar Stone Program which is both interesting and an introduction to the York Rite. We also have the Fervency and Zeal Program that also introduces the Rite to Master Masons.

The Grand Lodge Ritual Renewal Program is working to improve the presentation of the first three Degrees in the Lodge. We need to support this effort because those Brothers

who work on upgrading Lodge Ritual, when they become York Rite Masons will be better prepared to work in our Degrees, if they so desire. Our Grand Lecturer is looking to improve the meaningful presentation of the Chapter Degrees. It all fits together as a Fraternity to improve the Lodge work, which will extend to the Chapter work. We can then truly help good men become better men.



R.:E.: Paul G. Huck, Grand Master of the Third Veil, presented R.:E.: Charles M. Roberts his Zerubbabel Medal.

There is much that needs to be done to improve our world, country, state and community. I believe that, as Masons, we are the best prepared to help develop and implement needed changes as our Rituals give us the base lessons on which to build a better life. It should be noted that many of our country's best politicians have been or are Masons. We as a Fraternity should be taking the forefront in helping our world to improve itself. Well, I don't want to get into a political discussion as we, as Masons and Companions, will all have our own opinions that we, as good citizens, should express, but they should not interfere with our Brotherly love for each other. □

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Last month I concluded my article with a comment from Bernard of Clairvoix regarding armour. In the context of a 12th Century Crusade Knight below is a discussion of what that physical armour was.

### Arms and Accoutrement of the 12th Century Knight and Soldier

During the earlier Crusades, Plate Armour was unknown. The warrior depended entirely on his hauberk or sleeved coat of chain mail which reached from his neck to his knees, with leggings or stockings also of chain mail.

The head was also protected with a kind of hood of mail



German Pot Helmet, ca. 1200

which was sometimes attached to, or formed part of the hauberk, when the pot helmet or cap was not used. A steel cap with a bar descending over the nose, to protect the face, was also provided with a chain mail covering to the neck and sides of the face.

Towards the end of the Century the larger pot helmet, with holes and slits in it for seeing and breathing, was used as a head covering by the Knights, but the movable visor did not appear until the introduction of plate armour in the 14th Century.

Amongst the best illustrations of the 12th Century chain mail armour remaining are the effigies of the two Williams Longsword on their tombs in Salisbury Cathedral, the elder of whom was son of Henry II and Rosamund Clifford, which represent this type of armour without a helmet, and the Great Seal of Edward I who is portrayed thereon as wearing chain mail with a pot helmet of an ornamental kind, surmounted by a Royal Crown, as late as 1272\*. (\* Kingsford's "Crusades").

The chain mail hauberk was always covered by a surcoat of linen or silk, on which were appropriately embroidered the heraldic badges of the Knights, after the introduction of such distinguishing marks in the course of the Third Crusade.

"Heater" or kite-shaped shields are perhaps the most characteristic features of the armour of the 12th Century Knight. They were usually made of elm wood, covered with leather and appropriately painted. The use of the shield was not confined to the purpose implied by its name, but in the art of self defence it was handled in sword play, in the same manner as the dagger was part of the rapier fencing equipment at a later period.

Chain mail armour work over leather jerkins, and in some cases, supplemented by leather hardened in a particular way - boiling in oil and hammering on an anvil - was probably not so impervious to lethal weapons as the plate armour of a subsequent age. It was worn by the Crusaders and also in a very similar manner by their Saracen foes as the only possible kind of iron protection to the human body in battle, endurable in a hot climate. As such it remained in use amongst eastern nations until modern times.

### Weapons of the Crusaders

The Knights on horseback had a somewhat light form of lance, used for charging or hurling at the enemy, and a double-edged sword strapped on the left hip by a waist belt. On his right saddle-bow, the horseman usually carried a mace or battle axe.

The infantry, or men-at-arms were provided with heavy lanc-

es or pikes, and bills of different forms. They also carried battle-axes, maces, and swords.

The famous English long-bows used at Crécy and Poitiers with so much effect, in the 14th Century, were of little importance in the time of Richard Coeur de Lion, but the crossbow was perhaps the most important weapon of his period. Richard was himself adept in its use, and his death by a well-aimed quarrel from the walls of the Château de Chaluz possibly shows that chain mail was hardly proof against what Anna Comnena calls "the diabolical device" of the arbalest.

The mode of fighting and the equipment of the Crusaders were, to a very great extent, influenced by the contemporary customs of their Saracen enemies, and many developments of the medieval art of war are traceable to an eastern source.

Military discipline and drill as we understand such things at the present day could have been but little practiced in the medieval armies. Hand-to-hand combat was the method of fighting at that period and only on certain occasions were the men-at-arms required to form into square or line, in the simple manoeuvre of lowering their pikes with a holdfast in the ground, and thus to form a serried rank to receive a cavalry charge - a rare event in Europe where the cavalry consisted of isolated Knights on their chargers surrounded by their feudal levies.

Every form of exercise with arms of all kinds to be used in single combat was, of course, sedulously cultivated, as well as shooting at a target with bow and crossbow. Every man, whether Knight-on-horseback, or man-at-arms on foot had a more independent position in the *mêlée*

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I hope our Brothers and their families have been enjoying our warm Fall weather. We have been doing some outside work at the Lodge Hall. A stockade fence has been installed at the Southwest corner of our property to stop the foot traffic through that area and, hopefully, to also stop all the trash that was being dropped in that area. We have also installed plywood outside where the building lights were. Hopefully, this will stop the squirrels from chewing through and going into the attic area.

The six-foot round stained glass Masonic window that was in the front of the old Lodge Building has been refurbished

and installed in the peak at the East end of our new Lodge Building. This window will be backlit to showcase the old stained glass from the mid-1800s.

The Rainbow Girls from Batavia Assembly No. 21 had their Installation at Olive Branch Lodge Hall on October 3rd.

#### Grand Lecturer's Convention

On November 7th, the Grand Lecturer's Convention for Genesee-Wyoming District will be held at Olive Branch Lodge Hall; Dinner at 5:45 p.m., the Convention starting at 7:30 p.m. Come enjoy a meal of Salad, Olive Branch Chicken Cacciatore, Baked Ziti, Mixed Vegetables and Dessert.

One of our members, Colin Dentino, is a web designer and has graciously agreed to design and host a website to the LeRoy Community Center and Olive Branch Lodge. More information to follow as the websites progress.

The Worshipful Master and his Officer Line extend a very happy Thanksgiving to all our Brothers and their families. ☐

smoke Country Grill for dinner then went to the Lodge Hall. Along with R.:W.: Munger were R.:W.: Doug Stanley, Grand Director of Ceremonies, and R.:W.: Neil Bedford from Genesee-Wyoming District, as his guests for the night. Our special guest was R.:W.: Floyd Manley, who received his 50-year Apron, Pin and Certificate. It was great to see the special presentation of the Apron. Floyd has been an important part of the Lodge for a long time and we owe it to Brothers like him to get it back on its feet.

Also, Brother Michael Brown received his Master Mason Certificate. Thank you, R.:W.: John Gallant, for providing those Awards for the evening. We followed up the meeting with a little bit of fellowship and snacks provided by W.: Derek Howlett and some cards.

On Saturday, October 5th, we had our first of three Open Houses, taking part in the Harvest Hop in town. We had around 30-40 guests stop by. They were given tours by R.:W.: John Gallant, W.: Rick LaFave, W.: Derek Howlett, Brothers Jim Manning, Michael Brown and me. Thanks to John and Michael's wives for providing such delicious cookies, which people enjoyed with coffee on the front porch of the building. Again, it was great to be able to talk with some of the people of Caledonia and show them that we are still a viable Lodge and part of the community.

We had some great discussions with people about what we do and spent some time dispelling myths about Masonic practices and history. It was great to see the faces of people we talked to, they seemed genuinely interested and enjoyed their brief stay with us.

With all of this excitement comes more as we have several potential Candidates with whom we are in the process of working through the Petition process. Wouldn't it be great to have to ask for a Dispensation for a larger number of new members to be given their Degrees? We're working on that. Thanks to W.: LaFave, W.: Steven Cross, and Brothers Brown and Manning for helping this along.

#### Mark Your Calendar

**Date Change!** - On November 18th, we will be having our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night to help introduce ourselves to these potential new members. This is a change from the date on my Trestleboard, so please mark your calendar!

November 2nd and December 7th - We will be hosting two breakfasts at the Lodge Hall for two more Community-wide Events ... November 2nd will be the Peddlers Market and December 7th will be the Hometown Holidays Celebration. We will need plenty of hands to help and will be opening up early for the vendors and early birds; Breakfast will be at 7 a.m.

Also in December, we will be having a Holiday Dinner for our families before the Lodge meeting.

I hope to see you along the way. ☐

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Fall is here and the hillsides have come alive with color. We are once again reminded of the beauty that is all around us and the bounty that our beautiful Finger Lakes provide. Fall has started with a very busy schedule around the District and I thank you all for your support and participation in the many events and programs taking place.

Among the many things on the Trestleboard, Ark Lodge presented a DeWitt Clinton Award to Mr. Charles Bauder of Geneva for his many years of service to the community. On October 2nd more than 70 Brothers, their families and members of the community gathered at the Geneva Country Club for the presentation.

The DeWitt Clinton Award recognizes distinguished or outstanding community service by a non-Masonic organization or individual whose actions exemplify a shared concern for the well-being of Mankind and a belief in the worldwide Brotherhood of Man.

Mr. Bauder has served as President of the Board of Directors of the Downtown Geneva Business Development District, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Geneva Area Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of

the Board of Directors of the Geneva Chapter of the American Red Cross, President of the Board of Trustees of the Geneva Free Library, and President of the Board of Trustees of the Geneva Historical Society - to list just some of the many ways he has served his community. He has truly led a life of service and an example to others.

As part of the evening's presentation, R.:W.: James H. Rice, Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, gave an interesting and informative talk on M.:W.: DeWitt Clinton, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York 1806 - 1819. DeWitt Clinton's life was certainly one of service as he served as Mayor of New York City, Governor of New York State, member of the House of Representatives and as our Grand Master.

#### Upcoming Events

November 4th - DDGM Official Visit at Canandaigua Lodge, 7:30 p.m.

November 9th - O/S/Y Association Meeting at Canandaigua Masonic Hall, 9 a.m.; Breakfast prior at Grandpa's in Manchester, corner of Routes 96 and 21, at 8 a.m. The First Session of the *Road to the East* will follow the meeting.

November 12th - District Deputy Grand Master's Official Visit at Eagle Lodge, 7:30 p.m.

November 14th - DDGM Official Visit at Geneva Lodge, 7:30 p.m.

November 19th - DDGM Official Visit at Farmerville-Union Lodge, 7:30 p.m.

November 26th - DDGM Official Visit at Pocahontas Lodge, 7:30 p.m. ☐

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smoke Country Grill on Route 5 between Caledonia and LeRoy. We've had a good turnout for dinner and eaten some very good food; and also spoke to a few curious patrons about who we were and what we were doing. It's surprising that many people think the building is abandoned and we don't exist, which fuels more of the debate over what we haven't been doing in the past and that we must do more to let people know we are here and we want to be an ACTIVE part of the Caledonia community.

The September Association Dinner was at Eunice Lodge Hall. As always, Rick LaFave put on a great dinner for everyone. It was great to see the dining room full of Brothers eating good food and sharing great stories for the night.

Our Lodge meeting in October was the Official Visit of District Deputy Grand Master, R.:W.: Donald "Doc" Munger. We started out at the Gun-

Well, it's been a busy couple of months for the Brothers of Eunice Lodge. We have made it our mission this year to be more visible in the community and I have to say, so far we have been doing quite a good job.



On September 21st we participated in the Olde Country Faire in the Village. Rain didn't dampen the spirits or the popcorn as several of us set up under the tents and spent the rainy afternoon talking, eating popcorn and meeting the people of Caledonia.

We've also been having our pre-Lodge dinners at the Gun-



Brothers present for Apron Presentation to R.:W.: Floyd Manley.

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By George Stanton

Just a quick message this month so you can note our upcoming plans ...

November 4th - Official Visit of R.:W.: Jed Brandow, District Deputy Grand Master

November 18th - 2nd Degree

December 16th - 3rd Degree

We need help for all of the above, please volunteer. ☐

### Garoga-Sincerity Lodge No. 200

1st & 3rd  
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At our October 1st Communication, Brother John L. Bowles was recognized for 50 years of service to the Fraternity. With the assistance of W.: Kenneth Gibbs, R.:W.: Jed Brandow, District Deputy Grand Master, presented Brother Bowles with his 50-year Apron, Certificate and Service Pin.

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!



R.:W.: Ronald Galens, O/S/Y Golf Tournament Chair, presented certificates to Hole Sponsors of the 2013 Tournament. R.:W.: Clayton Ruggles was presented recognition as a Silver Sponsor, R.:W.: Ramon Howard as a Gold Sponsor, and Brother Daniel Biery as a Platinum Sponsor. Brother Galens extended his appreciation to all in making the Tournament a fine success. He noted that he was turning over Chairmanship to Brother Greg Seaborn of Canandaigua Lodge.

On October 5th, the Lodge provided facilities to a committee hosting a benefit Spaghetti Dinner for the Moulton Family of Sodus. Proceeds went to help with expenses related to the deaths of the mother and daughter killed during an attempted robbery.

**Sickness and Distress**

A Masonic Memorial Service for Brother Ronald VanCamp, who died on September 27th, was held at the United Church on Saturday, October 5th. Brother VanCamp was a 44-year member of the Lodge, having been Raised on April 1, 1969. The Lodge extends its sympathy to his wife, Sue, and family.

**November Birthdays**

We send November birthday greetings to Brothers Stephen Phillips (1st), Daniel Biery (3rd), Paul Adams (7th), James Allen (8th), William Hargrove (12th), Robert Kloepfel (15th), Douglas Nicot (17th) and Scott MacDonell (20th).

**Masonic Anniversaries**

The following Brothers were Raised in November:

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

**Ark Lodge**  
**No. 33, F. & A.M.**  
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On October 2nd, Ark Lodge presented Mr. Charles Bauder the DeWitt Clinton Award for exceptional service by a non-Mason to the Geneva Commu-

nity. Seventy people gathered at the Geneva Country Club for the presentation. The R.:W.: James Rice, Grand Historian of the Grand Lodge, gave a short talk on the life of DeWitt Clinton. As the members of Ark Lodge should know, we have a special bond with DeWitt Clinton in that he was Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York and signed the original Charter of Ark Lodge on September 2, 1807. The Award was presented by R.:W.: Jed Brandow, District Deputy Grand Master, and W.: Thomas Abraham, Master of the Lodge. Mr. Bauder was humbled and honored to receive the Award.

The evening was a true witness to the value of Freemasonry, as Masons and non-Masons were able to break bread together for the common good. The evening ended on a very positive note when one of the guests requested a Petition to join the Lodge.

Our Lodge is again considering moving our Charter and need the input of each and every Brother. What makes a Masonic Lodge - the building or the Brothers? The Lodge is important in a community to make the Fraternity known.

However, it is the fellowship of the Brothers that make Freemasonry what it is. I have consistently asked the Brothers to attend a Lodge other than Ark Lodge to meet and greet your fellow Brothers. We must move beyond a parochial way of thinking to move to a more universal concept of the Fraternity. Only then will you realize the true beauty of the Craft. Freemasons make Masonry, not the edifices in which we meet.

It has been said to me by several Brothers that eventually there will be four or more Lodges that will come together to meet in one location. This makes a lot of practical sense in having one building, shared by several Lodges, working together to do the work of Freemasons. We could have more of an impact in our community if we weren't always talking about the building but rather using our resources for the betterment of the community.

We need to think more about becoming active participants in Freemasonry. Each Brother has a lot to contribute to the well-being of our beloved Fraternity. Now is the time to step up, renew your obligation to the Lodge and get involved. As the Nike ad admonishes, "Just Do It."

**Mark Your Calendar**

- November 14th - Stated Communication of Geneva Lodge
- November 20th - Stated Communication of Ark Lodge - 2nd Degree

# Wayne District

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Halloween is already behind us and the Holidays approach. We are entering the time of the year when families gather and communities celebrate the blessings of the harvest and reflect on the year past. Please take time, individually and as Lodges, to reach out to our Brothers and their families who may be alone, in need or unable to get out and around on their own. Make arrangements to give a Brother a ride to Lodge; gather donations to local food pantries; spend a Saturday afternoon raking the yard of a Brother's widow or cleaning the gutters for a Brother serving overseas. These are the things that make our obligations live and meaningful and helps us all remember the true meaning of giving.

During November, please consider going with me and the Wayne District Team during our Official Visits around the District. We are often spoiled by the talents of the cooks at the District Lodges and are grateful for the generosity and hospitality we receive.

**District Official Visits**

- Monday, November 4th - North Rose-Wolcott Lodge
- Wednesday, November 6th - Drumlin Square Lodge, Palmyra
- Wednesday, November 13th - Humanity Lodge

Dinners will precede each meeting at 6:30 p.m.; reservations may be made through the Secretary of each Lodge.

Monday, November 11th - Masters and Wardens Association for Wayne District.

This month's meeting will be hosted by Drumlin Square Lodge, Palmyra. Dinner will precede the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Reservations may be made through the Association Secretary, R.:W.: Richard Brewer ([brewerjmc@verizon.net](mailto:brewerjmc@verizon.net)). If anyone has a topic they would like to present to the Association, arrangements can be made through the association President, R.:W.: William Benedict ([wcb059@hotmail.com](mailto:wcb059@hotmail.com)).

Please also remember that applications for the Distinguished Service Award and the Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Awards are due. These awards are a way to honor deserving Brothers within our Lodges. Also, the Scottish Rite Symbolic Awards will be presented at the Damascus Shrine Center of Rochester, 979 Bay Road, Webster, on Saturday, December 7th.

Finally, congratulations to Brother Trevor Davie of Sodus

Lodge and his bride, Anna (Peters) Davie. The couple were married on October 5th. Trevor's step-father, Lynn Carlisle, is also a member of Sodus Lodge and Anna's family boasts numerous members of both Sodus and Pultneyville Lodges from the Patriarch of the family, Chester Peters, to her father, Jim, uncles and others. A long life of joy and happiness to the couple!  
 Happy Thanksgiving! □

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Happy Thanksgiving to all! I second the sentiments of R.:W.: DeWispelaere in his article. November and December are wonderful months to enjoy Fraternal and family times. I am enjoying our second round of Official Visits in the Wayne District. Thank you for your kind words, smiles and warm handshakes. It's really heartwarming to realize how many friends and Brothers one comes to know traveling around the Fraternity.

I encourage all Brothers to try to travel to other Lodges. Many Masons in our District enjoy belonging to Concordant Bodies in the York Rite and Scottish Rite and gain more Masonic education by participating in their Degrees. I can assist in making contact with these groups if you ask me.

I am open to suggestions for time and date for the Masonic Development Course. The MDC explores the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degrees more deeply. Last year we tried Thursday evenings and the response was poor. Would Saturday mornings or afternoons be better? Let me hear your thoughts.

Lady Marilyn and I wish you a very happy and filling Thanksgiving! There are many opportunities to donate to food pantries and churches to give others a better Thanksgiving. May God bless you and our service people wherever they may be serving our Nation. □

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My thanks and congratulations to the Brothers who worked, rehearsed and were successful in accomplishing the Rit-

ual for the 1st Degree on October 16th. Well done! They are now hard at labor for the 2nd Degree scheduled for December 4th. All able Brothers are encouraged to attend and support the Team. It is anticipated that at least one Brother, and perhaps more, will become Fellowcraft.

If you have not made your reservations for our Official Visit and Dinner on November 6th, call the Secretary NOW to make your reservation to hear the messages from our District Deputy Grand Master and Staff Officers and also to enjoy the Dinner provided by the Eastern Star Ladies. It will be a grand night.

Discussing this newsletter with Brother Rob Zannin who did a super job last year preparing this article, we both agreed that it really is a challenge to remember what month you are writing an article for. Writing an article about a month that hasn't occurred yet (today is October 3rd) and hoping that what you are expecting to happen a month away will really take place is weird.

This brings me back to reality. For your information, Canal Town Day was a successful event for the Temple Association. Thanks go out to Mildred DePew and Tom Krest for their efforts in scheduling all those who labored.

Dave Taber, Dick Brewer and Jim McGraw worked behind the scenes to help wherever needed and to insure that the Civil Air Patrol Volunteers, led by Joel Talbo, enabled us to enter over 30 Children into the Masonic Child Safety ID Program. Also, thanks to the Canal Town Information Booth for continuing to announce that the unscheduled ID Program was taking place. Child ID WILL be part of and printed in the Canal Day Program next year.

Voting on the Application for Affiliation by Jim McGraw resulted in a Clear Ballot and we welcome Jim to Drumlin Square Lodge. He has already shown what an asset he will be to the Lodge.

Robert Baumgartner was appointed as Lodge Representative for the Masonic Home and he will be glad to obtain any information about the Facility you desire. Remember the Masonic Care Community and the Brotherhood Fund.

Put a little strain on that Cabletaw and be a Participant. □

**Mark Your Calendar!**

**Webster Lodge No. 538**  
 Sesquicentennial  
 1864 - 2014

*Celebrating 150 years of*  
**Friendship, Morality & Brotherly Love**

**Thursday**  
**March 6, 2014**  
 at Webster Golf Club

*Join Webster Lodge Brothers, the Grand Master and Grand Line*  
 Reservation information available soon.



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# Monroe District

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## District Deputy Grand Master Monroe District

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Thanksgiving can be a time of reflection; being grateful for what we have; counting our blessings and not our troubles.

Benevolence is one of the core values of our Fraternity. In his *Encyclopedia of Freemasonry*, Ill.: Albert Mackey describes benevolence as a spirit. He explains that, "This spirit should pervade the hearts of all Masons, who are taught to look upon mankind as formed by the Grand Architect of the Universe for the mutual assistance, instruction and support of each other."

In the May 2013 Edition of the *Short Talk Bulletin*, titled "Heart and Soul of Freemasonry," the Editor recounts two episodes of this benevolence, as recounted by the Grand Masters of both Pennsylvania and Ohio.

In Pennsylvania, a Brother from South Carolina needed to come to Philadelphia because his pregnant wife was carrying a child in need of specialized medical care. This traveling Brother's own Grand Lodge (South Carolina) reached out to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania seeking aid and assistance for this Brother and his family.

Lodges within the Masonic District near Philadelphia came together and pooled their resources to help this Brother. An all-expense-paid furnished apartment was obtained for this Brother and his family while his wife was in the hospital.

Unfortunately, this child passed away shortly after birth. The Masons of Pennsylvania, feeling the grief of this family, arranged for a minister for this family.

While attending a Jobs Daughters meeting, the Grand Master of Ohio learned of the plight of a girl named Emily. Emily had cancer. Her family, in addition to this challenge, lost their home; one parent lost a job, and the car didn't run. Answering the call, Brothers from all over Ohio, including Concordant and Allied Masonic Bodies, came up with \$40,000 to assist the family. A trust was later established to help manage these donations.

Benevolence can take many forms; it's not about the money ... it's about comforting those in need. In the August 2013 Edition of the *Short Talk Bulletin*, the Editor recounts an episode of benevolence witnessed by the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota. A fatal car crash took the lives of four Michigan Masons while driving in South Dakota. The lone survivor was airlifted to a hospital in Minnesota.

A call for aid and assistance for the family of this surviving Mason was made to the Grand Lodge of Minnesota from the Grand Lodge of Michigan. Offers were made for lodging and any other needs this family might require during their vigil at the local hospital. Visits to the family by Masons were made to let them know that the Fraternity cared.

While the family did not require any financial or other in-kind assistance, the fact that the Fraternity showed up to express their care and concern, meant more to this family than could be imagined. This surviving Mason, touched by this care and concern wrote "... It's only when adversity strikes, that you really know how much people care ...". His son was so impressed by the willingness of one Mason helping another, that he has expressed an interest in becoming one.

Within our own District, I have witnessed similar acts of benevolence ... putting together care packages for soldiers serving overseas, raising funds for a family or Brother in need, and visiting Brothers recuperating in a hospital or nursing home.

Benevolence can also take the form of paying respects to the Brother who has passed on to that undiscovered country. Having attended Masonic Funeral Services over the years, I have seen firsthand how much it means to the surviving family. How much it means to them to witness Brothers giving testimony, by the simple act of their presence.

My best wishes to you and your family for a joyous Thanksgiving.

## Grand Directors of Ceremonies



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Happy Thanksgiving!!! You can feel the Season changing and everyone knows what is next to come ... yes, snow, then Santa Claus. We have had a lot of fun visiting with the Brothers at our Official Visits and both Rob and I thank you for all your support. It really means a lot to the both of us.

### Widows Luncheon

As we have been discussing at the Official Visits, we need every Lodge to stay in touch with their widows and we would like this year's Widows Luncheon to be very well attended by all 12 Lodges. Start now to plan the day - Saturday, May 3, 2014 at Burgundy Basin.

### Welcome Home, Honor Flight

What fantastic days we had on September 15th and September 29th at the Monroe County

Airport when Brothers from around the District welcomed first Brother Ken Rhodes and second Brother Mat Gingold back home from their Honor Flight trips to Washington, DC.

If you have never been to an Honor Flight Reception, I strongly urge you to attend one. Simply put, it is so gratifying to honor our heroes and thank these brave men and women who served and sacrificed for our Country. With tears in your eyes you really can sense how much it means to each soldier as he makes his way through the reception line. The smiles on their faces is something I will remember for a long time to come.

We are so glad that Brothers Ken and Mat were able to attend and we again thank them for their sacrifices and years of hard work they have dedicated to our great Fraternity.

### Mark Your Calendar

Please mark the dates for the *Road to the East* Program to be held at the Shrine Center, 979 Bay Road, Webster. This class will be held on two separate dates - February 22nd and March 8th. The classes start at 8 a.m. and end at 2 p.m. Please email R.:W.: Rob Buchanan at [rob.buchanan479@gmail.com](mailto:rob.buchanan479@gmail.com) or R.:W.: Michael Hueston at [mph0523@frontiernet.net](mailto:mph0523@frontiernet.net). We are taking reservations now and really enjoy teaching this Course.

We really have so much to be thankful for this year and our hope is that you have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving. We look forward to seeing you at the District events. God bless you and your family.



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It is my pleasure to report on the 2013 Grand Lecturer's Convention held on October 15th. Our host for the event was Inspiration Lodge. The evening commenced with a social at 6 p.m., followed by a delicious Steak Dinner at 6:30 p.m., provided by Maximilian's Catering. The food was outstanding thanks to Kevin Gerhard and his son, Maverick! Everything was perfect, right down to the custom-made Ice Cream and Chocolate Masonic desserts!

At 7:30 p.m., R.:W.: Phil Hurwitz, DDGM, opened the Lodge and introduced our guest speaker, R.:W.: Robert Strang, Grand Lecturer for the State of New York.

The Officers of Inspiration Lodge were in their usual places and stations, with R.:W.: Mike Hueston in the East as the work of the evening began, which highlighted the First Section of the Entered Apprentice Degree. R.:W.: Strang brought his usual sense of humor to the discussion infused with some very good information.

Sometimes, in Ritual, we tend to become complacent and may not stay as proficient as we could be. Some may have also learned parts of it incorrectly and practicing with others who have more experience can keep you at the top of your performance level. R.:W.: Strang also pointed out that proper enunciation and pacing are equally as important.

Candidates may have a name that is difficult to pronounce, or easily misinterpreted, so it's very important to talk to them prior to the Degree, and learn how their name is to be pronounced. Then let all of those participating in the Degree know as well. You want to be right and consistent when it comes to new members, as it really helps to contribute to their overall Degree experience. These are all things I've touched upon during schools of Ritual in the past and it was great to see the Grand Lecturer mirror my thoughts.

Remember, you only have ONE chance to make a FIRST impression. It is never more vital than during the Entered Apprentice Degree. I sincerely thank R.:W.: Strang for coming to share his years of experience and Masonic knowledge with us!

At this year's Grand Lecturer's Convention, it was determined that the following Lodges had enough Officers in attendance to qualify them for the Howard W. Potts Award. Inspiration, Northfield, Seneca, Union

*Oh, Lord, now this we're thankful for:  
The good things life has held in store;  
The love of those within our home,  
And friends to greet wherever we roam;  
The health and strength wherewith to toil,  
The bounteous food from freedom's soil;  
We thank Thee for the right to pray  
And worship Thee in our own way;  
To live within a land that's free;  
For this, dear Lord, our thanks to Thee;  
And through these blessings, one by one,  
May Thy will, Lord, on earth be done!*

Happy Thanksgiving to all of you and your families! I look forward to seeing you all soon!

## Area 15 Brotherhood Fund

R.:W.:  
Derek VanHouten  
Monroe District

The 2013-2014 Brotherhood Fund started October 1st for this year. R.:W.: Mike Hueston, (Monroe), R.:W.: Richard Brewer (Wayne) and W.: Robert Cox (Livingston) are the Chairmen of their respective Districts. Each Lodge in each District should have their own Lodge Chairman; try to pick someone who will have this assignment for a number of years, as it takes time to get to know the members and widows of your Lodge.

Star and Wakan-Hubbard. The Masters of these Lodges will be presented the Award during the Grand Lodge Convention in May 2014. Congratulations to all!

Finally, this year's Grand Lecturer's Convention Attendance Banner is going to Inspiration Lodge! Well done, Brothers! Display the Banner proudly within the walls of your Lodge!

It was great seeing so many of you at this year's Grand Lecturer's Convention and visiting with the Masters and Line Officers. However, I remind ALL Masonic Members that the Grand Lecturer's Convention and Schools of Ritual are not exclusive to your Line Officers. ALL Master Masons are welcome and highly encouraged to participate as well.

Remember, the more members your Lodge has in attendance, the better your chances are that you'll earn the SOR Attendance Banner. Plus it's a chance for you to obtain more Light in Masonry! I would urge all Masters to reach out to your members and talk to them about the benefits of joining us at the Schools of Ritual. I'd love to see all of you in the Quarries!

Finally, November is a time to give thanks. I personally have many things to be thankful for in life and I am sure you do, too! I'll leave you with one of my favorite Thanksgiving Blessings from Arthur R. Herrmann at the Masonic Poets Society ...

Remember, every donation is a TAX-DEDUCTIBLE DONATION ... whether it's \$1 or \$100, every penny goes to the Brotherhood Fund to help support the programs of Grand Lodge.

During recent weather-related disasters, the Grand Master was able to provide funds to help our Brothers and Sisters in the affected areas. There are new additional instructions for this year's Campaign and I will get these handouts to the Wayne and Livingston District Chairs.

The Brotherhood Fund Campaign has been an Annual Campaign as long as I have been in the Craft...almost 30 years. Many millions of dollars have been raised for Grand Lodge Programs. Please consider digging into your pocket to help out.

**Monroe District  
Table Lodge**

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**March 31, 2014**

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## Monroe District Masters and Wardens Association

By Stephan Michener, President

The Masters and Wardens Association (M&W) had its first meeting for the year on September 30th at Northfield Lodge Hall. W.: Jeff Van Sice prepared a fantastic meal of Lasagna, Salad and Garlic Bread, with Apple Cobbler for dessert - all for only 5 bucks! Wow! It was thoroughly enjoyed by all Brothers who attended, representing nine out of our District's twelve Lodges. Clio, ERAC, Fairport-Flower City, Inspiration, Northfield, Oatka, Seneca, Union Star and Unity were represented. We hope at future meetings Fame, Wakan-Hubbard and Webster will be present.

During the meeting an interesting question was asked by W.: Ken Tomaszewski from Union Star. "Let me see a show of hands of how many think their Lodges usually have an interesting program?" Only a couple of hands went up. He asked a follow-up question, "How many Lodges always

have some sort of Masonic program?" Only one hand went up.

This is exactly what the Masters and Wardens Association is attempting to address this year. We are asking every Lodge to take a close look at any Masonic-oriented Program it has offered during the past few years and ask the Brother who presented it if he would be willing to make it known to all Lodges that he has a program to offer. If so, please add the information to the survey your Lodge should have received by now. The surveys have been emailed and sent by snail mail to Masters and Wardens of all Lodges. Please read the letter accompanying the survey in Lodge and ask your Brothers to participate.

Once the surveys are returned to us, we will compile a list of current offerings from around the District so Masters have it available as they prepare to schedule Lodge meetings that are educational, entertaining and inspirational.

Our November Masters and Wardens Meeting will be held at Unity Lodge Hall in Spencerport on Tuesday, November 26th, at 6 p.m. Dinner will be served and we'll continue to share ideas about what we can do to make our Lodge meetings the best they can be. We'll also see if W.: Jeff can top that Lasagna. □

### UNITY

Lodge No. 479  
2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 p.m.



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We are off to an excellent start to our Masonic Year. We had a successful Official Visit, had some fun times with our Past Masters Night, an excellent and well done 1st Degree, where we welcomed four new Brothers into the Craft! I hope you all enjoyed my talk about the "Three Lesser Lights." I know I enjoyed researching the information and presenting it to all who attended.

I congratulate Junior Warden, Brother Bob Songin, on a job well done in the East for the 1st Degree, and thank all the Brothers who came out to participate.

The month of November brings some busy times to all our lives, with the Holidays starting, hunting seasons and whatever else comes into our Trestleboard. I would encourage all members to attend Lodge meetings, as the Officers have been working very hard to make the programs interesting and inviting to all. We have made it a point to start on time and close at a reasonable hour so all can enjoy our nights together.

#### Masonic Funerals

My last subject is about Masonic Funerals. I know there is never a good time to have a funeral, but it happens - all too often, as of late. I remind all our Craft ... it is our DUTY to attend ANY funeral for a Brother who has laid down his Working Tools. This brings our respect for the Craft, and the respect for the Brother to light to the family and the community. We have all given a lot to the Craft and I know that I, for one, expect that when my time comes, there will be many Brothers present to send me on and bring some comfort to my family; that all my actions here in this world have better prepared me for the next. So please, Brothers, make it a priority to attend any and all Masonic Services you can. I cannot tell you how much comfort our presence brings to the departed's family.

Until we meet again, always seek more light. □

### CLIO

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#### Hilton Apple Fest

October started with the Hilton Apple Fest and, as always, Clio was there with a booth selling Meatball Subs. This year, we took on a second

fundraising venture - a Chicken Bar-B-Que at the Car Show next to Apple Fest.

The weather reports were kind of scary, but on Saturday the rain only came down long enough to give us Brothers a good soaking as we were loading things into our Meatball tent. Once we were settled inside, the rain stopped (of course) and it turned out to be a nice day.

Luckily, the Bar-B-Que Brothers had a pop-up tent over the grill to keep the flame from going out, and once the rain stopped, the people started coming and bought every chicken we had to sell. They also bought just about all our Meatball Subs, so all-in-all, it was an excellent day for us. Sunday... well... that's another story, but Saturday made up for it!

It took a lot of time and effort from many Brothers to pull off these events simultaneously, but we did it! I thank you, my Brothers, for all your hard work. You really went out of your way this month to make these ventures successful. But it was not all work, of course. We each got to enjoy the Fest and sample the fine wares of the other booths. One Brother, Ben Herron, even participated in the Pie-Eating Contest. Hilton's small-town Americana vibe, with its parades, carnivals and Apple Fest, harkens back to a simpler time, celebrating its community and its community organizations. I, personally, find that exceedingly refreshing and am glad that Clio participates and embraces "the little Village with the big heart."

#### November Events

On Tuesday, November 5th, the 1st Degree will be conferred by Past Master, Michael Postilli. As of this writing, we have 10

Petitioners, which ties the record since I've been in Lodge (a whopping four years come December!)

#### Abe Lincoln Comes to Clio

On Tuesday, November 19th, John Lemke of the Scottish Rite will be presenting a Program about Abraham Lincoln, "The Peacemakers." We are doubly privileged, not only by having John and his team present it, but that the 19th marks the 150th Anniversary of the Gettysburg Address. A more fitting program for that night I cannot imagine, and I thank John for giving Clio the honor on this important anniversary.

There will be a Spaghetti Dinner at 6:30 p.m., the price being \$6. If you wish to attend and have dinner, please RSVP to Pete Matthews at 392-0799 (email: [clio.pete@gmail.com](mailto:clio.pete@gmail.com)) by Friday, November 15th so we'll know how much Spaghetti to fix! The program will start at 7:30 p.m. and will be presented in Open Lodge so Masons and non-Masons alike may enjoy it.

#### November Birthdays

Clio Lodge wishes a very Happy Birthday to Brothers William E. Burdick, Stephen L. Burritt, Jerold J. Gilmore and Richard L. Caupp. Enjoy your day, Brothers.

#### Closing Thoughts

Sorry for the brevity of this month's message, but like the rest of the Clio Brothers, Master Pete is pooped! But, they say a picture is worth a thousand words, so enjoy those thousands with the photos from our Apple Fest Events!

#### November Calendar Events

November 5th - 1st Degree  
November 13th - Spaghetti Dinner  
November 19th - John Lemke's "The Peacemakers." Open meeting. Dinner (\$6) at 6:30 p.m., Program at 7:30 p.m. □

### O-At-Ka

Lodge No. 759  
7:30 p.m., 2nd & 4th Wednesdays



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We had a successful Official Visit by R.: W.: Phil Hurwitz, District Deputy Grand Master; Grand Directors of Ceremonies, R.: W.: Mike Hueston, and R.: W.: Rob Buchanan; and a message from R.: W.: George Foehner on the 2014 *Have-a-Heart* Campaign. A sumptuous Roast Beef Dinner was served up by W.: Tim White and his bride, Shelly; we thank them both wholeheartedly.

As we read in the last **Masonic Times**, "Mr. Mom" (R.: W.: Rob Buchanan) is now joined, after 11 months apart, by his wife, Kellie, returning from active duty in Afghanistan. We wish them well for some truly needed family time.

On Sunday, November 10th, we have scheduled our Ladies



Distinguished guests at the Oatka Lodge Official Visit were (from left): R.: W.: George Foehner; W.: Terrance Wright, Master; R.: W.: Phillip Hurwitz, DDGM; R.: W.: Michael Hueston and R.: W.: Robert Buchanan, Grand Directors of Ceremonies.



**FAME**  
Lodge No. 722

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October has quickly passed, and the Holidays are just around the corner.

Here is a shout out to Brothers from Fame Lodge. In September, some of our Brothers spent a Saturday morning helping at the Masonic Service Bureau cleaning medical equipment. Several Lodges from the District were represented along with our very own V.:W.: Dan Walker, W.: Andy McBride, W.: Jason Gartland and Brother Tom McCulloch. In short order, all the equipment was clean with all the help on hand. Thank you again to our Brothers for coming out and assisting.

The October 10th meeting was our Official Visit. R.:W.: Phillip Hurwitz, District Deputy Grand Master, shared the Grand Master's Message. Our District Officers, Grand Directors of Ceremonies, R.:W.: Robert Buchanan and R.:W.: Michael Hueston, shared their message and priorities for the upcoming year. Prior to the Official Visit, we enjoyed a delicious Fall Harvest Dinner.

#### Mark Your Calendar

November 14th – We have only one meeting for the month of November. We will have a dinner before the meeting at 6:30 p.m. The program for the night will be our Awards Ceremony. Please come and enjoy a great dinner and congratulate our Award Recipients.

Hope to see you in Lodge and have a Happy Thanksgiving. ☐

**Seneca Lodge**  
No. 797

2nd Tuesdays  
7:30 p.m.

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November is upon us and with it comes cooler weather, the beginning of the Holiday Season and ... Table Lodge!

First, I thank several Brothers and friends of our Lodge for their hard work last month as we held our Annual Brother Bring-a-Friend Night and St. Andrews visit.

The BBF evening resulted in several new potential Masons submitting Petitions for Membership, in no small thanks due

to the efforts of Brothers Dick Shellman, Mike Ferguson and Pierre Suarez (a new Master Mason Brother). It was an exciting evening and excellent program; thanks to all Brothers of Seneca who welcomed the Applicants with open arms.

On November 12th – One of my favorite meetings - Table Lodge. We will be dining, toasting, celebrating and bonding in a fashion not seen at any other Table Lodge, past or present. Seneca puts a special twist on the evening by piping in an actual Haggis and Single Malt Scotch, escorted by the aforementioned Jeff, Wayne and Gordon. I had never tried Haggis before last year's table Lodge, and I was pleasantly surprised by actually enjoying it! It was just like Pâté! I guess there is high-quality Haggis out there, and I thank our Junior Warden, Jeff Quartley, for finding it! For those of you not adventurous enough to give it a try, we will, of course, have a wonderful meal provided by Chef Jerry. There will be plenty of "normal" foods at this event so don't let the Haggis scare you away!

Last year we were treated by the attendance of our DDGM, R.:W.: Phil Hurwitz, who after the event said our Table Lodge should be an annual must. And so it is. So if you attended last year, you know what a fun Brotherly bonding event our Table Lodge is. If you have attended other Table Lodges in the past, come out and check out how the present day Seneca celebrates a Table Lodge. And if you have not attended a Table Lodge or cannot attend many meetings during the year, this event is not to be missed! So please, please make your reservations with Brother Quartley and join us for what promises to be one of the 2013 – 2014 highlights!

#### November Birthdays

I take this opportunity to recognize Brothers born in November: Tom Foote (7th), Pete Haake (9th), George Phapow (11th), Cam Jameson (14th), Bill Blamire (21st), Doug Blue (25th) and Mike Ferguson (30th). Thank you to all our November-born Brothers for your service to our Lodge no matter how long ago it may have been. Whether you live near or far, 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.

Remember ... a reservation made is a reservation paid! And reservations are a must!!! ☐

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**WEBSTER**  
Lodge No. 538

1st & 3rd Thursdays  
7:30 p.m.

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By R.:W.: Dave Allen

Because of the persistent demands placed upon your Officers – I mean many rehearsals – our 1st Degree was "letter perfect!!!" Granted, some prompts were required, but our hats off to everyone from the two Stewards on up who had speaking parts. I particularly congratulate our Junior Warden, Brother Jeremy Knox, who, from the East, was letter perfect; and Marshal Jim Young made all the right moves.

I spoke to the newly made Entered Apprentices afterward and all were impressed and looking forward to the next lesson. If that evening was any indication of what is in store for this year, we can be "damn proud" of the Officers and Members of Webster Lodge.

Next, I'm sure that our "sneaky" Senior Warden, Brother Al Borrino, really enjoyed seeing the expressions on the members' faces when they viewed for the first time the new addition to our Altar - a work of art! I'm not going to divulge what it appears to be, but believe me, Brothers; it's the work of a true Craftsman! A suitable plaque will be attached.

Lastly, W.: Tom Pellett's Apron Presentation can't be matched!

#### Adopt-a-Highway Project

The Semi-Annual Highway Pick-up, as usual, was done by the same Faithful Pickers, under the direction of W.: John Clapp and Brother Hank Libera. We did it in just under an hour and enjoyed some truly Masonic Brotherhood.

I don't have the final figures on Brother Nick's Spaghetti Supper but, according to our several Pickers who helped, it was another success. Just a reminder, he can always use extra help and you get to eat free! Last year the Dinners raised more than \$10,000, which was contributed to worthy causes in the Webster Community.

#### Sickness and Distress

I don't have any update on Brother Fred Cornell or W.: Ken Hutchinson. I received an email from W.: Chuck White. He and Marlene won't be leaving for the Southern Climes, as they had expected, due to their health issues. So keep them and all the other Folks in your thoughts and prayers.

I would appreciate it if any of you have information of a Brother of this Lodge who is need of our aid or sympathy, please let me or the Worshipful Master know.

#### Anniversary Celebration Update

Finally, it's four months until our 150th Anniversary Celebration. I've heard some talk about

**SPAGHETTI DINNER**  
Friday, November 1st  
5 p.m. – 7 p.m.  
Webster Lodge Hall; 30 Orchard Street  
Adults - \$8 Children - \$4  
For Takeouts, Call 872-3500




Another successful highway cleanup. We had 10 people show up for the task and it took about 30 minutes, excluding coffee and donut time. We finished before the rain came. Thank you to these volunteers: John Clapp, Hank Libera, Bob Fisher, John Beilman, Bob Passino, Grant Kothiringer, David Allen, Scott Cronk, Don Osborne, and Dale Palmer. Giving your time is greatly appreciated.

having to support the Grand Line - well, they are responsible for any financial occurrences connected to this event. We will have several distinguished guests for whom we will be obligated to provide.

Next, March 6th, 2014, was the only date open when the Grand Master and Grand Line could attend. That's how it

is. We know that some of our "Snowbirds" won't be present, but majority rules. Thank you for understanding.

If you are a Past Master and haven't been given an assignment for this event, expect to be contacted shortly. We would also accept any other Volunteers.

Until next month, or I see you in the Quarries, stay well. ☐

**Fairport-Flower City**  
Lodge No. 476

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

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The Lodge's budget was presented by the Treasurer and Secretary. Additional income will always be welcome.

A number of Brothers participated in Fairport's Oktoberfest. Masonic literature was distributed to interested parties. Seeds were planted. Despite a rumor, Brother Dave Taber did not show up in Lederhosen, but he did wear his Alpine hat.

#### Degree Schedule

On November 11th, the 1st Degree will be exemplified. Brother Scott Mosher, Senior Warden, will be in the East. R.:W.: Phillip Hurwitz, District Deputy Grand Master, will make his Official Visit, along with his Staff Officers, and witness the Degree. A rehearsal is scheduled for November 10th under the direction of W.: Tom

Richenderfer. All participants are expected to attend.

Two Brothers are scheduled to complete the 2nd and 3rd Degrees in December and January.

The November 25th meeting is open right now. Check the Lodge website for future plans.

There is nothing to report under sickness and distress.

#### November Birthdays

The following Brothers will be celebrating their birthdays in November: Robert Vandebush (8th), James Scheerens (11th), Gary Gray (12th), David Andrulis (13th), David Zon (16th), Greg Ludwig (19th), Irving Starr and David Averbach (22nd) and William Lozon and Robert Johnson (26th). Best wishes to all for a happy, healthy and prosperous year ahead.

The Master and his Officers wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving. Safe travel as you join with family and friends on this day of good food, football and fellowship.

Be sure to read through the entire **Masonic Times** to be aware of other Masonic functions open to Masons and potential Masons. The world needs Masonry in this time of turmoil. It is too important to let it slip through our fingers and be lost to future generations. ☐

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# Damascus News

Damascus Shrine Center No. 2

November 2013

## Shrine and Divan Meetings

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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](http://www.damascusshrinemasons.org)



**JAMES MILLER  
POTENTATE**

By Jim Miller, Potentate

The stores have put out their Christmas items for sale and it's all very confusing, as the Halloween sales are scrambled in with it all (not to mention that Thanksgiving items are beginning to merge into both October and December occasions)! Hope you find your place in all of it!

October's Open Meeting in the form of an Oktoberfest was very successful, as approximately 80 people attended, and enjoyed the always delicious German fare from Swan's Market.

The evening's program was multifaceted under the Hospital umbrella.

Particularly touching was a young man, Tim Slossar, and his mother's testimony sharing his treatment for severe burns on

his legs as a child at Shriners Hospital for Children® - Boston. Two representatives (one from our Imperial Line) to the Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Springfield and Erie presented informative and fascinating news about both Hospitals.

The Motorcycle Club of Damascus Shrine attended and presented a check for nearly \$6,000 to the Hospital Representatives. They chose this time to present another "for kids" check in a like amount to the Director of Rochester's own Villa of Hope for at-risk youth. Way to go Brethren cyclists, Divan Scott Lasky and all of you!

### November Events

On **November 6th**, our Regular Tiled Meeting will begin with Social at the Oasis - 5 p.m., Dinner at 6 p.m. Dinner will be a Buffet consisting of Garden Salad, Crab Salad, Fresh Fruit Tray, Chicken French, Baked Ziti, Roasted Veggies, Salt Potatoes, Dinner Rolls and Gourmet Cookies for Dessert! Cost of dinner - \$13. See you there!

The other dinner is Damascus' Annual Harvest Dinner on Saturday, **November 16th** at the Shrine Center. This year's dinner will coincide with The Daughter's of the Nile Holiday Bazaar which will be open from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. at the Shrine Center. Come before 5 p.m. and do some shopping; they will even gift wrap for you!

The Dinosaur Bar-B-Que will be serving traditional Thanksgiving Fare. YES! They roast Turkeys with all the Trimmings consisting of Turkey, Homemade Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Dressing, Cranberries, Cajun Corn, Honey Hush Cornbread, Apple Pie and Sweet Potato Pecan Pie. Cost - \$13.

The year is coming swiftly to an end. May the weather still hold and may you all have happy healthy Holidays! ☐

## From the Quill ...



By Derek VanHouten, Recorder

As I sit here trying to compose an article for the **Masonic Times**, I see out of the corner of my eye the various colored leaves that are beginning to fall as the wind encourages them to begin their descent to earth.

### NYOSA Fall Meeting

On September 26th - 28th, the Potentate, Assistant Rabban, Ill. Lance Ward and I attended the NYOSA Fall Meeting in Utica. In each Fall Session, the Officer Line changes and Damascus is very proud that Ill. Lance Ward is now the President with Ill. Derek VanHouten acting as Director General for the 2014 Sessions.

It was a great weekend with a journey to the Turning Stone Resort where some left deposits and others came back with new-found monies.

On Saturday, a parade was held on the grounds of the Masonic Home. Later we enjoyed lunch in the Winter Garden located in the Health Pavilion. That evening, the formal dinner was held and the new Officers were sworn in under the direction of Imperial Sir James McConnell, Treasurer, and Imperial Sir Wayne Lachut, Imperial Second Ceremonial Master.

On October 2nd, at the regular Shrine meeting, we again had the pleasure of having Imperial Sir Wayne Lachut along with the Administrator of both Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie and - Springfield, Chuck Walczak, and Donor Relations Head, Richard Liebel, join us for a very special evening in an Open Meeting.

### Hard Work Pays Off - For The Kids!

Over the Summer months and into the Fall, we have had fundraising events for the Hospitals and the donations include:

|                   |            |
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| Cruz Nights       | \$10,000   |
| From two Tip Jars | \$728.77   |
| HAM Radio Fest    | \$969.00   |
| The Widows Sons   | \$7,500.00 |
| Two Memorials     | ~\$50.00.  |

For all the hard work by so many dedicated Nobles, Masons and Ladies ... a great big Thank You and a job Well Done!

### Keep Your Membership Current

On a much more serious note, we have sent out personal letters, emails and phone calls to about 35 Nobles who are threatened with Suspension for Non-payment of Dues.

If you're reading this and it affects you, PLEASE contact the Office so we can get this cleared up. Even if you just pay one year, it will take you off the brink of losing a most valuable membership in the World's Greatest Philanthropy.

### Looking Ahead

On November 6th, we will be having our Hot Sands Ceremony for 22 new Shriners. The Fez Presentation will be at the Harvest Dinner on November 16th which has always been well attended.

Also on the day of the Harvest Dinner, the Daughters of the Nile will be having a Holiday Bazaar in the Lounge from 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. where all types of Holiday material will be on display for purchase.

### Property Damage

Recently we had some joy-riders damage our lawns – tearing up the turf with wheelies. If ever anyone sees anything, or hears about kids doing mischief around our property, please notify us. Noble James Ryan works very hard to keep our property looking great and the wheelies that dug ruts into the grounds highly upset him.

I leave you with a quote about the Fall Season ... *Listen! The wind is rising, and the air is wild with leaves. We have had our Summer evenings, now for October eves.* By Humbert Wolfe Peoples,

*Landfalls, Mountains, 1936* ☐



**God Bless Our Troops**

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## DAMASCUS TRESTLEBOARD 2013 NOVEMBER

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| 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                       |

## Summons

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

**December 4th, 2013 - 7:00 p.m.**

for the purpose of **Election of Officers for 2014**



## AUBURN SHRINE CLUB

By David Bowman

### Farewell

On September 22nd, a wonderful man and Mason, Brother Ralph Talcott, passed away. Ralph was a 65-year Mason. We had just seen him this Summer at his presentation in Aurora. Ralph loved, supported and felt a personal bond with the Shriners Hospitals for Children® ... especially ours in Springfield. If you haven't had a chance to make a contribution to the Hospital recently, I'm sure it would be appreciated if you would in his memory.

I was honored to attend the Masonic Service for Ralph. It was to begin at 7 p.m. and was delayed as there were so many attending the hours. When we began the service we were pleased to see that the room was full with standing room in the back and 21 Masons were there to honor Ralph. Steve Zabriskie led a service that was a perfect reflection for our departed friend.

Karen Motyka, Development Officer at the Shriners Hospital for Children® - Springfield, gave an excellent presentation on that Hospital. Her Powerpoint presentation was very informative and well received by our members. The Club presented her with a check for \$400.00 from our treasury as well as a check for \$140 from the sale of tabs. Hospital Board Member Lance Ward made the presentation of the checks. We had 35 in attendance; it was a good crowd and all enjoyed a tasty meal at the Old Erie Restaurant.

The tabs collected at the August Steak Roast were sold after the September meeting. We received so many at that time, Ken Pollard could not get all of them in his van.

It was loaded – 822 pounds and a check for \$501.50 will be given to the Hospital by Lance Ward and Jim Kahn at the October Board Meeting. Thanks to Sprague Wheeler for bringing so many from Florida. Dave Balcom and Larry Pritchard have also collected a lot of tabs.

Thanks to everyone for all the tabs – large or small amounts, they all add up. So far in 2013, we have given to the Springfield Hospital \$901.50 plus an amount that Jim Kahn has collected and given to the Hospital.

### Plans for November

Here is our hope ... We hope your Shrine attendance for the month will be the Harvest Dinner at the Shrine Center on Saturday, November 16th. The following is copy from the website:

**Daughters of the Nile Holiday Sale  
Saturday, November 16th  
Damascus Shrine Center  
979 Bay Road, Webster  
9 a.m. to 9 p.m.**

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 Baked Food Sale.

What a perfect way to spend a day. Go early, get some gifts before that crazy Thanksgiving Weekend, relax at the Center (maybe some liquid refreshment), then enjoy a Turkey dinner like no other. Think of it, a HUGE Holiday bird just for your table. Eat all you can and carry home the leftovers. (Bring a bag or a container, 'cause it's a long ride home with those leftovers in your lap!) ☐

## SHRINEABILIA

By Derek VanHouten

This month I wandered a bit and found a publication from July, 1911, that might be of interest to you. It's called the CRESENT. At first, the reader is led to believe it's from Crescent Temple in New Jersey as I was, but it's actually from Stipule, Minnesota. It's a publication of 128 pages with ads and narrative.

As an example, on page 16 they show where the Imperial Headquarters will be in the upcoming Session in Rochester, NY. The Powers Hotel, with several pictures of the exterior of the building, the Palm Room, Banquet Hall, the Rathskeller and the Arbor Room. It looks like the Palm Room could hold 300 comfortably and in the picture everyone is in tuxedos.

On page 15, there is a short piece entitled, "There are two Kinds of Masons" by the *New Age Magazine*. It says, "Pin Masons and Free Masons ... To which class do you belong? The Pin Mason takes all the obligations of the various orders, and then quickly forgets to loudly proclaim himself a high-degree Mason."

Also, among the ads is one for a 19-Jewel Watch for \$1.00.

Throughout the publication are articles about the upcoming "Pilgrimage" to Rochester, what various Patrols are planning to do when they get here and jokes of the time that really don't make sense to this writer in 2013. There's an interesting poem entitled "When Uncle Remus Joined." They also highlight the Candidate for Imperial Outer Guard, Potentate W.J. Matthews, from Mecca Temple.

I could go on and on, but suffice it to say, the publication will be on my desk for any Noble who wishes to view it. ☐

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## FIRST LADY'S MESSAGE

### Holiday Shopping is Underway ...

Yes, it's that time of year again and the lists are in the making. Let me share some ideas to help ...

Get to the Shrine Center on **Saturday, November 16th** to shop at The Daughters of the Nile Holiday Bazaar! There's sure to be items suitable for office gifts, grab bags, teachers, bus driver, postman, hairdresser, etc.

While you're making that list, don't waste money on wrapping paper ... consider wrapping gifts in the "Eco-bag" re-useable shopping bags for the benefit of the Kids of Shriners Hospitals for Children®. It's a way to do a charitable deed and satisfy a gift need - it can be the gift itself!

As we all continue to be conscious of the waste that's generated by everyone, we are encouraged to consider re-useable bags for shopping.

The bags are \$10 each. Purchase from Mary Lou or at the Shrine Office. ☐

**One Day Only!**

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

*Holiday Bazaar*

*Saturday, November 16th*

**9 a.m. – 9 p.m.**

*(Same day as Shrine Thanksgiving Dinner)*

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It's a nice gesture for gift-giving, honorariums, memoriams, etc. Holidays are coming ... what to give to that person who has everything?

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## For Your Convenience ...

**A New ATM Machine  
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\$.50 goes to the Shrine**



# What's New in Erie...

## Howard Hanna Real Estate Raising Funds for SHC-Erie

Howard Hanna Real Estate, which has offices in Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Michigan and New York, is holding a series of fundraisers in the Erie area to benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie Ambulatory Surgery Center and Outpatient Specialty Care Center, along with the Howard Hanna Children's Free Care Fund.

These events, called "Chow-Chow," are being sponsored by the individual Howard Hanna offices in the Erie area, and involve great food and beverages. They are typically held at local dining establishments and clubs, and also include Chinese and Silent auctions for great gifts. Funds are raised through admission and prize ticket sales.

This is the third year that Howard Hanna has included Shriners Erie in the proceeds from the "Chow-Chow" events. Last year's "Chow-Chow" events raised more than \$13,000 for Shriners Erie.

## Two Erie Employees Earn Recognition

Two employees of Shriners Hospitals

for Children® - Erie Ambulatory Surgery Center and Outpatient Specialty Care Center have received recognition for individual accomplishments on and off the job.

Dianne Tate, Erie's Medical Staff Services Coordinator, has been recognized by Shriners Hospitals for Children corporate headquarters for her efforts as a member of the corporate Credentials Work Group. In a letter from Tina Egert, Corporate Medical Staff Coordinator, Dianne was recognized for her expertise in the fields of medical staff credentialing and privileging, and for her role in training new medical staff coordinators at Shriners Hospitals in Houston, Galveston and Philadelphia.

Lynne Weyand, centralized registration clerk in Patient Access and an outstanding photographer, has been invited to submit some of her photos for inclusion in the annual publication of the 21st Century Photographers Group. The group is an online organization of photographers from all over the world. Once the book is published, Lynne's photos will be seen by other photographers worldwide.

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



## SATURDAY NOVEMBER 16TH



## HARVEST DINNER Open to the Public

**SOCIAL - 5 P.M. \* \* \* DINNER - 6 P.M.**  
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Call the Shrine Reservation Line at 671-3565 or  
Email: [office@damascusshriners.org](mailto:office@damascusshriners.org)

*Presentation of the Fez to newly obligated Shriners will follow Dinner.*



## November Birthdays



Thomas C. Abraham  
Paul W. Adams  
Oliver T. Amesbury  
Gary S. Antinore  
Donald J. Badger  
Richard M. Batz  
Gordon D. Bennett  
Robert T. Brodell  
Arthur D. Cohen  
Harold Collier  
Lawren K. Ely  
Albert Festa  
Nicholas A. Gould  
Richard F. Griswold  
P. William Haake  
Jeffrey L. Hershberger  
Garry R. Hutchurson

Timothy J. Irwin  
Cameron C. Jameson  
Adam Junod  
Stanley Knutowicz  
William S. Lozon  
Gregory W. Ludwig  
James S. MacDuff  
Scott C. Masucci  
Charles M. Minster  
Harlan C. Morse  
Richard T. Nielens, Jr.  
Robert F. Novak  
Orlo L. Noxon  
John C. Owens  
Stephen Persaile  
Richard O. Reber  
Allen J. Roggen

Willard Schwarting  
Thomas L. Shafer  
Lee W. Shanks  
George Shapow  
Roland A. St. Louis, Jr.  
Harry Steinorth, Jr.  
DeLoss A. Stuck  
Harold F. Teeple  
John J. Turpack  
Alfred B. Ulrop  
Glen E. VanBuskirk  
Kenneth H. Vanduzer  
James S. VanSickle  
John White  
William Woodward, Jr.  
Richard H. Zonneville

**Attention, Snowbirds!  
Are You Going South  
This Winter?**



**Mark Your Calendar ...**

## Western New York Shrine "Reunion"

**in Punta Gorda, FL**

**Tuesday, February 11th**

*Specific Details Coming in Future Issue ...*

## Damascus Legion of Honor Meeting

**Wednesday, November 13th**

**Damascus Shrine Center  
979 Bay Road, Webster**

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

**Salad \* Chicken Lasagna \* Vegetable  
Rolls & Butter \* Coffee \* Dessert  
\$12 per person**

*RSVP no later than Monday, November 8th at (585) 436-8216  
or email: [cylegalrx@hotmail.com](mailto:cylegalrx@hotmail.com)*

## PERRY SHRINE CLUB

*By Ed Hollwedel*

### Mark Your Calendar

The remaining 2013 meetings will be as follows:

Wednesday, November 20th - at the Lumberyard Restaurant. The program will be presented by Howard Wood.

Wednesday, December 18th - at the National Hotel. The program will be the Annual Christmas Party. Please bring a gift to pass as we did last year.

Please keep these dates in mind and we hope to see all of you.

As always- Social - 6:00 p.m., Dinner - 6:45 p.m. Order off the menu.

Please keep these dates in mind and we hope to see all of you. ☺



## Damascus Shriners 2013 Christmas Party Sponsored by Geneva and Auburn Shrine Clubs Saturday, December 21st All Welcome

For All Shriners, Masons, Their Ladies and Their Guests  
**Club 86 Party House - 86 Avenue E, Geneva**

6 p.m. - Hors D'Oeuvres - Personality Adjustment  
7 p.m. - Dinner Served

Entree Choices:

**Prime Rib, Baked 1/2 Chicken or Broiled White Fish**  
All dinners include soup, salad and dessert; Coffee and Service  
**Price \$90 per Couple**

Please Specify Dinner Choice & the number in your party.  
8 p.m.-11 p.m. - Music and Dancing with the great

### The Big Swingin' Band

Dress Code: Tuxedos or Business Suits and Fez for Gentlemen;  
Cocktail Dresses for the Ladies

**Reservations by Tuesday, December 18th  
Call 800-448-0741 with your Reservation and Advance Payment**

Send Checks and Dinner Choices to:

Geneva Shrine Club; 3394 Sutton Rd; Geneva, NY 14456

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\$65 per night with transportation provided to and from the party.

Reservations needed by December 1st



# The Fruits of Our Labors Are Presented to Shriners Hospitals for Children®



(l-r) Jim Miller, Potentate; Rick Liebel, Development Donor Relations-Erie; Chuck Walczyk, Administrator for Erie and Springfield Facilities; Scott Lasky, High Priest and Prophet.

Many members of the Widows Sons were on hand to present their check.

The Widows Sons received a recognition Certificate acknowledging their donation. (l-r) Andy Reynolds, Chuck Walczyk and Bill Jaranowski.

## Cyrene Monroe

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than would be possible in the course of a modern battle. Those were the days when every man was expected to study the art of self-defense - whether in the great battles of an international kind or in the daily strife of more domestic interests, and to be ready with such arms as he was accustomed to.

As the Knights of a great medieval army, clad in close fitting chain mail from head to foot, carrying the characteristic flat-iron shaped shield on their left arms, whilst the right hand grasped sword, or axe, or mace of varied forms, and astride of their war horses, entered the field of battle, each of them formed the centre of a "clump of spears" and was surrounded by his men-at-arms with their pikes, javelins, and billhooks. Each Knight, to some extent in the position of a modern officer, became a tower of strength to his men, directing, controlling, encouraging them as the case might be when he fell in the m el e his men were dispersed or joined the standard of some other feudal lord.

The forefront of a battle line in the 12th Century consisted of these clumps of spears with the Knight and his Squires a central figure of each group. Behind them stood the Bowmen launching flights of arrows at the enemy; still more in the rear were the Marshals with their Attendant Trumpeters whose duty was to convey the general instructions from the Sovereign Prince or King who usually commanded-in-chief, and whose banner borne before him constituted the rallying point of the whole army. At the moment of the m el e, the air was filled with the battle cries of the feudal retainers, and the trumpeters sounded the point of war 'corps   corps.'

A medieval camp was a brilliant spectacle - the glare of bright colour, the sparkle of a thousand points in burnished arms and armour exhilarated the soldiers, and interested the spectators. The pomp and circumstance of war rendered the profession of arms attractive in a way which has disappeared along with its gaudy trappings, and its life of display. But certain features of a medieval camp would appear shocking to our modern and refined sensibilities. The gambling, drunkenness, and profligacy, the terrible social degradation and all the evils attendant on the growth of a vast military class, could not be concealed beneath the splendours of medieval pageantry.

High in the air amongst the tent groups were reared gibbets, gaunt frames of wood on which hung a few dead bodies tainting the evening breeze, and causing a shiver to those unaccustomed to the sight, or whose attention had been attracted by the croaking of attendant kites and crows. In those days the gibbet formed perhaps a very necessary accompaniment to the administration of justice in a military camp.

### Grand Commandery

Come join us for the 200th-Year Celebration of the Grand Commandery of New York and the Grand Commander's Ball.

The festivities will begin Saturday November 9th at 1 p.m. in the Hornell Masonic Hall, 34 Maple Street with the 200th-Year Commemorative Class of the Order of the Temple by the Grand Line. This will be the Order of the Temple all Candidates must have received the Order of Red Cross and the Order of Malta along with the Chamber of Reflection prior to signing up for this class. It will be a part of the history and will be recorded in the Proceedings of the Grand Commandery. The main Hotel will be the Comfort Inn, 1 Canisteo Square, Hornell, with the hospitality Room open 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. and after the Grand Commander's Ball.

The Grand Commander's Ball will be at the Hornell Golf Club; Social Hour - 6 p.m., Dinner - 7 p.m. There will be a farewell breakfast Sunday, November 10th, followed by a Church Service at Christ Episcopal Church, in Full Templar Uniform.

This will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to be a part of the Grand Commandery's History so join us and help celebrate 200 years. Reservation forms may be found at [grandcommanderyktny.org](http://grandcommanderyktny.org).

Congratulations to our own SK and Rev. Charles M. Roberts who has been elected and installed as Deputy Grand Commander for the Grand Commandery of the State of New York. He is on schedule to be Grand Commander next year. The 201st Grand Commandery will be held in Lake George on September 11th - 14th.

Grand Commandery approved the re-numbering of Zones within the State. Since they also endorsed the merger of Salemtown No. 16 and Sagoyewatha No. 17, we Cyrene-Monroe No. 12, are now assigned to the new Zone No. 8, which also includes DeMolay No. 22.

During the year, the Grand Historian, our own SK Ronald L. Brown, P.G.S., K.C.T., completed Volume One of "History of The Grand Commandery Knights

Templar of the State of New York 1814 -2013." This volume is currently available for sale. Work continues on Volume 2 which will be composed of biographies of Grand Commanders, which may be available in September, 2014. The complete set will consist of three volumes which may be housed in one jacket.

### Knights Templar Pilgrimage

Zone No. 8 will hold a KT Pilgrimage on November 3rd in Palmyra. The Order of the Red Cross and the Order of Malta will be conferred and the Chamber of Reflection conducted at that time. Qualified candidates (Royal Arch Masons) should be presented at that time. Registration will start at 8:30 a.m. We anticipate the Orders to be completed before 1:00 p.m. Remember the Order of the Temple will be conferred on November 9th in Hornell by the Grand Commandery Line.

### The Crown and the Cross

The Crown and the Cross is a familiar symbol in Christianity and is a peculiar logo of the Knights Templar Order within the York Rite of Freemasonry. As the Knights Templar is founded upon Christian principles so, too, are our symbols.



*Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.*

### Revelations 2:10

*Blessed is the man that endureth temptation for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. James 1:12*

Together they represent the reward awaiting in Heaven that the Faithful will receive after the suffering and trials of this life on Earth; the cross secures and the crown assures. Some have interpreted it to stand for the meaning of the life, ministry, message and glory of our Blessed Redeemer, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

The Crown, by itself, has traditionally been a symbol of authority and sovereignty, whether it is governance over a society/community or over oneself. Head coverings, like crowns, are also seen as a symbol of victory like you would see with the wreath or garland.

Symbolically we can see through its circular shape it denotes perfection, which Heaven is seen as, and eternal life, and while wearing it we unite the spiritual world with this material world where the sovereign can receive divine inspiration to justly rule.

In the Masonic Templar Orders there are many crosses used, but we will only talk of a few

and discuss the general symbolism. For the Sir Knights of the Templar Orders and Christians, the cross reminds us of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, but is much older than the Christian religion. First let's look at what a cross is.

### Latin Cross

The Cross is simplistic in shape, usually two intersecting beams, a vertical one intersecting a horizontal one. These may vary upon religious denomination. There are basically four forms from which most other crosses stem from. They are:

The Latin Cross (crux immissa) is a type of the cross in which the vertical beam sticks above the crossbeam.



The Greek Cross (crux immissa quadrata) is similar to the Latin Cross except that all four arms are of equal length. It is said this is the most ancient of the cross symbols used.

St. Andrew's Cross (crux decussata) is in the form of a diagonal cross (like the letter X). This cross also resembles the Greek letter Chi which is represented as 'X' which is one of the symbols Constantine saw in a dream which led him to victory against Maxentius, and which led Constantine to his legendary conversion to Christianity

The Tau Cross (crux commissa) is a cross named after the Greek letter it resembles.

There are several variations of these crosses, particular the first two, that are commonly seen in the Templar Order. The first common one, the Latin Cross infused with rays of light emanating from the intersection is a badge of a Commander and Past Commander, and the Latin Cross in this manner is also referred to as the Passion Cross. The second is the Templar Cross which is a variant of the Greek Cross. The Templar Cross (Cross Form e/Pat e) is created from four equilateral triangles whose apexes meet at a common center. In our Order the Templar Cross is used to designate a Grand Commandery officer and a Past Grand Commander. There are many other crosses seen in the Chivalric Orders of Masonry, but we will come to those in a later article.

It is important to note that neither the Latin or Passion Cross was used as a Christian symbol until around the 7th Century. Prior to this, the lamb and fish were the most common Christian symbols. This style of cross has been seen throughout history in such places like Africa, the Far East, Assyria, Phoenicia, India, Persia, Meso-

potamia, Scandinavia, and Mesoamerica/Pre-Columbian America. To these ancient cultures, the cross represented the Sun or has been a symbol of Earth and nature with the number Four representing the Cardinal directions, the changing seasons, the four winds, the quarters of the moon, and the alchemical elements. Like the crown does, the cross may also emblematically represent the union of Heaven and Earth. The number four also reminds us of the Four Evangelists and their Gospels. By it we are reminded of time and the delineation of seasons, as it was on the Fourth Day that God put lights in the firmament to separate light from darkness, to mark days, and to outline the passing of seasons and time.

There have been many older cultures that have taken the cross as an emblem. One that comes to mind the quickest is the Egyptian Ankh (sometimes referred to as the Handled Cross, the Egyptian Cross, the Key of the Nile, or Crux Ansata) which is basically a Tau Cross with an inverted tear shape on its top. It is said to represent Isis and Osiris in their sexual union. In other cultures the cross represents the four directions in which the Sun shines. In Scandinavia the Tau Cross symbolizes the fabled hammer of the god Thor.



As I stated above, the cross can be seen to represent the four elements which at its intersection symbolize the 5th element, Ether or quintessence, in Alchemy. With such crosses like the Templar Cross, you can also see a liberal representation that the four equilateral triangles symbolize the 12 Signs of the Zodiac. With the Greek Cross has been applied with a circular diagrams of the Zodiac to indicate the solstices and equinoxes. The Greek Cross within a circle has appeared all over the Paleolithic world as a symbol of the Sun.

It is amazing to see how the simplest symbols can have such an astonishing history and mean so much to so many of different beliefs and opinions. Combined they seem stack and compound each other. Separately their history and interpretations span the Ages. Combined they can represent so much dear to the followers of that humble Carpenter who sacrificed so much 2,000 years ago.

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If you missed this unique experience, you have another chance to encounter something similar when members of Hiram Chapter, RAM, present "Peculiar Stone" at our November 7th meeting. As always, Northfield welcomes Brothers from all area Lodges to come visit us as we continue to celebrate Freemasonry being in Pittsford for 200 years.

**Bringing Back Hats**

Do you ever long for those days when men wore fashionable hats like a fedora, a bowler or a pork pie? Now-a-days it's usually nothing more than a baseball cap to cover up your uncombed hair. Of course, in our Region, Masters often wear a top hat though that is not the hat of choice in all jurisdictions.

Besides serving a functional purpose of keeping the head (where most body heat is lost) warm, hats have the potential of saying something about your personality and giving you a little panache.

On November 21st, we are having "Wear-a-Hat to Lodge Night." We'd like to see all Brothers arriving at Lodge wearing some form of a hat, other than a baseball cap. Then we'd like to hear you tell us about your hat and what makes it special to you. After the meeting we will take a group picture of all the Brothers wearing their hats. It should be fun. Also, on November 21st, our Budget Committee will present the budget for the 2014 year and we will vote on it.

**November Birthdays**

Birthday greetings go to Kenneth Van Duzer and James Arlington this month. Happy Birthday Brothers!

**December Dates to Note**

- December 3rd - Open House/ Candlelight Night in Pittsford
- December 5th - 1st Degree
- December 14th - Christmas Party with Family
- December 19th - Secret Santa Necktie Exchange/"What Masonry Means To Me"

**Raised Eyebrows**

It was kind of strange. It was sort of weird. Did you see it? Were you there? The Brothers of Northfield participated in a Lodge Room play called "The Greatest of These." It's a play about a Lodge that is struggling to keep its doors open and some of the conflict between members due to their financial distress, when an out-of-town stranger arrives who authenticates the antiquity and value of a postage stamp that is discovered on the back of a letter that was sent to the Lodge decades ago. Doing a read-through of this play, written in 1934, may have seemed like an odd thing to do at a Lodge meeting in 2013, but I think all Brothers would agree - this was not your typical Lodge meeting and, just like our Masonic Ritual, despite the age of the play, it still has relevance today.



R.:W.: George Fohner hands W.: Stephan Michener, Master, a plaque for Northfield Lodge's support of the Have-a-Heart Campaign benefit for the Ronald McDonald Houses. Presentation was made during the Official Visit of R.:W.: Phillip Hurwitz, District Deputy Grand Master.



Masons in attendance at the Official Visit of R.:W.: Phillip Hurwitz, District Deputy Grand Master, to Northfield Lodge on October 3rd.

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September was a busy month at Union Star Lodge. In addition to our first meeting of the year, we held a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night, and in doing so, reminded ourselves why we may have joined in the first place.

One of the most memorable events of September was our Lodge's participation in the Annual Homecoming Day Parade in Honeoye Falls. We have not, to anyone's recent recollection, previously participated in this parade through the Village. As our Lodge is situated at the Village's four corners, we are certainly always present in the community, and our participation made that all the more special. In attendance from our Lodge, including myself, were R.:W.: George Fohner, W.: Frank Habitzreuther and Brothers Troy Shouse, Kenneth Hecker and Ryan Flaherty. We were fortunate that our own Brother, Terry Baird, had taken his time and skills to create a large banner for our display during the march. Those in attendance "toughed-out" a very wet day; it had rained most of the morning and most of the parade, but we stood fast, and really put our best foot forward. A



Brothers of Union Star Lodge marching in the Homecoming Day Parade marking the Bicentennial of the Town of Mendon.

sincere thanks to all; I hope to see you all and more next year.

This year's Homecoming was no ordinary parade. 2013 marks the Bicentennial of the Town of Mendon (1813-2013), and the parade theme was the Bicentennial. Such events only come around, well, every 200 years! Participation in the event was that much more special, given the rich, historic meaning.

Of course, Union Star Lodge has been a part of the Town of Mendon and Village of Honeoye Falls for most of the past 200 years. In the booklet entitled, "History of Union Star Lodge No. 320 of Free and Accepted Masons Honeoye Falls, New York," W.: Dennison



W.: Rufus Richardson

"Bud" Ripley, 32° DSA, provides the definitive history of our Lodge commemorating its 150th Anniversary, in 2004. "150 years of making good men

better," is how the inside cover reads, and it could not be more true. Our Master in 1854 was W.: Rufus Richardson.

Our Lodge was originally part of Union Lodge in Lima. In June of 1854, the original Warrant for Union Star was created and "the name and number of the Lodge remains unchanged today." Back then, the Initiation Fee was \$20 and Annual Dues were \$2 ... quite a hefty sum for that time! Today, we enjoy one of the finest Masonic Halls anywhere to be found in what was once the Wilcox Hotel, until about 1920. Thanks to efforts of W.: Bud Ripley, we have this knowledge and much more to pass along to our future generations.

**November Birthdays**

Here is wishing Happy Birthday to our November birthdays: William Nersinger, Eliot Schwartz, Arthur Movalli, Jr. and Charles Schwartz.

Once again, we extend an invitation to our Brethren across the District to attend Union Star for any of our meetings. ☐

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By R.:W.: John Zabel

Things are changing. The first change is that our Junior Warden is going to provide dinner for every meeting this coming year. So far the dinners have been excellent and we suspect the Junior Warden has many great menus planned. He would, however, like to know who is coming so he can plan the proper amount of food for each meeting. So call the Junior Warden with a dinner reservation prior to each meeting if you plan to come to dinner.

Our Entered Apprentices are working diligently to prepare for their 2nd Degree, which will be conferred on November 25th. It may prove to be a very good evening as we have several Entered Apprentices who have been working on their proficiency so they will be ready for the Degree. Our Brethren are encouraged to attend the Degree conferrals and meet our new Brothers. This would be a good time to share their experiences in Masonry.

You may not be aware, but our Master plans to have a short program at each meeting and he has been asking some of the Brethren to prepare a short (5-10 minute) talk on a Masonic topic. Sources for the talk can be the Masonic Service Association *Short Talk Bulletins*, Masonic books the Lodge may have in its bookcase or from other Masonic resources. The Brethren should be aware that the Lodge receives a copy of the *Short Talk Bulletins* each month. The Secretary receives the copies and can supply any Brother with one to use to prepare a talk, or just read the Bulletin. There is much information in the Bulletins that many Brothers do not know.

The Master is working with the Officers of the Lodge to set up a calling list. The Officers have each been given a set of local members to call. They will be informing the Brethren of upcoming events and learning about the Brothers and their Masonic needs, if any. The Lodge has not done active calling in many years and the Master feels it is needed to improve the communication with the Brethren.

Our *Adopt-a-Highway* Cleanup went well with four Brothers attending. We need to renew our contract with the County. The Secretary is in the process of getting the correct insurance information so we can complete our renewal.

**Transitions**

We were sad to hear that a couple of our Brothers are moving to California. Both are going for job reasons. The Secretary has let the Grand Lodge know about the move. The Grand Lodge sent information to the California Grand Lodge and they have contacted the Brothers to help them find a Lodge in their new location. We wish the Brothers the best in their new location and endeavors.

**Furniture fix-up**

Lastly, the Master's Carpet that was hanging outside the outer door is in dire need of restoration. Currently the Lodge does not have the resources for the restoration, but the carpet has been taken down and is in storage until resources are available. We may be discussing this situation at future Lodge meetings so come to see what the decisions are on this matter. ☐

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Trestleboards were mailed in early October, but unfortunately many were returned due to out-of-date addresses. If you didn't receive the Trestleboard mailing, please call or email our Secretary. Other routine communications are being done by email via a "Google" Group and a "Facebook" Group. Links for these are shown on the Webpage: [www.eralodge163.org](http://www.eralodge163.org).



W.: Chad Crawford and Brother Dave Cross with 2013 Chili Cook-Off Winner's plaque.

We held our 5th Annual Chili Cook-Off in conjunction with the Official Visit on September 23rd. Brothers "voted" for their favor-

ite with cash donations to help fund the monthly dinners provided by our Lodge to residents at the Ronald McDonald House. Brother Dave Cross defended his title with "It's Pretty Good Chili," fending off competitors such as Buck Breath Venison Chili and 3-Meat/5-Bean/7-Pepper Chili. Thanks to Brothers Dave Fingado, Mike Knolla, Matt Muller, Craig Johnville and Bruce Katz for their culinary donations. In total, votes for the six Chilis collected more than \$100 for RMH.

On September 29th, more than a dozen Brothers turned out to support the Mary Cariola Center's "Walking on Sunshine" Fundraiser by cooking as well as conducting a Masonic Safety ID Program. Many thanks to all Brothers who participated and to Brother Jim MacDuff for arranging and organizing this.

#### Hope and Support

W.: Joe DiTucci, Past Master of Inspiration Lodge, reached out to ERAC Lodge Brothers to help support a family going through a very difficult time. The father, a Marine Veteran, is dealing with throat cancer and recently had a Laryngectomy. Most of the cancer was removed, but since some wasn't, his prognosis is unclear. In addition to the stress of cancer treatments, the family's 2-year-old son has been on a waiting list for an organ transplant. The amount of stress and concern this family is going through is unimaginable. Per Brother Joe's

request, our Brothers sprang into action. We have mailed the family a \$200 gift card to Tops. Also, Brothers have made multiple trips to their house to drop off loads of firewood to help keep their house warm this Winter. I am smiling with pride that our Brothers across both Lodges have responded to this need quickly and compassionately. It's Masonry at its finest!!!

#### Move Up Night

ERAC has raised the bar yet again by challenging all the Officers to learn the part of the Chair in front of the one they currently hold and perform Opening and Closing in that new Chair. I issued this challenge to our Officers who accepted and, once again, they rose to the challenge.

#### Veterans Program

Please attend the upcoming Veterans Day Program on Masonry during World War II and the significance of the forget-me-not, presented by R.:W.: Rich Friedman, on Monday, November 11th, at 7:30 p.m. It's an open meeting; anyone is welcome. If you are interested in attending dinner (at 6:30 p.m.) please contact our Junior Warden, Bruce Katz, at [brucek8189@aol.com](mailto:brucek8189@aol.com) or call him at 729-6657.

#### Action Groups

If you are interested in getting involved with one of our Action Groups (see mailing from Worshipful Master) please contact me or the Chairmen of the individual group of interest to you. I can be reached at [cdcrawford21@gmail.com](mailto:cdcrawford21@gmail.com) or 314-0305.

Our 1st Degree will be December 9th. Based on the number of potential Candidates who attended the October 14th "Bring-a-Friend" Dinner, we're expecting a large incoming class. Please plan on attending this Degree to welcome our new Brothers.

#### From the Secretary

By David Upham

Following each meeting, the Assistant Secretary (Paul Bielewicz) or I generate an "After-Action Report" to be sent to the members via email. This report summarizes the events of the evening for each meeting. If you have an email address and would like to receive these reports, you may contact me at [dgupham@gmail.com](mailto:dgupham@gmail.com) and we will set you up in our group mailings.

Our first meeting on September 9th, started early with the ERAC Cigar Club discussing the world events and all things personal and Masonic. Following this was a delightful social time with fresh veggies and dip to enhance the cocktail hour. But, wait! Junior Warden Brother Bruce Katz led the pan clan to produce an excellent dinner entrée of Cranberry and Pecan-stuffed Chicken.

Worshipful Master, Chad Crawford presented the program of the evening as he talked about and emphasized that each of us must be our own Tiler. As the Tiler of the Lodge guards against intrusion from cowans and eavesdroppers, so must we take the responsibility to guard ourselves against intrusions from outside influences that would

interfere with our efforts to become better men and Masons.

On September 23rd, we were honored with the Official Visit of our Grand Lodge Officers: R.:W.: Robert T. Buchanan and R.:W.: Michael P. Hueston, Grand Directors of Ceremonies; and R.:W.: Philip R. Hurwitz, District Deputy Grand Master. The program of the evening consisted of the presentation of the Grand Master's message on Masonic P.R.I.D.E. and our District's Educational Programs. Also mentioned were the Widows Luncheon, Brotherhood Fund, what it means to be a Grand Lodge Officer and the need for replacements for the District Officers.

R.:W.: George Foehner, chairman of the *Have-a-Heart* Campaign, attended with the Grand Lodge Officers and spoke about the Ronald McDonald Houses and our plans for February, 2014.

#### Sickness and Distress

Brother Harold Van Lare was called to the Supreme Lodge above on July 24th.

Brother Carl Scarpulla's mother-in-law passed away.

R.:W.: Phil Hurwitz lost his mother.

Rich Greenaway lost his mother.

Brother Dave Upham's wife had spinal surgery on September 23rd.

#### Mark Your Calendar

Schools of Ritual will begin at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

• November 9th - *Masonic Development Course* at Damascus Shrine Center, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. ☐

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By R.:W.: Skip Waterstreet

So as not to repeat myself too often throughout the column, I decided I would list the contact data for individuals mentioned elsewhere in the article as the last piece(s) of information published in the column. That could also serve as a reminder that you needed to contact someone for a Dinner or to assist with a Degree or other function. I listed our Senior Deacon, Brother Ryan Ramplin, in last month's column but left out one very important piece of information...his area code! If anyone tried to contact him in the interim, I apologize. The correct number for his cell phone is: (610) 724-7336. He also has a local number - (585) 466-4407; and his email still is: [ryan.ramplin@gmail.com](mailto:ryan.ramplin@gmail.com). There...I feel better now.

Several members of the Valley of Rochester attended our



Members of the Valley of Rochester, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, performing in "The Peacemakers" at Inspiration Lodge meeting. From left, James MacConnell, John Lemke, Michael Nohle and Jason Morrisette.

October 8th meeting and presented, "The Peacemakers." This dramatization was written and directed by John Lemke, who is the 2nd Lt. Commander of the Valley. He indicated that these mini plays are the means members of the Scottish Rite use to convey additional values and principles to Masons to further their progress in becoming better men. He encouraged any Brother present to consider becoming a member and increasing his knowledge of the Fraternity. Kudos to John, Bruce Bernhard, Jim MacConnell, Stephan Michener, Jason Morrisette and Mike Nolte for their performances in this premier event.

Brother Warren Doerrer finally received his 60-year Certificate to go along with the pin

he received at the Awards Night program in May.



Brother Warren Doerrer with 60-year Service Certificate presented by R.:W.: Mike Hueston and W.: Scott Rice, Master.

November 12th is a regular Communication and we will attempt to catch up on some business necessities. Our 2nd Degree will be conferred on the 26th. As usual, there are Dinners before every meeting, so call Brother Todd Colburn or Right Worshipful Derek VanHouten to make a reservation. If you know you will be at all or most all of the meetings, you can make a permanent reserva-

tion with Brother Todd. If plans change, you must call him to cancel or you will be expected to pay the fare.

#### Sickness and Distress

I am not flooded with calls regarding Brothers in need of our aid or sympathy. I like that, but I hope it means that most of you are maintaining healthy ways. I do know that Brother Eric Hinkston was re-admitted to the hospital to treat an infection that developed following his surgery.

Other Brothers to be remembered are: Worshipful William Hook, Worshipful Kenneth Skidmore and Right Worshipful Mat Gingold, although he has able to get out to several functions recently. Also Brother Frank Sackett's Grandson, Frankie, was still being watched closely. Please keep them all in your thoughts and prayers.

#### Glad Tidings

Brother David Leisten and Kelly Ann Miller tied the knot on October 20th. We send our congratulations and best wishes for a long and happy life together.

Here is the list of Brothers who are celebrating their Birthdays in November: Rich-

ard DeCroce and Michael Villeneuve (1st); James Locklin, Ken Chamberlain and Michael Schwartz (2nd); Wayne Gundry (5th); William Grishaber (6th); Gary LaShomb (7th); Christopher Cappetta (8th); Andrew Herzog (15th); George Lloyd (16th); George Pasch Jr. and Paul Dill (17th); Donald Murphy (20th); Harry Steinorth Jr. and Arthur Cohen (21st); Frank Zaffino (22nd); Jeffrey Hershberger (24th); David Ogden (26th); Fouad Farah and William Evert (29th); and Joseph Crociata Jr. (30th). From all your Brothers in Inspiration Lodge...Happy Birthday!

#### Contact Information:

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Happy Thanksgiving to all our Brothers. May you enjoy quality time with your family. Eat, Drink and Be Merry! ☐



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# Order of the Eastern Star

## Monroe District OES HiLights



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By *R.W. Beverly Thompson*

As the new District Deputy Grand Matron for Monroe District OES, it is very exciting for me to be writing to you at this time. My motto is "To be happy you need someone to love, something to do and something to hope for." I love being in the Eastern Star and I hope the District will prosper and grow under the leadership of the new District Grand Lecturer, R.W. Tom Richenderfer, and myself.

The wreath, which I have chosen to represent my year, is a symbol of God's love for it has no beginning and no end. It also represents how the Officers of the Eastern Star continue to change each year; but the strong values, patriotism, friendship, and desire to help those in need continues on and on.

### District Special Project ...

#### The Dream Factory

My District Project is The Dream Factory. It began in Kentucky and has grown to be one of the largest children's wish-granting organizations in the United States granting over 25,000 dreams for children with life-threatening illness and for children with chronic medical challenges. There is a local Dream Fac-

tory in Rochester, and all Dream Factories are run by volunteers.

### District Fundraiser Holiday Wreaths

The District's first fundraising project will be selling Wreaths and Poinsettias like we did last year for Ken's Operators. There will be a choice of:

- Non-decorated, 12-inch ring Balsam double-faced Fir Wreath for \$13
- A Wreath decorated with a Red Velvet Bow, Pine Cones and Berries for \$18
- Wilt-Pruf sprayed on wreaths is \$.50 extra.
- A 36-inch Wreath Stand is available for \$5.
- A choice of Red or White Poinsettias for \$10 each

Order forms will be available from your Matron, Chapter Secretary or from a Present Grand Officers.

Make checks payable to Beverly Thompson and write "Wreaths" on the Memo Line.

The deadline for orders with payment is November 16th so don't delay. They will be available for pickup at the District Christmas Party (December 1st) or anytime after that.

No one can do everything, but everyone can do something. We hope you will help our District grow and prosper through supporting our projects.

### Mark Your Calendar

December 1st - Monroe District Christmas Party starting at 2 p.m. at Spencerport Masonic Hall. Bring a dish-to-pass. Also, please bring single-serving snack items for the Ronald McDonald House Wish List. It should be a joyous occasion. Please plan to attend.

### The Wrapup

Almost 100 people attended the Homecoming for Monroe District's 2013 Grand Officers on September 27th at Spencerport Masonic Hall. M.W. Keri Rhebergen and M.W. Kenneth Milner were in attendance along with many other Present and Past Grand Officers. Each of Monroe District's 2013 Grand Officers were honored and spoke about their year of activities. It ended with delicious refreshments and fellowship. What an enjoyable evening!

be held at the Masonic Home Campus in Utica.

Brother Gellasch also reports that plans are underway for our Post to continue its practice of shipping boxes of paperback books, treats, comfort care items and hygiene kits to our Troops in overseas theaters of operation. This will be the major November activity as well as the monthly Birthday Party at the Canandaigua Veterans Hospital on November 20th.

There will not be a regular business meeting in November due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

### November Events

November 11th - Veterans Day Memorial Service at War Memorial Atrium.:

- 8:45 a.m. - Ecumenical Service
- 9:15 a.m. - Coffee Hour
- 10 a.m. - Wreath Service
- 12 Noon - Luncheon will be held at the Wishing Well Restaurant on Chili Avenue. Reservations are required by Friday, November 1st - Contact Rene Vermullen at 586-6986. □



## OES District Fundraiser Holiday Wreaths & Poinsettias

### Order Form

(Orders With Payment Due by November 16th)

#### 12-Inch Wreaths

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| _____ Wilt-Pruf Sprayed on Wreaths                               | \$.50 extra |
| _____ 36-inch Wreath Stand                                       | \$5 ea      |

#### Poinsettias

|                         |         |
|-------------------------|---------|
| _____ Red Poinsettias   | \$10 ea |
| _____ White Poinsettias | \$10 ea |

Total Due \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to Beverly Thompson and write "Wreaths" on the Memo Line.

On October 3rd, R.W. Doreen Rhodes led the Installation of Officers for the Past Matrons Association. She had a great year as President with her Birthday Theme. Her birthday gifts of a handkerchief from England to each member was quite fitting, and the teacups for the Past Presidents was a delightful surprise. Best wishes to Vicki Gross as she starts her year as President.

### Status of District Chapters

Monroe District now has seven Chapters. Leah Chapter No. 183 and Etolian Chapter No. 308 have consolidated; the new Chapter is named Etoleah No. 183. They meet on the 3rd Monday of the month. We wish them much success as they continue the work of the Order.

Remember, friendships are the flowers in life's garden.

### Notes from the DGL

By *R.W. Tom Richenderfer*

It is an honor and a pleasure to serve as your District Grand Lecturer for 2014. I thank Most Worthy Wanda Williams, Most Worthy Neil Laundry and Most

Worthy Ken Milner for recommending my appointment. R.W. Beverly and I are preparing our plans for the year and will be working with the Line Officers to refine and implement them.

One of the first things I am working on is the School of Instruction. I will be including in the School of Instruction any items that the Grand Patron provides in his briefing at Grand Sessions, any changes in Ritual that may be enacted during Grand Sessions and answering any questions you may have.

However, I also want to ask if there are topics you would like covered in more detail during the School of Instruction. This input will make the School more interesting to you and hopefully increase attendance. Please send me your ideas by email at:

[tomrich@rochester.rr.com](mailto:tomrich@rochester.rr.com).

I am looking forward to seeing all of you at the District Banquet and 2014 Reception on November 1st. If you need to contact me, I can be reached at 738-0249. Thank you for your support. □

We had our September Steak Roast at Camp Smile in Webster. We all thank our Grill Master, Angelo DiCataldo, for the delicious steaks, so tender, they melted in our mouths. Thank you to everyone who brought a dish-to-pass. We had a nice assortment.

### Sickness and Distress

We wish Tall Cedar Don Brugger a speedy recovery from his right knee surgery in mid-November. He has said he won't be able to drive for about two months.

Lady Marilyn and I wish you all a very happy Thanksgiving! God bless. □

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By *Ted Powley, Grand Tall Cedar*

What an honor it was to greet Supreme Tall Cedar Richard (Dick) Fesser at our October 23rd dinner and meeting. Dick has been traveling far and wide through the Forest of Cedarism this year trying to meet as many Tall Cedars as possible. It's been a long, long time since a Supreme Tall visited Rochester Forest No. 133 so I am very honored that it happened in 2013.



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James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post No. 12 welcomes two new members - Nakita "Nick" Haldoupis, DSA, and Grant Kothringer - both active and long-time members of Webster Lodge.

Our Adjutant and New York State Grand Post Officer, Gil Gellasch, reports that the usual Western New York Fall Meeting in November will not be held in Western New York. Future meetings will

# Scottish Rite NEWS

Consistory  
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Lodge of Perfection



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

The Fall Season is upon us and we have much work listed on the Trestleboard. It is my pleasure to announce that Ill. John Zabel, 33°, will be the sponsor for the 2013-2014 Class. Thanks, John, for all you do for us and Freemasonry. We look forward to another great year in Scottish Rite.

## Reunion

November 23rd - (4°, 9°, 14°, 20° and 32°)

November 21st - Candidate Orientation at Shrine Center We are ramping up for the John Zabel Fall Class, 2013. There is still time to get a Petition in for the 200th Anniversary Class and receive your Medallion. We will be working with the Valley of Syracuse. The Reunion will be held at the Damascus Shrine Center.

## FYI - Road Trip

An opportunity to add some stamps to your Passport ...

Saturday, November 9th - the Valley of Syracuse will be presenting the 16° and 18° at 9 a.m.

Friday evening, December 6th - the Valley of Buffalo will be presenting the 6°.

## Mark Your Calendar

### Symbolic Lodge Awards

December 7th - Symbolic Lodge Awards. Masters, time is getting short to pick your recipient for the Symbolic Lodge Awards. We are looking forward to a great turnout and program.

### Party

December 14th - All-Masonic Children's Holiday Party

### Looking Forward

In this final leg, and in keeping with the Mission Statement handed down from our Sovereign Grand Commander, we will be focusing on membership retention and fellowship. I've mentioned the goal of forming Scottish Rite Clubs as a way of encouraging our Brothers in the remote areas to enjoy Scottish Rite in a more convenient forum. From these satellite havens we will, hopefully, get out, visit and get acquainted with our Brothers in the ninety Lodges within the parameters of our Valley.

We will also be looking into the possibility of forming a Degree Club for the purpose of studying the 29 Scottish Rite Degrees and encouraging participation in the presentation of Degrees. Clubs will be a place of fellowship in a nurturing an instructive environment.

### Lite from the Rite

January 16th - Ill. Bruce Renner, 33°, will be presenting a History of the

New York Council of Deliberation. The Valley of Rochester 33rd Club, will be presenting a History of Supreme Council. This promises to be an informative and entertaining evening. Plan on being at the Shrine Center. Don't forget to call in your dinner reservation (264-1160).

### College of Freemasonry-2015

The date is set and place is reserved for our next *College of Freemasonry*. Sublime Prince Bill Edwards, 32°, is ramping up for the program to be held on March 28th, 2015. There will be more to come on this in future articles. This is a signature event for the Valley of Rochester and is talked about over the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction as well as the Southern Jurisdiction. Let's get the word out so our Brothers can make their plans in plenty of time.

### Road Trip Opportunity

Still waiting a date for our trip to Nashville, Tennessee. A basic package of \$500 has been quoted that will afford us four days and three nights with a tour package when we get to town. There is only one obstacle at this point. The purpose for the Valley of Rochester is to witness a Southern Jurisdiction Reunion and thus far, the date for that Reunion at the Valley of Nashville has not been set. Hopefully, we will know the date soon and then we will proceed with the plans. Stay tuned for further developments.

### Veterans Day (Famous Masons)

November 11th is Veterans Day and I've decided to write about a famous war hero who was also a Mason.

### General Joseph Warren Stilwell

Several years ago, I read "Stilwell and the American Experience in China, 1911 to 1946," written by Barbara Tuchman. I decided that General Joseph Warren Stilwell would be a good subject as he wasn't as well known, at least not to me, as some of the other WWII Generals, most of who fought in the European and Pacific Theaters.

Stilwell's appointment, according to Army Chief of Staff George Marshall, was one of the toughest assignments in the War. As I was re-visiting Ms. Tuchman's work, it occurred to me that it would be difficult to discuss Brother Stilwell without also discussing another World War II hero named General (and Brother) Claire Lee Chennault. I will attempt to give a brief discussion of both of our famous Brothers and show why their relationship was so contentious.

General Joseph Warren Stilwell was born in Palatka, Florida, in 1883. He was an eighth generation descendant of English settlers from 1638. He grew up in New York, the son of a doctor, and while he excelled in school, both academically and athletically, he had a rebellious attitude, which got him expelled from a

postgraduate class for punching a school administrator.

His father, through the influence of his family connections with William McKinley, got his son an appointment to West Point, thus derailing his plans to go to Yale. At West Point he excelled athletically as well as academically. He found that he had an aptitude for languages as he was the top of his class in French.

After graduation, he served three tours in China where his affinity for languages served him as he learned to speak and write Chinese.

He returned to the United States to organize and train the 2nd Infantry Division at Fort Ord, California, and showed great prowess there as well. Stilwell was recognized as one of the top Corps Commanders in the Army and was initially selected to plan and command the Allied invasion of North Africa.

However, when it became necessary to send a Senior Officer to China to keep that country in the War. President Roosevelt selected Stilwell, over his personal objections and his old friend, Army Chief of Staff George Marshall. He became Chief of Staff to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, served as the Commander of the China-Burma-India Theater where he was responsible for all Lend-Lease supplies going to China. Later he became Deputy Commander of the Southeast Asia Command.

Stilwell's command of the China-Burma-India Theater was a geographical administrative command on the same level as the commands of Eisenhower and MacArthur, except Stilwell didn't have the operational command structure of other Theaters.

Stilwell had to deal with Chiang Kai-Shek who was more interested in hoarding supplies and maneuvering his position on the chessboard, than fighting the Japanese. Stilwell also had to deal with the British who (according to Stilwell and Chiang) were more interested in protecting their possessions than fighting a war.

Lastly, he had an ongoing feud with General Chennault over the allocation of scarce supplies. Chief of Staff Marshall had written in his reports that he had given Stilwell "one of most difficult" assignments of any Theater Commander.

### Lt. General Claire Lee Chennault

Claire Lee Chennault was born in Commerce, Texas, in 1893. He attended Louisiana State University where he underwent ROTC Training. He graduated from Officer's Training School at Fort Benjamin Harrison, and was transferred to the Aviation Division of the Army Signal Corps. He learned to fly in the Army Air Service, during World War II.

Following the War he graduated from Pursuit Pilot Training at Ellington Field, Texas. He graduated on April 23rd, 1922, and remained in the service after it became the Air Corps in 1926. Chennault became the Chief of Pursuit Section at the Air Corps Tactical School in the 1930s. In the 1930s he barnstorm the country with an acrobatic Team the "Three Musketeers."

In 1937, he retired from the United States Army (due to problems with superiors) and went to work as an Aviation Advisor in China. He developed the "1st American Volunteer Group" whose purpose was to train Chinese pilots and attack and harass Japanese cities. The mission to bomb Japan never materialized, however.

After Pearl Harbor, the American Pilots left for United States to join the 14th Air Force. Chennault was best known for his leadership of the American "Flying

Tigers" and the Chinese Air Force.

General Stilwell and General Chennault (in my opinion) were the personification of an ongoing controversy in the Military Service since the end of World War II. The controversy was between old-school thinking and more progressive attitudes about how future wars would be fought. For instance, old-school Navy put their stock and trade in battleships, while the progressive thinkers saw the aircraft carriers and planes as the future. Brother Halsey had carriers out on maneuvers on December 7th, 1941, and six months later, it was the carriers and aircraft that carried the day at the Battle of Midway.

The progressives in the Army saw the light mobile tanks as the future of ground war while the old-school saw them as merely heavy cumbersome support vehicles. The Light Mobile Tank Divisions played a major role in North Africa and Europe under Rommel and Brother Patton. Aircraft were promoted as the future of ground and sea warfare by the progressive thinkers like Billy Mitchell and Clair Chennault. In the China-Burma-India Theater, General Chennault wanted to use the aircraft to build forward bases for a limited offensive against the Japanese. Stilwell saw this as untenable without the support of large infantry reserves. Stilwell wanted the aircraft used as support in his plans for an early conquest of Northern Burma and build the Ledo Road to transport supplies into China, and then train thirty Chinese Divisions to support an offensive against the Japanese. He would also send two Divisions to India to support the British.

The British supported Stilwell while Chennault, having Chiang's ear, persuaded Chiang to reject Stilwell's plan in deference to his. This rendered Stilwell's plan only theoretical as the delivery of supplies over the hump was barely enough to support Chennault's air operations, and insufficient to equip and train a Chinese Army.

In 1944, the Japanese counter offensive "Ichi-Go" overran Chennault's forward bases, proving Stilwell partially right in his assessment. However, by this time, supplies over the "Hump" were increasing in tonnage per month and Chennault, saw no need for a ground offensive into Northern Burma as he maintained that the amount transported by land would never equal what could be delivered by air.

The British, however, sided with Stilwell, as they were concerned about the approaches to India. The coordinated invasion was fraught with heavy fighting and casualties but succeeded with the two forces linking up in January, 1945, thus connecting the northern end of the Burma Road with the main supply route into China. As Chennault had predicted, the tonnage transported over the land route never reached the levels projected by Stilwell. "Stilwell's drive into North Burma, however, allowed Air Transport Command to fly supplies into China more quickly and safely by allowing American planes to fly a more southerly route without fear of Japanese fighters. American planes no longer had to make the dangerous venture over "The Hump," increasing the delivery of supplies from 18,000 tons in June, 1944, to 39,000 tons in November, 1944. On August 1, 1945 a plane crossed the mountains every one minute and 12 seconds" (Wikipedia). Stilwell pressed President Roosevelt and Army Chief of Staff, George Marshall, to appoint him Supreme Commander of all China-Burma-India Operations.



Symbolic presentations of Caps at September meeting to those Sublime Princes recognized this year, flanked by Ill. Kenneth "Rick" Howe, 33°, Commander-in-Chief and Ill. Stephen R. Whittaker, 33°, Active Member of Supreme Council. Eldon White, 32°, DSA, and Angelo DiCataldo, 32°, DSA, recipients of the Dedicated Service Award (Blue Caps); Phillip Hurwitz, 32° MSA, who received the Meritorious Service Award at the Council of Deliberation; and, Robert L. Anderson II, 33°, Honorary Member of Supreme Council.

When Roosevelt pressed Chiang, Chennault counseled him to counter the order and demand that Stilwell be recalled and replaced. Roosevelt crumpled and Stilwell was recalled. Brothers General Douglas MacArthur and General George Marshall, peers of General Stilwell, had the highest respect for his abilities and saw that he was to replace General Simon Bolivar Buckner, Jr., as Commander of the 10th U.S. Army at Okinawa, after Buckner's death.

After the War, he was appointed to lead a "War Department Equipment Board" in an investigation of the Army's modernization in light of its recent experience. He retired to California and died of stomach cancer in 1946.

Chennault, after the War, created the "Civil Air Transport" - later known as Air America (Wikipedia). These aircraft served the Nationalist Chinese against the Communists and flew missions for the French in Indochina, and the Kuomintang occupation in Northern Burma through the 1950s, providing support for the Thai Police Force. The same Force supplied the intelligence community and others during the Viet Nam conflict.

Chennault was promoted to Lt. General of the Air Force several days before his death on July 27, 1958. He died of lung cancer.

How do we reconcile these two Generals as Brother Masons? I suppose we could see them as taking their Masonic Teaching, filtered through their own innate personalities, which, of course was seasoned by their own individual influences, and say they both proceeded their path with Light that each was given.

"But they were less successful promoting harmony through compromise," (MacKnabb Paper).

Credits to: Barbara Tuchman, *Stilwell and the American Experience in China, 1911 to 1945*; A paper, "Our Generals in China," by Brother Alexander S. "Sandy" MacNabb, Lodge Education Officer, Henry Lodge No. 57, of Virginia; and Wikipedia.

This attempt to "shed light" on these cantankerous Brothers is, of course, only a brief overview. There is much written on this subject and I encourage a further investigation.

Enough said for now, see you in the quarries. □

## Valley of Rochester Holiday Season – 2013

**November 19th - Rite on the Road/Brother Bring-a-Brother Night at Clio Lodge Meeting**  
Dinner - 6:30 p.m. (\*\*) ~ Program "The Peacemakers" - 8:00 p.m.

**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 5th - Rite on the Road/Brother Bring-a-Brother Night at Constellation Lodge Meeting**  
Hors d'oeuvres - 7:00 p.m. (\*\*) ~ Program "The Peacemakers" - 8:00 p.m.

**December 7th - Symbolic Lodge Awards, Shrine Center**  
Social - 4 p.m. (Cash Bar/Hors d'oeuvres) ~ Program - 5 p.m.  
Pizza & Wings following

**December 14th - All-Masonic Children's Holiday Party, Shrine Center**  
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Children and Grandchildren of all Masonic Families and their friends are invited.

**January 16th - Valley Meeting at Shrine Center**  
**Light from the Rite/Brother Bring-a-Brother Night**  
**Historical Perspectives**  
Ill.: Bruce Renner, 33° - "History of the COD"  
Valley of Rochester 33° Club - "200 Years of Scottish Rite"  
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*From the 2nd Lt. Commander*  
*By John S. Lemke*

The collective memory of our Nation is part of what binds us together. Stretching back from Colonial Days through the Revolutionary War, the Civil War to present day paints the story of who we are. When those memories fade, when they are not retold to the newer generation, the story of America diminishes.

On the 150th anniversary of the Gettysburg Address, to the very day, a special presenta-



*By Sublime Prince*  
*Adam Junod*  
*Most Wise Master*  
*Rochester Chapter*  
*of Rose Croix*

I've got to be honest. Being fairly new to Masonry, even having received the Award last year, I was still not quite sure what the Symbolic Lodge Award was. I understood that it is a big honor, being recognized for all that hard work and dedication to my Lodge and furthermore to the Craft as a whole. I did not realize that the Symbolic Lodge Award is a 27-year-old tradition. that only

tion of the Valley of Rochester Scottish Rite will be made at Clio Lodge in Hilton. An important presentation, historically based but fictionalized, will be presented of events about two weeks before the end of the Civil War. "The Peacemakers" is an original Degree from the Valley of Rochester open to the public. Dinner - 6:30 p.m., Cost - \$6, with the presentation following.

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email: clio.pete@gmail.com. □

one person receives the honor from a Lodge. The Master of the Lodge nominates that person to receive this Award and, if in attendance, will escort that person to the honor.

The Award itself was first thought up by Illustrious Robert Pettit, 33°, who was Commander-in-Chief in 1985. The idea was to honor those who may not aspire to lofty heights, such as a Lodge, District or Grand Lodge Office; they are, however, always working in the quarries, i.e., doing repairs on the Lodge Hall, mowing lawns, working at Spaghetti Dinners, Bar-B-Que and such. This is an event that says thanks to the everyday Brother; not necessarily for those wearing top hats and purple, but for those wearing the chef's apron and tool belt. Those are the Brothers who spend their Saturday afternoons so our Monday night's meeting can be held with all the lights on instead of only half.

Having gained some more insight on the Award, I realized a few things ...

First, it makes me stop and think about all the Brothers I know who work so hard for the Lodges they love. I reflect on the numerous hours that have been dedicated to help our time-honored Craft grow in posterity.

Second, I realize what a huge honor this is to have received. I realize how truly blessed and humbled to think that I was de-

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serving of such an Award.

Finally, I realize this event is only a few weeks away so please, Lodge Masters near and far, submit your nominations.

### Plan to Attend

The Symbolic Lodge Award Ceremony is December 7th, at the Damascus Shrine Center, 979 Bay Road, Webster. Hors d'oeuvres at 4 p.m., Program at

5 p.m., Pizza to follow. There will be a good many dignitaries there including the Grand Master, Most Worshipful James Sullivan. This is a great opportunity to honor all the Brethren who make up the Lodges in our community. Please plan to attend, and remember to get those nominations in. □

## Masonic Times Wins Coveted Franklin Award at Supreme Council

*By Jack VanElzakker, Secretary, Valley of Rochester*

The Scottish Rite Brother Franklin Award honors the top Valley publication by membership size within the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. This year's Award was presented to our **Masonic Times** newspaper for its inclusion of Scottish Rite material. Editor "Skip" Waterstreet, 32°, (nominated for MSA) was informed of the honor from the Supreme Council meeting in Washington, DC, on August 19th.

This was the first submission of this Regional Masonic newspaper which has been called by several of our New York State leaders as one of the most informative Masonic news publications they have read.

Congratulations, Skip, and your publishing crew - Mike Bocklage, Garry Cranker, Mat Gingold, Barbara Goodrich, Jan Porter, Herb Spencer and Bev VanHuben! □

## All-Masonic Children's Holiday Party

at Damascus Shrine Center  
979 Bay Road, Webster

**Saturday, December 14th**  
**11 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

**Open to children and grandchildren**  
**(and their friends) of all Masonic Families**

*Bring a wrapped gift for each child.*

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## Honor Flight

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Flights are planned six times per year, but are arranged at the convenience of the airline. It was my understanding that a maximum of 45 individuals, plus their escorts, are selected, and Honor Flight personnel try to obtain that quota for every flight. Due to their age-related infirmities, it is not always possible for everyone to be aboard their scheduled trip.

Among those greeting the returnees that first weekend were a group from the Livingston District. They were there to welcome a member of Union Lodge (Lima), but I didn't think to ask them for his name.

Honor Flight Rochester, Inc., is a not-for-profit organization created to honor America's veterans for their sacrifices. Rochester is one of the 100 established "hubs" in the national Honor Flight Network. Additional information, including opportunity to make a donation, may be found on their website: [honorflightrochester.org](http://honorflightrochester.org).



R.W. Mary Hall, (right) Sister of Etoileah Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, was escort to her husband, Robert.



Livingston District's Union Lodge Brothers were present to welcome home one of its Veterans. All dressed up for the occasion were (from left): W. Joseph Gallant, Master; R. W. John Gallant; Brother Steve Zukaitis, Junior Deacon, and his wife, Linda. (See additional photo at bottom of page.)

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## In Memoriam

### Barker, Curtis W.

On September 28th, Curtis Barker, 86, was received into Eternal Glory and his wife of 60 years, Jane; 3 children, 5 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild survive him. He was a member of Seneca Lodge, Scottish Rite and Damascus Shrine. May your tears become rainbows when you remember your loved one.

### Gross, Norman N.

Norman Gross, 90, went to the waiting arms of his wife on October 10th. Survivors include 2 children, 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Norman was a member of Inspiration Lodge. May the joy of the Lord be your strength.

### Hardy, Marshall C. "Guy" III

On September 27th, Marshall Hardy, 33, found loving peace in the arms of the Lord. Guy was a member of Damascus Shrine. God sends his children here with special tasks to do; and calls them home when their work is through.

### Lehr, Kenneth H.

On July 25th, Kenneth Lehr, 83, was embraced by those who walked before him in faith. The Brothers of Webster Lodge and Scottish Rite will share his memory. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal.

### Pierson, Donald F.

At age 92, Donald Pierson joined his wife in Heaven on September 10th. He will always be cherished by 2 children and extended family. Don was a US Submarine Veteran of World War II and a member of Unity Lodge. A memory is a keepsake of time that lives forever in the heart.

### Talcott, Ralph M.

On September 22nd, Ralph Talcott, a member of Damascus Shrine, passed away. Remembrance is a golden chain that ties all the love and sorrows.

### Tinker, Winston C.

We have received word that Winston Tinker, 83, was escorted by flights of angels to Heaven on December 7, 2012. He is survived by 5 children, 6 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Winston was a US Navy Veteran and a member of Scottish Rite. May he find peace with the Great Architect of the Universe.

### Vallentin, Curt R.

On September 28th, the loving arms of the Lord embraced Curt Valentin, 52, and the Brothers of Webster Lodge and Damascus Shrine will remember him. A page in our book of memories is gently turned today.

### Widow to be Remembered

Whitmore, Evelyn, 90, widow of Donald Whitmore (Webster Lodge), passed away September 25th. ☐

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### Reflections

As my year as Monarch draws to a close, there are bittersweet memories. Much was hoped for this year and only some was accomplished. However, I rejoice in knowing the incoming Officers will do a bang-up job. I know them and I trust them - and you should, too.

There were a few complaints about the picnic. My memory is that adequate notice was sent out. A few feel this was not the case. However, as was said last month, in my article, those who attended had a great time. The Fall Outing was not popular among the Prophets on the Board and thus never came off - a pity. There was no dinner for the Honorees receiving Years of Service Awards or Past Masters, because the Board felt we did not need another dinner night in our Trestleboard.

### Sickness and Infirmity

The list, sadly, continues to grow. Bill Fredenburg and Ken Hutchinson remain in nursing homes. Prophet Bill is in St. John's Home and would welcome visitors.

Prophet Ken is in a nursing home in Sodus on Maple Avenue and, according to Prophet Chuck White, would also welcome visitors. He recently celebrated a birthday with Prophet Chuck in attendance.

Prophets Jim Pray, Jim Slocum and Mike Postilli are also in need of our prayers, good wishes and offers of assistance.

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.

### October

October witnessed our Years of Service Awards given to very deserving Prophets - James Toogood, PM, and Kel Kelsey, 10 years; Donald Brugger, 30 years; William Fredenburg was recognized for 60 years!

Past Monarchs, the few in attendance, were recognized for their contributions and years of faithful service and much appreciated guidance and leadership.

Prophet Ron Morthorst, three-time Past Monarch, conducted the nominating process for Officers for the ensuing year. The three top Officers nominated are:

Monarch **Frank Habitzreuther**  
Chief Justice **George Fohner**  
M of C **Richard Topel**

Elections will take place in December.

### November

November will feature a Move-Up Night Ceremony, where we will exchange Fraternal greetings and well wishes with one another to signal a smooth transition. Moreover, I will award a Special Monarch's Prophet of the Year Award to a worthy Prophet, who has steadfastly committed himself to this Grotto, during the past year.

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 *Bev Murray, MCO-Elect*  
(PSMCO 2006)

I guess it is time for me to put the pen to paper ... kind of like putting the pedal to the metal as we start out a new year.

As we will soon celebrate Thanksgiving, let us be thankful for our friends, members and family - not necessarily in that order. Many of our friends and members are considered family.

Many who are reading this article may not be a member of the Caldron or the Daughters of Mokanna. We are similar to the Eastern Star, but very different. (Sisters vs. Daughters) Before my year is over, I hope to have an "Open Meeting," so YOU may visit and see a little of what we are all about. Like all Fraternal Organizations, we are struggling, but still having fun.

### Mark Your Calendar

November 15th - White Fez Meeting and Dinner - 6:30 p.m., Spencerport Masonic Hall.

November 16th - Open Installation and Reception - 2 p.m.

December 12th - Prior to the meeting, we will have a Christmas Dinner at 6:15 p.m. - Cost \$10.

God Bless each of you ... or as we say, "May the Peace of God Abide with Us." ☐



## Attend Grotto Meetings

**Monday**  
**November 4th**

Board of Governors Meeting  
Grotto Office - 7 p.m.

**Wednesday**  
**November 20th**

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Move-up Night  
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## Masonic Medical Research Laboratory New Scientist Spotlight

The Cardiac Research Institute at Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL) recruited a new scientist at the beginning of August. When asked about this new hire, Charles Antzelevitch, Ph.D., Executive Director and Director of Research said, "We welcome Dr. Aaron Glass to our Laboratory family and look forward to a very long and fruitful collaboration. His talents complement nicely those of our existing staff, thus optimizing our ability to achieve significant research advances."

Aaron Glass, Ph.D., a life-long resident of Central New York, earned his degree from Upstate Medical University's College of Graduate Studies earlier this year. His focus was in Microbiology and Immunology and his doctoral thesis involved identification of the consequences of myocarditis, or inflammation of the heart.

Before entering graduate school, Aaron participated in the Summer Fellowship Program at the MMRL. He worked with several of the MMRL scientists, including Antzelevitch and Serge Sicouri, M.D. Aaron has co-authored several scientific publications with the staff at the MMRL as well as with researchers at Upstate Medical University.

Aaron has a diverse background, starting as an accounting major at MVCC. In order to fulfill his science requirement, he took an anatomy and physiology course. He found his niche and spent the next two years taking all the science courses that MVCC had available. In 2005, he learned about the Summer Fellowship Program at the MMRL, applied and was accepted. Based on his work at the MMRL, he suc-



**Aaron Glass, Ph.D.**

cessfully competed for the Gordon K. Moe Young Investigator Award at the annual meeting of the Upstate New York Cardiac Electrophysiology Society. At that point, he knew he wanted to be a doctor or research scientist.

His first goal was to be a transplant surgeon so he could save the lives of people whose organs were failing. While applying to medical school, he realized that if he was going to have an impact on the world of medicine, he might better strive to figure out how to stop individuals from needing transplants or find a better way to create the organ that was needed so that transplant wait lists could be eliminated.

He visited the University of Geneva, Switzerland, and the University of Michigan for interviews before selecting the MMRL as the institute for his post-doctoral studies. He said, "I was so interested in the potential of the MMRL's Tissue and Organ Bioengineering Program, it has always been a dream of mine to be able to take part in the quest to solve two of the biggest issues with

transplantation. The rejection of the organ because of the body's immune system and the ability to create organs so that people would not die while waiting on transplant lists."

At the MMRL, he is now working to fulfill that dream. Working under the direction of Dr. Xavier Jesudoss, Aaron is

now experimenting with methodologies to re-cellularize biological scaffolds created from hearts in which all cells have been removed. Using this approach, the tissue bioengineering team at the MMRL hopes to break new frontiers in the science and medicine of human organ transplantation. ☐

## Join the MMRL on the Anticipation IV Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, December 14th

The Hard Rock Winterfest Boat Parade is the 7th largest spectator event in the United States and receives Florida and National media coverage. The Anticipation IV will be covered in festive Holiday Season lights as well as banners designed to raise the visibility of Freemasonry nationwide. Dress is business casual and soft sole shoes.

Open bar, a buffet meal and live entertainment will be provided during the estimate 5-hour inter-coastal cruise (6:15 p.m. - 11:15 p.m.). Cost is \$250 per couple and is non-refundable. This fellowship event is open to all members of the Craft and their guests. Hotel and travel is not included.

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