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NEW GRAND LODGE OFFICERS APPOINTED FOR MONROE DISTRICT

The appointments for the new Leadership Team for the Monroe District ensuing Masonic year will officially be announced during the 233rd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York. Heading the team will be the District Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: George Foehner. He will be assisted by W.: Stephan Michener, who will be the Grand Lodge Staff Officer for Monroe. They will receive their Commissions on Saturday, June 21st, during the St. John's Day festivities at the Masonic Care Community in Utica. The Investiture Service will be held in the Tompkins Memorial Chapel at 2:30 p.m.

New District Deputy

R.: W.: George Foehner was Raised in Clio Lodge No. 779 in 1968; he affiliated with Union Star Lodge No. 320, Honeoye Falls, in 2003 and recently affiliated with Livonia Lodge No. 778. His Masonic activity includes Master of Union Star Lodge from 2007-2010; President of the



R.: W.: George Foehner

Fellowcraft Club 2007-2010; Grand Sword Bearer 2010-2012; he has served on Public Relations and Communication Committees for Monroe District; and has been Chairman of *Have-a-Heart* Campaign from 2007-Present. The *Have-a-Heart* Campaign raises money during February of each year to support the Ronald McDonald Houses.

Other Masonic activities include 32° Scottish Rite Mason. He is a current Officer of Lalla Rookh Grotto; a Director of Masonic Service Bureau; Member of Damascus Shriners; and Monroe District Purple Club.

R.: W.: George Foehner lives in the town of Pittsford. He is the father of three daughters and two sons, grandfather of 12 and great-grandfather of 13. He retired from Eastman Kodak Company, Engineering Department in 1991. In 2009, he retired as an OSHA Trainer and from Foehner Electric, the family-owned business he founded in 1958. Hobbies include golfing and sailing.

Grand Lodge Staff Officer

W.: Stephan P. Michener was Raised at Northfield Lodge on April 16, 2009. He was

grateful to have his father William Michener, a 60-plus-year member of the Craft, Raise him.

During 2013-2014, Steve served as Master of Northfield Lodge, President of the Masters and Wardens Association of Monroe District and was the Secretary for the two preceding years. He is a member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Rochester, and has participated in several of their Degrees. He is also a member of Hiram Chapter, Royal Arch Masons; Doric Council of Cryptic Masons and the Cyrene-Monroe Commandery. He is a member of Lalla Rookh Grotto and, like his father, Steve is also a member of Damascus Shriners.



W.: Stephan P. Michener

Steve has been married to his wife, Gina, for 28 years and they have three children. His oldest daughter, Alyson, is a third-year medical student in New York City; his son, Liam, is in law school in Louisville, KY; and his youngest daughter, Kelsey, is preparing to enter college, where she wants to study accounting.

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Oldest Lodge in Monroe District Celebrates 200 years with Table Lodge

By W.: Stephan P. Michener

Of our 12 Lodges in the Monroe District, which one's origins are the oldest? Hint: You can't go by the number. Here's another hint. Although the geographical location of this Lodge has never changed, when it received its first charter it was not in Monroe County, and it was in a different township than it is now. One final hint; One of the predecessor Lodge's former members had the dubious distinction of being involved in the event that caused Masonic Lodges across the country to go dark, the Morgan Affair. Yikes!

If you guessed Northfield, you know your history of Monroe County Masonry. According to Herman Sarachan's book *The History of Masonry in Monroe County 1810-1970*, Northfield Lodge holds the distinction of being the Monroe Masonic District's Oldest Lodge with some interesting twists. During this year we have been celebrating 200 years of Freemasonry being present in Pittsford and Northfield Lodge will be holding a Table Lodge on Thursday, May 29th at 6 p.m. to commemorate this historic occasion.

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Masters-elect,
Masters and Past Masters
are invited to attend
Monroe District's
Joint Investiture Service

Friday, May 23rd
at Fairport Masonic Hall

6:30 p.m. - Steak Dinner
7:30 p.m. - Service

AGL Selections Announced

Roy W. Moses and Joe Lewis to serve Monroe District

R.: W.: Roy W. Moses was Raised at Union Lodge No. 45 on December 1, 1983. Roy served as Master of Union Lodge in 1990, 1998-99 and 2010-11. He also served as Union Lodge Brotherhood Chairman from 2009-2012 and President of the Livingston Association during 1991. He was District Deputy Grand Master in 2004-2006 and was Assistant Grand Lecturer 2006-2012.

He received the Livingston District "James Lee" Distinguished Service Award in 2012. Roy affiliated with Union Star Lodge No. 320 in 2012. He is a member of the Damascus Shrine since 2006 and also a member of Lalla Rookh Grotto.



R.: W.: Roy W. Moses

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W.: Joe Lewis was Raised in April of 2008 at Webster Lodge No. 538 where he served as Junior Warden (2011-2012); Senior Warden (2012-2013); and was Chairman of the Brotherhood Fund for the Lodge. He was elected Worshipful Master of Webster Lodge, serving this past Masonic year during the 150th Anniversary Celebration of the Lodge.

In his personal life, Joe Lewis is a single parent, successfully raising his daughter Mya, age 14, and son Joe III, age 12. They are residents of the City of Rochester.



W.: Joe Lewis

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Editor's Corner

What an exciting Spring! No, I'm not speaking of the weather. The Monroe District has been very active with Degree work; from information received from nearby Districts, it appears that they, too, are Initiating new Brothers.

There have been some subtle changes in the Ritual, which the Ritual Renaissance Program has explained to the Lodge Ritual Directors and, in turn, they have incorporated into Lodge Degree efforts. All Lodges are working diligently to fill their Degree Teams with their own Lodge Brothers, but there still is the occasional need to have outside help.

The plus in this situation is additional Brothers attending the Lodge meeting where the Degree will be conferred. This has to be a positive feeling for the new Brothers who are completing the Degree.

Traveling Gavel

In the Monroe District, the Traveling Gavel has come back to life and, it appears, is instilling a new competitive spirit between Lodges. I was unable to be present when Inspiration Lodge accepted the Gavel from ERAC Lodge. I understand a contingent from Union Star Lodge was one Brother shy of tying Inspiration. Not to worry! The next night, the gavel barely being set up in the Lodge Hall for Inspiration's meeting, was whisked away by another good number of Union Star Brothers. When you can get 50 Masons together for a meeting, good things are happening again. I hope it continues.

New Masters

I will offer my thanks again to the Masters and/or their helpers who provided us with copy for this year's issues. The **Masonic Times** would not exist without their dedication to this task. As the Gavel of authority changes hands so, usually, does this chore. I hope the new Masters will be as faithful as their predecessors, either in writing the column themselves or asking for assistance from others in their Lodge. And, if you are the one who chooses to write or are asked to help the Master, feel free to contact us with any questions regarding submissions.

Thanks for reading. ☐

A Busy Time of Year In Utica

By Kathy Contino-Turner,
Director of Communications and Marketing

Spring has finally arrived at the Masonic Care Community in Utica and we are making preparations for the annual St. John's Day festivities the weekend of June 20, 21, and 22. Here is a brief synopsis of what we have planned for 2014:

On Friday, June 20th, following a day of meetings and gatherings, all Masons and their families are invited to our Friday evening picnic at Acacia Village. This year, entertainment will be provided by the Steve Falvo Easy Money Big Band. At dusk we will illuminate our Lights of Honor, a program that allows our guests to purchase lights in honor of an achievement or to remember a loved one. Lights of Honor may be purchased at the picnic or on line at www.mccny.com.

On Saturday, we will have a variety of vendors and crafters on the Great Lawn, and also invite Lodges or individual Brothers to participate by setting up a small 10 by 10 tent. You can use



Faith, Hope & Charity Ornament

this area to sell items, or just as a home base to gather with your Brothers. Contact Carol in our office at (315) 793-4881 or by email:

bartosiewicz@mccny.com

We hope you will stop by our MCC booth, and purchase the first in a series of commemorative ornaments depicting the stained glass windows of the Tompkins Chapel. The first window is "Faith, Hope and Charity," the trio of windows that adorn the altar area.

We have a special treat in the

morning for those of you with a competitive spirit. In recognition of our Mighty Run, we will be holding "The Mighty Games." One of our regional radio stations will be broadcasting live as we enjoy some old fashioned competition of sack races, the human wheel barrow race and three legged race. There will be entertainment by Fritz's Polka Band, lots of food and fun.

At 1 p.m. we will gather in front of the Soldiers and Sailors Building, as our Masonic Veterans remember those who have fought for our country. At 2 p.m. the parade steps off heading to the Tompkins Memorial Chapel for the Investiture service.

Sunday begins with morning worship at 9 a.m., followed by breakfast in the Winter Garden. This year, the Masonic Scholarship Awards will be given out Sunday afternoon in the campus auditorium.

We are excited about a wonderful weekend and hope you will be able to join us. For the most up-to-the-minute schedules, go to our website at MCCNY.COM. ☐

Building a Better Heart

Submitted by Myron Thurston III
Assistant Director of Development and Communications

One day in the foreseeable future, a patient in need of an organ transplant will be able to visit the clinic where his doctor will take a skin biopsy, which could be used to grow the patient a new organ. This organ will be a genetic match to the recipient and therefore will hopefully not require lifelong immunosuppressant therapy.

Doctors and scientists around the world are currently using this technology to replace simple organs such as trachea and bronchial tubes, but some day patients in need of hearts, lungs and kidneys will be able to benefit from this amazing technological advance in order to obtain a replacement for

their failing organs.

Scientists at the Cardiac Research Institute at Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL) are at the leading edge in the quest to bioengineer a cloned human heart for transplantation. This process will require many years of painstaking and very intensive research. Researchers have already begun the long trek. Dr. Jose Di Diego, a research scientist at the Cardiac Research Institute at the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory, is working to decellularize cadaver hearts so as to provide a scaffold on which to grow the new heart. He and the team of researchers have been able to strip the heart of all cells, leaving only a framework consisting of a collagen matrix.



Dr. Charles Antzelevitch, Executive Director and Director Research of the Cardiac Research Institute at the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (right), discusses project with Dr. Xavier Jesudoss, Director of the Stem Cell Center, and Dr. Jose Di Diego.

Dr. Xavier Jesudoss, Director of the Stem Cell Center at the CRI/MMRL, is working to reprogram fibroblasts from skin biopsies so as to create millions of induced-Pluripotent Stem Cell-derived progenitor and heart cells that will be used to repopulate the scaffold in the process of generating a new heart. The cells start their journey as skin cells and end up as a fully functioning heart cells. Dr. Jesudoss has been working tirelessly for the last several years on perfecting this process. He began by using a core sample of fibroblasts from himself to make clusters of functional heart cells. The organ and tissue bioengineering project will require billions of such cells, which will be grown in specialized bioreactors.



Dr. Aaron Glass (above) is charged with the task of grafting these cells into the scaffold. Dr. Glass recently graduated from SUNY Upstate Medical University. He is first using thin slices of the collagen matrix to reintroduce and grow the cells. Once this stage is perfected,

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he will move on to more complex structures. According to Dr. Charles Antzelevitch, Executive Director and Director Research of the Cardiac Research Institute at the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory, "although the road ahead is long and winding, we have embarked on a very exciting journey that may someday permit us to routinely clone human hearts and other organs." ☐

No Smoking at the Masonic Care Community



The Masonic Care Community has been tobacco free for many years. Smoking or use of tobacco products is prohibited on our 400 acre campus, including all buildings, parking areas and out door spaces. This measure was enacted as part of our on-go-

ing efforts to protect the health of our residents, staff and visitors.

In July of 2013, the New York State legislature overwhelmingly approved and the Governor signed into law an amendment to New York State's smoking law which prohibits smoking anywhere on the grounds of a general hospital or residential health care facility (New York Public Health Law Section 1399-0, Subdivision

2). It also prohibits smoking within 15 feet of the property line of a hospital or health care facility. This law will affect all hospitals, health care centers and nursing homes throughout the state. The law supports our efforts to prohibit smoking and the use of any tobacco product on the Utica Campus. This includes smoking in vehicles that are on this campus.

We welcome your visits to

campus, but remind everyone that our ban on smoking is now a State Law. There are those of you who for whatever reason have chosen to ignore our mandate. It saddens us to think we have to continually address this issue with our Brothers and their Ladies when they are visiting the Masonic Care Community. We ask that you respect this healthcare community, its staff and those who call it home. ☐

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If you are a Mason You have a very unique opportunity!

By Donald W. Wright, Past Grand Tall Cedar

As you took your symbolic Degrees you learned about King Solomon's Temple from the point of view of one of the two raw materials that were necessary to build it: **Stone**. Along with the building block you learned lessons relative to shaping (Rough Ashlar to Perfect Ashlar) that material as well as moral teachings related to the tools of the trade. Of course there are two paths (Scottish and York Rites) that are offered to us for further explanation of the foundation we call the Craft Lodge. These two paths, however, are still only related to the work of a worker in stone and the original lessons associated with that craft - and this is a good thing - but that's not all there is to the story. As you listened to the various lectures you noticed that among the Three Principle Players in our beloved ritual there was a reference to another king, other than Solomon. This second king was also extremely important and highly necessary to the success of the Temple Project. This king, Hiram of Tyre, was the key, the link, and the supplier of a building material without which the stone construction would have been impossible. That material was the **Tall Cedars** of Lebanon. Didn't you ever wonder that there might be more to the story (Masonic legend) than that taught in the two main lines (Concordant Bodies) of Masonry that we traditionally follow in our pursuit of Further Light in Masonry? Didn't you ever wonder if there might be a part of Freemasonry, somewhere, where this important need of stonemasons (wood/lumber) is dealt with? Didn't you ever wonder if you

might ever be given More Light on this seemingly taken-for-granted portion of our symbolic teachings? Well, if you are a Mason your days of wondering are over! Within the framework of North America's authorized Masonic Systems there is a little known Masonic Body, one of only two in New York State, which is located in the Monroe District (a second is on Long Island). And, this Masonic Body has been right here amongst us for well over 50 years. This Masonic Body delves into the fascinating portion of the Temple story that involves this second basic building material: Cedar. And, this Masonic Body has been right here amongst us all these years holding meetings on fourth Wednesdays at the Penfield Masonic Lodge. There was a time, back in the 1950s when this body was huge in our area. Today it is a wonderful group of Masons from all over Monroe County and surrounding areas that gather monthly and enjoy Degrees related to the Tall Cedars of Lebanon. Here we have what is called a Forest. Craft Masons meet in Lodges while Tall Cedars meet in Forests. Rochester Forest No. 133 of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America is a wonderful place for sociable Masons who support one heart-warming charity. Tall Cedars are part of our builder's background and heritage. Tall Cedars building efforts are in the area of attempting to help build a better life for children who are the victims of one of mankind's most debilitating diseases: Muscular Dystrophy. If you have ever watched the Labor Day Telethon and seen "Jerry's Kids" you have learned about the Tall

Cedars Charity. Money raised for research and treatment of this insidious disease (M.D.) is aimed at building a better, and hopefully, longer life for these Child Victims. And, if you have ever watched the telethon long enough you have noticed (each-and-every-year, without fail) two Masons (without aprons) wearing Pyramid type hats have appeared on the National Stage and presented checks of significant size for the Muscular Dystrophy Association's work. Since 1951, Tall Cedars Forests have donated over \$19,000,000 to this cause.

Most of what this writer watches on these telethons tugs heavily on his heart strings but when the Pyramid Hats appear this writer becomes happy and thinks, "Yes, I am proud to be a Mason and proud of what this little corner of our Craft does to Build Lives." You too can be part of this, because you are a Mason. Masonry at work doing what it should be doing: building.

Pick up the phone today and call some of these prominent local Masons listed below and ask for a petition. You probably know one or two of them personally anyway. All you have to be to join us is a Symbolic Mason in good standing and wishing to be a part of a fellowship that goes beyond the fraternalism of Freemasonry. We enjoy Fun, Frolic, Fellowship and the good feeling that we are a part of something that helps kids. Call us:

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It's hard to believe May is already upon us! It's been a pleasure to have visited your Lodges for the various Edict Degrees. I sincerely thank you all for your warm hospitality. With the advent of the Springtime Season, many of you have nearly completed your Degree work. I congratulate you on successfully Raising so many fine new Brothers and for doing so with such great care. I welcome all new Brothers to our great Fraternity. Many of you are excited about the Ritual and have focused on improving and upholding the quality of the same for the benefit of our new Brothers.

Observations to Share

With that in mind, I do have a few observations to share for your consideration, which I sincerely hope will help you as you strive to raise the bar concerning your Degree work.

First, for the benefit of our Candidates, new Brothers and your District Leadership Team, we recommend you try to table all unnecessary business until a subsequent Communication. The focus of the evening should be on the Candidates and having the Degree begin promptly in the evening, will help allow them to be awake and better engaged in the ceremony. Also, after a long Degree, the Brothers will want to have a little time for some fellowship before the lateness of the day sets in. Bringing business before the Lodge, which can wait until later, should be avoided. Remember that email reflectors and automated phone trees are a great tool for disseminating those types of things.

Secondly, it is so important that every Brother with a part in the Degree participate in rehearsals. Those of you who are responsible for preparing your Candidates for the Degree that evening need to be very diligent in this task. I've encountered some instances where not doing a thorough inspection has led to Degrees being halted to correct issues up to and including Candidates being allowed to enter the Lodge Room not wearing proper footwear or Aprons! Please contact me if you have any questions on this subject and I'll be happy to guide you appropriately.

I recommend that everyone review their Cipher books. Over time, it's very easy to substitute or add incorrect words or phrases. You all know it takes a serious amount of practice to memorize the Ritual. If you are going to put in the effort, then please take the extra time to occasionally review the Ritual so it remains firmly embedded in your minds and hearts. Reading the Ritual out loud as you study

helps identify areas where improvement might be required

Finally, all Lodge Masters are reminded that a Short Form Close is NOT permitted. This is a Grand Lodge Directive! Even after a late night of Degree work, the Lodge must be properly Closed in Due Form, just as you would during a normal Communication.

I hope these observations are helpful, as they are intended to be purely constructive and hopefully beneficial to you and your Lodge.

Joint Investiture Service

The Joint Investiture Ceremony for incoming Masters will be held on Friday, May 23rd, at the Fairport Masonic Hall. Letters with all information were emailed to the Master of our Lodges as well as Proxy Forms, if needed.

Reservations Required

There will be a Steak Dinner to precede the service. Dinner reservations are required and must be returned to W.: Bernie Lazerson at Fairport-Flower City Lodge no later than Friday May 16th. Current Masters should collect reservations from your individual Lodge members and forward them to Bernie Lazerson at: lazerbd12@aol.com. Please include a list of the names of Brothers attending, as reservations will be checked at the door.

Special Thanks

Before I close out this month's article, I thank some past AGLs who have stepped up to help me with some of this year's Edicts. We have a large District and having to meet the responsibilities as AGL alone this year has been a challenge to say the least, but we have excellent resources from which to pull and this year you really stepped up.

V.:W.: Harry DeHollander, V.:W.: Hugh Woodside and R.:W.: Michael Nohle. Your help and support this past year has been invaluable. Well done, Brothers! You were all there when I needed some backup resources and I can't thank you enough!

Until next time, I hope to see all of you in Lodge soon!

AGL Selections for Monroe District

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Roy has been married to his wife, Susan, for 42 years and they have two children. His oldest is his daughter, Krista, who is in the Navy Reserve, stationed at Pax River Naval Air Station. His son, Brandon, lives in Dallas, TX and sells real estate there.

Upon graduation from high school, Roy enlisted in the Air Force and spent time at Lackland, Chanute, Travis and Elmendorf Air Force Bases. He was discharged with the Rank of E5 - Staff Sergeant.

Roy then attended Alfred State College where he graduated with a Degree in Landscape Management. He was the President of Moses Nursery, Inc. from 1972 until retiring in 1999. During that time, he was a member of NYS Nurserymen and served as Chairman of the Scholarship Committee and Arbor Day Committee for four years. He was also a member of the Genesee Society of Professional Landscapers - President for four years and Trustee for three years. For recreation he plays golf and enjoys hunting.

Joe has an Associate Degree in Law and is currently obtaining his Bachelor's Degree in Government. He runs his own not-for-profit organization for six years called the American Judicial Rights Organization, which provides court advocacy for individuals dealing with all Family Court related issues. He also produces, hosts and edits his own local public access television show on RCTV called "Justice Now." The programs on this show are related to Family Court rights and basic family issues.

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As our Masonic Year is quickly wrapping up, I am happy to share some exciting news - both for the few meetings we have left before we go dark for the Summer and for the ensuing years. We have installed a chair lift! It's been a long time coming and we are proud to see how it has already made it easier for some of our Brothers to attend. I publicly thank the Union Lodge Trustees for overseeing the bidding and installation process; without their help, this project would not have been possible.

For those who are interested, there are two lifts. The first runs from our Main Street entrance to the second floor; the second lift goes from our main Fellowship Room to the third floor where the Lodge Room is located. The lifts are brand new. Please consider this an open invitation to all Brothers to attend our meetings who may not have previously been able; the ascent to our Lodge Hall has long had a reputation for its difficulty and we think we've greatly ameliorated this concern.

I also remind everybody that the Annual Union Lodge Steak Roast will be held June 19th, the 3rd Thursday in June. We are taking reservations so we can make sure to have your steak on hand. If you are interested, please contact me by phone (746-7663) or email: (joseph.gallant@gmail.com).

It is the final event in Union Lodge's Masonic Year and the fellowship we share is always great. We'd love to have you share it with us.

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No. 830

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We are in full swing, moving forward with our newest Fellowcraft Brothers. We had to perform an extra Degree in March to accommodate one of our Entered Apprentices, who was out-of-town on business. Thanks to Mike and John for all the arrangements and all Brothers who helped in both Degrees. Everything went smoothly and it was great to see the Lodge so full for our newly initiated Entered Apprentices.

The Fellowcraft Degree went just as well. With an extra



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Brother from Oatka Lodge, we passed FIVE new EAs! Thanks again to John and all the Brothers who had a part in the Degree. Again, we had help from several other Lodges, including Oatka. It makes me very excited to get to the 3rd Degree!

Master Mason Degree

As for the Master Mason Degree, we have had to move that

as well. We will be doing the Degree on June 5th instead of in May. Schedules dictated the change, and you know we can only be stretched so far. John will be sending out a list to any of you who are interested in taking part in the Degree. Please email me if you want to have a part (aqfbcoach1@gmail.com). There will be a dinner before

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As I sit down to write for the May issue of the **Masonic Times**, I find myself thinking of the annual trip to Grand Lodge and the new District Team taking the reins for 2014-2016.

New District Grand Officers

I am honored to announce that W.: John Hubbard, of Farmerville-Union Lodge in Interlaken will be our new District Deputy Grand Master. John has been Master of Farmerville-

Union Lodge for the past few years. He has also served as Chairman of our District Masonic ID Committee and as President of the O/S/Y District Association.

I am equally honored to announce that W.: Thomas Abraham of Ark Lodge in Geneva will be our new Staff Officer. Tom has been Master of Ark Lodge for several years and served as Lodge Secretary from 1982-1996.

I look forward to working with our new Team and helping them in any way I can. They will receive their Commissions at St. John's Day in Utica on June 21st. Many of us will be going to Utica to cheer them on and support them on their special day. If you would like to join us, please let me know and we can arrange a caravan for the day.

Reflections

My Brothers, two years have come and gone seemingly as quick as the blink of an eye. As I began to write this, I suddenly realized it is my last **Masonic Times** newsletter as DDGM of the Ontario/Seneca/Yates District. I find myself filled with an overwhelming sense of gratitude. Serving our Grand Master, our Grand Lodge and you, my Brothers, has been so much

more than an honor and a privilege. It has truly been a joy to me. I consider each of you to be a blessing in my life. You have mentored, advised, encouraged and supported me in every way imaginable. I can never thank you enough for the gift these past two years have been to me.

I owe a very special thank you to our Grand Sword Bearer, R.: W.: Robert Hanggi. Bob, I have so enjoyed the time we have spent together and the work we have done together. Your encouragement and special sense of humor have meant more to me than you will ever know. I thank you from the bottom of my heart and look forward to all the work still on our Trestleboard to do together.

Upcoming Events

May 3rd-7th - Lodge Masters and Secretaries have been provided with information regarding the trip to Grand Lodge. We will be traveling to New York by train from Syracuse and staying at the Edison Hotel in Midtown Manhattan. We look forward to another fun-filled and rewarding trip to Grand Lodge.

May 10th - O/S/Y District Association Meeting at Seneca Lake Lodge Hall in Dresden. Breakfast will be at 8 a.m. at the Lodge Hall with the meeting to follow at 9 a.m.

May 18th - The O/S/Y District Memorial Service will take place on May 18th at 2 p.m., United Church of Phelps, 58 Main Street in Phelps. Brothers who laid down

their Working Tools in 2013 will be remembered.

May 27th - District Investiture Service at Garoga-Sincerity Lodge Hall in Phelps. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Investiture at 7:30 p.m. Please make your reservations with the AGLs.

Please visit our District website at www.osyDistrict.org to keep updated with dates and events as they come up. The District calendar is updated regularly and is your go-to source for the most up-to-date information.

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At our first meeting on May 6th, Officers will move up a chair in anticipation of assuming their new roles following the Election of Officers on May 20th. The Lodge will be hosting the District Investiture Service during the last week of May.

District Memorial Service

Brothers are reminded of the District Memorial Service to be held on May 18th at 2 p.m. at the United Church on Main Street in Phelps. The Lodge

will be opening early so we can get some business done. Lodge will Open at 6 p.m.; we will break for a dinner, cooked by our own Rick Lafave; then resume Lodge for the Degree at 7:30 p.m.

We are looking for a new tenant in the building. The photography studio has left and we have a vacant space on the North side. If you know of anyone looking for space, it is available and signs are posted with Jim Manning's phone number as a contact.

Temple Club

We re-organized the Temple Club and have elected new Officers for the next year. In an attempt to streamline business and paperwork, we facilitated this change. I believe it to be the right move so we can get what we need done. We have some plans for the near future and want to get the ball rolling as soon as we can, so we are looking forward to the new members and a more streamlined look.

The Livingston District Ladies Night was well attended by Brothers from Eunice and their Ladies. Shannon and I had a great time. Our Lodge tried to reach our widows, but only one replied; unfortunately it was a regret. I want to make sure we try harder to get some of our lovely widows to come next year, to join us and our Ladies. Thank you to the committee, Dick Trescott, Rick Howe and Rick Lafave for a great night.

Plenty of other things to do before the end of the year; if you haven't been around, come to the next meeting!

See you along the way.

will be remembering the passing of Brothers Roy Farnsworth and Ronald VanCamp, both of whom died during 2013. Your presence would be greatly appreciated at this commemoration.

Mark Your Calendar

Keep the date of June 17th open on your calendar for our Lodge's Annual Steak Roast. Presentations of Service Pins and Certificates will be made.

O/S/Y Charities has scheduled the 21st Annual Golf Tournament for August 17th at Big Oak Golf Course. Donations for Hole Sponsors and door prizes are encouraged. Door prizes could include merchandise, gift certificates, discount coupons, etc. Information will be available in the near future.

May Birthdays

Happy Birthdays to Brothers Lynn Spence (1st); David Retchless and Benjamin Wheat (5th); Stephen Durso, Jr., Michael Patrick and Greg White (9th); John Davis (10th); Ralph Adams (18th); Dale Gelder and William Smith (22nd); Glen Webster (27th); and Donald Sabin (30th).

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Congratulations and best wishes to these Brothers. □

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Winter is finally behind us as Summer approaches with its sense of wonder and renewal. Yards are green again and fields will be plowed and planted. It is a great time of the year. As Masons, we need to renew our relationship with Freemasonry. Each of us took an obligation which binds us one with the Fraternity and one to each other. Each member needs to evaluate their own commitment to Freemasonry.

New Grand Officers

My tenure in the East is coming to an end, but I begin a new chapter in my Masonic career. I will be the new Grand Lodge Staff Officer for the O/S/Y District and I am looking forward to serving the Brothers of this great District.

The new District Deputy Grand Master will be Brother John Hubbard. We have begun our training for these new responsibilities and it is our hope we can do as well as DDGM, R.: W.: Jed Brandow and Staff Officer, R.: W.: Robert Hanggi, have done. Both of these Brothers have worked tirelessly for the benefit of Freemasonry in our District and have expanded the horizon of the O/S/Y to get involved with the surrounding Wayne and Monroe Districts.

Thanks, Ladies

A special thank you to Amy Brandow and Barb Hanggi for sharing your husbands with the

District. Without your support, their jobs in the District would be most difficult. With your support and understanding, you have participated in the further development of the O/S/Y District. For this, the Officers and Brothers of the O/S/Y District are eternally grateful.

R.: W.: Fred Newton and V.: W.: Steve Durso, Sr. will continue as AGLs for the District. Both of these Brothers have been invaluable in assisting the Lodges to be able to fill positions for Degrees and to help the District in any way possible.

Brother John and I are inheriting a District that is in wonderful condition thanks to all the hard work that has come before us. We are hopeful we can guide the District forward over the next two years and leave it a little bit better and stronger than it is today. This task cannot be accomplished without the "help, aid and assistance" of every Brother who is the reason for the success of the District. We know you will give your support to the new District Team. We look forward to meeting and greeting each of you.

Thanks, Brothers

I thank the Officers and Brothers of Ark Lodge who have made these last three years so enjoyable. I truly have enjoyed working with such fine Brothers. Your ideas and concerns have helped continue our traditions, which started in 1807. Thank you for the support and confidence given to me. I know you will support the next Master and his Line of Officers as we move forward in the quarry of Freemasonry.

Mark Your Calendar

May 3rd-7th - Grand Lodge Communication in New York City

May 18th - Masonic Memorial Service at 2 p.m. at the Phelps Methodist Church. Ark Lodge will remember Brothers Maurice Bittman, Horace Riddle and Gerald Herald.

May 21st - Summoned Annual Communication at 7:30 p.m. Dinner at Emile's at 6 p.m.

May 27th - Investiture Service at Garoga-Sincerity Lodge, Dinner at 6 p.m.

May 30th - Memorial Day Parade in Waterloo □

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Submitted by Ted Powley

Brethren, I thank you for the privilege of being your Grand Director of Ceremonies for the past two years. It's been a pleasure to serve with our District Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: Jay DeWispelaere. He was well organized and developed into a fine speaker, many times without any notes. I hope he helps others to develop his skills of staying on topic and concluding in a timely manner. I was proud to be his partner.

Participate and Communicate

Communications remain one of the challenges for our District. We have tried to use email and group addresses during our term. I think this has helped some, but we need more Brothers to share their email addresses with their Lodge Secretary and District Team.

Lodge Masters need to take the time to write Lodge Trestleboards and share them with their Brethren and the entire District.

More participation in the Masters and Wardens Association is also highly desired. All Master Masons are welcome to attend these meetings. We have settled on the second Monday of the month, but do move around the District so all Lodges can host if they desire and Brethren can come to their own Lodge to attend a District meeting.

The Master's Chair

To newly elected Masters ... our new Staff Officer, V.: W.: Joe Green, will be giving the Master's Chair Course over the Summer. He will be contacting you with a time and place. It is a one-meeting course and an opportunity to meet the other Masters

of Wayne District. Please take advantage of this training opportunity. It will help you.

Congratulations to the four Brothers who completed the recent *Road to the East Course*. Congratulations to the Lodges sending representatives to the Grand Lodge Sessions to elect our new Grand Master and Elected Officers of Grand Lodge. I am sure they will be excited to report to you on their trip to the Big Apple and Grand Lodge!

Again, thank you for your support and friendship during 2012-2014. God bless you, your family, our service personnel and our Country! □

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Good food, good company and good libations were the ingredients that made for a great evening of Masonic fellowship enjoyed by our Brethren and their wives at our Table Lodge on April 2nd. Over 24 participants had a fun evening under the watchful eye of Brother Rob

Zanin, who fulfilled his duties as Junior Deacon with integrity and proficiency.

May 5th is the start of Grand Lodge and the Master may or may not return from Grand Lodge in time for the evening's meeting on May 7th. Therefore, the program of the evening will be a Move-Up Night for our Officers. It is hoped the Master will return and discuss the proceedings of the Grand Lodge.

May 21st - Elections of Officers for 2014-2015. There has been some controversy about several of the elected positions and it may make for an interesting election.

Plan to Participate

The Masonic Year is rapidly coming to an end and I hope you have had an opportunity to participate wherever you may be. Whether you are in Georgia, Colorado, New Mexico or Florida, make an effort to reach out to a local Lodge and make new friends and greet new Brothers. Your Dues Card and a warm greeting will get you into any Lodge.

Support Your Brothers

I would also remind my local area Brothers that they are always welcome and anyone needing transportation just needs to call (315) 597-5060. And NO, I did not forget to remind you all - near and far -

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These past four years have gone by in a blink of an eye. When I started this journey as your Staff Officer, my son, Austin, was graduating from high school. As I now complete my tenure as your District Deputy Grand Master, Austin is graduating from college. What a nice way to bookend this aspect of my Masonic career.

R.:W.: Mike Hueston and R.:W.: Rob Buchanan put together and hosted some very well-received education courses over the course of these two years. I know they were well received because I have noticed that Lodges are now incorporating Masonic Light into every Stated Communication held in their Lodge. May we never see the return of bored meetings at Lodge.

I couldn't ask for better traveling companions during my Official Visits. The trips to Utica were priceless (in more ways than one). But most of all, I cherish their Brotherhood and friendship. I am fortunate for having had the privilege to work with these two fine men and Masons; and to call them friend.

I am fortunate to represent a District that supports one another - be it in performing Ritual, or to resolve the differences that inevitably arise where humans are involved.

I am fortunate for having the opportunity to meet Brothers from every Lodge in our District and beyond. Watching our Fraternity gather at our District Table Lodge and join hands in singing "Auld Lang Syne," are what life-long memories are made of.

But, you don't have to wear the purple on your shoulders to experience that good fortune. Take whatever opportunity there is to visit other Lodges and participate in District-wide events.

With that in mind, I hope you will consider traveling to Utica in June for the Annual St. John's Weekend, which is held on the Campus of the Masonic Home. A carnival is held on the grounds and culminates with a ceremony. During this ceremony every Grand Lodge Officer receives their Commission. The ceremony itself is impressive and well worth the two-hour drive from Rochester. The festivities surrounding this ceremony are an opportunity to not only engage in fellowship with Masons from throughout the State (and purchase some hard-to-come-by Masonic merchandise), but to show our support for our incoming District Deputy Grand Master, R.:W.: George Foehner,

and Staff Officer, W.: Steve Michener. It is during this weekend, that both Brothers will receive their Commission from the Grand Master. □

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By R.:W.: Michael Hueston

As I write this article, it is 24 degrees outside. This is the Winter that will not go away. This is my last article as your Grand Director of Ceremonies. I speak for R.:W.: Rob Buchanan and myself when I say that the last two years have really been special and all the support and Brotherly love we have received from many Brothers has really been overwhelming. I have learned so much about the 12 Lodges in Monroe District and I will miss being a Grand Lodge Officer.

If you were able to attend the Monroe District Table Lodge on March 31st, you were able to witness that all 12 Lodges were represented from the District and Lodges from all over the area were also in attendance. Our DDGM, R.:W.: Phil Hurwitz, really did a tremendous job putting this great event together. What a fantastic and memorable evening was had to say goodbye to the Grand Master, M.:W.: James Sullivan, for his many years of support and all he has done for our District. R.:W.: Phil has really been a very active leader for the District and his support of all the events from the *Masonic Development Course* programs to all the Awards Ceremonies he attended. His leadership helped make these events a success. Rob and I have been honored to serve with R.:W.: Phil and will miss our Sunday morning meetings and his sense of humor.

Apron Presentation

Please plan to attend the Apron Presentation Dinner at the Shrine Center on Saturday, June 7th. This is the night when our new Grand Lodge Officers receive their Aprons. It's also the time when the retiring Grand Lodge Officers can say our goodbyes and thank yous in person for making these last two years so memorable.

I have many Brothers to thank, but R.:W.: Phil Hurwitz and R.:W.: Rob Buchanan will always have a special place in my heart and we will have so many great memories to share with each other in future years. I thank these Brothers and wish them many years of good health and success in their Masonic journeys.

God Bless you and enjoy the Summer. □

Monroe District Masters and Wardens Association

By W.: Stephan Michener

A Good Time was Had by All

On April 4th, five Lodges were represented at the Masters and Wardens Cocktail/Dinner party at Hose 22 Firehouse Grill in Charlotte. The location was recommended by R.:W.: Phil Hurwitz, DDGM, who joined the festivities along with incoming DDGM, R.:W.: George Foehner. Spouses and significant others also attended and there was plenty of good cheer to be had by all. I especially thank W.: Ken Tomaszewski, Master of Union Star Lodge and Secretary of Masters and Wardens Association, for bringing Tulips in vases for our Ladies. It was a classy touch.

At the meeting, those who were going to Grand Lodge Sessions in May were able to discuss what plans we might have for seeing the Big Apple and our Ladies got to know each other so they will be more comfortable at the Grand Master's Reception and Dinner on May 5th.

Getting a Lot Accomplished

At our March 15th meeting held at Wakan-Hubbard Lodge in Penfield, we voted to reimburse some of the costs for the new tent used for the *Have-a-Heart* Campaign. Financial support of this endeavor is specified in our By-laws, speaking of which ... our ability to support these very worthy endeavors is made possible by the Dues that each Lodge pays to the Masters and Wardens Association. Unfortunately, thus far we have still not received Dues from the following Lodges: Fairport- Flower City, Inspiration, Oatka, Seneca and Webster. Please respond to the invoice you have received.

We will also be sending out the Resource List of Masonic Programs that we have been working on all year, along with a survey to the Lodges that have yet to make any contributions to the list. It would really be great if we had one hundred percent participation in this endeavor. There must be at least one Masonic Program someone in your Lodge does that you could add to the list. Please show your Brothers around the District a little charity by offering up some Masonic Light!

Also, at the last meeting, Jeff VanSice proposed the idea of a Masonic Funeral "color guard" coordinated through the Masters and Wardens Association to help assure the maximum attendance at funerals. This is an idea that will be investigated further in the future.

Next Meetings

Our next meeting will be on May 10th, at 10 a.m. at the Unity Lodge Hall in Spencerport. We will be trying something a little different. Bruce Katz, from ERAC Lodge, will be giving us a little taste of a program he presents called, "Setting a

Vision." It will be about 10-15 minutes in length ... the idea is to demonstrate a possible program that could be offered in your Lodge. It also sounds like a great program for a Junior Warden or Senior Warden to see as they prepare for their year in the East.

Finally, our last meeting of the year will also be a little different. It will be held on June 13th at 8 p.m. at the Shrine Center. There will be the usual Cruz Night and Fish Fry going on and you are encouraged to bring your family. The meeting will be very brief, (probably no longer than 15-20 minutes) with only one agenda item - to elect Officers for next year. Please plan on attending both these meetings. □

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By Bruce Katz

Past Masters Night was held on March 10th, following a dinner of Corned Beef and (too much) Cabbage. W.: David Upham, DSA, was in the East, W.: Craig Covert in the West and W.: Pat Nicholson in the South. W.: Upham, who presently serves as Lodge Secretary, was recently recognized for fifty years in the Craft. He gave a brief talk with the key message that "...the Past Master's Apron [which] the Lodge presents is not a going-away gift but, rather, a BADGE OF OFFICE and a reminder that as the Lodge supported him during his tenure, so does he have a duty to continue to support the Lodge."

After the many months of ERAC's careful guardianship of the Traveling Gavel, rumors abounded that Union Star Lodge was going to make a play to capture it at our March 24th meeting. The Brothers from Union Star made a strong showing with 15 Brothers. In a surprise move, Inspiration Lodge's 16 Brothers walked away with the prize. Inspiration's stewardship of the Gavel was short-lived, however, as this symbol of our friendly fraternal rivalry continues its journeys. (The Traveling Gavel was instituted in 1970 by the Masters and Wardens Association to promote Lodge visitations. A Lodge can hold the Traveling Gavel until it is taken by a visiting Lodge with at least six Brothers. If there are multiple Lodges with six or more visiting Brothers, the Lodge with the most Brothers in attendance takes the Gavel.)

Many of our visitors made dinner reservations and joined us for "Bar Food Night," featuring "Super-Jumbo Chicken Wings" (aka "drumsticks") prepared with a variety of sauces. This dinner was under the direction of Chief Steward Dave Fingado, and ably assisted by the Steward Team of Brothers Adam Sukhen-

ko, Craig Johnville, Edd Taylor and Embola Ekkile.

The March 24th program included presentations by Brothers David Fingado and Paul Bielewicz. Brother Paul presented a History of ERAC Lodge, tracing our current Lodge from the mergers of its five predecessors dating from 1850. Brother Dave presented "Light on the 2nd Degree," using the Tracing Board prominently displayed in the Lodge Room.

An update was provided about the distress of one of our Brothers. In a touching demonstration of a principal Tenet of our Fraternity, the Widows Sons (visiting as part of the Inspiration Lodge contingent) made a generous pledge of support. Thank you, Brothers.

Next month's article will include highlights from a presentation by R.:W.: Rich Friedman on Freemasonry during World War II, Brother Dave Fingado's "Light from the 3rd Degree," and a *Walk-About* the Lodge - especially for the benefit of new Brothers. Current information and (untitled) Masonic discussion can be found on our Facebook page. It is a closed group, but joining requests are quickly approved.

The Community Service Action Team continues its quiet work in its ongoing support of Ronald McDonald Houses. Please contact W.: Rich Greenaway to help.

Our Senior Deacon, Brother Zach Taylor, Chairs ERAC's Membership Action Group. The team's current goal is to identify key membership retention opportunities for our Lodge. There is now an email address for receiving comments, and the team will be sending a survey to the Brothers. The survey responses and comments received will remain in the strictest confidence. Comments to the Membership Action Group may be sent to: erac163membershipgroup@gmail.com

Scholarship Applications

Scholarship Applications are being sent to previous recipients who are still eligible. If you have not yet received a Scholarship Application for your eligible child or grandchild (or would like additional information on this program), please contact the Lodge Secretary (phone and email above).

One of the ERAC traditions is the recognition of "Old Business" - the recognition of Brothers who have been away from the Lodge for a while. If you've been away for a while, please make an effort to come back to Lodge. If transportation is an issue, we can arrange a ride.

The Lodge of Remembrance and Annual Election of Officers will be held on May 12 as our only meeting for the month. We will conclude the current Masonic Year with a Public meeting on June 9th for the Installation of Officers for 2014-15. Dinner reservations are requested by the Friday before the meetings by email (preferred) to brucek8189@aol.com or by phone 729-6657.

See you in Lodge. □

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Northfield Lodge
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Originally, the Lodge was Chartered in 1813 and was called Morning Star No. 223. That original Charter (which is still in our possession) was signed by DeWitt Clinton when he was Grand Master in 1813.

Previously, as New York State Governor in 1810, he had toured the area as the Erie Canal was being planned and dug. On that trip he stopped at Perrin's Tavern (after whose owner the town of Perinton was named) and noticed the sign had Masonic symbols because the owner was a Mason. A Petition for a new Lodge was submitted but was delayed because one of the recommending Lodges (Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 112 in Palmyra) had been delinquent in paying their Grand Lodge Dues. Eventually things got squared away and Morning Star received its Charter on September 3, 1813.

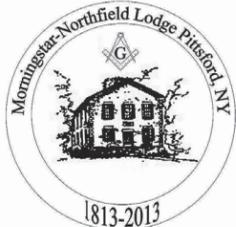
Our Beginning

According to R.:W.: Sarachan, Dr. John Ray was the Charter Master of the Lodge. He was also the first area physician and served as Town Clerk. The Senior Warden was Samuel Felt who was the Postmaster for the town, and Glover Perrin (the aforesaid Tavern owner, as well as several other businesses) was the Junior Warden. At that time the Lodge was in the Town of Boyle, and in what was the enormously large Ontario County. In fact, the County of Monroe would not exist until 1821, eight years after the formation of Morning Star Lodge. Soon after Morning Star received its charter the Town of Boyle changed its name to Northfield, before it would eventually become Pittsford.

From there it appears there were several episodes of questionable behavior including the suspension of the Master of the Lodge in 1818 for defrauding another member. In 1823, several Brothers were in arrears for their Dues and the Senior Warden of the Lodge, Loton Lawson, was appointed the Dues Collector. In 1824, Mr. Lawson served as Master, but he then demitted in December, 1824, at the end of his term. Although no longer a member of Morning Star Lodge, two years later in 1826, Mr. Loton Lawson would be involved in the abduction from the Canandaigua jail of a certain Mr. William Morgan. Of those involved in the conspiracy, Lawson was the only one to spend only a brief time in jail.

With the resultant fervor over the Morgan incident, like many Lodges, Morning Star had trouble having enough members attend and paying their Grand Lodge Dues, and even though Officers were elected for 1828,

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the Lodge quietly dimmed its lights, though it never turned in its Charter.

It is quite possible that during this time members of the Lodge continued to meet at various locations around Pittsford. A Brother once told me there may have been meetings held at Hicks and McCarthy's (which is still in operation) though I am not aware of the evidence. During this period of Morning Star's "unofficial" meetings, a few Lodges which have since merged came into existence (Valley No. 109, 1845; Penfield Union No. 154, 1849; Yonondio No. 163, 1850; and Union Star No. 320, 1854).

According to Sarachan's book, in 1857 Masons in the Pittsford area (the town had changed its name) "decided to organize a Masonic Lodge as a successor to the old Morning Star No. 223 of pre-Morgan days." The new Lodge had received the approval of Penfield Union Lodge No. 154, and they used as a model for their By-laws those of Union Lodge No. 45 in Lima. The Lodge originally met in the attic at the Phoenix Hotel building, which is a Federalist style structure and still stands at the corner of Main and State Street in Pittsford today.

Due to the re-organization of Lodges after the Morgan unpleasantness, Northfield was not able to have its old number 223, and some newly formed Lodges received relatively lower numbers. However, early on in 1862, there was strong consideration given to changing the name of the Lodge back to Morning Star, but the proposal ultimately failed.

Eventually, in 1891, the meeting night was changed to 1st and 3rd Thursdays and in 1892 the Lodge moved into the beautiful cobblestone building where it continues to operate today at 17 Church Street. This school building had been previously built in 1842 by at least one member of the Lodge, Samuel Crump.

To celebrate this historic occasion of Masonry being present in the Village of Pittsford for 200 years, the Brothers of Northfield are hosting a Table Lodge on Thursday, May 29th, at 6 p.m. There will be a seven-course Steak Dinner and souvenir cannon - all for the price of \$25. There is a limit of 50 spots available. Reservations may be made by May 15th with Jason Morrisette at 797-8169 or email: northfield426@gmail.com

We sincerely hope you will join with us and be able to partake in our hospitality.

Lodge News

That was a Surprise!

Something very unusual and unexpected happened at our meeting on April 3rd. The turnout was pretty small. That wasn't unexpected. There was good cheer and Brotherhood in the Lodge. That's not unusual. We even had a visitor. That's not unusual. We had a nice dinner before the meeting. That's not unexpected. The dinner was pancakes and sausage. That was a little unique, but not too unusual. I presented a program about Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and his opera "The Magic Flute." That wasn't unexpected either. It was in the Trestleboard.

What surprised me is that the Brothers who attended actually enjoyed it and even said so. In fact, one Brother even said to me afterwards that he'd like to go see a live opera. Another Brother wanted to know where he could purchase a copy of "The Magic Flute." My Brothers, I will make no bones about it, the attendance at that meeting was disappointing. But, to know that the Brothers who were there enjoyed a program, that even I was uncertain how well it would go over, means a great deal to me. I experienced many strange looks when I told Brothers around the District what the program would be for that night. But, I thank those Brothers who were there and enjoyed the program I put together. I thank them for their open minds and willingness to experience something new.

During my year in the East, I have tried to have programs that would be a little different than the standard fare. The Mozart Program was pushing the envelope. But hey, he was a guy who took his Freemasonry very seriously and in a fun sort of way. His extensive body of Masonic music which includes two Masonic operas is evidence of this. The Masonic symbolism in "The Magic Flute" is clear and many Masonic heads were turned and eyebrows raised when he first presented it in 1791, shortly before his death. Like our Masonic Ritual which can be studied for a lifetime, the opera "The Magic Flute" has just as much depth. In preparation for this program I have been studying this opera for a couple of years now and some of the pieces are just starting to come together for me. I'm still noticing nuances I hadn't been aware of before. I would encourage any Brother who wants to deepen his appreciation for

our Masonic heritage and teachings to explore Mozart's music and especially "The Magic Flute."

More Music in May

At our May 1st meeting, Brother Peter Cormac from Union Star Lodge, will be talking to us about (and giving us a demonstration of) the bagpipes. The program is called WARNING: BAGPIPES! ... Music that can stir the spirit and terrify foes. No doubt this will be another program that is not your usual Masonic meeting.

On May 15th we will meet to elect Officers for next year and I will make some comments about this past year and share some thoughts about our Lodge. As always, Brother Lance Daul will have something for dinner before these meetings. Reservations to:

lance.daul@gmail.com

Sands in the Hourglass

Every past Master talks about how fast the year goes by and, as we approach the end of this Masonic Year, I find myself becoming another Past Master who will say the same thing. Experience is a teacher and we all need to learn the lesson of making the most of our very brief time. As our Brother Benjamin Franklin so eloquently said, "Lost time is never found again." □

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By R.:W.: *Skip Waterstreet*

We are winding down the Masonic Year and it has been an exciting one for Inspiration Lodge. There have been plenty of events for you to attend and enjoy fellowship with your Brothers, and we are not done yet!

Our Annual Meeting and Election of Officers is on May 13th. (Friday the 13th comes on Tuesday this month, for you old-time comic strip readers like me!) Please plan to attend and support the Lodge leaders as they advance toward the East.

As usual, a reservation and \$5 will get you a dinner prior to the meeting. Please call our Junior Warden, Todd Colburn at 739-6947 or email:

colburntodd1@gmail.com

to make your reservation. His telephone number is new as of March 24th; I haven't published it before, so please make a note for your records.

I have spoken with our Senior Warden, Brother Brian Bell, regarding the Installation of Officers on June 10th. In anticipation of his Election as Worshipful Master, he has indicated

there will be a Public Installation Ceremony on June 10th. It will be preceded by a dinner, beginning at 6:30 p.m., with the Ceremony to follow about 7:30 p.m. Please make your plans now to attend and bring your family and any friends who may be interested ... particularly any men who might like to join us.

Campaign Ending

This is the last opportunity to support the Masonic Brotherhood Fund for the 2013-2014 Masonic Year. R.:W.: Mike Hueston is still accepting checks. If you have not contributed, won't you write and mail your check today? The devastating hurricanes and floods in the past few years created many hardships for our Brothers. M.:W.: James Sullivan, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, was able to provide financial assistance to them because of your support of the Brotherhood Fund. Please consider this most worthwhile endeavor.

Speaking of Brother Mike, we were privileged and honored to have him as our Grand Lodge Staff Officer this year. He put a lot of time and effort into the Education Programs for the District, along with R/W\ Rob Buchanan, and rarely missed an opportunity to attend a District function...an outstanding commitment to his duties.

With the changing of the guard comes your chance to thank him, and the other retiring Grand Lodge Officers, at the Apron Presentation Dinner. This year, it will be at the Shrine Center on Saturday, June 7th. Please consider attending in a show of appreciation for his efforts. Details may be found elsewhere in this issue of the **Masonic Times**.

May Birthdays

As the May flowers bring much pleasure and joy, we extend these same warm thoughts and wishes to our celebrants this month: Raul Fernandez (3rd); Edward Start (4th); David Leisten (10th); Daniel Dunham (11th); Brandon Young (12th); Gordon Kotzin (14th); John Steinkamp III (18th); Terry Ramsey (21st); Robert Knyrim (22nd); Michael Hueston, Sr., and Frank Angelo III (23rd); Timothy Babcock and Timothy Stewart (24th); Charles Freida and Gary Burke (26th). Let them eat cake. Happy Birthday, my Brothers!

Dues

Our Secretary, R.:W.: Derek VanHouten, and our Treasurer, W.: Glenn Stahl, DSA, would like to get this issue settled before the Summer. If you are not holding a 2014 Inspiration Lodge Dues Card, won't you please send in your check. If there is a financial issue, please contact them. We may be able to help. Thanks, in advance, for your continued support.

See you in Lodge. □

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Is It Spring Yet?

I usually lead off with a Rochester "Weather Report," for the out-of-towners, but I'm not mentioning the weather this month. Suffice to say if you are reading this in the South or West, your weather is much nicer than ours. Guess we will just skip from Winter to Summer this year. Brrrrr!

Last month we held a 3rd Degree for four new Master Masons, continuing the process of growing and strengthening your Lodge. I offer a hearty Master Mason welcome to Brothers Jason Barnett, Paul Consalvo, George Washburn and Thomas Chugg. Sure, you have been with us since the Fall, but now you are welcomed as full-fledged Master Masons. Congratulations, Brothers! Many thanks to all the Seneca Brethren who helped make this important evening such a success. It will be the sixth time I have performed a 3rd Degree and I will remember it as one of the best! A special thanks to our Ritual Director Dick Shellman for preparing the Brothers to continue the fine Ritual work Seneca is known for.

The end of March gave us the Monroe District Table Lodge honoring the M.:W.: James E Sullivan, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York. Seneca had a good showing as we had in attendance: Senior Warden, Bob Shaver; Secretary, Ray Glegg; Senior Deacon, Wayne Fenton; W.: Stu Walthour and me. From the Scottish Rite side of the room Illustrious and R.:W.: Steve Whittaker, 33° and Jack Van Elzaker, 33°. It was a wonderful evening of deep Masonic meaning, friendship and fun! And much props to R.:W.: Phil Hurwitz for serving as a perfect Master of Ceremonies and organizing such a successful event.

Election and Installation

Next month is Seneca's Election of Officers for the upcoming Masonic Year. It promises to be a very exciting evening as a new team slides effortlessly into their Chairs, a new age in the history of our Lodge begins, and I become the next "Old What's His Name."

It promises to be an emotional evening and will be led by some of Seneca's most decorated and esteemed members including R.:W.: Steve Whittaker and R.:W.: Paul Vick. Make sure you come and support your new Line Officers and be sure to offer both your support and congratulations. The elections will, of course, be closed but the Installation ceremony will be open. Bring the wives and families! And as I will soon become a Past Master, I now challenge



Seneca Lodge Brothers who attended the recent 3rd Degree to welcome four new Master Masons, (front, left to right) Jason Barnett, Thomas Chugg, Paul Consalvo and George Washburn.

other Past Masters to attend the Installation. See you there!

Now for the personal part. I have mixed emotions about stepping down as Seneca's Master. Yes, I will have a little more time on my hands and much of the pressure of being Master will fade. But something unexpected happened over the last two years ... I came to embrace and love the job. When I became Master, all I wanted to do was to not "mess up the Lodge." But I also saw a couple of things that my Lodge needed and set goals for my time as Master. Those goals were: Straighten out our financial situation, Open Seneca to the outside world and get our line established while retaining new Brothers thereby creating stability.

Financially, I cut costs and increased income by instituting mild increases to Dues, dinners and Fellowcraft. The Seneca Bar Project was funded in large part by Brothers' donations. Some hard decisions had to be made including cancelling some events from the calendar year, though I hope and expect them to return in the next year or so. I also tasked the Trustees with revising and securing our investment policies. Brothers Dick Shellman, Paul Vick, Ray Crandall, Bob Kimmel and Don Jenks did an extraordinary job of not only researching and settling on a new investment strategy but going the extra mile by constructing a Seneca Investment Policy that ensured we operate legally, smartly and within specific limits. I gave them one year to come up with this plan and one year to institute it. I am glad to say all expectations were not only met but exceeded. Suffice to say Seneca will be financially sound for as long as we are a Lodge. Thanks, Trustees! You have done a great thing!

I also wanted to open Seneca to the District and beyond. Seneca has such a rich history of which I cannot possibly go into here. The members who have been Raised within our Lodge range from Judges and politicians to business owners and even clergy. We have had more Right Worshipfuls Raised from our ranks than any other Lodge in the District. We were always known as "the Professional Lodge" not only because of our members but because of the quality of the Ritual work we conduct.

But, over the years the cry from the District has been "Seneca who?" I wanted that to change. Over the past two years I have put my heart and soul into the Trestleboard and **Masonic Times** articles. Last year we lead the State in percentage

of contributions to the Brotherhood Fund. This year we received the Howard Potts Award at the Grand Lecturer's Convention. Seneca members are involved in the Widow's Luncheon, attended Ritual classes, Masonic Education Classes and too many District events to name. We have had many visitors from other Lodges and regular visits from the DDGM and his Staff.

In-house I opened the doors on what the Officers do, the budgeting process and what the Trustees are doing. Now when I travel I hear, "Wow! Seneca is back in a big way!" It is music to my ears.

Finally, I helped get our Line established and got our new guys involved in what we are doing in Seneca. I have asked for suggestions and instituted many. The new guys are involved in the Degree process and finally we will be without Past Masters sitting in Line Officer Chairs.



Brother Gordon Hubbell receiving the Blue Lodge Award from the Concordant Bodies of the State of New York, which was presented by Brother Charlie Hancock

Some of our newer Brothers have gotten involved by bringing in fresh ideas that are cost-saving as well as income-increasing processes. Brothers Chris Bretz, Mike Blazey and Keven Blazey, on their own time, undertook the construction of our beautiful Fellowcraft Bar. We have a Junior Secretary and Junior Ritual Degree Director in place, just in case... you know. Our Line and Lodge are now solidified. We are very fortunate.

A few things I wish on which I could've done better: Charitable endeavors and contacting Brothers who do not attend Lodge much or at all. Charity is one of the most important responsibilities of any Masonic Lodge. Though we did so well with the Brotherhood Fund, *Have-a-Heart* Campaign and we did make many contributions to many worthwhile charitable organizations, I did not get Seneca as involved with the community and its charities as some of my predecessors. I was told that it's alright as we had to get our own house in order first,

but the regret still lingers. I am hoping the next regime will be more involved. And though I can spill words on a page, often too many words, I am kind of uncomfortable communicating outside my comfort zone.

I wish I had made more calls and visited more Masons who do not or cannot attend Lodge. Again, here's hoping the next group of Officers improves upon my practices.

I have run on too long again! Let me wrap up my last **Masonic Times** article by thanking the Officers, Trustees and Brethren of Seneca for making my stay as Master so incredibly wonderful. Thanks to the District Officers for their help and friendship. Thanks to my good friend and immediate "old what's his name" W.: Don Jenks for showing me how, and teaching me to trust in letting the Brothers do their jobs, thereby making my job easy. Thanks to Junior Warden, Jeff Quartley, and W.: Dana Cline, both of whom I was Raised with, for being my Brothers in every sense. Thanks to Brothers Dick Shellman, Ray Glegg, Ray Crandall, Mike Ferguson, Stu Walthour and Gordon Hubbell, all of whom I respect immeasurably for their leadership and friendship. And thanks to the dearly departed DSA Brother Fred Norter and R.:W.: Fred Belluccio (Uncle Freddy!) for showing me the way. They still are. And an excited Good Luck to incoming Master, Bob Shaver. You are ready, you have an awesome team and I am always here for you! Most of all, I thank my wife, Jean; and our daughters, Jenna, Courtney, Shannon, Katie and Kelly for your involvement, patience, understanding, general putting up with me and love. You are all my number one and I have nothing short of unconditional love for you!

May Birthdays

I take this opportunity to recognize our Brothers born in May:

John Lynn (1st), Bob Riddell (10th), Bob Leavitt (11th), Dick Heidorn (15th), Asaf Durakovic and Eric McQuiston (16th), Bob Franzen (18th), Jim Holzgartner (25th), Chuck Fennell (27th) and Paul Consalvo (28th).

Thank you to all our May 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:

jeff.quartley@gmail.com

Remember, a reservation made is a reservation paid! And reservations are a must!!! □ Highland Park.

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By John Zabel

Well, Spring did get here after all and April was a pretty good month. Our first meeting in April saw W.: Nathan Shoff present a "Short Talk" to the Lodge.

May is an interesting month for the Lodge. We will only have one meeting because Memorial Day falls on our second meeting date. Our only meeting in May will be the Election of Officers and the report on the Grand Lodge Session by W.: Angelo DiCataldo. The Grand Lodge Session should be very interesting. The outcome of some of the ballots could make some changes. If you are not aware of all the possibilities, come to the May meeting to hear the Master's report. He should also have the Lodge's Meacham Award that was presented in Grand Lodge Session.

The election of next year's Officers should also be interesting. Most of the Officers will be moving up but there will also be new members appointed to Offices. Attend the meeting so you will know who will be leading the Lodge in the future.

The first event in June will be the Installation of Officers on Saturday, June 7th at 2 p.m. at the Lodge Hall. That will be followed by a Master's Ball at Lillian's Restaurant and, hopefully, the presentation of a DeWitt Clinton Award to former Mayor Thomas Richards. The evening is scheduled to start at 6 p.m.

Our first meeting in June will be our Sport Shirt night with Strawberry Shortcake for refreshments. Plan on wearing your most outrageous sport shirt that evening. Full details will be in the next **Masonic Times**.

The Summer is still being planned at this point, so stay tuned for such events as the Penfield Fourth of July Parade, Summer Picnic and who knows what other activities we can come up with. If you have any suggestions, call one of the Officers or the Master. They will be more than grateful to take suggestions and work out interesting events.

The June article will outline all the Summer events and give a preview of what will be happening in the Fall. So until then, watch the trees and other green and growing things start to blossom or leaf out. We should have a great Spring and maybe an excellent Lilac Festival at Highland Park. □

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**JOSEPH DI TUCCI
POTENTATE**

Wow, what a great month we had in April. The dinner was catered by Sticky Lips Pit BBQ™ Restaurant and it was fantastic! We had Blues Music playing and the atmosphere was perfect. There were almost 100 Nobles in attendance as we created nine new Nobles. Thank you to the Directors Staff for yet again putting on a memorable Ceremonial.

The Casino Bus Trip was a huge success! We were able to raise over \$600 for the Shriners Hospitals for Children®. Thank you, Noble Sean Noonan, for setting up this event.

Damascus Shriners held its first-ever Cigar Smoker Open Mic/Jam Session Night. What a great time! Jim Young rocked the house with his musical skills. Thank you to the musicians who showed up and the crew who came to help run the event.

This will be an ongoing thing throughout the year. Come out to have fun with your Brothers and, at the same time, help raise money for your Temple.

Upcoming Events

The meeting in June will be our first Open Meeting of the year. This is a party for Nobles and their families. The program is on our Hospital System. Representatives from Shriners Hospital for Children® - Erie will be presenting the program, along with a Shriners Hospital patient from our area, who will fill us in on her experience at Shriners Hospitals for Children®. Please make every effort to be in attendance.

Nobles we are marching and riding in the Lilac Parade this year. All Nobles are invited and encouraged to participate.

Remember, Nobles, as the weather is getting warmer and the roads are filling up, keep an open eye for motorcycles and help save a life. □

SHRINEABILIA

By Derek VanHouten

Recently I had an interesting discussion with a Noble who has had quite a colorful life up to 2014. He is an avid collector of Shrine-related material - ranging from ceramic plates, early Shrine pins, Shrine paper and cards. He has assisted me on several occasions when an item of historical nature crops up in our travels.

He enjoys music, whether it's Mozart or more contemporary music of today. He works hard to make sure our children are safe when they ride their local school bus.

Many times in the past, you have seen him behind the Damascus Oasis Bar. He has an easy outgoing personality and always has the best interests of the Shrine at heart. Many of you have seen Fez Head Fred in local parades. It is hot and hard work, but Matt Muller is always there to step in and help out. I consider him a friend and a great source of energy for anything you may want accomplished.

He prowls the eBay site and amazes me as to what he finds that is related to the Shrine, in general. If you are looking for historical material, ask Matt; he just might be able to help you track it down. □

I Love the Parades!

By Jim Kahn, Colonel of the Units

Our Potentate, Ill. Joseph DiTucci, has requested your participation in the Call-out Parades of 2014.

What is a Call-out Parade?

This term is used by the Potentate to request all Clubs and Units to participate in the parades to the best of their ability. Marching or sitting - if your legs are not as young as you are, we have fire trucks on which you can join the parade!

Mark Your Calendar

Saturday May 10th - Lilac Festival Parade, the lineup is on Science Parkway off of South Avenue.

Thursday, July 10th - Webster Firemen Parade

More details to follow on Constant Contact. Please call Jim Kahn with any questions at (315) 253-2508.

Thank you for all your support. God Bless. □



**SCOTT LASKY
ASSISTANT RABBAN**

There has been a lot of fun going on at Damascus and it is going to continue. Last month's Ceremonial started out with an incredible Bar-B-Que Dinner provided by Sticky Lips Pit BBQ™ Restaurant. We then moved into the Meeting Room where we created some new Nobles.

Then the Oasis was opened up and we had some fun with the Hot Sands Ceremonial. We received quite a bit of positive feedback from the Nobility about what a great time they had.

The Lenten Fish Frys were a success. I had a great time cooking and working with the many Nobles and their families who came out to help.

We also had an Open Mic/Jam Session on April 5th. We had great food, music, and refreshments.

Keep an eye on the Constant Contact Email List because I am sure we will be having another one soon.

Upcoming Events - Plan to Participate

After the Winter we had, May could not have come fast enough. With its arrival comes our world famous Cruz Nights! Our first one is May 9th.

We had our Cruz Night planning meeting last month and received some really good suggestions for this year. We will be instituting some minor changes that will make our operation run even smoother. We can always use help; especially with parking and cleanup.

I also want you to know about an upcoming event in our hometown of Webster.

On May 17th, the Widows Sons will be having their 3rd Annual Spring Thing Fundraiser at the Webster Firemen's Field. All of the proceeds this year will go to the New York Warrior Alliance, "One Soldier at a Time," and the Masonic War Veterans. It is shaping up to be another great event and a big fundraiser for some great charities. □

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5th Divan Meeting, 8 p.m.

7th Shrine Meeting, Honoring Past Potentates

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May 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th - CRUZ NIGHTS

JUNE

2nd Divan Meeting, 8 p.m.

4th Shrine Meeting, Membership Party, Hospital Awareness Night

8th Legion of Honor Flag Retirement Ceremony

21st Fishing Derby

28th Clam Bake

June 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th - CRUZ NIGHTS



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AUBURN SHRINE CLUB

Noble Richard Palmer of Auburn Shrine Club brought in can tabs from a local resident with a unique situation. Mrs. Remember Blaisdell linked 10,000 can tabs, colors red and silver, together in a chain for a Christmas decoration that was 27 feet long. She made a second link chain 18 feet long of just silver can tabs.



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What's New in Erie...

By Bob Howden

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Erie Facility Launches Drive For New Radiology Equipment

Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie Ambulatory Surgery Center and Outpatient Specialty Care Center has embarked on a major program to upgrade its radiology department suites to Digital Radiography, called Gentle Imaging. Digital Radiography is a form of x-ray imaging where digital x-ray sensors are used instead of traditional photographic film. There are many advantages to this system including time efficiency through bypassing chemical processing, and the ability to digitally transfer and enhance images. In addition, the new system uses less radiation to produce an image of similar contrast to conventional radiography.

Instead of x-ray film, digital radiography uses a digital image capture device.

This device allows the radiology technician to immediately see and preview the image. It eliminates costly film processing steps, and the wider dynamic range makes it more forgiving for over and under-exposure. This new equipment offers the ability to apply special image processing techniques that enhance the overall display of the image.

The upgrade to Digital Radiography (Gentle Imaging) is necessary to provide the best diagnostic images at the lowest radiation dose achievable, especially for children. This x-ray solution integrates hardware and software tailored to the specific demands of pediatric imaging.

These solutions contribute to the optimal pediatric imaging outcome at every stage of the imaging chain; image acquisition, processing and review.

Pediatric radiography presents some unique concerns. Imaging systems designed for adults can expose children to radiation beyond what is needed for high-quality images as kids are more vulnerable to radiation induced cancers. This new Digital Radiography (Gentle Imaging) equipment will enhance the Erie facility's ability to continue providing the best possible care for its patients.

Shrine Temples, Clubs and Units are invited to help make this project become a reality by supporting the Erie facility's efforts to raise the \$350,000 needed to purchase, install and utilize this Gentle Imaging equipment in support of the thousands of children who annually receive care here.

Plans Underway for 2014 Community Day on June 1st

Some changes are in store for this year's Community Day (formerly Hospital Day) which this year will be held on Sunday, June 1st. The hours have been changed slightly with the event running from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Entertainment this year will be provided by a combined Shriners Band featuring musicians from a variety of bands from Temples affiliated with the Erie facility. The band concert will begin at 11 a.m. and will continue into the Shriners Ceremony beginning at 12:45 p.m.

As in past years, there will be an antique/classic car show (weather permitting) in the main parking lot and a craft fair in the Auditorium. Of course, there will be self-guided tours of the facility as well, and food and gift items will be available for purchase.

Everyone is invited to attend and be part of this annual celebration! For additional information, contact: Bob Howden (814) 875-8782. □

PERRY SHRINE CLUB



The Perry Shrine Club Officers (left to right) are Charles Feller, Marshal and Divan Representative; Ken Buckley, Treasurer; Douglas Seeber, Vice President; Robert Cox, President; and Edgar Hollwedel, Secretary.

By Edgar Hollwedel

The speaker for the March 27th Perry Shrine Club meeting was Sir Charles of Avonshire, Charles Feller, who presented his slide show of Moose Hunting (with a camera) at Algonquin Provincial Park in Ontario, Canada. Travel was by canoe, biking and walking on trails through the wilderness. The sun rises and sunsets were very beautiful, making us feel we were really in the Park. We got up close and personal with many wild animals, including loons, mergansers, turtles and, of course, the Moose.

There were mothers with calves, bulls with huge antlers and they were found mostly in wetlands, eating vegetation. Sir Charles imparted to us the secret of actually getting to see a moose in the wild and I will give it to you ...

1. Be Quiet
2. Be Pure of Heart and
3. Call "Here Moosie, Moosie, Moosie"

softly, over and over again and you will get to see one.

Thank you for your picturesque and informative tour, Sir Charles.

Charles also summarized the upcoming events that will be occurring at the Damascus Shrine Center during the next few months.

Upcoming Meetings

May 22nd - Lumberyard Restaurant, Perry. Jim Van Sickle will tell us about "Indian Artifacts."

June 26th - The Club on Silver Lake, Perry. Howard Wood is making the plans for this evening to honor our Ladies since it will be Ladies Night.

All meetings start at 6 p.m. to socialize; we order off of the menu for dinner at 6:45 p.m.

August 3rd - Lumberyard Restaurant, Perry. Summer Sunday Brunch, 10 a.m. *Please note this is a new date.*

I hope to see you all soon. □

Damascus Legion of Honor Meeting Wednesday, May 14th

Damascus Shrine Center
979 Bay Road, Webster

Social Hour - 5:30 p.m.

(Hors d'oeuvres ... Cash Bar)

Dinner - 6:30 p.m. ~ Meeting - 7 p.m.

Pizza * Wings * Coffee * Dessert

No Charge for Members who have paid 2014 Dues
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RSVP no later than Friday, May 9th at (585) 436-8216
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Save the Date! ...

Flag Retirement Ceremony June 8th ~ 2:00 p.m.

at Damascus Shrine Center

Conferred by Damascus Legion of Honor Shrine Band ~ Refreshments

Anyone having a flag to be retired is urged to drop it off at the Shrine Center.

For Your Convenience ... A New ATM Machine has been Permanently Installed at Damascus Shrine Center - Located in South Lobby
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Sunday, June 1st

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

* Self-Guided Tours of the Facility *

* Antique/Classic Car Show * Craft Fair *

* Entertainment * Shrine Bands *

Official Shriners Ceremony begins at 12:45 p.m.



Daughters of the Nile Zama Temple No. 14

Meets 2nd Saturday at 10 a.m.
30 Orchard Street, Webster

Barbara Jean Smith, Queen

By Ellie Canfield, PQ

Zama Temple No. 14 held their 92nd Annual Installation of Officers on March 29th, at Webster Masonic Hall, with Sharon Baldwin sounding the gong. Following an organ prelude, there was an outstanding "Praise Dance" by Priscilla Parker.



Betty Nohle gave her greetings and spoke about the Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

Queen Barbara Jean asked Illustrious Sir Joe Di Tucci, Potentate of Damascus Shrine, to give his greetings. Queen Barbara Jean made announcements

Entrance of the Bible by Princess Rhonda Shaffer was followed by the entrance of the Crown by Princess Jaime Henderson. Ellie Canfield conducted Junior-Past Queen, Diane Romanyshyn, into the Temple, followed by Queen Robin Locke and her two Attendants.

Queen Robin gave greetings and formal introductions, which was followed by Flag Ceremonies. Queen Robin introduced Installing Officers - Betty Nohle, PSQ, as Installing Officer; Carol Colegrove, PQ, Installing Marshal; Judith VanHouten, PQ, Installing Chaplain; and Installing Attendants Violet Ball, PQ, and Ellie Canfield, PQ.

Betty Nohle asked Installing Marshal Carol to read the Officers selected to serve Zama Temple for the ensuing year and then invite these Officers-elect into the Temple to be installed. Queen-Elect Barbara Jean Smith entered the Temple wearing a lovely beaded blue dress.

Betty Nohle gave the Obligation followed by the Installation of Queen-elect Barbara Jean Smith. Gail Sanford, PQ, had the pleasure of placing the Crown upon the head of Barbara Jean Smith. Queen Barbara Jean had a lovely solo song by Mr. Kurt Griffin. Queen Barbara Jean was given white roses by her grandson and was escorted to the throne.

The following Officers were then installed:

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|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Princess Royal | Rhonda Shaffer |
| Princess Tirzah | Jaime Henderson |
| Princess Badoura | Diane Muck |
| Princess Recorder | Lori Gilley |
| Princess Banker | Diane Romanyshyn |
| Princess Marshal | Ellie Canfield |
| Princess Chaplain | Sula Baxter |
| Lady of the Keys | Judith VanHouten |
| Lady of the Gates | Roe Hornung |
| Princess Ny | Patricia Lovett |
| Princess Zulioka | Nancy Lynch |
| Princess Zenobia | Jean Gardner |
| Princess Sora | Angela Pate |
| Princess Zuleima | Delores Curtis |
| Princess Attendant | Karin Staples |
| Princess Attendant | Gail Sanford |



Queen Barbara Jean Smith was escorted to the Altar by Ellie Canfield to sign the Bible.

Betty Nohle presented Diane Romanyshyn with her Life Membership. Queen Barbara Jean introduced Junior-Past Queen, Robin Locke.

We were entertained by the Rochester Jewels Praise Dancers. Queen Barbara Jean gave her greeting and introduced her family and friends.

and then we were entertained by Zama Temples Fundsters Unit, which was followed by the retiring of Temple Officers.

News from Ellie Canfield

This year I have been asked to be Chairman of lunches after our sessions. For APRIL 12th, I have asked the Crescent Ladies, and on MAY 10th, the Recorder, Banker and Marshal are asked to assist. This schedule will be given to all and will be in our newsletter. I thank you all in advance for your help.

As many of you know, Zama Temple No. 14 is planning a wonderful event in September, which will be called "NORTHEAST DAYS." The Committee has been meeting for several months - brain storming and putting ideas together. This should be a great event! However, we are going to need everyone to help with this endeavor. This will be a 3-day fun-packed time for all, so please, if you would like to help us, contact Debi Burke (865-4940).

One of Debi's first functions was the "Murder Mystery Dinner," which was very successful. If you were not there you missed a great time.

Her next event will be a "New-to-You Sale" which will be at the Shrine Center

May 2nd - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and

May 3rd - 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

(This is a \$5-a-Bag Sale)

Set-up day is Thursday, May 1st, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. She is looking for donations of Spring clothing (ONLY), household items, books, etc. You may contact Debi with any questions. This sale is **open to the public.**

Queen's Luncheon

On Saturday, May 17th, we will hold the "Queen's Luncheon" at Burgundy Basin, 1361 Marsh Road. Entrée choice will be either Breast of Chicken or Seafood-Stuffed Sole. Reservations are a must and payment is due by May 10th. Send check made out to "ZAMA TEMPLE NO. 14," with your choice of entrée, to Rhonda Shaffer, 20 Brimsdown Circle, Fairport, NY 14450.

I think I have provided all the necessary information for this time. However, you will be hearing more from Zama Temple this year.

I will leave you with this little thought ... "Do every act of your life as if it were your last." *By Marcus Aurelius* ☐



You are cordially invited to the Queen's Luncheon Saturday, May 17, 2014

Social - 12:30 p.m. ~ ~ Lunch - 1:00 p.m.

Cost: \$25 per person

Burgundy Basin - 1361 Marsh Road, Pittsford

Entrée Choice:

Stuffed Breast of Chicken or Seafood-Stuffed Sole

Your reservation and payment due by May 10th

Send check and entrée choice to:

Rhonda Shaffer; 20 Brimsdown Circle, Fairport, NY 14450-1606



Queen Barbara Jean was surprised by her daughter whom she thought was still deployed in Afghanistan.

Save the Dates ...

**June 28th -
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**August 23rd -
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Memorial
Bike Run**

**October 11th (date change) -
Potentate's Ball
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Following dinner, we will be going to a

7 p.m. Rochester Red Wings Game

1 Morrie Silver Way (Parking at Game - \$6)

Prospects go for "free" ...

Tickets for everyone else will be \$10

RSVP by June 5th ... Indicate whether attending just the dinner, just the baseball game, or both events.

Checks should be made payable to "Fidelity Triangle" and mailed to:

**Kristina Brandt; c/o Fidelity Triangle #4
35 Glasgow Street; Rochester, NY 14608**



By Kristina Brandt, Acting Junior Deputy

Introduce Young Ladies You Know to this Masonic Youth Group ...

Triangle is a Masonic youth group for young ladies ages 10-21 that teaches important leadership skills and the value of community service while creating lasting friendships and preparing our members for the future. Take this opportunity to introduce a daughter, granddaughter or girl you know to this organization by joining us at our Flag Day Event. We can also use your support and talent while working with these girls as they develop into young adults.

Triangle is only active in New York State and does not have affiliations in any other State or Country. For over seventy-five years, the Organization of Triangles, Inc., has been helping to prepare girls to build "A Finer American Womanhood." Triangle provides a growth environment with adult guidance. Triangle tries to develop in each of its members a devotion to high ideals, a better understanding of duty to Home, God, and Country, and stresses the importance of education in the development of intellect and character. They also make life-long friends, and have fun! ☐

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May Days

As you are reading this, the calendar will be saying May; let's just hope the weather won't still be saying February. Even if the season has not, change will be coming to Clio with several new Master Masons and a new Worshipful Master and his Officers. Election of Officers will be held at our first Regular Communication on May 6th. After the voting, Past Master Mike Postilli will be doing a *Walk-About* the Lodge for the benefit of our newest Master Masons. Of course, one thing that never changes at Clio is that we'll be having a Spaghetti Dinner! This month's dinner falls on Wednesday, May 28th, and, as always, serves from 4:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. for the price of \$7.

We'll be holding our Spring Chicken Bar-B-Que on Saturday, May 17th, starting at noon and ending when we are out of chicken. The day coincides with the Hilton Community-Wide Yard Sale. Aside from hawking chickens, we'll also participate in the yard sale, selling things that have been sitting around the Lodge collecting dust, such as unused dishes and maybe a Past Master or two. I also encourage any Brothers to bring things they'd like to donate to sell as well. We'll be setting up the sale in the dining area of the Lodge.

April Showers

With a nod to April Fool's Day, we lightened the mood of the Lodge and the clothes on our backs by making our April 1st meeting Hawaiian Shirt Night. The Brothers left their jackets at home and wore shirts that, for the day, transformed Clio into "The Aloha Lodge." I must say, the Brothers looked rather dapper and I felt as though I was presiding over a Lodge full of Magnum PIs. Adding to the fun of the meeting were our guests, Potentate Joe DiTucci and Chief Rabban Wayne McCrossen of the Damascus Shriners. Nobles Joe and Wayne gave a presentation emphasizing the great work of the Shriners Hospitals for Children®, and also the fun that is had as they accomplish such serious work. We were also joined by Worshipful Scott Rice

of Inspiration Lodge and Northfield's Secretary, W.: John Dudley, who, despite being severely overdressed in their jackets and ties, were welcomed with open and Hawaiian-patterned, short-sleeved arms.

On the following day, Clio's Past Master, Patrick Purcell, and Brother Daniel Cambisi were inducted into the Shrine. A nice crew of Clio Brothers, including Past Masters Stu Brickman, Frank Celona and Harry DeHollander, along with Brother Matt Scheffer and me. Of course, proud papa Don Cambisi was there to support and cheer on the new Nobles.

March Madness

March was a crazy month with three fundraisers - a trip to cook dinner for the residents at the Ronald McDonald House and the premiere of the video program on Rudyard Kipling. I thank all my Brothers who helped get us through with all their hard and seemingly endless work. Not a week went by when I wasn't calling for your help, aid and assistance!

On March 18th, we presented the long-awaited, much anticipated (well, to us at Clio, at least) video created by Brother Jeremy Mensing and me, with the voice talents of several Clio Brothers. I had put together a script and gathered several photos via the internet and set out to create a Ken Burns-like video of Brother Rudyard Kipling (author of *The Jungle Book*) centering around his poem, *The Mother Lodge*.

I mentioned my idea to Brother Jeremy, who immediately volunteered to take on the video part of the program. Several Brothers got together to record the audio, including Blake Keller who narrated, along with Mike Postilli, Harry DeHollander, Jeremy Mensing and yours truly who voiced different people throughout the program. What Brother Jeremy created visually completely blew my mind! It far exceeded my expectations and looked better than most documentaries I see on TV. We showed the video to a full house, including District Deputy R.: W.: Phil Hurwitz and guests from other Lodges. The response was outstanding. We would be happy to be scheduled on other Lodges' Trestleboards in the coming year to present the program. Based on all the feedback we've received, I'm sure your Lodge will enjoy it.

The luck of the Irish was not with us at this year's Corned Beef Dinner. Despite having great food to serve, not a lot of people showed up to eat it. My Brothers, I hope you like

Corned Beef because we'll be eating it for our meeting dinners until June! Those who did show enjoyed it immensely and, as always, we delivered dinners to Hilton Park Senior Living Apartments for their St. Patrick's Day get-together. Is there anything more heartwarming than delivering a meal to a table full of elderly ladies, most of whom had a can of Guinness sitting in front of them?

Our luck improved, however, the following weekend at our first-ever Euchre Tournament, held on March 23rd at Hilton's Pleasure Lanes Bowling Center. There was quite a nice turnout, the public outnumbering the Brothers playing nearly two to one. There were prizes raffled off, many donated by local Hilton businesses including gift certificates from the Hilton Family Restaurant, The Arlington Restaurant and the Hilton Family Pharmacy as well as the bowling alley itself. Donating the trophies for the top three teams was Mark Harrington, owner of a trophy shop in Hilton and friend of Brother Chris Petote. We at Clio are very grateful for their support and for helping make the tournament a success.



May Birthdays

Lighting their birthday candles or tapers this month are Brothers Larry Britt, Lew Steinman, John Dianni, Kenneth Mullen, Andy Paddyfoote and our Senior Deacon, Matt Reiter. Wishing you each a great day on behalf of your Brothers here at Clio.

Upcoming Events

- May 6th - Regular Communication (Election of Officers) 7:30 p.m.
- May 17th - Chicken Bar-B-Que and Yard Sale Noon
- May 20th - Regular Communication
- May 28th - Spaghetti Dinner 4:30-7 p.m.

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I've attended several other Anniversary Celebrations, including our own 100th, in this Jurisdiction and elsewhere, but I have never, never been privileged to attend one so carefully planned and executed as well as Senior Warden Allyn Borrino and his Staff accomplished. W.: Joe Lewis was so fortunate to have him as "Second-in-Command." There are still suitably inscribed glasses available, but you will have to attend to obtain one "no charge."

You have all read the very complete write-up by Brother Borrino in April's **Masonic Times**, so I won't attempt to elaborate. In fact, he's so darn good, I'm going to return to him the task of submitting this column. After all, it is supposed to be known as "The Master's Message" ... right? Sorry C.W., but he will do just fine.

I've enjoyed my five-year run, but sometimes "Skip" gets pretty nervous waiting to see if Webster is going to make it. My thanks to all of you who supplied material and hope you will do the same for Brother Al. Just remember, articles are due by "THE 5TH"!!!

In the few meetings left, we will have voted on seven prospective members. This will be known as "The Anniversary Class" and should take place in September.

This will be the last Spaghetti Supper until this Fall. Brother Nick and his Crew will have a much needed rest. I've got to think he has surpassed his \$10,000 mark set last year. "Best East of the Mississippi River."

Rumor has it that our Junior Master of Ceremony, Tanner Tozan, may be leaving us for a better means of employment on the West Coast. If so, we will miss his Ritual Work, which was superb. If not, don't let it go to your head. You and Dave are a great team and will insure a complete Line in the coming years.

If you didn't make "Stink-Nite," sorry; I really enjoyed the Limburger. Our Junior Warden has done an excellent job this

year. I didn't hear one complaint. Brother Paul Dill will probably have as good a menu, right?

At our March 20th meeting, W.: Joe Lewis opened the floor to all assembled for the purpose of explaining his thoughts on "Advancement by being Proficient." The normal "two-week" time period would still apply, but should it be felt that if a Candidate was not ready, he would be allowed to become better prepared and would be given time to do so. Good thinking.

He also gave "freedom of the floor" to our incoming Officers - Junior Warden, Senior Warden and Master - should they be Elected and Appointed. Don't think I'm "jumping the gun," but the reason Webster Lodge is the most well-attended and proficient in the District, if not the State, is because our Line and Members CARE!! All of you who haven't attended a meeting or one of our events ... I challenge you to do so before we go dark. I base my opinion on my 54 years as a Mason ... having signed the By-Laws in four different Lodges, seen one of them turn in their Charter, held an Office in three and was so glad to return to Webster after 34 years elsewhere.

In closing, I regret to inform you of the passing of Brother Phil King on February 6th. He was 82 years young. His wife preceded him in death.

Have a wonderful Summer and we will see you in the quarries next Fall. For our Worshipful Master and all the Officers, R.: W.: David G. Allen. □

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Mark Your Calendar

The notable upcoming dates for our Lodge are as follow:

May 14th - Election of Officers and review of the repair agenda of the building this Summer.

May 24th - Memorial Day Parade in Scottsville. We will meet at 9 a.m. on Beckwith Street (near the T.J. Connor School). Wear tuxedos (or dark suits) and carry our banner proudly down Main Street.

May 28th - Installation Night.

June 6th - Our own farewell to the Season Table Lodge at Oatka. Reservations are a must and should be made sooner, rather than later.

June 11th - Our last Stated Communication under the direct and able charge of the Master-Elect.

I am looking forward to seeing you in Lodge. □

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Harmony is something that we can feel; something that we "know it when we experience it." Some of us are more attune to the subtleties of Harmony, while others strive towards finding their note of the chord. Harmony remains the support of all institutions, and we must never forget that simple bit of Light.

Disharmony, on the other hand, when heard or experienced, can make us cringe, make us even turn away. Disjointed chords and behaviors are a sure sign of trouble. As with musical harmony, some are more attune to the subtle dissonance of disharmony. When two notes are not in tune, some musicians can very easily, and willingly, adapt their tuning, alter their part of the piece, to accommodate the other players.

A critical part of adapting one's tune is listening to others. In small ensembles, each player listens carefully to their tuning to ensure harmony is achieved. They listen to the volume of each part, as well as each of the contributing pitches, to make the piece more pleasing to the ear. In doing so, they achieve their desired harmonious balance and output, transcending the written instructions, and creating true light and beauty.

It is that way in all organizations striving towards harmony. Thus, we have stridden for more Light and Harmony in Union Star Lodge this past year. And, I am happy to say that we have achieved that in some measure. It is a process, and for many in the Craft, they realize it takes time and experience. Success is the journey, perhaps more than the destination. In making those strides, we shape that temple not made with hands, and at our final destination, we thus know our pathway may remain lit.

Harmony and Fellowship were most evident in this past month at Union Star Lodge. For almost a year, the Trestleboard denoted the last week of March as our "Take the Travelling Gavel week." As such, on the last Monday of March, a large contingency of Union Star Brothers, a majority of who were Past Masters, travelled North to attend the ERAC Lodge's regular communication, where we found the Traveling Gavel. Although we found it, and had at least seven of our Brothers sign in earliest to the register that evening, we did not return with the Gavel. Inspiration Lodge Brothers also had their eyes on the prize. All in all, the bringing together of so many Masons was a sight to behold unto itself. Through the course of the evening, the dinner, the programs and fellowship were well worth

our travels. It was a great evening. However, our desire to complete the task would not be easily quelled. Before the meeting was over, it could be heard among the sideline, "we will come back tomorrow and get it." And they did. For my part, I was traveling the next day, out of town. In my absence, another contingency, rallied together by our Secretary, R.: W.: Gary Sanford, travelled North again, on Tuesday, and attended the regular Communication of Inspiration Lodge. That evening, we were successful. Not only in taking home the Gavel, but in fulfilling a year-long goal; a goal requiring harmony and commitment to ourselves and others. I want to sincerely thank each of the Brothers of Union Star who made those travels.

Here is wishing a most happy birthday to those celebrating in May: William Flesher, Michael Hoose, Charles Grimm, Alfred Rodgers, Peter Cormack, Andrew Weidert, Kenneth Samarra, John Dudley, and Kenneth Buckland.

Please join us, Union Star Brothers and Brothers from across the Craft, for any of our regular meetings held every 2nd and 4th Monday in Honeoye Falls.

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Lodge No. 479
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My year as Master is almost at a close and we only have two items left on my Trestleboard.

May 12th - Annual Election of Officers. This is a very important meeting as you will be voting on the next year's leaders.

June 9th - will be the 3rd Degree for our newest Brothers. Please plan on attending both events.

The Installation of Officers will be at the discretion of the incoming Master.

June 23rd will be our year-ending picnic. This is an open party; please bring the whole family. We are hosting it at the Pineway Parks in the same Lodge as last year; it is the first Lodge when you come into the park on the left.

Mark Your Calendar

July 26th-27th - Spencerport Canal Days Pancake Breakfast! Yes we are BACK! With the kitchen remodel complete and new Brothers interested in participating, I am anticipating a great fundraiser! Please contact Byron Barnes to sign up for shifts!

I will leave you with another Masonic Quote. "I've only had two rules: Do all you can and do it the best you can. It's the only way you ever get that feeling of accomplishing something."

*Brother Harland Sanders
Founder, Kentucky Fried Chicken.*

Until we meet again, my Brothers, always seek more light.

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Winter is finally over and the Spring showers have cleansed the earth. The first week in May is the nicest week of the year - Spring flowers, green grass and new leaves.

The Lodge only has one Communication in May. May 12th will be the report of Grand Lodge and the Election of Officers for the ensuing year. The Officers will be installed on June 9th.

Passing of a Brother

W.: Brother Thomas G. Goodrich passed to his reward on March 26th. The Masonic Fraternity did him honor on Sunday, March 30th. Our sympathy is extended to his wife, Sharon, his daughters, Paula and Lori, and his brother, Brother Edward T. Goodrich. He will be missed by all whose lives have been touched by knowing him.

It was a pleasure to see Brother Leonard Fulmer in Lodge. He looks great.

Joint Investiture Service

Fairport will host the Joint Investiture Ceremony for new Masters on May 23rd. Only Masters and Past Masters may attend the meeting. All Past Masters are encouraged to attend and support the new Masters as they prepare to take up the yoke of leadership.

May Birthdays

The following Brothers will become another year older in May: Reed Patterson (1st), John Leonard (3rd), David Green and John Harris, Jr. (6th), Kenneth Richards and Eric Schillinger (8th), Bruce Budd (9th), Alan Weinberg (11th), Peter Hastings (13th), Carl Dattel and Randy Darling (16th), David Mawhinney and Craig Carey (17th), Jonathan Kirwan (19th), Michael Flanagan (25th), Kermit Moyer (28th), R. Clinton Emery (29th) and Douglas Harris (31st).

Best wishes to these fine gentlemen for a happy, healthy and prosperous year ahead.

As always, check out the entire **Masonic Times** for all the news, dates, sorrows and joys.

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By R.: W.: *Neal Bedford*

The first part of April and it is still cold. I hope by the time you are reading this, it is Spring.

Mark Your Calendar

May 10th - Olive Branch's Medieval Table Lodge at 3 p.m. Reservations were required late last month, but call me to see the status.

Why Toastmasters?

By *Bruce Katz*

There was an article last month proposing establishing a Masonic Toastmasters Club. Toastmasters International is a non-profit educational organization that teaches public speaking and leadership skills through a worldwide network of meeting locations. Presented here is the Mission and Vision.

Toastmasters International Mission is "to empower individuals to become more effective communicators and leaders."

Toastmasters Units are "Clubs." The Club Mission is "to provide a supportive and positive learning experience in which members are empowered to develop communication and leadership skills, resulting in greater self-confidence and personal growth."

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- Excellence

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Further information about Toastmasters International can be found at toastmasters.org.

Our Masonic Fraternity emphasizes the goal of "Making Good Men Better;" Toastmasters can provide another tool for this. I am seeking input to see if there is an interest in organizing a Masonic Toastmasters Club. Please contact me at:

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or phone: 729-6657.

Olive Branch Lodge No. 39 Presents

Medieval Table Lodge

May 10th, 3 p.m., \$25 per person

Beer * Wine * Soda

Cajun Hardboiled Eggs ~ Tomato Juice Cocktail

Salad Roll ~ Pulled Pork Sliders

Sorbet ~ Shrimp Cocktail

Giant Turkey Leg ~ Salt Potatoes ~ Rolls ~ Dessert

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Spaghetti Dinner

Clio Lodge Hall

287 East Avenue; Hilton

May 28th

Adults - \$7; Child \$4

Serving 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Dinner includes:

All-you-can-eat
Spaghetti & Meatballs;
Salad, Bread & Butter;
Ice Cream;
Coffee, Tea & Milk

York Rite NEWS

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Official Visit

Our Deputy Grand High Priest, R.:E.: John Zabel, served his first Official Visit for this year, to Hiram Chapter on March 27th. He laid out the many plans for the future of Royal Arch Masonry in New York State and discussed the training programs available to us. Our new Grand High Priest is Pierce Vaughn and he is a stickler for knowledge. His motto is E=MC² - "Education equals Membership plus Charity Squared."

April 9th we had a great time at Wayne Lodge as we presented the "Peculiar Stone" which is a public Degree introducing Royal Arch Masonry to our Symbolic Lodge Brothers. I encourage all Masters, as they are laying out their Trestleboards for next year, to consider the Royal Arch as a program.

May 22nd we are going to begin our Degree work as we are scheduled to present the Mark Master Mason and the Past Master Degrees. We have several Candidates. There is always room for more, so get your Petitions in as soon as possible.

On May 31st, there will be a training session at Excelsior Chapter in Shortsville.

Have a great Summer. ☐

Doric Council No. 19 Cryptic Masons
 (Chartered 1861)
 3rd Wednesday

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Well, Spring has arrived and all our Snowbirds should be, or

be coming, home to Rochester. Hopefully, they won't see snow! It is the longest Winter I can remember.

We have good news! We have two Candidates and are hoping we can get them through this year.

Companion Honored

Also, we are blessed that one of our members is the "York Rite Mason Man of the Year." John Gallant was given this Award at the last York Rite College meeting in March. John has been a Member of Doric Council for a number of years, and currently is in Line. He is known around the District for his many works in the Quarries of Masonry and very well respected for that work. We congratulate John and are very proud of him and his accomplishments - especially this one.



Illustrious Master, R.:I.: Garry Hutchurson (above), congratulating R.:I.: John Gallant (left) on his selection as York Rite Mason Man of the Year by the York Rite College. (Below) M.:I.: Charles Roberts was present to offer his congratulations to R.:I.: John Gallant.



Elections

Don't forget Elections are coming up. Our Nominations

for Officers will take place this month. We could use good attendance to help get our Officers in place. I hope to see you, along with our returning Snowbirds and our regulars at our meeting. We have been meeting at the Pittsford Pub at 6 p.m. for Dinner. See you there!

Sickness and Distress

It is with great sadness that I have to report the passing of Most Illustrious Harvey Paine, Past Grand Master. He was such a great man in Masonry and a great Brother to know. We will miss him.

God Bless. ☐

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From the

Commander's Apartment

Our Grand Commander, SK Kenneth I. Sussman, REGC, in his General Order No. 1 has stated, "What a wonderful world it could be." This is a lyric line from a 1960's song, by Herman's Hermits.

It is more importantly the result of following the teachings of our Savior, Jesus Christ. He led and instructed us in the simple and beautiful practice of kindness. This be upon all 'His' children and creations. It was to make his creation a "wonderful world" for those who walk in his footsteps.

The Pillars of Christianity contain the Commandment of, "do unto others, as you would have them do unto you." If we behave in a truly Christian manner, kindness must lead all of our actions. It is as simple as a cheerful hello, wishing a good day to a stranger, putting your arm around one who is in need of love and comfort. You must be a living example of God's love of man.

Giving alms to someone in need, not speaking poorly of others, these are the things that Christ expects of his children.

Please make a conscience effort every day to do "acts of Christian Kindness." It is through these simple actions that we may 'save the world' for the generations that will follow us.

This is not an "Order" but a heartfelt suggestion to all Knights Templars of the Grand Commandery of the State of New York. These actions will prove to be great insurance that your mortal soul will become an immortal one. Become a shining light in 'His' sight. Keep 'His' words alive through your daily actions. Be a true 'Warrior of Christ,' a soldier in the service of 'The Lord.'"

Let us remember that the Knights Templar is a Christian-oriented fraternal organization that was founded in the 11th century. Originally, the Knights Templar were laymen who protected and defended Christians travelling to Jerusalem. These men took vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, and were renowned for their fierceness and courage in battle.

Today, the Knights Templar display their courage and goodwill in other ways. They organize fund-raising activities. They support Masonic-related youth groups and they raise millions of dollars for medical research and educational assistance. All Knights Templar are members of the world's oldest fraternal organization known as "The Ancient Free And Accepted Masons" or more commonly known as "Masons."

However, not all Masons are Templars. Templary is but a part of the Masonic structure known as the "York Rite Of Freemasonry." Knights Templars are a uniformed branch of Masonry. As such Sir Knights are expected to exemplify a military bearing and demeanor including all of the "spit, polish and precision" of the professional soldier. This latter point is ensured through a systematic "Inspection" of Commanderys each year. Inspections have become more interactive between the Sir Knights and the Inspecting Officer.

The Grand Commander requests that the Inspecting Officers correct mistakes in Tactics and Ritual as they occur on the floor. He hopes that this approach will improve the educa-

tion of our Sir Knights. He prays that this new approach will prove to be useful and productive. The Inspecting Officer is not coming to judge you, but to help you, to better your understanding of our Tactics and Ritual.

At the opening of every Commandery meeting the Eminent Commander states 'all Present' Valiant Knights are solemnly admonished to govern themselves' according to the Sublime principles of this Magnanimous order. I find it appropriate to examine the meaning of the key words-Valiant, Sublime, and Magnanimous.

A Magnanimous person is one showing high nobility of feeling and generosity of mind, incapable of meanness or pettiness. Sublime principles are those of lofty concept and high moral worth.

Valiant refers to one of courage, bravery and high physical and moral strength. All human activities create continuous impressions of some kind, either good or bad. No person, business, government, or any activity remains dormant or static for any length of time - it either advances or recedes. And so it is with our fraternity.

It has been said that principles unite men and sometimes mere programs divide them, because the programs themselves are not based upon the lofty principles which we espouse. So these principles are basic and are the foundation in our continuous quest to attract the type of person we would emulate.

In this quest we must emphasize merit and quality on this high plane against mere unguarded quantity. If we want to create the real meaning of persons with nobility of feeling, generosity of mind, incapable of meanness or pettiness, and of high moral worth, we must school ourselves in the fundamentals of our heritage as against carelessness, and in great attention to our basic principles. Only in such basic principles can we hope to have others, who see us in our actions, personally wish to become a Knight Templar. When we so act and think, our own society must become more united and conforming to the opening admonition of the Commander. ☐

Rochester Forest No. 133

 Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America
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By Don Brugger, PDDGTC

Your new slate of Officers for 2014 is:

- Grand Tall Cedar Cyril White
- SDGTC Glenn Scott
- JDGTC Rob Russo
- Treasurer John Zabel
- Scribe Don Bell.

It has been a tough Winter and at least one meeting was cancelled. The new slate was installed and the Woodsmen met for their usual dinner at Hung Wahs Chinese Restaurant, just a short walk from the Lodge Hall. If you would like to join us, the time is 6 p.m. Phone Don Bell to let him know you are coming.

Sickness and Distress

We were saddened to report the death of Gary Thompson, PGTC, in March. Gary had been inactive do to his job and recently with health problems.

Don Bugger, PDDGTC, is doing well after knee replacement surgery in November, but has been thwarted from attend-

ing due to the weather and slippery conditions of late.

Help us Grow

If you know of any prospective members, please read and call attention to the article by Don Wright about our organization. Then call Don Bell for Petitions. Remember to invite any prospective Woodsmen to our Spring Sausage Roast, which will be held at Camp Smile on June 25th; it's always a good way to introduce Brothers and prospective members and their Spouses to our Organization.

We meet the 4th Wednesday of the month. Our meeting this month is Wednesday, May 28th, at Penfield Masonic Hall. ☐

Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

JUNE

- 7 Apron Presentation, Shrine Center
- 7-8 Fairport Canal Days
- 8 Flag Retirement Ceremony, Shrine Center
- 13 Masters & Wardens, Shrine Center
- 14 Fidelity Triangle Dinner & Flag Ceremony, Pittsford and Red Wings Baseball Game
- 19 Masonic Service Bureau Awards Night, Shrine Center
- 20-22 St. John's Day Weekend, Utica
- 21 Livingston Golf Tournament
- 21 Shriner's Charity Fishing Event, Point Breeze

JULY

- 10 Webster Firemen's Parade
- 26 Order of the Eastern Star Pilgrimage, Oriskany
- 26-27 Spencerport Canal Days

AUGUST

- 1 Zama Temple, Daughters of the Nile, Supreme Queen's Visit
- 3 Eunice Lodge Golf Tournament
- 17 O/S/Y Charities Annual Golf Tournament, Big Oak Golf Course



Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

Frank Habitzreuther, Monarch

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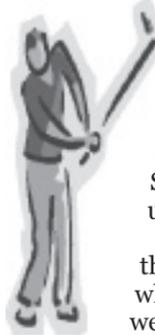
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As Spring has sprung, the weather is changing; the flowers are peeking through the soil. So is the Grotto springing, changing and peeking. Our Prophet Bring-a-Brother was a success and by the time this issue hits the stands we will have installed at least five new Prophets. These are in addition to one who joined in March, bringing us to a total of six for this year. Our goal is to bring in at least ten for this year. You can help us reach this goal, I'm sure we all know someone who would make a great Prophet, sooooooo bring them on in.

The Corned Beef and the Easter Ham Dinners were well received. Big thanks to Chief Justice George Foehner who was a great help in putting on these dinners. The hope is we can create a Grotto that can move back in time, yes back in time to when the Grotto was thriving and, from what I have



Golf, Golf, Golf!!

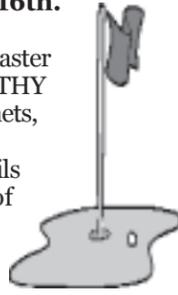
The sun is shining, the white balls are flying and now is the time to think GOLF!!!! Come to Old Hickory Golf Course on **June 28th** and enjoy 18 holes of golf with a cart, refreshments on the course, food on the turn, Steak Dinner and prizes. Entry fee is only \$50 and we use the Callaway scoring system.

All Master Masons are welcome to come and "chase the ball." If you have a friend who is a Non-Mason and whom you would like to bring, he is more than welcome. **Entry deadline is June 16th.** (See our ad in this **Masonic Times**.)

Lalla Rookh Grotto is a social organization of the Master Masons. Our purpose is to bring a quality of SYMPATHY and GOOD FELLOWSHIP not only to member Prophets, but to everyone.

An atmosphere of good, clean fun and frolic prevails at all times. Our 2014 calendar has a year full of FRIENDSHIP and GOOD FELLOWSHIP.

If you have questions about the above program, please call George Foehner, 586-5255. ✕



been told, had well over a thousand members; many Turkey Dinners with all the trimmings were served, and took hours to prepare; the Monarchs Ball was attended by hundreds. Let's go back! I know this won't happen this year but we have to start someplace.

Up to a challenge? Most of the tenured Prophets have an Enchanted Lantern and continue to add to their collection. Those who do not have one may purchase one, so that every member of Lalla Rookh Grotto will be able to say every member has one. This would not only help us contribute to a great cause, but create a common ground among

our Prophets.

Prophets, our Annual Philanthropic Presentations will be held on Wednesday, May 21st. Please plan to attend and bring your Ladies, family members and friends. The more we have in attendance, the better the evening. Come see where our donations go and meet the people who come to accept them for the organizations they represent.

Sickness and Distress

Our sincere condolences to the families of the following:

We received word that Prophet Ken Hutchinson passed away on April 19th after a long illness. I am sad to report the recent passing of Prophets Fred

Attend
Grotto Meetings

**Monday
May 5th**
Board of Governors Meeting
Grotto Office - 7 p.m.

**Wednesday
May 21st**
Philanthropic Presentations
Ladies Invited
Plus Finger Foods and
Social Time

**Saturday
June 28th**
GOLF GOLF GOLF
GOLF GOLF GOLF
Old Hickory

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By Beverly Murray, MCO

It was great having our Supreme Mighty Chosen One, Sandy Carreras, with us and to learn about the plans that Zendah Caldron is putting together for our Supreme Session in September in Tampa, Florida.

Tampa, Florida - Here we come for good times ... to see old friends and make new ones.

On May 8th, we will be honoring our Past Mighty Chosen Ones. It is their support and guidance that helps to keep our Caldron strong.

Happy Birthday to all of you who were born in May.

Caldron Anniversaries
Congratulations for service and thank you to our Daughters celebrating membership anniversaries this year:

62 Years	Betty Madison
50 Years	Marcia Morrison
	Harriet Riggs
44 Years	Susan Wilson
43 Years	Mary Topel
42 Years	Carole Couchman
35 Years	Roxanna Davis

I hope to see YOU at our next meeting on May 8th at 7:30 p.m.

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

In Memoriam

Armstrong, William J.

William Armstrong, a member of Clio Lodge, Scottish Rite and Damascus Shriners, passed away March 17th. May he find peace with the Lord.

Cone, Walter L.

Walter Cone, 89, laid down his Working Tools on April 9th. He is survived by his wife, Helen; 3 children and 4 grandchildren. Walter was a US Navy Veteran of World War II and a member of Webster Lodge and Scottish Rite. Loving prayers are with you now and in the days to come.

Cornell, Frederic F., Sr.

On April 5th, Frederic Cornell, 78, was received into Eternal Glory. He leaves his wife, Mariann; 4 children and 8 grandchildren to remember him. Fred was a US Navy Veteran and a member of Webster Lodge, Scottish Rite, Lalla Rookh Grotto and Damascus Shriners. A memory is a keepsake of time that lives forever in the heart.

Goodrich, Thomas G.

On March 26th, Thomas Goodrich, 63, went to the Celestial Lodge. He will be remembered by his wife, Sharon; 5 children and 7 grandchildren. Tom was a member of Fairport-Flower City Lodge, Scottish Rite and Damascus Shriners. God sends His children here with special tasks to do and calls them home when their work is through.

Hutchinson, Kenneth V., Jr.

Ken Hutchinson, 78, found loving peace in the arms of the Lord on April 19th. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Edna; 3 children, 3 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Ken was a longtime member of Webster Lodge and Lalla Rookh Grotto; "Daddy" of Fidelity Triangle and Grand Historian of the Grottoes of North America. Wishing you a garden of beautiful memories.

Klemenz, John E.

John Klemenz entered Eternal Rest on April 8th. Three children, 4 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren will remember his life. He was a member of Drumlin Square Lodge. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal.

Merz, John

On March 24th, the loving arms of the Lord embraced John Merz. His wife, Susan, survives him. The Brothers of Webster Lodge will keep his memory in their hearts.

Mitchell, William J.

On April 14th, William Mitchell said goodbye to his Earthly home. He will be missed by his family, friends and Brothers of Unity Lodge. May the joy of the Lord be your strength.



Watson, Robert C., Sr.

We have received word that Robert Watson, 65, met his Maker on December 3, 2013. Robert will be remembered by his family and Brothers of Livonia Lodge and Scottish Rite.

Zornow, Warner W.

Warner Zornow, 91, went to the waiting arms of his wife on April 5th. His 5 children, 10 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren will keep his memory in their hearts. He was a World War II Veteran and a 67-year member of Union Star Lodge. Memories are like threads of gold, they never tarnish or grow old.

Widows to be Remembered

Brown, Dorothy "Jane," widow of Albert "Bill" Brown (Fame Lodge), passed away April 14th.

Deverian Azadouhi T., 90, widow of Vartan Deverian (Inspiration Lodge), passed away March 26th.

Hoppe, Elizabeth G., 89, widow of Donald Hoppe (Unity Lodge), passed away April 16th.

Kahn, Jane Lee, 87, widow of Joseph Kahn (Damascus Shrine), passed away April 12th.

Simpson, Effie E., 87, widow of Charles Simpson (Unity Lodge), passed away January 27th. ✕



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James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post No. 12 welcomes its two newest members, Brothers Capone Bufeara and Charles Prince from Webster and Unity Lodges, respectively.

May activity of the Post will begin with Posting of Colors by Masonic War Veterans Color Guard at the Masonic Service Bureau's Annual Widows Luncheon on Saturday, May 3rd, at Burgundy Basin.

May 21st - Masonic War Veterans Monthly Birthday Party at VA Hospital in Canandaigua. We will meet for lunch at 12:30 p.m. at the Villager Restaurant.

May 22nd - Open Installation of Officers at Webster Lodge Hall. Lunch - 12 Noon, Meeting - 1 p.m. Refreshments will follow the Installation Ceremony. ✕



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Recent Happenings

The Tri-District Event on March 31st was attended by around 200 people (even though there was a snowstorm just two days before). There were six Past Most Worthys attending along with two Elected Grand Line Officers and about 25 Appointed Grand Officers. The dedication to the many Musicians and Masonic Veterans was overwhelming due to the efforts of Isabel Kuther and the Americas Chorus.

Musicians, thank you for your service to the Eastern Star Chapters. Your lovely music fills the Chapter Room with awe and emotions. Music is the inspiration of the soul and lifts our hearts.

Veterans, our respect and gratitude is forever with you. Your service and sacrifice are beyond measure. We will never forget your dedication to our Country and our freedom. You are an inspiration to us and make us proud to be Americans.

The West-East Luncheon hosted by the Associate Matrons for the Matrons was pleasant and sociable. R.W. Mary Hall led the meeting and a good time was had by all, especially when it came to the delicious food.

Grand Officers Official Visits

The Visits of the Grand Matron and Grand Patron to the numerous Districts of New York West are in full swing. I am looking forward to attending many of them, along with the District Grand Lecturer. If you want to go too, please let us know if you would like a ride.

April 26th - Grand Matron's and Grand Patro

The next Line Officers' Club will be on Saturday, May 3rd with a special event being a Baked Food Sale put on by my daughter, Sister Carrie Paddyfoote. All of the proceeds from her endeavors will go to the Dream Factory of Rochester. Her daughter, Anna, was a recipient of the Dream Factory's generosity, and Carrie would like to help raise money for this worthwhile organization.

District Official Visits

The Official Visits at Fairport Chapter and Mary Jane Holmes Chapter went very well. We were pleased with their warm welcome and gracious hospitality. Thank you to both Chapters for their support of the Dream Factory of Rochester and the lo-

Lilac Star Chapter No. 57, OES

Annual Spring Card Party & Luncheon

Monday, May 5th
Cards – 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Chicken Salad Plate Luncheon served at 12 Noon

Webster Masonic Hall, 30 Orchard Street

You may attend Luncheon and Not Stay for Cards.

Donation \$8.00

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Sponsor support from Masonic Service Bureau

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May 6th - Starlight Chapter, Spencerport Masonic Hall at 7:30 p.m.

May 7th - Lilac Star Chapter, Webster Masonic Hall, 7:30 p.m.

May 19th - Etoleah Chapter at Spencerport Masonic Hall at 7:30 p.m.

A Special Visit

Thursday, May 15th, will be the Grand Matron's visit to the Monroe District Past Matrons' Association held at Spencerport Masonic Hall at 4:30 p.m. with a Dinner afterward (RSVP to Mae Bauer).

Thursday, May 22nd, will be the Grands' Association Dinner and meeting in Fairport.

The Walk-a-Thon for Youth will be in Olean on Saturday, May 24th. Tom Richenderfer and I will be walking for the Youth so please sponsor us if you can.

Saturday, May 31st, will be the Spring Fling Dance at 7 p.m. at Spencerport Masonic Hall to benefit the United Service Organization (USO), which provides morale, welfare and recreation type services for military personnel overseas.

I thank everyone for their kind words of condolences on the death of my husband, Gary. He was a great supporter of Masonry and of the Eastern Star. He always supported me in my endeavors so I will continue on through my year as District Deputy Grand Matron with him in my heart and on my mind and will carry on in his honor.

Grand Matron's Project

The Cardio Research Institute at the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory in Utica, which is the Grand Matron's Special Project, was the donation recipient for Gary's memorial. Thank you to those who are contributing to this worthwhile cause in Gary's name.

In Closing

This poem will be my inspi-

ration for the rest of my year:

May the beauty of the spring-time and the loveliness it holds, Remain within your heart and mind and quietly unfold;

To give you peace and comfort throughout your busy year, And gently keep you mindful that God's love is always near."

by Thelma A. McNitt

Notes from the DGL

As I write this article in early April, it is with the hope that Spring is finally here. Instead of snow, it is raining ... and snowing ... and raining. We will be doing a bit of time travel in this article since I'm going to highlight events that haven't happened yet as I write but will be in the past by the time you read this.

April started off quickly with the Official Visit of R.W. Beverly and myself to Fairport Chapter. It was a beautiful evening and the Ritual was excellent! Kudos to R.W. Mae Bauer, R.W. John Lenzi and all of the Officers at Fairport Chapter!

In May, the Official Visit season will continue. On May 6th, we will visit Starlight Chapter, May 7th at Lilac Star and May 19th at Etoleah Chapter. Please plan to attend and support these Chapters.

On May 31st will be my District Project, the Square and Line Dancing Family Event at Spencerport Masonic Hall from 7 - 9 p.m. Please see the ad in this issue of the Masonic Times for more details. This project is to raise funds for the United Service Organization and I am hoping for a great turnout.

It is also not too early to begin thinking about Pilgrimage Day in Oriskany. M.W. Ken Milner has reserved a block of rooms for us at the Hampton Inn. I will need reservations from members by June 20th for these rooms. Also, I am making contact with R.W. Dave Taber to get the details on the Multi-District Dinner for that weekend.

USO Fundraiser Square and Line Dancing Family Night

Saturday, May 31st
7 - 9 p.m.
Spencerport Masonic Hall
133 S. Union St., Spencerport, NY



Caller: Mike Callahan

All Proceeds to Benefit the USO!

Suggested donation: \$6 per person or \$10 per family

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Order of the Eastern Star
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(Cub reporter Jimmy Olsen has been sent to Crimea, so this is Bob in the mail room reporting.)

Dateline April 1, 2014. Skipping all the fun in Fairport, a small but lively group of Nolatka



Stars assembled in our rooms on Chili Avenue. After discussing the weather, which this year has caused so many cancellations for our Chapter, we discussed all the happenings since the first of the year.

Worthy Pat Dalykas arranged for several program meetings, but we missed a lot due to the weather. We did, however, get a chance to meet and listen to Rita, a spokesperson for Unity Heart Health. We discussed warning signs of heart disease and means to prevent or correct it, and talked about rehab and recovery. We also talked about diet and exercise apart from heart issues. We also got to talk to a nutritionist and the two programs meshed very well. The Sisters are in agreement that we are off to a great start, and that coming to our meetings is educational, stimulating and fun.

Right Worthy Alice Hasset, serving as our Associate Matron, is collecting cans at every meeting and keeping track of what we donate to the food cupboard for our DGL. She is confident that we will be his big achievers. The competition

with Corinthian Fellowship is a friendly one, but may heat up as we approach the deadline.

Worthy Pat is working hard to drum up business for our (evidently) annual wine tour. I think I remember her saying Keuka this year (I am looking through my notes, but cannot find that info). The tour this year is Saturday, August 2nd, and will be leaving from our parking lot on Chili Ave. We extend our invitation to all District Stars and any friends who might enjoy the company. Call Right Worthy Carol Wynings or Worthy Pat Dalykas for details and to make reservations.

We will be going to Spencerport to support our Sisters there for their Official Visit on May 6th. Get a chance to ride their elevator and support our friends! Worthy Pat is also looking for volunteers to sit in the chairs for Official Visit. If you can make it to the meeting, please call her. Mark your calendars; June 3rd is the day to help out.

Our hosts, Community Christian Church, are making our space even more accessible. There is a beautiful addition almost finished to ramp between the worship space and the meeting room. Come see it!

Thanks also to the refreshments committees for the last few meetings. You have managed to test my resolve well with the green pistachio and cottage cheese dessert (Oh, I remember that from the Lenten Dinners in the 50s) and the black-and-white cookies, and the cakes and other goodies. If only for the snacks, Nolatka is worth attending; but the company and friendship are even sweeter!

We also learned from our Secretary, Carol Wynings, that two links are lost from our golden chain. We say "farewell" to our two sisters, Phyllis Boughner and Effie Simpson.

Scottish Rite NEWS

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Lodge of Perfection



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

Feast of the Pascal Lamb

On April 6th, many came to the Damascus Shrine Center to witness our annual presentation of the Feast of the Pascal Lamb, as we said goodbye to our departed Brethren. We enjoyed a Prime Rib Dinner prepared by the Brothers of Fairport-Flower City Lodge. Thanks to all who participated and thank you to Most Wise Master, Sublime Prince Adam Junod, 32°, for a fine job of Chairing this event.

Upcoming Events

May 15th: Election and Installation of Officers - Damascus Shrine Center

May 17th: Reunion Banquet set for Cobblestone Creek in Victor. I look forward to seeing many of you on this my last official act as Commander-in-Chief of the Valley of Rochester.

Musings

As everyone knows by now, I am passing the torch of leadership on May 15th at our annual business meeting. My good

From the 2nd Lt. Commander Sublime Prince John Lemke, 32° DSA

Be brave in taking on challenges of personal growth. Use the Scottish Rite to advance who you are as a man. Be determined to learn moral lessons through our Degrees that will give you satisfaction in your improvement. Should you have an Office in the Scottish Rite for the upcoming year, do your very best. Many men will depend on your efforts. As a leader you will encourage other men to improve and through these efforts be better yourself. All of us can encourage our Brethren whether we have an office or not.

I have been fortunate this past year to have great help in putting on the Public Degree, "The Peacemakers," that we took on the road to a number of Lodges. Many Brothers had a chance to participate in these presentation. I thank all who helped. In the coming Masonic year our Scottish Rite will offer a public Degree as a program to interested Lodges. I will endeavor to come up with a new presentation. If you have an interest in participating let me know. If you are the Worshipful Master of a Lodge and are interested in having us put on a

AASR Valley of Rochester 2013-2014 Officers

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Thrice Potent Master Michael Nohle, 32°

**Rochester Chapter of
Knights of Rose Croix**
Most Wise Master Adam Junod, 32°

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Princes of Jerusalem**
Sovereign Prince Derek E. VanHouten, 32° MSA

Rochester Consistory
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2nd Lt. Commander John Lemke, 32°

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

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www.valleyofrochester.org
New York State Council of Deliberation
www.nyscottishritemasons.org
Supreme Council, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction
www.scottishritenmj.org

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

144 Metro Park, Suite 1, Rochester, NY 14623
Office (585) 424-5390; Fax (585) 282-0978; Email: dyslexia.center.rochester.ny@gmail.com
Ann Kaczka, Learning Center Director
John W. Paul, Chair, Board of Governors

friend and Brother, Jim MacConnell, will assume the reigns of Commander-in-Chief. For me, it has been a quick six years since I was asked to step in line as 2nd Lt. Commander. I thank

all members of the Valley of Rochester for allowing me the privilege of serving in this way. The Valley is in good hands.

See you at the banquet on May 17th.



Valley of Rochester Reunion Banquet

Cobblestone Creek Country Club
100 Cobble Creek Road, Victor, NY

Saturday, May 17th

5:30 p.m. - Social (cash bar)

6:00 p.m. - Dinner

7:00 p.m. - Program

Special Presentations

Recognition of new Members

Use Reservation Form on Page 19 or
call the Valley Office - 425-0033 -
to make your reservation

Valley of Rochester Onward to Summer - 2014

MAY

May 15th - Elections and Installation at Shrine Center
Social - 5:30 p.m. ~ Dinner - 6:30 p.m. (**)
Valley Program - 7:30 p.m.

May 17th - Reunion Banquet at
Cobblestone Creek Country Club

Special presentations and recognition of new members.
Social - 6:00 p.m. ~ Dinner and Program - 7:00 p.m. (**)

AUGUST

August 2nd - Clambake/Steak Roast at Camp Morris
11:00 a.m. til ??? ~ Bring a dish to pass ~ Rain or Shine (**)

(**) Reservations required - due by noon on preceding Monday
Phone 425-0033 or e-mail: secretary@valleyofrochester.org
Go to Valley Calendar for more details (www.valleyofrochester.org)

Good enough is not!

By Ill.: Charles O. Hancock, 33°

Deputy's Representative, Valley of Rochester, AASR

As the Deputy's Representative for the Valley of Rochester, AASR, I have been asked to explain the various honorariums recognized by the Scottish Rite.

In 1850, Ralph Waldo Emerson said "The search after the great man is the dream of youth and the most serious occupation of manhood. Man can paint, or make, or think, nothing but man. He believes that the great material elements had their origin from his thought. Other men are lenses through which we read our own minds. Each man seeks those of different quality from his own, and such as are good of his kind: that is, he seeks other men."

A fraternity is, by definition, a society comprised of men for the mutual benefit of men. Freemasonry is the largest and most prestigious fraternity in the world. It is considered an organizational model for the whole of American life. Freemasonry is an organization that instructs men in how to be in control of their lives in responsible ways. As such, an underlying theme to which every member can relate is a drive for excellence in all of our actions. Accepting a minimum level of performance is not acceptable. Good enough is not acceptable, we should all strive to be the best that we can possibly be in all of our efforts and endeavors. Our actions should be exemplary for others in all respects.

Honoraria within the Scottish Rite is recognition of significant attributes in an individual which are desirous characteristics for everyone, Masonic and otherwise. The recipient should be an example of "how to ..." carry out in daily life the traits to be desired by all in the general case. A willingness to accept less than optimum results is not a trait to be admired in any case. Good enough is not. Good enough is a sloppy approach where mediocrity is acceptable and expected.

Scottish Rite honoraria is granted in recognition of high quality in personal performance. As such it is a comparative measure that uniquely identifies and separates each individual. Collectively only a small percentage of all Scottish Rite Masons may ever be recognized. Since there is no gold standard for perfect performance that any of us sinners here on earth may ever attain, any rating of individuals must be comparative and result

in a rank order of best quality characteristic from top to bottom for all. There is no checklist of achievements or good works possible to rate our individual accomplishments. The quality of our performance is the sole evidence of our current and future ability to achieve consistently high quality results. What have you done and how well did you do it, is the question.

The Honorary Member of Supreme Council, Thirty-Third Degree, is conferred only by Supreme Council. This Degree may not be requested and if asked for must be refused. Election to the 33rd Degree requires a unanimous favorable vote of all Active members of Supreme Council. A single negative rejects.

The number of Honorary Members of Supreme Council is limited each year, based on a membership related formula. In the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, the Degree is conferred only every other year commencing in 2015. Those elected to receive are announced annually. A 33° is a man whose adherence to his principles allow him to go where no man has gone before. He is independent enough to have confidence in himself.

Each State Council of Deliberation confers the Meritorious Service Award upon select individuals nominated from the Valley's of the State. Nominees are named by the presiding Officers of the Valley. A select committee advises the Deputy of those recommended. The Deputy makes the final determination.

In the Valley of Rochester the Ill.: John B. Mullan, 33°, Dedicated Service Award is made by the Commander-in-Chief in recognition of long and devoted service to the Scottish Rite in general and the Valley of Rochester in particular. This honorarium is intended to recognize those members who have consistently and with dedication over an extended time frame reliably served the Valley without the prospect of higher recognition.

In each case the responsible Officer: Active, Deputy or Commander-in-Chief may solicit recommendations from constituencies of each honoraria in selecting nominees but is under no obligation to accept or implement such recommendation.

Bibliography: R G Davis, *Understanding Manhood in America, Freemasonry's Enduring Path to the Mature Masculine* May 2005 Anchor Communications LLC



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Stephan Michener, GLSO
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Steve and Gina have also hosted many children from Belfast, Northern Ireland during the Summers through the Irish Children's Program, and they have both served on the Board of Directors of that organization.

Steve graduated from McQuaid Jesuit High School, then earned a B.A. Degree from St. John Fisher College and has a Master's Degree in Social Work from Syracuse University.

He is the founder and owner of Associates in Employee Assistance, which contracts with many local companies and of-

fers employee assistance services. He also has a private counseling practice specializing in mental health, substance abuse and marital counseling. He is the author of Four Bitter Pills For Feeling Better Fast, which is a self-help book about cognitive therapy.

For recreation, Brother Michener plays Vintage Base Ball at the Genesee Country Museum where he is the Captain of the "Rochesters" Base Ball Club. He also enjoys historical reading, gardening, hiking, skiing, playing guitar and photography - especially while traveling in the American West. □

COLONIAL DEGREE PRESENTATION MAY 31ST

Submitted by E. David Martin Area 16 Historian
Niagara River Lodge No. 785, will be hosting the 2nd annual Colonial Degree at Olde Fort Niagara State Park. The Colonial Degree will be on May 31st and start around 5:30 p.m. It will be in the French Castle on the 3rd floor. Access to the 3rd floor is up a flight of stairs.

Olde Fort Niagara is just North of Youngstown, New York. State Road 18F will take you there. It is also accessed via the Robert Moses Parkway.

There is NO seating, so bring your own chair and some water.

You can check our website for information or changes in the Colonial Degree: www.niagarariverlodge.com. □



Reservation for AASR Members

Please enter my reservation for the 2014 Valley of Rochester Reunion Banquet as follows (please print):

Name: _____ Guest Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Entrée Choice: Prime Rib
 Pork Tenderloin
 Salmon

\$_____ Fee enclosed: \$30 per person / \$60 per couple

Mail your reservation with menu choice and payment to:
Valley of Rochester
811 Ayrault Rd, Ste 3; Fairport, NY 14450

Reservation for Class Member and Guest

(32° Class Members and their Ladies are guests of the Valley)

Please enter my reservation for the 2014 Valley of Rochester Reunion Banquet as follows (please print):

Name: _____ Guest Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Entrée Choice: Prime Rib
 Pork Tenderloin
 Salmon

I am ... New 32° Class Member

Invited Guest

Regrets, Unable to Attend

RSVP to Valley of Rochester AASR Office by May 9th
Phone: (585) 425-0033



SPAGHETTI DINNER
Saturday, May 17th
Sacred Heart Social Center
17 Sumner Ave, Batavia
1:00 p.m. til ?

Sponsored by
Medina War Veterans

Major General John S. Thompson, Post 59
Proceeds Benefit Operation Injured Soldier

Dinner only - \$10 Donation
Gun Raffle and Dinner - \$20 Donation
10 guns available; Chinese Auction; 50/50

For Tickets and Information, please call:
Edward Spence - (716) 560-0697
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Monroe District Apron Presentation Dinner June 7th

Damascus Shrine Center
\$20 per person
Buffet Dinner
Social Hour
(Cash Bar)

Call Masonic Service Bureau 671-9730 for more details and reservations

Eureka Lodge No. 36 F. & A. M., a subordinate Lodge of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, State of New York invites you to its 135th Anniversary Weekend Celebration, May 9th-11th **Friday, 6-11 p.m.** Game Night and Dinner Party, 616 Brown Street. After party (adults age 21 and over) at PI's Lounge, 495 West Avenue. **Saturday, 12 Noon:** Frederick Douglass Resource Center, 36 King Street, program will feature commemorative presentations, performances and guest speakers. **Saturday, 7:00 p.m.** Eureka's 357 Travelers Club will host a social mixer at Clarissa's Cafe Lounge, 293 Clarissa Street (adults only). **Sunday, 10 a.m.** Mother's Day Ecumenical Service (entire family welcome) at Memorial AME Zion Church located at 549 Clarissa Street. Contact Junior Warden **Lomax Campbell, 350-6403**, for more information.



Historic unveiling of the Frederick Douglass statue erected by Eureka Lodge No. 36, F. & A.M. Brothers on June 9th, 1899



Cornerstone laying of Frederick Douglass statue on July 20, 1898



Eureka Lodge Brothers, 2014, posed for Anniversary Picture. W.: Robert Mallory III, 2014 Master, standing at far left, second row.