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MCC's Mighty Run New Grand Master Elected at September 13th 233rd Annual Communication

The Masonic Care Community is preparing for its 2nd Annual Mighty Run Adventure Race on September 13th. This fundraising event is held on the grounds of the Utica Campus and everyone is given an opportunity to have lots of fun for a good cause.

This year, we are offering a challenge to all Brothers and their Lodges. It's called "The Grand Master's Cup," and will be awarded to the Lodge who has the most participation in the Mighty Run event. You can participate by taking on the course, by volunteering at the event or a combination!

In addition to the Mighty Run, there will be an event just for kids, ages 5 to 12, called the "Mighty Mites."

Last year, 1,800 people from all over the Northeast came to Utica to participate in our inaugural run and more than 4,000 people showed up just to watch the fun.

This event sold out in 2013, and we expect to fill the field again this year. One hundred percent of the proceeds of the

Mighty Run will benefit rehabilitation services at MCC. The proceeds from the Mighty Mites will benefit our on-site child care programs.

So how do you get involved? It's easy. Go to the website:

www.themightyrun.com and register, either to run or to volunteer. On the Registration Form, put your Lodge name and number in the area designated for "business or organization" so all your participants can be tabulated. While you are on the Mighty Run site, be sure to watch the videos of last year's event. You can also contact Victoria Cataldo, our Director of Development at:

cataldov@mccny.com or by phone at (315) 793-4703 for more information.

M.:W.: William Thomas, Grand Master, will bring the Grand Master's Cup to the winning Lodge later in the Fall. □

The Brothers attending the Grand Sessions of Grand Lodge on May 6th elected M.:W.: William J. Thomas Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York. M.:W.: Thomas is a Past Master of Shakespeare Lodge, and of the American Lodge of Research of the Grand Lodge of New York. He was District Deputy Grand Master of the Sixth Manhattan District 2004-2006, under Most Worshipful Edward R. Trosin, and serves on the Committee on Unity for the Grand Lodge.

He is a Life Member of the Philaethes Society, and founded its Knickerbocker Chapter in New York City. Brother Thomas is active in all the York Rite bodies, and serves as the Secretary of the Thomas Smith Webb Chapter of Research. He belongs to York Rite College, and is Recorder for St. Paul's Conclave, Red Cross of Con-

stantine. He is also a member of the Valley of New York, Scottish Rite.

Brother Thomas is a frequent lecturer on various topics of Masonic interest, including history, biography and ritual.

A retired Enforcement Branch Chief for the New York office of the US Securities and Exchange Commission, he is currently in private practice with his own company, SEC Intelligence, in New York City.

Brother Thomas is a US Military veteran, and honorably served with the US Navy during the Viet Nam era. He is a member of the American Legion and the Military Order of the World Wars. He lives in Manhattan with his wife, Susan.

Other Elected Officers

R.:W.: Jeffrey M. Williamson is Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge. A 33rd Degree Mason, he is a Past Grand High Priest of New York, and served as Deputy General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter RAM International.

R.:W.: Williamson is a Project Manager-Engineer for Ferguson Electric of Buffalo, and resides with his wife, Carla, in Akron, NY.

The new Senior Grand Warden is R.:W.: Charles P. Uhle. He was Raised in Wappingers Lodge, which he has served six times as Master, and has twice been a District Deputy Grand Master. He is a member of both York and Scottish Rite Bodies. His previous service to Grand Lodge consists of terms as Junior Grand Warden and as a Trustee of the Chancellor Robert R. Livingston Masonic Library. With his wife, Lillian,



M.:W.: William J. Thomas

R.:W.: Uhle resides in Lagrangeville.

Elected to serve as Junior Grand Warden is R.:W.: Richard S. Morley. He and Nancy reside in Delhi. His Masonic activities include Lodge Master and Secretary; District Deputy Grand Master; Assistant Grand Lecturer; and memberships in York Rite Bodies.

Grand Treasurer for the term is R.:W.: Charles Catapano, a Past Master and Treasurer of Morton Lodge in the First Nassau District. He has served as a District Deputy Grand Master and is Vice Chairman of the Masonic Family and Fellowship Committee and Area #1 Chairman for the Brotherhood Fund. He and his best friend, Donna, reside on Long Island.

R.:W.: Paul M. Rosen is the new Grand Secretary. Past Master of Fraternity Dunderberg Lodge, Past District Deputy Grand Master and Past Secretary of the Masters and Wardens Association, he and his wife, Clare, live in Westchester County. He also belongs to York and Scottish Rite Bodies. □

Active Lodge in 19th Century Setting?

By W.: Terrance Wright

Plans are underway to promote a working Masonic Lodge on the Property of the Genesee Country Village and Museum in Mumford. The idea is not a new one, but perhaps the time is right to proceed.

As many of you know, this is considered a living museum, meaning they bring the 19th Century in the Genesee Valley Region back-to-life. Through interpreters and programs, visitors can witness real buildings and local history in an actual historical setting. We are all aware of the importance Freemasonry has had on our history. This could be a momentous occasion to showcase our Fraternity to the world and share its historical import.

A building could be designed to incorporate historical artifacts important to the Craft that can be displayed in a museum like condition and have the added benefit of being a working Lodge open to all Brothers of the world.

A proposal suggesting this plan was submitted to the President of the Museum, Mr. Peter Arnold, and to the Board of Directors. There was not an objection to be made amongst them.

Oatka Lodge has the original furniture from the Downtown Masonic Temple on Clinton Avenue North, which was razed. The new Masonic Temple and Auditorium Theatre opened on

the corner of Main and Prince Streets and was dedicated in 1930.

The furniture could be put to use in this new building. Perhaps the facility could be made available to other Lodges and Concordant Bodies who could benefit from using it and the associated publicity this may offer.

The Masonic capstones that were recently unearthed and moved to Brother Mike Morris' land are from the very same building as these furnishings. Together with collections, costumes and props, we may be able to create a living shrine in Upstate New York dedicated to Freemasonry that could draw and inspire men and women from around the world.

There is no doubt this will be an enormous undertaking, but no great journey can begin without a first step. Some sort of committee will need to be formed and negotiations begun with the Directors of the Museum. Grand Lodge will be consulted for proper protocol, rulings and input. Interested parties may write me with thoughts and concerns regarding this plan, or ideas on how to implement the process. I look forward to hearing and sharing your thoughts. □

**Monroe District
APRON PRESENTATION DINNER**
Saturday, June 7th, 6:30 p.m.
Damascus Shrine Center

**Purple Club
of the
Monroe District
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday
June 11th
Keenan's Restaurant
1010 East Ridge Road
Dinner - 6:30 p.m.**

**Masonic
Service
Bureau
Awards Night**
Education Assistance
and Charitable Grants
**Thursday
June 19th
7 p.m.**
Damascus Shrine Center
979 Bay Road, Webster

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2013-2014 Campaign Donations Increase

By R.:W.: Charles Waterstreet
Executive Director

From April 20, 2013 through May 19, 2014, we have compiled the list below of donors to our Annual Campaign. The results show an increase in year over year totals. Thank you! It is easy and simple to say, but cannot really describe the feel-

ings we have toward those of you who continue to support us, or those of you who have added us to the list of charitable organizations you choose to support.

While our Annual Appeal letter is mailed around the 1st of October, we accept donations throughout the year. If

you have not responded previously to our request, feel free to send one at any time.

It is sad for me to report that, once again, some of the names listed below have journeyed to that house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens. That is something we can't control, but we are grateful they

chose to support us over the years.

We have tried to be accurate in recording the names of everyone who has donated to us in the last thirteen months. We make mistakes. If you note any errors or omissions, please bring them to my attention. Once again, thank you all. ☐

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Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

JULY

- 10 Webster Firemen's Parade
- 11 OES - "Lunch on the DGL", Foodlink Workday
- 11 OES - Mary Jane Holmes Fish Fry, Brockport
- 16 Ark Lodge Pin & Certificate Presentations
- 19 O/S/Y Masters & Wardens Meeting
- 25 & 26 OES "Festival of Stars," Oriskany
- 25 - 27 Scottish Rite Council of Deliberation, Syracuse
- 26-27 Spencerport Canal Days

July 11th, 18th & 25th - CRUZ NIGHTS

AUGUST

- Jul 31 - Aug 3 - Sauerkraut Festival, Phelps
- 1 Zama Temple, Daughters of the Nile, Supreme Queen's Visit
- 2 OES - Nolatka Wine Tour
- 2 Scottish Rite Clambake
- 8 & 9 Palmyra Pirate Weekend
- 9 OES District Chicken Bar-B-Que, Webster Firemens Field
- 16 OES Monroe District Summer Event, Albion
- 17 O/S/Y Charities Annual Golf Tournament, Big Oak Golf Course
- 23 Ron Bryant Memorial Bike Run
- 28 OES Grands Association Picnic

August 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th - CRUZ NIGHTS

SEPTEMBER

- 5 Last Cruz Night of the Season
- 11-14 Grotto Fall Convention, Fishkill, NY
- 12-14 Annual Conclave of Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, Lake George
- 13 Mighty Run Adventure Race, Masonic Care Community, Utica
- 24 Tall Cedar Steak Roast, Camp Smile

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The volunteers who came to the "Lunch on the DGL" event at Foodlink (l-r) R.W. Georgia Schutt, R.W. Tom Richenderfer, R.W. Debbie Leipold, Zhanna Baker (granddaughter of R.W. Alice Hassett), R.W. Alice Hassett, R.W. Mae Bauer, R.W. Karen Leipold, R.W. Robert Crystal, R.W. Evy Ann Heller, M.W. Neil Laundry, R.W. Beverly Thompson and S. Betty Richenderfer.

Summertime is close at hand so this will be the last article until Fall. R.W. Tom Richenderfer and I have attended several Grand Matron's and Grand Patron's Official Visits in other Districts so far and hosted our own District's Visit on April 26th. It was a very exciting and rewarding experience.

M.W. Sylvia Moravia and M.W. George Walter were very gracious and enjoyable to be with. A big thank you to all who helped Tom and I to prepare for their visit and to the Chapters and individuals who donated baskets for the Chinese Auction. We really appreciate the support given to this project. Our guests also appreciated the Hospitality Room where we enjoyed good food and a chance to mingle.



R.W. Georgia Schutt (left) and R.W. Mae Bauer proudly display their Eastern Star membership at the "Lunch on the DGL" event at Foodlink.

Also in April, twelve Monroe District members volunteered to sort food at Foodlink from 9 a.m. - Noon. Then we had lunch together compliments of the District Grand Lecturer. Thank you to Tom and all who worked that day in support of the Grand Patron's Project, "Plenty for All," in support of local Food Banks and Food Pantries.

The Line Officers' Clubs met May 3rd and Sister Carrie Paddyfoote's Baked Food Sale was very successful. All of the proceeds went to our District Project, the Dream Factory of Rochester. Thank you to all who bought items and supported the project.

The Grand Matron visited the Monroe District Past Matrons Association for their May meeting. She enjoyed the warm welcome and the Initiation Ceremony conferred by R.W. Vickie Gross, President of the Association.

Several Official Visits were held in May and the Ritual work was well done and very unique in their presentations afterward. R.W. Tom and I appreciated their support of the Dream Factory and the local food pantries.

Upcoming June Events

June 3rd - The combined Official Visit of Corinthian-Fellowship Chapter and Nolotka Chapters

June 6th - Grand Matron's and Grand Patron's Visits to Onondaga District

June 7th - District Line Officer Clubs meeting, 9 a.m., Spencerport

June 7th - Grand Patron's Homecoming in Cortland

June 11th - Lilac Luncheon in Oriskany - lunch with the residents of the Eastern Star Home. We enjoy a picnic-style lunch in the Campus Pavilion, starting at 11:30 a.m. R.W. Karen Leipold is taking the reservations for the event.

June 13th - Grand Matron's and Grand Patron's Visits to Wayne District

June 14th - Grand Matron's Homecoming in Auburn

June 26th - All Stars, 7 p.m. at Bethany Presbyterian Church, Dewey Avenue near Stone Road

July Events

We don't sit idle in the Summer so mark your calendar:

July 11th - Fish Fry at Mary Jane Holmes Chapter

July 12th - the Monroe District Picnic at R.W. Tom Richenderfer's place

July 25th and 26th - Festival of Stars, Oriskany

August Events

August 9th - Monroe District Chicken Bar-B-Que, Webster Firemen's Field

August 16th - District Summer Outing to the Cobblestone Museum; lunch at the Village Inn at Ridge Road, Albion

August 28th - Grands Association Picnic

It certainly won't be a boring Summer. We hope that you can make it to many of these special activities held by our District. If you need more information on any of these events, please give me a telephone call.

Advice for Graduates (and

for Everyone) ... Go toward the future, but don't forget the past; remember that all the good you do will last. Ask only of others what you, too, would do; do more than ever is required of you. Understand others by listening more; always forgive and never keep score. Thank God each day for the privilege of living; enjoy every moment and keep on giving.

Notes from the District Grand Lecturer

By Tom Richenderfer

As I write this column, I just finished four consecutive days with events that had dinners associated with them. I think I will need to walk to the Walk-a-Thon to get rid of this extra weight!

First of all, I send out a huge "Thank You!!!!!" to all members who pitched in to help make the Monroe District Official Visit a big success! R.W. Beverly and I got many, many compliments on all aspects of the day. I cannot express all of my gratitude for the hard work put in by so many people to make this all happen. Again, thank you.

On Saturday, April 19th, twelve members came out to the Foodlink Distribution Center to volunteer for the "Lunch on the DGL" Event. After a short session to learn about Foodlink and their operations, we went to work unpacking and sorting boxes of donated items into categories for later re-packaging for distribution to local agencies and food pantries. Afterwards, we went to a nearby restaurant for a well-deserved lunch.

I have set up a second "Lunch on the DGL" event on Friday, July 11th from 9 a.m. - Noon. This is to allow folks who have more free time during the week to also participate in this worthy effort. After the shift at Foodlink, I will again buy lunch for all of the participants. I look forward to working with our members to assist Foodlink in helping our less fortunate neighbors.

It's time to make your plans for attending all of the events around the "Festival of Stars" at Oriskany on July 25th and 26th.

On Friday evening, July 25th,

Monroe District OES All-Stars Chicken Bar-B-Que & Peach Festival Saturday, August 9th Noon 'til Gone Webster Firemen's Field



the Clinton-Essex, Monroe, Ontario/Seneca/Yates, Warren-Washington and Wayne Multi-District Dinner will be held at the New Hartford Ramada Inn, 141 New Hartford Street, New Hartford. There will be a cash bar at 5:30 p.m., Dinner at 6:30 p.m., brief introductions at 7:30 p.m., and at 7:45 p.m. will be the world-famous Brown Bag Auction (proceeds will be donated to the Grand Chapter Projects). The dinner choices are:

Prime Rib for \$29.99

Chicken Francaise for \$24.99
Haddock Oreganato for \$24.99
(each are served with House Salad, Vegetable and Potato)

Please send dinner reservations by July 11th with your check made payable to me, along with your dinner choice and any special dietary needs to:

Tom Richenderfer
1740 Gloria Drive
Fairport, NY 14450

In addition, M.W. Ken has reserved a block of rooms for us at Hampton Inn and Suites
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There are 5 Double Queen bedrooms that cost \$129 per night that are available as well as 2 King bedrooms that cost

\$129 per night. To reserve a room, please call me at 738-0249 or email me at: tomrich@rochester.rr.com with:

- 1) the name(s) of the person(s) staying in the room;
- 2) arrival & departure dates;
- 3) credit card information (cardholder name, card number and expiration date).

I need reservations for these rooms by June 20th since we need to have the list into the hotel by the end of the month. The hotel told me they are completely booked for that weekend and it is imperative that we get the information to them on time.

If you have any questions about this information, please give me a call at 738-0249.

For my 2008 D'n R Club members, don't forget our picnic on June 21st at 4 p.m. at Marilyn Israel's house.

Finally, a reminder that the District Picnic is scheduled for July 12th at my home at 1740 Gloria Drive in Penfield (it's a Fairport mailing address, but we live in Penfield).

I hope everyone has a great Summer and I will have pictures from the square dance in September. ☐

Save the Date!

Plan to attend a Reunion for
Rochester DeMolay members of the '80s & '90s
at a Summer Get-together
Saturday, August 9th
at the
All Stars Chicken Bar-B-Que and Peach Festival
Webster Firemen's Field

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By Robert Crystal
Well, this is a fine mess! Just getting ready for us to come out of hibernation and Worthy Matron Pat Pearson had to have minor surgery, so our first meet-

ing back was cancelled. But, the good news is that the surgery went well and she is back on her feet and driving again.

Our Monthly Bake Sale has been going on even though the Chapter was dark. The construction went on above us, but we managed to meet together to have breakfast, then set up our tables and sell our usual "Everything for a dollar."

Right Worthy Edna Monell has been the strong anchor for this combination of ministry and fundraising. There are two

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Fraternal greetings from the Most Worshipful William J. Thomas, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

I am honored to have been selected to represent the Grand Master for the Ontario/Seneca/Yates District for the next two years. I take this opportunity to thank R.:W.: Jed K. Brandow for his help in assisting me as I begin my term as District Deputy Grand Master. Jed is a very talented leader, has exceptional communication skills, is well-organized and is a skillful Ritualist. I will attempt to continue the programs in our District that Jed supported. It is difficult to improve on perfection!

Congratulations to R.:W.: Thomas C. Abraham, who has been appointed as Grand Director of Ceremonies for our District. Tom has a teaching background and, as such, will be an excellent Staff Officer. Tom and I have already done a lot of traveling together and he has many terrific training Ideas.

The remaining members of our District Team will be as follows:

Assistant Grand Lecturer

Fred Newton

Ronald McDonald House

Jed K. Brandow

Public Relations Involvement

Rob Schwarting

Brotherhood Fund

Jonathon Vandelinder

Fellowship and Family

William Colin

Grand Chaplain

James Tyrrell

Veterans Service

Warren Jordans

Grand Lodge Trip

Ten Brothers and two of their wives made the trip from the O/S/Y District to Grand Lodge in New York. The ladies were able to shop while the Brothers attended Grand Lodge. After Grand Lodge, sightseeing, fellowship and fine dining were some of the highlights of the trip. A great time was had by all.

I am excited that our District has so much talent upon which to draw. My phone is always on, my Brothers; don't hesitate to call with any questions or if you need any help.

Upcoming Events

June 5th - Names of newly elected Officers due to DDGM

June 10th - 3rd Degree at Eagle Lodge

June 14th - Interlaken Old Home Day Parade. The District will march at 12:30 p.m. at the South Seneca School.

June 21st - St. John's Day, Masonic Care Community, Utica

June 29th - Milo Lodge

Building 100-Year Re-dedication Service

July 19th - O/S/Y Masters & Wardens Meeting, 11 a.m. at 7768 County Road 153, Interlaken.

August 17th - O/S/Y Charities Golf Tournament, Big Oak Country Club, Geneva. □

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This will be my last article in the **Masonic Times** as Master of Ark Lodge. I will continue to write articles as the new Grand Director of Ceremonies for the O/S/Y District.

The new District Deputy Grand Master, John Hubbard, of Farmerville-Union Lodge and I are looking forward to serving the O/S/Y District for the next two years. In order for us to be successful, it will be necessary for the Brothers of the O/S/Y District to continue to support your local Lodges and the District.

The beauty of Freemasonry is the fellowship of Brotherhood. Freemasonry has been, and will continue to be, a beacon in a world that has many and diverse issues. Freemasons must take an active role in helping to solve these problems by your involvement in local and national arenas.

Each Lodge needs to be active in your community. As a Fraternity, we have been called to a higher level of commitment and action. We must get involved in order to help make our Communities and Country thrive and prosper. Freemasons have answered the call in every conflict in which the United States has been involved. Freemasons have led the cause of freedom in this Country and around the world. We must continue this tradition today when our Country needs the wisdom and common sense of the Craft.

Let every Freemason in our historic Ark Lodge, in the O/S/Y District and throughout the State of New York make a conscious effort to get more involved in the affairs of our Lodges, our Community, State and Country. We owe it to our Fraternal forefathers who forged the way for these United States to come to be, to give our effort in the restoration of the values that are held so dear by Freemasons.

Again I thank the Brothers of Ark Lodge; the Brothers of all the Lodges in the O/S/Y District; Past District Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: Jed Brandow; Past Grand Sword Bearer, R.: W.: Robert Hanggi; and AGLs Fred Newton and Steve Durso, Sr.; for all the help, aid and as-

sistance given to me during my tenure as Master of my Lodge. I wish that my successor in the East and his Line of Officers will enjoy their time in Office and may the Great Architect of the Universe bless each Lodge, all Brothers of O/S/Y District and Freemasons everywhere in our future endeavors.

Mark Your Calendar

June 10th - 3rd Degree at Eagle Lodge, Honeoye

June 18th - Stated Communication, Installation of Officers

June 28th - 100th Anniversary of the building where Milo Lodge meets

July 16th - Anniversary Pin and Certificate Presentation (Place and time To Be Determined) □

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By R.:W.: Bob Ruggles

Congratulations to all newly Elected and Appointed Lodge Officers for the coming year. We look forward to an active year with scheduled events such as dinners, Game Nights and Degree work. We will keep you informed as to when these will take place.

Phelps Sauerkraut Festival

Sign-up sheets are available for the Sauerkraut Festival in August. We have a full agenda of activities by the Lodge and need as much help as possible. If you can be available, contact the Master or Secretary for possible duties.

O/S/Y Charities has scheduled the 21st Annual Golf Tournament for August 18th at Big Oak Golf Course. Donations for Hole Sponsors and door prizes are encouraged. Door prizes could include merchandise, gift certificates, discount coupons, etc.

From the Secretary's Desk

For the past four years, I have had the opportunity to serve as a Grand Deacon of Grand Lodge. It has been something I could never have imagined happening and I will always cherish it. I thank Brothers Ron Galens, Paul Adams and Ramon Howard for serving as Secretary at our meetings for those times I had to be out of town. Brother Galens has been Grand Tiler for the past two years and I am sure he would share the same sentiments.

To my Brothers, when you are asked to serve in any capacity in Masonry, whether it is at the Lodge level, District level or beyond, I encourage you to do it. The person who asks you must believe you have the abilities to perform the duties involved.

Upcoming Events

June 17th- Annual Lodge Steak Roast. All Brethren are welcome and may bring a guest. Contact Clayton Ruggles or Ron Galens at (315) 548-3453 or rgalens@yahoo.com by June 13th if you are planning on attending.

June Birthdays

Ranse Brooks (1st); Donald Fridley (9th); Nathan Biery (10th); Dan Guth, Paul McIntyre and Kenneth Pedersen (10th); Tom Pardington (16th); Bill Goodman (24th); and Barney Wandell (29th).

July Birthdays

Ken Gibbs (7th); Ernie Bishop (12th); Chris Howard (17th); Nick Day (29th); Rick Kauder (30th); and Robert Hines (31st).

August Birthdays

Fred Wheeler (3rd); Douglas Parmele (4th); Shawn Grube (24th); and David Williams (26th).

Masonic Anniversaries

June

1948 Harold Bloser
1953 David Retchless
1972 Larry Gelder
1979 James Sullivan
1990 Jed Brandow

July

1958 David Williams □

Wayne District

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While June is the end of the Masonic Year for most Lodges in the District, this month marks the beginning of the next two Masonic Years of opportunity and responsibility of my leading the Wayne Masonic District Team. I make no promises of accomplishments that your Team will achieve. I can only make one promise which is that I will do my best to keep the District intact and hopefully grow.

When asked to consider applying for District Deputy Grand Master, I hesitated and then remembered many years ago when the opportunity presented itself and I declined because of work requirements, children responsibilities and financial status. Those were no longer valid issues to say "I can't." I then had to look at my health and age issues and I admit I definitely qualify as an old fart who is gradually falling apart. I carefully considered those issues and Soooooo like Thomas the Engine, "I think I can," and here I am.

No matter what I present to the District as the Grand Master's Programs and Goals in the Fall, or what is presented as District Programs and Goals, nothing will be accomplished without the support and efforts of us all. It's up to your District Team to show the "why" and the "way," but all of us have to be ready, willing and able to "get it done," from a Right Worshipful to an Entered Apprentice.

Goals for the District include Recruitment and Retention of Brothers, use of Social Media for Communication, Expansion of the Safety ID Program and the return of an Historical Position for future Wayne District Masons. Our other programs - Surviving Spouses, Masonic Care Community, the Golf Tournament, Veterans and, especially, Brotherhood Fund will continue to flourish and grow.

In closing, I make myself available to you. I will listen to your concerns and attempt to answer your questions. If I don't

know, I'll find out. Just one thing ... I need YOU to make anything happen, and could I ever close an article without reminding all of you that the Brotherhood Fund and Masonic Care Community need your support and dollars? No, I couldn't, so take note and act.

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The Summer Recess is fast approaching with the end of another Masonic Year quickly coming to a close. With the close comes an end as well as a beginning ... a renewal as well as change.

I feel exceptionally fortunate the past two years having served my term under District Deputy Grand Master, Jay DeWispalare, and Grand Director of Ceremonies, Ted Powley. Although I realize I have a gifted knowledge of Biblical history surrounding King Solomon's Temple and Ancient Freemasonry, Brother Jay and Brother Ted have taught me so much on applying that knowledge to Modern Freemasonry and New York State Freemasonry in such a relatively short span of time. Brother Jay and Brother Ted have raised the level of the bar as District Officers that it will be difficult for the incoming Wayne District Team to fill their shoes.

My term as Assistant Grand Lecturer for Wayne District has ended. With this end I have accepted the Grand Lodge Appointment of Staff Officer for Wayne District. I am equally proud to serve with our new DDGM, John Krest, of Drumlin Square Lodge. If any Brother in the District has half a chance to fill Brother Jay's shoes, John is the man.

I was very proud to submit the name of W.: Jeff Gagnon, Sodus Lodge, to Grand Lodge for consideration as my successor as AGL for Wayne District. For those of you who know Jeff, you know he is not only a dedicated Mason, but extremely proficient in the Ritual.

I'm currently in the process of developing a plan to schedule training sessions that rotate through the Lodges of the District as opposed to using a single location. Also, I'm coordinating the training sessions with our bordering Districts of Monroe and Ontario/Seneca/Yates so if any Brother in the Craft misses one in Wayne District, he'll be able to possibly make it up in theirs and vice versa.

Although I have a sense of self-pride serving the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, it is a moral imperative, not only for myself, but every Brother to remember that our positions, as well as any of the Craft, from the lowly Tiler as the single Sentry at his post, to the distinguished Worshipful Master standing in the East, we are all only a vehicle to be used by the Great Architect of the Universe for His Divine purpose and His Divine Plan. The first lesson every Mason is taught is that he should invoke the aid of Deity in all his laudable undertakings. "Unless the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh in vain, unless the Lord build the House, the builder buildeth in vain."

Until the Summer Recess is over and our new Masonic Year is upon us, I bid all my Brethren in the Craft, "May the Lord watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another." And, "The Lord bless thee, and keep thee; the Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee; The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace." Genesis 31:49; Numbers 6:24-30.

Drumlin Square Lodge No. 1180
1st & 3rd Wednesdays



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By Tom Krest, Master-Elect

It is a great honor to be elected Master by the Brothers of Drumlin Square Lodge for this upcoming year. Without all the Brothers who come to meetings when it's within the length of their cabletow and the square and angle of your work, we would not be the Lodge we presently are. I hope to do everything to the best of my abilities to continue to help this Lodge grow and be active with our community with the help of our newly elected Officers.

Elected Officers this year are:
Master **Tom Krest**
Sr. Warden **Rob Zanin**

Jr. Warden **Jimmy Aylesworth**
Sr. Deacon **Bob Baumgartner**
Jr. Deacon **Mike Perry**
Congratulations to our newest member, Mike Perry, who was Raised on March 19th. I thank all Brothers of the Lodge for the great job with your positions throughout the year and to the Brothers who are moving up to their new positions.

Surviving Spouse Dinner
Our Surviving Spouse Dinner was a great success this year with 18 in attendance. Thanks to Bill Jones, Rob Zanin, Dick Brewer and John Krest for their participation in arranging, transporting and running this event for all surviving spouses and members who were able to participate.

Installation of Officers
Our meeting on June 4th will be our Installation of Officers, starting at 6:30 p.m. with a Meatloaf Dinner prepared by Tri-Star Chapter, No. 209, Order of the Eastern Star. Next, we will be presenting W.: Robert Wharmby with the Dedicated Service Award, followed by presentation of Service Award Pins to:

- 60 years **Anton E. Richmond**
- 55 years **Karel J. Ambroz, Sr.**
- Phillip G. Allen**
- James H. Airy**
- William C. Jones**

A 60-year Pin will be sent to Brother Richard D. Jeffery where he resides in Nevada. Then, finally, our Installation of Officers.

In June, as Worshipful Master, I will be presenting a scholarship to a Palmyra Macedon High School Senior, and also one to a Gananda High School Senior at each of their Scholarship Awards Night.

Palmyra Pirate Weekend August 8th and 9th
In August, Senior Warden, Rob Zanin, will be hosting a booth at the Palmyra Pirate Day Weekend for Drumlin Square Lodge. If you are able to help, we are running two shifts during this event ... 8:30 a.m. - 12 Noon and 12 Noon - 3:30 p.m., ... handing out information on Masonry. If you are interested in helping, please contact Tom Krest or Rob Zanin.

We will be having a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night on Friday, September 5th, with a Fellowcraft evening to follow. Brothers, if there is anyone you know who might be interested in joining our Masonic Lodge, this would be the night to invite them. The program will begin at 7 p.m. with the Fellowcraft Night starting at 8 p.m.

Please enjoy your Summer this year and let's remember our Masonic Care Community in Utica and the Brotherhood Fund.

Monroe District

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Fraternal greetings from Grand Master, Most Worshipful William J. Thomas, your District Leadership Team and myself. Together we look forward with great enthusiasm and optimism to serving the Lodges and Brethren in Monroe District. We intend on working very closely with each of you, because we believe that leadership is best exercised when its fight is shared.

Congratulations to all our new Lodge Officers; your commitment to serve is greatly appreciated. As I have seen the last few years as your *Have-a-Heart* Campaign Chairman, our Lodges always pull together for the greater good. Let's keep up the good work.

I thank our retiring District Leadership Team for a job well done. They have left our District in a better place. For Phil, Mike and Rob, thanks for being good friends and Masons. The District and I appreciate all you have done for us.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable Summer. We know it will be too short and then, once again, we will be back in the quarries.

A Proud Mason

Grand Steward



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Save the Date

On Saturday, August 30th, The Master's Chair Training Program will be offered at the Damascus Shrine Center from 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Please reserve this date on your calendar. This course is required by Grand Lodge for all incoming Masters and even Masters who have served before. This Summer I will be contacting every incoming Master about attending the course.

As I see it, The Master's Chair is a great program to offer encouragement, and confidence as you prepare for the adventure of leading your Lodge in what will hopefully be a fulfilling year for you and your Brothers. It's also a great way to get to know the other Masters from around our District and learn from one another. My Brothers, let's hit the ground running and get ready to rap that gavel!

"Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go: keep her; for she is thy life." *Proverbs 4:13*

As it is said, the journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step. Each of us took a step towards that door and made three distinct knocks, which began our Masonic Education - an education of a lifetime. My Brothers I am grateful to be on this journey with you and honored to serve you and the Monroe Masonic District in the position of Grand Steward.

The education I have received thus far in Masonry has been inspirational and life-changing. I look forward to the next two years of continuing to learn with all my Brothers in our District about all our Craft has to teach us. I firmly believe that continuing our education is the key to life. We must never stop learning, always keeping our eyes, ears, hearts and minds open.

When each of us knocked at that inner door, we made a statement proclaiming that "I am here to discover the mystery of that of which I do not yet know." Our learning does not stop with our Raising. That was just the beginning of our life-long Masonic journey towards ever more light and wisdom.

In the next two years I hope to serve as an encourager that we all continue to seek just a little more learning. I believe that Masters of Lodges have taken on a serious responsibility to offer their Lodges education through Masonic-oriented Programs.

The Masters and Wardens Association has begun a resource list of Masonic-oriented Programs which will hopefully grow as new programs are added. If you would like a copy of this list, please contact either the President of the Masters and Wardens Association or me. Each of the programs on that list began and were developed when an individual Brother decided he wanted to learn a little more on some Masonic topic. He then worked to develop a program he could offer as an act of charity to his Brothers in Lodge. We are all capable of doing this!

Brothers, in taking your Degrees, you expressed your willingness to accept the duty to continue your learning. It can be as simple as reading. We have all taken the step to knock at the door of Masonic Enlightenment and we owe it to ourselves and our Craft to continue to take further and more steps. Nobody asked us to join this Fraternity. We had to take the initiative to ask to join ourselves. Likewise, we should continue to take the initiative in our continuation of Masonic Education.

Monroe District Masters and Wardens Association

By R.: W.: *Stephan Michener*

I'll Keep It Brief

This is especially directed at all the new Masters, Senior Wardens, Junior Wardens and Senior Deacons. The Masters and Wardens Association is a great organization that, as the name implies, is run by Masters and Wardens. The Association will be what you make it and your participation is essential to making it a vital organization that supports the work that the principle officers do in Lodge.

Don't Miss this Meeting
June 13th, 8 p.m.

Our last meeting of this Masonic Year 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 10 - 20 minutes) with only one agenda item, which is Election of Officers for next year. Dress is casual. Please plan on attending.

We will need to elect a new President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. All current office holders are expected to attend to hand off your duties to the newly elected Officers. I hope to see every Lodge represented by at least one Officer.

Purple Club of the Monroe District Meeting
Wednesday June 11th
Keenan's Restaurant
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Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

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Welcome and congratulations to Clio's seven newest Master Masons: Brothers Bayard Collamer Birch, Aaron Patrick Carter, Jason Frame, Patrick Herring, Robert J. Polatas, Brian Dobson and Jeffery Kipp. We're glad to have you join us as we travel the road on our Masonic journey.

Clio conferred the Master Mason Degree on Brothers Bayard, Aaron, Jason, Patrick and Robert on Tuesday, April 15th. Again our Brothers were firing on all cylinders and gave our newest Brothers another excellent Degree. You make me proud, my Clio Brothers - you bust your butts with all our fundraisers and still make the time to rehearse your Ritual and confer Degrees that would make any Mason proud. The Degrees we've put on this year are among the best, if not the best, I've ever been part of.

Due to scheduling conflicts, Brothers Brian Dobson and Jeff Kipp did their Degree at Oatka, with the Shrine Degree Team conferring. I'd thank the Team for the fantastic job they did as well. Being part of the team, I participated in the Degree and Raised Brothers Brian and Jeff. Newest Master Masons Bayard, Aaron, Patrick and Robert were there to watch their friends and Brothers being obligated and even participated in the drama. Clio Brothers Harry and Brett DeHollander, Jeff Ross and Matt Scheffer also attended to support our newest members. We did our best to make Oatka our Lodge-away-from-Lodge for the evening. My deepest thanks to W.: Terri Wright and the members of Oatka for welcoming us and for the fine dinner.

Heartfelt Thanks

Brothers, Past Master, Stuart Brickman, would like to pass on his deepest thanks for the support we at Clio, and all around the District, have given him since the passing of his wonderful wife, Carol. Words can't express the loss he feels for Carol, nor the appreciation he feels for all of you being there for him during this difficult time.

June Events

Our first meeting on June 3rd will be the Installation of Officers. Master-Elect, Matthew Scheffer, has decided upon an Open Installation, which will be attended by his family and open to all of our families. Incoming Officers and sideline Brothers as well, if you'd like to give your significant others a glimpse of what you do every couple of weeks, please bring them to join us. There will be a reception downstairs afterward.

Although listed on the Trestleboard, the June 11th Spaghetti Dinner has been **canceled**

due to the diminishing turnout for spaghetti this year.

June 17th will be our last meeting before going dark and, as usual, doubles as our year-end party and our Bring-a-Friend Night. We'll have a Steak Dinner at the cost of \$10 to the Brothers and free to their guests who have expressed a desire in joining us at Clio. It is always a fun, as well as informative time, so, even if you have no friend to bring, you will have friends awaiting you there, so please join us. Dress code is casual - slacks and Hawaiian Shirts or polos. (Put pants on this time, Brother Cody!)

New Officers

Our Election of Officers was held on May 6th and our Elected Officers are:

Master **Matthew Scheffer**
 Sr. Warden **Matthew Reiter**
 Jr. Warden **Blake Keller**
 Secretary **Lawrence Vaccarelli**
 Treasurer **Lawrence Britt**
 Trustees **William Hunn**
Mark Shapiro

Appointed Officers are:

Sr. Deacon **Brett DeHollander**
 Jr. Deacon **Jeremy Mensing**
 Chaplain **Pete Matthews**
 Sr. Master of C **Cody Groth**
 Jr. Master of C **Robert Polatas**
 Marshal **Brian Flaherty**
 Tiler **Chris Petote**
 Stewards **Aaron Carter**
Brian Dobson

All are fine men and upstanding Masons, and I look forward to experiencing the direction Brother Matt and his line take the Lodge for the upcoming year.

Past-Master Pete

This will be my last article as Master and I want to say thank you to my Brothers for all the support given to me throughout the year. We, at Clio, probably spend more time outside Lodge than we do at meetings, doing the fundraising we need to keep us chugging along. DDGM Phil Hurwitz once referred to us as the "Little Lodge that Could," and we did it again for another year!

Clio could not have done it without the hard work, long hours and love for the Lodge needed to get these fundraisers done, so for that, my Brothers, I am beyond grateful. But don't think you're getting the Summer off as we'll be at the Monroe County Fair July 31st through August 3rd (Thursday-Sunday) at Northampton Park in Ogden with our Meatballs and Chicken Bar-B-Que.

The frequency of our events over the years has built up quite a strong fellowship amongst our Brothers. There's not a person in this Lodge that I don't count as a true friend. But we're not all about the fundraising. I've said it before and it bears repeating one last time here from me ... Clio kicks Ashlar at Ritual work. The love we have for the Ritual shows in our Degrees and in the fact that we are always happy to help out other Lodges when their Degrees find themselves in need of it. The pride I have for our Brothers is about to make me pop my tuxedo buttons (or was that all the spaghetti Brother Bill fed me throughout the year?).

I had a simple goal going into the year - make the meet-

ings something that would make Brothers look forward to attending; make them educational as well as entertaining. I tried to accomplish that with a variety of programs, Ritual training and philosophic Masonic discussions. Although that goal was not met to its fullest, I think we had a good start in that direction, and judging by the increased attendance at our regular communication, I think the Brothers feel the same. I was impressed by the renewed vitality of the Lodge, the eagerness of our Brothers - especially our most recent Brothers - and I know that energy will be carried on under the direction of our Master-elect, Brother Matt Scheffer.

So, my Brothers, once more I thank you for all your support and the great work, in and out of Lodge, that you did this year. And now, I symbolically pass the article-gavel to Clio's Master-Elect, Brother Matthew Scheffer.

Message from the Master-Elect

I will start by thanking Worshipful Pete Matthews for his service to the Lodge this past year. I've truly enjoyed being part of Clio Lodge the past year, and I hope to continue what he has started.

My vision for Clio is to refine and build upon Worshipful Pete's legacy. The Lodge has made a couple of changes over the last year that I think have been for the better. We've had more Masonic Light during our meetings through various programs and I, for one, have truly enjoyed it.

I plan on continuing this next year, and hope to have an even more diverse array of programs for the Brothers. I firmly believe the information learned in these programs helps us become better Brothers. They encourage us to be life-long learners and keep our minds open to new ideas, and new light in Masonry. The openness and tolerance we learn through the Craft is one of the most important things that we can teach our Brothers. By practicing this in our life and in our Lodge meetings we demonstrate to the world the value of Masonry and create an environment where Brothers enjoy coming to Lodge rather than coming just out of obligation.

Next year, we plan on doing one set of Degrees again. This year was our first time trying this, and our new Brothers exemplify the quality that can be gained from taking the time to learn the Ritual. I believe this approach leads to the best experience for the new Brothers as well as for the Lodge in the long term.

I look forward to next year at Clio and hope all the Brothers do as well!

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It is now June, and we are about to go dark for the year. In the month of June we have a few more things to tidy up before we take the Summer off.

On June 9th, we will have a 3rd Degree, with Dave Jones in the East for me, as I will be in Pennsylvania for work. Thank you, in advance, to the Brothers for stepping up for me while I am away.

June 16th will be our Year-End Party and Picnic. It will be at Gravelle Lodge in Pineway Ponds Park. Food will be served starting at 6 p.m. Please plan on bringing a Dish-to-Pass and your own plates and utensils. This is an OPEN event and family is encouraged to attend.

June 23rd will be Installation of Officers at 7:30 p.m. This is also an open event; please bring your families and welcome the incoming Officers and Line for 2014-2015.

June is a time for me to reflect on the last 18 months, from when I was Senior Warden (for one month) then suddenly Worshipful Master. It has been a great journey, with many fond memories. I have made many new friends and strengthened many other friendships.

We, as a Lodge, have brought in 9 new Brothers over my time in the East. Many projects have been successfully completed around the building ... from refinishing the entrance to the Lodge to building the wall in the Dining Hall ... the total remodel of the Kitchen - installation of a new hood and fire suppression system, installing a three-bay sink and new counter top, all the way down to a new floor in the Kitchen ... remodeling the Room of Contemplation. We have been a VERY busy Lodge. And we completed them ALL. I am very proud of all the Brothers who were involved in these projects.

I have been trying to bring some old-school programs back to the Lodge such as Move-up Night, Past Masters Night and Awards Night. I have included a Masonic Education piece in every Communication, hoping to inspire more Brothers to seek more Light outside of the Lodge

by adding more to their Masonic knowledge.

I will always look back at my time in the East as a personal success. I hope you all have appreciated my leadership and found yourself more involved in the Craft.

The only sad part is the passing of 18 Brothers over the last 18 months. Their time here on this world has ended, but their memory will always live on in our hearts.

In closing I introduce our new Master-Elect, Robert Songin. Please welcome him to the East! I look forward to his year in the East and all the great things he has in mind for our Lodge.

Until we meet again, always seek more Light my Brothers!

Words from the Master-Elect
By Bob Songin

First off, the Brothers and I thank W.: Jeff VanSice for the great job he has done over the past 18 months. Our Lodge is much improved for him being our Master. I hope we can continue to add to the improvements he has brought to our Lodge to prepare it for future growth and prosperity. I also thank the Brothers for the trust they have placed in me to lead Unity Lodge in the coming 2014/15 Masonic Year.

The first meeting in September will be our Annual Steak Roast, which I hope everyone will want to attend for a great meal and gathering of Brothers and friends.

Our second meeting will review the goals we will set for me and the Lodge for the coming year. I would like to call this a year of "rekindling Brotherhood," with both current and new Brothers. We will be reaching out to Brothers who have not been active in the recent past to hopefully revive their passion for the fellowship of being part of the Fraternity.

One of the goals for the coming year will be to hold effective and efficient meetings, leaving plenty of time for camaraderie and activities after the meeting so Brothers don't have to run home and will have time to spend getting to know each other better. I will be sharing more ideas in the coming weeks either by email or letter so our Brothers will be totally informed of some to the activities we will be putting in place to promote our goals for the coming year.

Until then, enjoy the Summer months with family and friends and I hope everyone will be looking forward to a great year when we return.

Masters and Wardens

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As I write this, my first contribution to the **Masonic Times**, I'm still Senior Warden of Seneca Lodge. Soon to be Invested and Installed ... a big job with big responsibilities.

Likened to a "Train Ride"

I look at my journey in Seneca Lodge as a unique Train Trip. I boarded this "Train," called Seneca Lodge No. 920, in Doric Hall of the Masonic Temple at 875 Main Street East.

Started in the Caboose

I started in the Caboose as most Lodge Brothers have done, being Stewards. Brothers Tom Chugg and Kevin Blazey are my Stewards. Good place to start, getting to know the Brothers' names and faces.

Offices in "Coach"

My next stop was Chaplain, riding Coach. Brother Scott Mahood is my Chaplain - participating in Opening and Closing Lodge and having Grace with meals.

Next stop was Marshal. Brother Eric McQuiston is my Marshal, exercising leadership in conducting ceremonies within Lodge.

Moving right along, I was Master of Ceremony. Helping Candidates and new Brothers be prepared for their journey. Brothers Armand Gallucci and Benny Vitullo are my Masters of Ceremony.

Seneca Lodge was rolling right along at good speed when I became Senior Deacon. Brother Chris Mahood is my Senior Deacon. I had big shoes to fill being Senior Deacon; at that time it was expected that I give the Middle Chamber Lecture. I had difficulty learning it and went from Coach to the Baggage Car.

On the Siding

I didn't get to Lodge for a while after that. I was disappointed in myself for not completing that which I had started out to do. The Junior Warden, now W.: Dana Cline, would call me every month to see if I was coming to Lodge for dinner.

Eventually, I returned stepping into the Observation Car. I observed that while I was away, my train was now Seneca Lodge No. 797 and the Middle Chamber Lecture was not required for advancement. I was just attending meetings and having dinner.

W.: Dick Shellman invited me into the Club Car and started asking me if I would like to help with some Ritual work. With encouragement from W.: Bob Green (among others), I participated again.

W.: Don Jenks asked me if I could help and sit in the South where my Junior Warden, Brother Wayne Fenton is going to be sitting. Senior Warden has been my current spot in this Club Car

where Brother Jeff Quartley is going to reside.

My next stop is going to be Master "Engineer" of this "Train." What a journey!

At our upcoming Awards Night, I'll be getting my 40-year Certificate.

Please stay tuned as I observe our forward motion from the front of this "Train" called Seneca Lodge No. 797.

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Our Masonic Year is winding down, June is upon us and it's time for the builders to be called from labor to refreshment, that seasonal call that begins our period of rest and reflection.

I would first thank the Brethren of ERAC for bestowing upon me the honor of serving in the East this past year. It has truly been a privilege for me as well as a vast education. I have come to understand why the East is acknowledged as a seat of Wisdom ... knowledge is imparted from the Worshipful Master in the East to the Brothers, and from the East to the Worshipful Master presiding there.

Being Worshipful Master means being faced with many opportunities and challenges. One of the most important is to faithfully and honestly discharge those duties while remembering that when plans go awry the builders' best asset is relying on his Working Tools. I have relied on my Working Tools heavily this year. I thank all my Officers this year for working so hard and for their dedication to the Lodge.

As I exit the Oriental Chair of Solomon for my continued search of further Light in Masonry, I plan to continue to help the Lodge develop and re-invest the Lodge with that light I have received this year.

Award

Brothers of ERAC Lodge received the Henry G. Meacham Award again this year. The Meacham Award is given for Lodges who have completed the Ritual of all three Degrees with the Lodge's own members. ERAC was one of three Lodges in the Monroe District to earn this prestigious honor. Thank you again, Brothers, for all your hard work.

Hope and Support

This past Fall, Inspiration Lodge reached out to ERAC asking for help and support. They knew of a family going through a very difficult time, dealing with multiple serious medical problems. ERAC sprang into action. We passed the hat at many events during the Fall and raised several hundred dollars in aid for them in the form of grocery store gift cards. Brothers also made several trips to the family's home with loads of firewood to help keep their house warm this past Winter.

This Spring, ERAC learned about a heinous crime perpetrated against one of our Brothers and his wife. I am excluding the Brother's name for his own privacy, but he is a 65-year member of the Craft and a Past Master. (If you would like to learn more so you can help them, please contact me privately.) He and his lovely wife were conned out of more than \$100,000 by an unscrupulous contractor over the last few years.

Brother Art Mason, Director of an Elder Abuse Prevention Program with Lifespan, is working with the family. He is also pursuing an arrest through the Irondequoit Police Department as well as working with the District Attorney's Office. We have passed the hat several times and raised funds for the family. We have also been working on getting the family a water heater and a washer and dryer.

New Brothers

ERAC Raised and welcomed eight new Brothers into the Craft. Since we have been developing our Mentoring Program, we have high hopes for this new group of Brothers. We are getting them involved right from the start to begin a strong foundation of activity and participation upon which they may build.

Upcoming Events

Scholarship Picnic - Be on the lookout for the ERAC Scholarship Picnic this Summer. The date is to be determined and notification will go out through email and a Lodge mailing.

Masonic Safety ID Program - Brothers, this is a very important and helpful service. If anyone has ideas about where we could have a booth this Summer or is interested in staffing the booth for events this Summer, please contact Brother Jim MacDuff - email:

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Upcoming Ritual - If you are interested in learning a piece of Ritual for next year's Degrees, please contact Brother Jim MacDuff at the above contact information.

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My Brothers, in this my last communication, I thank you for your support over the past year. Together we have accomplished a great many things. We have squared our foundation and now look ahead to rebuilding Oatka Lodge in a cohesive and planned manner. This will only continue if we all become involved working toward compromise and agreement.

Involvement is the key ingredient required and agreement the necessary outcome. No good can come from nay-saying or blaming without a worthwhile alternative offered and agreed upon. Action will certainly fol-

low a reasonable plan.

The Secretary and I have made every possible attempt to acquire all of our members current email addresses and phone numbers. If you receive this newspaper but have not or cannot receive an email, please inform Gorden Bell or me so we may do our best to keep you up-to-date on activities and meetings. In this day and age of instant information, it can be difficult to plan notification a month-and-a-half in advance by newspaper alone.

This Summer we will be doing a serious cleanup in and around the Lodge Hall. The collection of four old water heaters, two boilers and a ton of old pipe and fittings will be scrapped for salvage reimbursement and the debris hauled away. The Guild By-laws will be updated and Officers and Board Members put in place to create a plan for the building, its use and regulations.

As for our last meeting in April, I welcomed our three new Brothers - Aaron Johnson, Andrew Miller and Leandro DiSilva. In addition to our three, W.: Peter Matthews and his entourage from Clio Lodge brought and Raised two of their own - Brothers Brian Dobson and Jeffery Kipp. This entire evening's Degree was put on admirably by the Shrine Degree Team. These men bring a level of proficiency and decorum that leave a lasting impression on us all, not the least of whom are the newly raised Brothers. I also thank Brother Chuck Crevison, his wife, Paula, and Shelle White for an outstanding meal.

To all of which I again humbly thank you for allowing me this year in the East to do the best I could to assist Oatka Lodge in its endeavor to rise in stature and fellowship and help make good men better.

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By R.: W.: John Zabel

April saw the Lodge Raise three new Brothers. The Degree went very well and was conducted by our own members. We are glad that the Officers and members stepped up to put on such a good Degree. We have Raised a total of four Brothers this year.

May was an interesting month as we had only one meeting due to Memorial Day falling on our regular meeting day and we do

not meet on Memorial Day. The month also saw the Election of Officers of the coming year. We also did the *Walk-About the Lodge* for our new Brothers. This program was designed to help new Brothers become more familiar with the Lodge and its Officers and make them feel comfortable at meetings.

Upcoming Events

Coming in June is the Installation of Officers on Saturday, June 7th. The Installation will start at 4:30 p.m. Following the Installation will be the Master's Ball that will be held at Lilian's Restaurant and Party House; 2200 Penfield Road (corner of Routes 250 and 441) - not too far from the Lodge.

The evening will start with Social Hour at 6 p.m.; Dinner planned for 7 p.m. Tickets are available from the Lodge Secretary at the cost of \$25 per person. All members should have been informed of the Master's Ball and made their reservation prior to reading this article. The Master's Ball will be a special event as we are planning to present Former Mayor, Thomas Richards, with a DeWitt Clinton Award for all of his service to the City as Deputy Mayor and then as Mayor. As of the writing of this article, the details have not been fully completed, but we will keep the Brethren informed of the final details. This should be a special evening for the Lodge, its Brethren and their ladies.

June 9th, our only meeting in June, will be Sport Shirt Night. So find your most outrageous sport shirt to wear to the meeting. There may even be a prize for the most outrageous shirt worn that evening. We may even have Strawberry Shortcake after the meeting. Sounds like a great evening and our new Officers will be taking their position for Opening and Closing. Come and see how well they do.

The Summer will see the Lodge Picnic. The date, place and time are still in the planning stages. When the details are fully known the Brethren will be informed, either by email or snail mail. Expect a very good time.

During the Summer, keep the Lodge in your thoughts. If you run across a man who could be a great Mason, plan on introducing him to Masonry and our Lodge. Again, planning is still going on, but look for a Brother Bring-a-Friend event to help introduce men to our Lodge and the Fraternity.

The Fall will see many new and interesting programs for all the Brethren as we explore the Degrees, their meaning and the methods of conferring the Degrees. We will be working to make every meeting an enjoyable event for all in attendance. With the help of all the Brethren we will improve our Lodge.

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Spring has sprung, albeit sog-gily. Chilly too, this year, but the sun managing to sneak through the clouds really does provide a warmth and relief we can appreciate. With the Spring comes change ... new growth and even a vision of a future ripe with the labors of our sowing. We, indeed, reap what we sow.

Throughout the past year as Master, I have observed those who have endeavored to plant the seeds and lay the cornerstones for our individual and collective growth. The time has come, again, to see a new crop of leaders emerge; to see the next layer of our Craft's Temple formed from our cornerstones and, most importantly for each of us, to plan for the designs upon which to perfect those temples not made with hands.

We look forward to many new leaders and roles across our Craft as we head into the remaining part of Spring and into Summer. Both in our own Lodge and the Monroe District, the changes will be close to our hearts and minds. We wish all newly installed Officers the absolute best tidings as they each endeavor to both carry out their current designs and also plan for the future.

For my own part, the past year as Master has been both challenging and rewarding. The counsel and learning from those who have been there for me cannot be understated and my appreciation is very real.

Our Wardens, Brothers Troy Shouse and Kenneth Hecker, have been there for me and have increasingly taken on leadership roles, assisting and

Union Star attendees at the Annual Widows Luncheon were (seated (left to right): Jean Tozier, Lois without being Reese, Alta Doty, Jean Howlett and Lutgarda Hous-asked) wher- ton; standing (left to right) Ken Tomaszewski, Carol ever they can. Tomaszewski and George Fohner.



If there is any doubt of the importance of a Lodge's Secretary, it would be an anomaly for sure. R.: W.: Gary Sanford has been a fantastic resource and guide to me this past year, making it look easy all the while. His devotion to the Craft remains steadfast and I am sincerely grateful for his help this year. I can surely and truly say that in the past year I was assisted by, and learned from, each of my Brothers at our Lodge and elsewhere. I have learned to seek and achieve better Harmony and hope to make the most of these lessons as I seek further Light.

Looking back over the past month alone, I was again impressed by the good work at our Lodge, in our Degree work. Brother Joseph Roberts III is a great addition to our Lodge and we are pleased to have him among those we call Brother. Also, most recently, the Masonic Service Bureau again made a big difference in all of our lives, sponsoring the Annual Widow's Luncheon. Guests of Union Star Lodge and other Districts had a wonderful gathering in memorial and remembrance, and enjoyed a fine meal at the Burgundy Basin. Thanks again to all of those who organized the event.

Summer Birthdays

Robert Aldrich, Terry Baird, Raymond Beedle, Ted Diehl, Robert Dillman, Thomas Dunn, Dean Fero, Francis Fitzgerald, Brandon Fohner, John Harris, William Hartman IV, Terry Hatch, Ron Morthorst, Dennison Ripley, Kerry Ripley, Gary Sanford, Harold Schofield, Frank Scopette, Robert Sweeney, Ken Tomaszewski, Harold Wagner and John Williams.

Under a new sun rising in the East, we again please ask Brothers from across the Craft to join Union Star for any of our regular meetings held every 2nd and 4th Monday in Honeoye Falls. □

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Lodge No. 476
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On April 28th, the Shrine Degree Team conferred the Master Mason Degree on our two new Brothers: Joseph K. Palermo and Robert M. Shaff. The Degree Team did an excellent job and we thank them!!!



New Fairport-Flower City Lodge Brothers, Robert Shaff (left) and Joseph Palermo.

The Installation of Brother Scott Mosher and his Officers will take place on June 9th. A last meeting before Summer Recess will be held on June 23rd.

June 7th and 8th - We will have our food stand during Fairport Canal Days. Calling out all Brothers as cooks, waiters and cashiers. Help needed for setup on June 6th and cleanup on June 8th. We anticipate we will offer the "Child ID" both days of the celebration. We may still be behind the bank or move to the parking lot of the Fairport Brewery.

The Annual Family Picnic will be held the 3rd Monday of July (July 21st) at Perinton Park. Meat and beverages will be furnished by the Lodge. Families are encouraged to provide salads, munchies, etc.

Summer Birthdays

June

Tom Richenderfer (6th), Stephen MacIntyre (11th), Thomas Gilchrist (14th), Eric Dreeseon (19th) and Frank Kazdan (26th)

July

William Nardone (1st), Frederick Edgecombe (2nd), Brian Alexander (4th), Scott Pellegrino (6th), David Scott (10th), David Coon (14th), Scott Mosher (19th), Hyman Graver (23rd), Dwight Turner (25th), Jerry Bills (26th), Wayne Montague (27th), Ted Summers (28th), Isaac Sarfaty and Richard Downs (29th), Jason Stewart (30th) and Lawrence Hood (31st)

August

Halford Johnson (1st), Cyrus Kloner (3rd), Lee Rosenthal (5th), Peter Massare (7th), Mark Soeth (9th), Edwin Wheeler (14th), Ralph Kraft (17th), Matthew Gouveia (18th), Harvey Nusbaum (22nd), William Burgess (23rd), Scott Wise (25th), Corey McNeil (26th) and Bruce Turner (30th).

Best wishes for happy, healthy and prosperous years ahead.

Have an enjoyable Summer with family and friends. Be sure to check out the **Masonic Times** for other Masonic activities and opportunities for fellowship. □

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Droning Loudly On And On

Thursday, May 1st, was not your typical Lodge meeting. There was almost no business that had to be conducted. And yet, one Brother decided to drone on and on. He stood in the northeast corner droning. On and On. And it was strange because Brothers sat there smiling. And they were paying attention to him and all the hot air he was putting forth. And he was loud.

The plaintive and haunting sounds were coming from the bagpipes of Brother Peter Cormack who treated us to several tunes and told us about this fascinating instrument. He played his Highland pipes and also a smaller version, which was a little quieter and, to my ears, sounded a little sweeter. The Brothers were very grateful as Peter took some requests and even gave us a little bit of some Ozzy Osborne. I never thought I'd have to write Ozzy's name in one of these articles. Just the same, the Brothers of Northfield and I extend a heartfelt thanks to Brother Peter Cormack for making this a fantastic and memorable evening.

Another thing that made it a great night was that it was Move-up Night. I had some very mixed feelings about giving up my Chair in the East, but I must say I was very proud of the way my Brothers Opened and Closed the Lodge. Each of them sounded like they had been in that Chair all year long. It was encouraging to see this and I heard many compliments from the several visitors we had in Lodge that night. Great job, my Brothers!!!

Coming in June

June 5th will be our Installation of Officers for the 2014-2015 Year. The Election has not occurred as of this writing, but I am confident that the Lodge is moving in the right direction and the proposed Line of Officers will continue the fine work that has been done. Please consider coming out to the Installation to support the Brothers. The event is open to the public. Family and friends are definitely welcome!

"Parting is Such Sweet Sorrow"

- W.S.

"Remember that it is the actions, and not the commission, that make the Officer; and that there is more expected from him, than the title."

- George Washington

Reflecting on My Year

WOW!!! That was fun. Mind you, it wasn't the most fun I've ever had, but it was still one of the highlights of my life. Being the Master of a Masonic Lodge, was truly an honor and a privilege and I thoroughly enjoyed my year in the East. Sure there was work involved but it was

a "labor of love." I will reflect with fondness on this past year for many years to come.

I thank the Brothers and Officers who stood with me during this endeavor. Many of them were Northfield Brothers, but not all of them, and there are too many to mention. Among my Northfield Brothers I thank Ed, Don, Devon, Lance, Kenny, Jason, Joe, Jon, Jim, Dave, Bill, John, Larry, Francisco, Andrew, Todd and my "personal photographer" and Lodge Secretary, John Dudley, for helping to make this a great year. I hope the Brothers who attended meetings enjoyed them as much as I did.

Brothers, I started my year wanting to be able to say to myself at this time that I did the best job I could. I wanted to leave the woodpile a little higher than I found it. I also wanted to enjoy the journey and I can say I truly have. I hope it's been a fulfilling year for you, too.

Now, no doubt there were frustrations, too. My primary disappointment is that the Brothers who haven't been to Lodge in a while, and are able to come, didn't. We tried many ways to encourage your attendance but we didn't get the response we had hoped for. We really don't know why that is. But, if there's something more we can do, it's up to you to let us know.

Looking Ahead

Going forward, we still have work to do. As long as we live, we always have work to do. The Lodge has a solid Line of Officers coming up and our newer Brothers show promise. Many of them are younger. We are expecting more from our Brothers who join the Lodge and this will lead us to being stronger and healthier. The bar has been raised and we need to not only expect proficiency from our new Brothers, but we need to show them what quality is in proficient Ritual by the manner in which we deliver it ourselves. We will get what we give. Let's expect the best from ourselves, so we can legitimately expect it from others.

My Brothers, we have much to be proud of. Our historic building is not only the finest looking Masonic Hall in the area, it's also one of the most beautiful buildings in Pittsford. The rich history of Northfield No. 426 and Morning Star No. 223 before it, has no doubt had blemishes and dark periods, but it has also had periods of making contributions to it's community which was first called Boyle, then Northfield and now Pittsford. We have to get back to doing some of that now, by actively and visibly supporting our community. In turn, we may flourish and prosper even further.

In closing, I will again express my gratitude to all who made it a great year and I wish you well. As a Past Master, I will not disappear into the ether of irrelevance, but will continue to help the Lodge where I can. I am part of the Lodge and it is part of me. Until you need me, I'll be sitting over here in the Northeast corner. □

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Many enjoyed the Spring NYOSA Session



JOSEPH DI TUCCI
POTENTATE



The warm weather is finally upon us and Summer is here. I thank you for a great first-half of the Shrine Year. The meeting room has stayed full and the numbers are up. I hope you are starting to see that FUN is coming back to our Temple. Nothing is more satisfying than a packed room on a meeting night, topped with great fellowship had by all.

Cruz Nights

Cruz Night is back in action again; special thanks to Scott Lasky; the Chief of Staff aka "Boss," Norris Shapiro; Paul Kolacki and their Crew. These gentlemen and ladies volunteer countless hours of their time each week to raise money for our Hospitals. Without these dedicated volunteers, we would not be able to host the best Cruz Night in town.

Opening night, May 9th, yielded approximately \$1,200. That's quite an accomplishment, especially since we had to shut down early due to rain.

As a reminder and bragging rights - 100% of the profits this year goes to the Shriners Hospitals for Children ... that is something of which we can all be proud. If you are bored on a Friday night this Summer, bring your friends and family out to enjoy the festivities and, remember, we can always use more volunteers.

This Summer, we are looking forward to having many family-friendly fun events including another Clambake, live bands, open jam nights hosted by our own Jim Young, cigar smokers and possibly a Pig Roast. Keep your eyes open for advertisements and constant contact emails for more details.

Nobles, every function we hold over the Summer will be used as a Noble Bring-a-Brother Night. Any Brother who turns in a Petition with their reservation to a Shrine event will be free-of-charge, along with their immediate family.

Mark Your Calendar

The Divan extends and invitation to you back from the Summer off to a fun-filled night at the September 3rd meeting. We will be hosting our second Noble Bring-a-Brother Night Shrine Table Lodge and Uncle Ralph's Steak-out will be cooking a great meal for us that evening. Spread the word and get your reservations into the Office; seating is limited.

Nobles, again I thank each and every one of you, for everything you do for our Craft and our great Fraternity. It is YOU, who truly makes our Shrine the Greatest Philanthropy in the World. I wish you and your families a happy and safe Summer; stay safe and God bless.



No Cruz Night
on July 4th ...
Happy Fourth of July!!

DAMASCUS TRESTLEBOARD 2014 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

JULY

- 4th NO CRUZ NIGHT ... Celebrate the 4th of July!
- July 11th, 18th and 25th - CRUZ NIGHTS

AUGUST

- 1st Supreme Queen Ceremonial Visit for Daughters of the Nile. Dinner place TBD.
- 23rd Wheeler's Ron Bryant Memorial Bike Run
- 25th Divan Meeting

August 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd - CRUZ NIGHTS

SEPTEMBER

- 3rd Shrine Table Lodge, Noble Bring-a-Brother/Shell-a-Buck Dinner
- 5th Last CRUZ NIGHT of the Season
- 29th Divan Meeting



Mark Your Calendar ...
Shriners Classic Car "Cruz-in Nights" ...
Fridays, May 9th thru September 5th - EXCEPT July 4th





Damascus Shrine Masons at Grand Lodge Sessions, New York City



Damascus Shrine Masons (l-r) Noble Kenny Lanza, R. W. Phil Hurwitz and Illustrious Potentate Joe DiTucci at the Grand Master's Dinner.



Illustrious Potentate Joe DiTucci and the Grand Master of Syria, Lebanon, at the Grand Master's Dinner.

Directors Staff Dinner Meeting

**Wednesday
June 25th**
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AUBURN SHRINE CLUB

By David Bowman

So I have been reminded that this is the last article until the Fall and I'm supposed to put in all the Summer activities. When you read this, we will be done complaining about Winter. Maybe we will be done with the Spring rains and looking forward to the Summer.

The Auburn Shrine Club is definitely not "closed for the season." Everyone should have received letters announcing our Summer programs. Don't throw the letters out and PLEASE pay attention to the dates for reservations as there will not be any more letters 'til September. You will receive information about June and August.

June will find us at the Doubledays for a dinner, autographs, special guests and a game. It will be on June 13th which is a Friday. Once again, It is a Friday!

August brings the Annual Steak Roast,

hosted by Ken Pollard. It will be held at the Auburn Lodge Hall on South Street Road in Auburn as we have the largest turnout of the year at our Steak Roast. This year Ken is going to let some of us help him out. It is about time! Put the date on your calendar. It is Monday, August 18th.

Once again, you will receive (and should already have received) a mailing with a flyer about each of these events. If, for whatever reason, you did not receive this information yet, please contact Dave Bowman at (315) 253-3947 or drop a note to me at 5 Third Avenue; Auburn, NY 13021, or an email at:

dp49b@verizon.net

One last thought from my friend Don. People my age should be using valet services whenever possible. Why? ... 'cause the valet will remember where my car is!

See you this Summer and will write again in the Fall. ☐



SCOTT LASKY
ASSISTANT RABBAN

Spring has finally arrived and Cruz Nights are in full swing. We can always use help; especially with cleanup. Please consider helping out. You don't have to come every week or even stay the whole time.

You can also support our Cruz Night by bringing your family out to enjoy our food and the hundreds of classic cars that come every week. We never cancel due to weather so our amazing food will be available rain or shine.

Our Cruz Night runs every Friday through the first week in September - **except for July 4th**. Norris "The Boss" said we can take that Friday off to spend the Holiday with or families.

Being a school teacher, my schedule starts to clear up in June. I am hoping to get out to most of the Clubs and Units this month. I always have a good time at the meetings and I will see if I can bring some of the other Divan members with me. ☐



What's New in Erie...

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.

Fundraising efforts for the Erie's new Digital Radiography equipment is going very well. Rick Liebel, Development Officer, reports that to date, more than \$103,000 has been raised for the project which is estimated to cost about \$350,000.

For more information on how you can help, please contact:

Rick Liebel, Development and Donor Relations, Phone: (814) 875-0087 or email: rliebel@shrinenet.org □

Mary Jane Antoon Selected to Lead Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie



Mary Jane Antoon, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, FACHE, Director of Operations for Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie Ambulatory Surgery Center and Outpatient Specialty Care Center, has been named the new administrative leader of the facility effective June 1st.

She will replace Charles R. Walczak who has been named Executive Director of Erie Homes for Children and Adults in Erie. Antoon came to Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie in 2002 as the Director of Patient Care Services.

In that role, she was instrumental in carrying out the facility's transformation from an inpatient hospital to a multi-faceted ambulatory facility. She was named Director of Operations at Shriners Hospitals® - Erie Facility in 2013, which is the title she will maintain as Erie's new leader.

A Fellow and Board Certified Healthcare Executive in the American College of Healthcare Executives, Antoon received her BSN degree, Magna Cum Laude, from Villa Maria College and her MSN degree in nursing administration, with distinction, from Villa Maria College of Gannon University. She is also Board Certified as a Nurse Executive, Advanced by the American Nurses Credentialing Center.

Prior to joining the Shriners Hospitals® - Erie staff, she held several nursing leadership positions at Hamot Medical Center, including serving as Nurse Manager of the Surgical Intensive Care, Heart and Medical Cardiac Intensive Care units.

Her professional memberships include the American College of Healthcare Executives, American Organization of Nurse Executives and Sigma Theta Tau. Antoon currently serves as the treasurer of the Board of Directors for the Bradley H. Foulk Children's Advocacy Center of Erie County. □

Join the Geneva Shrine Club for Father's Day Brunch and Cruise on Beautiful Seneca Lake Sunday June 15th

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Pre-Launch Party & Brunch - 12 Noon



Cruise - 1 p.m.-3 p.m.
Cost \$40 per person
Cash Bar
Shriners, Masons, Ladies and Guests invited
RSVP to Lance Ward at (315) 789-4411
Payment in Advance preferred.

Make check Payable to "Geneva Shrine Club"

and mail to: 3394 Sutton Road, Geneva, NY 14456

Make Reservation Early - Limited Seating!

PERRY SHRINE CLUB

By Ed Hollwedel

The April 24th meeting was well-attended and very informative. President, Bob Cox, led us in the Pledge to the Flag and Rev. Charles Duryea did the Invocation. The speaker for the evening was Tami Treutlein who, along with her husband, owns the Spotlight Theater on South Main Street in Warsaw. The theater is a new venture for the family, which also includes four children, as both Tami and her husband have full-time employment besides the theater. They have renovated the interior, updated equipment and show first-run movies along with stage plays and concerts. Look for their ads in the local *Penny Savers* for weekend showings. Parking is convenient. The price is right for family fun! Thank you Tami for an informative presentation.

We talked about the mini-cars and found that there are 9 parades scheduled so far this year. Some will be new.

The 2014 Parade list as of May first is as follows:

June 6th (Friday) - York, 7 p.m.

June 7th (Saturday) - Clifton Springs

June 14th (Saturday) - Bergen, 12 Noon

July 10th (Thursday) - Webster (Call-out)

July 12th (Saturday) - Arkport

July 19th (Saturday) - LeRoy, 11:00 a.m. Meet at Train Station Restaurant (D&R Depot) 8:30 a.m. for Breakfast.

Saturday, May 3rd, was a work day for the cars. Time to change the oil and do those small necessary repairs. All the lights have been repaired so they make a

very bright display when operated especially at dusk and after. The drivers are going to be working on new routines so there will be more than the figure eights. Safety, fun and appearance for Damascus Shine are the priorities. Owners will be responsible for their car.

Upcoming Events

The following is a list of dates and locations for the remaining 2014 Perry Shrine Club Meetings.

June 26th - 6 p.m., The Club on Silver Lake (formerly Silver Lake Country Club). Howard Wood has asked if the Owner, Rick Fish, would tell us how he renovated the old country club and what his plans are now.

August 3rd - 10 a.m., The Lumberyard Restaurant, Sunday Brunch. Last year this Brunch had a great turnout, so be sure to put it on your calendar.

September 25th - 6 p.m., The Lumberyard Restaurant, Phil Cox will tell us about the History of Coal.

October 23rd - 6 p.m., Hole in the Wall Restaurant, Bill Brown will talk about his trip to China.

November 19th - 6 p.m., The Lumberyard Restaurant, Derek VanHouten will talk about Shrine History.

December 17th - 6 p.m., National Hotel Restaurant, Margaret Brown will be in charge of our Christmas Program.

The Perry Shrine Club is always looking for new members. If you may be interested in joining, please call Edgar Hollwedel at (585) 584-3066 or just attend a meeting. "We are the Mini-Car Professionals."

I hope to see you all soon. □

CANANDAIGUA SHRINE CLUB

By George Hornung, Secretary

All are invited to Canandaigua Shrine Club's

Annual Steak Roast

August 19th

At the Canandaigua Masonic Lodge Hall
Route 21, Shortsville. Reservations a must.

Call George Hornung at (585) 367-9127. Please leave a message if no answer. Reservations by August 13th. Corn at 5 p.m. and Steaks at 6 p.m.

I Love the Parades!

By Jim Kahn, Colonel of the Units

The Potentate has requested your participation in the Call-out Parades of 2014.

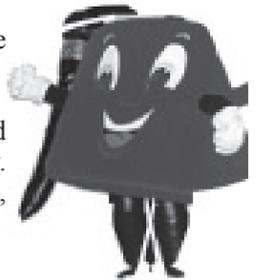
What is a Call-out Parade?

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

Thursday, July 10th - Webster Firemens 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. □



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.



Summer Birthdays June

Robert Avery
David Balcom
Donald Braun
Thomas Burger
Bruce Chilton
Craig Coleman
Glen Cone
Gerald Cooper
Vincent Costanzo
Myron Dox
Paul Farnung
Daniel Footer
Donald Fox
Charles Gauss
Walter Gay
Mark Gould
Franklin Granata
William Gross

Stephen Gruttadauria
Robert Harrold
Alfred Hermetet
Mark Herrmann
Dean Hiler
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Robert Hulek
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James MacConnell
Daniel Maloney
Frederick Martin
Arthur Mason
George Metroka
Andrew Orbaker
John Pavlick
William Pipher

Carl Pollack
Kristian Reninger
Raymond Sands
Michael Schum
D'wayne Simmons
James Slocum
James Stevenson
Charles Strickland
Philip Trautman
James Verbridge
Harry Voss
Burton Ward
Terry Wihlen, Sr.
John H. Williams
Rodney Williams
Ronald Williams
William Wright
John Zabel

July

David Allen
John Archibald
Bruce Bernhard
Richard Bradstreet
Stuart Brickman
Roy Bruno
Daniel Burkhart
Lee Coller
Dennis Copeland
Mark Craib
Charles Daly
James De Lorenzo
Richard Downs
Edward Eckerson
Ron Edwards
Dean Fero
Donald Freeman
Fritz Friedrich
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Richard Greenaway

David Hardy
Donald Heath
John Hennessy
Arthur Hill
Jeffrey Holler
Lawrence Hood
Richard Howard
Worth Irish
Daniel Jones
Daniel Korn
Richard Lafave
Joseph Marshall
Glenn Martin
Wayne McCrossen
John McDonald
Richard Motzer
William Newcomb
Thomas Ostrander
Donald Raw
Oscar Reber

Gary Sanford
Theodore Sargent
Frank Schrader
Stephen Shear
Bernard Skopinsky
Scott Smith
Robert Songin
Jason Soyryng
Fred Steele
Theodore Tennant
Rene Van De Veire
Robert VanKeuren
Sandy Wagner
Wallace Wagner
Charles Waterstreet
Robert Weed
Stephen Whittaker
Terry Wihlen, Jr.
John W. Williams
Oscar Wilson

August

Benhur Atmosfera
Michael Baroody
Leon Behnke
Eric Bryant
Kamren Bu'Fearon
Donald Carlile
Frank Celona
William Colin
David Crawford
Bruce Deets
Robert Dinehart
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Warren Doerrer
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Earl Gorton

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Cyrus Kloner
Ralph Kraft
John Lemke
Richard MacGill
David Majchrzak
Dwain Maracle
Craig Mollon
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Ronald Morthorst
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Guy Parry
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Kenneth Pearce
Jay Peters
Michael Rapson
Lynn Rawleigh
Dennison Ripley
Arthur Schuster
Robert Shaver
Gordon Smith
Ronald Spike
Donald Stevens
Robert Sweeny
William Tobin
Peter VanElzakker
David Wawrzaszek
Fred Wayne
Edwin Wheeler
John C. Wihlen
Stuart Woodard
Martin Zillmann

Fred Cornell and Ken Hutchinson both joined their maker in April. Both were Past Commanders of Post No. 12 as well as Past Masters of Webster Lodge. Needless to say, they are already missed.

Five members of the Masonic War Veterans attended the Masonic Service Bureau's Widows Luncheon where they presented the colors.

Upcoming Events

June 18th will be the Monthly Birthday Party for Veterans at Canandaigua Veterans Hospital at 2:30 p.m. It will be preceded by a lunch for volunteers at 12:30 p.m. at The Villager.

A concluding event for June will be the participation of Post No. 12 members Moe Schirano, Grant Kothringer and Nick Haldoupis in Honor Flight Rochester Flight No. 35 on June 28th and 29th. Those who have taken that trip, look forward to comparing notes upon their return.

Damascus Shriners Legion of Honor Meeting Wednesday, June 11th

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

Social Hour - 4:00 p.m.

(Cheese & Crackers, Shrimp, etc. ... Cash Bar)

Dinner - 6:00 p.m.

**Steak * Baked Potatoes * Corn-on-the Cob
Coleslaw by Annette (a.k.a. Mrs. Boss)
Rolls & Butter * Coffee * Dessert**

**\$5 per member or men who sign a Petition for
Membership and pay their Initiation Fee.
All others are \$12 per person. Casual Attire**

*RSVP no later than Saturday, June 7th at (585) 436-8216
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Damascus Shriners Old-Fashion Clam Bake

This is open to all Shriners, their Family and Friends

Saturday, June 28th

1:00 p.m. 'til ...

at the Shrine Center

979 Bay Road, Webster

All the Clams You Can Eat!

Italian Sausage (with peppers/onions)

Hots & Hamburgers

Salt Potatoes * Baked Beans

Macaroni & Fruit Salads

Draft Beer * Soda * Coffee & Tea

Tickets only \$40 per person

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Late Note: Meeting and meal have changed-call for details.

By R.: W.: Skip Waterstreet

We held our Election of Officers on May 13th. At the request of Worshipful Scott Rice, it was my honor to serve as the Presiding Officer. I am happy to report the election went smoothly and the following list of elected Officers are scheduled to be installed at a Public Installation Ceremony on June 10th:

Master **Brian Bell**
Senior Warden **Todd Colburn**
Junior Warden **Ryan Ramplin**
Treasurer **Glenn Stahl**
Secretary **Derek VanHouten**
Trustee (3 years) **Joseph Steffen**

Again, I urge you to attend this event to encourage and support our new Lodge leaders.

As usual, a reservation and \$5 will get Members of Inspiration Lodge a Dinner prior to the program. Guests and Brothers of other Lodges are \$10 each. Children under 12 eat free. The menu is: Fried Catfish, Chicken & Sausage Jambalaya, Smoked Chicken Po' Boys, Blackened Shrimp Po' Boys, Fried Shrimp Po' Boys, Tuna Salad Po' Boys, Catfish Po' Boys, Corn Maque Choux, Brabant Potatoes, Green Beans and Dirty Rice.

Please make your reservation with our Junior Warden-Elect, Ryan Ramplin, by email at: ryan.ramplin@gmail.com or call him (610) 724-7336. I don't know if he has the "permanent dinner list" from Brother Todd Colburn, but this is another case where you need to confirm your reservation anyway and indicate if you will be bringing company with you.

Birthdays

We have to cover greetings to those who celebrate in the Summer months, not just June, in this column. So, should the opportunity present itself, say "Happy Birthday" to:

June

Thomas Steele (1st); Thomas Benson (2nd); George Hornung (3rd); Myron Dox (4th); Alan Goodrich (6th); Bruce Harrison (10th); John Brown (13th); Philip McCaskill (15th); Richard Beyer (17th); Ronald Williams (18th); Ralph Jurgens (25th); Michael Schum (29th); and Julius Toth, Jr. (30th).

July

Raymond Sterling, Richard Crockford, and Thomas Belt (1st); John McDonald (3rd); Charles Waterstreet Jr. (4th); Wallace Wagner and Russell Rines (6th); Todd Colburn and Charles Howell (7th); Franklin Suhr (8th); Litchard Toland (11th); Bernard Skopinsky (12th); Arthur Hill (22nd); Joseph Bishop and Wayne McCrossen (25th); Daniel Jones Jr. (27th); Eugene White (28th); Rene VanDeVeire (29th); and Roy Bruno Jr. (31st).

August

Mathew Gingold and John Brinthaup (2nd); Rand Gee (3rd); Robert Peace (8th); Kenneth Pearce (14th); Kenneth Schumacher (20th); James Causey, Herbert Young, Donald Johnson and William Shelby (21st); Warren Doerrer, Gary Caswell and Nicholas Eull (25th); Huntz Hilfiker (27th); Carl Klein (28th); Charles Fornataro (29th); and Joseph DiTucci (30th).

Sickness and Distress

Brother Brian Bell announced that his daughter, Leah, was home from the hospital. She still didn't like taking the antibiotics, but was making good progress towards her recovery. He and Gyllian were very grateful for all the email messages, thoughts and prayers passed along to them.

The mother of Worshipful Scott Rice, Lauren Roach, is recovering from knee surgery. We hope she is rehabilitating well.

The Inspiration Lodge Charities Committee distributed checks to several recipients, which included Camp DeMolay, the Masonic Service Bureau and the Widows Sons *Spring Fling* event. Each year our Lodge gives generously to several causes. These gifts are always welcomed by charitable groups. There never seems to be enough funding to cover all the work you hope to accomplish.

Since this is adios for the near future, I wish all my Brothers and their family members a happy, healthy and safe Summer. We will look forward to resuming our work in the Quarries in September when I hope to see you in Lodge. □

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By Allyn Borrino, Master-Elect

What an exciting and Masonically prosperous year it has been. This past March, Webster Lodge was blessed with 150 years of Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love. It was an honor to enjoy the Re-Dedication of Webster Lodge and our Anniversary Celebration with our Grand Master, M.: W.: James Sullivan, and the Grand Line.

In Summary

We saw quality men brought into our Craft this season and we anticipate a dozen gentlemen to begin that journey this upcoming season.

Thanks to Brother Nick Haloupis, DSA, and his band of merry men, the Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinners have donated about \$10,000 to a variety of Webster Community Organizations this year. These efforts will continue to benefit our Community and Webster Lodge Brothers.

To The Celestial Lodge

But with good words, sometimes bad will follow as we mourn the loss of several dedicated Brethren who have trav-

eled ahead of us. Brothers having passed to the Great Lodge this season have been Brother Fred Cornell, DSA, (47 years), Brother Walt Cone (63 years), W.: Ken Hutchinson (47 years), Brother Ken Lehr (55 years), Brother Robert Jurgenson (59 years), W.: Philip King (44 years), W.: John Merz (30 years), Brother James Pray (26 years) and Brother Ray David Rockcastle (28 years).

Summer Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Brothers who will be celebrating birthdays during the Summer months as we continue our work outside the Lodge Room - Ben Atmosfera, Capone Bufearon, Bruce Chilton, Jonathan Collom, Charles Coye, Edward Eckerson, Bill Gross, Steve Gruttadauria, Daniel Korn, Ed Malchoff, Andy McQuade, Daniel Nelson, John Omelas, Dale Palmer, Bob Passino, John Ponschock, Jr., Dan Robinson, Emil Schirano, G. Barry Traub, Ron Williams and Dave Wissick.

At the April 17th Festive Table Lodge, we had a great time. I love Table Lodge more and more each time I attend. This Table Lodge was fantastic for several reasons, not the least of which was the delicious Steak Dinner. Brother Jeremy Knox did an outstanding job, as he has this entire year, making certain that the avenue to a Brother's good spirits is through his stomach. By the way, the non-alcohol wine was a refreshing change from grape juice. Hope we see that more often.

R.: W.: Bruce Chilton presided over this event and, as usual, added the Brother Bruce touch that keeps the Brothers coming back for more. What a terrific job he does.

On May 1st we held our Annual Awards Night. This event was also a wonderful success. It was amazing to see so many men with so many years in the Craft all together in Lodge. What an asset these men have been to Freemasonry. I certainly hope we see more of them when we return to the Quarries.

Awards Night was accompanied by the Annual Stink Night - Limburger, Liverwurst, onions, etc. Again, a fantastic spread by Brother Knox. Although the Lodge Room had strange odor that night, it was all worth it.

Thank you to Brother Hank Libera, DSA, for organizing our Annual Highway Clean-up on May 3rd, which was a success thanks to Brothers Bob Passino, John Ross, Bob Fisher, Bill Gross, Bruce Chilton, Dale Palmer and John Clapp.

On behalf of Webster Lodge I thank W.: Joe A. Lewis, Jr. for his leadership, enthusiasm and passion for both Webster Lodge and Freemasonry this past year as our Lodge Master. We congratulate Worshipful Lewis on his new role as one of the Monroe District's AGLs. I know the Monroe District Lodges will benefit greatly from his knowledge and dedication to the Craft.

About "Going Dark"

According to some Masonic history of the past, in a time when a good majority of the Brethren of community Lodges had a vocation such as farming, Lodges agreed that they should



Webster Lodge Brothers performed highway clean up duty on Saturday, May 3rd. Present were Bob Passino, John Ross, Bob Fisher, Hank Libera, Bill Gross, Bruce Chilton, Dale Palmer and photographer, John Clapp.

"go dark" or cease to hold regular meetings for a period to allow the Brethren to tend their crops. It is perhaps for reasons such as this that we began the tradition of "going dark" for the Summer months. But this period of said "darkness" does not mean our Masonic work is done, or goes on hold. There is much to do. There is work and enlightenment that continues.

I also know we have many plans for the Summer months. Events taking place which will continue our fellowship outside the Lodge room include the Holiday parades of Memorial Day on May 26th and Independence Day on July 4th.

Our work with the Masonic Safety ID Program will continue as we are scheduled to be at the Webster Firehouse for Webster Village Days on August 16th.

We also will be taking care of our Lodge Building's bigger projects, both inside and out. So, in reality, Masonry never goes dark. We must never take a break from our work as Masons, either at home or in the community. This is what makes us different from other men, stronger than other men, better fathers and husbands. We must always seek out the light from within the dark.

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By Don Brugger, PDDGTC

On June 25th, the Annual Spring Sausage Roast will again be at the Kiwanis' Camp Smile at the end of Shangri-La Lane in Webster. The deadline for reservations is Friday, June 20th. Please contact our Scribe, Don Bell (259-0647), for reservations and choice of Hot or Mild Sausage. Angelo DiCataldo will be grilling and supplying the sausage. Bring your own choice of beverage, favorite dish or dessert to share, table setting and a smiling face. Don't forget that these gatherings are an excellent time to bring a friend (potential Woodsman) and his spouse to get acquainted with the fun, frolic, and friendship.

I hope you all read the Tall Cedars promotion I wrote in the May Issue, highlighting our

I always try to remember the duties of the Tiler are not limited to that Office. Remembering that every Mason should be a Tiler. Remaining duly "Tiled" to oneself prevents injury to the Craft. Many good men seek to improve Masonry. For example, several hundred years ago we had no Masonic Care Community in Utica, or children's hospitals solely supported by the Craft. Some may choose to change Customs or Ancient Usages, thereby destroying some of the Landmarks of the Old Charges, but the Mason who is his own Tiler will stand strong against these efforts.

Additionally, we must also be watchful in the Petitions we bring into the Lodge, as one unfit or poor Candidate can do more harm to the Craft than ten good men. In Tiling ourselves, let's remember that we should bring nothing into the Lodge Room besides good men and Brotherly love.

Wrapping Up in June

Our Fellowcraft Club will meet on June 12th at 7:30 p.m. A Hot Dog Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. prior to our final Lodge meeting of this Masonic Year, on June 19th. It will be our Annual Crazy Shirt Night.

Enjoy your Summer, Brothers. □

Fall Membership effort. Share it with potential members and let every member bring in a Petitioner. Petitions and more information are available through our Scribe, Don Bell - email: don_bell@hotmail.com. Just a reminder, new members can be initiated in "short form" at any of our regular meetings.

Our Steak Roast is set for September 24th at Camp Smile ... same arrangement as the Sausage Roast. Reservations requested by Friday, September 19th. Bring your own choice of beverage, favorite dish or dessert to share, table setting, a smiling face and prospective members.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, October 22nd. The Fall season begins with our Degree Presentation that night for our new Candidates. This will be discussed at the Steak Roast; we must present the Degrees at least once a year - with or without Candidates. The Woodsmen and Candidates will be welcomed to dinner prior to the meeting - probably Hung Wah Restaurant, Penfield (around 6:20 p.m.)

We wish Woodsman Herb Spencer well after a short hospital stay in April. Have a great Summer. □

Livingston District

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District Deputy Grand Master Livingston District

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At Grand Lodge Session, I stepped down as the District Deputy Grand Master and I really need a break from the very time-demanding duties of this Office over the past two years.

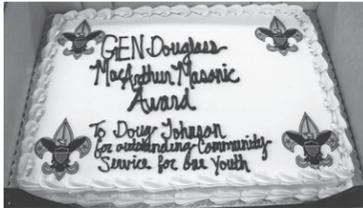
I sincerely wish I could have devoted more time and visits to my eight Lodges, but I am a full-time practicing dentist and about to be married next month. You might think I have a few things on my plate, not to mention that I am recuperating from my fourth back surgery as a result of an injury I suffered at Fort Richardson, Alaska in 1970. I have discovered I don't heal as quickly at age 77.

The emphasis during my tenure was to Raise new Brothers in my District and, to that end, the District had some success. To the credit of fellow Right Worshipfuls and Worshipful Brothers, a good number of whom took out Dual Memberships by joining several struggling Lodges to fill out the Chairs and help them to recruit new Candidates and lead the Lodge in the Degree work. My congratulations and thanks for their dedication and active help.

Our District Leaders had a good attendance at the Ritual



Douglas Johnson holds Douglas MacArthur Award Certificate presented by R. W. : Donald Munger



Renaissance Meetings and have made good efforts to improve our Ritual work. I have emphasized public awareness in as much that we need to get out in the public i.e., village parades and celebrations so people will know there is a Masonic Lodge in their town and will recognize some people they know who are Masons. To know us is to love us (I hope).

Along those lines, it should be noted that I recommended Doug Johnson of Geneseo for the General Douglas MacArthur Youth Award for his many years promoting and participating in Scouting in Geneseo and surrounding towns. I had the pleasure of formally presenting the Award to Doug with his family and friends attending at the Geneseo United Methodist Church on April 17th.



William Brodie Trowel

On April 30th, I returned to the Livingston County Museum the trowel that Grand Master William Brodie used when, as Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, he laid the cornerstone of the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor. Grand Master Brodie, when he stepped down as head of New York Masons, gave the trowel to his home Lodge which was Geneseo Lodge No. 214. Incidentally, I was asked by Grand Lodge to speak at their re-dedication of the laying of the cornerstone of the Statue of Liberty August 6, 2011. They also wanted Geneseo Lodge to let them borrow the Brodie Trowel for the re-dedication ceremony - and we agreed.

All in all, it has been a very interesting and challenging few years for me and I can now step down and breathe a little easier. (If I don't, my new wife will not be pleased.)



Livingston District Golf Tournaments

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(Photo below) R. W. : Donald Munger, District Deputy Grand Master of the Livingston District, leads the applause, with the rest of the head table, for Douglas Johnson following the announcement of his recognition for service to youth as recipient of the Douglas MacArthur Award.



Corinthian Fellowship

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customers who almost came to blows over her stuffing with broiled chicken and Worthy Marilyn Israel's mini-meatloaves are always very popular. That is not to say the other stuff isn't. Has anyone ever seen a bake sale where the Banana Bread doesn't sell? It will be a challenge now that the renovation workers are doing the lobby. But we will persevere.

Sister Updates

Here is a holler for Worthy Bo Clark. She is back in her own apartment and, except that the unpacking is going to take a long time, she seems to be pretty well on her way to being back to her old self. Her little dog "Sir" waited with her neighbors until she could get done with rehab. She is joining us for breakfast and hopes to join us for our luncheons.

Congratulations to Cassie Pearson on her new job. We know this means we may see less of you, but we wish you all the best.

Judy Lewis has been carrying our best wishes to Rita Galliani and we have been trying to keep in touch with Margery Williamson.

We saw Worthy Barbara McMinn at the Grand Matron's Visit. Now that warmer weather is

promised and construction can happen closer to home, maybe her hubby will stick around.

As usual, call to make sure, but we usually eat dinner at the Liberty Diner at 6 p.m. and then go to our meeting. Luncheons are in Secretary, Betty Reisinger's datebook, so call her if you are free on a Thursday at Noon.

NOLATKA

Chapter No. 320

Order of the Eastern Star
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2647 Chili Avenue, 14624

(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 Nolatika 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 Hassett, serving as our Associate Matron, is collecting cans at every meeting and keeping track of what we donate to the Food Cupboard for our District Grand Lecturer. She is confident we

will be his big achievers. The competition with Corinthian-Fellowship Chapter is a friendly one, but may heat up as we approach the deadline.

Annual Wine Tour

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 Avenue. 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.

Worthy Pat is looking for volunteers to sit in the Chairs for our upcoming Official Visit on June 3rd. If you can make it to the meeting, please call her.

Save the Date!

The "OES Star" Cooked for
Rochester DeMolay Members in the '80s & '90s
Let's Have a Reunion on
Saturday, August 9th
at the
All Stars Chicken Bar-B-Que and Peach Festival
Webster Firemen's Field

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, rest rooms 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 so well from the Lenten Dinners in the 50s) and the black-and-white cookies, cakes and other goodies. If only for the snacks, Nolatika is worth attending, but the company and friendship are even sweeter!

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Programs

As the newly elected Masters of Lodges work on their Trestleboards for next year, let me suggest that you consider calling us for a program on Royal Arch Masonry. You received that substitute for the Master's Word. Let us teach you how to find that which was lost.

York Rite Picnic

Our Annual York Rite Picnic will be held at 6:00 p.m., on Thursday, June 12th at Fellows Road Park in Fairport, in the enclosed pavilion, with a catered barbeque for dinner. Hope to see you all there.

Summer

Summer is a time of recharging and spending that needed time with the family. I hope you have a great and safe Summer and I'll see you back in the quarries this Fall.

Upcoming Degree Work

September 25th - We will be presenting the Most Excellent Master Degree

October 23rd - the Holy Royal Arch Degree



Cyrene-Monroe Commandery No. 12, 2013-2014 Officers (from left) Donald J. Brugger, Generalissimo; Charles O. Hancock, Eminent Commander; Benedetto B. Vitullo, Captain General. (John Dudley Photos) the content of the Rule as encompassing and meant to implement what follows:



Dennis Davis, Inspecting Officer

For students of Monastic Orders, a "Rule" is a complete set or code of regulations in a Religious Order that determines conduct, habit, custom and that determines what usually happens in that Ordered life. The nine original Templar Knights apparently adopted a Rule which closely resembled that of the Benedictines.

However, following the Council of Troyes in 1129, the Templars were given their own Rule strongly influenced by Bernard of Clairvaux. This Rule more closely resembled that of his Cistercians. Written copies of that Rule are few due to the destruction of most documents relating to the Templars following purge of the Order at the hands of King Philip IV of France. Those copies that do exist today are primarily in French. The reason for this is probably that the Rule was written in the everyday language of the users (not Latin) since the Rule applied to all aspects of daily life and includes subjects which might reasonably be encountered in day-to-day life.

However complete, the actual Rule was in fact, we must remember it was a very practical and essential reference for every Commandery. As such there are basic issues which it addresses which we need to understand. The finite details contained in the written rule may be strange to us today but their reason for being is everlasting. We may summarize

be prudently generous to all and give alms and aid.

10. You shall be everywhere and always the champion of Right, Good, Love and Tolerance against Injustice, Evil, Hatred and Bigotry.

Today, in the USA, with our all volunteer defense forces, we no longer understand or appreciate what "Prowess at Arms" means. The military understanding of "spit and polish" is lost on the current generation of men. Military skills are non-existent in the general population. In the golden age of fraternalism in the USA following the Civil War, everyone respected and admired a military parade with its pomp and circumstance and display of organized precision marching.

One of the challenges of Masonic Templary today is to train new recruits in those skills since it is no longer part of their general education or understanding.

In our Commandery today we attempt to answer this point by providing one untiled meeting

per month where the individual may obtain access to those military skills and training which will distinguish a Templar from the uninitiated. Not all Sir Knights avail themselves of this opportunity and thus are not representative of what a Sir Knight should or could be. It behooves each of us to avail ourselves of every opportunity we have to practice those skills we otherwise have no chance of acquiring, practicing or perfecting.

This year, the 201st Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, State of New York will be held at the Fort William Henry Hotel and Conference Center, Lake George, New York on September 12, 13 & 14. We expect that Sir Knight Rev. Charles M. Roberts, VEDGC will be elected Grand Commander. We encourage as many Sir Knights as possible to attend.

References - Judith Upton-Ward's *The Rule of the Templars*, Woodbridge: The Boydell Press, 1992.

Templar Rule

The rule of chivalry, by which all Templars are bound, consists of six Chivalric Virtues and ten Chivalric Commands. The six Chivalric Virtues are: Prowess at Arms, Loyalty, Generosity, Moderation, Courtesy and Honor. The ten Chivalric Commands are:

1. You shall believe the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ and the Christian Faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed (Symbolum Apostolorum), and pray thrice daily.

2. You shall defend the Holy Name of our Lord and King, Jesus Christ, and defend all His Christian people.

3. You shall respect and defend the weak, the sick and the needy.

4. You shall patriotically love and protect your own country.

5. You shall not retreat from combat with Satan and his demons, nor from combat with those under their control or influence.

6. You shall ceaselessly oppose Evil and Deceit.

7. You shall perform scrupulously your civic duties, if they be not contrary to the laws of God.

8. You shall never lie, and shall remain faithful to your pledged word.

9. You shall

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My topic for discussion this month is the "Templar Rule."



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**James MacConnell, 32°
Commander-in-Chief**

We are formulating some exciting plans for next year around Light in Masonry. Our intentions are to have a positive, fun-filled year!

Our next regular meeting will be on June 26th in the Bergen Park at 6 p.m. Cook your own Steak! There will also be Baked Beans, Potatoes and Salad, Beer, Coffee and Soda. Please bring a lawn chair. RSVP for planning. If your reservations are late, you will be put on the next dinner planning committee. We moved the date to accommodate St. John's Weekend at the Utica Masonic Home (June 20-22).

The program for the evening will be by Jim MacConnell, John Lemke, and Phil Hurwitz. We will lay out the programs, goals and committees for the year.

The Council of Deliberation is in Syracuse on July 25th, 26th and 27th. Call the Office (425-0033) if you have interest. The Valley has been asked to confer the New 32° Test Degree on Saturday morning. I will be looking for a lot of help with costuming, setup, tear down, transportation, ritualist walk-on parts for the battle and war, lighting and tech crew. If you have any interest, please give me a call 414-7117, or just come and support the Valley. We are looking into a bus if the interest is high enough.

On August 2nd, Mike and Ruth Morris have again graciously offered the use of their camp for the Annual Valley of Rochester Clambake. We can use your support because there are just way too many clams and the steak is HUGE for just a handful, so please come and enjoy the fellowship and fun!

March 28, 2015 we will host the College of Freemasonry again, tentatively at Genesee Community College, with more details coming so save the date!



**Ill.: Rodney Rittenhouse, 33°,
Installing Officer (right), presents
gavel of authority to new
Commander-in-Chief of the
Rochester Consistory, James R.
MacConnell, 32°.**

Meet James MacConnell
Jim was Raised at Hesperus Lodge No. 837 in 1973 and served as Master in 1978. He joined LeRoy Chapter, RAM, in 1983; was Past High Priest in 1987 and is Grand Representative to Missouri (2010 to present). In 1983 he joined Cryptic Council and became a Knights Templar.

In 1999, Jim was Commander of Batavia Commandery, No. 34; is a Past Grand Commander (2010-2011). He received the York Rite Order of the Purple Cross in 2013 in Tampa, Florida.

Sublime Prince MacConnell served as a Village of Bergen

Trustee, 1987-1989, followed by terms as Mayor of the Village of Bergen, serving from 1989 to 2003. An Electrical Engineer in the Professional Film Finishing Department of Eastman Kodak Company, he retired in 2005.

Marsha, his wife of 45 years, was a primary school teacher until her retirement in 2006. They have two children, Terry (his spouse, Helen) and Chris (his spouse, Gisselle); two grandchildren in Miami, Florida, Sofia, age 3, and Max, age 9 months; and one step-grandchild, Georgois, age 12, in Spencerport.



Valley of Rochester Officers listen to Ill.: "Rick" Howe, 33°, give his year-end summary.

**Last comments from Ill.: Kenneth "Rick" Howe, 33°,
Past Commander-in-Chief**

Reunion

The Ill.: John P. Zabel, 33°, Spring Reunion went well, as we welcomed eight new Sublime Princes into our midst. Six were from the Valley of Rochester and two from the Valley of Corning for a respectable total of 22 Sublime Princes for this year's class.

Our live presentations of the of the 18th, 19th and 32nd Trial Degrees were well received, as well as the video presentation of the 4th and 24th Degrees. The videos are a new concept produced by Supreme Council to aid the small and mid-sized Valleys who have a shortage of good Ritualists capable of filling all of the parts in a full reunion.

Class Officers

President **Peter Massare**
Vice-President **Chris Mahood**
Secretary **Peter Scanio**
Class Orator **Tom Chugg**

I have mentioned many times about traveling to other Valleys to witness Degrees. We had a traveler visiting from New Hampshire who came to witness the 19th Degree. Titled "Brothers of the Tail," the Degree has been recently re-written by Supreme Council to present the core values in a more contemporary setting. In this case, the 19th Century Oregon Trail. It is presented by just two people, a prologue presented by Ill.: John Zabel, 33°, and the Ritual itself, Aaron, who is a man nursing a Masonic Brother while his family is waiting 180 miles away, at Independence Rock with Winter coming, played by Ill.: K. Rick Howe, 33°.

Election and Installation of Officers took place on May 15th and the torch is passed.

On May 17th, the Reunion Banquet at Cobblestone Creek in Victor was another great event

with a special entertaining and insightful presentation by John Lemke, 32°, DSA, and his membership team: Steve Michener, 32°; Adam Junod, 32° and his fiancée, Rachel; and from the Valley of Corning, the venerable Frank Hamm, 32° MSA.

The Class Orator, Tom Chugg, gave a talk on this year's class sponsor, the Ill.: John P. Zabel, 33°. The Commander-in-Chief gave some parting remarks at this, his last official act, "Turn out the light, the party's over."

Next Commander-in-Chief

I now introduce you to Jim MacConnell as our new Commander-in-Chief. I feel confident the Valley of Rochester is in good hands and I look forward to Jim's leadership.

Council of Deliberation

****Please Note**** The Valley of Rochester has been asked to present the 32nd Degree Trial Version at Council of Deliberation on Saturday, July 26th. Let us be well-prepared and show the rest of the State how it's done.



Outgoing Officers of the Valley of Rochester Bodies received their Past Officer Jewels from Ill.: Stephen Whittaker, 33°, Active Member of Supreme Council; and Ill.: Charles Hancock, 33°, Deputy's Representative. (From left): Michael Nohle, 32°, Thrice Potent Master; Derek VanHouten, 32° MSA, Sovereign Prince; Adam Junod, 32°, Most Wise Master; and Ill.: Kenneth "Rick" Howe, 33°, Commander-in-Chief.

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Musings:

Off the Hard drive – Food for thought

*The road is long, with many a winding turn;
That leads us to who knows where, who knows when;
But I'm strong, strong enough to carry him;
He ain't heavy, he's my brother.*

*So on we go, his welfare is of my concern;
No burden is he to bear, we'll get there;
For I know, he would not encumber me;
He ain't heavy, he's my brother.*

*If I'm laden at all, I'm laden with sadness;
That everyone's heart
Isn't filled with the gladness;
Of love for one another.*

*It's a long, long road, from which there is no return;
While we're on the way to there, Why not share;
And the load doesn't weigh me down at all;
He ain't heavy, he's my brother.*

He's my Brother.

Valley of Rochester Summer – 2014

JUNE

**June 26th - Valley Picnic Meeting at Bergen Park
Future Plans Picnic and Steak Roast (**)
Casual Dress ~ For all Members
(2014-15 Officers and Chairmen should attend.)**

JULY

**July 26th - COD at Liverpool, NY
Valley presentaiton of Trial 32° in the morning
Annual NY COD Meeting in the afternoon.
MSA Banquet in the evening (**) - Suit or Tux
Registration required by all in attendance
(Contact Valley Office)**

AUGUST

**August 2nd - Clambake/Steak Roast at Camp Morris
11 a.m. 'til ?? ~ Rain or Shine ~ Bring Dish-to-pass
\$25 per person ... Hots for lunch; Steak for Dinner
Clams in between; Open Bar
For Valley of Rochester Members and
their Immediate Family.**

SEPTEMBER

**September 18th - Annual Meeting at Shrine Center
Social - 5:30 p.m. ~ Dinner (\$15) - 6:30 p.m. (**)
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.**

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

From the 1st Lt. Commander Sublime Prince John Lemke, 32° DSA

Summer provides time to reflect for Masons. Why are we Scottish Rite Masons? We enjoy the fellowship and activities. We enjoy it for what we get out of it as men. Always, though, there is the hope and belief that the bigger picture, the longer view is real. Better men do make better husbands and fathers. We do a lot of what we do for our families. Our Scottish Rite Masonic Fraternity gives us the moral lessons, through allegory, that lead us through life, discovering further light, to leave a positive mark for our posterity.

This Summer, think of what's important in your life. It may be your wife and/or family that is the motivation that animates your life. The Scottish Rite will be there to be that Fraternity that understands its obligation to care for its members. Men have relied on other men probably for all time. The way we come together in this Fraternity is a blessing for

those who know of it and take advantage of it. These are trying times to be alone.

At our meetings and other activities during the upcoming year, we will endeavor to provide you with enjoyable and inspirational activities and events. If you are newly in the Scottish Rite or have not recently participated much, make an effort to participate. Let me know if you want to take part in our Degrees, our "Public Degrees," or in other ways. It is not our intent to overlook anyone.

If you are the wife, or significant other of a Scottish Rite Mason, make sure your Mason includes you in all of our family activities. A highlight of the Summer is our Valley of Rochester Clambake and Steak Roast at Camp Morris. Check on the date and time. It's a lot of fun for the whole family.

Enjoy your Summer and your family.

More on the Historical Treasures (Stones)

By Derek VanHouten
Sovereign Prince

Before I begin, I thank W. Jeff VanSice of Unity Lodge for letting me borrow the Excerpts from the Historical Publication, *Masonic Fair Souvenir*, 1902, which I came across recently at the Lodge.

As most of you have heard or seen, while digging the site for the new RTS Transit Center at the corner of Clinton Avenue and Mortimer Street, several bur-

ied stones weighing around a ton each were uncovered. They all were from the Masonic Temple that housed all the Lodges and Concordant Bodies in the Monroe District at that time. The stones were later moved to the camp of Ill. G. Michael Morris, 33°, in Wayland for safekeeping.

For most, that was the end of the story. But some of us wondered what the building was like on the inside and until now there were few, if any, answers. I know

many pictures of the exterior were found but the trail ends there ... or does it? As the veteran radio host, Paul Harvey, used to say, "and now, the rest of the story."

In this 1902 publication, it mentions who built the Masonic Temple and who furnished it, starting with F.L. Heughes & Co., which did the structural steel and iron work. H. Knapp provided the carpenter work on the building; the Architects were J. Mills Platt and Leon Stern; A. Friederich & Sons were the ma-

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9th Annual Clambake and Steak Roast

**Saturday, August 2nd
11 a.m. – 'til ... Rain or Shine!**

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Lunch - Noon ~ Clams - 2 p.m. ~ Steaks - 5 p.m.

at Camp Morris, Wayland

**All this for only \$25 per person
Extra Clams: \$5 per dozen –
steamed or "you-shuck-em" raw**

**Includes ... A Dozen Clams, Delicious Grilled Steaks, Food-a-Plenty,
Snacks, Open Bar, Beautiful Scenery,
A Great Group for Socializing, Fishing, Hiking,
Laid-Back Living, Lobster Lotto and then some.
What More Could You Ask For!**

**Bring your favorite dish-to-pass ...
an hor d'oeuvre, salad, side-dish, dessert**

Also, bring your own steak knife, a light jacket and comfortable chair!

**Call or email your reservation and extra clam order to
the Valley Office by Noon on Monday, July 28th**

Don't be late or you may have to sit in a tree stand.

**This one will be a sellout! A Summer Treat for
Valley of Rochester Families!**



WALK for Dyslexia Participants Brave the Elements Again

The Children's Dyslexia Center's WALK for Dyslexia was held on April 5th. The forecast called for rain, cold and wind, but none of that slowed down our walkers! There was a good turnout of supporters, who enjoyed a brisk walk, excellent entertainment provided by Rick Howe, a picnic lunch of hamburgers and hotdogs, and a silent auction.

The WALK raised over \$7,000, which will help us to continue teaching Dyslexic students to read. Thank you so much for your support. We hope to see you next year at the WALK for Dyslexia '15.



sonry contractors. The heating, ventilating and plumbing were installed by the Barr & Creelman Company.

"Masons are builders. Tradition and teaching inspire in them a wish for a home adapted to their needs. As early as 1826, Hamilton Chapter took action looking toward owning such a home. The following resolution was adopted ... Resolved that a committee appointed by Wells Lodge, also with the Trustees of School District No. 2 in the Town of Gates, and to report at the next regular convocation, upon the expediency of erecting

a Masonic Hall." It goes on to explain the different Committees it took to lay the groundwork for the new facility.

"Ground was broken on August 27th, 1901. A bag of earth from the Northeast Corner to be used for Masonic purposes was shoveled by George F. Loder."

Cost of the Temple was \$250,000. "Its dimensions are 100 feet in height above the water table. Ground to the West, 65 x 109, is reserved for a hall. The lot was 100 x 165 feet." The property was known as the Watson Homestead and was purchased December 28th, 1900. A more complete

description is in the Proceedings of the publication.

The following Lodges and Concordant Bodies sought to use the new facility: Yonnonodio, Valley, Genesee Falls, Rochester, Frank R. Lawrence, Germania, Corinthian Temple along with Hamilton Chapter, Ionic Chapter, Doric Council, Monroe Commandery, Cyrene Commandery, Rochester Lodge of Perfection, Germania Lodge of Perfection, Rochester Council, Princes of Jerusalem, Rochester Chapter of Rose Croix, Rochester Consistory, Damascus Temple, Lalla Rookh Grotto along with several East-

ern Star Chapters. Each had a page in the booklet with pictures of all their Officers.

During this Masonic Fair, each Body had a booth in the Temple. The booklet gives a brief look at what was inside the building. Basement - Craftsmen Club entrance by staircase. First Floor - restaurant at left of entrance; Country Store to the rear of check room. Second floor - Cyrene Commandery, Yonnonodio Lodge and Genesee Falls Lodge Booths. Office of Masonic Temple Fair in front of main staircase. Third Floor - Most of the Lodges; Scottish Rite had

their booths on this floor; in addition, there was an ice cream and a candy booth there. Fourth Floor - a Museum of Curios, an entertainment hall, moving pictures in slot machines at north end of corridor. Fifth floor - the greatest thing on earth - "see it." I wonder what that was.

I hope this overview of what the old Masonic Temple contained was able to bring Masonic History to light and offered the reader a glimpse into the early days of Masonry in Rochester ... and it all began with the discovery of the unearthing of those stones at the Temple Site. □

ILL.: JOHN E. ZABEL, 33°, FALL AND SPRING CLASSES YIELD 22 SUBLIME PRINCES

Here are biographical sketches of the newest Sublime Princes in the Valley of Rochester. Fourteen of these men were in the Fall Class on November 23rd at the Damascus Shrine Center. The remaining eight received their Degrees on April 26th, also at the Shrine Center. As you may have the opportunity, say hello to these Brothers and make them feel welcome as they continue their search for more Masonic *Light from the Rite*.



Charles Campbell, 54, Mason for 3 years, member of Webster Lodge, No. 538. Resides in Pittsford and is a maintenance assistant.



Brian Chaffee, 34, Mason for 6 months, member of Corning Painted Post Lodge, No. 168. Resides in Painted Post and is a court officer.



Thomas Chugg, 58, Mason for 2 months, member of Seneca Lodge, No. 797. Resides in Rochester and is a Fire-fighter.



Bryant Dunham, 53, Mason for 4 months, member of Avon Springs Lodge, No. 570. Resides in Avon and is a Manager.



Patrick Haggerty, 29, Mason for 1 year member of Corning Painted Post Lodge No. 168. Resides in Painted Post and is a Store Manager.



Allen Heidrick, 29, Mason for 4 years, member of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge, No. 154. Resides in Webster and is a Painter.



John Hellaby III, 34, Mason for 10 years, member of ERAC Lodge, No. 163. He resides in Scottsville and is a Baker.



Edmond Huntley, 41, Mason for 1 year, member of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge No. 154. Resides in Gates and is a Transportation Specialist.



Jerry Lack, 52, Mason for 1 year, member of Inspiration Lodge, No. 109. Resides in Webster and is in the Banking industry.



Christian Mahood, 29, Mason for 3 years, member of Seneca Lodge, No. 797. Resides in Honeoye Falls and is an IT Director.



Peter Massare, 61, Mason for 5 years, member of Fairport-Flower City Lodge, No. 476. Resides in Ontario and is retired.



Christopher Petote, 30, Mason for 1 year, member of Clio Lodge, No. 779. Resides in Hilton and works in gutters and roofing.



Brent Pryslopski, 25, Mason for 7 months, member of Corning Painted Post Lodge, No. 168. Resides in Corning and is in the funeral service business.



Steven Ross, 49, Mason for 7 months, member of Northfield Lodge, No. 426. Resides in Fairport and is an Electrician.



Frank Sackett, 55, Mason for 6 years, member of Inspiration Lodge, No. 109. Resides in Bloomfield and is a Body Shop Manager.



Peter Scanio, 63, Mason for 2 months, member of John Hodge Lodge, No. 815. Resides in Avon and is retired.



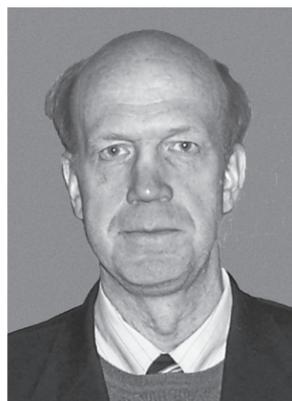
James Speranza, 28, Mason for 4 years, member of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge, No. 154. Resides in Macedon and is a CAD Technician.



Lewis Steinman II, 57, Mason for 1 year, member of Clio Lodge, No. 779. Resides in Hilton and is in Production.



Michael Steinman, 33, Mason for 2 years, member of Clio Lodge, No. 779. Resides in Rochester and is a RN.



Hugh TenHagen, 56, Mason for 7 years, member of Warsaw Lodge, No. 549. Resides in Warsaw and is a Loan Officer.



John Ward, 49, Mason for 1 year, member of Northfield Lodge, No. 426. Resides in Penfield and is retired.



Jason VanZile, 29, Mason for 1 year, member of Corning Painted Post Lodge, No. 168. Resides in Painted Post and is a Pharmacy Tech.



Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

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I had the pleasure to attend the Spring Convention in Binghamton, in April and can report that several By-law changes were voted upon and passed. The major one was to combine the Secretary and Treasurer into one position. (Most Local Grottos and State Grotto organizations are combining these Offices for convenience). The rest of the changes were to clean up language.

In my last article, I issued a challenge to the Prophets to purchase an Enchanted Lantern. At the Convention, there was a report on New York State Grottos and the number of Lanterns each Grotto had purchased. I am pleased to say that Lalla Rookh Grotto totaled 19, which was tops in the State! I'm hopeful we can keep up the good work. Congratulations Prophets.

On May 21st, we had our Annual Philanthropic Awards when presentations were given to the Masonic Service Bureau of Greater Rochester, NY, Inc.; Mercy Flight Central; Honor Flight Rochester, Inc.; Alternatives for Battered Women; Daystar for Medically Fragile Children, Inc.; School of the

Holy Childhood; Arc of Monroe County and The Widows Sons received donations from Lalla Rookh Grotto.

Sickness and Distress

Please keep Prophets Paul Farnung and Michael Postilli in your thoughts and prayers as they cope with their medical situations.

Summer Birthdays

June

Those who have matured this month - Paul L. Farnug; Myron L. Dox; Heinz Gunkel; Kenneth E. Bigelow, Jr.; and James A. Slocum.

July

John S. Archibald, Stuart Brinkman, Gary R. Sanford

August

Ronald J. Morthorst, Ronald W. Charron, Paul C. Topal, Robert W. Sweeney, Frank Celona, Michael J. Bell, Cyrus Kloner.

Mark Your Calendar

August 25th - Board of Governors, Shrine Center

September 11th-14th - The Fall Convention will be held from at the Ramada Inn, Fishkill.

September 17th - General Meeting

I wish you all a safe and fun-filled Summer. I hope to see everyone at our Picnic Meeting on June 18th.

Attend Grotto Meetings

Monday, June 2nd

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

Wednesday, June 18th

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

Saturday, June 28th

Golf Outing at Old Hickory
Contact George Foehner
586-5255 to register

CLIP AND SAVE!
Information Hot Line
Frank Habitzreuther
486-4341

On May 8th, We honored 11 Past Mighty Chosen Ones. It is their support and guidance that helps to keep our Caldron strong.

July 26th and 27th is the Spencerport Canal Days. Once again, we will be selling pop and water.

Happy Birthday to all of you who were born in the months of June, July and August.

At our June 12th meeting, there will be a dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by the meeting at 7:30 p.m. at which we will honor the membership of Lalla Rookh Caldron. Our special Congratulations and thank you to our Daughters with special service:

- 32 Years **June Gudgel-Nash**
- 31 Years **Dorothy Merritt**
- 28 Years **Beverly Murray**
- 27 Years **Kristin DeOrdio**



By Bev Murray, MCO

It is hard to believe that my year as Mighty Chosen One is almost over. Not sure where the time goes, but time waits for no one - including me.

Scottish Rite News

Acceptance speech from the Commander-in-Chief, James MacConnell, 32°

I am honored for the opportunity to serve you the Valley as your Commander-in-Chief for 2014-2015.

I got involved with Scottish Rite because of Harold Aldrich's encouragement during my tenure with Grand Commandery. I would like to thank Rick Howe for his insight and willingness to share his wisdom, especially around his knowledge of the degrees, staging and presentations and look forward to his continued help.

We are formulating some exciting plans for next year around Light in Masonry. Our intentions are to have a positive fun filled year! My theme for the Year is "Learn from the Past and work together to grow the Future. My goals are:

To encourage participation and attendance thru better communications and interesting programs consistent with Scottish Rite Vision, Core Values and Mission statements and include the Ladies.

To have a Membership Action Plan that is a living document and that encourages with working with the first line signers to follow-up with our new recruits for the whole first year. Work the Rite on the Road with Brother bring a neighbor to our programs along with having a Walk About program to explain and shed Light on our missions, charities and inter-workings of the Valley.

Improve our Ritual presentations with team co-directors responsible for casting & wardrobes. By localizing the cast to regions. for example Webster, Fairport, Pittsford, Spencerport or Westside, where they can meet and see each other at lodge meeting or a pendant body functions and practice the ritual.

Have a joint session with our neighboring Valleys to promote Scottish Rite brotherhood.

Hold regular assessments of our programs for effectiveness. Our next regular meeting will be our Officer's Academy on June 26 in the Bergen Park at

6pm. Cook your own steak, baked beans, potatoes and salad, water, coffee and soda (bring your own beer). The program for the evening will be presented by Jim MacConnell, John Lemke, & Phil Hurwitz. We will layout the programs, goals and committees for the year. Please bring a lawn chair. RSVP for planning. If your reservations are late, you will be put on the next dinner planning committee. We moved the date to accommodate St. John's Weekend at the Utica Masonic Home (June 19-22).

Council of Deliberations is in Syracuse on July 25, 26, & 27. Call the office (585-425-0033) if you have interest. The Valley has been asked to confer the New 32 Degree Test degree on Sat. morning at 9:30 am. I will be looking for a lot of help with costuming, setup, tear down, transportation, ritualist, walk on parts for the battle and war. Lighting and tech crew. If you have any interest, please give

The sun is shining, the white balls are flying and it's time to think GOLF!!!

Lalla Rookh Grotto



June 28th

Old Hickory Golf Course
6655 Big Tree Road, Livonia

Starting Tee Time 9:30 a.m.

Entry fee is only \$50 per person
Enjoy 18 holes of golf with a cart, refreshments on the course, food on the turn. Steak Dinner and prizes.
We use the Callaway scoring system.

Entry Deadline is June 16th
To make your reservation or get more information, call George Foehner at 586-5255



Make checks payable to & send with reservation form to:
George Foehner, 10 Gladbrook Rd; Pittsford, NY 14534
Please list complete names of players on separate sheet.

LALLA ROOKH GROTTO GOLF TOURNAMENT JUNE 28th, 2014

Number in party _____ Amount enclosed _____
 Name _____
 Address _____ Telephone _____
 City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

- 24 Years **Doris Bell**
- 12 Years **Christina Eeckhout**
- 10 Years **Annette Towle**
- Wishing each of you a Healthy, Happy and Warm Summer!
- mer! Don't forget ... our meetings commence again on September 11th.
- God Bless each of you ... or as we say, "May the Peace of God Abide with Us."

me a call 585-414-7117, or just come and support the Valley. We are looking into a bus if the interest is high enough.

On August 2nd, Mike and Ruth Morris have again graciously offered the use of their camp for the annual Valley of Rochester Clambake. We can use your support because there are just way too many clams and the steak is HUGE for just a handful, so please come and enjoy the fellowship and fun!

March 28, 2015, we will host the College of Freemasonry again, tentatively at Genesee

Community College, with more details coming so save the date! I would like to thank each of you who have agreed to serve as Officers and Committee appointments for the next two years.

"Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. The ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon results."

"If it is not fun then it is time to try something different!"

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