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## Veterans: Thank You for your Service



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### Tradition Celebrates Centennial

By W.: Raymond Crandall

This Centennial celebration commemorates the initial meeting of these Lodges in 1914 in Rochester. At the June 22, 1914 origination of Seneca Lodge No. 920, the founding Master was W.: Ansel E. Beckwith, a member of St. Andrew's Lodge GRC No. 16, Toronto, Canada, as well. These Lodges have continued to meet since that date on alternating years as follows: the Brethren and Ladies swap hosting of the other, such that it is four years between trips for a given Lodge.

It is also the custom of the visiting Lodge to present a gift to the host Lodge and this has resulted in many wonderful memorabilia in both Lodges. The festivities can involve a formal gala celebrating a Ladies Night to honor our Ladies, of course, or less formal events such as a portrayal of a 1700s-style Lodge meeting, with a Degree presented by professional

actors (also Masons) in quite dramatic fashion. The latter was put on by a group called The Wellingtons in the late 1990s for Seneca Lodge during their visit to St. Andrew's.

The current Centennial event was an off-cycle visit at the initiative of our Canadian Brethren to demonstrate the 3rd Degree as performed in Ontario, Canada. It was the second trip made in two years by St. Andrew's Brethren and Ladies to Rochester.

Friday evening festivities included greeting our Canadian guests upon arrival and an informal Dinner. Several Brothers and Ladies of Seneca Lodge greeted them and exchanged stories in anticipation of the following day's activities. These included W.: Ray and Maureen Glegg, W.: Bob and Sarah Kimmel, Gordon Hubbell and W.: Jack VanElzakker.

Saturday morning, Lodge was opened a bit before 10:00 a.m. on the 3rd Degree. As this was not an official communication, no business was conducted. Activity was immediately directed towards our

Canadian visitors, who were in Lodge at opening, along with the District Deputy Grand Master of the Monroe District, R.: W.: George Foechner, and R.: W.: Charles Waterstreet and V.: W.: Joe Lewis, who were accorded Grand Honors.

When W.: Frank Bordieri, Master of St. Andrew's Lodge, perpetuating St. John's Lodge No. 16, GRC, of Ontario, Canada, received the gavel, he introduced the Brothers of St. Andrew's as they stood in their places and Grand Honors were then accorded. Then he presented the gift from St. Andrew's to Seneca Lodge. It was a very ap-

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W.: Raymond Crandall (right), acting Master, acknowledges gift of new Altar Bible from St. Andrew's Lodge Master, W.: Frank Bordieri.

### 1,900-mile Bike Trek for Shriners Hospitals

By Tom Donahue, News Editor, Olean Times Herald

A Chattanooga, Tennessee, man's plan to ride his bicycle to all Shriners Hospitals for Children® in mainland America, payback for the care given his daughter, brought him through the Olean area on Friday. John Nightingale's "Pedal for Pennies" fundraising ride began in Chattanooga August 31st.

"Day 26 of a 45-day journey," he said outside



Walmart in Allegany just after noon on Friday, after stopping to replenish his supply of carbon dioxide cartridges for his tires.

This leg of his journey, covering just under 1,900 miles, will end in Boston on October 16th. Along the way he'll have stopped at seven of the 22 Shriners Hospitals for Children in the continental U.S., centers in Greenville, SC; Lexington, KY; Cincinnati, OH; Erie and Philadelphia, PA; and Springfield and Boston, MA. It will take three subsequent trips to hit the rest.

Mr. Nightingale plans to leave Chattanooga in February and head for Florida, stopping at three Hospitals in the South. A third journey will take him to Minneapolis, Chicago and St. Louis. For the fourth and final leg, which he describes as "a real doozy," he'll leave from Salt Lake City, Utah, head for Southern California and pedal his way up the coast to Washington state.

The reason for the ride is Graysen, Mr. Nightingale's 4-year-old daughter back home in Chattanooga. Graysen was diagnosed with infantile idiopathic scoliosis, a curvature of the spine, in October 2013.

Mr. Nightingale said he and his wife, Susan, were frustrated when they could not find treatment options in the Chattanooga area. A call to the Shriners Hos-

pital in Greenville, SC, was all it took to set in motion the treatment for the couple's daughter.

"After our first visit, we decided we needed to go the extra mile for the Shriners Hospitals, however we could," said Mr. Nightingale.

"Pedal for Pennies," a name coined by his wife, was born. "It started as an organization in March and so far we've raised almost \$12,000," said Mr. Nightingale.

The bike ride's purpose is two-fold: to raise awareness for the early detection and treatment of children with infantile idiopathic scoliosis; and to raise money for Shriners Hospitals for Children, known for their treatment of children regardless of the patient's ability to pay.

"We want to spread our appreciation for the Shriners' mission and seek donations for the hospitals," said Mr. Nightingale. "Can't afford the care? It doesn't matter. Can't get to one of their hospitals? They'll pick you up, even if you live out on some switchback in the middle of nowhere." Mr. Nightingale is taking time away from his job as a carpenter in order to complete the ride.

His bicycle, "an old mountain bike that a buddy turned into a touring bike," is equipped with saddle bags that hold clothes,

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### Do you know what's happening March 28th, 2015?

### at Genesee Community College College of Freemasonry

### Mark your calendar!

# Shriner's Summoned Meeting December 3rd, 2014 See Summons Notice and more *Damascus News* on page 9



## Editor's Corner

It has come to my attention recently that, due to the lack of knowledge or concern of certain individuals, some issues need to be addressed. With the explosion of social media, information is being distributed at the push of a send button. This includes photographs and videos, in addition to texts and email messages. I'm admonishing you to be careful...be VERY careful.

Masons are taught early in their journey that they should be cautious of their words and actions. I fear in the passion of some moments, this instruction is forgotten. Once the video/photo/message is created, the immediate impulse is to push that button. Then, my Brothers, it is out there, somewhere, and forever! There is no reeling in the line and casting again; no stopping what has been shown or said.

While it is possible to search online and obtain much of our Masonic Light, please don't be a contributor. Videos or photos of a Tiled Meeting should not be posted on Lodge or District websites, or on the web in general, where the public could access them, especially if the Altar and Great Light are visible.

That said, many of you have probably seen me taking pictures of presentations and recognitions. I like to do that in the candidness of the moment, and I know enough to be in the right position to do it (or crop the images after the fact) so I don't create unpleasant situations. It is that knowledge I'm passing along to you in this message.

The best case is to pose these photo opportunities before or after the Tiled Meeting. The spontaneity of the moment is lost and most people, when they know a camera is pointed at them, stiffen up...and they know it. (I'm one of those. I like it much better behind the lens.)

So, please take care in what you transmit. And if you think your one little sending won't matter, consider all the information gleaned from hacked Corporations affecting consumers lives. Someone, somewhere will probably come across your message and decide, just for kicks, to distribute it where it shouldn't go. It could happen to you...or me!

### Party!

On a much happier note, I ask you to mark Saturday, December 13th, on your calendar. This is especially true if you have children or grandchildren under 10. From 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. (weather permitting!), we will hold, what I believe is, the 12th Annual All-Masonic Bodies Children's Holiday Party at the Shrine Center. There will be games and snacks and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. For each child you bring, please also bring a wrapped gift, labeled with the child's full name, for presentation by Santa. It is a fun time and I hope many of you will be able to attend.

Thanks for reading. ☐



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November 11th – An activity of note will be the Annual Veterans Day Memorial Observance at the War Memorial Atrium starting with an Ecumenical Service at 8:45a.m., followed by coffee and donuts at 9:15 a.m. A Wreath Service is scheduled for 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, November 19th - The monthly Birthday Party for hospitalized Veterans at the Veterans Administration Hospital in Canandaigua will be held at 2:30 p.m., preceded by lunch at the Villager Restaurant at 12 Noon.

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

We welcome Brother John Breiting of Seneca Lodge as our newest member of Masonic War Veterans. John served both Regular and Reserve Duty in the United States Navy. ☐

# Camp DeMolay

By Charles Waterstreet

The Camp is closed for the Season! I'm sorry to say it was only used a handful of times this Summer. We don't seem to be able to generate the interest this facility deserves. It is a beautiful venue. I wish we could operate the Masonic Service Bureau out there in the Summer. The problem would be dispensing our medical equipment. I'm afraid there is no way it would work!

Much was accomplished by the volunteer work crew over the Summer. Committee Chairman, **Angelo DiCataldo**, who re-finished the floor in Anderson Lodge, received much appreciated assistance from **Richard Snyder**, Project Manager Emeritus (still!) and his wife, **Rita, Jack Steinkamp**, Project Manager, and the following Brothers: **Bill Evert, Don Murphy** and his wife, **Jeannie, Warren Patterson, Ted Powley, Mike Roberts, Herb Spencer** and **Ron Weber**.

[As with any listing, I apologize if I omitted anyone who should have been counted as a helper!]

We apparently made the environment uncomfortable for our ground bee population and it seems they have taken up residence elsewhere. We may not know for sure until next Summer.

We had some tree work done by Brother **Ron Mack**, as limbs overhanging the bath house were removed to, we hope, reduce the volume of leaves accumulating on the roof. A tree near the tool shed had to be removed, as it had suffered loss of life in part of the trunk and we were concerned it would fall onto the shed.

Mother Nature was unkind to us this year. The excessive rain appears to have softened the ground on the hill under the porch of Anderson Lodge. As a

result, the porch dropped about 6 inches and began to pull away from the building. Worshipful Brother **Joe Steffen** brought in a crew to shore up and level the porch, adding screw jacks to the supports in the event it slips again in the future.

A new griddle was purchased with funds donated by **Inspiration Lodge**, the help of **Rochester Store Fixture Co.**, and in particular Webster Lodge Brother, **Dan Korn** (Email: danielkorn@rochesterstorefixture.com, if you need anything in this line). When the griddle was left in sad condition, Dan and other personnel assisted **Richard and Rita Snyder** with ideas and materials to restore it as best they could. Much elbow grease was expended on this chore!

My thanks to you all for helping out this year.

If anyone has an event planned in 2015 and think you would like to use the facility, please call the Office - 671-9730 - now to reserve your date. ☐

## “Every Heartbeat Counts” Celebration Benefits Cardiac Research Institute

By Myron Thurston

The Advisory Board of the Cardiac Research Institute at Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL) hosted the *Every Heartbeat Counts* Celebration at the Jorgensen Event Center at Mohawk Valley Community College on October 10th.

The Advisory Board, created in 2008, is co-chaired by Dr. Theodore Max and F. Eugene Romano. Sherwood Boehlert serves as the Honorary Chair. The Board includes community leaders and cardiologists from throughout the Mohawk Valley.

The MMRL was founded in 1958 by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the State of New York and is one of the preeminent cardiac research institutes worldwide focused on research dealing with irregular heart rhythms responsible for Atrial Fibrillation and Sudden Cardiac Death, including Sudden Infant Death Syndrome. The MMRL approaches these problems through research in a variety of disciplines, including molecular genetics, molecular biology, electrophysiology, stem cell research and organ and tissue bioengineering. ☐

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# Monroe District Committee on Youth 2014-2015 Programs and Awards

By W.: Gary Burke, District Chairman

Following is a brief description of the awards associated with the Grand Lodge Committee on Youth and what is happening on the local level with our Youth Groups.

### Frank M. Totton Essay Contest

The Endowment Fund of the Fifth Manhattan Masonic District sponsors this contest which is administered by this Grand Lodge Youth Committee. This year's topic has been chosen to be, "How Can Teenage Suicide Be Prevented?"

### Who Can Apply

The contest is open to any High School Senior who is the child, grandchild or member of their extended family, of any New York Mason, living or deceased, who is now (or in the case of a deceased Brother, was) a Member in Good Standing at the time of his death, who anticipates entering an accredited college in the Fall of 2015.

### About the Essay

The essay must be between 200 - 350 words - typed. Essays must be accompanied by the appropriate form, including the Secretary's signature and the Lodge Seal, **postmarked no later than January 12, 2015**, and mailed to the Chairman of the Essay Contest - Mr. Cary Cohn, 3604 Anita Lane, Wantagh, NY 11793.

### Prizes

First prize is \$1,500 with nine other cash prizes available. The First Prize winner is invited to read their essay during Grand Lodge Sessions.

### Masonic Girl Scout Award

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest award a Girl Scout can earn. The Masonic Girl Scout Award recognizes this achievement. For those qualified, a personalized Commendation Certificate, approved by the Girl Scouts, USA is available for framing. Also included, is a personal letter of congratulation from our Grand Master, accompanied with a nationally approved "Gold" gilt pin, with Girls Scout logo and the Masonic Square and Compasses upon it.

### Masonic Eagle Scout Award

This distinctive and prized Award is bestowed upon Eagle Scouts in recognition of their dedication to Scouting pursuits and achievement. For those qualified as Eagle Scouts, a personalized Certificate is available for framing. Also included, is a personal letter of congratulation from the Grand Master, accompanied with a Boy Scout nationally approved bronze medallion. The medallion, with the Masonic Square and Compasses with the words "New York Masons and Citizenship" emblazoned upon it, is most impressive.

### Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award

The Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award is a national recognition approved by the Boy Scouts of America and promoted by the Grand Lodges of Masons in the United States.

It may be presented to any Master Mason who has made significant contributions to youth through Scouting. The purpose of the Award is to recognize the recipient's outstanding service to youth through the Boy Scouts of America. This Award is presented to a member of the Masonic Fraternity who is currently a registered Scouter and has displayed outstanding dedication to the Scouting program. Work accomplishment and dedication, rather than a specific number of years in Scouting, should be the criteria for this Award.

The Award consists of a Certificate endorsed by the Grand Master of New York and a Boy Scouts of America approved Masonic neck medallion and knot patch to be worn with a Scout uniform.

The Grand Lodges of Masons in the United States invite their members to recommend a contemporary for the Award. In the petition for this recognition, the nominator must submit the candidate's full name, mailing address and an attached page(s) explaining the candidate's qualification for the Award. The petition is then reviewed by the Master of the candidate's Lodge, and if found to be qualified, the petition is authorized and forwarded to the Lodge's District Deputy Grand Master. The District Deputy then submits the petition to the local Boy Scout Council for approval and verification that the candidate is registered in Scouting. Once approved and verified by the local Boy Scout Council, the District Deputy will forward the petition to - Cary Cohn.

The cost of the Award kit is \$35, which is borne by the candidate's Lodge. Checks should be made payable to the Grand Lodge F & AM of Pennsylvania and submitted with petition by the District Deputy to Cary Cohn, who will then forward all petitions, attached information and checks to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. The recognition kit will be sent to Cary Cohn, who will then forward it, after having the New York Grand Master sign the certificate, along with having the seal of the Grand Lodge of New York affixed. The Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will forward the information on awardees to the Boy Scouts of America, Relationships Division, Irving in Texas.

### General Douglas MacArthur Youth Award

This Award is presented to non-Masons, men, women or organizations, for their "exemplary and voluntary" community service to youth. This Award promotes our interest in the youth of our communities. A two-inch bronze medallion now accompanies this Certificate. Included is a personal letter of congratulation from our Grand Master.

### Contact the Lodge Secretary

For all of the above referenced awards, please refer to the

information sent to your Lodge Secretary for complete details and requirements.

### Let's Talk Local

So what is going on in the Monroe District with our Youth Programs? In last month's **Masonic Times** you read about the Organization of Triangles and our local Fidelity Triangle No. 4. That article chronicled the history and details of Triangle very well. Included at the end of that article was an Editor's Note, about Rochester Chapter Order of DeMolay, looking for young men and adult leaders to re-activate the Chapter.

Making what may be a long story shorter, if you read that article, or read it now, let me just state that DeMolay will mirror what was stated in Kristina Brandt's explanation of what the Organization of Triangles is as well as its history.

Rochester Chapter Order of DeMolay was instituted on April 7, 1923, and also mirrors the Fraternity's ups and downs in membership and activity. DeMolay is founded upon seven basic principles:

- 1) Love of Parents
- 2) Reverence for Sacred Things
- 3) Cleanness of Thought, Word and Action
- 4) Patriotism
- 5) Courtesy
- 6) Comradeship
- 7) Honor one's promises.

Membership is open to young men ages 12-21 who are of good character and reputation, as well as having a belief in a God, Supreme Being or Deity.

Both of these youth organizations are worthwhile and deserve our attention. I commend our past DDGM and Staff Officers from last term - Phil Hurwitz, Mike Hueston and Rob Buchanan - who promoted our Masonic Youth Groups, and specifically DeMolay, throughout their term of office. However, the success of moving the needle forward, towards re-activating the DeMolay Chapter

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By R.: W.: Neil Bedford  
The Official Visit of the District Deputy or the Genesee/Wyoming District, R.: W.: Henry Robinson, took place on October 1st with a presentation of Grand Master Thomas' Message from St. John's Day at Utica.

Olive Branch Lodge also had 17 Brothers receive Years of

The Master, Officers and Brethren of Olive Branch Lodge congratulate and thank these Brothers for their years of service to the Fraternity. ☐

# Ontario/Seneca/Yates

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**District Deputy Grand Master**  
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Another month rushes by and the leaves are disappearing quickly. The busy Holiday Season will be upon us shortly.

R.: W.: Thomas Abraham and I are well into our Lodge visitations to deliver Grand Master M.: W.: William J. Thomas' Message.

R.: W.: Thomas Abraham held the *Masonic Development Course* on October 4th at the Garoga-Sincerity Lodge Hall with four Brothers attending. The second part of the Course

was scheduled to be held at the same location on October 25th.

### Congratulations

The Ontario/Seneca/Yates District Apron Presentation and Awards Banquet was held October 10th. R.: W.: Eldon White did a great job organizing the festivities and Past DDGM, R.: W.: Jed Brandow, did a fine job as Master of Ceremonies.

I was honored with the presentation of my District Deputy Grand Master Apron. The Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.: W.: Thomas Abraham, was also presented his Apron.

W.: Christopher Egburton was awarded the prestigious Daniel Carter Beard Scouter Award, as well as a congratulatory letter from Grand Master Thomas, for all his dedication to youth and Scouting.

One of the most important Awards presented by the O/S/Y District is the E. Platt Soper

Fellowship Award. The recipient this year was R.: W.: Jed K. Brandow. Jed fits all the qualifications for the Soper Award – a Mason's Mason. Congratulations, Jed!

The Most Worshipful James E. Sullivan, Past Grand Master, was the guest speaker. It was most appropriate for Jed to receive the Soper Award on the evening that Past Grand Master Sullivan was the guest speaker. Jed served as DDGM of the O/S/Y District under M.: W.: Sullivan.

### Official Visits

The remaining Official Visit dates are:

Date	Lodge
November 3rd	Canandaigua
November 11th	Eagle
November 13th	Geneva
November 18th	Farmerville-Union
November 25th	Pocahontas
December 1st	John Hodge
December 4th	Seneca Lake
December 11th	Dundee
December 16th	Garoga-Sincerity
January 21st	Ark

Safe travels, my Brothers. ☐

## Livingston & Genesee/Wyoming Districts

### Masonic Development Course

Please Note the Date Change!

Saturday, December 6th

8:30 a.m. - Registration, Coffee and Donuts  
9 a.m. - 12 Noon - Program

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12 Bank Street, LeRoy

Contact R.: W.: Robert Cox  
to Register and for Additional Information.

### Garoga-Sincerity Lodge No. 200



1st & 3rd  
Tuesdays  
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Secretary  
R.: W.: Clayton Ruggles  
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By R.: W.: Clayton Ruggles

At our October 7th Communication, the following Brothers were recognized for Years of Service to the Fraternity and R.: W.: John Hubbard, DDGM, presented Certificates and Pins with the assistance of W.: Stephen Durso, Jr. Those acknowledged were:

60 Years Nelson Gulvin  
Robert Lash

55 Years Robert Spink  
Frederick Wheeler  
45 Years Milton Lum  
40 Years Ramon Howard  
30 Years Michael Klimeczko

Congratulations to these Brothers and thank you for your service and support of the Fraternity.

### Sickness and Distress

A Graveside Masonic Memorial Service for Brother Douglas Gover, who died on September 21st, was held at the Potter Cemetery family burial site. Brother Gover was a 50-year member of the Fraternity, having been Raised on April 21, 1964. The Lodge extends its sympathy to his wife, Charlene, and family.

### November Birthdays

We send November birthday greetings to Brothers Stephen

Phillips (1st), Daniel Biery (3rd), Paul Adams (7th), James Allen (8th), William Hargrove (12th), Robert Kloeppel (15th), Douglas Nicot (17th) and Scott MacDonell (20th).

### Masonic Anniversaries

The following Brothers were Raised in November:

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

The Worshipful Master and Officers of Garoga-Sincerity Lodge extend their wishes to all for an enjoyable Thanksgiving Holiday. May we be thankful for any and all good fortunes that have come our way. ☐

# Livingston District

District Deputy Grand Master - Douglas Stanley 245-4395

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where does the time go?  
Meeting dates are in your Trestleboard 2014-2015 and should they get misplaced, I'll be reminding you about future dates from time-to-time.  
Until next month. ☐



Richard Trescott and Bill Wright of Nunda Station Lodge served ice cream and brownies to the Veterans at the Batavia Veterans Home on September 17th.

It's that time of year again when we have the chores of getting ready for Winter – get the gardens cleaned, the lawns raked and the lawn mowers put away. Summer seems to be so short and here is Winter knocking on our door once again –

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Our September meeting convened in Phelps and it was announced that Dispensation had been granted by Grand Lodge for this temporary relocation. Several Brothers commented they were pleased to be in this new meeting hall.

#### Sickness and Distress

It was reported that Brother Fred Newton continues to improve.

Brother Jed Brandow reports he is feeling fit as a fiddle following his surgery this Summer.

#### Health and Happiness

Brother John Keeton reported his son, Forest, was married on July 19th. Brother Tom Abraham announced that his son, John, had an addition to their family recently ... a son.

Brother Charlie Rouse is preparing for a trip to South Africa.

#### Correspondence

Thank you notes were received from the Scholarship recipients and read in Lodge, as was a letter from the Principal of Geneva High School. Geneva Chapter No. 36, Royal Arch Masons, is celebrating their 200th Anniversary. A motion was made and approved for the Lodge to purchase a half-page advertisement in their commemorative booklet. A thank you note from Milo Lodge for help in their recent time of crisis was also read.

#### Business of the Lodge

The Worshipful Master thanked the Brothers who helped move the Lodge belongings into storage. Some items are still being stored at Border City; we will look at what needs to be pruned. The budget for the year was reviewed and prioritized. The Master would like to continue the program of having Brothers present biographies at meetings.

The Summer Awards Dinner went well; Scholarship recipients and families were there. Brother John Keeton was presented with his 20-Year Pin.

The Facilities Committee is still active and looking for appropriate sites within Geneva.

The agenda for the year was presented. There was discussion concerning the formality of dress at Lodge meetings. The Brothers agreed to keep present standards in place. Various Outreach/Philanthropy opportunities for organizations and events in Geneva were discussed and the Master would like to see criteria developed to guide our outreach activities. John Stelter Scholarships will be presented as a budgeted item.

We need to push public relations in Geneva. Also, our participation and fellowship with Garoga-Sincerity Lodge was reviewed.

#### November

Our Stated Communication will be on Wednesday, November 19th at 67 Ontario Street in Phelps at 7:30 p.m. There will be a Pot-Luck Dinner preceding the Communication at 6:30 p.m. Brothers are encouraged to review the O/S/Y District website for dates of other District events: [www.osydistrict.org](http://www.osydistrict.org)

ue to meet and talk to our Masonic Brothers. Whether it will be accomplished without the aid of Wayne County snowplows is of some little concern. There are many more concerns than snow and snowplows for the Humanity Lodge Official Visit in December !! However I'm sure that it will all work out just fine.

Let me say a few words about Communications and Social Media. Some years ago, it was the Duty of the Master to compose a letter to the Brothers of the Lodge as to what had occurred and what was expected to occur, and the Lodge Secretary MAILED those letters to the Brethren. Today we have Social Media such as Facebook and the Internet to disburse information. We need to use them. Some of us are fortunate to subscribe to the **Masonic Times**. Some Brothers have signed up for the Grand Lodge of New York e-letter, "Hiram's Highlights," and Wayne District is fortunate to be on Facebook at F&AM Wayne District. Soon there will also be a Wayne District Web Page.

My newsletter will be sent to all Wayne District Masters and Secretaries. My hope is that the Lodges will communicate to the Brethren OF the Lodge, not only to Brothers who attend Lodge. Just remember that what you publish today will be there tomorrow and tomorrow and tomorrow and -----.

This month puts us solidly in the midst of the Holiday Season. Thanksgiving is only a few weeks away and it seems that Christmas had been announced about the same time as parents were told it was time to buy school supplies.

That being said, I urge you to remember the Brotherhood Fund and the good that those monies do. When Disaster occurs and the need can be identified, our dollars are there. The Masonic Medical Research Laboratory, Camp Turk, the Livingston Library, Masonic War Veterans all benefit from our donations. Read the donation slip and see where those dollars can be allocated, then open your heart and wallet.

Some months ago I wrote that I was sure that if you were asked by a Brother down on his luck for a cup of coffee, you would find a dollar seventy-five to buy him one. If he came to you month after month and you found him still worthy and in distress, you would not turn him down. Do the math, my Brothers ... it would have cost you \$21.00. Can you do less for all Masons? By the way, don't neglect the Masonic Care Community. END OF SPEECH !!

## Grand Director of Ceremonies



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November brings us Thanksgiving, Black Friday and begins the Seasonal Holidays. Several of the radio shows now begin playing holiday music to get the listening audience pumped up, especially on the weekends. Almost 50 years have passed since Charles Schultz classics "The Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown" and "A Charlie Brown Christmas" first aired on national TV.

Rarely do I miss a Halloween or Christmas without watching these classics. It's as American as John Wayne, apple pie and Dads chasing their kids around scaring them in various ways. I send a big THANK YOU to R.: W.: Richard Brewer for his time and energy putting together the Apron Presentation September 25th; his work and effort definitely were evident. Also, a big THANK YOU to the Ladies of Tri-Star Chapter, OES, for another fabulous dinner. A big THANK YOU to my home Lodge, Pultneyville Lodge, W.: Master Charlie Searles and R.: W.: Lee Coller for the Apron.

Every Lodge is, or it ought to be, a true representation of King Solomon's Temple. The Craft's work and Constitutions are patterned after the Sons of Light and the building of King Solomon's Temple. To my knowledge, the month of November and Thanksgiving have no special significance on the Masonic Calendar (Ancient or Modern) nor does this month have any special significance to the Sons of Light, the opposing Son's of Darkness as referenced to the King Solomon's Temple, or King Solomon's Craft building the Temple.

Many Lodges have the Holiday tradition of Thanksgiving food baskets and Christmas Angels. The planning process must start early in November, to coordinate for a timely arrival for the Holiday. I know there are Lodges in the District that wish to give of themselves during this traditional time of giving, but do not have the funds in their coffers. Still, within each of these Lodges are individual Brothers who have the means but who do not know of worthy recipient(s) during this seasonal time of thankfulness and gratitude of God's blessings. For them I suggest donating something to the Masonic Home in Utica.

The Masonic Home was set up to provide a refuge for the indigent Master Mason, his wife, widow and orphan. Even though the Home and its buildings are helped financially through your Brotherhood donations, its purpose today is still the same as yesterday, "... a refuge for the indigent Master Mason, his wife, widow and orphan," always in need. The plaque on the west wall outside the main auditorium states so eloquently, "... This home and its building exemplify Masonry's great-

est tenets charity. They give to every Mason the honor and opportunity to be his Brother's keeper. May this building help strengthen and perpetuate our belief in the dignity of man, to the glory of God."

Brethren of the Craft, at a time in American tradition for giving, it doesn't have to be money (magazines, instant coffee, sugar, puzzles, bulldozers, power tools, etc.) And if you do not choose the Masonic Home, any Adult Care, Nursing Homes or Hospice Homes have a wish list of needs for their residents. Sometimes I feel a \$5 or \$10 item is not much, but multiply that times a thousand Masons and what a gift that would be for them!!

Many of you remember Brother Jon-Paul Kipwell, Director of Development for Masonic Care Community. He has moved on and his replacement is Victoria Cataldo. Masters, drop her an email at:

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 or phone her at (315) 798-4703 say "Hey," ask her for a wish list and invite her to your Lodge for a program.

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#### Date Change

Due to changes to our Trestleboard, our 1st Degree was rescheduled from October 15th, to November 19th. Sorry for any inconvenience that this may have caused.

On October 1st, we had our Official Visit with our DDGM, R.: W.: John P. Krest; Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.: W.: Allen "Joe" Green; and AGL, V.: W.: Jeff Gagnon. We received M.: W.: William J. Thomas' Grand Master's Message from our DDGM. Both our Grand Director of Ceremonies and our AGL offered us help for our upcoming year. The DDGM also had others from his District Team give us information on their services.

R.: W.: William C. Jones spoke on the Surviving Spouse Program. Brother Ray VanPatton spoke on the Masonic Safety ID Program. R.: W.: Richard E. Brewer spoke about the Brotherhood Fund and the Masonic Care Community. Brother James R. Aylesworth spoke about the Social Media Page he created on Facebook, which he keeps updated daily.

Our Brothers donated several bags of Halloween candy for the Annual Palmyra Business Community Trick-or-Treat Event.

We will be doing our 1st Degree on November 19th with dinner at 6:30 p.m., at the Lodge Hall. Dinner will consist of Baked Ziti with Italian Sausage, Salad and Bread at a cost of \$8.00.

Please remember our Brotherhood Fund, and the Masonic Care Community.

# Wayne District

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## District Deputy Grand Master

Wayne District

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Official Visits began last Month with successful visits to Drumlin Square, Pultneyville, Sodus, Wayne and Marion Lodges. It was definitely a busy three weeks. The District Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.: W.: Joe Green, and our Assistant Grand Lecturer, V.: W.: Jeff Gagnon,

presented their activities - both within and outside the District.

The District Co-Chairs voiced their proposals and concerns regarding the Masonic Safety ID Program. The Grand Master's Message was delivered and the Brotherhood Fund, Bereaved Spouses' Program and Social Media (Communications) Programs were discussed.

#### Official Visits

This month, Official Visits will take place at the following Lodges:

November 3rd

North Rose-Wolcott

November 5th Savannah

November 17th Newark

It will be another interesting three weeks for the District Team and myself as we contin-

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# Monroe District

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## District Deputy Grand Master Monroe District

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Your District Team hit the road running on September 8th with an Official Visit to Unity Lodge. From there on, it was one event after another –five Official Visits in total. All with great food, super attendance and, best of all, fantastic fellowship. I am very proud of the Team. All put on wonderful presentations that were very well received. The next morning following each visit, my email account went crazy. My thanks to all Brothers who sent such great reviews. Also, thanks for the cooperation of the Lodges visited. It was our honor to visit your Lodges.

On September 10th, I attended a wonderful Awards Night at Oatka Lodge. The program was dedicated to years of service in the Fraternity. There were three, 60-Year and one, 50-Year Aprons and Certificates given. Also, one, 40- and one, 10-Year Pins and Certificates presented. It was an Open Meeting with many friends and relatives attending; many came great distances to be there. It was my pleasure to be there and participate in the program.

On September 13th, a quick visit to Clio Lodge for their Chicken Bar-B-Que. This was my chance to visit old friends and have some great chicken. Thanks, guys, it was fun.

Our Kick-off Meeting on September 25th was a huge success. Over 80 Brothers turned out for a meal and the chance to meet the Masters and Wardens and listen to the District Committee Chairmen deliver some terrific presentations. We thank the Scottish Rite for supplying the meal and Fairport-Flower City Lodge for preparing and serving it. The highlights of the evening were provided by W.: John Lemke and R.:W.: Joe Lewis for their very inspiring Masonic speeches. The large turnout illustrates that the Brothers approve of the small changes and thinking outside the box attitude the District Team has, as we try to move the District forward. Thanks for the vote of confidence.

On September 28th, I was present at the re-dedication

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of the Boy Scout Building of Troop No. 10 in Honeoye Falls. The building is now named the Curtis W. Barker Building. Mr. Barker was a 25-year Boy Scout Leader and longtime active Freemason in the Monroe District. The event was attended by family, friends, Freemasons, many former members of Troop No. 10 and local civic leaders.

Lastly for all the Freemasons of the Genesee Region, your *Have-a-Heart* Campaign for 2014 won another Pillar Award. On September 29th, at Oak Hill Country Club, Ronald McDonald House presented the Award to me for largest single event. You should be very proud, you raised \$20,000 for the House and they really appreciated it. And now it is on to February 2015! See you all there.

*A Proud Mason* ☐

## Grand Steward



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### READ!

There is a fairly good chance that if you are holding this paper in your hands, it is not because you are reading it. You are putting it in the recycling bin instead. Oh, you may have read the article about your Lodge. But there's a good chance you aren't reading this article. So, I'll be very frank here and talk about YOU to the Brothers who are reading this.

We don't read, my Brothers. I know. That's an overgeneralization. After all, YOU are reading this. But many of us just never sit down with a book and experience the pleasure that reading can provide. Instead we sit in front of screens whether they be televisions, computers, tablets or smart phones. And we get little bits of information but never immerse ourselves in the completeness and depth of ideas in the written word of a book.

I say this because as I have travelled the District on Official Visits and proposed the idea that together we read a book on Freemasonry and come together to discuss it. Many Brothers have embraced the idea and they're excited about it. Some have told me they've already read the book I've recommended and are now re-reading it. But some Brothers look at me with blank stares, as if to say "are you kidding me? I don't read books."

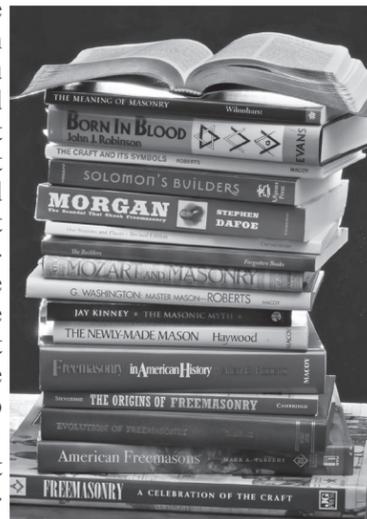
But, think about it, Brothers. When you came to light the first

thing you saw was a book. Of course it wasn't just any book. It was THE Book. Whether you realized it or not, you were being encouraged to read That Book. But also, in a more general, metaphorical sense, you were being encouraged to use books as a means to seek further light in Masonry. Have you been fulfilling this responsibility?

The art of taking good men and making them better requires reading. There's no getting around that. Reading is required. Reading is an act of self-improvement whereby we seek knowledge, wisdom and perspective, offered by an author. Sometimes it's marginally useful, but other times there are nuggets of brilliance to be obtained. Without reading, you'll never find those nuggets and get those insights. You see, reading stimulates your own mind in the development of ideas and, most importantly, critical thinking.

So, Brothers, I come this month to you with the encouragement to read a book or two on our beloved Freemasonry. It is November. It's cold and the sun is setting earlier each day. What a perfect time to sit someplace quiet and indulge yourself in the contemplation of the ideas expressed in a book. Maybe you will read *Revolutionary Brotherhood* by Steven Bullock as I have previously suggested. It is a great book about Freemasonry's influence on Colonial America and our American culture and values. As a bonus Mr. Bullock will be speaking at the College of Freemasonry in March.

Another great way to do some reading is through the Grand Lodge Livingston Masonic Library. They have over 16,000 titles they can loan you free-of-charge through the US Postal Service. Or you can select one of the library's



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Brothers, May the light of truth, wisdom, enlightenment and entertainment fulfill you in your reading endeavors! ☐

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By R.:W.: Roy Moses

We have heard nothing but great comments about emphasizing the mentoring process. The mentoring is the glue that bonds a Candidate with the teaching of the Ritual. Those Candidates who have received good mentoring are now the good Ritualists in your respective Lodges. Those Candidates who did not receive good mentoring took much more time to learn the teachings of the Ritual, or might not even be a member of the Lodge anymore.

The Ritual starts in your Lodge, taught by YOU, my Brothers, from before the Candidate takes his 1st Degree until the day he meets the Great Architect of the Universe.

It is one thing for a man to join a Lodge; it is quite another for him to become enrolled in the Lodge. To attain this goal, it is important your Lodge not only implement, but embrace, Light in Masonry.

We have not received anything but good comments about holding Schools of Ritual in each Lodge and are looking forward to it. When all the Lodges have dates set, we will pass them on.

Have a wonderful Turkey Day, God bless you, my Brothers, and God Bless America. ☐

## Monroe District Masters and Wardens Association

By W.: Matthew Scheffer

Our first meeting of the year took place during the District Kick-Off Meeting September 25th. What a great turnout! We had 10 of the 12 Lodges represented. It was the biggest Masters and Wardens meeting I've ever seen.

It was a little tough to hear, but the energy was incredible. We elected Brother Bruce Katz from ERAC as our Secretary for the year, and W.: Troy Shouse from Union Star as our Treasurer.

We then threw around a number of ideas of what Masters and Wardens can and should be. It's a place to plan our trip to Grand

Lodge, a place for R.:W.: George Foehner to communicate with the District, a place to exchange ideas and promote each Lodge's special events. I really like the idea of setting a goal of having the Traveling Gavel make it to five different Lodges this year.

### Fresh Ideas

All of these are great ideas and I look forward to helping us flush them out in the coming months ... one part of that being able to communicate with each other. To that end, I have created a new Facebook page for the Monroe Masters and Wardens, as well as a Wiggio workspace for us to have discussions, share files and ideas. If you haven't gotten an email about this yet, please let me know by phone at 362-6227 or by email at:

[mscheffer@yahoo.com](mailto:mscheffer@yahoo.com).

### Volunteers

I'm also looking for volunteers for the standing committees of the Masters and Wardens group. Brother Ken Hecker has already volunteered to head the *Have-a-Heart* Committee, but I am still in need of Chairmen for the Audit, Child ID and Grand Lodge Convention Committees.

### November Meeting

Our November meeting will not be on our regular last Thursday of the month since it is Thanksgiving. We will be meeting November 22nd instead (the 4th Saturday of the month), at Clio Lodge Hall in Hilton, at 9 a.m. ☐

## Monroe District New York Masonic Safety Identification Program

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By R.:W.: Donald A. Tubman

Recently, Brother James MacDuff was certified to be a trainer by the Grand Lodge Masonic Safety ID Committee. Through his efforts, the equipment has been updated and we are able to get additional units, as needed.

We have also added Brother MacDuff as a Co-Chairman for organizing and carrying out MSID events in Monroe County. His contact information is: [bricklayer.jsm@gmail.com](mailto:bricklayer.jsm@gmail.com) and phone 298-0890. Brother MacDuff organized and conducted a program at Ontario Beach Park on September 28th.

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County Masonic Safety and Child ID Group and Grand Lodge would like the goal of processing identification for every child and Senior/Seasoned Citizen in assisted living and nursing homes in New York State.

We too often see an alert request to locate a missing person on the six o'clock news where having a person's identification file becomes invaluable. Too many tragic events, would you agree?

We have and will be asking all Lodges and Concordant Bodies to help. We want to make greater use of the ID equipment by having events supported by each Lodge. We want to process as many folks as possible this year and make the most of our talents and equipment. It is possible with your support and help.

Think of opportunities in your community, either children or senior citizens who can benefit and be protected by your efforts.

I have met with Brothers from Eureka Lodge, PHA, and they will be utilizing our equipment at upcoming events in Rochester. If you are interested in helping, contact us.

The Mission of the NY MSID Program is to provide a vital community service to:

- Aid in the recovery of a child.
- Aid in the recovery of an adult or senior citizen.
- Encourage Masons to become involved in their communities.
- Promote a positive image of Masonry and Masonic Life in our communities.
- Broadening public awareness and recognition of Masonry.

It does not take much to set up an event and staff it ... just a little creativity and forethought.

Contact Information about the Masonic Safety ID Program is available online at:

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We are always looking for Volunteers to help with the Program ... and involvement from your Lodge!!!

You can contact Don Tubman at 889-4725 if you have questions or suggestions. We can be reached most easily by email to schedule an event at:

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**A Successful Event**

By Jim MacDuff

September 28th - Mary Cariola Children's Center (MCCC) "Walking on Sunshine" at Ontario Beach State Park

The Monroe MSID Team was in attendance for the second year with the goal of doubling last year's count of 18. The MCCC Event Coordinator, Linda Henning, gave our MSID table a little better real estate positioning than last year and it



certainly paid off. What none of us thought of was the sunshine. It was out in all its glory! But sun glare is not conducive to reading computer screens.



The first couple of processes conducted by Brothers Paul Dill and Ken Hecker demonstrated that with respect to the computer screens, the sun wasn't our friend. With some ingenuity by W.: Allyn Borrino (via some quick work with a knife and a banana box), those initial IDs were completed before quickly moving the operation inside a gazebo out of the sun.

Activity was not constant, but rather it came in waves. This year's experience has shown us we could likely employ an additional two units next year ... but the good news, no one got out of line because there was a line. At the end of the event, we processed 42 IDs. They were not all children ... I personally provided an ID to a Vietnam Veteran in a wheelchair with prosthetic legs. The MSID is for anyone, period.

Other Brothers present helped with food distribution. Sahlen's was in attendance again, and Wegman's was a first-time distributor of food and drink as well.

My thanks to all Brothers who helped. This event does not just concern city children, or just Monroe County. Nearly 500 children are bussed into the Mary Cariola School system every day from the surrounding school Districts in six counties. We, all of us, in our communities, have children who go to MCCC, and we have a vested interest in helping MCCC succeed because they take care of our children from our towns. I hope for the 2015 "Walking on Sunshine," we'll be able to double the quantity of IDs done, along with double the Brothers to help. □

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ropos presentation of a new Altar Bible. The Bible it replaced had been presented by St. Andrew's Lodge in 1964, exactly 50 years prior.

St. Andrew's Brothers then proceeded to crank up their Degree Team machinery and dazzle those assembled with yet another wondrous presentation of a Canadian-style 3rd Degree. W.: Don Jenks of Seneca also dazzled those present with his proficiency in the Canadian work he exemplified as the Candidate.

For those who have not observed or participated in Canadian Ritual, suffice it to say Candidate proficiency is demonstrated during the conferral of the Degree.

Following the Degree work, the Lodge was closed on the Canadian 3rd Degree and the gavel returned to Seneca whereupon the Lodge meeting was closed American-style about 1:00 pm.

**Evening Event**

The Eastman Ensemble accompanied us with their musical talents at the social hour that preceded the Centennial Celebration Dinner. W.: Mike Ferguson and W.: Ray Glegg had expended a bit of effort preparing the script, which allowed the Ladies to be present. The head table was piped in by Seneca Lodge's own piper, Wayne Fenton.

The Haggis was then escorted in with an excellent promenade around the inner court with St. Andrew's piper Eric Duffy. The Ode to the Haggis in old Scottish dialect was presented by Bob Simpson of St Andrew's in memorable style, from memory.

The ersatz Table Lodge that had been edited to delete Masonic formality was begun just prior to dinner, with W.: Ray Glegg, W.: Ray Crandall and W.: Frank Bordieri leading the Craft in multiple toasts. Additional toasts were presented by Brothers Frank Pluh, Paul Consalvo, Armand Gallucci and Warren Patterson.

The Scottish Ritual aspects were carefully detailed and planned by Brothers Gordon Hubbell, Wayne Fenton and Jeff Quartley in collaboration with W.: Hugh Montgomerie. Commemorative glasses were distributed among the members and guests who had been coached on the use of these glasses during the toasting process and seemed to pick up rather nicely.

Upon closing the Centennial Celebration ersatz Table Lodge all were encouraged to keep their now thoroughly broken-in glasses as memorabilia of this august event.

It can be said with confidence that folks left with a warm feeling in their hearts for this relationship between our Lodges. There were many open discussions regarding the next meeting. Many – if not all – felt that a meeting next year when Seneca would demonstrate a Degree in Canada was a worthy objective.

Finally, all attending wished W.: Bob Shaver good health and a rapid return to the East.

[NOTE: W.: **Robert W. Shaver, Sr., Master of Seneca Lodge No. 797 was unable to preside over the festivities for the 100th Anniversary of the first meeting between Seneca Lodge and St. Andrew's GRC No. 16 of Toronto, Canada, in 1914, due to illness. W.: Raymond Crandall served as acting Master in his stead.]**

**Editor's Note:** W.: Robert Massie provided a brief history of St. Andrew's Lodge. Considered the Mother Lodge of the existing Lodges in Toronto, dispensation was granted in September, 1822, by R.:W.: Simon McGillivray, Provincial Grand Master. The first recorded minutes of the Lodge are those of the Festival of St. John the Evangelist on the 27th of December, 1822, when the Lodge assembled at 12 Noon for Constitution.

Since the beginning, St. Andrew's Lodge has counted among its members men of different nationalities and creeds, many of whom have taken foremost positions in Canada as Jurists, Legislators, Educators, Clergymen, Military men, Doctors, Architects, Artists Merchants, Police Officers and Firefighters. They have been identified with every movement for the welfare of the City of Toronto and of Canada since early in the 19th Century.

When Canadians, who were Brothers of St. Andrew's Lodge, came South to the Rochester area and found employment in their skilled professions, they chose to form their own Masonic Lodge and Seneca Lodge was formed. Thus began, in 1914, the visitations that continue to this day. □



(Left to right): R.:W.: **George Foechner, DDGM of Monroe District;** W.: **Frank Bordieri, Master of St. Andrew's Lodge;** W.: **Raymond Crandall, acting Master of Seneca Lodge;** V.: W.: **Joe Lewis, AGL.**



**Ceremonial re-presentation of new Altar Bible are (left to right) St. Andrew's Junior Warden, Brother Eamonn Navarro; Senior Warden, Brother Jason Hewko; W.: Frank Bordieri, Master; W.: Raymond Crandall; and Brother Wayne Fenton, Junior Warden of Seneca Lodge. Absent from photos was W.: Richard Shellman, acting Senior Warden, who had to leave immediately after the meeting.**



**Most of the Brothers attending the 3rd Degree, Canadian Style, presented by St. Andrew's Lodge, Toronto, at Seneca Lodge celebration.**



## Inspiration

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By R.: W.: Skip Waterstreet

Happy Thanksgiving to all Brothers and their families. I hope you have a fulfilling day and enjoy the family and friends with whom you gather.

#### Sickness and Distress

It's a necessary subject to discuss, but one I wish we didn't have to point out. As I mentioned three Brothers with issues last month, I'm happy to report that all are on the mend ... if not with some difficulty.

W.: Clyde Siverd, DSA, is still on the mend from shoulder surgery. It is taking much longer than he anticipated or believed it would. Slowly, but surely, he is getting around a bit more. I'm sure cards or calls would be appreciated.

W.: Joey DiTucci was at the October 14th meeting sans sling. He is still supposed to keep the support, which was causing him more pain than not wearing it, but he also has to keep exercising the arm to prevent permanent loss of mobility.

Still moving a bit slowly was our Senior Deacon, Brother Bill Grishaber. After encountering a couple of setbacks from his appendectomy, he was sore, but able to assume his duties for our meeting.

As of this writing, Richard Giedd is gaining strength from rehab and is anticipating a move to Hilton East Assisted Living Community.

The death of Harry Coates was announced and the sympathy of the Lodge was extended to his family. There was a Masonic Memorial Service conducted on October 1st.

Since then, I have learned that Brother Edward Start passed away at the age of 95. He was in his 65th year as a member of the Craft. We extend our sympathy to his family. Our Altar will continue to be draped.

At the Official Visit of the District Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: George Foehner, in September, he and the District Team, outlined the Grand Master's Message and plans for the year for the Monroe District. Some procedures are being changed in hopes of increasing interest and attendance at District functions.

At our October 14th meeting, R.: W.: Alan Ramsay, Past Western Region AGL, conducted a review of the Opening of the Lodge and Balloting on Petitions Ritual. With the number of new Brothers in the Lodge, it was a stellar evening and several questions were answered, from which even the senior members benefitted.

#### November

W.: DiTucci postponed our 1st Degree until November 25th to allow the Degree Team more learning and preparation time. We have requested Dispensation for more Candidates than currently allowed at one session. Come out and help welcome these new Brothers to the Craft.

As usual, it will be preceded by Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Chef Larry's menu includes Stuffed Chicken Breast, Salad with Croutons, Smashed Potatoes, Vegetables and Dinner Rolls. Reservations required to Brother Ryan Ramplin, unless you are on the permanent attendees list.

But before that, we will have a Harvest Dinner on November 11th, along with celebrating the anniversaries of several of our Brothers. Each table of 8 will have its own Turkey (the eating kind!), with the necessary accoutrements. **EVERYONE** must make a reservation here ... **the permanent list is deactivated for this event.** This event is open to all - especially our Ladies. Brother Ryan also needs to know any guest(s) you may be bringing.

#### November Birthdays

I almost forgot about this feature, but we certainly want to acknowledge your increase in experiences. Many happy returns to: Richard DeCroce, William Sweet and Michael Villeneuve (1st); Ken Chamberlain, James Locklin and Michael Shwartz (2nd); Wayne Gundry (5th); William Grishaber (6th); Gary A. LaShomb (7th); Christopher Cappetta (8th); Andrew Herzog (15th); George Lloyd (16th); Paul Dill and George W. Pasch, Jr. (17th); Rodney Olson (18th); Donald Murphy (20th); Harry G. Steinorth, Jr. and Arthur Cohen (21st); Frank Zaffino (22nd); Jeffrey Hershberger (24th); David Ogden (26th); Scott Masucci (27th); William Evert and Fouad Farah (29th) and Joseph S. Crociata, Jr. (30th).

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I had an old telephone number for Todd Colburn, so if you kept the last publishing of this list, it was incorrect.

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See you in Lodge. □

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The new Masonic Year is in full swing. Petitions have been received and Investigating Committee reports will be presented. This promises to be a busy year for our Lodge.

#### Lodge Communications

One of the goals for this year is improved communications. The primary monthly written communication has been through **Masonic Times** articles. Our Lodge has actively used a "Google group" for email, but not all Brothers have emails and not all Brothers who have email subscribe to the Google group. A copy of the Trestleboard and other information is also on our website: [www.eraclodge163.org](http://www.eraclodge163.org). There are also Facebook groups for both the Lodge and District.

This year we will improve communications by

- 1) Keeping the **Masonic Times** articles relevant
- 2) Mail information to Brothers without email
- 3) Encourage wider use of the Google group to Brothers who have email
- 4) Use telephone calls to keep in contact.

If you would like to help with any of these initiatives, please contact our Senior Warden, Brother Bruce Katz (email [brucek8189@aol.com](mailto:brucek8189@aol.com); please include "Masons" in the subject line) or phone at 729-6657.

In late September (with a big "thank you" to our Secretary, W.: Dave Upham) more than forty letters were sent to Brothers who do not have email summarizing our recent meetings and encouraging contact with the Lodge. Brothers, if you have email and are not receiving the Google group emails, please contact our Secretary for instructions on how to subscribe. This is an "opt-in" service and you must request inclusion. Lastly, phone calls to Brothers have begun, so please expect one soon. If we missed you, please feel free to call any of the officers whose numbers can be found in the Lodge Trestleboard mailed in September.

#### Recent Lodge Meetings

On September 8th, Brother Sam Friedman presented a "Short Talk" on "Anderson's Constitutions." This paved the way for several upcoming Masonic Education presentations on the Old Charges of Freemasonry and how they relate to us as Masons today.

At the November meetings, Brothers Rich Friedman, George Nasra and Pat Mulrooney will discuss the "Auld Charges" and their relation to who we are and how we must act as Masons. Although written almost 300 years ago they remain completely relevant to us today.

We held an "extra" meeting on September 15th for our Bring-a-Friend Night. This was a well-attended event. There were several brief speakers helping to introduce our Fraternity. Recently made Brother, James Wright, presented an outstanding and heartfelt perspective on what he has found in the personal message in Masonry (challenging each of us to find our own), and Brothers Dave Upham and Rich Friedman also provided a taste of their wealth of information and knowledge about our Craft.

Our September 22nd meeting was the Official Visit by our District Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: George Foehner; Grand Steward, R.: W.: Stephan Michener; Assistant Grand Lecturers, V.: W.: Joe Lewis and R.: W.: Roy Moses.

Continuing a tradition started six years ago, the Official Dinner prior to the Official Visit was our Annual Chili Cook-Off. Brothers "voted" for their favorite by donations, with the "winner" to name his charity-of-choice. Steward and Brother Edd Taylor received the "grand honors" of the best chili of the evening with his Cincinnati Chili (think of "spaghetti with an attitude"), with a donation being sent to the Masonic Home in Utica. Other chilies were contributed by Brothers Bruce Katz, Embola Ekille, Scott Lasky, Matt Muller, Craig Johnville and James Wright.

#### An Urgent Need

The Secretary is looking for a Microsoft Access user (experienced) to help create a membership database and train the Secretary to utilize this tool to help advance our use in technology to maintain and protect the integrity of our membership data - as well as increasing the efficiency in generating reports and in transferring essential information to the Grand Lodge MORI System.

#### Upcoming in November

Brothers, please make every effort to attend the November meetings. In addition to the continuation of the "Andersons Constitutions" presentations, we will be voting on Petitions for our new Brothers. We also will continue working with the Action Teams to further develop these projects. Also, please join us for dinners prior to the meetings. Reservations are required; please contact our Junior War-

den, Brother Xach Taylor at [xach@rochester.rr.com](mailto:xach@rochester.rr.com) or phone 698-9048.

Finally, a warm "official" welcome to Brother Carty Ellis, following his long-standing "visitor" status until the paperwork could allow his Affiliation into ERAC from his Mother Lodge in Oxford, Ohio. Carty and his Lady, Margo, returned to Rochester after a career at Miami University. And a warm "official" welcome to Brother Scott Lasky who has joined us as a Dual Affiliate member and is also a member of Inspiration Lodge.

November is traditionally a time of reflection and thanks. Remembering the honor which we receive and bestow each time we hear and say the word "Brother" is one of those many blessings with which we are graced. □

## UNITY

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As we are moving quickly into the Holiday Season, it becomes time for joining together with family and friends. Who better to spend time with as the Holidays approach than your family of Brother Masons, who will always be your friends. As I have stated multiple times, our goal for this year is to bring as many Brothers back to the Craft as possible. If we only bring one, it will be worth the effort.

#### Revitalize Your Membership

Join us on Monday, November 10th, for the celebration of friendship, fellowship and Brotherhood.

Many long-estranged family members and friends re-ignite their relationships around the Holidays. What better time to re-ignite your zeal for the Craft and re-establish friendships you have formed over the years than this time of the year? To that end, we will be having a "Brother Bring-a-Brother" Night, where active Brothers will be reaching out to Brothers who have long been missing from the Craft, inviting them to join us for dinner, a meeting and refreshments. When you receive your invitation from a Brother to join us on this night in November, please consider it as a chance for a new beginning in our Ancient Craft.

Please enjoy a "Happy Thanksgiving" from the Officers at Unity Lodge with family and friends and may the Great Architect give many things for which to be thankful. □

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# Damascus News

Damascus Shrine Center No. 2

November 2014

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## Shrine Office Hours

Monday — Friday

9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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## From the Quill ...



By Derek VanHouten, Recorder

One word that would describe the recent NYOSA Fall Session would be "Emily." Under the leadership of President Ill. Lance Ward, the Officers of NYOSA provided a great Session - even more so with our Imperial Potentate Dale Stauss and Lady Cheryl; Imperial Sir Wayne Lachut and Lady Janet; and Imperial Sir Joseph Savaglio along with the two Candidates for Imperial Outer Guard.

But the star of the weekend was Emily Melish - a patient at our Erie Hospital and a Hospital Ambassador who won the hearts of all who attended. Her parents had approached several doctors who told them they could not help her as she has one leg much shorter than the other. She also has Spina Bifida and Scoliosis. When they took her to Shriners Hospital for Children - Erie, there was no hesitation in their decision to offer the family our help.

As a result she has undergone more than 20 operations and still has a winning smile and a very positive outlook on leading a normal life. For such a young girl (7 or 8 years old) she is the reason that all Shriners should be proud of what we do and why it's so important to remember what we represent. Membership is the lifeblood of any organization and Imperial Sir Dale spoke about this during the Saturday Business Session.

The Ramada Inn was a gracious facility in which to hold this Session - very comfortable and the glorious weather complemented the weekend. It was nice to see the following Damascus members in attendance: Chief Rabban, Wayne McCrossen; High Priest & Prophet, Gary Burke; Treasurer, Mike Hueston; Phil Hurwitz; Ill. Lance Ward; Ill. Robert Anderson; Ill. Lyle Maldoon; Frank Russell and several members of the

Brass Band; Lance McFetridge; Gary Sanford; George Foehner; Jim Kahn; Derek VanHouten; Rick Pierce; and the Ladies who were there.

Now to a different article to keep you informed about Shrine Center property. We were approached by the Crown Castle Company who leases our cell tower site. The current tower cannot handle any more arrays. They are proposing to build another tower about 20 feet to the south of the existing one. The current one is 165 feet high and about 4 feet in diameter. The new one will be 165 feet tall and somewhere between 6 and 9 feet in diameter. This will require some large construction equipment to be on-site in the next few weeks. This should not impact our accessibility to our building or parking areas. It will be an interesting ongoing project and will benefit Damascus in the end.

It's coming to that time of year again when we will be sending out the 2015 Dues Notices. If you haven't paid your 2014 Dues yet, please remember that by Imperial Law you can be dropped for Non-payment of Dues (NPD) after two years in arrears. If you believe in the Tenets of the Shrine and what we do for the lives of children, you will not have a problem with paying your yearly Dues.

To see a child such as Emily with a smile that captivates everyone with whom she comes in contact, and the joy of her family knowing there are good people out there who can change lives by the love and care provided to countless other children around this world; that, in itself, should make every Shriner very proud of who we are and commit ourselves to introduce Shrine to our friends and Brother Masons to come and join us so they, too, may share the benefits of belonging to the great philanthropy that we know as Shriners International.

Please remember that on November 15th we will, once again, have our Harvest Dinner, prepared by Forest Hill Catering. With the assistance of "the Boss," I know we will have a great evening, so bring your appetite and let's have a great Damascus event.

Until next month ...

## WAYNE McCROSSEN CHIEF RABBAN



Another great year is coming to a close with many memories ...

Cruz Nights - 17 weeks of sore arms and legs, plenty of laughs and good times - of which I am proud to say I was a part. Such a successful year can be credited to the Committee heads, Norris Shapiro and Scott Lasky, leading the way and keeping all in line. Thanks, Guys!

Next year we are dedicating Cruz Nights to our fallen Brother, Bruce Frazee, who had his time cut short, but will always be a part of us.

The Clam Bake, Chaired by Dan Burkhart was outstanding! WOW! 2,000

clams served and enjoyed by all. Great job and many thanks to Dan's whole team.

### Make Your Reservation Now!

Looking ahead, we have the Damascus Annual tradition of the "Carving of the Turkey" ... otherwise known as the Harvest Dinner. Come and join us in November for the yearly event where there is a whole turkey with all the fixing's at every table plus wine for all to enjoy. If you have not joined us in the past, you really need to make your reservation. It's a wonderful time for great fellowship plus a great meal. I hope to see everyone there this year.

## DAMASCUS TRESTLEBOARD 2014 NOVEMBER

3rd Divan Meeting, 8 p.m.

5th Shrine Meeting, Hot Sands Ceremonial, Tiled

15th Harvest Dinner, Open

22nd Jazz/Blues Night, Open

## DECEMBER

1st Divan Meeting, 8 p.m.

3rd Shrine Meeting, 7 p.m., Election of Officers, Tiled

13th All-Masonic Children's Holiday Party

## JANUARY

5th Divan Meeting, 8 p.m.

7th Open Installation ~ "Shell-a-Buck" Dinner



Ill. Robert Anderson, PP, Treasurer of the Board of Governors at Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie, presented two checks totaling \$2,441.62, to Jeff Stephenson, Chairman of the Board of Governors, on behalf of New York DeMolay and the Damascus Shriners Cruz Nights.

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## Summons

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**December 3rd, 2014  
7:00 p.m.**

for the purpose of Election of Officers for 2015

Oasis - 5 p.m. ~ Dinner - 6 p.m. (\$5 per person)  
Elections - 7 p.m.

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## November Birthdays



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## AUBURN SHRINE CLUB

By David Bowman

Fall has come off as a real winning time for the Auburn Shrine Club. Gerry Stanton made arrangements for us to visit the new milk processing plant in Cayuga County.

Now you might think, a milk plant? But this was no ordinary whole, 2% or skim kind-of-place. Tanker after tanker would bring milk to the plant to be turned into high protein powder for more use items than I could have imagined. After an hour, which seemed like 10 minutes, we had to leave. I'm telling you we didn't want to. Did you know the plant has its own waste treatment facility? Every time I pass the west end of Auburn on Routes 5 and 20, I look up at those silos and think what a huge industry we have.

Thanks Gerry, and also a big thanks to Chuck Minster for getting us fed afterwards at the Hollywood Restaurant. I got to sit with the Stevens', McManus', Christophers' and John Roden. Ted Tennant and his gang of thieves were in the corner. I'm not going to go out on a ledge and say he had chicken on his plate, but I accused him of it. Well, it was a great turnout and we will miss those making plans to go South this month.

### Christmas is Coming ...

The Annual Shrine Party, I have heard, will be in Geneva. Keep those Saturday nights open for more information.

I received a note this week that Jim Kahn had been in the local hospital having the old electrical system checked out. Hope by the time you read this, he is back at his many activities. We know how great it is that he is our representative to the Springfield Hospital. Sorry Jim, the Hospital has semi-strict rules on the age of our patients.

Want to drive your friends crazy? It is said if you hum "It's a Small World," it would do the trick. Give it a try; they can't hit you with a snowball yet. ☐

## PERRY SHRINE CLUB

By Edgar Hollwedel

The September meeting was well received and all enjoyed the great program. It is not too soon to think about Officers and programs for 2015. Please clip and save this list of meetings for the balance of the year:

**Wednesday, November 19th, 6 p.m.**

Lumber Yard Restaurant  
Derek VanHouten will talk about Shrine History.

**Wednesday, December 17th, 6 p.m.**

National Hotel Restaurant  
Our Christmas Party  
Chaired by Margaret Brown.

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. ☐

## Directors Staff Dinner Meeting Note the New Date!

### Wednesday November 19th

Yellow Mills Diner  
2534 Route 31, Palmyra

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

Ladies and Guests Invited  
Casual Attire

RSVP to Vance Collom (585) 217-9817 [vcollom1@rochester.rr.com](mailto:vcollom1@rochester.rr.com) OR  
Norris Shapiro (585) 266-6335  
with any questions or  
to make reservations



## Shrine Band



By Noble Frank Russell  
Band Director (315) 331-7621

The Damascus Shriners Band is a relaxing, enjoyable Unit of our Shrine. It is comprised of good musicians who enjoy getting together occasionally to play their instruments.

This year the Band again joined our Legion of Honor for its Annual Flag Retirement Ceremony in June. The Band also played concerts at the Geneva Ramada Inn in April and September during the NYOSA (New York Ontario Shrine Association) Semi-annual Meetings. The Band was very well received by the Shriners and their Ladies at the NYOSA Sessions and enjoyed sitting by the lake.

A few appearances are at our Shrine Center during the year and the Band has one rehearsal each year. Each of the past four Summers the Band has played a Sun-

day afternoon concert in a Wayne County community. It is now seeking a place for a Sunday afternoon concert or two for next Summer. Any suggestions would be welcomed. All concerts are free.

The Band members have enjoyed riding on an Orbaker Farm truck in the Annual Pultneyville Parade each of the past four Summers. The Band has been sponsored in this parade by the Pultneyville Masonic Lodge, which has made a donation to our Shriners Hospital for Children as thanks for our Band's participation.

We are always looking for new members. If any of our Nobles play an instrument, they are encouraged to contact the Band Director or any Band member. We welcome the opportunity to tell you about our fine organization and encourage you to join us. ☐



## God Bless Our Troops Freedom is Not Free.

### Damascus Legion of Honor Meeting Wednesday, November 12th

Damascus Shrine Center; 979 Bay Road, Webster

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

Salad \* Beef Stew \* Mashed Potatoes \* Vegetable  
Rolls & Butter \* Coffee \* Dessert  
\$12 per person

RSVP no later than Noon, Monday, November 7th at (585) 436-8216  
or email: [cylegalrx@hotmail.com](mailto:cylegalrx@hotmail.com)

## "Shell-a-Buck" ... Wednesday, January 7th Open Installation

Oasis Opens - 5 p.m. ~ Dinner - 6 p.m. ~ Program - 7 p.m.  
Reservations: [office@DamascusShriners.org](mailto:office@DamascusShriners.org) or (585) 671-3565

Dinner reservations are due by Noon, Friday, January 2nd  
Cost is \$1 with your current 2015 Paid Dues Card; otherwise \$10



# Messages from Our Shriners Hospitals for Children®

By Douglas E. Maxwell, Chairman of the Board of Trustees ~ COBT@shrinenet.org

As we move into the beautiful Fall Season of the year, your Joint Boards and Senior Staff continue to be steadfast in finding new ways for our Hospital System to succeed in this new world of medicine. I'll take this opportunity to update you on the progress.

First, I thank you for my re-election as your President. I certainly appreciate your continued support in our new directions of Shrine Childcare. I again promise to represent you with honor and dignity. I truly believe that within these next two years, with each Hospital continuing to be as efficient as possible, without sacrificing any "Clinical" childcare, we will accomplish our goal of balancing the budget by 2016.

When we "prudently" achieve a balanced budget, it will allow us to do our great Shrine care without relying on the "principal" of our endowment fund to pay Hospital expenses. By also doing it thoughtfully, we won't put any of our "Hospitals" in logistical jeopardy.

As I mentioned in the closing statements of my "President's State-of-the-Hospitals" report, "I would like your permission to serve you and our children as your President for two more years until our Tampa Session in 2016. This would allow me to continue to help direct this path of "Balancing the Budget" that we began in 2009 in San Antonio.

My other goal for these next two years is try to finalize all of these new "Partnerships, Affiliations and Changes in Delivery Models" we have been establishing to take us securely into the future.

Finally, it would allow for an "orderly transition" from the outgoing President of our Shrine Hospital System to his successor. In these past five years of re-birth and re-vitalization of our philanthropy, we collectively have increased our endowment fund from under \$4.8 billion dollars in 2009 to now over \$8.5 billion. We now also have total Hospital assets over \$10 billion. And during this same time span, we have been increasing the number of children in every category that we help.

## So Where Do We Go From Here?

We are continuing to create new affiliations, partnerships and changes in delivery models to become more efficient and to also bring us additional children to help. These referrals will come to us by our new Partners, who will consider Shriners the "Provider of Choice" in our disciplines. These partnerships will also give us better economies of scale and improve the utilization of our facilities.

Along that line (as was mentioned in Minneapolis), we have continued our dialogue with the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, to pursue a "National Partnership" with them. If this comes to pass, it will provide many future benefits for Shriners and Mayo Clinic.

## Boston Hospital

At our Boston Hospital, our relationship with our partner "Massachusetts General Hospital" (MGH) is continuing in discussions about an expansion of roles for both organizations in our building. (Our Hospital is located in Downtown Boston in a very prime location. We are across the street and connected to our partner MGH) MGH is medically ranked alongside the Mayo Clinic in "excellence of care." Most of their doctors are Harvard Doctors, one of America's top medical schools.

## Philadelphia Hospital

Around 50 years ago, our Philadelphia Hospital began doing "outreach clinics" in Puerto Rico twice a year to determine if children in this American Territory could benefit from being flown

to Philadelphia for our expert orthopedic care. Through the years, many children have had a much better life due to these efforts and procedures. These efforts have now evolved to many "non-surgical" procedures being initiated right in San Juan on Clinic Day. This has saved both cost and stress to the family to not have to make the long plane ride North and be there for many days.

As we found with our new "Outpatient Surgery" medicine in Tijuana, where we are taking our care to where the children live ... it is much better for the family to not have to travel for such time and distance and is also less cost to the system. If we can do more of that type of care in San Juan (rather than having to fly the child and mother to Philadelphia), it will also be easier on the family.

In a meeting on September 9th with the Governor of Puerto Rico, Alejandro García Padilla; the Chairman of our Philadelphia Board of Governors, Ray Goodwin; our Medical Affairs Committee Chairman, Dr. Peter Diaz; and I explored possibilities with Governor Padilla to have a similar role in San Juan as we do in Tijuana. The Governor indicated that with his "Territory's" medical budget, he may be able to help us put the pieces together.

The plan would be to identify a few Puerto Rican "Orthopedic Surgeons" and train them at our Philadelphia Hospital in our great Shrine Medical Care and Procedures. We would then have them return to San Juan as "accredited Shrine doctors" to do our great work at "their Hospital" in our name. As has been said before, our Shrine Care, is our great Shrine trained doctors, doing the mission ... whether it is in our buildings or in an affiliate's building where the children live. This same premise is working very well in Tijuana where three Mexican doctors were given "training and rotations" in our Los Angeles Hospital for the purpose of learning and implementing our "Shrine Care" in Tijuana.

## Tampa

In Tampa, there is a new Dean at USF's Medical School interested in expanding the role of his medical school with Shriners Hospitals for Children - Tampa through our "Endowed Chair" at the school ... new horizon's are appearing. These are in the early stages of conversations and, if continue to fruition, will bring added activity and patients to that facility.

## August Leadership Seminars

In August while the Fraternal Leadership was meeting at our Fraternity's Regional Association events, your Hospital Leadership was hard at work meeting in seminars in Tampa with those who run our 22 Hospitals.

The first seminar was held for our Administrators. The two-part message we gave to each of the 22, who are charged with the success of their specific Hospital, was to:

1) Commend them for the success they had during these last two years in getting their budgets leaner and more efficient.

2) To also remind them "we must stay the course" as we continue to balance the budget in the next two years ... but where it comes to the "Medical Care" ... that part we do for the children in the operating rooms ... we will always find the additional money to do "our Philanthropic Mission."

## Research Advisory Board

A week later, our "Research Advisory Board"(RAB) came to Tampa to review this year's request for "Shrine-

sponsored" Research Grants. It is very interesting to hear these expert advisors, who are each at the top of their field in the nation's top Research Hospitals, analyze the various ideas being proposed for the betterment of humanity through "research" with Shrine money. And the size of the words they use in their discussions ... I personally find it hard to pronounce words that have 26 or more letters in them. They represent our children's interest beautifully.

## Chief-of-Staff Visits

On the third week, our 22 Chiefs-of-Staff visited with our senior Tampa Staff. An entirely different level of discussion ensued.

Nobles, we can take a lot of pride in the great skills and expertise of our medical leaders. They do such beautiful work on our behalf to so many children. Every aspect of what they do was open for discussion; nothing is held back.

This year, we asked our "Medical Advisory Board"(MAB) to meet at the same time and with our Chiefs. As with our RAB, the MAB are the top physicians at their respective Hospitals who, on their own time, come to us to help make our Shrine System better. The discussions that took place between these two highly skilled groups of professionals were very thought-provoking and insightful into the abilities of our doctors. Thank God, on behalf of our kids, that we have these two groups.

## Minneapolis Discussions

As a follow-up to our discussions in Minneapolis about Shriners helping injured Veterans ... In mid-July we did restate to Maryland's Congressman Ruppelburger, Shriners Hospitals for Children offer to lend a few of our doctors, when they are available, to help with the VA's backlog of patients at America's "Veterans Hospitals".

And what we established with the active military in 2013 is now taking place. Some of our doctors are going to active duty military Hospitals and helping injured military personnel alongside the military physician. These military doctors are happy to be expanding their skill levels as they learn from our doctors. In addition, two of our top surgeons, Dr. Craig Ono from Honolulu; Colonel Ono and Dr. Ron Sheridan from Boston, and Colonel Sheridan are continuing to serve in the Reserve Rolls in Afghanistan. God

Bless these doctors and keep them safe in their overseas endeavors and bring them home safely to our children's care.

## President Carter

On September 17th, we had a meeting with the 39th President of the United States, President Jimmy Carter. Since 1981 when President Carter began his second career of helping humanity, he and his First Lady Rosalynn have been doing exceptional work with their charities in third-world countries. We explored thoughts with the President as to if a "relationship" and/or "partnership" could develop with Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

The desire would be for the two charities to jointly work to identify and help children in the Caribbean Basin with their multiple health issues. In addition, we discussed possible joint research directions, again to help with some of these lands poorer living conditions and the health problems they create in the young.

The President said he would love to pursue this further. We agreed to have our two senior staffs explore the possibilities and then we'll talk again. Stay tuned...

In Minneapolis, many of you had asked if the videos you saw in the "State-of-the-Hospital" Report, showing what we do, could be made available to show your membership at home. I'm pleased to say that we have obtained all of the needed releases and can now send you the video. On the DVD will be:

- The little boy at the Tampa hospital receiving his prosthesis leg and jumping off the table to try it out,
- The charismatic head nurse named "Angel" at our Galveston Burns Hospital interacting with a little boy before his skin grafting procedures,
- The collection of video clips from our 22 hospitals saying "Thank you Shriners,"
- And the closing video with the "Before and After Photos" of our kids through the years forming a "Love to the Rescue" Heart.

To receive a copy of this video, please send an email to Fabiana Lowe at our Public Relations Department.:

[filowe@shrinenet.org](mailto:filowe@shrinenet.org)

with your request and your mailing address. I hope your membership enjoys this video, "A Day in the Life of Shriners Hospitals." □



## Thanks Aplenty!

Thank you to the Blue Knights for their huge liquor, beer, soda and cups donation to the Damascus Oasis!

The Blue Knights NY No. 4 were the hosts of their Tri-state Conference and through the help of

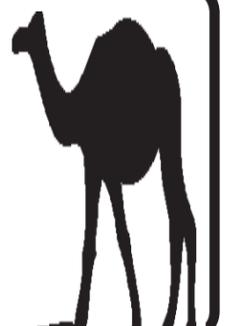
their President, Patrick Andrews; the Wheelers Bruce Chilton and Terry Wihlen, they donated their leftover party goods to Damascus! WOW and Thank You!!!! □

**Dedicated to  
the Memory of Nobles**

**Harry C. Coates**  
September 26, 2014

**Bruce N. Frazee**  
October 8, 2014

**John J. Turpack**  
October 19, 2013





## All-Masonic Childrens' Holiday Party

at Damascus Shrine Center  
979 Bay Road, Webster

### Saturday, December 13th

### 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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

Bring a wrapped gift for each child.

Be sure to mark with child's full name.

Activities will include ...

Cookie Decorating \* \* \* Pine Cone Bird feeder

Face Painting \* \* \* Coloring \* \* \* Snacks \* \* \* Drinks

Special visit with Santa

Co-sponsored by AASR-Valley of Rochester  
Masonic Service Bureau and Damascus Shrine.

## Damascus Shriners Euchre Tournaments

### Last Saturday of the Month ...

### Fall Season ...

November 29th

December 27th - Holiday Party

All Tournaments and Parties  
are Open to the Public

Registration: 6 p.m.–7 p.m.

Tournament Starts: 7 p.m.

\$10 per player ~ 50/50 Raffle

For more details: [office@damascusshriners.org](mailto:office@damascusshriners.org)  
(585) 671-7701 Damascus Shrine Center



Zama Temple No. 14 Daughters of the Nile  
are sponsoring a special event ...

## Blues & Jazz Night

### Saturday, November 22nd

### starting at 7 p.m.

Cash Bar and Finger Foods Available

at the Shrine Center, 979 Bay Road, Webster

Featuring a Well-Known Local  
Favorite Blues and Jazz Trio

## Steve Grills & The Roadmasters



Tickets - \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door

Contact: [lori@zamatemple14@gmail.com](mailto:lori@zamatemple14@gmail.com)  
or Phone: (585) 461-1051

## Fall Harvest Dinner

### SATURDAY NOVEMBER 15TH



### HARVEST DINNER Open to the Public

SOCIAL - 5 P.M. \* \* \* DINNER - 6 P.M.

\$20 per person



A TURKEY FOR EACH TABLE WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS!

No Reservations Accepted after November 4th!

Call the Shrine Reservation Line at 671-3565 or

Email: [office@damascusshriners.org](mailto:office@damascusshriners.org)

## Daughters of the Nile Zama Temple No. 14

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

Barbara Jean Smith, Queen



Submitted by Ellie Canfield

### Recent Happenings

Zama Temple has been very busy since I last wrote. Supreme Queen Marsha Sowers visited our Temple in August where we held a Ceremonial at Webster Lodge, followed by a dinner at Burgundy Basin.

We also tried something new this past Summer by having five drive-through Chicken Bar-B-Ques at Webster Lodge Hall as a fundraiser for Zama Temple.

September 4th – 6th was our very first “Northeast Days,” which was held at the Holiday Inn Airport. The theme was called “Fall Days in the Flower City.” We had a market where items were sold including: a “next-to-new” gown sale; beautiful baskets, made by the members of Zama Temple; a sock hop; sit/break a balloon; dinner cruise on the Harbor Town Belle; and a hospitality room for people to gather and have fun along with munchies.

The Supreme Temple Action Team presented a “Mentoring Program” and a “Mass Choir” that included Ladies from Zama Temple and other visiting Temples.

Saturday afternoon we held a beautiful Ceremonial followed by a “Fall Days” Banquet.

Sunday morning there was a complimentary breakfast for all who stayed in the hotel and as we said our good byes to the visiting Temples we realized a fun weekend enjoyed by all.

### Upcoming Events

Saturday, November 15th, will be a Harvest Dinner at the Shrine Center. Prior to the dinner, Zama Temple will be having a Craft Sale, Next-to-New items and a Baked Food Sale. We are asking for homemade pies – especially - as well as other baked food items.

Sale times will be 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. or ‘til sold out.

Set-up for crafts and other items will be Friday, November 14th from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. ONLY.

Baked food items may be brought in on Saturday, November 15th. PLEASE, NO OTHER ITEMS. Thank you.

### Blues & Jazz Night

Queen Barbara Jean and her committee are planning a “Blues and Jazz

Night” at the Shrine Center on Saturday, November 22nd, featuring a well-known local trio, “Steve Grills & The Roadmasters.” Price for tickets will be \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door, if available. This event will start at 7 p.m., offering a cash bar and finger foods.

Just a little history about Steve Grills and the Roadmasters ... they have been recognized as one of the premiere Blues Groups in Western New York. Since the early 1990s, Steve has earned the reputation as being one of the most dedicated guitarists in the Blues tradition. Steve has recorded and performed with some of the acclaimed legends of the Blues, including Robert Lockwood, Carey Bill, Bill Doggett, Joe Beard and Ernest Lane.

This function will be a fundraiser for Daughters of the Nile in support of the Shriners Hospitals for Children. Everyone ... grab your wife/husband/friends, family members/Masonic Families and come out for a very enjoyable evening. For additional information, please contact Lori Gilley at (585) 461-1051 or:

[zamatemple14@gmail.com](mailto:zamatemple14@gmail.com).

December 13th will be Zama Temple’s Stated Session and the Past Queens of Zama Temple are planning a Chicken and Biscuit Luncheon with all the trimmings. We would like to see a good turnout for this Holiday Luncheon. Remember, our Stated Session starts at 10 a.m. at Webster Lodge Hall, 30 Orchard Street. Lunch will follow our Session.

Ladies, there are many members whom I am sure would like to come. Why not give a call to a Lady whom you have not seen for a while and bring her with you?

Remember, membership is very important; why not put your thinking hat on and think who could I talk with about joining Zama Temple.

This will conclude my article for now, but I will return next month with more good news. So please look for Zama Temple’s article.

My parting quote: When you’re tempted to lose patience with someone, think how patient God has been with you all the time.

Happy Thanksgiving to all. ☐

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As you read this article, the leaves have fallen to the ground and the clocks have been set back. Our November will certainly be one to remember.

We are coming off the heels of this year's Official Visit from the District Deputy Grand Master, R.:W.: George Foehner; Grand Steward, R.:W.: Stephan Michener; and Assistant Grand Lecturer, R.:W.: Roy Moses, who joined us for the evening. It was a night kicked off by dining on another homemade feast prepared for us by Junior Warden, Ken Stavalone. The Brothers all dined on Lasagna and Sausage; a royal Italian feast! We then rolled into the evening's event where our dignitaries put forth the Grand Master, M.:W.: William J Thomas' Message. Also, each of our District Officers took time to layout their plans and roles for the upcoming Masonic Year as well.

The evening culminated with the District Deputy unveiling the Award, received from the Ronald McDonald House, for the recognition of the Freemasons of the Genesee Region for the work they have done for that worthy organization. It's a recognition of which we can all be proud.

We certainly wish the District Deputy and his staff many great successes this coming Masonic Year and we look forward to helping them and the District accomplish them.

On November 6th, we will conduct the 1st Degree ... a night which we'll surely see the culmination of the weeks of hard work and rehearsals come to light. This will prove to be a great evening and experience for all those in attendance. Junior Warden, Ken Stavalone will preside over the evening.

**Coming to a Lodge Near You**

On November 10th, the Brothers of Northfield Lodge will be taking a North Field Trip to visit the Brothers of Union Star Lodge. North Field Trips are something new this year. We at Northfield Lodge feel it is as important as ever to stay connected with the Brothers of this District. So, we have decided to implement a Lodge program to visit other District Lodges on a monthly basis throughout the upcoming year. We look forward to seeing you soon.

**Upcoming Events**

December 2nd - Stop by for some Hot Chocolate! At our Annual Open House. This will be in conjunction with Pittsford Candlelight Night, a celebration in the Village with the local shops and businesses open and providing treats of the Season to all who attend as well as horse-drawn wagon rides around the Village. It will bring back memo-

ries of your youth. In the Village (at the four corners), a Christmas tree and a Menorah will be lit to kick off the Holiday Season. It's certain to be true Holiday fun for the entire family.

On December 4th, Northfield Lodge has the privilege of having R.:W.: John Zabel speak to the Lodge about the 1st Degree and the origins of the words of that Degree. It's a great way for all in attendance to gain some further clarity coming off the performance of our 1st Degree in November.

December 6th - We will hold our 2nd Annual Wine and Cheese event at the Lodge Hall beginning at 7:30 p.m. Bring your spouse or significant other and your favorite beverage(s) (non-alcoholic beverages welcome) and an appetizer to share. This event is open to other Brothers in the District. RSVPs will be accepted by the Junior Warden, Ken Stavalone, no later than Monday, December 1st, email: [kstavalone@rochester.rr.com](mailto:kstavalone@rochester.rr.com).

**October Birthdays**

Happy October birthdays to Brothers Francisco Jauier (2nd), Joe Verdi (14th) and Michael Zona (18th).

**Masonic Milestones**

Happy Masonic Anniversary to Brother John Borden, Jr. (34 Years). □

**Fairport-Flower City**  
 Lodge No. 476  
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 Fairport Masonic Hall  
 87 South Main Street

November 10th will be the Official Visit by R.:W.: George Foehner, DDGM. So polish up your cufflinks and dust off your tuxedo, we can't wait to see you in your black tie finery! Worshipful Master, Senior Warden and Junior Warden will open Lodge at 7:00 p.m. in preparation for the Visit which will commence promptly at 7:30 p.m.

November 24th is Brother Bring-a-Friend Night, followed by a Euchre Tournament. We will not be opening Lodge for this event, so feel free to dress casually! Bring a friend, grab a beer and get your game on!

**Communication Format Change**

Fairport-Flower City Brothers, we have changed the format of the Communications this year in an attempt to focus more on the social interaction of our Fraternity. In accordance with our By-laws, we are only opening Lodge one of the two regularly scheduled Communications per month.

The other Communication, so far, has been a movie night, Table Lodge and the Brother-Bring-A-Friend-Night/Euchre Tournament described above! If you've been having difficulty adjusting your Cabletow enough to permit you to attend Lodge, we are hoping this new format will help you with those adjustments!

**Recent Activities**

Early in October, several Fairport-Flower City Brothers

volunteered at the Fairport Oktoberfest in exchange for a donation to be made to the Lodge. Much fun was had by all who volunteered! We were given free admission, t-shirts, and free beer! ... All while making a few bucks for the Lodge! Working has never been such fun! Plans are in the works to serve at this great community event again next year, for even more fun. Stay tuned for details.

The Lodge Building itself, specifically the Fellowship Room, was recently spiffed up by replacing the ceiling tiles. Wow! You don't notice how yellowed they can get until they are replaced! The Fellowship Room looks fresh and inviting, all thanks to W.: Terry Adams for not only spearheading this project, but for making a heart-felt donation to get the Lodge started as well! Thank you, Terry!

As a direct result of the ceiling tile/lighting update, the Fairport Masonic Hall was rented twice in rapid succession by two very happy customers with more lining up to rent the Hall again in the near future. If you know of anyone looking to rent the Hall please have them contact our Trustees by emailing [fairportmasons@gmail.com](mailto:fairportmasons@gmail.com).

We are asking all Brothers who have not been to Lodge in some time, to stop by and share in Brotherly fellowship with us. In spite of many changes, we remain your faithful Brethren and urge you to stay connected by visiting us at least once each year. We will be communicating upcoming events well in advance so you can plan accordingly. Also check our website at [www.fairportmasons.com](http://www.fairportmasons.com) to stay updated.

**November Birthdays**

Happy Birthday wishes to the following Brothers: Adam W. Junod; Daniel Richard Stark; David T. Zon; Gary W. Gray; Gregory W. Ludwig; James Martin Johnson, Sr.; Robert J. Johnson; Robert Wayne Vandebush; and William S. Lozon. □

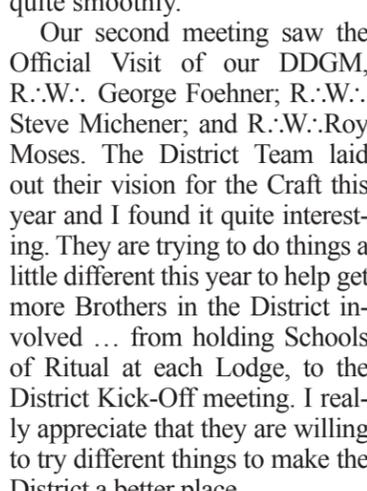
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It seems that we are getting into the thick of the Masonic Calendar now, and I am happy to be back and into it. So far Clio Lodge has been working hard in the quarries, and in some other places involving Meatballs and Bar-B-Que Chicken.

**September Highlights**

September saw the first two meetings of the year, and we managed to get through our normal start of the year business

**All-Masonic Groups**  
**Children's Holiday Party**  
 at Damascus Shrine Center  
 979 Bay Road, Webster  
**Saturday, December 13th**  
**11 a.m. – 2 p.m.**  
**Open to children and grandchildren**  
**(and their friends) of all Masonic Families**  
 Bring a wrapped gift for each child.  
 Be sure to mark with child's full name.  
 Activities will include ...  
 Cookie Decorating Pine Cone Bird feeder Games  
 Coloring Snacks Drinks  
 Special visit with Santa  
 Co-sponsored by AASR-Valley of Rochester, Masonic Service Bureau and Damascus Shrine.



quite smoothly. Our second meeting saw the Official Visit of our DDGM, R.:W.: George Foehner; R.:W.: Steve Michener; and R.:W.: Roy Moses. The District Team laid out their vision for the Craft this year and I found it quite interesting. They are trying to do things a little different this year to help get more Brothers in the District involved ... from holding Schools of Ritual at each Lodge, to the District Kick-Off meeting. I really appreciate that they are willing to try different things to make the District a better place.

We had our first Euchre Tournament of the year on September 26th and a great time was had by all who were there. Finally, we had our huge fundraiser for the year - the Hilton Apple Fest on the first weekend of October. We sold over 300 Meatball Subs and a great deal of Bar-B-Que Chicken that weekend. My thanks to the Brothers who helped.

Clio Lodge could not keep going without Brothers like you who are willing to step up and help out. It makes me extremely proud and humbled to be your Master this year. R.:W.: George Foehner even came and pitched in, showing what a man of the people he truly is.

**November Events**

In November, we will start to focus on starting new Candidates down the path of Brotherhood. This is truly one of our most important duties.

On November 4th we will be balloting, and on November 18th we will be presenting the Entered Apprentice Degree. I will be sitting in the East for the Degree,

while our Senior Warden, Matt Reiter, will be sitting in the East for our 2nd Degree in January.

Also, our monthly Euchre Tournament will be Sunday, November 23rd, 12 Noon at Pleasure Lanes in Hilton.

**November Birthdays**

Happy Birthday this month to Brothers Dick Caupp and Jason Frame.

**Closing Thoughts**

Usually I like to throw in a Masonic quote that makes us think, but I decided to go with a little Masonic humor this month. "Always acknowledge a fault. This will throw those in authority off their guard and give you an opportunity to commit more."  
 - Brother Mark Twain □

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On September 28th Junior Warden Paul Dill and I joined Brother Jim McDuff, and others, to offer the MSID Program at the Mary Cariola "Walking on Sunshine" event at the Ontario Beach Park in Charlotte. It was a beautiful day and we met many wonderful people who benefited from the MSID services that were provided that day. It was great to see the MSID equipment working nicely, thanks to the continuing efforts of Brothers Jim MacDuff and Don Tubman. Webster Lodge is always looking for opportunities to offer this program to our community. The equipment is simple to use and the events are always interesting to attend.



October 2nd marked our 1st Degree; I was very proud of Webster Lodge Brothers and the manner in which they delivered this wonderful Degree. Six gentlemen became Brothers of the Craft that evening. My thanks and kudos to Junior Warden, Paul Dill, for the exceptional job he did in the East - in both planning and conferring this Degree. I also thank W.: Thomas Pellett, Jr. for another outstanding Apron Presentation; R.:W.: Mike Nohle for assisting in presenting the Charge to these new Brothers; Brother John Ross, DSA, and his presentation of the Working Tools; and V.:W.: Bill Edwards, who did a flawless job with the Historical Lecture. The journey



of Light has just begun for these new Brothers, and we are very excited for them. This was our Lodge's Edict Degree and I thank Immediate Past Master, and District AGL, V.:W.: Joe A. Lewis, Jr., for attending this Degree.

October 3rd was the kick-off to our community service Spaghetti Dinners. Brothers Nick Haldouplis, John Ross and their crew did a fantastic job in the kitchen. The Webster Cyclones Boys Hockey Team walked away with around \$950 from the event. The Spaghetti Dinners are the first Friday of the month from 5:00-7:00 p.m. and you'll find no greater value for \$8.00 a plate. If you are so inclined, please stop by this month.

On October 4th, the Brothers of Seneca Lodge hosted their Centennial Visit with their Canadian Brethren of St. Andrew's, who demonstrated the conferring of the Master Mason Degree - Ontario, Canada style. While I unfortunately



had to tend to my usual vocation and could not attend, those of our Brothers who were present insist that a very interesting and special demonstration was missed by those absent.

October 9th, the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m., began the Fellowcraft Club's "Dart & Pool" League. The League is open to District Masons as well as non-Masons and is a great way to get together and have a casual and good time. If you are interested, please give Senior Warden, Jeremy Knox, a call at 889-0372. We are always in need of subs.

On November 6th, we are also planning a Brother Bring-a-Friend Event, which all are welcome. Feel free to pass this information on to gentlemen you feel might be interested in

the Craft. We hope that other Lodges will also come out to enjoy this informative evening.

#### November Birthdays

Congratulations to these Webster Lodge Brothers celebrating a birthday in the month of November - Scott Anthony, Paul Dill, Jeffrey Hershberger, Douglas Koenig, Scott Masucci, Dennis Pilato, Thomas Rauber and John Ross.

#### Masonic Anniversaries

These Brothers celebrate the anniversary of their being Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason this month: - Jeffrey Beard; Vance Collom, Jr.; Robert Crum; Richard Goodrich; Robert Guenther; Alvin Lentzer; John Milks, Jr.; Gene Nitschke; Donald Osburner; Gordon Palmer; Harold Welch; Gordon Weller; and George Witmer, Jr. □

**Wakan-Hubbard**  
**Lodge No. 154**

2nd & 4th Mondays  
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By R.:W.: John Zabel

We have had a successful start to the Masonic Year. September saw an overview of the coming year's programs, Degrees and events. We also presented Service Awards to several Brothers, some of whom were unable to attend the meeting for various reasons. The recipients were:

70 Years **Bill Fay**  
 60 Years **Pat Torre**  
**Guy Parry**  
 55 Years **Charles Spiegel**  
 50 Years **Ed Mayer**  
**John McMahon**  
 25 Years **Joe DiCataldo**  
**Don Bell**

The 50-, 60- and 70-year recipients received an Apron with the years of service embroidered on it. The Brothers present for the presentation were John McMahon and W.: Don Bell. The others had distance, other commitments or health issues that prevented their participation, but the Master is arranging for the Brothers to receive their awards, properly framed by the Lodge. Brother Joe DiCataldo will be receiving a visit from his father W.: Angelo DiCataldo who will make the proper presentation of

his 25-Year Certificate and Pin. As I write this, I was informed that the Grand Lecturer's Convention has been postponed due to health issues of the Grand Lecturer's wife. We will await the reschedule of the Convention and will work on having our top seven Officers present to qualify for a Howard Pott's Award for attendance. The Grand Lecturer's Convention is a great place to learn more about Ritual conferral and the correct methods to be used.

As the year progresses, we are planning to confer the 2nd Degree in November. We should have Candidates ready as there are several who should have received the 1st Degree in October. If more information is needed about our Candidates, contact the Master or Secretary. As always, we will be working with our Candidates to make sure they become well-informed and active members of the Lodge.

We have heard from one of our newer Brothers, Pablo Chapa-Blanco, that he is starting graduate school in Chicago in pursuit of a Law Degree in International Relations. We wish him the best and hope he may be able to come to a Lodge meeting sometime. Any Brother who would like to contact Pablo, get in touch with the Secretary for his email address.

We hope some of our Brothers who have not taken the *Masonic Development Course* have attended the 1st Session and are ready for the 2nd Session on November 8th at the Damascus

Shrine Center in Webster. This Course is an excellent way to learn more about the lessons of each Degree and to discover what other Brothers have discovered for themselves. It is an excellent sharing event and our District Staff Officer, R.:W.: Steve Michener, will be doing a great job of facilitating the Course.

#### Sickness and Distress

I mentioned in a previous article that W.: John Rees was under the weather. Well he is doing well and has been to several Lodge functions towards the end of September. He was fortunate that his situation was assessed early and corrected without affecting his Welsh humor.

There may be other Brothers with whom we should be in touch; the Secretary will work on getting an email out to the Brethren to let them know what is happening.

#### Notice

Our Brothers should keep in mind that our December meeting is our Annual Financial Meeting when we review the financial areas of the Lodge and vote on the Dues and fees for the coming year. We will probably also be voting upon changes to the Lodge By-Laws recommended by our By-Laws Committee. The changes suggested should have been in the hands of the Brethren before you read this. Plan to attend the meeting.

We wish all our Brethren and friends a very happy Thanksgiving. Don't indulge more than your fair share and enjoy Black Friday if you so desire.

**Union Star**  
**Lodge No. 320**

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The year has just started for Union Star Lodge and already we are hard at work. September came and went quickly, but much was accomplished. The Lodge emerged from darkness on September 8th when we held our first Communication of the year. Thanks to everyone for coming prepared.

We agreed to support the Village of Honeoye Falls and the Girl Scouts by providing a food tent with Hot Dogs and Hamburgers on October 18th. I also thank R.:W.: George Foehner, DDGM, and Brother Ken Hecker for joining me on September 21st at the dedication and re-naming of the Troop No. 10 Scout House by HFM Rotary in memory of Curtis W. Barker. Curt touched many lives through his actions in volunteerism, leadership and guidance in a multitude of activities throughout his life.

#### Lodge Dues

Please, my Brothers, get your Dues payment submitted as soon as you are able so we continue the good work upon which we and others before us have begun.

#### November Events

November 10th - Regular Communication, Dinner - 6:30 p.m., Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

November 24th - Fellowcraft, 7:00 p.m.

November 30th - 1st Degree Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m.

Any changes are posted on the Trestleboard at:

[unionstarmasons.com](http://unionstarmasons.com)  
 and Google calendar.

We are part of the greatest Fraternity the world has ever known. No organization can guarantee to make anyone great - the capacity and motivation must come from the individual, but the powerful values and important truths that are taught as part of the Masonic tradition has proven to inspire, challenge and develop leadership in men.

Benjamin Franklin may have said it best, describing the Fraternity as a place to "prepare himself." We have a responsibility to be moral, upright men and to follow both divine and worldly law. If we are to make a difference in this world, it needs to be done in a manner that conforms to our science, but also to current times.

Setting a good example in this sense does not mean acting like we're better than everyone else. On the contrary, we are no better than the Brother next to us; as Freemasons, we meet on the level. Naturally we are only human with our own vices and desires, but setting a good example in this sense means showing that you have what it takes to exert self-control and can withstand troubles, all the while remaining humble. □



# Order of the Eastern Star

## Monroe District OES HiLights

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By R.W. Jan Porter

Grand Chapter Sessions, Order of the Eastern Star, State of New York were held in Binghamton October 9th-11th. Monroe District was well-represented and the members attending were most attentive to the business conducted.

A Testimonial Dinner on the evening before the start of Sessions is always a nice wrap-up for the Grand Officers year and this year was no exception. The entertainment was the best comedian/singer emcee we've had in a long time. As M.W. George Walter observed, at 9:30 p.m., the room was still filled with attendees who were participating, dancing and just having a great time!

The meeting, filled with reports, moved along at a good pace ... some reports were more interesting than others, but necessary just the same. Musical selections by soloists and the Eastern Star Choir were interspersed in the schedule and enjoyed by all.



Monroe District's 2015 Appointed Grand Officers - (left to right) R.W. Janet Porter, R.W. Raymond DiJames, R.W. Charlene Stankey and R.W. Joy Woodley.

### Congratulations to New Grand Officers

Installation of new Grand Officers on Saturday evening was the highlight of the Sessions as the new Grand Patron is a local Mason from Ontario/Seneca/Yates District and known by many. Our new Grand Line is as follows:

Grand Matron

**Bonnie Blanchard**

Grand Patron

**Bruce Whitmore**

Associate Grand Matron

**Jacqueline Howlett**

Associate Grand Patron

**Nathan Herendeen**

Grand Secretary

**Karen Marshall-King**  
Grand Treasurer

**Burniece Herendeen**  
Grand Conductress

**Betty Lou Smith**  
Associate Grand Conductress

**Lynne Schmitt**  
**Appointed Grand Officers from Monroe District**

Associate Grand Marshal

**Charlene Stankey**  
Necrology Committee, Chair

**Joy Woodley**  
District Deputy Grand Matron

**Janet Porter**  
District Grand Lecturer

**Raymond DiJames**  
**Grand Representatives**

Continuing their appoint-



Grand Representatives attending Grand Sessions - (left to right) R.W. Alice Hassett (South Carolina); R.W. Hildegard DiJames (Ohio); R.W. Teri Seiter, Grand Representative of New York from Pennsylvania; and R.W. Elaine Riess (Pennsylvania).

ments - **R.W. Hildegard DiJames**, Grand Representative of Ohio; **R.W. Elaine Riess**, Grand Representative of Pennsylvania; **R.W. Alice Hassett**, Grand Representative of South Carolina; and **R.W. June Gudel-Nash**, Grand Representative of Texas.

R.W. Ray DiJames and I are looking forward to representing Monroe District and working with all Eastern Star Chapters and Members in support of various projects. We're planning for many District activities, which will, hopefully, stimulate lots of participation and generate interest for membership. Please feel

free to communicate any ideas you may have.

### Combined Homecoming and Reception November 22nd

#### Spencerport Lodge Hall

Homecoming for 2014 Grand Officers and Reception for 2015 Grand Officers; 7:30 p.m. at Unity Lodge Hall, Spencerport. Plan to attend this celebration and enjoy the Fraternal friendship and refreshments.

Your Grand Officer Team is looking forward to an active and prosperous year. We wish you and yours a Happy Thanksgiving and safe Holiday travels. God Bless. ☐

## Fidelity Triangle Holds Successful Open House

By Ms. Kristina Brandt  
Junior Deputy

Fidelity Triangle of the Organization of Triangles, Inc. held its Open House on September 27th at the Northfield Lodge Hall in Pittsford to a room full of guests, alumni and future prospects - all there to support the future of the Triangle and its growth as it works to rebuild its membership.

The event started with an open meeting held with the help of members from Bal-On-Sen Triangle in Liverpool, Cassiopeia Triangle in Kenmore, Lockport Triangle in Akron and Sunrise Triangle in Baldwin. Our guests also included State Director, Ms. Mary Madison; State Representative, Miss Ally Callaghan; members of the Junior and Seniors Advisory Councils; and Beloved Queen of Onistragrawa Triangle in Scotia, Miss Megan Williams. Members from NY DeMolay also attended the Open House including State Master Councilor Ty-

ler Henderson and Deputy State Master Councilor Zack Williams.

During the meeting, alumni of Fidelity Triangle gave a presentation explaining the history of the Triangle while displaying the Triangle's original banner from 1927 and other regalia. Through its 87-year history, the Triangle has achieved much and has a lot for which to be proud.

Following the presentation, the current Triangle members presented a Degree called "We Believe," which outlined the responsibilities of the different offices of the Triangle and how each contributes to teaching lessons to the members.

As visiting dignitaries spoke, they expressed their excitement for Fidelity Triangle's new beginning and look forward to seeing support for the organization grow in Monroe County. With the presence of a few prospects, Fidelity Triangle is already on its way to growth, but it needs help.



Past Beloved Queens of Fidelity Triangle with Junior Deputy, Kristina Brandt (3rd from left), and State Director, Mary Madison (3rd from right).

In order for any Masonic Youth organization to be successful, support from the adult Concordant Bodies is absolutely necessary. For any who are interested in taking an active interest in Fidelity Triangle, please email: [fidelitytriangleNo.4@gmail.com](mailto:fidelitytriangleNo.4@gmail.com) to be added to its mailing list. Emails will be sent out with dates of the Triangle's future activities. We look forward to seeing more adult support from the Masonic Bodies as the Triangle grows and becomes more active.

If you are unable to attend an event, but would like someone to come to your Lodge or Chapter to make a short presentation on Triangle, simply send an email to the address listed above with your organization's availability. Be sure to visit: [www.nytriangle.org](http://www.nytriangle.org) to learn more about the Organization of Triangles, Inc. and: [www.fidelitytriangle.weebly.com](http://www.fidelitytriangle.weebly.com) to learn more about us.

Fidelity Triangle has a lot planned for this upcoming term. We are looking forward to welcoming new members and watching as our adult support grows along with it.

Please also take special note of our November 22nd meeting night

when members of the surrounding Triangles will be assisting us in performing our Founder's Day Degree. We will also be holding Initiation during this meeting so if any young ladies between the ages of 10 and 21 are interested in joining at that time, contact me via the information above. We would love to see you there to help welcome our new member(s). Our Closed Meetings are open to Mem-

bers of Lodge, Eastern Star and Amaranth, along with Triangle Alumni.

### Master Mason & OES Night

We will also be holding a special Master Masons and Eastern Star Night for our January 24th meeting. This is our chance to honor all of you and we hope to have a full room of supporters. Invitations will be mailed out shortly. This will be an Open Meeting so please feel free to bring family and potential Triangle members. We plan on having Initiation again in the Spring during the next term.

As Fidelity Triangle becomes more active, we will need additional adult support besides the Supervisors we currently have.

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Triangle girls performing a degree for guests.

You and your families are cordially invited to attend

### Fidelity Triangle's

## Hockey Night

November 8th at 7:05 p.m.

Tickets \$20 per person

at the Blue Cross Arena - 100 Exchange Boulevard

Join the members and Supervisors of Fidelity Triangle as they cheer on the Rochester Amerks who will be facing the Utica Comets.

Please fill out the form below, along with payment made out to "Fidelity Triangle No. 4," and send to Kristina Brandt 35 Glasgow Street, Rochester, NY 14608 by November 4th.

For more information on Triangle, visit [www.nytriangle.org](http://www.nytriangle.org) or [www.fidelitytriangle.weebly.com](http://www.fidelitytriangle.weebly.com)

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 How I would like to pick up my tickets:  
 If you would like your tickets mailed to you, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope.





## Rochester Chapter of Knights of Rose Croix

By Adam Junod, 32°  
Most Wise Master

I am happy to be back as Most Wise Master of the Scottish Rite for the Valley of Rochester. All of our Lodges, and organizations are getting back in the swing of things.

This year I have one big focus as Most Wise Master ... that is recognizing our Lodge Members. When I say our Lodge I do not mean just the Valley of Rochester, I mean the actual Lodges that make up the Lodges we love and work so hard to take care of. When I say members, I mean you. That means all of you. We are all Brothers in the same Masonic Community.

My home Lodge is Fairport-Flower City Lodge. All of us in the Scottish Rite have a Home Lodge in this area. Some of us may have a few Lodges which we love and support as members. The Valley of Rochester is only as strong as our Craft Lodges. Brothers who join the Scottish Rite are the type of Brothers who want to extend their Masonic experience.

The Scottish Rite is a good opportunity for those of us who are eager to immerse ourselves in Masonry, to gain more knowledge and enjoy more of the benefits of Brotherhood. Some of those benefits would be growing your Masonic network, meeting Brothers from other Lodges and Districts. Another benefit would be growing your Masonic knowledge and investing our time having fun while becoming better men.

One event that is a signature occasion for the Valley of Rochester that is purely designed to honor our Lodges and the Broth-

ers who compose them, is the Symbolic Lodge Award. This is an Award designed to help recognize any Brother of our Home Lodges who is the cornerstone of our Fraternal structures.

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

If you're a Lodge Master, please start considering a Brother for your nomination. If you are a Brother of a Lodge and know of someone who should be recognized for all they do, please speak with your Lodge Master and offer this insight. Nomination forms can be found at: [www.ValleyofRochester.org](http://www.ValleyofRochester.org)

Each recipient will be recognized on Saturday, January 3rd, 2015 at the Damascus Shrine Center. This is an event where every Brother and Lodge is invited to cheer on their Award Recipient.

With events like this focusing on our individual Brothers and individual Lodges, we are certain to have a good year. More details to follow. I look forward to receiving Lodge nominations. □

## Valley of Rochester Fall to Winter ... 2014-2015

### NOVEMBER

November 15th - Fall Reunion  
at Unity Lodge Hall, Spencerport  
Presentation of 4th, 6th (video), 15th, 26th & 32nd Degrees  
Coffee/Donuts - 8 a.m., Candidate Orientation - 8:30 a.m.,  
Degrees - 9:30 a.m.  
Great lunch prepared by Starlight Chapter OES (\*\*)

November 20th - Harvest Dinner with our Ladies  
at Shrine Center  
Social - 5:30 p.m. ~ Harvest Dinner - 6:30 p.m. (\*\*)  
Program - 7:30 p.m.

Special programs - Feast of Tishri,  
New "Rite on the Road" Presentation  
Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings  
Brother Bring-a-Brother and our Ladies invited (NC)  
Members - \$15

### DECEMBER

December 13th - All-Masonic Children's Holiday Party  
at Shrine Center ~ 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
For all Masonic kids, grandkids and their friends (age 10  
and under). Adults and older siblings welcome to observe;  
bring a wrapped gift for each child, labeled with full name.

### JANUARY

January 3rd - Symbolic Lodge Awards at Shrine Center  
Social (hors d'oeuvres) - 4 p.m. ~ Program - 5 p.m.  
Pizza and Wings following  
All Lodges in the Valley Area are invited to participate and  
nominate a member for recognition. Nomination Forms  
are on Valley website - [www.valleyofrochester.org](http://www.valleyofrochester.org)

January 15th - Valley Meeting at Shrine Center  
Social - 5:30 p.m. ~ Dinner - 6:30 p.m. (\*\*)  
Meeting - 7:30 p.m. ~ Meeting  
Program - Public Speaking and Freemasonry in Manhood  
Italian Dinner ... Baked Lasagna and Meatballs

### FEBRUARY

February 12th - Have-a-Heart at Marketkplace Mall  
February 19th - Valley Meeting at Shrine Center  
Social - 5:30 p.m. ~ Dinner - 6:30 p.m. (\*\*)  
Meeting - 7:30 p.m. ~ Meeting; Program - TBD  
A Valley favorite ... Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy

February 28th - Ladies Night Dinner (\*\*)  
Red Fedele's Brook House, 920 Elmridge Center Drive  
Details TBA

Consult our Website for more information:  
[www.valleyofrochester.org](http://www.valleyofrochester.org)

\*\* Make your reservations On Time! Don't be Late!  
At least 5 DAYS prior to any activity (585) 425-0033  
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Go to Valley Calendar for more details:  
[www.valleyofrochester.org](http://www.valleyofrochester.org)  
Why not sign up on our Permanent Meeting  
Meal Reservation List?

## All-Masonic Groups Children's Holiday Party

at Damascus Shrine Center  
979 Bay Road, Webster

# Saturday, December 13th

## 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**Open to children and grandchildren  
(and their friends) of all Masonic Families**  
Bring a wrapped gift for each child.  
Be sure to mark with child's full name.

Activities will include ...  
 Cookie Decorating    Pine Cone Bird feeder    Games  
 Coloring                      Snacks                      Drinks  
 Special visit with Santa

Co-sponsored by AASR-Valley of Rochester, Masonic Service Bureau and Damascus Shrine.

## Shriners Hospitals

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food, a tent and cook stove, rain gear and other essentials.

He tries to get in a minimum of 50 miles a day, and plots his course using the "Map my Ride" app on his cell phone, which helps identify the safest and flattest routes.

He spent Thursday night in Salamanca before getting back on the bike and heading east on Route 417. He planned to continue on Route 417 to Route 305, then dip into Pennsylvania and over Route 6 as he pushes east toward Philadelphia.

Mr. Nightingale hands out business cards that explain his

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Editor's Note: Article was brought to our attention by R.: W.: William Lindsay. This ride has ended, but website is still available if you wish to see his route.

mission and include the address of the Pedal for Pennies website, where visitors will find a link to a donation form. "We've received hundreds of donations online," he said.

He's grateful for the many kindnesses bestowed on him on his journey. "People have let me camp in their backyard, given me a hot meal, even let me take a shower and wash my dirty clothes," he said.

To keep track of Mr. Nightingale on his ride or to make a donation to Pedal for Pennies, visit: [www.pedalforpennies.com](http://www.pedalforpennies.com).

(Contact News Editor Tom Donahue at [tdonahue@olean-timesherald.com](mailto:tdonahue@olean-timesherald.com)) □

## In Memoriam

### Coates, Harry C., Sr.

On September 26th, Harry Coates, Sr., 74, joined the Celestial Lodge. His wife, Glenda; 4 children, 3 step-children, 16 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren will keep his memory in their hearts. Harry was a member of Inspiration Lodge, Damascus Shriners and Royal Arch Masons. As you were you will always be, treasured forever in our memory.

### Frazee, Bruce

Bruce Frazee, 68, departed from a lively life of accomplishments on October 8th. He is survived by his father, Norman; 3 children

and 6 grandchildren. Bruce was a member of Webster Shriners.

### Pickell, Donald

On October 11th, Donald Pickell, 80, went home to his Lord, leaving his wife of 61 years, Mary; and extended family to share his memory. Donald was an Air Force Veteran and member of Olive Branch Lodge. A memory is a keepsake of time that lives forever in the heart.

### Start, Edward B.

On October 12th, Edward Start, 95, was embraced by those who walked before him in faith. His daughter and 3 grandchildren survive

him. Ed was a 60-year Mason - a member of Inspiration Lodge and Damascus Lodge. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal.

### Turpack, John

On October 19th, John Turpack, 94, entered Eternal Rest. John was a member of Damascus Shriners. May the joy of the Lord be your strength.

## Widow to be Remembered

Hill, Shirley, widow of Bruce Hill (Unity Lodge), passed away October 8th. □



# York Rite NEWS

## Hiram Chapter No. 62



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Do to circumstances beyond our control, "The Most Excellent Master" Degree was not performed as scheduled in September. However, at the time of this writing, we are anticipating its performance on October 7th. On a like note the "Royal Arch Degree" was not held on October 23rd and will be presented at a later date to be determined. A special thanks to Companion Lance Dual for his work, in these frustrating times, in organizing and coordinating this Fall's Degree Programs. Great job, Companion Lance.

### Mark Your Calendar

November 13th - The Grand Lecturer for Royal Arch Masonry has scheduled a Convention. It will be held in Newark.

December 11th - Our Annual Meeting and Elections. Please plan on attending.

December 13th - the Annual All-Masonic Children's Holiday Party, from 11 a.m. 'til 2 p.m. at the Damascus Shrine Center. Call the Masonic Service Bureau at 671-9730 or Skip Waterstreet at 455-4795 for further details or to get on the committee.

### Musings

I thought I might give a little overview of the "Holy Royal Arch" Degree. The early history of the Royal Arch Degree is involved in obscurity. With the exception of the Master Mason Degree, no Masonic Degree is more important in its historical and symbolic significance than this. In some form it appears in every Rite, but only here does its history, its symbolism, its lessons show so vividly its connection with the Master Mason Degree and the fact that it is, indeed, the final chapter of that essential Degree in Freemasonry.

In many Foreign Jurisdictions, the Royal Arch Degree is still a part of the Master Mason Degree and, when visiting those Jurisdictions it is required that you must possess proof of your having received the Royal Arch Degree in order to be admitted to a seat in their Lodges.

### That Which is Lost

The Most Sublime Degree of the Royal Arch is the 4th and highest Degree in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. This Degree encompasses the entire era of Ancient Craft Masonry. In the Masonic progression you witness the preservation of the Master's Word and its tragic loss. That secret, which laid buried in darkness for 470 years. In this Degree we find the completion of the Master's Degree and the recovery of the Word.

After the first Temple was destroyed, the Israelites carried away captives to Babylon, where they lived for about 70 years. Here, many acquired considerable wealth and attained high rank and influence in the Chaldean Government. However, when liberated by King Cyrus, many of them returned to Jerusalem and began rebuilding the Temple.

In this Degree, you represent sojourners on their return to Jerusalem from Babylonian Captivity. You have come to help, aid and assist in the rebuilding of your city and its Temple, without hope of fee or reward.

While portraying those sojourners in the act of removing the rubbish of the first Temple, for the laying of the foundation for the second Temple, many interesting and valuable discoveries were made, chief of which was the recovery of the Lost Word. This Degree brings to light that for which Masons have long searched. This Degree completes the circle of progression in Ancient Craft Masonry, the discovery of the long-lost Masters Word. Its lessons are the essence of Masonic truth taught by receiving a lesson in Humility. □

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3rd Wednesday



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### Mark Your Calendar

November 19th - We have scheduled The Select Master Degree. We will also have our Official Visit that evening.

November 15th-Reminder that the Grand Commander and Reverend Charles Roberts, who is also Past Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of the State of New York, will be having his Reception at the Holiday Inn Airport on Brooks Avenue.

### Musings

A synopsis on the Royal Master Degree ... The Royal Master Degree gives you a deeper understanding and appreciation of your "Master Mason Degree." In our journey toward being made a Master Mason in our respective Lodges, each of us was required to symbolically represent Grand Master Hiram Abif who was slain for refusing to compromise his integrity as a Master Mason. In the Royal Master Degree, you, my Companion, meet and talk with Grand Master Hiram Abif, directly. In doing so, you come to understand why he was chosen by our early Brethren to personify all that being a Master Mason means.

The setting for this Degree is King Solomon's Temple. The story portrayed in its ceremonies takes place at a point in

You are Cordially Invited to a Reception for  
*Sir Knight & Reverend*  
*Charles M. Roberts*  
*Right Eminent Grand Commander*  
*of the Grand Commandery of the State of New York*  
**Saturday, November 15, 2014**

*Holiday Inn-Rochester Airport*  
*911 Brooks Avenue, Rochester*

*Social Hour - 6 p.m. (Cash Bar)*

*Dinner - 7 p.m. (\$40)*

*Entrée Choices... Vistro Sirlain*  
*Grilled Salmon or Chicken French*

*Attire: Sir Knights in Uniform less Chapeau & Sword*  
*Ladies in Formal Gown or Cocktail Dress*

*RSVP for Dinner (with payment) by November 5th.*

*Make Checks payable to:*

*Cyrene-Monroe Commandery-Zone Officers Association*  
*Mail to: Mr. William C. Jones, Aide de Camp*  
*2049 State Route 350, Macedon, New York 14502-9147*  
*Meal Reservations No Later Than November 5, 2014*

## From the desk of SK Donald Q. Adams, Sr. Zone 8 Commander

On November 15, 2104, SK Charles Roberts, Eminent Grand Commander, is having his Reception at the Holiday Inn Airport, 911 Brooks Avenue, Rochester.

Sir Knights who are attending the Reception are invited to participate in his Honor Guard. Please contact me at: [ticoma@rochester.rr.com](mailto:ticom@rochester.rr.com)

or see me the night of the Reception in full Templar uniform with sword and chapeau.

Let's have a nice turnout for the Honor Guard. □

time immediately prior to, and just after, the death of Grand Master Hiram Abif, as told in your Master Mason Degree. In the Royal Master Degree, you as the Candidate symbolically represent Adoniram.

The Holy Bible informs us that he was both a trusted friend of Grand Master Hiram Abif and his Assistant. He was charged with the responsibility for overseeing the cutting of the timber in the forests of Lebanon and the quarrying of stone used in the construction of the temple.

In the First Section of the Royal Master Degree, Grand Master Hiram Abif shares with you, as the Candidate, what it means to have assumed the character of a Master Mason. He talks with you about the profound and lasting influence you as a Master Mason may have, and influence of which you may not even be aware and how, for that reason, you are to remain true to your Masonic Character and principles, not only while in the company of Masons, but while abroad in the world. He shares all this with you through Ritual that has been described by noted Masonic Historians as the most beautiful and eloquent in all of Masonry.

In the Second Section of the Royal Master Degree, you are admitted into the presence of King Solomon following the death of Grand Master Hiram Abif. For reasons that are made

known to you in the ceremonies of the Degree, King Solomon chooses to confer upon you the new rank and title of Royal Master. It was your character as a man which laid the foundation for your seeking to be made a Mason. Your desire to build on that foundation as Master Mason may have lead you to become a Royal Arch Mason and receive the Master's word. The further Masonic light you will receive in the "Royal Master Degree" will cement your understanding and appreciation of what it truly means to a Master Mason.

I credit the source of these writings to the Grand Council of the State of New York □

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### Planning Ahead

August 15, 2015, will be the Triennial of Grand Encampment of Knights Templar USA, in Buffalo, NY. Sir Knights will be needed to assist as New York State hosts on behalf of Grand Master SK David Dixon

Goodwin,GCT. If you are interested and willing to help, please contact me. With SK Charles M. Roberts as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery for the State of New York and SK David Dixon Goodwin,GCT Grand Master in the Grand Encampment, USA, New York Templary is in the forefront of all Templary worldwide. More to follow as information becomes available. Keep tuned.

November 15th - Cyrene-Monroe Commandery and Sagoyewatha Commandery will jointly sponsor the Grand Commanders Reception.

### What Constitutes Being a Knight Templar?

The York Rite of Freemasonry is a system of enlightenment commencing with what is known as Capitular Masonry. This is also known as Holy Royal Arch Masonry and continues the Hiram Legend. Every York Rite Mason is a member of the Holy Royal Arch.

The Capstone of York Rite Masonry is the Commandery of Knight Templar. This Commandery consists of a set of three Orders (Degrees)

1. Order of Red Cross
2. Order of Malta
3. Order of the Temple

These orders are founded upon the traditions of the Chivalric Orders of Knighthood of the Middle Ages and the Commandery has therefore acquired the title of Chivalric Masonry.

In the Commandery, the Candidate represents a Knight, who has made a vow to visit the Holy Sepulcher and who seeks admission into the ranks of the Templars. Beautiful lessons of our Savior are included, and the Candidate is at last received into full fellowship in a most solemn manner. You become a Masonic Knight Templar by completing these Orders.

### Let's Look at What this Means Order of Red Cross

Set in the period of the Royal Arch Mason Degree, a Grand Council is convened at Jerusalem to deliberate upon the unhappy condition of the country and to devise means to secure the favor of King Darius and his consent to proceeding with the rebuilding of the city and temple.

Zerubbabel, represented by the Candidate, offers to travel to the Persian Court and remind the King of his former promise to aid the Jews in the work. He participates in a royal debate and when his turn comes, he proclaims THE ALMIGHTY FORCE OF TRUTH. King Darius is so impressed that he grants Zerubbabel his wish. Zerubbabel reminds him of his vow. The King makes a decree accordingly, and to perpetuate it he creates the Order of the Red Cross, founded upon TRUTH, and confers it upon Zerubbabel.

Here we bid farewell to all the Degrees having to do with the building of King Solomon's Temple, its destruction, and the rebuilding of the city and temple.

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# Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

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At our last meeting, the By-laws Committee presented the proposed changes to the Prophets in attendance. They were voted upon and passed. They will now be sent to Supreme Council for their approval.

### Elections

The nomination of Officers was presented at our October meeting and Elections will be held at our December meeting.

### Remember our Troops

Let us not forget those who have and those who are now serving in our Armed Forces. One of the charitable organizations with which we have been involved the past few years is Honor Flight of Rochester. Some of our own members have been selected to participate in this event. God bless our Troops - past and present

### November Birthdays

Happy birthday to those who have matured by another year - Adam W. Junod, Jason A. Fritsch, William E. Hicks, Greg W. Ludwig and Daniel Cashman. ☐

## Youth Committee

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and now Triangle, has been disappointing.

### Get Involved

We have all heard that familiar saying about proposed athletic stadiums, "build it and they will come." Well, I propose that the same is true for these Masonic Youth Groups, "form them and they will come." This is related to the members who are eligible to join.

Both groups provide so much that is needed for the youth of our community and are ready to do just that. What I see as a major roadblock currently is the lack of willing adult volunteers to be the role models, mentors, supervi-

**Attend Grotto Meetings**

**Monday, November 3rd**  
Board of Governors Meeting  
Grotto Office - 7 p.m.

**Saturday, November 15th**  
Ladies Night

**Wednesday, November 19th**  
Awards & Memorial Night Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

**Friday, November 28th**  
Bell Ringing - 5-8:30 p.m.  
The Mall at Greece Ridge

**Monday, December 1st**  
Board of Governors Meeting  
Grotto Office - 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, December 17th**  
Dinner\* - 6:30 p.m.  
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.  
Election of Officers

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

**January** - Open Installation - date, place and time to be announced

\*Reservations are a must for all dinners; there will be a \$10 reservation fee, which will be waived at the dinner.

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## Daughters of Mokanna



By Jan Porter, MCO-Elect

Recently, a new Caldron was instituted in Manhattan. Azim Caldron has a very enthusiastic membership. Some of the Daughters are Eastern Star members and were expected to attend Grand Sessions in Binghamton. As it turned out, only one was able to attend, so we set out to find her. I checked the Manhattan District seating area and finally met up with Cynthia Jenkins. What a warm and enthusiastic welcome.

The Lalla Rookh Caldron Daughters who were there posed for a picture with Cynthia. We are all looking forward to meeting the rest of their Daughters and think a weekend trip to New York City is on our radar (like we needed an excuse to go there!!)

### Installation

On November 13th, Lalla Rookh Caldron will have a din-



Lalla Rookh Daughters meeting Azim Daughter at Eastern Star Sessions. (l-r) Jan Porter, Hilde DiJames, Beverly Murray, Cynthia Jenkins (Azim Caldron), Donna Laundry and Carol Wynings.

ner at 6 p.m., followed by installation of new Officers for the ensuing year:

- Mighty Chosen One **Jan Porter**
- Lalla **Hilde DiJames**
- Yusef **Janice Bueg**
- Namourna **Sula Baxter**
- Zulette **Nancy Lynch**
- Rodeval **Beverly Murray**
- Zulaika **Donna Laundry**
- Ishta **Carol Wynings**
- Morgianna **Pat Dalykas**
- Zeldina **Barbara Jean Smith**
- Arrah **Marge Harding**
- Directress **Dorothy Merritt**
- Marshal **Pat Pearson**

American Flag Bearer

**Gail Sanford**

Congratulations to all and may our year be filled with fun and friendship.

### Executive Council

**December 6th** - Executive Council Banquet, 1 p.m. at Giuseppe's Restaurant, 40 Spencerport Road. Reservations to Sula Baxter.

Happy Thanksgiving to all Daughters, Grotto Prophets, family and friends. May you enjoy this day of thanksgiving and travel safely. God bless. ☐

## Fidelity Triangle

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If any members are interested in assisting us with our fundraisers and other big events, please let me know. We are always looking to add new Supervisors and Masonic Supervisors to our Triangle. Even if you can't come to everything, what time and resources you can give would be greatly appreciated. If you're interested, you can learn more about the ways adults can support Triangle by visiting our website at:

[nytriangle.org/get-involved](http://nytriangle.org/get-involved)

I look forward to seeing you all throughout the upcoming term. ☐



Members from four Triangles around the state who helped with the open meeting.

sors and advisors required for each group to operate. Without a core group of adult leaders in Triangle or DeMolay, the organizations can't operate. It boggles my mind that we can't seem to secure enough dedicated adults who see the value of providing worthwhile programs for our youth. It only takes a few and both of these youth groups would begin to flourish. There must be, within this Monroe District those individuals who can help. Won't you be one of them?

### Go Ahead, Make Contact ...

If interested in Triangle, email: [fidelitytriangleno.4@gmail.com](mailto:fidelitytriangleno.4@gmail.com)

For DeMolay, email: [gary\\_burke@frontiernet.net](mailto:gary_burke@frontiernet.net) ☐

we can accommodate them in a Short Form Obligation Ceremony. They can then participate as full members in the coming year's activities.

We cannot hope for our Forest to survive unless we can increase our membership. We are at an all-time-low in membership and have only five to seven really active members. Although we do have two or three new members who are active and in the Officer Line, we have several retreads now serving. This is not enough to be a totally well-functional organization. Let us all try to at least replace ourselves; that would double the membership and hope that new members will do likewise.

If you need information about the Supreme Forest or Tall Cedars in general or Petitions for membership, please contact our Scribe, Don Bell, or our Grand Tall Cedar, Cy White; both are listed in the header of this article. If you know of any Woodsman or Widow who is in need of our sympathy or assistance or members needing help getting to meetings, please let the Scribe or one of the Officers know. ☐

Russo, grilled them to perfection. It was also the first visit of our new DDSTC Glen Shunk. The DD thanked the GTC and all present for the amenities of the evening and hinted that he would try to attend our Holiday Celebration at Lillians on December 20th. Invitations will be sent to let you in on the details.

### Future News

"The frost is on the pumpkin and the fodder's in the shock," and all Tall Cedars know there is something in the wind: it's our Annual Election and Installation of Officers. As mentioned in the **Masonic Times** article last month, we would have put on the Degrees at our October meeting. If, however, there are Candidates available,

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and we go forward to the period of the Crusades when the Orders of Knighthood were formed to recover the Holy Sepulcher and to protect the Pilgrims who went to visit its sacred shrines. It is also at this point that the York Rite takes on a distinctly Christian character in which the Candidate is recruited as a knightly soldier to wage war against the enemies of Christ.

### We Move on to the Order of Malta

The members represent Soldiers of the Cross and the Order is dedicated to Saint John the Baptist. The Candidate humbly solicits to be admitted to the privilege of the Mediterranean Pass to enable him to safely undertake a pilgrimage to the Holy Sepulcher and also to be enrolled as a Knight of Malta.

The ceremonies of the Pass Degree refer to the shipwreck of Saint Paul upon the Island of Melita or Malta, and the viper that came out of the fire and clung to his hand, as related in the Acts of the Apostles. The

Order of Malta describes the history of the original Order of Hospitaliers who were famed for the construction and maintenance of hospitals for the poor.

### Finally we Arrive at Order of the Temple

In one of the grandest and most impressive ceremonies in all of Masonry, the true capstone of the YORK RITE, the Candidate represents a Knight of the period that succeeded the Crusades, who has made a vow to visit the Holy Sepulcher, and who seeks admission into the ranks of the Templars, the better to fulfill that vow.

As a trial of his worthiness there is enjoined upon him seven years of preparation, beginning with an unarmed pilgrimage in the direction of the Holy Shrine. After having served six years of this preparation, he is commanded to devote the remaining year of research to penance, as a trial of faith and humility. Beautiful lessons of the death and ascension of our Savior are inculcated, and the Candidate is at last received into full fellowship in a most solemn manner. ☐

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### Recent Happenings

Our Steak Roast is now history. There were over 30 members, guests and widows present to enjoy the fellowship and frolic on September 24th. Angelo DiCataldo, again supplied delicious steaks and, with the assistance of our Junior Deputy, Rob