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Care Community to Restore Daniel D. Tompkins Chapel

You can support this important project

By Kathy Contino-Turner, Director, Communications & Marketing

If you have ever visited the Masonic Care Community Campus in Utica, you are familiar with the Daniel D. Tompkins Chapel. The architecture is colonial; the structure of red brick with white trim is the center piece of our campus. Sunday Services are held each week at 9:00 am. The Chapel is also busy each year with weddings and other religious events. For Masons, you recognize the Chapel as the place where the Investiture Service is held on St. John's Day. Complete with its larger than life stained glass windows, several of which are Tiffany windows, the Daniel D. Tompkins Chapel is something to behold. It's a source of pride for many in the Fraternity.



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over the last century. Other improvements in this undertaking include the replacement of the entire roof and renovations to the zodiac ceiling light. The cost of this project is over one million dollars. The Trustees are moving ahead because this repair can not wait and the Daniel D. Tompkins Chapel is much too important to so many people.

We are asking for help, and in return, will give you something you can cherish forever. We have had an ornament made that depicts the three windows over the Altar of "Faith, Hope and Charity." Although these windows are not Tiffany, they are outstanding, and certainly are the focal point during services. Make a donation of \$100 or more to the Masonic Care Community and you will be helping with the 2015 renovation work that is already scheduled as well as future renovations to the Chapel. All funds raised will be directed to that purpose. You will also get this beautiful ornament that will be cherished for years to come. We hope to offer a different ornament each year, which will allow those who support the Daniel D. Tompkins Renovation projects the opportunity to amass a collection of ornaments depicting the windows in the Chapel. Please contact the Masonic Care Community Director of Development, Victoria Cataldo at:

cataldov@mccny.com
or by phone at (315) 798-4703. ☐
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Sir Knight & Rev. Charles M. Roberts, Right Eminent Grand Commander, Honored at Reception

Cyrene-Monroe Commandery No. 12 and Sagoyewatha Commandery No. 17 hosted a reception on November 15th to honor their own Sir Knight and Revered Charles M. Roberts who has been elected and installed as Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar State of New York. More than 150 people attended

A special presentation was made to the Commandery's First Lady, Leslie Roberts, by Companion Knight Richard C. Anderson from the Genesee York Rite College No. 25. To recognize service to all York Rite Bodies, Community and Life by non-Masons, the Diamond Award was introduced in 2012 by the York Rite Sovereign College of North America. Mrs. Roberts is the first recipient, at least locally.

Distinguished guests seated on the dais included Sir Knight F. Edward Powley, Jr., Grand Sentinel, who was the Master of Ceremonies, and Sir Knight Jose L. Valencia, Jr., Grand Prelate, who blessed the occasion with the Invocation and Benediction. Other remarks were shared by Most Illustrious Harley DeShane, Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York; Right Eminent Raymond Roche, Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York, Royal Arch Masons; Right Worshipful Jeffrey M. Williamson, Deputy Grand Master



Leslie and Charles Roberts

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TOWN HALL MEETING

Discuss the future of Masonry in New York State with R.:W.: Jeffrey Williamson Deputy Grand Master **SATURDAY, JANUARY 17TH** 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Honeoye Falls Masonic Hall 3 North Main Street Contact your District Deputy for more details or to make a reservation.

Nearly \$40K for MMRL Raised by Eastern Star Grand Matron

By Myron Thurston III, Assistant Director of Development and Communications



Sylvia Moravia, Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of New York

for 2014, designated the Cardiac Research Institute at Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL) as her Grand Matron's Project. The 14,000 member organization selected the theme of Every Heartbeat Counts® and together raised nearly \$40,000 to benefit life-saving cardiac research. The year-long campaign came to an end recently with a check presentation to Myron Thurston III, Assistant Director

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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
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Activities will include ...
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Installation Ceremony, January 7th
more Damascus News on page 9

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Editor's Corner

Deck the Halls ... I've been (sort of) working on the Holiday Party preparations for the past two months. *Fa La La La La ...* with Eric Lubberts, my Lodge Brother who represents the Valley of Rochester, and several Brothers from Inspiration Lodge. *'Tis the Season to be jolly ...* with a 7-year old Grandson locally, I'm looking forward to the event and witnessing the excitement in his eyes.

Our other Grandchildren live out of State, so we don't have the same pleasures with them. I'm sure many of my Brothers and Sisters are in the same boat. Of course, the younger members of the Craft have their own children with whom to share these joyous times. Treasure them! They will be gone before you know it!!

To all of you, I say Happy Holidays! I hope we will see you at the Party. May you also enjoy quality family time this month, along with a chance to regenerate your enthusiasm for another year in the quarries and in life.

Musings

The next issue of the **Masonic Times** will complete 12 years of service for me as Editor. Some days that doesn't seem a reality; others, well ...! I can say this, I never expected to develop so much seniority in this area.

I always tell people I couldn't have done it without the dedication of the Staff over the years. While a few of the original members are no longer with us, we have added some new faces to keep us going in the right direction. My thanks to them all!

Jan Porter, Office Manager of the Masonic Service Bureau, doubles as the Compositor for the newspaper. That's an old Graphic Arts term, which many people don't understand. Freely translated, she takes submitted articles and formats them into this column-style for the paper. Sub-headlines are inserted to break up long sections of text, and other functions are performed to enhance the readability of the information. She is the first connection with most of our writers.

Jan's paper proofs are then reviewed for grammar, punctuation and spelling by Barbara Goodrich, Garry Cranker, Bill Flesher, Beverly VanHuben and Herb Spencer. Then I get the final say, so if something gets through it is my fault! Our authors think I make them look smart, but in reality it is the work of Jan and our proofreaders who do the bulk of the work.

Then it's back to the computers for corrections and final assembly. No more repro prints; no more waxer; no more mechanical boards. Our final output is a PDF document emailed to the printer. It sounds so simple, but is really a time consuming task As many have told us they do, we always hope you like our results. Once again, my thanks to them ... and to you, faithful reader.

Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

JANUARY

- 3 Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Awards, Shrine Center
- 17 Deputy Grand Master's Town Hall Meeting, Honeoye Falls Masonic Hall; 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- 24 Triangle Masonic Family Night, Pittsford
- 31 First day of *Have-a-Heart* Campaign

FEBRUARY

- 1 - 16 *Have-a-Heart* Campaign at 3 Area Malls
- 14 Triangle Valentine's Day Fundraiser, Pittsford

MARCH

- 28 College of Freemasonry, Genesee Community College, Batavia

APRIL

- 25 Widows Luncheon, Burgundy Basin; 11 a.m.
- TBD Scottish Rite Spring Reunion

MAY

- 4 - 5 234 th Grand Lodge Sessions, New York City
- TBD Scottish Rite Reunion Banquet at Cobblestone Creek Country Club

Additional Books in "Lend-a-Book" Library

The "Lend-a-Book" Library near the Shrine Office has added several titles. The recent additions include Masonic Presidents Andrew Jackson, Theodore Roosevelt and Harry Truman, and volumes describing daily life during Biblical Times and in Medieval Europe. There are also copies of *The Short Talk Bulletin* and *Encyclopedia of Freemasonry* by Albert G. Mackey.

The purpose of this library is an informal way to share Masonic reading. There is a notebook to record borrowings and lendings. This is NOT a "book swap;" all borrowed books need to be signed out and returned within a reasonable amount of time. Donations (or loans) are welcome.

Many thanks to Derek VanHouten for providing the larger bookcase to accommodate this collection. If you have comments about the "Lend-a-Book" Library or want to help, please contact Bruce Katz:

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Veterans, for those of you who are interested, on December 7th, the Pearl Harbor Veterans will be at Charlotte Pier for the Wreath Service at 7 a.m. If you plan on going, try to be there about 15 minutes earlier. Breakfast will follow at the Dorsey Road VFW.

Just another reminder ... there will be no meeting in December due to the Christmas Holiday.

I will be writing a series of informational articles about the Masonic War Veterans - dating back to October 7, 1950. The James A. Hard Post No. 18 received its Charter on October 7, 1950 in Gothic Hall at the Masonic Temple on East Main Street, Rochester. M.: W.: William F. Strong from Grand Lodge presented the Charter to Post No. 18 Commander, Lancy Thomas.

James A. Hard was the first Charter Member at the age of 109 years old. James A. Hard was the oldest Civil War Veteran and the oldest Mason in the State of New York. He was born on July 15, 1841, in Victor.

On September 24, 1991, 12 Masonic War Veterans met at Roger McCaughey's home in Pittsford to organize and establish the James A Hard/Wayne Charter Post No. 12. The name was chosen because two Posts were combined in order to get the Charter activated.

The following Officers for 1992 were selected: Commander, Frank Jansson; 1st Lt. Commander, John Naylor; 2nd Lt. Commander, James Spencer; 3rd Lt. Commander, Wayne Slack; Finance Officer, Paul W. Splillane; and Adjutant, Charles C. Spiegel, Jr. That was the beginning of Post No. 12.

Post No. 12 is Chartered by the Grand Lodge State of New York to present Colors when the Grand Master is in our District for an Official Visit or meeting. We also present the Colors at the Consistory Symbolic Awards Night, the Widows Luncheon, Interfaith Brunch, Memorial Day Services, Veterans Day Services and the Pearl Harbor Day Memorial Service.

We March in 3 or 4 Memorial Day Parades each year such as Rochester, Greece, Fairport and Webster. James A. Hard Post has had the Honor of leading the Parades several times. The Masonic War Veterans are dedicated to serving Veterans and active Military Service Personnel.

We have sent hundreds of boxes of paperback books and comfort care items such as toiletries, snacks and treats and much more for our Military

serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Thanks to our Past Commander Dennis Gellasch for his dedication to this project.

More to come in the next **Masonic Times**. Have a great Christmas and New Year and remember to stop and smell the Roses.



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“Have-a-Heart” Campaign Schedules

The Ronald McDonald House “The House Love Built”

The Mall at Greece Ridge Center		
Mall Chairman - Eugene Crews		
(H: 225-7949 or C: 317-9946)		
Date	Time	Lodge
Sat., January 31st	Noon - 9 p.m.	Clio 779
Sun., February 1st	Noon - 6 p.m.	Inspiration 109
Mon., February 2nd	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Fame 722
Tue., February 3rd	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Eureka 36, PHA
Wed., February 4th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Grotto & Caldron
Thu., February 5th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Eureka 36, PHA
Fri., February 6th	Noon - 9 p.m.	Unity 479
Sat., February 7th	Noon - 9 p.m.	Inspiration 109
Sun., February 8th	Noon - 6 p.m.	Clio 779
Mon., February 9th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Eureka 36, PHA
Tue., February 10th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Eureka 36, PHA
Wed., February 11th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Starlight 507, OES
Thu., February 12th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Unity 479
Fri., February 13th	Noon - 9 p.m.	Inspiration 109
Sat., February 14th	Noon - 9 p.m.	Unity 479
Sun., February 15th	Noon - 6 p.m.	Clio 779


Eastview Mall		
Mall Chairman - George Foehner (704-6128)		
Date	Time	Lodge
Sat., January 31st	Noon - 9 p.m.	Webster 538
Sun., February 1st	Noon - 3 p.m. 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	Fairport-Flower City 476 Seneca 797
Mon., February 2nd	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	ERAC 163
Tue., February 3rd	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Seneca 797
Wed., February 4th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Wakan-Hubbard 154
Thu., February 5th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Eagle 619
Fri., February 6th	Noon - 9 p.m.	ERAC 163
Sat., February 7th	Noon - 9 p.m.	Seneca 797
Sun., February 8th	Noon - 3 p.m. 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	Wakan-Hubbard 154 ERAC 163
Mon., February 9th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Daughters of the Nile
Tue., February 10th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Fairport-Flower City 476
Wed., February 11th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Fairport Chapter, OES
Thu., February 12th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	O/S/Y District
Fri., February 13th	Noon - 9 p.m.	O/S/Y District
Sat., February 14th	Noon - 9 p.m.	O/S/Y District
Sun., February 15th	Noon - 6 p.m.	Webster 538

Marketplace Mall		
Mall Chairman - Mark Hutton (705-1914)		
Date	Time	Lodge
Sat., January 31st	Noon - 9 p.m.	Moose Lodge 2290
Sun., February 1st	Noon - 6 p.m.	Oatka 759
Mon., February 2nd	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Union Star 320
Tue., February 3rd	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Union 45
Wed., February 4th	3 p.m. - 6 p.m. 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Geneseo 214 Mt. Morris 122
Thu., February 5th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Oatka 759
Fri., February 6th	Noon - 9 p.m.	Widows Sons
Sat., February 7th	Noon - 9 p.m.	Livingston District
Sun., February 8th	Noon - 6 p.m.	Union Star 320
Mon., February 9th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Oatka 759
Tue., February 10th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Moose Lodge 2290
Wed., February 11th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Northfield 426
Thu., February 12th	3 p.m. - 9 p.m.	Scottish Rite
Fri., February 13th	Noon - 9 p.m.	Widows Sons
Sat., February 14th	Noon - 9 p.m.	Union Star 320
Sun., February 15th	Noon - 6 p.m.	Northfield 426

Please Clip and Save these listings as a reminder of when your Organization is scheduled to supply personnel for the *Have-a-Heart* Campaign booth. If you have additional spare time you wish to use to help this worthy cause, contact the Mall Chairman. There are times when ranks are thin, so your assistance will be appreciated.

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It has been a busy two months, I have travelled with R.:W.: Douglas Stanley, DDGM, on his Official Visits. I've enjoyed many tasty dinners, great Fellowship and I was able to meet

some Brothers I hadn't known before.

Livingston District had joint Training Sessions with the Genesee-Wyoming District for the *Road to the East*. I enjoyed meeting and working with R.:W.: Henry Robinson, District Deputy Grand Master; R.:W.: David Helmer, Grand Steward; and all the Brothers who attended classes.

Masonic Development Course

We will be meeting at Warsaw Lodge Hall on December 6th for the *Masonic Development Course (MDC)*. We will be starting at 8:30 a.m. and running until after the lunch. □

sons, State of New York. Congratulations to you, Bob.

I'll take this opportunity to thank all Brothers of Nunda Station Lodge who worked with the Livingston County Sheriff's Department in the Child ID Program in the Livingston County schools in October.

December 2nd - 1st Degree

We are preparing for a 1st Degree on Tuesday, December 2nd and have rehearsed diligently.

I must apologize for not writing more in my monthly article but I have several irons in the fire which demand time in activity and travel - I'm active in DeMolay Commandery No. 22, Knights Templar, Royal Arch Masons, Steuben Chapter No. 91 and the Hornellsville Council No. 35, Royal and Select Masters. Thus time always seems to be at a premium when it comes to writing.

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you! □

Invite the new Brother to his own Lodge, take him to another Lodge and make sure he sees as many Degrees as possible to allow him to grow in the Craft. We should not work hard to get a Brother through the Degrees and then abandon him afterward.

A District Dilemma

A question and a dilemma for the District is the definition of "suitable proficiency" for advancement through the Degrees. The DDGM and I would like each Lodge to consider working a little harder to make certain that a Brother has made "suitable proficiency in the preceding Degree" before planning the next Degree. Let us not rush to make a Mason, only to lose him because we did not take the time to properly instruct and inform him of what Freemasonry is all about.

As we enter this Holiday Season, the O/S/Y T.E.A.M. wishes each and every Mason and their family good health and continued growth in our beloved Fraternity.

Upcoming Events

December 1st - Official Visit at John Hodge Lodge

December 4th - Official Visit at Seneca Lake Lodge

December 6th - *Master's Chair* at my home for sitting Masters at 9 a.m.

December 11th - Official Visit at Dundee Lodge

December 16th - Official Visit at Garoga-Sincerity Lodge

December 17th - Ark Lodge Christmas Party at St. Michael's Church, Geneva at 6 p.m. □

Garoga-Sincerity Lodge No. 200



1st & 3rd

Tuesdays

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R.:W.: Clayton Ruggles

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By R.:W.: Clayton Ruggles

We wish all Brothers and their families a Merry Christmas and a Safe, Happy New Year; may we all have good health in the coming New Year.

In early December, we will be calling upon Brothers for help in the Ringing of the Bell for the Red Kettle Fund. Brother Ernie Day will be Chairman of this event. We will also be delivering Poinsettias in the coming weeks to our Surviving Spouses. If there are any Brothers who could help in either (or both) of these activities, please feel free to give the Master or Secretary a call. Remember, it is the Season of the year for giving and you are reminded about the Brotherhood Fund.

December 2nd, we will have a Pot Luck Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

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Recent Happenings

At the October 29th Grand Lecturer's Convention, the Lodge, once again, qualified for the Howard Potts Award. Thank you to the Brothers who made this possible - Master, Stephen Durso, Jr.; Senior Warden, Daniel Biery; Junior Warden, Jed Brandow; Senior Deacon, Kenneth Gibbs; Junior Deacon, Ronald Galens; Senior Master of Ceremony, Jesse DeBoover; and Junior Master of Ceremony, Benjamin Wheat. Worshipful Master Durso also served as Master for the work of the evening.

From the Secretary's Desk

Dues Notices are being sent. You will notice that the Dues have increased to \$66 because Grand Lodge Dues have increased to \$36. This is the third of five \$2 increases approved by

Representatives to Grand Lodge. Brothers are encouraged to stay current with Dues payments as we want to avoid NPDs.

December Birthdays

We send December Birthday Greetings to Brothers John Bowles (1st); Gary Yancey (14th); Jerome Phillips (17th); James Sullivan (19th); Everett Grimsley (21st); Ronald Galens (22nd); William Lally, Jr. (25th); and Ernest Day (30th).

Masonic Anniversaries

The following Brothers were Raised in December:

1947	John Record
1952	Frederick Gifford
1960	Bernard Dell
1962	William Goodman
1978	Charles Anderson
1994	Perry Adams
1995	David Smith
2006	Nicholas Day
	Douglas Galens
	William Hargrove
	William Lally, Jr. □

Nunda Station

Lodge No. 682

1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.

Master

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Secretary

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Our Lodge is off to a good start this year. Attendance has been 20-plus at each meeting, so far. May I say it again ... if you're coming to a Lodge meeting, "Call a Brother and offer a ride." Also, if you receive any awards or special recognition, please give me a call and I'll see that you are properly recognized in the **Masonic Times**.

Our Brother Robert Cox is not only a Right Worshipful but also Grand Steward of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Ma-

Ontario/Seneca/Yates

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Grand Director of Ceremonies



R.:W.:
Thomas C.
Abraham

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DDGM R.:W.: John Hubbard and the O/S/Y T.E.A.M. have begun to make the Official Visits to the Lodges of the District. The visits have been both enjoyable and meaningful. We have been able to meet and greet the Brothers and enjoy the fellowship of Freemasons. It is truly an honor and privilege to represent the District and work with the Brothers.

Masonic Education

There have been two classes on the *Master's Chair*, one class for the *Road to the East* and two classes for the *Masonic Development Course*. We will continue to offer these courses throughout the year in order to give each Brother a chance to gain "further light" in Masonry.

One item for each Lodge to

consider is the incorporation of the *Masonic Development Course* into the Degree Program. The best time to educate a Brother on the work and meaning of each Degree would seem appropriate following each Degree. We have the opportunity to really help to "make a good man into a better man" (and Mason) if we take the time and put in the effort to make certain that each Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft and Master Mason have the knowledge which will make each individual feel comfortable and welcome in Lodge.

We need to promote the importance of mentoring a Candidate through the Degrees and beyond. The most critical time for a newly Raised Master Mason is immediately following the 3rd Degree because it is so important to get the Brother to a Lodge meeting and make certain he is informed and comfortable in the Lodge setting. The Mentor needs to take on this responsibility to assure the success of newly Raised Brothers to ensure the success of the Lodge and District.

Ark Lodge No. 33, F. & A.M.

Chartered 1807

3rd Wednesday

Master

W.: Robert Mattick

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Secretary

W.: Thomas Smart

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At the Last Meeting

Milo Lodge thanked us for our help in their time of crisis.

Watch your mail for Brotherhood Fund Notices.

We discussed the present storage of Lodge furniture and belongings; we're assured they are protected for future use.

Charitable Donation Plans

All Brothers agreed to continue our strong relationship with the Geneva Salvation Army, participating in both their Red Kettle Drive and delivering food parcels to needy families in the Geneva area. Over the years the Salvation Army has come to rely on the Brothers of Ark Lodge to deliver these much-

needed packages and this project is considered by the Brethren to be a large part of our efforts to maintain a strong relationship with the Geneva Community.

We are also looking at Masonic outreach efforts both within the Blue Lodge and our Concordant Bodies.

Upcoming Events

December 6th - Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive, at Tops Friendly Market (inside). Two-hour shifts from 10 a.m.-8 p.m., partnering with Geneva Lodge. Please call the Master for available times.

December 6th - Salvation Army Food Drive Basket Delivery, 9 a.m. at Salvation Army - Geneva (North Street). Please call the Master if you can help.

December 17th - Ark Lodge Christmas Party, 6 p.m. at St. Michael's Episcopal Church, Genesee Street, Geneva. Ark Lodge cordially invites Geneva and Garoga-Sincerity Lodges. Please call Brother Tom Abraham with reservations, 526-5308.

The January meeting will be the DDGM's Official Visit. □

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Will it come to pass? Will there be a Pass the District Team can get through? Will the Weatherman and Mother Nature allow the Official Visit to Humanity Lodge in Lyons to take place on the 10th of the Month? Only the next few days will reveal the answer.

Last but definitely not the least, Humanity Lodge may be the last Lodge in Wayne County to officially get the Grand Master's Message, but they have not

been waiting around for it. They have been doing their very best to carry out their Masonic duties and responsibilities.

The end of 2014 is closing in on us. This will be a busy, busy month with Annual Meetings, new Dues Cards, end-of-year reports, review of Trestleboards, scheduling or re-scheduling of Degree Work and probably making adjustments for the next phase of the Masonic Year. It's definitely a busy time.

Hopefully, we all remembered our Veterans and Active-Duty Servicemen and Women in November, but this month we should also remember Pearl Harbor Day on December 7th and those who died that day and in the days after, as our Country fought for our Freedom on two Continents.

While there have been skirmishes and conflicts since, let's be grateful we have NOT been

involved in a World War III. Let us all be further grateful for our families - spouses, children, grandchildren and, for those of us old enough, our great-grandchildren, as we celebrate this Holiday Season and the coming New Year.

While we smile at Santa, his reindeer, Frosty the Snowman and all the familiar Christmas characters, let us remember to bow our heads and say a prayer of thanks to that Savior for whom we named the day.

Town Hall Meeting

Masters, Wardens, Officers and Brothers, please take note and plan to attend the Deputy Grand Master's Town Hall Meeting to be held at Union Star Lodge Hall, Honeoye Falls, on January 17th. This is an opportunity to meet with your Deputy Grand Master, R.:W.: Jeffrey Williamson, and help plan for the future of Masonry in New York State.

If you have not already done so, please contact me with numbers attending and any carpooling requirements. Coffee and donuts will be provided in the morning; lunch will follow the Town Hall Meeting.

In case you are not aware of how I close my newsletter, here it comes!!! SUPPORT THE BROTHERHOOD FUND AND THE MASONIC CARE COMMUNITY.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! □

Grand Director of Ceremonies



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Our District Deputy, Wayne District Team and I have almost concluded the Official Visits in the District. The great thing about being a Staff Officer is it gives me a lawful Masonic

reason to duck out of my Home Lodge and visit other Lodges I don't get to see (other than at Masters and Wardens) because we meet the same nights.

As I make my way around the District, I have been asked why I choose to submit an article to promote Masonry to a publication that the readers are primarily already Masons, as opposed to submitting it to the general public, which might encourage more Candidates to join?

Try to envision a sink in which you are using a 1/2-inch line to fill it with water and you have a 1-inch line to empty it. Unless some type of stopper is placed in the drain, how fast will you fill the sink? Would it be a service or disservice promoting Masonry by writing to non-Masons to join, only to have them stop coming to Lodge and/or dimitt or be suspended for non-payment of Dues? Would I be doing more of a service writing to Masons inspiring them with ideas on how to keep those initiated to continue coming to Lodge and the Brothers in the Craft not to dimitt but, rather encourage them to come to Lodge?

Would I do more of a service promoting Masonry if I could encourage those who come to Lodge to open Lodge, even if there be only three Master Masons present, or three Fellowcrafts and two Master Masons or six Entered Apprentices and one Master Mason present? For every five Candidates I see initiated, four don't return ... a Candidate/Brother from two years ago is unaffiliated for non-payment of Dues and there is a Masonic Memorial Service for at least two or three Brothers in the year, how can your Lodge number go anywhere but down.

I commend all those Masters putting programs for the Craft on the Trestleboards. There is a saying, "If you keep doing what you're doing, you'll keep get-

ting what you got!" One of the definitions of crazy is to keep doing the same thing expecting a different outcome. Some type of change must be made. It begins by returning the Lodge to its roots - a Band of Brothers having One Spiritual Father belonging to a Sacred Brotherhood and not a board meeting to raise money to repair your Lodge.

In my next two months' articles, if I do not get censored by the Custodians of the Work or the Editor of the paper, I will attempt to briefly cover in 600

words or less two issues ...

- What is a Masonic Secret, and what is not?
- Brother Joe, I left my Ritual Book and Masonic Monitor on the table and my wife deciphered all the "secrets" of a Mason. Now she's hounding me and wants to know why she can't be a Mason. Why are only men Masons?

Watch the next two issues of the **Masonic Times**.

Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah to our Brethren of the District. □

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"Happy Holidays from Your District Team!"

A Proud Mason □

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Deeper Still

Seldom or never do we employ our Lodge meetings for that purpose for which ... they were intended ... and perhaps our neglect to do so is because we have ourselves imperfectly realized what those mysteries are into which our Order was primarily formed to introduce us.

~ W.L. Wilmshurst - 1922

I recently saw a post from a Masonic Facebook page with a picture of George Washington, with a caption that said "He didn't join to hear the minutes read." I'd like to believe this is true. I'll bet Franklin, Voltaire, Mozart and Goethe didn't either.

And, yet today, is there anything more deeply meaningful going on in Lodge than common ordinary business which can be so easily summarized in the minutes? Or as Wilmshurst goes on to state in *The Meaning of Masonry* that some Brothers consider "membership of the Craft to be a privilege which has brought them into the presence of something greater than they know, and that enshrines a purpose and that could unfold a message deeper than they at present realize" (emphasis mine). Do we ever talk about this stuff in Lodge? Probably not much.

Is it because the mysteries to which our Craft encourages us to explore are difficult to put into words? That shouldn't stop us from trying. We do the Degrees and beyond being concerned about our abilities to precisely and accurately recite the Ritual word-for-word, how much time do we spend exploring the MEANING of the Ritual? How often, if ever, do we talk about the Degrees in a Lodge meeting? How often, if ever do we talk about what this part or that part means? We open and close Lodge with Ritual at each meeting. How often, if ever, do we talk about what that Ritual means? There is much more substance to all of this than at first we realized and, to help one another, we should be talking about it.

Our Masonic Ritual is like the proverbial onion with layers of meaning and flavor just waiting to be peeled back. We owe it to ourselves and our Brothers to wade into the depths of understanding - at least every once in a while - as we explore the many possibilities of what our Ritual has to offer. Our Fraternity is a philosophical society and an educational institution after all, though you may not think that by going to many Lodge meetings. Maybe, like the lost

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October was a very successful month for your District Team. Six more Official Visits were completed, including more terrific meals and tremendous fellowship. My thanks to all the Brothers of Northfield, Oatka, Fame, Union Star, Webster and Wakan-Hubbard Lodges for their time and cooperation in making these meetings a joy in which to participate.

I thank Seneca Lodge for allowing me to be part of the festivities for their Centennial Celebration held Saturday, October 4th. I have never enjoyed a Masonic event so much. There was much to be learned from our Masonic Brothers from Canada. St. Andrew's Lodge is a very special Lodge with extra-special Brothers. I wish all our District Brothers could be treated to

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word, this is what has been missing. Maybe this is why our numbers are declining. We usually just stay in the boring and safe shallow end of the pool, but over there, with some courage, fortitude and prudence, is the deep end waiting to be explored with great excitement.

All it would take is for the Master to some night identify a portion of a Degree to discuss and then to open up the floor for discussion. No one has the definitive answer. No one, not even the Master, the seasoned 60-year member, or the Brother with the Purple Apron is the ultimate expert. But, every Brother who either contributes or just listens, stands to gain and take away something more than which he came.

Light

My Brothers, at this time of the year when the sun is lowest in the sky and daylight hours are fewest, of all the blessing of life that we could celebrate, we celebrate light. Whether it be the Jewish Festival of Lights and the miracle of the oil lasting eight days, or the miracle in the Manger and the birth of the Savior Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, may you continue to seek light, and may you and your families be blessed with the joy of the Season. □





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The Chamber of Reflection

The Chamber of Reflection is one of Freemasonry's most alluring, provoking and truly esoteric of symbols. From simple to more complex variations on the theme, the Chamber of Reflection forces each Candidate to recognize that they are mortal and, from this moment forward, a new life awaits them, if they so chose it.

This small room or Chamber, which may not necessarily be adjoined to the Lodge Room, is dark, with the walls painted black. It contains a simple, rough wooden table on which we find: a human skull - usually on two crossbones, a chunk of bread, a pitcher with water, a cup with salt, a cup with sulphur, a lighted candle or lantern, an hourglass, paper, ink and pen and a wooden stool or chair. Painted on the wall: a rooster, a sickle, the acronym

V.I.T.R.I.O.L.(U.M.) and various sayings.

The Candidate is dressed in his suit and tie. He must not meet any of the other Brethren. The Treasurer and one of the Stewards, both dressed without any Masonic insignia, meet the Candidate. The Treasurer collects the necessary fees and returns to the Lodge Room. The Steward stays with the Candidate, hoodwinks the Candidate and leads him into the Chamber of Reflection. The Steward then gives him a piece of paper that may contain questions that the Candidate must answer. The Steward then, requests the Candidate to write on the paper his moral and philosophical doctrine and he is also told that once the door is closed he should remove the hoodwink. When he has finished this task, he should ring a bell to signal to the Steward that he is done.

The purpose of the Chamber is to remind one's self of the caves where primitive men lived. It symbolizes regression and the maternal womb. This gives the symbolic effect to the Candidate that emerging from the Chamber is like being born as a new man. The Chamber also is symbolic of a sepulcher, which is the ancient name of a tomb; thus, the Chamber indicates the beginning and the end of one's life. This aspect also symbolizes the beginning of a new or resurrection for the Candidate on his quest in Masonry for light, truth and ultimately wisdom.

Hourglass

The hourglass represents the passing and marking of time, as well as the ability of the human consciousness, or soul, to experience "timelessness" or genuine immortality despite the passing of earthly things. Only when time stops, or as the Old Testament Magician, Daniel, (Lit. "Fear of God") describes it making "the sun stand still," can we experience our true nature, our past and future, as our Creator intended it to be. This is the meaning of the All-Seeing Eye. For if the eye was to close for a second, as Eastern lore tells us, Creation would cease to be. In becoming illumined, filled with Light, we also become "awake" to the true nature of ourselves, creation and the Cosmos.

Salt

Salt is the symbol of all life and purity. It represents the most fundamental matrix of physical life. It is also the symbol of the "Elect," or those who by free will and choice elect to serve deity and to become craftsman in the building of the Divine Temple on Earth.

Water

Water is the source of life and is connected to the symbol of salt in that salt comes from sea water, and is necessary for the retention of water by living organisms. It is the vehicle for psychic or emotional life, as is seen in our tears and our blood.

Skull & Crossbones

The Skull & Crossbones naturally refers to mortality and is linked to the alchemical references also present in the Chamber. The alchemists aimed at transmuting base metals into silver and gold through the process of putrefaction. So must the Candidate transmute his nature, through a symbolical burial in the Chamber, into a new transformed man in the form of an initiate. In alchemy this is called the great work. Indeed, man's refinement, transmutation and transformation from a brute base metal into gold requires great work! The skull in alchemy, named caput mortuum, is the epitome of decline and decay. The crossbones are usually tibias, the weight-bearing bones of the lower legs.

Perseverance & Vigilance

In some rites these two words are also placed on the wall. These two words intimate to the Candidate that he must possess these qualities in order to succeed in his Masonic life. The symbols, allusions, allegories and metaphors of the Rituals are not plain. The Freemason must scrutinize them persistently in order to appreciate their richness and deep significance, and be vigilant that the lessons learned therefrom be not forgotten.

Sulphur

Sulphur is the alchemical symbol for consciousness, and is seen as the soul of the mineral world. Native, unprocessed sulphur is preferred.

Cockerel

Cockerel is the symbol for the coming dawn after the darkness of ignorance and fear. It is also the omen foretelling spiritual trial and testing. It was Peter who acknowledged the Light of Christ when among his peers, but denied him three times when confronted by enemies before the crowing of the cock. Just as we need vigilance and perseverance to seek truth and the light of our Inner Master, we must also have the courage to acknowledge it when our social standing, ego, and perception from others challenge it. If we accept the inner light when it is safe and deny it when it is dangerous then we are unworthy to sit at the table of the Inner Master and eat his spiritual bread.

Even though we don't use this part of the Ritual in our Masonic Jurisdiction, you can imagine what an impression this initial part of the Ritual makes on a Candidate being ushered into our honorable institution. The Chamber of Reflection teaches, indeed, powerful lessons. True initiation is an individual internal process. Nobody can transform a man but himself. Others may guide and help, but ultimately, the individual alone is the only one who can perform the great work. The Chamber of Reflection truly epitomizes this process. It is my hope, that those of us, who have not experienced this Ritual in our Masonic life, have at least derived some small benefit, although vicariously, from this allocution today. □

Monroe District Masters and Wardens Association

Re-Cap of October Meeting

Our second meeting of the year took place on October 30th. Turnout was down from our first session, but we still had a very productive meeting.

Brother Bruce Katz gave a presentation on "The Five Whys," which is a great way to get to the root causes of issues. We specifically used this to look at the issue of Member Retention in our Lodges

Also, Brother Andy Reynolds presented a wonderful idea that the Widows Sons are working on. They are considering producing a nation-wide cookbook to use as a fundraiser for charity. The idea is outstanding and Master and Wardens will be helping with this. We are tossing around a couple of ideas about a District-wide Cook-off to see what recipe or recipes will make the book. Stay tuned for more information on this!

Volunteers

I'm also looking for volunteers to help with various committees - especially assisting with helping to organize the cookbook cook-off. Please contact me if you are interested.

December Meeting

Change of Date ... Our December meeting will not take place on the 4th Thursday, since this is Christmas. We are still working out the details of the December meeting so look in your email for details about this. □

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There is scheduled to be a **Child ID/Safety ID Program** available at the

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Feel free to contact one of the individuals in the logo above, if you desire more details. □

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As 2014 comes to a close, we are fortunate to have the opportunity to enjoy the extended family of our Lodge. In this season of thankfulness, rejoicing and hope, let us re-dedicate ourselves to make the extra effort in this coming year to be better men and Masons.

On October 13th, we had 34 Brothers in attendance following an Oktoberfest Dinner. W.: Carl Scarpulla made a couple of surprise anniversary recognitions. He presented our Tiler, Brother Nick Anastas, with his 50-year Pin and Apron. In his inimitable manner, Brother Nick remarked that he "waited a long time for this."



50-year Award recipient Nick Anastas with W.: Carl Scarpulla.



W.: Carl Scarpulla following the presentation of 65-year Pin to R.:W.: Alexander Arthur.

Also, R.:W.: Alex Arthur was recognized with a 65-year Pin. We are honored to have these Brothers in Lodge with us on a regular basis.

The Master spoke about the Action Groups and how we can improve our Lodge by focusing efforts on important projects. One of the key actions underway is that of the Membership Action Team recruiting Brothers to phone other Brothers - especially those who have been away from Lodge for awhile. Let's get them back.

Brother Bruce Katz reported on the status of phone calls that have been made on behalf of the Membership Committee. More than 100 call assignments have been handed out. Bruce described some calls he has made and the reactions of the Brothers who have received these calls. While there are specific items requested to be discussed during the calls (especially regarding the quality of Lodge Communications), this can be an open-ended conversation, with the specific hope of building attendance in Lodge.



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On October 27th, our meeting began with a dinner of Pulled Pork and Chicken. Junior Warden, Xach Taylor, and the Stewards (plus additional volunteers) continue to raise the bar for our Lodge dinners.

R.:W.: Rich Friedman spoke about Ritual Renaissance Program's 3rd Degree work focusing on the Hiram Legend. He made a request to form a 3rd Degree drama team composed entirely of Brothers with fewer than five years in the Craft. R.:W.: Rich has requested that any interested Brother please contact him via email.

April 18, 2015, is the confirmed date for the Program, during which the team will exemplify the Hiram Legend.

Brothers, please plan on participating in our upcoming meetings. This is a great time to get more involved with our Lodge.

Upcoming Events

- December 8th - 1st Degree
- December 13th - Bell Ringing
- January 12th - Awards Night
- January 26th - Table Lodge

Wakan-Hubbard
Lodge No. 154

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



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By R.:W.: John Zabel

The Lodge has had a good start for the year. We have Initiated several Candidates and their Mentors are working with them to prepare them for the 2nd Degree. The Entered Apprentice Degree was well done with our Junior Warden, Allen Heidrick, in the East. He did an excellent job, and the Candidates were very impressed. Part of our Charter as a Lodge is to make Masons and we are doing that.

Our District Deputy, R.:W.: George Foehner, made his Official Visit to the Lodge on October 27th. It was a very good evening with R.:W.: Steve Michener and V.:W.: Joe Lewis giving a presentation on their areas-of-interest. From what was presented, it looks like we will have a great Masonic Year ahead in the District. Your Lodge leadership will be working to support and participate in District events this coming year.

On December 8th, we will have our Annual Financial Meeting. Please plan to attend as this is where the Brethren get the reports on the financial status of the Lodge and vote on the Dues structure for the coming year. We may also be discussing proposed changes to our By-Laws that your committee feels are important to be implemented. This is also the time to ask the Officers and Trustees any questions you may have on the state-of-the-Lodge and its finances.

We only have one meeting in December due to the Holiday Season happening near the time of our usual meeting on the 3rd Monday of the month. Therefore, we wish all our Brethren

and their family a Joyous Holiday Season, however you may celebrate it.

Also, remember the Dues Notices will be sent shortly after our December meeting.


Coming in January will be the Valley of Rochester, Scottish Rite's Symbolic Lodge Awards Celebration. This is scheduled for Saturday, January 3rd, at the Damascus Shrine Center in Webster starting at 4 p.m. Plan to attend and support your Master's recommendation for the Award.

As of this writing, our honoree has not been selected by the Master. As you remember, W.: Wayne McCrossen was our honoree last year for the work he has and is doing in Freemasonry and for the Lodge. This is also a good event to meet Brethren from other Lodges in the area, not only our District but several surrounding Districts.

Have a great Holiday Season and a very Happy New Year. ☐

WEBSTER
Lodge No. 538

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



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Well, the heat is on in the Lodge, Brothers, and Winter is upon us as you are reading this issue of the **Masonic Times**.

On October 11th we took to the streets, literally, at the direction of Brother Hank Libera, DSA, for our annual "Highway Clean Up" event. Fourteen Brothers came out to make quick work of this community service as we picked up trash on a stretch of Ridge Road in Webster. Thank you, Brothers.

Poinsettia Deliveries

On December 24th at 8:30 a.m., we will gather at the Lodge Hall for a short breakfast before we head out on our Annual Poinsettia Delivery Program. This has always been an enjoyable and touching activity for Webster Lodge members. It is fulfilling to see joy in the eyes of some of our older members, or their widows, as we take a bit of time to visit them and wish them well during this Holiday Season. If you have not yet experienced this event, I guarantee you are missing one of those special moments in Masonry.

In the month of December we look forward to the Fellowcraft Club's Annual Holiday Dinner and I encourage our Brothers to attend this event. The date and location are yet unknown as of this writing but my hope is that we generate renewed interest in the fellowship event to the degree that the Fellowcraft Club is forced to find a facility large enough to handle the attendance. Each year our Fellowcraft Club members work tirelessly to take care of the minor, but unending work of general upkeep around our Lodge. Thank you Brothers.

On November 6th, we hosted our Brother Bring a Friend Program. We had a dozen gentlemen in attendance and did well in ex-



Highway Cleanup Crew included: Paul Dill, Dale Palmer, Al Borino, Hank Libera, Jim Clancy, Grant Kothiringer, Ken Heald, Dave Wissick, Ben Soltzick, John Ornelas, Dave Allen, John Ross and Nick Haldoupis.
Photo taken by W.: John Clapp

plaining our great Craft to them.

On December 4th we will have our 2nd Degree with Senior Warden, Jeremy Knox, sitting in the East. Jeremy is quite proficient in Masonic Ritual and is passionate for the work.

Reminder - Spaghetti Dinners

Don't forget that on the 1st Friday of the month we have a Community Service Spaghetti Dinner. Mark your calendar and plan to attend this dinner on Friday, December 5th. Enjoy a delicious dinner for \$8.00 and help a worthy local organization.

On Wednesday, December 3rd, we are hoping to take a contingent of Brothers to Hamilton, Ontario, Canada to visit our Sister Lodge, Ionic Lodge No. 549, for their Installation of Officers. It promises to be a wonderful time to renew old friendships. These Brothers traveled from Canada last May to join and support us at our 150th Anniversary Celebration and it would be nice to return the support.

Fellowcraft Club

The Webster Lodge Fellowcraft Club's "Dart & Pool League" is off to a grand start, meeting the 2nd Thursday of the month. I'm pretty sure the Brothers and non-Masonic friends are having a great time getting to know each other and enjoying the friendly competition.

Thank you to the Lodge Trustees, W.: Bill Gross, Bob Passino and Ron Soltzick, for the continued work and improvements they have been making to the Lodge Hall. All the exterior lighting has been updated to high efficiency LED lighting. The parking lot is now lit up like daylight; we are saving money and we are more confident with the safety of the

Brethren and those who share our building. A special thank you to Brother Ken Lanza for his hard work and time in making these upgrades.

In closing, having been attending the meetings of the Masters and Wardens Association, I can tell you that the Monroe District is blessed to have many fine Brothers as Officers of their respective Lodges. Our District Deputy Grand Master, R.:W.: George Foehner, is extremely supportive of the efforts of the Masters and Wardens Association. These Brothers are working very hard to improve our Craft. If you, as a Master or Warden have not yet attended and participated, I urge you to do so. Both you and your Lodge will get much out of these meetings.

December Birthdays

December birthday wishes go out to Brothers Kenneth Cross, Sal Fantauzzo, Paul Kolacki, Hank Libera and Don Osborne.

Masonic Anniversaries

Congratulations to Brothers celebrating their Raising in the month of December - Ben Atmosfera; Joe Bahamonde; John Beilman; Al Borrino; Peter Bowers; Harold Brayley; Norman Bresson; Eric Carlson; John Clapp; Jon Collom; Charles Coye; Kenneth Cross; Bill Edwards; Kevin Florack; Francis Foote; William Guthrie; Nick Haldoupis; Jeff Hershberger; Philip King, Jr.; Grant Kothiringer; Hank Libera; Richard Mandelik; Richard Marchner; Paul Moore; Jim Moorehouse; Keith Oelkers; John Ornelas; Dale Palmer; Jacob Ponshock, Jr.; Atilla Serce; Richard Swingly; Kevin Taylor; Elohi Thorne; Don Tingley; John Tyler; Eugene Vanvoorhis; James Young. ☐

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By R.:W.: Skip Waterstreet

Postponing the 1st Degree until November, provided the opportunity for Brother Jared Sherwin to present a program from a "Short Talk" Bulletin on the Two Pillars. Some interesting information was passed to the Brothers in attendance. With the approval of two additional Petitions, we anticipated a class of eight Candidates taking the 1st Degree.

Sickness and Distress

W.: Richard Giedd has moved to Hilton East Senior Assisted Living facility. When R.:W.: Richard Snyder and I paid him a visit, delivering a wheelchair, he had a roommate. He was hoping to get a private room and may have it by the time you are reading this article. W.: Clyde Siverd is still recovering from his shoulder surgery, but is getting out more and even made it to the Lodge's Harvest Dinner.

The death of another Brother, Edward Start, was announced and our Altar continues to be draped. Once again we have had to extend our sympathy to the family of a departed Brother.

Holiday Time

On Saturday, December 6th, Lodge Brothers are tentatively planning to meet for Breakfast.

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Inspiration Lodge

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to be followed by distribution of Poinsettias to Widows and Shut-ins. More details were not available as I wrote this column, but I'm sure by now you could contact Brother Ryan Ramplin, our Junior Warden, or me if you are willing and able to help with this project. We have approximately 40 plants to distribute, so the more the merrier. And, as a reminder, Poinsettias don't like cold weather. You just can't leave them on the door step! If no one is available when you arrive, you may have to make more than one trip. Your efforts are appreciated greatly by these ladies, and your Brothers as well.

Tuesday, December 9th will be the Annual Holiday Party for Inspiration Lodge. It is a Casino Night, with hot hors d'oeuvres and desserts. The games will be handled by a local business. Come out for a fun evening.

Brothers, this is an open event for family members, our Widows and friends. It may be a good time to bring a prospective member, as we can show them we have entertaining events, in addition to our Ritual work. Our newly Initiated Entered Apprentices should be there, too. Reservations were due earlier, but Brother Ramplin can tell you if there is still time to make yours.

Our sponsorship of the All-Masonic Bodies Children's Holiday Party continues this year, and we hope to have a large contingent of Brothers and their family at this event. Saturday, December 13th, beginning at 11:00 a.m. we will have games, activities, treats and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Shrine Center. If you can make it, please bring a wrapped gift for your child or children, marked with the full name of the child. This is presented to her or him by Santa, and we don't want any child receiving the incorrect gift.

There will be NO meeting on December 23rd. Worshipful Joe DiTucci has called for an informal evening of fellowship, if you are looking for something to do that night.

December Birthdays

The last month of the year; the Brothers listed here are celebrating their special day: Eugene V. Smith Jr (4th); Richard Lippincott (8th); Adym Flowerday (9th); James Moore (10th); David Mura (14th); Philip Sturm (17th); Frederick Stahl (24th);

Jared Sherwin (27th); John Auer (30th) and Joseph Gingold and Michael Robinson (31st).

Rehearsals

My Brothers, our Junior Warden is scheduling our Degree rehearsals and needs your help. If you sign up for a part in the Degree, please respond to his notices whether you will, or will not, attend. It is really important that you be present, and prompt, so everyone gets the benefit of knowing what they will do in various situations. It is especially tough to pick up Conductors the night of the Degree. You can only hope they have an inkling of what they are supposed to do! So please, sign up to help, respond to rehearsal alerts that you will (hopefully!) attend and be fully prepared to assist our Candidates at the Degrees. Thank you.

Can You Help?

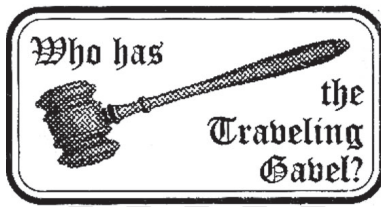
The names of eight Brothers were read. They will be unaffiliated for non-payment of Dues if their check is not received by December 31st. If you would like to assist in contacting one or more of them, ask our Secretary, R.:W.: Derek VanHouten for the information.

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Happy Holidays to one and all; stay healthy and safe, and I hope to see you in Lodge. □



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Brothers, we made it! Well, at least part way ... We made it through the hard work of two Chicken Bar-B-Ques and a weekend of Meatball Subs. Thanks to all who helped. It is this fundraising that keeps Clio going and this spirit of Brother-



Brothers from Clio Lodge retrieved the Traveling Gavel from Northfield Lodge Brothers in October.

hood shown at these events that keeps it vibrant!

October Highlights

Our first meeting in October saw W.: Mike Postilli give an interesting Short Talk on burial through the ages and its meaning - especially to Masons. It was quite informative and I thank Mike for his help.

Our 2nd meeting had a wonderful presentation by Brother Lance Daul from Northfield Lodge about the Architecture of King Solomon's Temple. It was terrific! Clio Brothers saw a good crowd attend and learned more about a fascinating subject.

Thank you, Brother Lance! I highly recommend his Program to any other Masters looking to fill holes in their Trestleboard.

Finally, we had our 2nd Euchre Tournament of the year on October 26th. Turnout was definitely better than the first and a good time was had by all. Thanks to everyone who participated and helped out.

The Traveling Gavel

On October 16th, seven Brothers from Clio traveled to Northfield Lodge and claimed the Traveling Gavel! We were warmly welcomed by W.: Devon Littlefield, Master, and other Brothers of Northfield. My thanks to Brothers Bayard Burch; Bill Hunn, DSA; Brian Dobson; W.: Pete Matthews; W.: Pat Purcell; and W.: Mike Postilli for making the trek to Pittsford. We encourage all of the other Lodges of the District to make the trek to Hilton to claim the gavel next. We're pretty sure they don't check your Passports when you cross from Greece to Hilton, but you'd better bring them just in case...

December Events

December 2nd - We will be having our Regular Communication at 7:30 p.m. R.:W.: Rich Friedman will be giving the Program for the evening.

Our 2nd meeting in December will be our Lodge Family Holiday gathering. It will begin at 6 p.m. All Brothers are asked to bring a dish-to-pass. This is open to all members of your family, so feel free to bring the kids. Please let Brother Bill Hunn know if you will be there so we have enough supplies for everyone.

December Birthdays

Happy Birthday this month to Brothers Dan Cambisi, Roger Howe, Alvin Metcalf, Rob Polatas and Dave Upham.

Closing Thoughts

In keeping with the humor

from last month, here's a variation on the light bulb joke that I really liked:

Q: How many Masons does it take to screw in a light bulb?

A: Three. One to screw it in,

one to read the Minutes of the previous light bulb replacement, and one to sit on the sidelines and complain that this wasn't the way they USED to screw in light bulbs. □

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Our last meeting in October was our yearly Brother Bring-a-Friend Night, which was most successful. We met some very good men who are interested in becoming part of the Craft and we are confident they will be petitioning the Lodge for membership. Brother Lance Daul of Northfield Lodge presented the program. We thank him for his great presentation on "King Solomon's Temple from an Archeological Point-of-View." It was well received by the Brothers and guests alike.

By now we have completed the 1st Degree and welcomed

new Brothers into the Craft.

Mark Your Calendar

We have two important events coming up in December.

On December 8th we will have our Financial Advisor attend and give us a rundown on how our investments are doing and what he sees for the future of our funds. We have done very well since we have switched to this firm.

Annual Christmas Party

December 22nd is the Annual Christmas Party - open to family and friends. Santa will make a visit for the kids (please bring a wrapped gift, marked with the child's full name) for Santa to present. We will be providing the main course of Turkey and Ham; we ask everyone to bring a side dish-to-pass. More information will be available, as we get closer to the event.

So, until next year, I wish everyone a very Happy and Safe Holiday Season. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! □

Genesee-Wyoming District

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By R.:W.: Neil Bedford

I hope everyone had a wonderful Summer. It sounds like we are in for another cold Winter in Western New York.

Olive Branch Lodge traveled to Warsaw Lodge with two Candidates for their 1st Degree on October 28th. A big thank you to the Brothers of Warsaw Lodge for graciously letting our new Brothers become Masons with their Candidate.

Warsaw Lodge celebrated their 150th Anniversary and Re-dedication of their Lodge Hall by the Grand Line on November 16th.

The 2nd and 3rd Degrees will take place at Olive Branch Lodge, with the help of Warsaw Lodge on December 3rd and January 21st, respectively.

The 3rd Degree will be conferred by the Damascus Shrine Degree Team at 7:30 p.m. A dinner, prepared by our resident cook and Master, Bill MacPherson, will commence at 6:00 p.m.

On December 6th, we will be participating in the LeRoy Winter Fest. There will be FREE coffee and Hot Chocolate from 10:00 a.m. until. We will also be putting on a Pancake and Egg Breakfast from 6:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m., and starting at 11:00 a.m., the Lodge will be selling Hamburgers and Sausage Burgers with French Fries for lunch.

The Officers of Olive Branch Lodge wish all our Brothers a very Merry Christmas, a Happy Holiday and a very Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

As always, try to attend Lodge and support the Officers of Olive Branch Lodge. □

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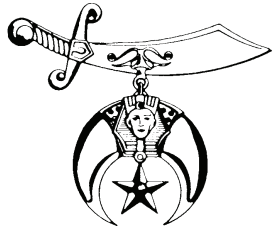
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Damascus News

Damascus Shrine Center No. 2

December 2014

Shrine Meetings

Dinner Reservations Required

Call: (585) 671-7701 or (585) 671-3565

Shrine Office Hours

Monday — Friday

9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Website: www.damascusshrinemasons.org



By Derek VanHouten, Recorder

We are still tabulating the number of walk-ins from the successful Sportsman's Raffle. Thanks to Chairman, Jim Ryan, and his team who provided the setup and hard work done to entertain the crowds as they ate and drank their way through the afternoon.



A crowded Dining Room where Sportsman's Raffle participants gathered.



Cy Kloner is counting the funds at end of the very busy day.

A New Cell Tower

The Crown Castle folks are now on site and are in the process of drilling the foundation hole for the new tower. The hole will be 9 feet wide and almost 40 feet deep, which will be filled with reinforcing (rebar) and concrete to support the new 165-foot tower. The bolts themselves are about 2-1/2 inches in diameter by four feet long; they will be tied in to the rebar and protrude about 6 inches above the bolt ring on which the tower will be set. Different crews will be on site at different times during this erection process. In the end, Damascus will benefit as we are compensated for the privilege of having the tower on the site we lease to them.



The Buffalo Drilling Company brought in their equipment recently to prepare the site for our new cell tower. This involves a hole 9 feet in diameter and almost 40 feet deep that will be filled with rebar and concrete.



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WAYNE McCROSSEN CHIEF RABBAN



Can you believe the year is just about over and the wonderful Holiday Season is fast approaching? I thank all Nobles and friends who have helped bring this year together and wish a very Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah to all.

A big thank you to Jim Ryan for another successful Sportsman's Raffle. We had a great turnout of Nobles and many friends. The food was great and enjoyed by all; thanks, guys, for cooking all day. A lot of work, but so much more fun was had by everyone.

I also thank all who came out in the cold weather to clean up after a great year ... the grills, grounds and all the equipment has been put carefully into storage with anticipation of another year of fun.

The Harvest Dinner, AKA "Carving of the Turkey" was an outstanding time. No turkey was left behind. Thank you, Norris Shapiro, for helping pull this off. There were many laughs along with wonderful friendship and comradeship.

Let's look forward to the New Year and new beginnings with the traditional January Meeting and the "Shell-a-Buck"

Dinner. Where else can you get a Steak Dinner for a dollar by only showing your 2015 Dues Card? All friends and guests are only \$10, still a deal. Come and join us for a night of enjoyment.

As we all know, the real reason we are all here is for the 22 Shriners Hospitals for Children® ... dedicated to improving the lives of children by providing specialty health care, innovative research and outstanding teaching programs for medical professionals who treat children up to the age of 18 years old with orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries, cleft lip and palate. All children are eligible for care regardless of the patient's ability to pay. If anyone knows a child in need, please call the Shrine Center. Just remember ... *You never stand so tall as when you stoop to help a child.*



(l-r) Joey DiTucci, Potentate, and Wayne McCrossen, Chief Rabban, comparing notes for the upcoming year.

Engraved Wall Caps

Ever notice the engraved names on the Wall coming into the Shrine Center?

You can have a name engraved on a Wall Cap to remember or honor someone of your choosing. Orders, with payment, can be placed in the Shrine Office.

The cap can contain up to 4 lines, and up to 15 letters per line. Cost is \$140 per Cap.

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

Act soon ... number of Caps available are limited!

Happy Holidays!
Be safe!



Happy New Year!



DAMASCUS TRESTLEBOARD 2014 DECEMBER

- 1st Divan Meeting, 8 p.m.
- 3rd Shrine Meeting, 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

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

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

Dinner reservations are due by Noon, Friday, January 2nd

Cost is \$1 with your current 2015 Paid Dues Card; otherwise \$10



December Birthdays

Michael Baszto	Roy Hamilton	Kenneth Pollard
David Benda	James Harding	Bradley Rathbun
Clarence Bogardus	Harold Herman	Charles Rouse
Mark Broyles	James Holman	F. Murray Russell
Geoffrey Buell	Robert Kennedy	Robert Selbert
Daniel Cambisi	Paul Kolacki	George Simon
Dennis Carroll	Daniel Lewis	Timothy Slater
Stephen Coville	Henry Libera	Dean Smith
Philip Cox	Richard Lippincott	Frederick Stahl
Robert Cox	Devon Littlefield	Phillip Sturm
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Raymond Crandall	Frederick Ludwig	David Upham
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Harold Davis	Alvin Metcalf	Robert Verbridge
Embola Ekiller	G. Michael Morris	Lance Ward
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Delbert Fix	Donald Osborne	Russel Williams
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Damascus Legion of Honor Meeting

Wednesday, December 10th

Damascus Shrine Center; 979 Bay Road, Webster

Social Hour - 5:30 p.m.

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

**Shrimp Cocktail * Salad * Roast Beef
Potato * Vegetable**

Rolls & Butter * Coffee or Tea * Dessert

\$15 per person

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

Directors Staff Dinner Meeting Note the New Date!

Wednesday December 17th

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
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Norris Shapiro (585) 266-6335
with any questions or
to make reservations

AUBURN SHRINE CLUB

By David Bowman

It's the Holiday Season! The good news is I didn't see many commercials for Christmas before Halloween. I admit that I'm a Thanksgiving and Christmas kinda guy, so bring on the Holiday tunes.

The Annual Christmas Party will be held at Club 86 on December 20th. That Saturday night promises to be special for all of us. Somehow, the organizers have managed to maintain the cost at \$90 a couple. I don't know how they have done it as I looked back in my records; it has been \$90 for a long time. There is a rumor that local celebrity "Pinky" will be at the party for entertainment this year. Your holiday photo will be available that night, so wear your best bib and tucker! Please make your reservation before December 17th by sending your check to Charles Rouse, 19 Herbert Street, Geneva, NY 14456. Let's see how many Auburn tables we can have.

This past week I was in the hospital for some day surgery on one of my hips. When lucid, (now I know everyone is laughing about me being lucid) I was offered a soda. Before taking the empty away, I removed the tab. Immediately the nurse said, "Shriner?" and I smiled. Isn't that great, how well known our organization is.

There will be information about helping out the Salvation Army, so keep checking your inbox or mailbox. ☐

By Edgar Hollwedel

The October Perry Shrine Club Meeting was well attended and we all had a great time. A new member joined the group, Neil R. Bedford of LeRoy. The program "Visit to China-Part 1" was a narrated video with additional information provided by Bill Brown, who with his wife, Margaret, visited China and places that we were watching. A very interesting way to present an overview of this amazing country.

Our December 17th, meeting will be at the National Hotel in Cuylerville, at 6:00 p.m. and will be our famous Christmas Party. Margaret Brown has a wonderful evening planned for us all. It will include skits, stories, Christmas Carols and gift-sharing. For each person who wishes to exchange

a gift, please bring a gift of \$5 minimum value. A good Holiday time will be had by all.

The January 22nd meeting will be at the Lumberyard Restaurant and Ken Buckley will be in charge of the program.

The February 26th meeting will be at the Hole-in-the-Wall Restaurant and Bill Brown will show "Visit to China-Part 2."

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 Pro-

fessionals." I hope to see you all soon. ☐



Bill Brown

From the Kitchen of Jan Porter ...

Rum Cake

Ingredients ... Cake:

4 eggs
1 cup chopped, toasted pecans or walnuts
1 18-1/2 ounce yellow cake mix
One, 3.4-oz pkg (4-serving size) instant vanilla pudding mix

Glaze:

1/2 cup butter
1/4 cup water

Preparation:

Cake: Preheat oven to 325 degrees F. Grease and flour 12-cup Bundt pan. Sprinkle nuts on bottom of pan. Combine all cake ingredients. Beat for 2 minutes on high with electric mixer. Pour into prepared pan. Bake for 1 hour. Cool in pan. Invert on serving plate. Prick top with fork. Drizzle glaze over top of Bacardi Rum Cake. Use brush or spoon to put extra dripping back on cake.

Glaze: Melt butter in saucepan. Stir in water and sugar. Boil 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and stir in rum. Note: The rum will cause steam. Be careful not to burn yourself.

The longer this cakes sits, the better the taste. This cake freezes beautifully. ☐

2014 Damascus News Boosters

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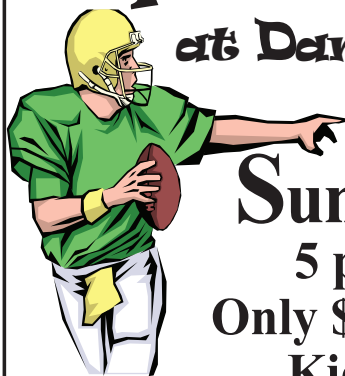
In Memory of Carol Brickman



Super Bowl Sunday

at Damascus Shrine Center

979 Bay Rd, Webster



Sunday, February 1st
5 p.m. - until game is over
Only \$5 - Reservation Required
Kids 12 and under Free!

**This will include food and snacks!
Cash Bar at the Oasis!
\$2 Draft Beers**

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spread out; we even have 2 great couches!*

Reservations by January 28th (Noon): (585) 671-3565 or
email: office@DamascusShriners.org
Questions? Contact Scott Lasky (585) 739-2468 or
email: slasky91@gmail.com

What's New in Erie...

Outstanding Fundraising Efforts for New Radiology Equipment

Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie's (SHC-Erie) fundraising efforts for the program to upgrade its Radiology Department Suites to Digital Radiography, called Gentle Imaging, have been progressing full steam ahead.

The original goal to outfit one of the rooms was \$350,000. This goal was surpassed in a few short months. With the exceptional fundraising work being done for this project, including events like the JET 24 Telethon, the goal was raised to \$700,000. Included in the \$700,000 price tag would be the installation of brand new Digital Radiography (Gentle Imaging) X-ray equipment in both of the Radiology Suites and upgrading the portable x-ray machine. Currently, SHC-Erie stands at close to \$500,000. We are well on our way.

Digital Radiography (Gentle Imaging) offers many benefits to that of traditional x-ray techniques. These include time efficiency, the ability to digitally transfer and enhance images and, most importantly, it cuts down on the radiation received by children, up to 39% less exposure.

With all of this in mind, we thank the Shrine Temples, Clubs and Units who have helped make this project become a reality. We invite those groups to continue their support of the Radiology Project so SHC-Erie can continue to best serve the thousands of children who annually receive care here.

Equine Therapy an Ongoing Success

For children taking part in Equine Therapy, physical therapy is more exciting than ever. Following an initial 6-week phase, the children are now returning to the WLD Ranch twice a week to ride horses and utilize their muscles in unique ways.



The therapy program is led by Sue Birkmire, RN, SHC-Erie Spina Bifida Care Coordinator, and is proving extremely successful at improving the children's continence. The children alternate between sitting front and rear-facing as they strengthen different muscles. The current goal is to find the minimum number of weekly sessions required to maintain their progress in bowel and bladder control.

Aladdin Shriners Make Large Donation to Erie Facility

At the October 16th Board of Governors meeting at Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie, the Aladdin Shriners of Columbus, Ohio presented the Erie facility with two donation checks totaling \$184,132.70 to be applied to the radiology equipment project.

The presentation was made by Illustrious Sir W. Garol Rogers, Aladdin Potentate. The funds were from the Aladdin Shriners' annual tabloid sales as well as a contribution from the Aladdin Shrine Association for Children.



Everyone at Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie thanks the Aladdin Shriners for their generosity.

New Public Relations Manager Named

Gregory Hall, former Marketing and Sales Consultant with FOX 66 in Erie, has been named the new Manager of Public Relations at Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie. A Pittsburgh native, Greg received his B.S. degree cum laude from Gannon University. He also earned his J.D. at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. At FOX 66, Greg worked to develop marketing strategies to help clients grow their brand



Damascus Shriners 2014 Christmas Party

Sponsored by Geneva and Auburn Shrine Clubs

Saturday, December 20th
All Welcome

For All Shriners, Masons, Their Ladies and Their Guests

Club 86 Party House - 86 Avenue E, Geneva

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

Entree Choices:

**Prime Rib ~ Baked 1/2 Chicken
or Broiled White Fish**

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Price \$90 per Couple

Please Specify Dinner Choice & the number in your party.

8 p.m.-11 p.m. - Music and Dancing with the great **Pinky**

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

Raffles and Prizes

Reservations by Tuesday, December 17th

Call 800-448-0741 with your Reservation and Advance Payment

Send Checks and Dinner Choices to:

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19 Herbert Street; Geneva, NY 14456
Email: carouse@rochester.rr.com

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Reservations needed by December 1st

**Dedicated to
the Memory of Nobles**

Richard K. Bradstreet

November 3, 2014

Chester L. Peters

October 24, 2014



**God Bless
Our Troops**
Freedom is Not Free.

and ultimately their business.

These strategies involved the creation of television commercial production as well as the use of digital platforms and social media. Greg is active in the community and serves on the Board of Directors of SafeNet in Erie. Greg replaced Bob Howden who retired July 4 after nearly 15 years at Shriners.

YouTube Channel Launches

Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie launched a local YouTube Channel. The channel will be utilized as a place to populate with news pieces, informational vid-

eos, and compelling success stories from SHC-Erie. Currently news coverage and stories from the telethon have been uploaded.

Please subscribe to the SHC-Erie Channel to help grow the viewer base. Also, this will allow you to access videos to keep you up to date about happenings at the Erie facility and the ability to share the message of Shriners Hospitals for Children®. The channel can be located by logging on to:

www.youtube.com/user/SHCErie

For additional information, contact: Greg Hall (814) 875-8782. □



Damascus Shriners Euchre Tournaments

Last Saturday of the Month ...

Fall Season ...

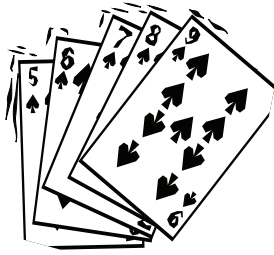
December 27th - Holiday Party

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
(585) 671-7701 Damascus Shrine Center

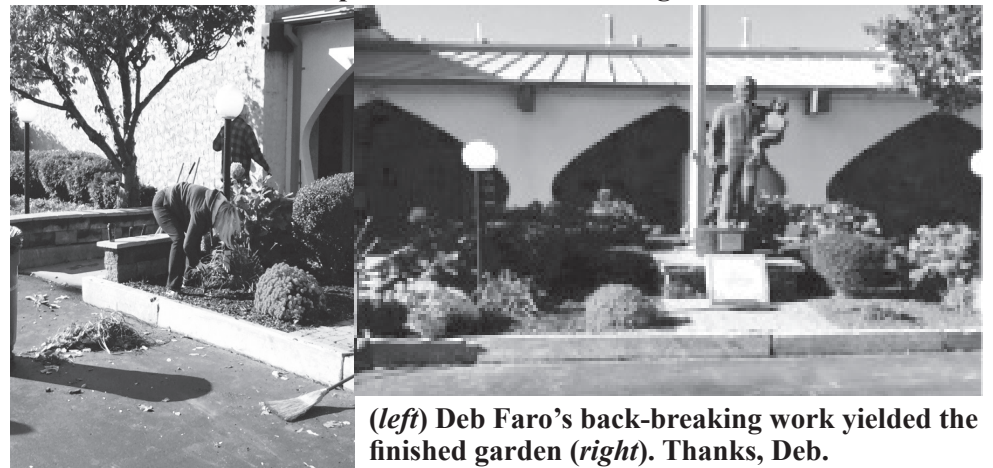
Recorder

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On November 2nd, about 14 hardy souls went to the Shrine Center and accomplished a lot of work getting the facility ready for Winter. Gutters were cleaned, grills were washed and put away, gardens were weeded and brush was removed. We thank all who gave up part of their Sunday to help out. If I listed them I probably would have overlooked someone. Suffice it to say, we very much appreciate their efforts ... now let the snows and cold weather come, we are ready for the Season.



Thanks to this Clean-up Crew! You are a blessing to the Shrine Center.



(left) Deb Faro's back-breaking work yielded the finished garden (right). Thanks, Deb.

Daughters of the Nile Zama Temple No. 14

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

Barbara Jean Smith, Queen



Written by Ellie Canfield

On October 26th, Zama Temple held our Queen's Luncheon at Burgundy Basin with a Fashion Show from Dress Barn. We held a 50/50 and basket raffle. Barbara Jean was honored with the presence of several family members, friends and Temple members. Kitty Noble decorated the room in her colors and the unusual cake was made up of cupcakes, frosted together to look like a solid cake. Barbara Jean was presented a gift from the Temple by Princess Royal, Rhonda Shaffer.

December 13th will be our Stated Session and Holiday Luncheon, which will be Chicken and Biscuit with all the trimmings. Ladies can bring your husbands, friends and maybe a lady who would be interested in joining Daughters of the Nile.

Please do not forget our members who are not able to join us all the time ... perhaps they would enjoy a day out. Zama Members are free; all others will cost \$5. The Past Queens are in charge of this luncheon. Let's come out with the Holiday spirit and, most of all, support our Queen and her Officers.

Upcoming Events

January 10th - Tour of the Memorial Art Gallery. The Gallery has Egyptian Artifacts on display. We will have additional information at a later date as we are trying to have lunch there. We are registered at the Gallery for this date.

February 14th - will be a Stated Session at 10 a.m. Since this is Valentine's Day, there might be something special. Plan to join us to see what it is.

February 22nd - Festival of Music featuring the University of Rochester "Yellow Jackets," Church Choirs and Dancers. This event will take place at the Genesee Baptist Church, 149 Brooks Avenue, Rochester.

History of the Yellow Jackets

The Yellow Jackets were formed by Dr. Ward Woodbury, Jr. who was appointed Director of Music on the River Campus in 1954. The group was formed as part of the original Men's Glee Club, which is no longer in existence. Their first engagement was for the Spring

1956 graduation ceremony.

While called the Yellow Jackets (after the University of Rochester's Mascot) the group originally performed in blue blazers with red and black ties. The iconic yellow blazers were not purchased until 1958. Adding to the yellow jackets, the men began wearing tux pants and bow ties and created the look that clearly identifies the Yellow Jackets today.

The Yellow Jackets wasted no time making their mark on history and the group recorded its first record, a 78-rpm vinyl disc in 1959. The ensemble continued to produce records, recording some of the finest music for male voices. For a brief time in the 1970s, the ensemble had a feminine touch with the addition of Ester Stein and Sara Krusenstjerna as their accompanists. The Yellow Jackets continued the 100-year tradition of the Men's Glee Club under the direction of Roger Wilhelm, and began their move into the next 25 years. In 1981, the Yellow Jackets began their transition from accompanied music into their current a cappella format. The uniform faced a change again in 1980 returning to a blue tie and then bringing back the ever-popular yellow jackets.

By the late 1980s, the Alumni base was expanding and they had their first Alumni Reunion Concert in 1991 held on the River Campus. The tradition has continued to this day. The group created the Yellow Jackets Alumni Association in 1997 in order to open communication between increasing generations of members.

The Yellow Jackets had the opportunity to perform for Holiday tours at the White House and even took a moment to pose with former President Clinton's cat, Socks.

After reading this, you should not miss the "Festival of Music." PLEASE come out and have a musical afternoon ... one you will not forget for a long time.

The January newspaper will give more information about the time of this event and ticket prices as well as where tickets will be sold.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all and God Bless everyone whether near or far away. □

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The Most Excellent Master Degree was presented and all went well. Thanks to all who gave aid and support to make this a success. We are discussing the possibility of organizing a Royal Arch Festival in January to accommodate those needing to finish their Royal Journey. Details to follow.

December 11th - Our Annual Meeting and Elections will be on our first meeting in December. Please plan on attending.

Don't Forget December 13th
December 13th
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Annual All-Masonic Children's Holiday Party 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

The 1st Degree seen in Royal Arch is the Mark Master Mason Degree. You heard in Craft Lodge that the Senior Warden is responsible for paying the Craft their wages. In this Degree, you'll see how that is accomplished.

The Mark Master Degree is the Fourth Degree in Masonry, of the American Rite. It is conferred in a Lodge of the Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

The traditions of the Degree make it of great historical importance, since by them we are informed that by its influence each Operative Mason at the building of the Temple was known and distinguished, and the disorder and confusion which might otherwise have attended so immense an undertaking was completely prevented. The Fourth Degree is particularly directed to the inculcation of order, regularity, and discipline. It teaches us that we should be good and true - not unfinished and imperfect.

The 1st Section of the Mark Master Degree is said to take place a couple of years before the completion of the Temple of King Solomon.

Good Work, True Work, Square Work. In the 1st Section, a young Fellowcraft on the way to the Temple with his work, finds a curious, yet beautiful, stone. This stone was neither oblong nor square. It did, however, have a peculiar form and beauty, which attracted his eye. He exchanged this stone for his own and presented it as his work and attempted to receive the wages of a Fellowcraft. This

stone was rejected by the builders, but later became the chief stone of the Temple.

As a part of your obligation you promised you would choose for yourself a personal mark. Once this mark has been properly recorded, you will never change it. It is yours and yours alone.

In the Mark Master Mason Degree the Candidate is presented with the Mark of a Brother in the request of a favor to make a deep and lasting impression upon their mind. They are further impressed never to turn away a Brother Mark Master Mason when the price of his Mark might procure for him the immediate necessities of life. Charity has taught you as a Mark Master Mason.

All four Royal Arch Degrees will be presented at a Festival in January. I encourage all Brothers to seek more light and present a Petition to become a Royal Arch Mason.

Here's wishing each of you a happy and safe Holiday Season and we'll communicate again in the New Year. □

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3rd Wednesday



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We all had a great time at Holiday Inn Airport, for Grand Commander Knights Templar, SK and Rev. Charles Robert's Reception. It was a great time of fellowship and festivities.

The Select Masters Degree will be held at a date to be announced.

Musings

A synopsis on the Select Master Degree: The Select Master Degree gives you a deeper understanding and appreciation of your Royal Arch Degree.

As a Master Mason, you were informed that you could not be given the secret word of Master Mason because it had been lost with the death of Hiram Abif. As a Royal Arch Mason, you uncovered the long-lost Master's word and the Ark of the Covenant buried in a secret vault beneath the ruins of King Solomon's Temple.

In the Select Master Degree, you learn why King Solomon chose that as the hiding place. You will learn the symbolism and significance of each of the items chosen for the deposit in the Ark of the Covenant, where you found them in the Royal Arch Degree. Most important of all, in the Select Master Degree you will learn why the secret word of Master Mason could only be given in the presence of all three of our ancient Grand Masters, and therefore why, as a new Master Mason, you could not receive it at that time.

Like the Royal Master, the Select Master Degree gives you yet another portion of the Solomonic Story. It takes place just prior to the events of the Master Mason Degree. The setting is the underground Chamber or Crypt, which King Solomon ordered to be constructed beneath his personal apartments in the Temple. King Solomon ordered the work to be done with utmost secrecy. To that end, he personally chose a small, select group of his most skilled and trusted craftsmen. It is for that reason that Companions of the Cryptic Rite are known as Select Masters.

As the Candidate, you will portray Zabud, a trusted friend of King Solomon but not of those whom he selected to work on the secret vault. My Companions, in your Royal Arch Degree, it was an accidental discovery in the ruins of the Temple, which led you to uncover the Ark of the Covenant and the long-lost Master's Word.

In the 1st Section of the Select Master Degree, as Zabud, you accidentally discover the secret vault at a time of its original construction. For reasons that are revealed to you in the ceremonies of the Degree, you find yourself being admitted to that select band of craftsmen.

In the 2nd Section of the Degree, you learn the aforementioned reasons for the symbolic deposits in the Ark and the reasons for preserving the secret word of Master Mason.

Here's wishing each of you a Happy and Safe Holiday Season and we'll communicate again in the new year. □

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Mark Your Calendar

August 15, 2015, will be the Triennial of Grand Encampment of Knights Templar USA in Buffalo. 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.

Reflections on the Season

Our topic for discussion this month is Reflections on the Season as a Templar and a Mason. I

found the following article several years ago, and I re-read it annually at this time of year to put the Season in perspective.

True Meaning of Christmas As Voiced by Santa Claus

"Teach the Children! Teach them the old meaning of Christmas. The meaning that now-a-days Christmas has forgotten.

"Teach the children that the pure green color of the stately fir tree remains green all year round, depicting the everlasting hope of mankind, all the needles point heavenward, making it a symbol of man's thoughts turning toward heaven.

"Teach the children that the star was the heavenly sign of promises long ago. God promised a Savior for the world, and the star was the sign of fulfillment of His promise.

"Teach the children that the candle symbolizes that Christ is the light of the world, and when we see this great light we are reminded of He who displaces the darkness.

"Teach the children that the wreath symbolizes the real nature of love. Real love never ceases. Love is one continuous round of affection.

"Teach the children that I, Santa Claus, symbolize the generosity and goodwill we feel during the month of December.

"Teach the children that the holly plant represents immortality. It represents the crown of thorns worn by our Savior. The red holly berries represent the blood shed by Him.

"Teach the children that God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son. Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift.

"Teach the children that the candy cane represents the shepherd's crook. The crook on the staff helps to bring back strayed sheep to the flock. The candy cane is the symbol that we are our Brother's Keeper as well as the sheep of Christ's flock.

"Teach the children that it was the angels that heralded in the glorious news of the Savior's birth. The angels sang Glory to God in the highest, on earth peace and good will toward men.

"Teach the children that as the lost sheep are found by the sound of the bell, it should ring mankind to the fold. The bell symbolizes guidance and return.

"Remember, teach the children the true meaning of Christmas and do not put me in the center, for I am but a humble servant of the One that is, and I bow down to worship him, our LORD, our GOD."

Thus saith Santa

As a Templar, I find a particular challenge of faith today given the world situation influenced by the religious terrorists of the Middle East. I find solace in the following:

Freemasonry and Faith

I am grateful for a faith that makes the divine a part of my life and at the same time helps me to recognize the good in every other person's faith. There is no place in my religious faith for a narrow sectarianism that excludes those who do not happen to see God as I see Him nor for the kind of religious bigotry that blinds me to the good and precious in other people's faiths. I am grateful for a faith that enables me to embrace all men who believe in God. I am grateful for a faith that leads me to love all mankind and see through that love the means of bringing together all the nations of the earth in a Brotherhood of man under the Fatherhood of God.

I am grateful for a faith that humbles me in the presence of position or power and compels me to live my life in service to others, rather than to spend the days of my years seeking to climb the ladder of fame, fortune, or success, and perhaps thereby lose the faith that I had.

Freemasonry is not for me a religion, but it is an institution that has served to deepen my faith and enlarge my concern for the welfare of my fellow man. Freemasonry has served to make me a better man, for it has led me to see that Freemasonry and our faith, linked together, are the twin pillars of strength for the development of character and the enriching of one's spiritual life.

Freemasonry has reached beyond creeds and cultures to make the eternal truths of all ages the property of all men who declare their faith in a Supreme Being.

Freemasonry is a sacred thing, not because it is religious in nature, but because it is able to see the religious in all men's creeds and apply those values to the making of better men and a better world.

We dare not use our faith for what we get out of it, and we get many wonderful things from our faith, but we use our faith to bring us closer to God and to one another. We dare not use Freemasonry for personal gain, though we gain so much from Freemasonry; but we dare to use Freemasonry for the far more noble and glorious purpose of making Brotherhood a reality. □

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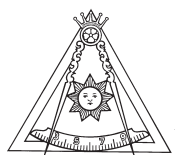
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**John Lemke, 32°, DSA
Commander-in-Chief**

Do we make a difference? Is the Scottish Rite just a club for grown-up boys? Do we transform anything, including ourselves? What do we actually think about this? It's possible to delude ourselves into seeing importance in what we do where none exists. We pretend and live in a fantasy world of self-importance where we credit the powers of our "boys club" with importance undeserved. If that is so, must it be so?

Men for centuries have gotten together to settle the problems of the world. Much talk of that fashion comes to naught. How is what we do different? We tell stories with moral lessons to what end? Is it possible that we really live in times of transformation? If there is transformation how can we, as individual men, effect things in any significant way? We live our lives and wonder the impact. Events happen and we flow along in the river of history. Should we swim against the current, and if we do will it matter?



Rochester Lodge of Perfection

By Eric J. Lubberts, 32°, DSA
Thrice Potent Master

'Tis Truly the Season A.L. 6014! Our Masonic Fraternity has, by now, turned on all of our Lights for the Ancient Craft Masonry year anew. If ever you are having a problem finding that Light, let us know. We may be able to bring some Light to you or show you a path to more Light.

We are a family that will never be left alone. Our Widows and Orphans, as well, should never be left alone or forgotten. They, too, are a part of the family. I encourage all of your Lodges to send a greeting or two. A visit with a few Brothers/Ladies together is especially nice. It is the Season; if not now, when? So mote it be.

The Season is the time we now, as a society of friends and Brothers, band together for a much greater purpose. Our families, our friends and all the people may unite together for a much more noble and glorious purpose. Now is the time for all children to have hope, faith and understanding of charity.

Children's Holiday Party

Saturday, December 13th - 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. We are hosting an All-Masonic Groups Children's Holiday Party. It will be held at the Damascus Shrine Center, 979 Bay Road, Webster. It is open to children, grandchildren and their friends of all Masonic families. Bring a wrapped gift for each child. Be sure to mark with the child's full name. Activities will include Cookie Decorating, making Pine Cone Bird Feeders, Games, Coloring, Snacks, Drinks and A SPECIAL VISIT WITH SANTA!! We hope to see you there. May your Holidays be bright.

A very important last note, we need to salvage what we have in the basement. We'll be able to utilize what we can, be careful what we

**Our Mission:
We will strive
to be a fraternity
that fulfills our
Masonic obligation
to care for our
members.**

Masonry and Scottish Rite Freemasonry have transformed the world as well as transforming countless men. In my lifetime, the tide of history has moved in a direction away from what we teach. Moral teaching now suggests that many viewpoints can be valid. If the moral lessons of the Degrees of the Scottish Rite are out-of-favor, why should we persist?

The Scottish Rite tells the story of our Judea Christian world from ancient times to the present. Who we are as Americans today and how we became the America of today is a story that should be told. If we don't tell it, who will?

You have a chance in the Scottish Rite to make a mark on history. We may well be in a time of transition and crisis. If you want the world to be recognizable to your posterity as a world with the moral lessons of our Scottish Rite, then you (we) need to make it happen. The pendulum can swing one way and then another. Great effort, though, may be needed to move our world in the direction of our Scottish Rite Degrees.

Don't be discouraged if many don't see the Light. If you see the Light, and the importance of that Light, then believe in our ultimate success. Men in all eras are tempted to give in to discouragement.

Join me in the Scottish Rite and let's transform ourselves, our communities, and our great Country in preserving the moral lessons needed for a future world we can recognize. We can make a difference. In the Scottish Rite find the Fraternity that allows you to join together with Brothers to make your mark on the future and see the reality of what we, together, can transform.

Participate in our programs. Enjoy the socializing and find your personal growth. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. ☐

accept and, at the end, store properly for the next Holiday. If there are a few Brothers available during the weekdays, please contact Eric J. Lubberts at:

janerico1@verizon.net

Ph: (585) 314-3227. We will be needing help as well on the Friday night before and Saturday. Any help is well appreciated.

"Heavens to Betsy," I don't want to forget about a new program the Valley of Rochester is promoting. Do you have a Passport? Do you wish to travel? Fill your Passport through our Traveling Passport Program. I am so very enthusiastic about this program that I volunteered to get it started (crazy, maybe).

Are you missing a few stamps in your Passport? Well, hold your hair back (or not). We are calling it "The Traveling Passport Program" ... why, because we will travel. It will be a program that can unite our Sublime Princes to fulfill that traveling journey. We can arrange (with your help), in conjunction with that of our Valley to be that traveler.

Currently, so long as it is within any Masonic Jurisdiction and a majority request, we may attend different Valleys for a path to fill your Passport. You have to think about it. We travel together to a destination, accommodate our family travelers, giving them an opportunity to visit another State. If we have smaller requests to stay in New York, together, we will be able to carpool or just ride together. The feeling of being is what you will take away from this program. Our journey has just begun.

On that, my neighbors, from our family to yours ... Janine and I wish you a very Happy Holiday. ☐

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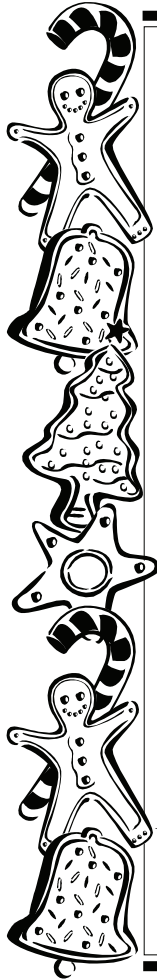
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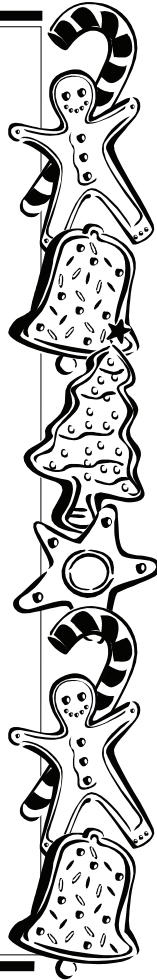
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**Valley of Rochester
 Winter ... 2014-2015**
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**DECEMBER**  
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 December 13th - All-Masonic Children's Holiday Party
 at Shrine Center ~ 11 a.m. - 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.
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**JANUARY**  
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 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
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 January 15th - Valley Meeting at Shrine Center  
 Social - 5:30 p.m. ~ Dinner - 6:30 p.m. (\*\*)  
 Meeting - 7:30 p.m.  
 Program - Public Speaking and Freemasonry in Manhood  
 Italian Dinner ... Baked Lasagna and Meatballs  
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FEBRUARY
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 February 12th - *Have-a-Heart* at Marketplace Mall  
 3 p.m. - 9 p.m.  
 Please call the Office with times you can help.  
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 February 19th - Valley Meeting at Shrine Center
 Social - 5:30 p.m. ~ Dinner - 6:30 p.m. (**)
 Meeting - 7:30 p.m. ~ Meeting
 Program - 2017 Supreme Council at Rochester
 By Mike Morris
 A Valley favorite ... Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
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 February 28th - Ladies Night Dinner at Brook House  
 920 Elm Ridge Center Drive  
 Times and Program - TBD  
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MARCH
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 March 19th - Valley Meeting at Shrine Center  
 Social - 5:30 p.m. ~ Dinner - 6:30 p.m. (\*\*)  
 Meeting - 7:30 p.m. ~ Meeting  
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 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
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**Rochester Chapter of
 Knights of Rose Croix**

By Adam Junod, 32°
 Most Wise Master

At last year's Symbolic Lodge Awards Ceremony there was a level of pride and cheerfulness. To see a Brother from your Lodge, whom you love and respect as an upright man and Brother get an award, is a moment to celebrate with pride. Every Lodge and every Brother is encouraged to come and support their Award Recipient. Let's fill the Damascus Shrine Center to celebrate these Award Recipients.

The ceremony's keynote speaker will be R.: W.: Don Kunego who is the Adjutant General for the Masonic War Veterans, Grand Post, for the State of New York.

Military Resume

Enlisted in the U.S. Army as a Private and went to Basic and Advanced Training at Fort Dix, New Jersey.

After graduation, he was assigned to a Civil Affairs Company that was originally part of the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne) with duty assignments in the Republic of Vietnam serving as an interpreter with the 11th Armored Cavalry and as a Military Advisor

with Team 86 of the Military Assistance Command. Upon returning, he was assigned to the West Point Military Academy serving as a Staff Sergeant on the Headquarters Staff of the Cadet Support Battalion. Also, he was a photographer for the Cadet Parachute Club.

Discharged from Active Duty, he joined the Army Reserves where he rose to the Rank of Master Sergeant, received a direct Commission as a 1st Lieutenant and was certified as a Civil Affairs (Special Operations) and Combat Engineer Officer.

His last on-duty assignment was leading a Special Operations Team in Iraq during Operation Desert Storm. He retired from the Reserves as a Major with 27 years of service.

Awards include the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry and the New York State Conspicuous Service Medal.

Masonic Resume

1983 - Raised to Master Mason
 2007 - Master, Hesperus Lodge No. 837, Bergen
 2010-2012 - District Deputy Grand Master, Genesee-Wyoming
 2011 - Commander, Knights Templar, Batavia Commandery No. 34
 2013 - High Priest, Royal Arch

Masons,
 Le Roy
 Chapter
 No. 183

2014 - Deputy
 Master,
 Nundawaga
 Council No.
 92, Cryptic
 Masons

2014 - Adjutant
 General,
 Masonic War
 Veterans,
 Grand Post,
 State of New York

I am honored to be the Master of Ceremonies for the event for the second year in a row. I cannot wait to hear R.: W.: Kunego speak. This should be a night of joy and excitement for those being honored and for all Brethren in attendance.

Lodge Masters, please get your nominations in. Lodge members, please make suggestions to your Worshipful Master for someone whom you think is deserving of the Award. Nomination forms can be found at the Valley Website: www.ValleyofRochester.org

I will be contacting Lodge Masters in the next few weeks to answer any questions you may have and I look forward to speaking with all of you. Remember any Brother can receive this Award! ☐

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April 18th
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May 16th
 Reunion Banquet
 at Cobblestone Creek
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SEASON'S GREETINGS

W O O F F H O H R I E H A N A W O

Lodge of Perfection
 Council of Princes of Jerusalem
 Chapter Rose Croix
 Consistory



Rochester Council of the Princes of Jerusalem

By Stephan Michener, 32° Sovereign Prince

“And now, for something completely different” ~ Monty Python

The Elevator Speech
“32nd floor please.

Why yes, I am a Master Mason. Oh you are too? Glad to meet you, Brother. Yes I am a member of the Scottish Rite. That’s what this Double-Headed Eagle is all about.

What’s that you say? Why did I join? Well I loved going through the first three Degrees so much that I wanted even more Light in Masonry so I asked for a Petition and put it in. Next thing I knew I was a member.

No, it’s not that a 32nd Degree Mason is any higher or

better or more enlightened than a Master Mason. As a matter of fact, he just has more questions that he’s searching for answers to. He’s doing what we Masons are supposed to be doing in our never ending search for Light. The Scottish Rite is an organization that helps him do that, and the 4th through 32nd Degrees are like little lessons. Some even call it the College of Freemasonry, because after you take the first three classes, the 29 other Degrees give a little more explanation and detail. There are some great Inspirational stories

in those lessons.

I know what you mean. Sometimes it’s a little hard to know for certain what some of that Ritual of the first three Degrees and those symbols might mean. But the Scottish Rite Degrees actually show you examples of what the Ritual means. It’s like it puts it into practice right there for you. It still makes you think though, and at times it causes me to come up with even more questions.

Oh, sure. I’ve made a lot more Masonic friends by becoming a member. You see, this is a way to get to know Brothers from many different Lodges and all around. By joining I moved a little more out of my comfort zone, and that helps me to grow and become a better man. It was just like when I first joined my Lodge. At first I didn’t know the guys, but now I know most of

these Brothers. There’s some good guys who belong.

No, it doesn’t take that much time. In fact I don’t go to their monthly meetings too often because I drive my daughter to dance lessons on the same night. But twice a year they have what they call a reunion where they put on some Degrees, and I try to not miss that. It’s only two Saturdays a year and it’s great! It’s very Convenient. But the monthly meetings I hear are pretty good, and there’s usually a great meal.

Oh, heck yeah it’s fun. I like to get involved in helping to put on the Degrees. You see, I never got to be in the high school plays and so now this is a chance for me to try a little acting. I really enjoy it, and unlike Lodge if I can’t memorize all my lines, it’s okay. I’m doing the best I can, and no, not everyone has to take

a part in the Degrees. There’s other ways to help out and get involved. It’s like being a part of a team.

Sure, they have social events, and my wife even gets to come to them sometimes. There’s a couple of dinners she can come to and in fact there’s Sweethearts dinner in February and they’ve got a great clambake in the Summer too.

No, you’d be surprised. It’s not that expensive to join. About the cost of two cups of coffee a month. Believe me, it’s more than worth it.

All you have to do is put a Petition in, and then come to the Degrees when they put them on. I promise you Brother, it’s not as scary at all like when you joined your Lodge.

Oh, you’re getting off on the 32nd floor too? Congratulations and Welcome!” □

Random Photos from October Veterans Program



Fidelity Triangle No. 4 Prepares for Busy Term

By Junior Deputy Kristina Brandt

With the Holiday Season fast approaching, Fidelity Triangle is getting ready to work with other members of our Masonic Family this month and prepare for some new and exciting events in 2015.

December Activities

First, the members and Supervisors of the Triangle will be joining Northfield Lodge on December 2nd to assist them during the Pittsford Candlelight Night. The members of Northfield have been so supportive by providing us with a place to meet and lending assistance when needed; we look forward to future opportunities to work together.

We will also be helping with the All-Masonic Children's Holiday Party at the Shrine Center on December 13th from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Fidelity members have often volunteered to help with this event in the past and we anticipate another fun event this year.

... Into the New Year

When 2015 starts, Fidelity Triangle will hit the ground running. On January 10th, the members and adults will be getting together for a Family Snow Day. Activities will include sledding, ice skating, or other activities, depending on the weather. Be sure to check our website as we get closer to the date for more details:

www.fidelitytriangle.weebly.com

January 24th - Masonic Family Night Meeting at 7 p.m. in Pittsford. All are welcome at this Open Meeting as our organization pays tribute to the adult Masonic organizations within our District. We anticipate seeing representatives from each of the Concordant Bodies and look forward to seeing a full room as our members perform their own ritual work, floor work, and Degrees especially created for the evening. Please RSVP to Junior Deputy Kristina

Brandt at: fidelitytrianglereno.4@gmail.com if you plan on attending.

On February 14th, we will hold a Valentine's Day Fundraiser. This will be our Valentine's Mystery Dinner held at the Lodge Hall in Pittsford. Skip the crowded restaurants and enjoy a relaxing night out with good food as you try to solve the mystery as performed by our Members and Supervisors. Who did it? You'll have to come to find out.

On February 28th at 7 p.m., Election of Officers will be held during a Closed Meeting. This is a wonderful opportunity for members of our Masonic Family to see how Triangle's Election process works.

We will also be looking to add new Supervisors and Masonic Supervisors to our roster as we look to expand our membership. Supervisors (members of Eastern Star and Amaranth) and Masonic Supervisors (Master Masons) are volunteers who attend meetings and other functions to support the Triangle and

December 2nd Fundraising for the Children's Dyslexia Center



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its members. If you're already doing this, consider making it official and become a part of Fidelity Triangle during the upcoming Term.

On March 14th, Fidelity Triangle will be holding its first-ever Mini-Golf Tournament at Glow Golf. This indoor mini-golf event will feature prizes for different age groups as well as awarding an overall winner. How good are you with a putter? Put your skills to the test and help the Triangle raise funds for its charities and future projects.

With so much going on, there are plenty of opportunities to assist Fidelity Triangle and we hope to see support among our Masonic Family grow. The future of our Triangle depends upon it.

Volunteer to Help

I take this opportunity to announce that as of this publication date, I have had to re-locate outside of the District. I will continue to serve as Junior Deputy until a replacement has been selected; however, the distance will make it difficult for me to attend

every function. It is absolutely imperative that the members of our Masonic Family join together to help Fidelity Triangle continue doing its great work and inspiring young girls to become strong, capable leaders.

As you can see, we have a lot planned for the current Term and will need assistance outside of myself and the two Supervisors who have been running the Triangle this past year. Despite my re-location, the Triangle will go on, will grow and will play an important role in this community. They just need your help. If you're able to help assist with one or more of our planned events, please contact me at:

fidelitytrianglereno.4@gmail.com and let me know how you would like to contribute. Whether you can cook, drive, chaperone, or help our members with their ritual work, any time given will be greatly appreciated.

Our Masonic youth are the future members of our adult Concordant Bodies. Help to support the future of your organizations by supporting Triangle. □

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 - Look for the icon to find out exactly how much cash back you'll earn from purchases made from that store or on a particular product.



In Memoriam

Bradstreet, Richard K.

Richard Bradstreet, 78, laid down his Working Tools on November 3rd. He will be sadly missed by his Sweetheart, Carol; 3 children and 3 grandchildren. Dick was a U.S. Navy Veteran and member of Fame Lodge, Scottish Rite and Damascus Shriners. There are special people in our lives who never leave, even after they're gone.

Cameron, Donald G.

On October 14th, Donald Cameron, 88, went Home to his Lord leaving his wife, Lois, and extended family to remember him. Don was a member of Fairport-Flower City Lodge. A memory is a keepsake of time that lives forever in the heart.

Cole, Lawrence F.

On October 27th, Lawrence Cole, 88, passed away. He is survived by his fiancée, Bette; 1 child and 2 grandchildren. Lawrence was a U.S. Navy Veteran of World War II and a member of Webster Lodge. A page in our book of memories is gently turned today.

Hargrave, Charles F.

We just received word on the passing of Charles Hargrave, 82, on May 26th who was a member of Drumlin Square Lodge for more than 60 years and a U.S. Air Force Veteran. He is survived by his wife, Esther; 4 children, 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. May he find peace with the Lord.



Narcisco, Frank N.

We have been notified that Frank Narcisco, 93, went to the waiting arms of his wife on December 10, 2013. Frank was a World War II Veteran and member of Scottish Rite. His 3 children and 4 grandchildren will always remember him. You left us with a garden of memories, sprayed with a million tears.

Peters, Chester L., Jr.

On October 24th, Chester Peters, 70, entered Eternal Rest leaving his wife, Patricia; 3 children, 8 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Chester was a longtime Mason, a member of Unity Lodge, Scottish Rite and Damascus Shriners. Remembrance is a golden chain that ties all the love and sorrows.

Warner, Stuart H.

Stuart Warner, 91, found loving peace in the arms of the Lord on November 12th. Stu is survived by 2 children, 4 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. He was a member of Drumlin Square Lodge and Order of the Eastern Star. He was a U.S. Army Veteran of World War II. He labored hard for those he loved, then left us to remember. □





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By R.W. Jan Porter, DDGM

The Monroe District Banquet held in October was the occasion for recognizing the outgoing Grand Officers and the great job they did. The reports and presentations were overwhelming for the results of their fundraising.

R.W. Beverly Thompson, District Deputy Grand Matron, reported on fundraising results for the Grand Matron's Special Project, Masonic Medical Research Laboratory's "Every Heartbeat Counts."

She thanked the District for their generosity for the projects.

R.W. Tom Richenderfer, District Grand Lecturer, reported on the "Plenty for All" project - providing to local food cupboards. He tallied 742 food items were donated and 70 hours of volunteer time was spent at Foodlink.



R.W. Beverly Thompson (right) and her daughter, Carrie Paddyfoote (center), presented a check to Carol Vurley (left) of Dream Factory of Rochester, which was her special project.

Debra and Karen Leipold liked volunteering so much at Foodlink, they have continued to help there. Way to go! I'm sure your continued assistance is most appreciated.

The proceeds of the Square Dance event benefitted the USO at Fort Drum.

Upcoming Events

December 6th - 10 a.m. at Unity Lodge Hall, Spencerport. - District Meeting for ALL MEMBERS of Monroe District. We will be sharing ideas for the future of the District.

December 7th - District Christmas Party, 2 p.m. at Unity Lodge Hall, Spencerport. Bring



R.W. Debra Leipold (above left) and R.W. Karen Leipold have continued to volunteer at Foodlink, following the lead of the District Grand Lecturer's "Plenty for All" program.



Major Nathan Thompson (left) receiving check for Fort Drum USO from R.W. Tom Richenderfer.

a Dish-to-Pass and a non-perishable food item.

January 3rd - Line Officers at Unity Lodge Hall, 9 a.m.; a complimentary lunch will be served following organizational meetings of each Club.

May you and yours have a very Blessed Holiday Season and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. □

Rochester Forest No. 133



Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America

4th Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
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By Don Brugger, PDDGTC

We hope all had a joyous Thanksgiving Holiday. The following Brothers were selected by the nominating committee for the upcoming year:

GTC **Cy White**
SDGTC **Rob Russo**
JDGTC **Glenn Scott**
Scribe **Don Bell**
Treasurer **John Zabel**

December 20th - Our Holiday Party will be held at Lillian's Restaurant (located at the Northeast Corner of Routes 441 and 250 (behind the Hess Station) ... Social - 6 p.m., Dinner about 6:30 p.m. There is no official meeting in December. You will be receiving a card as a reminder. As always, guests, family members and potential Candidates will be welcome.

At the January Meeting we will discuss our 2015 Membership Campaign activities. The theme for 2015 is "Replace Yourself." The only way to get new members is to tell your Masonic Brothers and other friends about our organization and our philanthropy - Muscular and Nerve Disease Research. The Tall Cedars have been con-

tributing through the Muscular Dystrophy Fund Campaign since 1951.

Rochester Forest No. 133, has been in existence since 1947. We meet on the 4th Wednesday of every month, except for June through August at Wakan-Hubbard Lodge Hall at the corner of Route 441 and Five Mile Line Road in Penfield.

We have a Spring Sausage Roast in June, a Steak Roast in September and a Holiday Party in place of a December meeting. Some of the Woodsmen meet before our monthly gathering at a restaurant in the Penfield Area and Candidates for membership are usually the guests of the Forest at these informal dinners.


For more information, contact our Grand Tall Cedar or Scribe; The phone numbers are in the column header. □

More Lodge News

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NORTHFIELD
Lodge No. 426
www.northfieldlodge.org
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On October 4th we had a very successful Fall Lodge Cleanup. The Lodge got a much needed once-over and the kitchen is sparkling. A special thanks to all the Brothers who helped.

On October 16th we had a very fun night. The night started off with yet another outstanding meal from Junior Warden Ken Stavalone. We were blessed to

be joined by a large number of Brothers this evening. Two Brothers from Oatka, Thomas Cramer and Leandro daSilva, joined us along with 7 Brothers from Clio: Mike Postilli, Pete Matthews, Brian Dobson, Patrick Purcell, Matt Schaeffer, Bill Hunn and Bayard Burch. The Brothers came out and enjoyed a great presentation on the history of Northfield Lodge by John Dudley.

In addition to the great meal and enlightening presentation, the Brothers from Clio also took home the Traveling Gavel! Congratulations Brothers and, no offense, but I hope you don't have it for long!

November 6th brought us the honor of conferring the 1st Degree on a new Brother. We had a wonderful meal and great turnout. Hopefully our new Brother's memories of this big night are as fond as I know all of ours are. The Ritual was admirably done - led by our Junior Warden, Ken Stavalone, in the East. A special thanks for a great job done by Lawrence Stavalone and Andrew Rickard on the Questions and Answers!

Upcoming Events

December 2nd - Stop by for some hot chocolate at our Annual Open House! We will be holding this event in conjunction with the Pittsford Candlelight Night, a local celebration in the Village with all of the shops and stores open and providing treats of the Season. There are horse drawn wagon rides, lighting of a Christmas tree and Menorah and many activities for the children. If you've never been before, be sure to head out and enjoy a fun-filled family

evening and make sure you stop by the Lodge to see us!

December 4th - Northfield has the privilege of having R.:W.: John Zabel speaking at 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 get some further clarity - fresh off the performance of our 1st Degree. Any Lodge with a recently Raised Brother should most definitely consider joining us on this evening as it will be sure to bring more Masonic Light to our newly Raised Brothers!

December 6th - We will be holding our 2nd Annual Wine and Cheese Night beginning at 7:30 p.m. Bring your spouse, significant other or come by yourself, along with your favorite beverage and an appetizer to share. This event is open to all Brothers and **reservations need to be made by December 1st** to: kstavalone@rochester.rr.com

December Birthdays

Dave Adams (7th); Raymond Beardsley, Sr. and Robert Borden, Jr. (8th); Donald Woodruff (9th); Devon Littlefield (12th); Kenneth Stavalone (16th); Mark Broyles (17th); and Nathan Pol-selli (24th).

Masonic Anniversaries

1973 **James Holzwarth**
1974 **Donald Smith**
1990 **Raymond Beardsley, Jr.**
1992 **Randy Griswold**
Philip Sheridan
1997 **Andy Place**
2006 **Erik Loepker**
Daniel Medwin
2012 **Stefano Bastianelli**
David Smith
Jason Morrisette □



Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

Frank Habitzreuther, Monarch

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Legion
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Eastern Star Fundraiser for MMRL

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of Development and Communications for the MMRL, at their Annual Communication, also referred to as Grand Chapter.

When asked why she selected the MMRL as her project Sylvia replied, "I was particularly impressed by their research into women's heart health, both awareness and treatment. The Order of the Eastern Star strives to serve our Masonic family and the general public through our charity. What better way to improve the quality of health for all than to support this world-renowned Institute in their fight against heart disease, the #1 killer of men and women."

In addition to dozens of different fundraisers, the Order of the Eastern Star sold Every Heartbeat Counts® lapel pins to their membership and the general public. They also raised funds through Grand Matron's Visitations, direct donations and their fundraising platform, the W.H. Albery Society. It was truly an impressive effort by everyone involved. The amount raised rivals any Grand Matron's Project in recent history.

Dr. Charles Antzelevitch, Executive Director and Director of Research for the MMRL, said "We offer our heartfelt thanks to Most Worthy Sylvia Moravia and her team. We are so pleased to have the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of New York at our side as we work to fulfill our mission to provide a healthier tomorrow for all. Their efforts raised awareness of the MMRL statewide and provided funds critical to our on-going research."

Myron Thurston III spoke at the Order of the Eastern Star Annual Communication regarding how the funds will be put to use and expressed the sincere gratitude of the Board of Directors and Staff for the generous support.

M.O.V.P.E.R.



Franklyn Habitzreuther
Monarch
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Prophets, my year as Monarch has come to an end. I thank each and every one of you for your support throughout the year.

It has been an indulging ride in that we added more dinners prior to the meetings. A learning ride in that, no matter what you think you know, something pops up that needs research to get answers and there is always someone there to guide you through it.

A productive ride in that we have revised the By-Laws and added new Prophets.

A sad ride in that we have sent Prophets to the Supreme Monarch. They took with them much knowledge and left their footprints on this Grotto. They will be missed.

I am positive that your new Elected Officers will keep this Grotto moving forward as I have tried to do. Again, THANK YOU.

In revising the By-laws, when approved by Supreme Council, we will be able to send Dues Notices via email to those who have computers. Please make sure that the Secretary has your

E-mail address. His address is: kemilner@frontiernet.net

On December 17th, we will have Election and Installation of Officers. There will be a Turkey Dinner at 6:30 p.m. prior to the meeting. As usual, there will be a \$10 Reservation Fee, which will be refunded when you arrive for the dinner.

December Birthdays

A Happy Birthday to those Prophets who mature another year this month: Glen Campbell, Harold W. Davis, Gary A. Richardson and John Smigle. ☐

Secretary's Column

By Kenneth Milner P.M. P.P.

Prophets, at the October meeting of Lalla Rookh Grotto the nominations of Officers and Trustees for 2015 was conducted. The following Prophets were nominated:

Monarch, **George Foehner**; Chief Justice, **Roy Moses**; Master of Ceremonies, **Franklyn Habitzreuther**, P. M.; Secretary/Treasurer **Kenneth Milner**, P.M.; and Venerable Prophet, **Jeffrey Ross**. Trustees: for 3-year term, Prophet **Frank Celona**; for 1-year term Prophet **Derek VanHouten**.

The appointed Officers will be announced after elections.

Elections will be held at the meeting on Wednesday, December 17th. Plan to attend and enjoy the Christmas Dinner of Turkey and all the trimmings before the meeting. Following the elections the new Officers will be installed. ☐

Attend Grotto Meetings

Monday, December 1st

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

Wednesday, December 17th

Dinner/Election of Officers
Dinner - 6:30 p.m.
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

Monday, January 5th

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

Wednesday, January 21st

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

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

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Daughters of Mokanna



By Jan Porter, MCO

Congratulations to Marcia Morrison, who received recognition for 50 years of membership in the Caldron.



MCO, Beverly Murray (left), presented 50-year Pin to Marcia Morrison (right).

Marcia has been very active in Lalla Rookh Caldron, Daughters of Mokanna and, in her 90-plus years young, she still remains our best dancer in the Degree presented at Supreme Visits.

As our new Officers commence their offices, we are looking forward to a great year. We're planning some travel outside the Realm - for fun and camaraderie with other Caldrons and members.

We hope to spend more time with Lalla Rookh Grotto as we continue to support the Humanitarian Foundation of Grottoes of North America, which provides dental care for children with special needs - a service that is free-of-charge to the children.

Our sincere wishes to you and yours for a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Travel safely and stay healthy.

Mark Your Calendar

December 11th - Next Meeting, 7:30 p.m.


December 18th - 6:30 p.m.; Holiday Dinner and Christmas Card Exchange. ☐

Grand Commander's Reception, *Continued from Page 1*

of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York; and Most Worshipful William J. Thomas, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York. Dignitaries An Honor Guard of Knights Templars in full Templar uniform with sword and chapeau formed the entrance arch for members of the head table as they were introduced by Sir Knight F. Edward Powley, Jr., Grand Sentinel. ☐



Big Calendar for December 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Canandaigua - Shortsville KT - Cyrene/Monroe, Pittsford Lalla Rookh Grotto - Board of Governors, <i>Shrine Center</i> OES - Etoleah Shrine Lunch Club Damascus Shrine Divan	2 Clio, Hilton Northfield - Open House/Pittsford Candlelight Night Garoga-Sincerity, Phelps-Pot Luck Dinner Nunda Station, 1° OES - Fairport, Starlight Shrine Clowns Meeting, <i>Shrine Center</i>	3 Drumlin Square, Palmyra Olive Branch, LeRoy Damascus Shrine - E OES - Lilac Star Webster Lodge to Visit Ontario, Canada Lodge	4 Eunice, Caledonia Northfield, Pittsford Webster, 2°	5 Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m. \$8 adult; \$4 Child	6 LIV & GEN-WYM Districts <i>Masonic Development Course</i> , Warsaw O/S/Y District <i>Master's Chair</i> at Home of T.Abraham Northfield - Wine & Cheese Night Olive Branch - Pancake Breakfast; 6:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. OES Monroe District Meeting for ALL Members, 10 a.m., Spencerport
7 OES Monroe District Christmas Party, Spencerport	8 ERAC - <i>Shrine Center</i> , 1° Fairport-Flower City Union Star, Honeoye Falls, 1° Unity, Spencerport Wakan-Hubbard, Penfield Shrine Lunch Club	9 Inspiration - <i>Shrine Center</i> Seneca, Webster OES - Mary Jane Holmes, Brockport	10 Oatka, Scottsville Masonic Service Bureau Monthly Luncheon Meeting Damascus Legion of Honor, <i>Shrine Center</i>	11 Fame - <i>Shrine Center</i> Milnor, Shortsville Union, Lima Webster - Fellowcraft; Dart & Pool League RAM - Hiram Chapter	12	13 All Masonic Bodies Children's Holiday Party - <i>Shrine Center</i> , 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sagoyewatha - Phelps ERAC Bell Ringing Union Star Christmas Party
14	15 Canandaigua, Shortsville KT - Cyrene/Monroe, Pittsford Shrine Lunch Club Auburn Shrine Club Union Star - Euchre Tournament	16 Clio, Hilton - Family Holiday Party Garoga-Sincerity, Phelps - OV Nunda Station Canandaigua Shrine Club OES - Nolatka, Starlight Hanukkah Begins at Sundown	17 Ark, Phelps - Christmas Party, St. Michael's Church, Geneva Drumlin Square, Palmyra Olive Branch, LeRoy RSM - Doric Council, Pittsford Masonic War Vets Birthday Party at Canandaigua VA Hospital Lalla Rookh Grotto, <i>Shrine Center</i>	18 Northfield, Pittsford Webster Scottish Rite, Harvest Dinner - <i>Shrine Center</i> Lalla Rookh Caldron Executive Council	19	20 Tall Cedars Holiday Party
21 First Day of Winter	22 ERAC - <i>Shrine Center</i> Fairport-Flower City Unity, Spencerport - Family Christmas Party Union Star - Fellowcraft Shrine Lunch Club Geneva Lunch Club	23 Inspiration - <i>Shrine Center</i>	24 Oatka, Scottsville Tall Cedars of Lebanon Damascus Directors Staff OES - Corinthian Fellowship Webster Lodge Poinsettia Deliveries	25 Christmas Day End of Hanukkah	26	27
28	29	30	31	 Kleanning by Kelly COMMERCIAL & RESIDENTIAL 585-576-5853 <i>Cleaning & Interior Painting</i>		

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