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Deputy Grand Master to hold Town Hall Meetings Valley of Rochester, AASR, hosts 2015 College of Freemasonry



R. W. Jeffrey Williamson

January is a busy month for R. W. Jeffrey M. Williamson, Deputy Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, as he holds several Town Hall Meetings around the State. For our area, he will be at the Honeoye Falls Masonic Hall, 10 North Main Street, on Saturday, January 17th. Union Star Lodge is the host. This is specifically for the Area 15 Lodges in the Livingston, Wayne and Monroe Districts, but I believe any interested Mason would be welcome to attend.

The program is scheduled to begin at 8 a.m. and conclude at 12 Noon. The same afternoon R. W. Williamson is scheduled to conduct another session for Area 14 Lodges in the Ontario/Seneca/Yates and Steuben Districts. That will begin at 2 p.m. in the Naples Masonic Hall, 117 South Main Street, with John Hodge Lodge as the host.

This is an opportunity for you to discuss the future of Masonry in New York State with some leaders of the Craft. Your District Deputies respectfully request you make a reservation if you plan to attend. There may be some light refreshments available. R. W. George Foehner is the Chair of the event in Honeoye Falls, (585) 704-6128; R. W. John Hubbard for the function in Naples (607) 351-3222. Please contact them for more information or to make a reservation.

Twelve days later, R. W. Williamson will host another Town Hall Meeting for Area 17 at the 32° Masonic Center in Cheektowaga. He previously met in Glens Falls with Brothers from Area 8.

By Bill Edwards, 32°

Happy New Year! It is time to mark your calendars now! The 2015 College of Freemasonry will be held on Saturday, March 28th. The educational event was last held in March 2013 and this will be the sixth event since 2006. Past events have included National and Regional Masonic leaders, authors and thought-provoking roundtables on Masonic-related topics. You will not want to miss this year's program. The theme is, *The Transformative Power of Freemasonry*.

The speakers for the event include Dr. Steven Bullock, Professor of History at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Massachusetts and an authority on the history of the Freemasons. Professor Bullock is the author of *Revolutionary Brotherhood: Freemasonry and the Transformation of the American Social Order, 1730-1840* - a detailed account of the influence of the Masons in Early American History. Professor Bullock was featured on a CNN Report exploring Freemasonry and has had research articles published in *Heredom: The Transactions of the Scottish Rite Research Society*.

We are pleased to have Brother Shawn Eyer speak at the College who will be exploring the Transformational Aspects of Freemasonry. He is the editor of *The Philalethes*, North America's oldest independent Masonic Education Magazine and *Ahiman: A Review of Masonic Culture and Tradition*. Brother Eyer is a Masonic Scholar researching the history, ritual, iconography, symbolism and esoteric philosophy of Craft Freemasonry. He has lectured widely at both academic



Dr. Steven Bullock



Christopher Murphy



Shawn Eyer

conferences and Masonic symposia and has authored dozens of articles on Masonry. He is the Director of Communications of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia, promoting the virtues and vision of George Washington and the American Masonic Heritage.

Brother Christopher Murphy will discuss his research that ties in with the concept of the transformational power of the Craft. It is a discussion of some early source material of 18th century Freemasonry, and a clarification of the philosophic and spiritualized intention

of our Society; these realities are then juxtaposed with some contemporary, minimalist conceptions of the Craft. Brother Murphy of Vermont was raised in 2009. He has contributed three valuable articles to *Philalethes* magazine and researches classical Freemasonry, including early Masonic practices and cultural contexts.

Ill. and R. W. Thomas Jackson will also be in attendance to present the Thomas W. Jackson Award for Excellence in Masonic Education. R. W. Jeffrey Williamson, Deputy Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, is also planning to be in attendance.

The program will be held at Genesee Community College. Registration sign-in will begin at 8:00 a.m. and the event will start at 9:00 a.m. A light continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. The cost for attending is \$20 per person and reservations can be made through the Scottish Rite Office at 425-0033. The event is sponsored by the Valley of Rochester, Scottish Rite, NMJ. Don't miss out on this opportunity for additional light in Masonry!

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ELECTRONIC RECYCLING DRIVE

January 17th, 2015
Damascus Shrine Center

See Ad on Page 15 for all the details

Santa Brings Joy to Masonic Families

Children of all ages ventured to the Damascus Shrine Center for the Annual All Masonic Bodies Children's Holiday Party on December 13th. The dining room had been decorated for the season by Brothers (and helpers) from area Lodges, the Scottish Rite, the York Rite and Damascus Shriners.



Parents and Grandparents

escorted their young ones into a miniature fantasy land where they could munch on snacks, frost (and eat) cookies, make

pine cone and peanut butter bird feeders, create designs on tree ornaments and play games.

There was a Piñata again this year and it proved to be a tough foe for some of the youngsters who took whacks at it with a broomstick. Finally, the contents consisting of hard candies, spilled out onto the dining room floor, much to the delight of the kids who scampered in to fill their baggies.

Shortly after, our special guests, Santa and Mrs. Claus, ar-

rived. Then there was more excitement and joy as each child had the chance to sit on Santa's lap and describe his or her Christmas wishes, as well as receive a present from Mrs. Claus.



Dated Material

Damascus News see page 9



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Editor's Corner

Well, Jan and Mike and Barb and Bev and Herb did just about everything they could to help me get this issue completed to hopefully have it arrive before January 1st. I've said it before, the year-end holidays wreak havoc with our efforts to have a timely delivery.

That was the case with the December issue. It was sent to the printer in "plenty of time," except it was Thanksgiving and they only worked three days that week. Compounded by personnel issues, we didn't get on press until Monday, the 30th, which meant a late arrival.

Shrine Officers and Nobles are aware of this situation more than most of you Sisters and Brothers. I told them right up front that it is almost impossible for them to figure on an issue arriving before their monthly meeting, which is the first Wednesday of the month. For 2015, there is a chance this issue, the one we publish in May and the October issue of the **Masonic Times** may arrive before their meeting, but don't bet on it. And there are some Lodges who have meetings the first week of the month that they really can't plan to promote in the current month's issue either.

I encourage them to advertise programs a month ahead. There should be much information in this **Damascus News** section about what is happening in February. Sometimes it is difficult to plan that far ahead, but at least you have an advance notice. The reservations for anything happening in January might already be closed by the time you read this.

I also suggest they recap the previous month's meeting to let their out-of-the-area members and others unable to attend know just what did take place. Plans may go awry for one reason or another, and a different event was substituted.

The same goes for the Lodges! That is why we don't make a habit of publishing Trestleboards. As soon as the ink hits the paper, there is a change. It is much easier to list upcoming events for a month or two and correct it the following issue, should there be new information. In addition, many organizations are using electronic means to communicate information to their membership. This allows more instantaneous updating or changes to planned events and is particularly useful in sickness and distress situations when an immediate response is needed.

On behalf of the Staff of the **Masonic Times**, I hope you all had a wonderful holiday, are winding down after the hustle and bustle of the season and are ready to get back into the swing of Masonic activities. Happy New Year! Thanks for reading. ☐

Executive Secretary Emeritus Title to Barbara F. Goodrich



Garry Cranker (right), President of the Masonic Service Bureau, presents Award to Barbara Goodrich.



Barbara Goodrich thanked Garry and members of the Board of Directors for the honor.

At the December luncheon meeting of the Board of Directors of the Masonic Service Bureau, President Garry Cranker presented Barbara Goodrich with an acrylic sculpture officially recognizing her as Executive Secretary Emeritus of the Bureau. After many years of service to the Board, she opted not to run for the office again for 2014. Gary Sanford filled the position this past year.

Barbara has not gone away completely. She still comes in to proofread the **Masonic Times** and fills the Office Manager's role when Jan is away from the Office, using her knowledge and background to our aid.

Also, 2015 Officers and Directors were elected. The Nominating Committee of Don Darrohn, Chairman, Joy Woodley and Gary Sanford, presented the following slate. With no further nominations, one unanimous ballot was cast for all positions for 2015: President, Garry Cranker; Vice President, Jim De Lorenzo; Secretary, Elaine Milner; Treasurer, Roy Moses; Executive Director, Charles Waterstreet. Trustees: Ken Milner, 3 years; Gary Burke, 2 years; Directors: John Dudley, George Foehner and Warren Patterson, all for 3-year terms; Mae Bauer for a 2-year term; and John Lemke for a 1-year term.

Fidelity Triangle's Masonic Family Night

By Ms. Kristina Brandt, Junior Deputy

The lives of the Masonic Youth Organizations are only as strong as the support they receive. Getting members is one thing. Having a strong adult support system in place that allows those members to travel, hold fundraisers, learn memorization and grow into becoming strong leaders is quite another. Without adult support, these members can lose interest, and disappear from our Organization.

In an effort to create strong ties between Triangle and the Masonic Bodies in the Monroe District, Fidelity Triangle is holding an Open Meeting we are calling our Masonic Family Night. Members and Supervisors from our neighboring districts, along with Fidelity Triangle's newest member, will be performing Degrees - especially

dedicated to the adult Concordant Bodies.

The event will take place January 24th, 7 p.m. at Northfield Lodge Hall in Pittsford. Any distinguished dignitaries are asked to RSVP to Junior Deputy, Ms. Brandt at:

fidelitytrianglereno.4@gmail.com

As it is an Open Meeting, all are welcome to come - especially prospective members and their families. We look forward to hosting the various leaders who are bright examples of what our young people can achieve with hard work, determination and someone to believe in them.

Join us for this night of celebration and help us to make 2015 a year of togetherness, strength and support for one another. ☐



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Upcoming Events

January 3rd - Symbolic Lodge Awards at the Shrine Center. Social Hour - 4 p.m.; the Masonic War Veterans will be Posting the Colors at the start of the Awards Program at 5 p.m. Refreshments will follow. I'm very happy to announce that our 1st Lt. Commander, Grant J. Kothiringer, will be getting the Symbolic Award from Webster Lodge that evening.

No January Meeting

It was suggested that we cancel our January meeting because there is no important business planned for that month. Therefore our next meeting will be February 26th at Webster Lodge Hall with lunch at 12 Noon and a meeting at 1 p.m. This will be the Lodge of Remembrance when we will recognize those who have served honorably.

As I mentioned in my last newsletter, I will be writing a series about the Masonic Veterans.

How much do we know about James A. Hard?

Mr. Hard was a Charter Member of the Masonic War Veterans - James A. Hard Post No. 18, named in his Honor. He was 109 years old and was in attendance when the Post received its Charter on October 7, 1950, in Gothic Hall, in the Masonic Temple on East Main Street. At that time, he was the Oldest Civil War Veteran in the United States and the oldest Mason in New York State.

Mr. Hard's Grandson, James P. Ekston, was the first Vice-Commander and also Commander of the Masonic War Vet-

eran Post No. 18. The Charter was presented to Post No. 18 by Commander General from New York City, Bradford Butler, to Commander Lancy Thomson.

The Post started with approximately 80 Charter Members. At that time, the Masonic War Veterans of the State of New York was one-year-old with over 3,000 members.

Mr. Hard had a Granddaughter, Carol Ekston, also had two great-grandsons, Peter and Larry Ekston. Mr. Hard also has a great-great-grandson Paul Ekston, who lives on Dean Road near Spencerport and spoke to us on July 15, 2011, during a Memorial Service at Mount Hope Cemetery.

Next Month will be a synopsis of Mr. Hard's birth and Military Service. More to come in the next **Masonic Times**.

Thank You and I wish you all the best in the upcoming year ... remember to please stop and smell the Roses. ☐



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“Have-a-Heart” Campaign Schedules

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

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

The Ronald McDonald House “The House Love Built”

Eastview Mall

Mall Chairman - George Foechner (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

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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R.:W.: Thomas Abraham and I have visited nine out of the thirteen Lodges in the Ontario/Seneca/Yates District. We have found all the Lodges we have visited to be very receptive to the Grand Master's Message.

It has been most interesting to see the responses to the question of lowering the minimum age for a Master Mason in New York from twenty-one to eighteen. I opened the floor up for comments about the potential age limit change. I have taken a poll at each of our Official Visits which has resulted in a variation of feelings. The first two Lodges visited were unanimously against the lowering. The next two Lodges were about equally divided, and the last visits also were unanimous that the age should not be lowered.

The discussion has been very stimulating. Some of the comments are as follows:

- "If a person is old enough to go to war he should be old enough to become a Mason."
- "An eighteen year old is not mature enough to become a Mason."
- "There are some eighteen-year-olds who are mature enough to become a Mason."
- "Are we looking for quality or numbers?"
- "If the sidelines in the Lodges were filled, would we even be having this discussion?"

I believe there is no wrong answer to this puzzle! Regardless of the age issue, I believe we, as Masons, should take a different approach to discussing what the obligations of a new Brother are with Candidates. How many Candidates are told they are going to be obligated to do the following (this is, only the abbreviated short list of a Mason's obligation):

1. Learn the Cipher and commit it to memory for each Degree.
2. Take the *Masonic Development Course*
3. Pay their Dues and attend two meetings a month.
4. Support their Lodge in any Degrees, and/or work sessions the Lodge has.
5. Prepare themselves to work their way through the Chairs.
6. Support any distressed worthy Master Mason, their Widow and Orphans.

Isn't there a contract of sorts, between the Candidate and the Lodge when they join? To be fair, shouldn't both parties be aware of all obligations of the contract? Perhaps this is one of the reasons we, as a Fraternity, have a high percentage of newly

Raised Brothers dropping out.

I believe the Lodge should lay their cards on the table as to what is expected, and ask if the Candidate can fulfill the obligation to the Lodge, if accepted ... regardless if they are eighteen, twenty-one, or forty.

Upcoming Events

January 10th - O/S/Y District Association Meeting, 9 a.m. at Garoga-Sincerity Lodge Hall, Phelps.

January 17th - Town Hall Meeting at John Hodge Lodge Hall, Naples, with R.:W.: Jeffery Williamson, Deputy Grand Master.

January 26th - O/S/Y Table Lodge, 6:30 p.m., at Glenora Winery, Route 14, Dundee, hosted by Dundee Lodge.

I take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year. ☐

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Sickness and Distress

The Secretary reported on the passing and details of the service for R.:W.: Doug Van Bencoten.

Health and Happiness

A card for M.:W.: Bruce Widger's 90th Birthday was presented and signed. R.:W.: Brandow has acquired hunting land near Oswego.

Petitions for Membership

A Petition for Initiation was read and referred to the Investigating Committee consisting of John Keeton, Tom Abraham and Robert Mattick. We are looking at a 1st Degree in February; all Brothers are encouraged to participate.

Brotherhood Fund

Regional Meeting was held recently and letters will go out soon. R.:W.: Jed Brandow reports that he recently made a contribution online. Brothers are encouraged to participate.

In November there was an excellent presentation by R.:W.: Lance Ward about the Shrine Hospitals for Children® with video of a recent event that was held at the Ramada Inn. The Lodge was impressed with all the good works the Hospitals do - especially with providing rehabilitation services to youngsters.

Brothers are encouraged to review the O/S/Y Website for other District dates:

www.osydistrict.org

Upcoming Events

January 17th - Town Hall

Meeting at John Hodge 2-4 p.m.

January 21st - Stated Communication, Phelps. Dinner - 6:30 p.m. at Blue Ribbon Restaurant, Phelps. Please call the Master for reservations. Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

January 26th - Table Lodge at Glenora Wine Cellars, Dundee. ☐

Garoga-Sincerity Lodge No. 200



1st & 3rd

Tuesdays

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By R.:W.: Clayton Ruggles

Hope all had a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Things are moving along and Winter is here!

In November, the Lodge had a "Garbage Plate" Dinner, chaired by Brother Ben Wheat. It proved to be a success, having never been done by the Lodge. Thanks to Brother Wheat and his kitchen crew for this new venture.

Our Lodge, once again, participated in the Annual Ringing of the Bell at the TOPS Store in Clifton Springs for the Salvation Army Red Kettle Fund. Thank you to all the Brothers who volunteered their time and also to Brother Ernest Day for Chairing this event.

Be thinking of potential Candidates, as a Brother Bring-a-Friend Program is on the Master's agenda. No date has been set yet, but be ready with possibilities.

From the Secretary's Desk

Please note that your Dues Notice shows another \$2.00 increase in the Grand Lodge Dues bringing them to \$36. By a vote of those attending Grand Lodge in 2012, there will be additional \$2.00 Annual increases until Grand Lodge Dues total \$40 by the year 2017. As a reminder to those Brothers who have achieved 50 to 59 years of service, you pay only Grand Lodge Dues (\$36). To those Brothers who have achieved 60 or more years of service, the Lodge pays your Grand Lodge Dues.

January Birthdays

We send January Birthday Greetings to John Walti (7th), Elliott Schocken (15th), Tim Piper (17th), Dave Smith (21st), Bruce Andrews (22nd), Fred Gifford (25th), Tom Hudson (26th) and Scott Upchurch (31st).

Masonic Anniversaries

The following Brothers were Raised in January:

1975 William Amber

1996 Robert B. Taylor III

Barney Wandell

2002 Carl Carlsson

Todd Ruggles

2004 Stephen Durso

2010 Scott MacDonell

May God Bless each of you. ☐

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As I write this, there are two major events scheduled for the month of January; hopefully, you are aware of their importance and you have already indicated you will be a participant in both. Pull hard on that Cabletow, my Brothers, as both functions have their impact - either our Masonic future or the future of Caregiving in the Community.

Mark Your Calendar

The two events I mention are the **Town Hall Meeting** and the **Annual Have-a-Heart Campaign**.

As of this date, the Town Hall Meeting is scheduled to be held at Union Star Lodge in Honeoye Falls on January 17th.

The *Have-a-Heart* Booth Staffing at Eastview Mall is scheduled to begin on January 31st and run through February 15th.

If any Brother in Wayne Dis-

trict has not already responded to the December requests that were mailed concerning these events, to your Lodge Master and Secretary, or if you lack information regarding them, please contact me directly or visit our Facebook Page. (F&AM Wayne District, New York). Better yet, contact your Master. Do it now! These events need your participation.

Well, here we are. 2015!! What have each of us accomplished in 2014? Have we strengthened and upheld our religious beliefs? Have we been as upright with our neighbors and friends as we should have been? Have we done the best we could have for our loved ones and ourselves? These are some of the questions we must ask ourselves as we begin this New Year. I know that I have learned MUCH this past year and there is much more ahead to learn and improve both as your District Deputy and as a Human Being. I will do the best I can to support both you and the Fraternity. I only ask that you do the best you can to support your Family, Friends and the Fraternity.

Brotherhood Fund

Here it comes ... "Your Brotherhood Fund Needs Your Support; Remember the Masonic Care Community."

Happy New Year, Brothers All. ☐

Grand Director of Ceremonies



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Happy New Year!! For most of the Western Civilization, January is the month of new beginnings - a time to start over, a type of rebirth, rejuvenation and making resolutions. All the failures of last year are past and dead, let the dead bury the dead. Time to start over and try again; share the cake, pour the wine ... it is a time of new beginnings and resolutions.

In between Official Visits with Lodges this past Fall, I was able to catch a couple visits to Lodges who were starting Ritual work - particularly Wayne Lodge in Ontario and Drumlin Square Lodge in Palmyra.

Junior Warden, Rick Parker, of Wayne Lodge conferred a nice 1st Degree. The awe and anxiety of sitting in the East almost got to him, but from the sideline it looked very nice and well done. It was apparent he put some work into his Ritual, coupled with walking the floor reciting to himself. Nice job, Brother Rick.

Worshipful Master, Tom Krest, of Drumlin Square Lodge sent me a request to help with the 1st Degree the end of November. I was expecting to banter back and forth with him on Questions and Answers, but he pulled in a switch-hitter, newly Raised Brother Mike Perry. What a surprise in

proficiency for a newly Raised Brother. I have to admit, I was a little uneasy and nervous prior to starting Q & A with Brother Mike because I was at his Initiation and knew him to be a new Brother. OMG! What a surprise! ... nice work, Brother Mike, you nailed it with proficiency.

In equally proficient form, one big GRAND HONORS to Brother Jim MacDuff with his delivery of 1st Degree Historical Lecture. Brother Jim beat himself up afterwards like every Ritualist realizing a missed word or sentence left out, unknowing what an impressive piece of work he delivered. He then stunned me afterwards when he mentioned it was his first time attempting it before the Lodge. Nice job, Brother Jim!!

I truly believe when any Officer is posed a question privately he should follow it up with a public answer to the Craft because other Brothers may have the same question. "Jones" told me at Staff Officer Training Session, there are no stupid questions, but I dare any Staff Officer or District Deputy to call R.:W.: Cesarini on Saturday afternoon when Syracuse Orangemen are playing and ask him a question covered in their training manual. I double-dare any to do it on a Sunday afternoon when the Bills are playing.

I've been asked two questions a number of times:

1. What exactly is a Masonic Secret - especially since I've not heard or seen anything in Lodge that is not on the Internet or can't be found at the



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2. Why are women not allowed to be Masons?

Every Lodge is, or ought to be a true representation of King Solomon's Temple. The designs for the Temple were based on Celestial secrets given to King David (Solomon's father) which concealed the unseen Holy Law which was explained to Moses on Mount Sinai. The unseen Holy Law is that power which not only justifies human suffering; it also justifies all meritless suffering as redemptive.

David was able to prepare the material for building, but unable to transport it due to the wars he created. They had caused unrest on all four sides of Israel. His son, King Solomon, established enough peace that the materials could be transported and hence the Temple built.

The designs for building of the Temple mirrored the designs for the completion of the Temple, and these designs extended far past the structural building itself, to Outer Courts and Outer Gates. Anyone may enter the Temple, but they who do, physically or otherwise, must adhere to the rules governing the designs of the Temple.

There were Gates to the South (one for entering and one for exiting) which were known as those separating the Heathen and Profane from the Courts of those who believed in One Lord, One Heavenly Father, the Architect of the Temple. ... wherefore, all may enter but no one shall pass beyond the gate save they be of the Lord and his Holy House, and under His Divine care they shall be protected.

For this reason, all Masons, both Ancient and Modern, emblematically call that which is outside the Lodge "The House of the Profane." It is also why it is Constitutional Law that "no Atheist shall become a Mason."

The next Court is that of the Gentiles, whereby a wall exists separating and no one, save an Israelite, shall pass, which incidentally cuts out myself and 90% of the Freemasons I know. Emblematically, let us proceed to the next court, annex the South wall which sets a Court for the Priest.

On the East side of the structural Temple are three Gates, one on North and South side for **women** and hermaphrodites, and a gate on the East for men. All three gates lead to the **Court of Women** and the blind, halt and maimed, from there another wall prohibits any shall pass save he be a Levite, then the structural Temple begins the East Courts of Priests and that portion of Temple known for sacrifice, offerings and prayer (the structural

building itself) the Great Porch, the Pillars Jachin and Boaz, the Ground Floor of King Solomon's Temple, the winding staircase to the Middle Chamber, and the Inner Sanctum Sactorum and the Treasury in Upper Chamber for Tithes and Offerings.

Most all of the preceding paragraph is a myth to some, a legend to others and comes from outlines in the Torah and King James Version of the Bible. There's no Masonic Secret contained in the paragraph.

Physically, by Divine design, a **woman may not pass to the structural part of the Temple** and that is where Masons hold their meetings (emblematically).

It is unnerving for most Masons when I give this answer because they realize as I understand ... based on the designs for the Temple, some women have more an emblematical right to don a Masonic Apron than I do - I'm not an Israelite; I was born and raised a Gentile, my mother was full-blooded Italian with her maiden name as O'Malley, my sir name of Green is also very Italian.

There is a legend that 2,000 years ago, a man (a carpenter by trade) entered the Temple and, though he had been an itinerant preacher of non-violence, preaching unmerited suffering was redemptive, that one should return good for evil, not return ranting-for-ranting, railing-for-railing or blow-for-blow, that one should pray for one's enemies and, if one's enemies thirst, give him water to drink; if he hunger, give him food to eat, this itinerant preacher, with no credentials but himself, walked into the Temple, fashioned a whip of cords and scourged the money changers and buyers and sellers of goods, screaming ... "It is written my Father's House is a House of Prayer, and you have made it a den of thieves."

Shortly thereafter, he asked one of twelve who called him Master, "Peter, how many swords do you have?" and Peter replied, "Two, Master!" He replied, "Two shall be enough!" That's an odd and hypocritical thing for an itinerant preacher of non-violence to ask an individual, UNLESS, of course, Peter, one of the twelve was a Tyler.

Later, Peter, did use his sword on one approaching his Master, but then forsoke his Master leaving him at the will of his enemies. His Master went through the mockery of a trial. And the irony of it all was his friends (the remainder of the twelve) turned him over to his enemies. While he was dying, the people who killed him gambled for his clothing, the only possessions he had in the world. When he was dead, he was buried in a

borrowed tomb, through the pity of another friend.

January is a month of new beginnings and new choices. We have a power greater than the angels, the power of choice, for the angels are not free to choose sin. As one of our resolutions let us resolve to use wisely our power of choice. Let us choose to attend Lodge and have reverence for its designs and He who designed it, by remembering the poor, the orphan, the widow and the fatherless in thy alms and in thy prayers, and more importantly, ... "labor with thy hands to feed the hungry, and if thy enemy thirst give him cool water to drink ... believing unmerited suffering is redemptive."

In next month's issue I'll address "What is a Masonic secret, and what is not?" Peace be upon all of you for the New Year and upon your households. □

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Hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Welcome to 2015, Brothers! I thank you all for your participation in 2014.

At our last meeting in November, James Aylesworth conferred our 1st Degree. All participating did an excellent job. Congratulations to our new Candidate on his first step into Masonry.

At our December 3rd meeting, we had a Guest Speaker, Carol Bently. She explained to us how the Ronald McDonald House and the *Have-a-Heart* Campaign helped her and her family. This year we will be participating in the *Have-a-Heart* Campaign at Eastview Mall.

Our second meeting in December was scheduled to be our yearly potluck Christmas Dinner and Auction. All proceeds from this auction go to benefit our Surviving Spouses dinner that we have each year in the Spring.

January 7th, our first meeting of the New Year will be a 2nd Degree. Rob Zanin, along with our Degree Team, will be conferring the Degree. At 6:30 p.m., there will be a dinner of Ham, Potatoes and Vegetables at a cost of \$8. You can make dinner reservations by calling Tom Krest at (315) 986-9132.

On Sunday, January 11th, we will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast for the Palmyra Macedon High School Varsity Boys Swim Team. This event will go from 8:30 a.m. - 12 Noon. Tickets will be available at the door or from any member of the Pal-Mac Swim Team. □

Happy New Year 2015

Monroe District

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Wow! 2015! Can't believe it! How time flies the older you get. When you read this, the Holiday Season will be over. Too bad, it is my favorite time of the year. Let's hope the Winter months are mild and move right along so we can get back outside and enjoy some sunshine and warm temperatures.

How about this idea? ...

Let's make a New Year's Resolution to do more for the Craft. Let's start by attending Lodge and District functions; visit our shut-in Brothers and Sisters and continue the Holiday Spirit all through 2015. The more you put into something the more you get back. Let's make 2015 the best Masonic Year ever. I'll do my part, will you?

Town Hall Meeting

Talking about doing ... the Area 15 District Deputies have arranged a Town Hall Meeting to be held January 17th, with Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: Jeff Williamson, presiding. Starting time is 8:00 a.m. at Union Star Lodge Hall in Honeoye Falls with coffee and donuts and ending around 1:00 p.m. Dress code is Business Casual and RSVP is required. This is your chance to ask questions and find out what is going on at Grand Lodge.

Have-a-Heart Campaign

The 2015 *Have-a-Heart* Campaign schedules are out. A complete list was featured in December's paper. Remember, if you have any problems or questions, please call me so I can make other arrangements. The numbers to call are (585) 586-5255 or (585) 704-6128.

November Happenings

As for November we had our last Official Visit at Fairport-Flower City Lodge on November 10th. It went well and was an enjoyable evening. I thank all the Lodges for their hospitality and the reception of our message. We enjoyed doing it, and hope you did listen to it.

Thinking "outside the box" seems to be the buzzline. We

will continue that line of thinking as we try to help improve our District.

I made two visits to Inspiration Lodge - Awards Night on November 11th. It's a large Lodge with many awards, including 45-, 50-, 55-, and 60-year Awards. It was my honor to help present them. Then on November 25th they conferred a 1st Degree for seven new Brothers. R.: W.: Mike Hueston was in the East and did a great job.

On November 22nd, the Masters and Wardens met at Clio Lodge for a breakfast meeting. Attendance could have been better; however, discussion was lively on a number of topics. Thanks to W.: Matt Schefter for supplying and cooking breakfast.

I close this article with the lyrics from a song I enjoy at Christmas time. It goes like this, *It's not the Christmas things you do at Christmas time, but it's the Christmas things you do all year long.*

A Proud Mason □

Grand Steward



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!!!Travel Advisory For Those Headed East!!!

Are you considering traveling further East and hoping to arrive at The Master's Chair? Do you know what to pack and what resources you should have when you reach your destination? Do you have any clue about the perils and pitfalls that could make your journey less than smooth?

Road to the East

The Office of the Grand Lodge Staff Officer, Grand Steward of the Monroe District, has just issued a Travel Advisory for anyone who is planning on traveling East to the Master's Chair. This is especially directed at all Senior and Junior Wardens who must take the *Road to the East (RTTE)* Class before being elected to the Office of Master, as per the Directive of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

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equipped with all the information and resources necessary to have an enjoyable and productive year for yourself as Master and for your Lodge Brethren as well. While you may encounter some exhilarating turbulence and a little wind-age, I assure you there will be no hot air in this class. You can expect useful knowledge, clear direction and some stimulating travel conversation as you map out your course and begin to plan your Trestleboard.

Mark Your Calendar

The class will be held over two Saturdays, February 21st and March 7th from 8 a.m. until approximately 2 p.m. The first class will be held at Northfield Lodge Hall in Pittsford; the second class location is currently being determined (probably either Wayne or Northfield Lodge Hall). Cost for the class will be \$35 to cover Grand Lodge processing and food. RESERVATIONS must be made to me at (585) 387-9487 or smichene@rochester.rr.com Please make your reservation by Friday, February 6th!

Season of Renewal

I'm not a big fan of the whole hoop-la around New Year's Eve. I look at those people in Times Square waiting for the ball to drop and wonder "don't you people have anything better to do?" What are they celebrating? It's just a change of the calendar, one day to the next. Get over it already!

Everyone gets so excited about the New Year ... the re-NEWal. So what. Big Deal. Every single day is a chance of renewal. It's an opportunity to begin again and start fresh on our path to improving ourselves. For that matter, every hour of the day offers the same opportunity to turn over a new leaf and begin again. When you think about it, every single minute offers the same new potential of renewal and change.

So if you've already fallen off the bandwagon of your New Year's Resolution to exercise more and eat less, don't worry. Get back on track right now.

Cesar Millan, the Dog Whisperer, is a famous dog handler who trains people how to address their dog's problem behaviors. He has had a few television programs on different cable channels, and his ability to understand dog behavior is amazing. One of his more poignant observations about dogs and how they are superior to man, is that they live completely in the HERE and NOW. They do not live in the sentimentality of the past, nor do they concern themselves with what the future may or may not hold. This is the great teaching our dogs have to offer us; that we should concern ourselves with the immediate present, and a biscuit and a scratch behind the ears would be oh, so welcome right about now.

I wish you all a Happy New Year by living completely in each moment that the Grand Architect of the Universe has granted us. □



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By R.:W.: Roy Moses

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. V.:W.: Joe Lewis and I are quite excited about starting the New Year as Monroe District Grand Lecturers. All Schools of Ritual have been posted and we are ready to bring the Schools to your Lodges. Everyone we have talked to says they love the idea to do a School in each Lodge.

I have had one Master ask how many schools they can attend. Of course I said all of them. After all, that is how the School of Ritual Attendance Award will be won by one of the Lodges. I would love to see Lodges attend two, three or more of the schools ... COME ALONG and ATTEND (THEM ALL).

A reminder to all Masters ... Please invite V.:W.: Joe or myself to one of your Degree rehearsals - this is for your benefit, not ours. Also, keep in mind that you have to perform an Edict Degree. One of the Degrees you may be doing would be ideal. If you're not doing any Degrees, you must do one for compliance to the Edict with a Brother acting as the Candidate.

As of this writing, three Lodges have completed their requirements for the Edict Degree - nine to go! Tell us when you are doing (or want to do) any Degrees.

The District Deputy's Official Visits are now over. V.:W.: Joe Lewis and I thank R.:W.: George Foehner and R.:W.: Steve Michener for allowing us to be a part of the District Team. This is a great concept welcomed by all. I've seen great things happening for the Monroe District using this concept. V.:W.: Joe and I also thank the Lodges for the warm welcome and hospitality shown to us at all the visits.

Thank you, Brothers, we are looking forward to your rehearsals, Edict Degrees, all other Degrees and YOUR School of Ritual.

Mark Your Calendar Schools of Ritual

January 8th	Fame
January 13th	Seneca
January 28th	Oatka
February 3rd	Clio
February 5th	Northfield
February 9th	Unity
February 9th	Wakan-Hubbard
February 10th	Inspiration
March 9th	Union Star
March 19th	Webster
March 23rd	Fairport-Flower City
March 23rd	ERAC □

Monroe District Masters and Wardens Association

Re-cap of November Meeting

Our third meeting of the year took place on Saturday, November 22nd, at Hilton Masonic Hall. I made a valiant attempt at pancakes, but they came out a little burned ... I have a million excuses, but I appreciate everyone smiling and acting like they liked them. Turnout was still down, and we didn't have enough Lodges for a quorum.

Brothers Pete Matthews and Jeremy Mensing showed off their Rudyard Kipling Presentation. Most people thought it was professionally done! And while Brother Jeremy does work in the industry, it was wholly done by the Brothers. If you are in need of a kick ashlar program for your Lodge, please contact Brother Pete Matthews.

Widows Sons

Cookbook Recipes

Due to the fact that all the recipes for the Widows Sons Cookbook need to be in by February 1st, we have decided not to attempt a cook-off gathering this year. We are still collecting recipes; please submit any prized recipes you might have to Matt Muller or Jim MacDuff. We are planning on a District-wide Cook-off next year, so don't worry if your recipe is not chosen this year, there is still more opportunity for recipe glory!

January Meeting

Our January meeting will take place on Thursday, January 22nd, 6:30 p.m., at the Shrine Center in the Grotto Room. I am hopeful moving the meeting back to its normal time will help people fit it into their schedules. Please RSVP to Matt Scheffer if you will or will not be attending. □

Monroe District Brotherhood Fund R.:W.: Michael Hueston

Happy New Year; I hope your Holidays were enjoyed with the family.

We have a lot of work left to do for this Masonic Year and I would like to discuss the Masonic Brotherhood Fund. As of last month's report from Grand Lodge, many Lodges in the Monroe District are off to a slow start in sending in the contributions.

I am asking each Worshipful Master to please make sure the Lodge Brotherhood Fund is discussed as part of the meeting. Each Lodge should have a Brotherhood Fund Chairman who can help with this very important charity. If your Lodge

has questions or if you need supplies, I can help. Just contact me at the email address below.

The Brotherhood Fund is fully funded by Masons and your dollars are sent to the charity of your choosing. There is no other charity that does what the Brotherhood Fund does; it is a vital part of Grand Lodge charities and I am asking every Brother to please make a donation. Every dollar collected can and will make a difference. Please email me at:

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with any questions or if you are in need of supplies. Thank you for your help and I look forward to seeing you at the District events.

God bless. □

Area 15 Brotherhood Fund R.:W.: Derek VanHouten

I received the following information from our State Chairman and am sharing it with you. He reported that the current Masonic Brotherhood Fund Campaign Year began on June 1st, 2014. They have collected \$581,503.71 from 3,997 contributors, to date.

The Grand Master has selected Camp Turk as his favorite Charity. Although it is a selection on the donation envelope, it is a program run by Grand Lodge and controlled by the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Home. The contributors may receive a Thank You letter indicating it is from the Masonic Home, but in fact the monies will be sent to Camp Turk, as requested. You should be aware of this.

We need to get the donation envelopes to the Brothers as soon as possible and it would help if it could be completed by the end of the year.

Update for Area 15

On the local front, the following are the totals from Monroe, Livingston and Wayne Districts:
Monroe District - \$10,063.25 from 231 members. This is only 12.11% return and I know we can do better.

Wayne District - \$1,322 from 38 members, which is 6.12%.

Livingston District - \$920 from 48 members, which is 12.15%.

From the numbers, it is apparent that we all can dig a little deeper and contribute, remembering that any donation to the Brotherhood Fund is tax-deductible.

I thank all the Lodge Chairmen who are ready and able to speak in Lodge and ask YOU for a gift for this very worthwhile endeavor. To the Masters of Lodges, if your Lodge doesn't have a Brotherhood Fund Chairman, appoint a Brother. Contact the previous Chairman for any supplies he might have. If that doesn't work, contact your District Chairman.

With the New Year approaching, we should all pause and give thanks for the blessings we, as members of this Great Fraternity, share and look forward to a prosperous New Year. □

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Things are Changing

The first change is we will be swapping Communications on the Trestleboard for the Month of January. Our first meeting on January 12th will be the presentation, "Spectacles at Newburgh" by Brother Steve Michener.

We will delay our conferring of the 2nd Degree until the Communication on January 26th. We needed to make this change due to scheduling conflicts with both the Candidates and participants in the Degree.

Talking about Degree presentations, the team who conferral the 1st Degree must be commended on their preparation and presentation of the work. It was well done - especially the proficiency of our Senior Deacon, Fred Palmeroni.

The second change is more complicated and will have a long-lasting impact on the Lodge. I am assuming everyone knows the building in which the Lodge meets is actually owned by a Corporation called *Spencerport Masonic Temple, Inc.*

The short-form Mission Statement of this organization is - The Spencerport Masonic Temple Corporation is to provide a stable, safe and cost-effective environment for the advancement of Freemasonry in Spencerport.

To provide this service, the Corporation consists of 11 members of a Board of Directors. They elect a President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary, who are charged with operation of the building for the stockholders, of which the Lodge is a major stockholder.

Many of the individuals on the Board of Directors had been contributing to this task for a very long period of time and felt it was time to move on and direct their attention to other responsibilities in their life. That being said, a number of new Lodge members have stepped up to take on this daunting task to continue to support of the Mission of the Temple Corporation and provide a place for the advancement of Freemasonry in Spencerport.

As the Temple Corporation moves forward with its new Board of Directors, it will be committed to maintaining and improving its working relationship between Unity Lodge and the Concordant Masonic Bodies who use the facilities. The organization will strive to maximize building income and to minimize the financial burden of the organizations who use the building as home.

If any Brother would like more information on this subject, please contact me. I will do my best to shed more light on the plans and objectives of the new Board of Directors of the Temple Corporation. □

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We trust everyone had a wonderful and memorable Christmas and Hanukkah. The New Year begins and the Lodge is in full swing. Ten gentlemen attended our Brother-Bring-a-Friend dinner and program on November 24th. Most of them went home with Petitions. We will have our work cut out for us this Spring.

A tiled meeting will be held on January 12th. The program will be available later. Watch for an email from the Secretary or check out the web-page.

1st Degree

The Entered Apprentice Degree will be conferred on January 26th. Brother Paul McLaughlin will be in the East. If called upon to do a part, please say yes.

Table Lodge in Canada

Brother Dave Taber will be traveling North on January 10th for the Merrickville Lodge (Robert Burns) Table Lodge. If you would like to go, you must have a Passport, permission from your wife and Friday afternoon off.

Dwight Turner and his good wife were visited at the Baptist Home. Both were in good spirits. We wish for them continued good health and well-being.

January Birthdays

Celebrating birthdays this month are the following Brothers: Scott Gonyeo, Leonard Simon and John Lenzi (1st), Robert Cameron (4th), Thomas Green (6th), Harold Feinberg (9th), Joseph Palermo (10th), Ronald Weber and Gregory Hampton (16th), Leonard Fulmer (17th), Ronald Freeling (22nd) and Morey Waltuck (29th). We wish each of you a healthy, happy and prosperous year ahead.

The Annual Pub Crawl is coming up on February 28th. Plan to join us for an evening of fellowship and good cheer.

Make it to Lodge or send a note to let us know how you are doing.

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Fame honored its Veterans at our November meeting. (l-r) Military Veterans Dan Walker, John Rehbach, Tom McCulloch, Bob Avery, Don Green, Heinz Gunkel and Dick Topel.

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Master Chuck Zlotkus presenting Don Green with his 50-Year Certificate.

We have had a lot going on since my last communication. October 9th was our Official Visit where we enjoyed the Grand Master's communication and also the company of his District Grand Officers.

We have sadly had two Masonic funerals with the passing of Brother Richard Bradstreet and S. Charles Lewis.

On November 13th, Don Green was finally presented his 50-year Pin and Apron.

This year we enjoyed coming together for fellowship, the latest being our Annual Christmas

get-together in December with the Ladies to share the evening festivities.

Also coming up we have our February 12th Valentine's Day Celebration with the Ladies. We are planning our Annual Ladies Night at Keenan's Restaurant at a yet-undetermined-date in March.



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By R.: W.: John Zabel

Winter is upon us! The Thanksgiving turkey is gone and the Christmas Season, however you celebrate it, is over and we are looking at Winter's chill. We hope you will be enjoying this time of year, else you see the coming of Spring and Summer, but not for a while. The Lodge is doing well as you may have learned at our financial meeting in December.

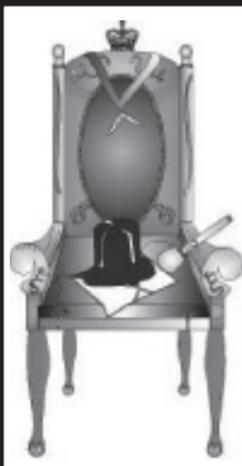
Degree Schedule

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our Degree schedule to accommodate both the Officers and Candidates for the Degrees. Our 2nd Degree is now scheduled for Monday, January 26th. We would like all who are available to attend the Degree to witness the work and see how well our Officers and other participants confer the work. The Officers are working to meet their predecessors in conferring the Degree. Also, it is possible that you will learn something about the lessons of the Degree by witnessing it.

Brother Bring-a-Friend

Saturday, January 17th - We are planning to have a Brother Bring-a-Friend Meeting at 1 p.m. at the Lodge Hall. This will provide an opportunity for us to introduce Freemasonry to our friends and relatives who may be interested in becoming a member of the Lodge. The program is still in the planning stage, but should not run much over an hour.

Our Officers are prepared for the January 12th meeting where they will move up one chair for Opening and Closing. Plan to attend and see how well prepared our Officers are to move towards being the Master of the Lodge. There will be more to the program of the evening, but that is still in the planning and preparation stage.

As we move into this New Year, let us not forget those of our Brothers who could use our support for any reason - be it age, health, etc. Please keep the Master and Secretary informed of changes in your life, etc. Any information you feel should be kept private, make that known and we will assure it is not passed to those who need not know.

Have-a-Heart Campaign

As we move towards February, keep in mind that we will be participating in the *Have-a-Heart* Campaign. Mark your calendar for our dates of:

Wednesday, February 4th

3 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Sunday, February 8th

Noon to 3 p.m.

all at Eastview Mall, where we have been in the past. Let the Master know if you can spend an hour or more on one or both of these days. Let us have a fine showing of our Brothers at this event. As you are aware, the Masons are one of the major donors to the local Ronald McDonald Houses as we have supported the House since before it was built. Let's keep up the good work.

Valentine's Party

February will see a Valentine's Party, currently scheduled for Friday, February 13th. Plans are still in the works, but the Master could use several Brothers to step up and help make the party a success for all.

It was noted at a November meeting that the early Lodges who make up Wakan-Hubbard had many social events in their day. Maybe it is time to have more social events for not only ourselves but our families as well. Let the Master know your suggestions. Making a suggestion does not mean you will be the chairman of the event, but your input to what we could do would be useful for future planning.

Let us hope that Winter here doesn't turn into a snowfest like Buffalo's. A good snowy Winter to support Winter sports would be nice. Be careful when driving in snow and watch your step on icy surfaces. Do what you enjoy to have fun this Winter.

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By W.: Robert W. Shaver, Sr.

Looking forward to January, our own Junior Deacon, Pierre Suarez, will receive the Symbolic Lodge Award on Saturday, January 3rd at the Damascus Shrine Center on Bay Road.

February 10th, we will have a presentation by R.:W.: Paul Vick and his wife, Joyce, on their recent trip to the Orient. ☐



Photo of honored guest at November's Seneca Table Lodge: Haggis!

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- Has it been a while since you attended a Lodge meeting?
- Have you forgotten the signs of the Masonic Degrees?
- Do you remember the Working Tools or the salutes?
- Would you like to re-learn these traditions?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then you will not want to miss Webster Lodge's presentation of "The Rusty Nail Degree." On Saturday, February 7th, we will conduct this Unofficial Degree which will review the lessons, traditions, customs and principles taught in the Rituals of our Degrees as well as Lodge Protocols. Your confidence and comfort will be restored and your questions answered.

Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, February 7th, 8:30 a.m. the Fellowcraft Club will be preparing a hardy, hot breakfast for those attending. This delicious meal will cost \$5. At 9:30 a.m., we will commence with the Rusty Nail Degree. The dress attire will be Business Casual. The meeting will be short and to-the-point.

This Degree is open to all Master Masons of all Districts. Your Dues Card must be presented. You will need to make

le for an excellent and interesting Middle Chamber Lecture. Speaking to Brothers after the Degree, all were impressed with the practical twist Brother Nohle put on his presentation.

December 5th was our monthly Community Service Spaghetti Dinner. We were in competition with the kick-off of the Webster Village Holiday Weekend's "Holiday Wine Walk" event so it was a rather light night for the dinners. Brother Nick Haldoupis, DSA, says they served 150 meals and at the end of the night handed a check to this month's beneficiary, the Webster Community Chest, in the amount of \$762. This delicious Spaghetti Dinner is only \$8 and can't be beat. Since the inception of this community service activity, Webster Lodge has provided community groups with over \$80,000. Kudos to Brother Nick Haldoupis, John Ross, Bob Passino, L. Warren Patterson and the rest of the dedicated crew.

Congratulations

I am proud to announce that W.: Grant Kothiringer will be the recipient of this year's Scottish Rite "Symbolic Lodge Award." Brother Grant has been a Master Mason for 67 years and is the quintessential definition of a Brother.

He has been a vital background contributor to Webster Lodge and its success for some time.



Brother Kothiringer's diligent and long term performance at so many Webster Lodge activities and events has fueled the engine that continues to drive our Lodge. It is the actions of Brothers like W.: Grant Kothiringer that inspire me, show me direction for the future and set the bar for all Brethren. Thank you very much for your service, Brother. I hope all of Webster Lodge can come out and support him at the Symbolic Lodge Awards ceremony on Saturday, January 3rd, at the Damascus Shrine Center. Social hour begins as 4 p.m., followed by the program at 5 p.m. After the program pizza and wings will be served.

Poinsettia Deliveries

Every year in December, the

Poinsettia Delivery Team gathers at the Lodge Hall for a breakfast before we head out on our Annual Poinsettia Delivery Program. This has always been an enjoyable and touching activity for Webster Lodge members to see the joy in the eyes of some of our older members, or our widows, as we take a bit of time to visit them and wish them well during the Holiday Season. Plan ahead for next year and don't miss this experience. I guarantee you will find participation will be one of those special moments in Masonry.

January Birthdays

January Birthday wishes go out to Brothers: Wayne Abrams; David Allen; Patrick Andrews; Richard Barzing; Harold Brayley; Norman Bresson; Greg Brown; Walter Campbell; Vernon Collier; Vance Collom, Jr.; Craig Connelly; Ron Degroff; Robert Delong; Mark Fenton; Bob Fisher; Richard Goodrich; Charles Gremmels; William Guthrie; Rodney Hawley; Bruce Hegedorn; George Heissenberger and Robert Hewlett.

Masonic Anniversaries

Congratulations to Brothers celebrating their Raising in the month of January: Brothers Rodney Hawley, Douglas Koenig and Edwin Malchoff.

I have been attending the meetings of the Masters and Wardens Association. I can tell you that 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 and 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.

I remind the Masters of Lodges and their Brethren to mark your calendar and join Webster Lodge at our Second Annual "Masonic Trivia" Competition Meeting on February 19th. This is a great time of fellowship and an equally great time to test your Masonic knowledge as participating Lodges gather as a team and participate in a fun-filled game of Masonic Trivia. Last year all who joined us that night had a great time. ☐



Brothers and Friends enjoyed breakfast at Webster Masonic Hall before delivering poinsettias to the Widows and Shut-ins of Webster Lodge.

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Brothers, I hope you had a great Christmas and Holiday Season. I know I enjoyed the time off of work to spend with family, but now it's time to put some action behind those New Year's Resolutions.

November Highlights

At our first meeting of November, W.: Mike Postilli presented us with a Masonic quiz. I really learned a lot. I guess that means I didn't know much to begin with, but we'll just ignore that for now ... I think everyone present learned something and had a really good time doing it. I love fun programs like this that make Lodge meetings truly enjoyable. Thank you W.: Mike!

Our second meeting had us presenting the 1st Degree to five new Entered Apprentice Brothers. The Ritual was solid as usual. I always enjoy a good Degree and this one was no exception.

Finally we had our 3rd Euchre Tournament of the year on November 23rd. Turnout was our best yet! Brother Larry Vaccarelli donated four dozen cupcakes for the raffle, and they were quite popular! Thanks to everyone who participated and helped out.

Traveling Gavel Status

The Traveling Gavel is still in Hilton at Clio Lodge. We encourage all the other Lodges of the District to make the "trek" to Hilton to claim the gavel and enjoy some fellowship.

January Events

On January 6th, R.:W.: John Zabel will be presenting a program on the York Rite.

Our January 20th meeting will be conferral of the Fellowcraft Degree, with W.: Scott Brickman sitting in the East. Degree rehearsal will be Sunday, January 18th, at 7 p.m.

Our 1st Annual Dumpster Dish Dinner (or maybe not annual, it all depends on how it goes) will be held on Saturday, January 17th, from 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at Hilton Masonic Hall. What is a Dumpster Dish you ask? It's Clio's version of a "Garbage Plate," and is sure to satisfy the plate-loving part of you. The price for the dinner will be \$8.

Our monthly Euchre Tournament will be on Sunday, January 25th, at Pleasure Lanes in Hilton. Registration is at 12 Noon, and play begins at 1 p.m.

Have-a-Heart Campaign

Clio has *Have-a-Heart* Staff dates for working at The Mall at Greece Ridge:

Saturday, January 31st

Sunday, February 8th

Sunday, February 15th

Brother Brett DeHollander is organizing volunteers, so please let him know when you



Damascus News

Damascus Shrine Center No. 2

January 2015

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

From the Quill ...



By Derek VanHouten, Recorder

To the Nobles of Damascus Temple No. 2 in all of Shrine, this will be my last article for the **Masonic Times** in the capacity as Recorder. I have been “encouraged” to step aside for 2015.

I have always enjoyed writing articles and informing the Nobility of the activities of the Recorder’s Office. It greatly saddens me to leave after only three years in the position. Even Imperial is concerned about the large turnover in Recorders around the Realm. Last year, alone, close to 50 new Recorders took positions in their local Shrine Centers.

It takes time to “learn the ropes” of all that happens in the Office. Each day brings something you may never have experienced before. I have grown in more ways from the experience - some not very good and others a highlight in my experience.

To all of you, I will be around as one has said, “You must accept that everything changes. To move forward, you have to let go.” As one door closes, others will open. You will hear from me shortly about that elsewhere in this issue of the **Masonic Times**.

If ever I can be of assistance to any of you, just call. It’s been my pleasure to have served you. □

KEVIN FARO CHIEF RABBAN-ELECT

*By Kevin Faro
 Chief Rabban-Elect*



My introduction into the World of Masonry began when I was talking with my Uncle John (R.:W.: John Faro) about Masonry and how to become one. He advised me to seek out W.: Mark Herrmann who belonged to a Lodge in my community. Surprised, I had known Mark for many years through the motorcycle community and did not know he was a Mason.

So in 2001 my journey began and I was Raised to Master Mason on March 18th, 2002. I became Master of Wayne Lodge No. 416 in 2007 and Secretary in 2009.

I was Created a Shriner on May 7, 2003. I have been a member of The Shrine Degree Team, President of The Damascus Wheelers (2005) and served as Manpower Chairman for the Damascus Circus.

In the last 14 years, I know how teamwork can benefit an organization like the Shrine, and I am looking forward to being part of a great team, working closely with Ill. Wayne. □

To My Anonymous Benefactors ... Thank You!!

I almost passed out when Skip, Jan and Derek gave me the donations today. My cancer diagnosis is overwhelming, but this generous act of kindness from my Masonic Family proves the heartfelt charity that lives within them.

The many donations will not only take care of co-pays required for 33 radiation treatments but co-pays for two surgeries, MRI, x-rays, the set-up and follow-up appointments I’ve already had. I think what I’ve been given might even cover some of the chiropractic and medical appointments, too. I’m keeping a separate account so it’s only going to medical.

Wow, and a heartfelt thank you!

Karin Staples



“Playing After the Diagnosis”
 This is a painting I did at a free studio workshop.
by Karin Staples

WAYNE McCROSSEN POTENTATE-ELECT

*By Wayne McCrossen
 Potentate-elect*

Hello everyone; my name is Wayne McCrossen and it’s an honor and a privilege to take the seat in the East for the Damascus Shrine Center for 2015. All of the Divan members are in place and they are ready to roll up their sleeves for the beginning of another exciting year filled with a lot of work, but also a lot of fun.

Everyone has his own story to tell on how they first were introduced to Masonry. Mine came from a man whom I highly respect. One day he asked me if I would be interested in Masonry. My response was “I’m in the printing business and I don’t like outside work!”

Well as you can see, I learned about what it was to be a Mason shortly after that. My friend who introduced me to it was Bob Lauzon, who was a Mason and a Shriner.

For a little history about me ... I became the last Entered Apprentice to be Passed to Fellowcraft in Warren C. Hubbard Lodge and the first to be Raised to Master Mason in Wakan-Hubbard



Lodge. I was Master of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge in 1991 and 1992.

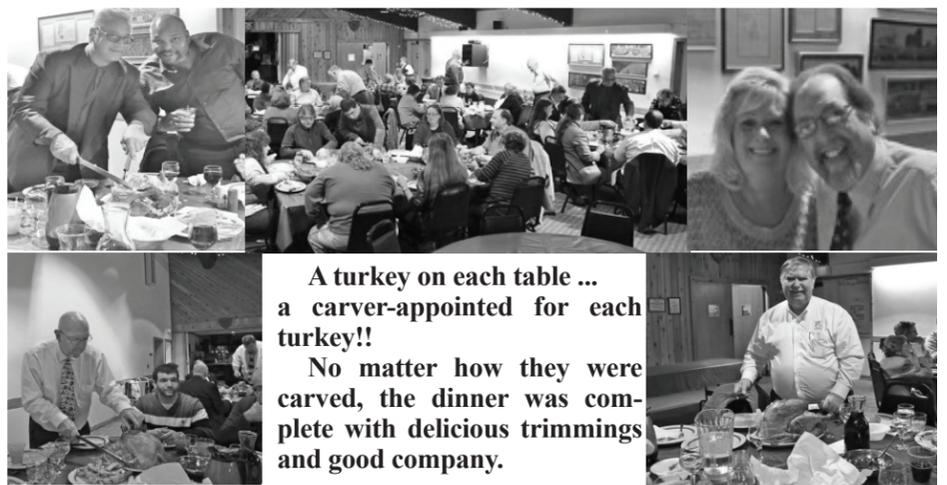
Talking about the past, I always enjoyed being part of a team. I enjoyed sports and was an athlete in my younger years; I know what it takes to be a member of a team for which there are two main factors - Trust and Respect. As I look at the 2015 Divan Members, I can see we have that trust and respect.

We all need to remember the Divan Members are volunteers as well as all Nobles; we cannot do this without the support from all of you. Most importantly, the volunteers we have are you ... Nobles who come out and support the events of our Temple.

To keep Damascus Shrine moving forward into 2015 and beyond, we have some great events planned this year and need your help to come out and support all our events.

This is a great moment ... Me being the Potentate of Damascus Shriners and all of us being Team Damascus! This is a great time for Damascus. □

Damascus Shriners’ Harvest Dinner



A turkey on each table ... a carver-appointed for each turkey!!

No matter how they were carved, the dinner was complete with delicious trimmings and good company.

“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

Festival of Music
 featuring the
University of Rochester
YellowJackets
 and other Choirs

Sunday, February 22nd
 4:00 p.m.

at **Genesee Baptist Church**
 149 Brooks Avenue
 Rochester, NY 14619

Tickets sold at Wegmans - \$15
 (\$20 at the Door)

Tickets will go on sale starting
 January 15th

Proceeds go to the
 Daughters of the Nile Foundation
 and the YellowJackets





January Birthdays

Patrick Andrews	Russell E. Gillett	Robert N. Ossont
Culver K. Barr	Thomas M. Green	Timothy D. Piper
Donald R. Baylor	Royden F. Guess	Mario Pontarelli
Ronald E. Baylor	Willard C. Harris	David R. Porter
Neil R. Bedford	John W. Hart	Kenneth W. Reuter
Robert E. Cameron	James A. Helfer, Jr.	William C. Sawyer
Michael Cholach	Anthony R. Henderson	Matthew T. Scheffer
Thomas S. Clark	Eliezer Hernandez	Jonathan J. Scott
A. Roger Clarke	Edward Hopkins	Douglas Seeber
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Thomas S. Collier	William Jaranowski	Norman A. Snow
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AUBURN SHRINE CLUB

PERRY SHRINE CLUB

By David Bowman

2015? I wrote a check this month and under the date I began 19 ... Can you believe that? You would think after 14 complete years I could get the correct Century. It is hoped that you had a Merry, Happy, Peaceful and Joyous Christmas Season. I was blessed with relatives from far away and though it is very quiet now, in a way I miss the hustle and bustle of the Season past. Now for some gumption to put away the decorations; I think I will miss the music the most.

2015 rings in with a program setup with Bob Coleman at the helm. There is plenty of room for us to have new adventures to go along with our traditions (like the Steak Roast, Harvest Dinner, Christmas Party, etc.). Last year we had Irish Dancers and Costentino's Florist as additions to our lineup. Each month is special, so while you have that new calendar out and are noting birthdays, anniversaries and doctor appointments, add in:

January 19th
February 16th
March 16th
April 20th
May 17th
August 17th
September 21st
October 19th
November 16th

See, that wasn't hard. As I was making a new folder on the computer to file this, I noticed I had seven previous folders. That reminded me that it had been seven years since Ken Pollard asked me to write a column for him as he was going to Florida. If you see or hear from him, ask him when he is coming back?!? ☐

By Edgar Hollwedel

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow ... and it did! Yes, we had to cancel the November Perry Shrine Club Meeting due to heavy snow. We were all very sad to have missed the presentation that Derek VanHouten had prepared for us, but it will be re-scheduled for another meeting in the very near future.

The January 22nd meeting will be at the Lumberyard Restaurant. Ken Buckley is 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."

Mark Your Calendar Clip and Save

The following is a list of dates and locations for the 2015 Perry Shrine Club Meetings.

Date	Restaurant
January 22nd	Lumberyard
February 26th	Hole-in-the-Wall
March 26th	Lumberyard
April 23rd	Hole-in-the-Wall
May 28th	Lumberyard
June 25th	Silver Lake Country Club
September 24th	Lumberyard
October 22nd	Hole-in-the-Wall
November 18th	Lumberyard
December 16th	National Hotel Christmas Party

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

I hope to see you all soon. ☐

Directors Staff Dinner Meeting Note the New Time! Wednesday January 28th

Yellow Mills Diner
2534 Route 31, Palmyra

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

Ladies and Guests Invited
Casual Attire

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December 6, 2014



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Daughters of the Nile Zama Temple No. 14

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Barbara Jean Smith, Queen



Submitted by Ellie Canfield

Can you believe another year has come to a close, and now we must all start thinking about a new year? Let us all ask ourselves: What will we do? What will we change (if we can)? How will we help one another? This is a very fast-moving world in which we live. A lot has happened this past year ... some good and some not so good. Let us all pray that people will try very hard to forget the past and move forward, we should all be working together.

New Happenings in Zama Temple

First, we will be having a tour of the Memorial Art Gallery on Saturday, January 10th. The tour will be from 11 a.m. - 12 Noon. This is a pre-arranged tour and the cost is \$12 General Admis-

sion; \$8 for Seniors. The title of the tour is "Passport to the Past." After the tour, those who wish plan to have lunch.

Sunday, February 22nd, will be the "Festival of Music," at the GENESEE BAPTIST CHURCH, 149 Brooks Avenue, Rochester, starting at 4 p.m. This festival will feature the University of Rochester YellowJackets (a capella group), Praise Dancers and Church Choirs. Ticket prices are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Tickets will be sold at Wegmans locations; watch for further announcements as to when tickets will go on sale. This is a fundraiser for Daughters of the Nile, with proceeds going to the Nile Foundation.

In closing, Friendship is not one big thing, it's a million little things. ☐

Damascus Legion of Honor Election & Installation of Officers

Wednesday, January 14th

Damascus Shrine Center; 979 Bay Road, Webster

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

Salad * Beef Brisket * Gravy & Noodles
Vegetable * Rolls & Butter * Coffee or Tea * Dessert
\$12 per person

RSVP no later than Noon, Monday, January 9th at (585) 436-8216
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Shriners Hospitals for Children® News

Pennies for Prosthetics

By Kristen O'Shepa
Public Relations Assistant

In 2009, an idea was sparked from young minds to begin a group known as Share-a-Penny/Save-a-Person. The goal of this program was to raise awareness about Shriners Hospitals for Children® in Springfield, Massachusetts, and the world-class pediatric services provided. Every penny collected goes directly to Shriners Hospitals for Children® – Springfield in honor of Jubilee “JuJu” Schmid, a patient who was adopted from China by the Schmid family in March, 2008. Her siblings wanted to create this group and collect Pennies for Prosthetics to not only help their sister, but the other patients and their families seen at Shriners Hospital.

Share-a-Penny/Save-a-Person found its roots from a quote said by JuJu’s great-great-grandfather, “He who does not honor the penny is not worth the dollar.” Every penny makes a difference in the life of a child. No donation is too small and a program like this is a great teaching tool to show the world the value of a penny and how they can add up to save a life. Recently, a \$50 donation was made to Pennies for Prosthetics from the Warnerville and Central



Bridge United Methodist Churches in Upstate New York. They are just one of the countless groups who have collected pennies for the Share-a-Penny/Save-a-Person Program. Since its start in 2009, over 156,000 pennies have been raised for Shriners Hospitals for Children® – Springfield.



The Share-a-Penny/Save-a-Person Program has made an incredible impact on the Shriners Hospitals for Children® – Springfield community, and will continue to do so for years to come. The

Schmid children were right when they said that being young does not mean you cannot do great things. Their hopes of making a difference came to a reality and, for that, we are thankful for their hard work and dedication. Erika Schmid said, “At Shriners, you’re a name, not a number,” and she is right. With a name like Jubilee, her progress will be continuously celebrated all year long. □

Pilot For A Day

By SrA. Monica Ricci
439th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Nine-year-old Peyton Malloy became Westover's newest "pilot" as Col. Albert Lupenski knelt and presented the young boy with his "wings."

"It's my day!" shouted Peyton, to Westover's newest wing commander and to a roomful of Airmen and Peyton's family.

In 2011, Peyton had a severe case of scoliosis, a sideways curvature of the spine that occurs with youngsters most often during a growth spurt. His spine was at a 90 percent curvature. Devastated when put in traction to straighten his spine, his resiliency prevailed. By the end of his 75-day stay at Shriners Hospital for Children®-Springfield, he was welcoming new patients, telling them everything would be okay.

Pilot for a Day is a program that provides high-spirited children like Peyton, who have serious or chronic conditions, and their families the unique opportunity to be guests of Westover and the U.S. Air Force.

Peyton was accompanied by his parents, Anne and Robert, and sister, Ashlyn. His *Pilot for a Day* visit began at the 337th Airlift Squadron briefing room. Peyton received a standard-issue flight jacket and was sworn in as an honorary pilot for the day. The family then headed to the control tower to get some views of the base from one of Westover's premier vantage points. The 11-story tower looms more than 120 feet high.

The boy's imagination ran wild during

his tour in a C-5. He pretended to shout into the radio controls from the pilot's seat of a C-5. Peyton also took the controls of the base's C-5 flight simulator as it "flew" to Hawaii.

Airmen with the 439th Security Forces Squadron and members of the Westover Fire Department provided tours to Peyton and his family of their facilities and equipment. Peyton even had the chance to ride in a fire truck and spray the hose.

The young boy's infectious personality got the attention of many Airmen on base, not to exclude Command Chief Master Sergeant David Carbin. Chief Carbin, who had earlier coined Peyton, shared many laughs with the family over lunch at the Westover Club.

The Command Chief taught Peyton the history of coins in the military and told him how to "coin check" other Airmen. Peyton enjoyed visiting tables at the club, dropping his coin on each.

"I won against everyone in the cafeteria," said Peyton as he flashed his coin.

Anne Malloy said Peyton's attitude with managing scoliosis amazes his family every day and makes them especially proud. She said they were grateful for the experience to visit Westover on a busy fall UTA.

"It was an amazing day and opportunity to see the inner workings of Westover. We would have never been able to do this had it not been for Pilot for A Day," she said. □

President's Award

On November 19th, National Philanthropy Day, Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Springfield was presented with the President's Award by The American Fundraising Professionals International and the Western Massachusetts Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. The honorees were celebrated with a luncheon at the Log Cabin in Holyoke, MA, which was hosted by Dave Madsen of WGGB/40. The keynote speaker was Andrew Watt, President and CEO of AFP International. At this year's luncheon, each individual and organization was recognized for their generosity and selfless commitment and was honored as role models for their continuous philanthropic efforts.



Andrew Bernstein, President of the Association of Fundraising Professionals-Western Mass Chapter, visited Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Springfield for our 3rd Annual *Love to the Rescue* Radiothon in October, where he announced on the air that Shriners Hospital for Children® was the winner of the President's Award. Bernstein said that Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Springfield was chosen for this prestigious award because of the Hospital's impact on the community and willingness to make a difference. □

What's New in Erie...

"Frozen" Tree ... Warms Hearts

The winning tree from the 30th Annual Saint Vincent Festival of Trees was donated to Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie (SHC-Erie). The tree, entitled "Frozen-Miracles Never Melt," arrived on December 1st. The display was graciously donated by the Wells Family (Jim, Maria, Dominic and Mia), Patty Figurski and the tree sponsor, Millennium Housing Development, Ltd.

Maria's son Dominic was a patient of Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie, which is why she said she wanted to donate the tree to the facility. She said, "We would like to help anxious children and parents waiting for appointments, tests and results to be distracted by a stunning tree that is filled with love and hope."

In addition to the tree, Maria worked with Dominic to coordinate a toy drive for SHC-Erie. In less than a week they were able to secure \$200 in gift cards and over 90 gifts for the facility, which included toys, games, and clothing. Maria

said her Christmas wish was to fill the SHC-Erie donation closet. Everyone at SHC-Erie extends a very heartfelt thank you to the Wells Family, Patty Figurski and Millennium Housing Development, Ltd.

Feeding Clinic has Great Success

When 12-year-old Jay arrived at the Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie Feeding Clinic he had already stopped eating solid foods for over nine months.

His aunt, Marrion Durr, had been to several specialists without any success. By this point, Jay had become a physical shell of himself.

Nine months prior, Jay had suffered a serious choking incident and, due to an overwhelming fear of choking again, he was unable and unwilling to engage with solid food. Julia Hawkins, OTR/L, began working with Jay to re-train him how to eat solid foods.

One of the main challenges Hawkins faced is Jay had not used the muscles for chewing in nine months. Hawkins expected it to take six or seven months of work for Jay to be comfortable with food again and gain weight, but Jay had other ideas.

By placing Jay in a therapeutic setting, he felt safer to try foods. Jay demonstrated tremendous internal motivation to overcome some of his fears. "He had support from the team and his aunt," said Hawkins. She also gave him little assignments to work on to improve his eating skills. As Jay began to eat, he started to feel stronger and look bigger. This motivated him even further as a teenage boy who took an interest in athletics. Utilizing the Feeding Clinic's interdisciplinary approach, the treating physician,





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Mardi Gras at Damascus Wednesday February 4th

Open Shriners Meeting

5 p.m. - Oasis Opens ~ 6 p.m. - Dinner ~ 7 p.m. - Meeting

Dinner by Forest Hill Catering - \$12 per person

Bar-B-Que Chicken ~ Ribs ~ Pasta ~ Vegetable ~ Salads

No reservations accepted past Noon, January 30th

Attire Expected ... Fez, Suit/Sport Coat and Tie

Working on special entertainment!



Spring Fling at Damascus Wednesday April 1st

Tiled Shriners Meeting

5 p.m. - Oasis Opens ~ 6 p.m. - Dinner ~ 7 p.m. - Meeting

Dinner by Forest Hill Catering - \$12 per person

Baked Ham ~ Oven-Roasted Chicken ~ Sirloin Tips w/Gravy

Rice ~ Pasta ~ Vegetable ~ Salad

No reservations accepted past Noon, March 27th

Attire Expected ... Fez, Suit/Sport Coat and Tie

Get Your Irish On at Damascus

Wednesday
March 4th



Open Shriners Meeting

5 p.m. - Oasis Opens ~ 6 p.m. - Dinner ~ 7 p.m. - Meeting

Dinner by Forest Hill Catering - \$12 per person

Corned Beef & Cabbage, Potatoes, Vegetable, Salad

No reservations accepted past Noon, February 27th

Attire Expected ... Fez, Suit/Sport Coat and Tie

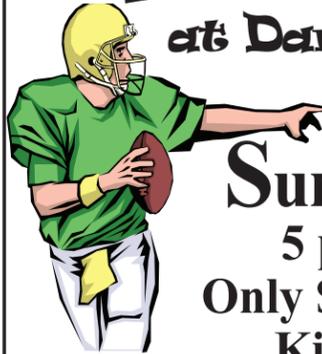
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Super Bowl Sunday

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979 Bay Rd, Webster



Sunday, February 1st

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Damascus Shriners

Noble Bring-a-Brother



Saturday
April 11th

5 p.m. - Oasis Opens ~ 6 p.m. - Dinner

Dinner by Forest Hill Catering

Chef-carved Prime Rib ~ Seafood Alfredo

Chicken Marsala ~ Italian Sausage ~ Baked Potato

Pasta ~ Vegetable ~ Salad

The potential candidate, his spouse and referring Brother and spouse are our dinner guests, if reserved as such; all others are \$12 per person.

No reservations accepted past Noon, April 3rd

Attire Expected ... Fez, Suit/Sport Coat and Tie

Have you been thinking membership lately? If not, don't wait any longer. Get those Petitions to the Office. We have planned an outstanding Noble Bring-a-Brother Program.

If you have a potential member for Shrine, bring them. If you have a potential member for your Masonic Lodge who might be interested in the Shrine later on, bring them.

Damascus Shriners Euchre Tournaments

Last Saturday of the Month ...

Winter Season ...

January 31st

February 28th

March 28th

All Tournaments and Parties
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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

Clio Lodge

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available to work. This is a huge fundraiser for the Ronald McDonald Houses and a great opportunity to show off Freemasonry to the public.

January Birthdays

Happy Birthday this month to Brothers Charles Cooper, Donald Davis, Norman Feil, Robert Fisher, Robert Hulek, Armour Mack, Robert Pedersen, Gary Richardson, Matt Scheffer, Charles Shapiro and Raymond Ziemann.

Closing Thoughts

In keeping with the quotes from Brother Mark Twain, "Do the right thing. It will gratify some people and astonish the rest." ☐



(Top left), R.:W.: Mike Dox; (above), R.:W.: Richard Snyder; (left) R.:W.: Skip Waterstreet.



Brothers and Friends picked up poinsettias at the Damascus Shrine Center to deliver to Widows and Shut-ins.

Ritual

We had an outstanding 1st Degree conferred by our Degree Team at our second November Communication. Seven new Brothers were Initiated, with the first section up through the Obligation done twice per Grand Lodge requirements. The Initiates were grouped for the balance of the Degree.

R.:W.: Mike Hueston requested the assignment in the East and was magnificent in his Ritual. As prompter, I could have taken a nap!

That said, the evening was not without a couple of glitches which might not have occurred if Brothers would attend rehearsals. Again, Brother Ryan Ramplin has requested you to attend every rehearsal if you accept a part in the Degree work. That includes EVERYONE, from the Conductors through the special lessons in the later sections of the Degree. Let's achieve the status of Top Degree Team in the District. You can help do it!

Poinsettias

To facilitate the delivery of plants and cards to our Widows and Shut-in Brothers, R.:W.: Mike Hueston (the new idea man for the Lodge, using information he gleaned while traveling the District the past two years) suggested the Lodge sponsor a breakfast. Twenty-one Brothers and friends showed up at the Nutcracker Restaurant on December 6th. From there, it was a short drive to the Shrine Center where more than forty plants were handed out and the caravans began. Two more Brothers came to the Center, so everyone only had to deliver a couple of plants at most.

The things you find out doing these activities are not always the best. We learned that one of Widows, Grace Roberts, passed away in August. No one had told us of her death.

Edna King, widow of our Brother and my cohort at the **Masonic Times**, Worshipful Dave King, had an electrical fire in her house. She is currently residing with her daughter and son-in-law, while repairs are made.

A couple of others have moved out of the area, but we are not privy to their new address information. If you know of anyone who wasn't contacted or whose information we may need, please contact one of the Officers.

Holiday Party

With more than a hundred people in attendance, I would say that our Holiday Party was a huge success. Starting with a buffet table of finger sandwiches and hors d'oeuvres, and some complimentary beverages to wash them down, Brothers and guests retired to the back of the dining room where casino games were positioned. It was a great opportunity to learn about the games available and how to play them.

I haven't heard from anyone who didn't enjoy that evening. It certainly was something completely different!

Sickness and Distress
We have

some Brothers who need our prayers and good wishes. Rene VanDeViere is still in considerable pain. He attended a meeting, but had to leave early due to the discomfort.

Worshipful Clyde Siverd was admitted to the hospital for surgery I was informed as I prepared this article. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Worshipful Richard Giedd is adjusting to his new quarters at Hilton East. He hoped to make the Holiday Party, but so many people in the facility were ill that he thought better of coming and possibly contaminating us.

Birthdays

Robert Guilfoil, John Sanna and Douglas Spencer (1st); James Woodruff (5th); Eric Lubberts

(6th); Martin Suter (7th); John Bardo and William Jaranowski, Jr. (9th); Christian Cordts (10th); Guy Morse (12th); Robert Stear (14th); Royden Guess (15th); Christopher Ridsdale (16th); Robert Stewart (17th); James Clark (20th); Jim Greene (21st); Joseph Holt, Jr., Charles McDonald and Aaron Hughes (25th); Robert Bishop and Joseph Mariano (26th); William Babcock, Jr. and Mario Pontarelli (27th); and William Wimberly 28th. These are your Brothers who start off the New Year with an additional party. Happy birthday to you all.

Happy New Year!

I am pleased to extend best wishes to you all for a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year. See you in Lodge. ☐

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By R.:W.: Skip Waterstreet

Inspiration Lodge honored our Military Veterans on November 11th with a special presentation by R.:W.: Richard Snyder. Then Lodge veterans in attendance received their Service Award Certificates and Pins from R.:W.: George Foehner, District Deputy Grand Master, and Master of the Lodge, W.: Joe DiTucci:

- Myron "Mike" Dox** 60 years
- Richard Snyder** 55 years
- Charles "Skip" Waterstreet** 50 years
- Herbert Spencer** 45 years
- William Shelby** 40 years
- Norris Shapiro** 10 years
- Eric Lubberts** 10 years
- Guy Morse** 5 years
- Andy Reynolds** 5 years

Several other Brothers, who could not be present that evening, will be sent their respective Awards.



R.:W.: Richard Snyder paid tribute to Military Service Veterans.

Inspiration Lodge has sponsored Keriann Snyder to attend

Camp Turk the past couple of years. She asked for permission to address the Brothers. Thanking us for our support, she indicated that she has enjoyed the experience, applied for and has been accepted as a Counselor in Training for 2015. Best wishes for a successful season.



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By R.:W.: Neil Bedford

I hope all the Brothers and Families of Olive Branch Lodge had a wonderful Christmas and New Year's Holiday. This has been a very busy and productive year for our Lodge. It is going

to continue into 2015 with many events already planned.

Degrees

Olive Branch and Warsaw Lodges conferred a 2nd Degree on December 3rd. We advanced two Brothers from Olive Branch Lodge, one Brother from Warsaw Lodge and one from Arcade Lodge to the Degree of Fellowcraft.

On January 21st, these four Brothers will receive their 3rd Degree conferred by the Damascus Shriners Degree Team at the Masonic Community Center in LeRoy at 7:30 p.m. There will be a Supper served at 6 p.m.

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Please try to attend and make this a memorable occasion for our four new Brothers.

LeRoy Winter Fest

We participated for the first time in the LeRoy Winter Fest Celebration on December 6th. We returned to our roots and had our first Pancake, Egg and Sausage Breakfast in our new Masonic Community Center. We also served free coffee and hot chocolate.

For lunch we served Hamburgers or Italian Sausage Patties and French Fries. The Eastern Star Chapter made homemade candy in our new kitchen and had a very successful sale during the day.

It was nice seeing everyone back working together at an event for the Community. The Lodges also provided room for the registration and finishing stop for the Winter Fest 5K and

10K Race. Hopefully, this will be an annual event at the Community Center.

Coming Events

Our Annual Friday Lenten Fish Fries will begin on February 20th and continue until Friday, April 3rd. Any help our Brothers can provide will be greatly appreciated.

On March 17th, we will be putting on our 1st Annual St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Supper in conjunction with our Brothers of Eunice Lodge from Caledonia. The supper will be pre-sale tickets ONLY and be held at our Masonic Community Center in Le Roy. Tickets can be purchased from any Brothers from the two Lodges.

The Officers of Olive Branch Lodge wish our Brothers and Families a Happy and Prosperous 2015. As always, please try to attend and support our Lodge and Officers.

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Happy New Year! January promises to be an interesting month for our Lodge. Our Awards Night will be on January 12th, and Table Lodge will be January 26th. Please get your reservations in to our Junior Warden at rsvp@erac163.org.

Brother Call-a-Brother phone calls have been ongoing. While many of the calls have been wonderful conversations between Brothers, there have been a number of calls which were not completed because phone numbers have been changed. Please be sure to contact our Secretary for changes of address, emails and phone numbers. Also, if you are not receiving email from the Google Groups email list, please contact our Secretary for an invitation. You must reply to the invitation to complete the sign-up process.

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By Don Brugger, PDDSTC

We hope all Woodsmen had a joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year. It appears there were some changes in our Line since my last article. The Elected Officers for 2015 are:

GTC **Rob Russo**
SDGTC **Edmond Huntley**
JDGTC **David Wilkinson**
Scribe **Don Bell**
Treasurer **John Zabel**

be over. These classes are very positive and informative, but the response has not been that good. Maybe the economy has something to do with it since the classes cost \$35. With the many organizations to which we all belong, we sometimes have Dues, Dues and more Dues. Sometimes it seems like we are overwhelmed with pleas for money from charitable organizations, Masonic and non-Masonic alike. Perhaps in the future our Lodge could have some discussion about subsidizing the *Masonic Development Course*. I also think more promotion could be done within Lodge. I was always told, "The more you learn, the more you earn."

We have submitted a member's name, Steve Rapp, who is very involved in the Honor Flight for Veterans to visit the memorials in Washington, DC, for the Symbolic Lodge Award, which will be presented on January 3rd at the Shrine Center in Webster.

I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the 2nd Degree rehearsal on January 18th.

Have a healthy year in 2015. ☐

Recent Happenings

At our November 10th meeting, in honor of Veterans Day, recognition was given to those members of the Lodge who have served in the Armed Forces. Grand Honors were given for those, both present and absent, who have served our Nation. Also, the altar was draped in honor of the passing of W.: Ralph E. Smith, Past Master of Yonnonodio Lodge.

R.: W.: Richard Friedman presented a program about Anderson's Constitutions of 1723, which included rules, regulations and a unified code of conduct for the newly formed Grand Lodge of Great Britain. This important document links Masonry from time immemorial to the foundation upon which we continue to build. Anderson's Constitutions is available online at:

www.digitalcommons.unl.edu/libraryscience/25/

This PDF is a reprint of Brother Benjamin Franklin's 1734 reprint of Anderson's 1723 work.

Our Lodge continues to grow. Seven Candidates were voted upon for acceptance in November, for Initiation December 8th. Please plan on attending our 2nd Degree on February 23rd to see our new Brothers Passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft. Also,

please let your Ladies know that our Ladies Night Program is planned for February 9th. More information will be coming.

All District Lodges have been requested to supply favorite recipes for a cookbook which the Widows Sons are producing. Lodges will have the opportunity to sell copies and direct the profits to the charity of the Lodge's choice. Please contact Brother Jim MacDuff with your submission: bricklayer.jsm@gmail.com

Town Hall Meeting

All Brothers are invited to meet with the Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: Jeffrey Williamson, at Union Star Lodge Hall, Honeoye Falls, on January 17th. This is open to Entered Apprentices and higher, and is a special opportunity if you've been away for a while. Please refer to article elsewhere in this issue for specific times and details.

Dues Notices

Dues Notices are in the mail. A new request this year is to please pay by February 28th, as our payment for each Brother's Grand Lodge Per Capita Assessment is due on March 1st. In addition, our payment to the Masonic Service Bureau for the **Masonic Times** is due in February. Timely payment of your Dues helps to lighten the burden on the Lodge treasury. ☐

The Appointed Officers are:
Chaplain **Angelo DiCataldo**
Sentinel **Herb Spencer**
These Officers were installed at our November meeting.

Membership

There was a robust discussion on membership at the November gathering and a Membership Team is being formed to visit Lodges and Concordant Bodies to get out the Tall Cedar's message of fun, frolic and (most importantly) our Philanthropy - The Muscular Dystrophy and Nerve Disease Research Fund.

If you are interested in participating in this Membership effort, please come to our January 28th meeting, or contact one of the Officers listed in our logo.

The January meeting will be preceded by a dinner at Hung Wah's Restaurant located in the

plaza on the Northwest corner of Route 441 and Five Mile Line Road at 6 p.m. I wouldn't be surprised if a new Candidate (or two) might be getting a complimentary dinner that evening. Why not join the Woodsmen and get back into the habit of attending a regular meeting at Wakan-Hubbard Lodge Hall?

Remember the Forest and replace yourself. ☐

Livingston District

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I sit in my chair, once again, this evening well-knowing the deadline for the **Masonic Times** is fast approaching. I don't usually mind writing an article and find that once I get into it, the article seems to flow by itself.

We had a good 1st Degree on December 2nd. The 2nd Degree will be held on January 20th. If you are going to be active in the Degree, as most of the Officers will be, please be present for the rehearsal for this Degree on Sunday, January 18th, at 6 p.m. Having a rehearsal takes off the rough edges.

By the time you get this issue of the **Masonic Times**, the Genesee-Wyoming District *Masonic Development Course* will

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Thank you, thank you and thank you. You have made my year a memorable one with the support you have given me. To all the incoming Officers, I wish you a great year.

Starting with the first meeting in January, we will be having a dinner prior to all meetings, there will a \$5 charge for most dinners. Please let the Master of Ceremonies know if you plan to attend the dinners so he can make sure there is plenty of food. For reservations contact Frank Habitzreuther at 486-4321 or email:

fhabitz@aol.com

Sickness and Distress

Prophet Jim Toogood had a stroke and is now in the Episcopal Church Home at 505 Mt. Hope Avenue, Rochester, NY 14620. Phone 546-5126. I'm sure that he would be glad to see

Attend Grotto Meetings

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

Wednesday, January 21st
Stated Meeting
Chicken Dinner - 6:30 p.m.
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

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or hear from you.

Prophet Jim Powel is currently living with his daughter at 60 Deerborne Lane; Spencerport, NY 14559-1858.

Prophet Mike Postilli is still doing dialysis at home and would like to hear from you.

January Birthdays

A Happy Birthday to those who have matured another year: Donald J. Brugger; Donald J. Freeman, Sr.; Jason Morissett; Wayne W. Slack; Howard M. Travis; Ronald L. Weber; Allan J. Widrick; and Roy W. Moses. ☐



Installation of 2015 Officers of Lalla Rookh Caldron, Daughters of Mokanna.

Masonic Care Community Ambassador Program revived

By R.:W.: Derek VanHouten

Someone once said, "as one door closes another one will open." I, for one, have found this to be true recently. As I contemplate the three years during which I had the honor and pleasure to serve the Nobility of Damascus and my exit from the job, I wondered what else would come my way to serve the Craft. I shouldn't have had any concerns as another opportunity presented itself to me. It will be on a much broader spectrum than just Damascus.

About four years ago, Grand Lodge created a program that was known as the Ambassador Program for the Masonic Care Community (MCC) where each Lodge was to have a spokesperson to assist in getting the word out about our facilities in Utica. All went well for a couple of years and then, as situations happen, the key people moved on to other responsibilities and the program lay somewhat dormant.

About a month ago, I was contacted by R.:W.: Mark Shipman and invited to attend a meeting at Utica to revitalize the Ambassador Program. On November 22nd, I joined about ten others in Utica and laid the groundwork for this Grand Lodge Committee to begin the work again. In attendance was Griff Jones, President of the Board of Trustees; R.:W.:

Nathan Liper; Past Grand Marshals, R.:W.: Kurt Ott and R.:W.: John Krupp; and several others from the original committee.

There are many in our Craft who don't fully realize the jewel we have with the facilities in Utica. It will be our task to get the word out. I will be the Regional Administrator of the Western Finger Lakes Region and will be the go-to person for the following Districts - Monroe, Wayne, Livingston, O/S/Y, Allegany and Steuben. There is no way any one person can handle all that so I will be working with the respective District Deputies, as they know who in their District would be most suitable to take on the position of District Chairman. Then it will be further broken down to Lodge Chairman.

One of the first tasks is to find out from each Lodge what the status of their Box of Remembrance is. How many are not being used. If you need a new one, we have forms available to help you obtain it.

From my perspective, a lot of thought has gone into this program and the Grand Master supports the endeavors of the Committee. There will be much more information in the months to come. One thing to remember is that we are not MCC Counselors. We can get the information to the individuals to enlighten



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them on the positives of life at the MCC facilities, but actual dollar-and-cent inquires will be handled by the MCC Staff.

It should be understood that this is a long-term commitment and is not tied to any Grand Master's Term of Office. This program is designed to heighten awareness within the Fraternity of the services provided by the Masonic Care Community and the potential benefits of these

services to the membership, as well as understanding the numerous other programs supported by the Trustees and their financial implications.

When you read in the papers about senior living homes that have gone bankrupt and others that have closed, it's reassuring to know we have a facility that has helped individuals lead a better life for 122 years. Our mission, in part, to share all that is available

within the Masonic Care Community to you, the Brothers, who make up Grand Lodge. ☐



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Manhood and Masonry Today and a musical revue Ladies Night are on the calendar this Winter. Our January 15th meeting will be on Manhood and Masonry in 2015, where men fit into our modern world and how Freemasonry can help us to be our best for our families, our society and ourselves.

V.:W.: Joe Lewis, 32°, and Bruce Katz, 32°, will each give a short talk on public speaking which you should find useful in whatever field you're in. You need to be able to speak with confidence in any situation extemporaneously. Men need to be a valued part of society and sometimes, in today's world, need to hear how they are valued and how they can be more of what they want to be. Over dinner, at each table, we can discuss the Degrees that were presented at our Fall Reunion, what the moral lesson was, why this is a Degree that we present.

Ladies Night

On February 28th our Valley will host a wonderful Ladies Night at Red Fedele's Brook House on Ridge Road West, near Sam's Club. The evening will be dinner and a musical revue, with our Ladies. The revue, vignettes from "Only Once," will be presented by The Footlight Players.

I encourage the dress for the evening to be from an earlier period. I'll probably wear my frock coat and be attired as from the 19th Century. (Why do I seem comfortable in that time period?)

Attire John Lemke welcomes attendees through to Ladies Night Program. the "gay 90s" and the "roaring 20s" could be fun as well as anything that fits your fancy. I think even tasteful "steampunk" could be appropriate.

Now, of course, if you don't want to be involved with any of that type of thing



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

please attend in "normal" attire. Don't be put off and feel that you would be out of place if you don't choose to attend "in costume." The price per couple for the dinner and entertainment is just \$50. It should be a lot of fun.

2017 Supreme Council

In 2017 the Supreme Council Meeting will be held in Rochester. This is the first time this event will be held in Rochester. At our regular meeting Thursday, February 19th Ill.: G. Michael Morris, 33°, Active Member, AASR NMJ will go over what



this several-day event will consist of and what it means to the Valley of Rochester. You will want to hear about this.

I thank everyone who helped make our Fall Reunion at Unity Lodge Hall a success. It was a lot of work to have to transport all our costumes and set up as we did, but I

think it came off very well. I heard many positive comments about the day.

Our Ladies Night at our regular meeting in November was most enjoyable. The turnout was very good. The two programs we had for the evening "The Feast of Tishri" and "Spectacles at Newburgh" undoubtedly contributed to this being a well-attended event. I thank Bernie Lazerson for directing the Feast and his portrayal in the presentation. I also thank Steve Michener for all his good work on "Spectacles at Newburgh." Steve wrote, directed, and took a part in this presentation. Steve also was responsible, with his Rochester Council Princes of Jerusalem, for the entire evening. I heard many say they enjoyed the evening a great deal, as did I. Well done.

I also thank Jim Robb. Jim contributed significantly to both the Reunion and the November regular meeting. Jim was involved in every Degree at the Reunion and asked the right question about the 4th Degree at just the right time, a stitch in time, so to speak. Very good.

Have a Happy New Year; I hope to see you all soon.



Scene from *The Feast of Tishri* Program.



Cast members for *The Feast of Tishri* Program.

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

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

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Eligibility Requirements**

• **Abbott Scholarships** are only for children of Scottish Rite Members of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

Refer to: www.scottishritenmj.org
 for application forms and eligibility instructions.

• **NY COD Scholarships** are only for grandchildren of Scottish Rite Members of one of the Valleys of New York State. Refer to:

www.nyscottishritemasons.org
 for application forms and eligibility instructions.

• Must be currently attending a recognized college or university and must submit a current transcript showing a 2.75 or better GPA plus at least one letter of recommendation and a recent FAFSA Form. High school Seniors are eligible.

• The appropriate application must be used, must be legible and fully complete. Incomplete applications will not be considered for a scholarship.

• Applications should be mailed to the Valley to which the sponsoring father or grandfather belongs and must be received at that Office by April 1, 2015. Applications are online at the appropriate website.

• Applications for Valley of Rochester should be mailed to:

Valley of Rochester, AASR
 Attn: Scholarship Chairman
 811 Ayrault Road, Ste. 3
 Fairport, NY 14450-896

Secretary's Corner

By Ill. J. Jack VanElzakker, 33°

Dues Statements for 2015 have been mailed to all members. They are in two parts – Valley Dues and Supreme Council Dues (formerly called Assessments).

Both must be paid to the Valley according to the fee posted on your Dues Statement. Corning Lodge Of Perfection members will get Statements from both Valleys.

Valley Dues are \$42 per year – and have been that way for at least the last three decades, thanks to the strength of our investments. Supreme Council Dues have now topped off at \$33 after Annual increases of \$3 per year for the last several years. The Valley is annually billed for every Dues-paying

member for the Supreme Council portion of our Dues whether each member has paid them or not.

Dues are a Masonic obligation that should be paid by all capable of doing so. Unfortunately, we do have members where Annual Dues present a hardship. Our Valley is regularly able to help these members by absorbing all or a significant portion of what is owed once we are made aware of the circumstances.

I have often been asked, "What do I get for my Dues?"

My abbreviated answer is ... Substantially more than you might realize. Our budget, which is mainly spent on member programs, is almost six times our Dues intake. More on this value later. □



Rochester Lodge of Perfection

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

Ring in the New Year brings us all many new opportunities. As we closed the chapter of 6014 good or bad, we must move forward to our journeys in 6015. Whether it is our New Year's Resolutions or getting our tax papers prepared, it is what you will make of it. Make the year ahead be one of glory and satisfaction.

Here in the Valley of Rochester, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Freemasons have plenty of Masonic opportunities in which to enjoy and participate.

On the 3rd Thursday of each month, we have our regular Valley meeting that covers our old/new business followed by a program that pertains to the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

We usually start with a Social at 5:30 p.m., Dinner at 6:30 p.m. and Tiled Meeting and Program at 7:30 p.m. If you haven't attended in a while, come on out and enjoy an evening of fraternal fellowship and enjoyment.

April 18th will be our next Reunion, presenting the "bookend" concept for your Degrees. By the "bookend" concept, new Brothers are enabled to join the great Fraternity of Scottish Rite

and be 32nd Degree Masons at the conclusion of the day. You will be introduced to the 4th and 32nd Degrees along with three other Degrees, representing the core values of the Rite.

Speaking of the 4th Degree, the Lodge of Perfection will be presenting a live dramatization. We will also be presenting the 5th Degree. The 4th Degree we have Matt Muller, 32°, Paul McLaughlin, 32°, and I will be co-directing the Degree. I will be directing the 5th Degree. That's where you come in. We need help in filling the casts for both of these Degrees.

The 5th Degree has many non-speaking parts, guards and populace that would require you to get into a costume and be a participant whom, I assure you, that you will find it gratifying and fun! This is a great opportunity for our all our 2014 new Sublime Princes. Please give your support by getting involved. You may get a call asking for your participation, give us a sound "YES" and feel the joy of being a Scottish Rite Mason.

Many more exciting things are coming; check the calendar in this issue of the **Masonic Times** for just what activities lay ahead. Be well, my Brethren, be well. I look forward to seeing you in the quarries! □



Spectacles at Newburgh cast members portray scenes from the production. Immediate right is Joe Green; above are Eric Lubberts and Bill Flesher; far right is Steve Michener.



Cast members of *Spectacles at Newburgh* (left to right): Joe Green, Bill Flesher, Matt Muller, Steve Michener and Eric Lubberts.

The Meritorious Service Award

Garry Lee Cranker is the first to receive his Red Cap under the new guidelines established by the Council of Deliberation at their Annual Meeting last July. Selected to receive the Meritorious Service Award for 2015, Distinguished Brother Cranker will receive his Certificate and Jewel at the Ceremony during the 2016 COD Biennial session. Meanwhile, he is allowed to wear his Red Cap on appropriate occasions, which is the opposite of the procedure used in the past.



Garry Cranker

as President of the Rochester Area Employee Assistance Professional Program.

This change was made in conjunction with the COD decision, for economic reasons, to meet every other year (in the even-numbered years) with the business of the Council conducted in the odd-numbered years by the Executive Council.

Biographical Information

Brother Garry was Raised in Churchville Lodge in 2001. He also joined the Valley of Rochester that year. He is currently a member of Unity Lodge where he serves as Chairman of the Board of Trustees and acts as Rental Agent for the building's owner body, the Spencerport Masonic Temple, Inc.

He is the current President of the Board of Directors of the Masonic Service Bureau and helps proofread the articles for the **Masonic Times**. He also spends time assisting in the Valley of Rochester's Fairport Office.

His institutions of higher education include SUNY Brockport, Empire State College, and Cornell Industrial & Labor Relations School. He is a retired Employee Assistance Program Director, where the company went from Delco to ITT and is now Valeo. Brother Cranker served two terms

Among other duties, Brother Cranker is a Contract Employee for the Board of Elections and serves as a co-ordinator of Election Inspectors in the Town of Ogden.

A native of Oswego, New York, Garry resides in Spencerport with his wife, Annette. They are parents of two sons, Thomas and William, and have two granddaughters, Lyla and Lexa.

Requirements

To receive this award, the nominee must be a unanimous recommendation of the presiding Officers of all four Bodies of his Valley. The M.S.A. Committee scrutinizes all nominees to select the recipients. Seldom do all those nominated survive this process.

Our heartiest congratulations to Distinguished Brother Garry Cranker on his selection as the 2015 recipient of the Meritorious Service Award. □



Ill. J. Kenneth "Rick" Howe (right) places Red Cap on head of newest Distinguished Brother, Garry Cranker, as Ill. J. John Lemke, Commander-in-Chief looks on.

Illustrious Brother Thomas G. Goodrich, 33°, Fall Class of 2014



New Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret pose with Officers of the Valley.

ROCHESTER AREA NEWS

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Rochester Council of the Princes of Jerusalem

By Stephan Michener, 32°
Sovereign Prince



"I am the Lord... That saith of Cyrus, He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built; and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid."

~ Isaiah 44:28

We learn in the 15th Degree about how Cyrus being moved by a dream which was interpreted by Daniel, came to his senses and set Zerubbabel and all his people to go free, to return to Israel to rebuild their temple.

Zerubbabel was not the only slave here. Cyrus was not only a Babylonian King, he also was a slave to his guilty conscience. Like Cyrus, we may be tormented with our past decisions and actions, which haunt us and make our sleep restless. But as the story goes, in the end there was redemption, restitution was made, freedom rang out, the temple was rebuilt and all lived happily ever after.

We as Master Masons have been set free from any bonds of slavery we may have previously known. We always have the possibility of "coming to our senses" and "turning over a new leaf." We have been directed to go forth, correct our errors and be builders.

These are the kinds of stories one encounters in Scottish Rite Masonry. They're not all Biblical; only some of them are, but they provide plenty of material to contemplate and to apply the working tools of a Master Mason. It is important to not let those tools get rusty and dull. As we witness the Scottish Rite Degrees we hone our skills and fine tune the artistry of becoming and being a Craftsman.

A Brother recently asked me if I thought it was necessary to be a member of a Concordant Body. My answer is "of course not, but it's vitally important. Why wouldn't you want to?"

The richness of your Masonic experience is deepened by exploring either or both the Scottish Rite and the York Rite. As Master Masons we all know it is true that "the more you put into it, the more you get out of it." The act of becoming a Scottish Rite or York Rite Mason is putting more into it; you will be substantially rewarded in ways you can't yet imagine.

The next opportunity to become a Scottish Rite Mason will be on Saturday, April 18th, when the Valley of Rochester will hold its next Reunion. If you would like a Petition, please contact the Valley Office at (585) 425-0033. You may also enjoy looking at our webpage at:

www.valleyofrochester.com

Upcoming Dates for Rite on the Road
January 12th - Unity Lodge, Spencerport
February 4th - Olive Branch Lodge, LeRoy
February 17 - Clio Lodge, Hilton

SAVE THE DATES

April 18th

Spring Reunion

4°, 5°, 12° and 29° (videos) and 32°

April 25th

Reunion Banquet

at Cobblestone Creek

Country Club

Schneeweiss Family Leaves a Lasting Legacy

By Myron Thurston III

Assistant Director of Development and Communications

The Schneeweiss Family Charitable Fund recently made a donation in the amount of \$200,000 to the Cardiac Research Institute at Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL). These funds will be directed towards bolstering the Institute's endowment so they are able to leave a lasting legacy to support current and future research projects. In addition to this magnanimous gift, David and Hallie Schneeweiss have given nearly \$100,000 to support the MMRL's Mission during David's tenure as a member of the Board of Directors of the MMRL. Gifts such as these enable continuity of the research and make possible future research projects that push the frontiers of science and medicine.

David and Hallie Schneeweiss, along with their sons, Robert and Peter, are responsible for directing the funds to the MMRL ... the entire family is known for their charitable giving to humanitarian causes. David has given generously of his time and talent to promote

the MMRL and its Mission to provide a healthier tomorrow for all. When asked about his generous gift, David said "I hope to inspire others to support medical research at the Laboratory so that future generations will have access to new treatments and cures. I believe the MMRL is one of the crown jewels of Freemasonry and we can make a significant impact in the world of medicine through our support."

Charles Antzelevitch, Ph.D., Executive Director and Director of Research for the MMRL, had this to say regarding David Schneeweiss and his family, "We have been fortunate to have the Schneeweiss family at our side for over 14 years. Since his appointment to our Board in May of 2000, David has worked tirelessly to raise awareness and engender support for the exciting research conducted at our institute in support of our medical research for the benefit of all humankind. David has served as Chairman, President, and Vice-President. He also kept a vigil eye on our

endowments, during turbulent economic times, the income of which is critical to maintaining the continuity of the research through turbulent federal funding cycles. The beneficence of the Schneeweiss family with gifts large and small has helped make our institute what it is today, one of the top institutes of its size and budget anywhere in the world. We are grateful beyond words for their generosity and continued kindness."

About the Laboratory

The Masonic Medical Research Laboratory is a not-for-profit institute founded by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the State of New York in 1958 and dedicated to improving the health and quality of life

for all. The institute's primary mission is to conduct high quality basic and clinical research aimed at generating knowledge and information necessary for development of the medical cures and treatments of tomorrow. The Laboratory is also committed to providing education and training to basic scientists, clinical researchers and students who will perpetuate and extend the fight against disease. Please visit www.mmrl.edu to learn more about research at the MMRL or search for the MMRL on Facebook, Twitter, Google+, YouTube and LinkedIn.

Valley of Rochester Happy New Year – 2015

JANUARY

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

FEBRUARY

February 12th - *Have-a-Heart* at Marketplace Mall
3 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Please call the Office with times you can help.
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

February 28th - Ladies Night Dinner at Brook House
920 Elm Ridge Center Drive
Social - 4:30 p.m. ~ Dinner - 5:30 p.m. (**)
\$50 per couple - Paid Reservations by February 22nd

MARCH

March 19th - Valley Meeting at Shrine Center
Social - 5:30 p.m. ~ Dinner - 6:30 p.m. (**)
Meeting - 7:30 p.m. ~ Meeting
Program - History of Chapter of Rose Croix
by Adam Junod and John Zabel
Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner (for the Irish in all of us)

March 28th - College of Freemasonry
at Genesee Community College, Batavia
Fee - \$20 per person - includes morning coffee and lunch
8:30 - 9:30 a.m. - Registration, Reservations Required (**)
Consult our Website for more information:
www.valleyofrochester.org

Rite on the Road Schedule - Membership Nights/BBB
January 12th - Unity Lodge, Spencerport
February 4th - Olive Branch Lodge, LeRoy
February 17th - Clio Lodge, Hilton
Presentations - *Spectacles at Newburgh* by Steve Michener

**** Make your reservations On Time! Don't be Late!**
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Go to Valley Calendar for more details:
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By R.W. Jan Porter, DDGM

Recent Happenings

A follow-up District meeting was well-attended and seemed to yield some healthy discussion regarding the future of our Order in Monroe District. Some areas of misconception/confusion were clarified, action items from the previous meeting were reviewed, health of the District Chapters was discussed and we established a Membership Committee to interact with the State Committee. I'm concluding ... we are on a roll with some great ideas! Thank you to all who were constructive in making this meeting worthwhile.

The District Christmas Party was well attended and everyone enjoyed the varied activities planned by R.W. Beverly Thompson. We had a great time making wreaths which were transported to the Eastern Star Home in Oriskany.

A series of toasts were given



Changing of the District Leadership (l-r) 2014 Leaders - R.W. Tom Richenderfer, DGL, and R.W. Beverly Thompson, DDGM; 2015 R.W. Raymond DiJames, DGL, and R.W. Jan Porter, DDGM.

in honor of Grand Officers, Veterans and in Memory of Loved Ones lost this year. Of course, the Dish-to-Pass Buffet featured the tasteful talents of our OES cooks. No one went away hungry. Thank you, Beverly, for a wonderful party.

Looking Forward

As these Winter months dictate, for many, hunkering down, staying in and minimizing outings to reduce the risk of falling on slippery surfaces, let's stay in touch with phone calls, cards and emails. To that end, several Chapters don't meet in January and February (some in March) so be sure to check their schedules.

Many of our Sisters and Brothers are known as "Snowbirds" and their messages will reassure us that there is sun and

warm weather somewhere. Our Grand Line will join the Grand Lodge of New York Grand Line in Florida for the Sojourner's Tour held in various locations in January. They host a luncheon for Florida members/Snowbirds to meet and greet each other and, at the same time, be recognized for milestone membership anniversaries.

The January 3rd Line Officers Meeting will be the kickoff of R.W. Ray DiJames and my year where our plans will be presented for the 2015 "Friendship" Cruise. Line Officers of each Chapter ... Don't miss it.

To ALL OES Members

To ALL OES Members ... Happy New Year; may God Bless you with good health, happiness and prosperity.

Past Matrons Association

By W. Marilyn Israel, President

It is my honor and privilege to be elected as President of the Monroe District Past Matrons Association for 2015. As Past Matron, I have built upon my previous years (1994, 1995, 2008 and 2009) as Matron.

Word: Faith

Symbol: Praying Hands and Sea Shell

Colors: Blue, green and orange/red, white and blue

Flowers: All colors

Motto: Love One Another

In an article in the February 2008 **Masonic Times**, I wrote that I was privileged to attend the Grand Sessions of Estella Chapter, Prince Hall Affiliated, held in Rochester and noted that the Grand Worthy Matron, Phyllis Kemp, alluded to the fact that our Eastern Star Chapters should be "like a glimpse of heaven." It is my hope and prayer that there may be a closer relationship to Estella Chapter here in Rochester in the future.

Mark Your Calendar

January 15th - Meeting at 12 Noon; Casual Dress, Spencerport Masonic Hall. Bring a brown

bag lunch; dessert will be provided by Etoleah Chapter. If this is your first time visiting, please call me at 461-3254.

March 19th - Meeting at 12 Noon; Casual Dress, Spencerport Masonic Hall. Bring a brown bag lunch; dessert will be provided by Starlight Chapter.

May 21st - Meeting at 4:30 p.m.; Formal Dress, Memorial Service. Dinner follows at 6:30 p.m. (Reservations required.) Mary Jane Holmes Chapter; Donna Laundry, Chair.

September 17th - Meeting at 12 Noon; Casual Dress, Spencerport Masonic Hall. Bring a brown bag lunch; dessert will be provided by Mary Jane Holmes Chapter.

October 15th - Meeting at 4:30 p.m.; Formal Dress, Elections and Installation. Dinner follows at 6:30 p.m. (Reservations required.) Corinthian-Fellowship Chapter.

Remember, "Children of all ages are known to shut their ears to advice, but open their eyes to example." Looking forward to seeing you.

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It's official that we will hold a Royal Arch festival on January 31st at Drumlin Square Lodge Hall on Main Street, Palmyra. If you are considering becoming a Royal Arch Mason, I suggest you present your Petition before our next meeting on January 8th.

December Happenings

December 8th was our scheduled Annual Meeting and Elections. I had just returned from training in Utica, in preparation for my new job as District Deputy Grand High Priest. I will be installed in our Annual Meeting in March.

Musings

We have a lot planned for the coming year in Royal Arch, I hope to see many Petitions for the coming year. We already have several to act on.

While in training, we were treated to a tour of the Grand Chapter Web Site. If you haven't checked it out, I encourage to do so. There is an abundance of information and tools to use in your Royal Arch journey, which

I plan to arrange as a program at Chapter, in the coming year for a guided tour. More on that later.

I hope you all had a great Holiday Season and are looking forward to getting to work this year.

See you all in the quarries. ☐

Doric Council

No. 19 Cryptic Masons

(Chartered 1861)

3rd Wednesday



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Events

On December 4th, we trekked to Palmyra to the Grand Lecturer's Convention. We were treated to some interesting insights from our Grand Lecturer, R.:I.: Stuard. It's great to spend time with Companions from other Councils in our District and catch up with some and get acquainted with others.

Musings

Super Excellent Masters Degree

As you know, the Royal Arch Degree takes place at the time of the rebuilding of Solomon's Temple, 450 years after the time of the

Master Mason, the Royal Master and the Select Master Degrees. The Super Excellent Master Degree in the Council tells the story of how the Temple came to be destroyed and the Children of Israel sent into exile. It also conveys an Important moral lesson concerning Fidelity and Integrity of a Mason's word being his bond when given as such.

In the Grand Council of the State of New York, the Super Excellent Master Degree is an "Honorary" one, meaning that it is available to all Select Masters, but is not a mandatory Degree to becoming a Cryptic Mason.

The Super Excellent Master Degree is always conferred in full form here in the Grand Council of New York. In the First Section, you as the Candidate, are received into a Council of Super Excellent Masters where the form of the ceremonies are similar to those of the preceding Degrees.

The Second Section is presented in the form of a drama which involves over 35 Companions when done in full form. It portrays the Biblical account of Zedekiah, the last King of Judah. It tells how he had given his word as a pledge, but a pledge which he later found convenient to ignore when it was put to the test. This Degree goes on to show how not

only he, personally, suffered the consequences of betraying his word, but how it led to the destruction of the Temple and his people being sent into exile in Babylon. Masonically, it lays the ground work for the start of the Royal Arch Degree and the Order of the Red Cross in the Commandery of Knights Templar.

The Super Excellent Master Degree, when conferred in full form, has been described as one of the most colorful in all of Masonry. It adds to the completion of every Royal Arch Mason's understanding of the completed Solomonic Legend by bridging the historical gap between the Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Degrees in Chapter. It is also, when conferred in full form, one of the most dramatic and memorable Degrees in any Mason's experience.

If you are seeking further Light in Masonry, I encourage you to check out Cryptic Masonry. Until next time. ☐



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Sunday		Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday			
<div style="border: 2px dashed black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Deadline for the next issue of the Masonic Times is January 5th! </div>				1 <i>New Year's Day</i>		2		3 Valley of Rochester, AASR, Symbolic Lodge Awards Presentation, <i>Shrine Center</i>		4		5 Canandaigua, Shortsville KT - Cyrene/Monroe, Pittsford - Open Meeting Lalla Rookh Grotto - Board of Governors, <i>Shrine Center</i> OES - Etolah Chapter Shrine Lunch Club Damascus Shrine Divan		6 Clio, Hilton Garoga-Sincerity, Phelps Nunda Station OES - Fairport, Starlight	
7 Drumlin Square, 2° Palmyra Olive Branch, LeRoy Damascus Shrine		8 Fame - <i>Shrine Center</i> - School of Ritual Milnor, Shortsville Union, Lima Webster - Fellowcraft RAM - Hiram Chapter Perry Shrine Club Lalla Rookh Caldron		9		10 Wakan-Hubbard Lodge traveling to Canada - Table Lodge Daughters of the Nile - Memorial Art Gallery Tour		11		12 ERAC - Awards Night, <i>Shrine Center</i> Fairport-Flower City Union Star, Honeoye Falls Unity, Spencerport Wakan-Hubbard, Penfield Shrine Lunch Club		13 Inspiration - <i>Shrine Center</i> Seneca, Webster - School of Ritual OES - Mary Jane Holmes, Brockport		14 Oatka, Scottsville Masonic Service Bureau Monthly Luncheon Meeting Damascus Legion of Honor, <i>Shrine Center</i>	
15 Northfield, Pittsford Webster Scottish Rite - <i>Shrine Center</i> OES Past Matrons Lunch Meeting, Spencerport		16		17 Sagoyewatha - Phelps Clio Dumpster Dinner - Open to the Public Wakan-Hubbard, BBAF		18		19 <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i> Canandaigua, Shortsville KT - Cyrene/Monroe, Pittsford Fairport-Flower City Unity, Spencerport OES - Etolah Shrine Lunch Club Auburn Shrine Club		20 Clio, 2°, Hilton Garoga-Sincerity, Phelps Nunda Station, 2° Canandaigua Shrine Club OES - Nolatka, Starlight		21 Ark, Phelps Drumlin Square, Palmyra Olive Branch, 2°, LeRoy RSM - Doric Council, Pittsford Masonic War Veterans Birthday Party at Canandaigua VA Hospital		22 Fame - <i>Shrine Center</i> Milnor, Shortsville Union, Lima RAM - Hiram Chapter Perry Shrine Club Masters & Wardens, Shrine Center/Grotto Office	
23		24 Shrine Euchre Tournament, <i>Shrine Center</i> Fidelity Triangle Masonic Family Night, <i>Pittsford</i>		25 Clio Euchre Tournament, <i>Hilton</i>		26 ERAC - Table Lodge, <i>Shrine Center</i> Fairport-Flower City, 1° Unity, 2°, Spencerport Wakan-Hubbard, 2°, Penfield Shrine Lunch Club Geneva Lunch Club		27 Inspiration - <i>Shrine Center</i>		28 Oatka, Scottsville School of Ritual Tall Cedars of Lebanon Damascus Directors Staff		29		30	
31 Have-a-Heart Campaign begins - Fundraiser for Ronald McDonald Houses															

In Memoriam

Ambroz, Karel J.

Karel Ambroz, 79, passed away November 12th. He is survived by his wife, Karen; 5 children and 10 grandchildren. The Brothers of Drumlin Square Lodge will miss him.

Dorman, William H.

Bill Dorman, 96, went to the waiting arms of his wife on November 16th, leaving 2 children and 4 grandchildren to remember him. He was an Army Veteran of World War II and member of Scottish Rite. May the joy of the Lord be your strength.

Lewis, S. Charles "Chuck"

Chuck Lewis passed away November 12th. He is survived by 1 child, 3 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. He was a member of Fame Lodge, Scottish Rite and Damascus Shrine. Loving prayers are with you now and in the days to come.

Lowell, Bradley W.

Bradley Lowell, 64, found loving peace in the arms of the Lord on December 5th, leaving his wife, Carolyn, and 3 children to share his memory. He was a member of Nunda Station Lodge. Earth has no sorrow that Heaven cannot heal.

Mawhiney, David H.

On November 30th, David Mawhiney departed his Earthly family. He is survived by his wife, Cheryl, and a son. He was a member of Fairport-Flower City Lodge. No length of time can take away our thoughts of you today.

McCauley, Albert P., Jr.

We have received word that Albert McCauley, 91, met his Maker on July 9th. He will always be cherished by his son and the Brothers of Oatka Lodge and Scottish Rite. Loving prayers are with you now and in days to come.

Midgett, Elwood "Woody"

Elwood Midgett, 79, went to the Celestial Lodge on October 25th, leaving his wife, Kathryn; 4 children and 8 grandchildren to remember him. He was a US Coast Guard Veteran and member of Scottish Rite.

Novak, Robert F.

On December 6th, Robert Novak, 67, entered Eternal Rest. He is survived by his wife, Linda; 1 son and 1 grandchild. He was a member of Unity Lodge, Scottish Rite and Damascus Shrine. Memories are like threads of gold, they never tarnish or grow old.

Payne, James Alfred, Jr.

James Payne, Jr., 90, went Home to his Lord on November 16th. His wife, Dorothy; 3 children, 9 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren survive him. James was a member of Seneca Lodge and Scottish Rite. May he find peace with the Lord.

Sklair, Edward

On December 3rd, Edward Sklair, 89, said goodbye to his Earthly home. He will be remembered by his wife, Jean; 3 children, 4 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. Edward was a Royal Navy World War II Veteran and member of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge. May your tears become rainbows when you remember your loved one.

Smith, Ralph

On October 31st, Ralph Smith, a member of ERAC Lodge, passed away. May he find peace with the Lord.

Towle, Annette

On December 13th, Annette Towle, was embraced by those who walked before her in faith. Annette's memory will always be cherished by 4 children, 10 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. She was a member of Starlight Chapter, OES and Lalla Rookh Caldron, Daughters of Mokanna. A page in our book of memories is gently turned today.

Willden, William C.

Wakan-Hubbard Lodge has been notified of the passing of Brother William Willden in November. No further details are known at this time.



**Widows
to be Remembered**

Kopen, Bessie, 98, widow of Alexander Kopen (Fairport-Flower City Lodge), passed away November 22nd.

Miller, Catherine W. "Kay", 91, widow of Harold Miller (Seneca Lodge), passed away November 19th.

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Damascus Shriners Officers (left to right): Noble Oriental Guide, Jim Ryan; Treasurer, Mike Hueston; Chief Rabban, Wayne McCrossen and Ill. Joe DiTucci, Potentate, stand near tables full of toys, which were donations for the Shriners Hospitals for Children® in Erie and Springfield. Inspiration Lodge Holiday Party attendees brought many of the gifts, and the Lodge contributed funds to buy additional presents, to brighten the lives of the Children served at the hospitals throughout the year.