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## Have-a-Heart nets \$19,000

Ronald McDonald Houses Benefit from Community's Generous Response

Full details in next issue.

### Ambassador Program Taking Shape Again

By R.:W.: Derek VanHouten

Boy is it ever cold! ... 16 degrees today as I contemplate the message from the Masonic Care Community for March. At least the creative juices are flowing and some great classical music in the background sets the scene for the following.

I welcome back to the work-at-hand R.:W.: Richard Brewer (Wayne) and R.:W.: Richard Trescott (Livingston) who will be the District Coordinators for their respective Districts in the new Western Finger Lakes Region. Shortly, O/S/Y, Allegany and Steuben Districts will be added to the list.

I thank our DDGM, R.:W.: George Foehner, for inviting me to the January meeting of the Monroe District Masters and Wardens Association where we had an informal presentation of the new Program.

One of the items discussed was the importance of the "Box of Remembrance" and the lack of use by some Lodges. Order forms are available if you need one. There is no cost to your

Lodge. At every meeting, each Lodge should have the box available for donations.

In June, when the Lodge goes dark for the Summer break, the Box should be opened, with the contents deposited in the Lodge bank account and a check for the corresponding amount sent to the Masonic Care Community. These proceeds do not go to the Brotherhood Fund.

The funds from the Boxes are used to purchase needed items and equipment to benefit the residents of the Masonic Care Community.

On the evening of January 26th, with limited visibility due to the snow and cold temperatures, 21 hardy Brothers gathered at Avon Springs Lodge for the Livingston District Association Meeting.

Brother President, Ed Hopkins, had me first on the agenda and I think I got the message out of the importance of the Masonic Care Community and the services that are available to all members of the Masonic Family. We also had three requests for new Boxes of Remembrance.

The question of a bus trip to the MCC Campus came up. We have to be sure that, if and when a District requests one, the bus is full. It's not fair for the MCC to send out a bus and only a few show up when it was supposed to be full.

The Home usually plans a lunch for after your tour and the expense of preparing for 40 with a turnout of only a handful is frustrating to all. Requests should be made through your District Coordinator which will then be passed on to me.

I find that, every time I go to Utica, I learn or see something new at the Home. I really enjoy going into the Health Pavilion and visiting the "Winter Garden" with its open court, a fish pond and the good food served at the Deli adjacent to the Garden. Everything, no matter where you go on Campus, is spotless; everyone is friendly and ready to assist you if you require information or directions. It truly is the Jewel of your Grand Lodge. I would challenge all Brothers to take a ride with your family or Lodge to Utica and visit the Masonic Care Community sometime in 2015. □

### Valley of Rochester, AASR, Presents 2015 College of Freemasonry

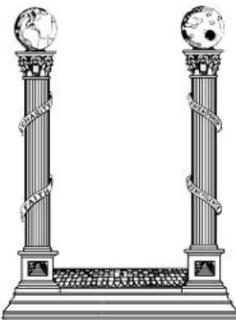
By John Lemke, 32°, DSA

Commander-in-Chief  
Valley of Rochester, AASR

Maybe there is more to know, to share, to discuss. Maybe the intellectual pursuits available in Freemasonry can lead where you don't expect. The College of Freemasonry is not for everyone. If you would like to look further though, really search for more Light, a search for transformative power, then consider the College of Freemasonry taking place Saturday, March 28th, at Genesee Community College, for you.

There can be a transformative power - unexpected to most. Your eyes may be open to a world beyond your expectations - maybe your wildest expectations. You may choose not to attend. There will be Brothers who attend, though, who are transformed and, in transforming as men, find the unintended consequences the change brings to their lives and the purpose and, ultimately, fulfillment in their lives previously unimagined. What there is to be learned has been learned before, maybe

forgotten and needs to be learned again. Don't be an observer in your life to the great events and change swirling about us. Learn to focus on what is important. This unique event is important.



The transformative power of ideas has shaped history and will shape the future. There is good and evil. There is a dark side. If the light is to triumph, then men must carry it forward. The transformative power of Freemasonry in the early years of our republic should be well known by you. You may doubt that the transformative power still exists. You may find it hard to believe that history may turn a corner in your lifetime. You may not think that you can accomplish great change yourself and really effect the direction of history, but the lessons of the past show it can be true. Men who thought themselves ordinary, not makers of history, found that when thrust into the trial and fire of the times they lived in did indeed rise to do more than they thought possible.

Attend our College of Freemasonry to gain a sense of history and what can be. As was the transformative power of Freemasonry in the past so can be the power to turn the tide of history in the future. Attend not just for a history lesson but to glimpse what the future may hold. Attend to see your great potential. Attend to see how the trials that past generations faced were managed and overcome. Learn how the lessons of the ages in Freemasonry may again be put to use to thrive and transform. The crisis of our time which may be around the corner at an unexpected moment.

We will have three, well-regarded speakers on the topic of "The Transformative Power of Freemasonry." The speakers are Dr. Steven Bullock, Christopher

Murphy and Shawn Eyer. Attendees will be Brothers from around the State and beyond. The **Masonic Times**, January edition, carried the biographical information on these three men. Our Scottish Rite Valley of Rochester website is: [www.valleyofrochester.org](http://www.valleyofrochester.org). Please look there to find out about these distinguished speakers.

The Scottish Rite is the "College of Freemasonry." It is part of our mission to bring you forums such as this to further Masonic enlightenment and bring Brothers from all Masonic Fraternities together to continue our search to be all that we can be as men and Masons. This event is open to all Master Masons. You do not need to belong to the Scottish Rite to attend. We most certainly encourage all of our Master Mason Brothers who read this, from whatever jurisdiction and country you may be, to attend a most enjoyable and enlightening gathering of Brothers.

This event will sell out. The cost is only \$20 per Brother. I look forward to you joining me at this wonderful gathering. Please stop and introduce yourself to me if you have a chance. Contact our Valley of Rochester Office at (585) 425-0033 or email: [secretary@valleyofrochester.org](mailto:secretary@valleyofrochester.org) to secure your seat. Lunch is included in this fee.

Don't be left out. □

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### Education Assistance and Charitable Grants Applications Still Available

Electronic filing option removed from program

The March 31st postmark deadline for submitting applications for Education Assistance and Charitable Organization Grants is fast approaching, but there is still time to obtain one to submit, if you qualify.

#### Education Assistance

High School Seniors who will be attending an institution of higher learning full-time in the Fall of 2015 and current College Students, who will also be enrolled in this Fall (2015)

classes on a full-time basis, and have not been awarded a grant from the Masonic Service Bureau previously, may apply.

#### NO ELECTRONIC FILING

Upon second thought, the Board of Directors reversed its decision to allow electronic filing of applications. There were just too many conditions to be attached to this process to assure honesty in the submissions, including that applications would be rejected for failure to com-

ply. The intent was to simplify the handling of these filings, not make it more difficult for those responding.

Recipients must attend the Awards Night program, tentatively scheduled for June 18th, or have a representative present to speak on their behalf.

Contact the Masonic Service Bureau by phone - 671-9730; or by email: [bmasonic@rochester.rr.com](mailto:bmasonic@rochester.rr.com) - for more information or an application. □

Dated Material

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## Fidelity Triangle No. 4 The Organization of Triangles, Inc.

By Kristina Brandt

# Masonic Family Night

Grand Master, M.:W.: William Thomas; Grand Patron, R.W. Bruce Whitmore; Grand Royal Matron, M.W. Margaret Kenney; Grand Royal Patron, M.W. Barry Greenfield; and State Master Councilor of New York - DeMolay, Tyler Henderson, were just a few of the dignitaries present at Fidelity Triangle's Masonic Family Night Open Meeting to honor and thank the adult Masonic Organizations for their support to the youth groups.

Held at Pittsford Masonic Hall on January 24th to a full room of guests, who included:

**Royal Arch Masons**  
Grand Scribe **Raymond Roche**  
Grand Lodge, F&AM  
Grand Standard Bearer

**Nick Paolicelli**  
Monroe District Deputy Grand Master  
**George Fohner**  
Grand Steward

**Stephan Michener**  
Assistant Grand Lecturer  
**Joe Lewis**

**Order of the Eastern Star**  
District Deputy Grand Matron  
**Jan Porter**  
District Grand Lecturer

**Ray DiJames**  
**Organization of Triangles**  
Deputy State Director  
**Kristina Turri**

State Representative  
**Annie Parks**

Assisting Fidelity Triangle's newest member, members of Bal-On-Sen Triangle (who meet in Liverpool) filled in as Officers to perform two Degrees dedicated to their special guests. The first was a "Thank You" Degree where members offered their thanks for their guests' support and for being with them that evening.

Following this was the "Masonic Family Portrait" Degree where special guests were named honorary family members and escorted to a position in the West for a family portrait.

The Degree called for the District Deputy Grand Master being "Dad," the District Deputy Grand Matron being "Mom," the State and District Officers represented the "Uncles" and "Aunts,"



M.:W.: William J. Thomas, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York; Kristina Brandt, Supervisor; Tyler Henderson, State Master Councilor of New York - DeMolay.

the State Master Councilor was named the "Brother," the State Representative and other ladies present were named the "Sisters," and all Masters, Matrons and Patrons were named "Cousins." To cap off the Degree, the Deputy State Director and the Grand Master were escorted to the West and named the Masonic Family "Grandma" and "Grandpa." Pictures were then taken, including one by the Grand Master who just had to take a selfie.

After the Degrees, the members of Northfield Lodge were asked to step forward and were presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for their unwavering support since Fidelity Triangle re-located to Pittsford in 2014. Member Ken Stavalone, Junior Warden of Northfield Lodge, was also presented with the Fidelity Triangle Membership Growth Award for introducing Triangle to a young lady and for signing her Petition as her Masonic Sponsor. As a result, she joined Fidelity Triangle in December 2014.

Any individual who shares the organization with a potential member and signs a Fidelity Triangle Petition as a Masonic Sponsor or Masonic Relative will also receive this special recognition. The Triangle hopes to distribute many more of these awards.

Before remarks from visiting dignitaries, the Deputy State Director installed the new Junior Deputy of Fidelity Triangle, Mrs. Jeannine Parks, into her



The Organization of Triangle participants with M.:W.: William J. Thomas, (left) and R.:E.: Raymond Roché, Grand Scribe, Royal Arch Masons, Grand Chapter State of New York (right).



**Masonic Family Portrait**



## New York DeMolay Charity Ball

March 21st, 2015

Albany Masonic Temple  
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\$25 per person

Ceremonies - 3:00 p.m.

Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

Registration Forms and  
Payments due by March  
7th, to: **Dad Bill Williams**

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Registration Forms re-  
ceived without payment will  
be returned and no reserva-  
tion will be made.

\*Attire: Degrees, Business  
Attire; Charity Ball, Country  
Western Dress

station. Past Junior Deputy, Ms. Kristina Brandt, recently moved to Long Island and could no longer hold the position, but will remain as a Supervisor.

Under the direction of Mrs. Parks, Fidelity Triangle will be holding Initiation on March 28th at 7 p.m. at Pittsford Masonic Hall. Petitions for membership, along with a \$5 Initiation Fee, should be sent to the Junior Deputy. Please email her at: j9parks@aol.com for her address. The Triangle already has interested Candidates and looks forward to seeing the same support from the Masonic Organizations during this meeting. Visit: [fidelitytriangle.weebly.com](http://fidelitytriangle.weebly.com) for information on future Triangle activities.

As the Triangle grows, its team of adult volunteers also needs to grow. Master Masons are needed to serve as Masonic Supervisors to vouch for visitors at meetings, serve as protectors of the members and provide additional assistance as may be required during fundraisers or special events.

Members of Eastern Star and Amaranth are needed to serve as Supervisors who also vouch for visitors and protect the girls, but also act as chaperones and drivers during visitations. The positions of Ritual Supervisor, Financial Supervisor, Awards Supervisor and other stations can be filled by either a Supervisor or Masonic Supervisor. If you are interested in taking a more active role in helping Fidelity Triangle grow and succeed, please contact the Junior Deputy.

Fidelity Triangle looks to continue its 87-year history in Monroe District with the support and guidance of their Masonic Family Members. □

## Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

### APRIL

- 3 Olive Branch Fish Fry, LeRoy
- 11 Lasagna Dinner by Mary Jane Holmes Chapter at Brockport Exempt, 248 West Avenue
- 15 Canandaigua VAVS Awards Ceremony, Burgundy Basin
- 18 Scottish Rite Spring Reunion
- 25 Widows Luncheon, Burgundy Basin
- 25 Monroe District OES Grand Matrons Official Visit Luncheon, Shrine Center
- 25 Scottish Rite Reunion Banquet at Cobblestone Creek Country Club

### MAY

- 4 - 5 234th Grand Lodge Sessions, New York City

### JUNE

- 27 Grotto Golf Tournament, Old Hickory Golf Course, Livonia

### AUGUST

- 15 Triennial of Grand Encampment of Knights Templar USA, Buffalo



## James A. Hard/ Wayne Charter Post No. 12

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Brother Veterans, the upcoming April 15th event is going to be the 2015 Canandaigua VAVS Awards Ceremony at Burgundy Basin, 1361 Marsh Road, Pittsford - Social Hour - 11:30 a.m.; Lunch - 12:15 p.m.; Cost is \$15. If anyone is interested in going, call me at (585) 265-3932.

### Congratulations!

Two Volunteers from Post No. 12 will be receiving Awards - Richard Spangenberg (100+ hours), and Emil J. Schirano (300+ hours). Hope to see you there.

April 23rd - Our next meeting: Lunch at 12 Noon, Meeting at 1 p.m. This meeting is going to be Election of Officers for the upcoming year. Please try to attend.

### More about James A. Hard's Life After Military Service

Mr. Hard remained in Government as a civilian construction boss for a few years. He then worked for the railroad for 13 years.

Mr. Hard went West in 1864 to seek his fortune. He spent most of the next four years in Iowa and Nebraska as a construction worker to extend the railroad west to California.

The railroad construction work made the Indians very angry. The construction workers had to be on the lookout for trouble and defend themselves as well as the railroad.

He didn't make a lot of money, but the work was enjoyable and exciting. Most of the railroad construction work was similar to what he did for the Government Department of Transportation after he was discharged from the Army.

He also did some carpentry work and remembers helping to build a Catholic Church in

Nebraska. It was in Nebraska during 1869 that he married his first wife, Lodusko Davis, from Buffalo, NY. Then they moved to Buffalo where he found a job with the railroad as a carpenter and helped construct buildings, stations and whatever else was needed all over Western New York. He never was a Carpenter's Apprentice, but learned the trade as he worked.

His wife died of pneumonia in 1880. Two years later, he moved to Rochester with his daughter, Alberta. He worked as a building contractor and received \$6,000 for building a home near Plymouth and Gregg Street in Rochester.

Rochester was his favorite city of all the places he had worked. In 1884 he married his second wife, Anna West.

James still wanted to better himself and decided to go into business for himself as a Notary. About 1890, he rented a balcony room in the Reynolds Arcade Building and worked there for 37 years.

He drew up many Wills and settled a great number of estates. He also worked as a Pension Attorney and did a lot of work for Veterans and their families. James received several citations and awards for his service to Veteran groups, their widows and orphans.

More to come in the next

**Masonic Times.**

Thank you and remember to please stop and smell the Roses. □

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### Mark Your Calendar FOR ALL MEMBERS

**March 14th** – 10 a.m. Annual School of Instruction (required in each District). This is important for ALL Members to attend – especially those who are newer Members. For the long-time Members, it's an opportunity to keep up with some changes and edicts requested by our new Grand Matron and Grand Patron.

A School of Instruction is not meant to sit and listen to Starpoints. It's all about Ritual instruction, proper procedures, etiquette, answers to those haunting questions you've always wanted to ask, meet and greet old and new friends, and an opportunity to share plans of District activities in which you will participate this year.

**March 21st** –  
"Class of 1954"

Murder Mystery Dinner at Uni-

ty Lodge Hall, Spencerport. Tickets are available from the Matron of each Chapter; the cost is \$15. This should be great fun for all; plan to join us.

### Tri-District Friendship Night

**March 31st** - This event has become very popular and is lots of fun! This year it will be held at 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 300 East Main Street, Batavia. The Honorees of the evening are Matrons and Associate Matrons. Dress Code: Officers of the evening are to wear white gowns and gloves. Honorees wear colored formals.

**MATRONS ...** take reservations for this event and let me know your numbers by March 25th. Wouldn't want to run out of the awesome refreshments we have planned!

### Around the District

#### Mary Jane Holmes Chapter

**April 11th** - Lasagna Dinner at Brockport Exempt, 248 West Avenue, Brockport. Don't miss this delicious meal ... they are well-known for their homemade Lasagna.

#### Starlight Chapter

Starlight Chapter had an awesome Sister Bring-a-Friend Night. They enjoyed a Mardi Gras-themed dinner followed by an Open Meeting with a very informative program for potential Candidates to learn about OES – our purpose, charities and activities. We expect to benefit with some new members who were introduced at this time. □

### Past Matrons Association

**Merilyn Israel**  
461-3254



**Mark Your Calendar**  
The next meeting of the Past Matrons Association  
**Thursday, March 19th**  
**12 Noon - Brown Bag Lunch**  
Dessert provided  
Meeting follows.

Any Past Matron is welcome. Please RSVP to Merilyn Israel at 461-3254.

A symbolism I recall from my Installation as Matron in 2008, was a Crown, loaned to me by Barbara Jean Smith. I was honored to have it for the year, but the first thing on my mind when the year ended, was to return it to the lender.

... the words to "American Pie" by Don McLean raced through my mind all year long - a coat he borrowed from James Dean - "Oh, and while the King was looking down, the jester stole his thorny crown ... and there we were all in one place; a generation lost in space, with no time left to start again."

James Dean was considered "a rebel without a cause". He was an actor, born in 1931 and died in 1955 in a car accident. The song has very deep lyrics; a coat was borrowed, the crown was stolen. I am glad my Crown was borrowed and unhesitating-

## Monroe District OES Presents ...

### "Class of 1954"

Murder Mystery Dinner  
**Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**



at Unity Lodge Hall, Spencerport  
**Social - 5:30 p.m.; Dinner and Play - 6 p.m.**  
**\$ 15 per person**

**Reservations Required by March 13th**

RSVP to Jan Porter - Ph: 663-6719 or  
email: [jneckers.porter@gmail.com](mailto:jneckers.porter@gmail.com)

♥ You are welcome to dress in 1954 time period if you wish ... it could add to audience involvement.

We hope you can join us!

♥ This event is a fundraiser for the  
**OES District Special Projects ...**  
**Cleft Lip & Palate Program of**  
**Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Springfield**  
**and Veterans Hospitals.**

ly returned.

In the article I wrote in the **Masonic Times** April, 1994, I recounted a question I asked my 7th and 8th grade Sunday school class: What do you want to be when you grow up? Of the 8 students only one stated a profession. The other students wrote things like, "I would like to be kind." How honest, I thought, for a generation of students brought up on TV and shocked by violence and lust. Biblical scripture states we were created on the sixth day and given dominion over all living things.

My students wanted to be human beings when they grew up. In a cartoon, I once saw, there was a rainbow; the earth is touched, and we are caught up in a colorful prism of past and future, and good. Are we doing a good job at home, in the church and community to affirm that they are human beings?

My Word - Faith ... both faith and fear sail into the harbor of your mind, but only faith should be allowed to anchor.

The May and October meetings are in question at this time as there may be a conflict. □

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By Don Brugger, PDDSTC

We know now that "Punxsutawney Phil" has seen his shadow and we are in for more stormy Winter weather. Phil has always been a little near-sighted, and I'm sure, from experience, we will be having snow until the second week of April.

Once upon a time, the Rochester weatherman would call his buddies in Detroit to see how their weather was and, sure enough, we would get the same thing in a day or two. Of course, that was terribly unscientific, but it worked 90 percent of the time. So, here we are, April is only a few weeks away; what do you think?

Congratulations are in order for a couple of Woodsmen. Our PGTC, Joe Rauber, has been given the Distinguished Service Award (Blue Cap) From the Valley of Buffalo, AASR. Congratulations, also, to Norm Austin on being elected 2nd Lt. Command-

er, AASR, Valley of Buffalo.

We also welcome our newest member, Garry Hutchurson, who was Initiated at our January meeting. The membership train has left the station and we are hopeful we will have many more members on board before the year is out. I'm happy to say there was a good turnout to welcome Garry. Our membership effort seems to be taking shape, but we still need more of the Woodsmen to participate in the effort. Don't wait for a meeting night to join in. Just call one of the Officers and offer to help.

Our JDGTC, David Wilkinson, is expecting a complete recovery from surgery for a liver transplant. He was on the waiting list for several years. We wish him a speedy rehabilitation; he will, however, be confined to home for a few months.

We are saddened to report that David's Mother, Eileen Wilkinson, passed away on February 2nd. Let us keep him in our prayers. I'm sure a card or telephone call would also be appreciated.

March 25th - Come and join us for our next meeting (4th Wednesday of the month). Better still, join us for dinner prior at 6:30 p.m. at Hong Wah Chinese Restaurant, 1802 Penfield Road, Penfield. If you can make it, call Rob Russo (261-8545; email: [robrusso3@gmail.com](mailto:robrusso3@gmail.com)) for a reservation. See you there. □

## In Memoriam

### Fay, Cyril W. "Bill"

Cyril "Bill" Fay went to the waiting arms of his wife on January 23rd. He is survived by 3 children, 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Bill was a US Navy Veteran of World War II and a 70-year member of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge. May he find peace with the Great Architect of the Universe.

### Langdon, Gary T.

Gary Langdon, 67, went Home to his Lord on January 18th, leaving his wife, Connie, and a son to remember him. Gary was a member of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge. God sends his children here with special tasks to do; and calls them home when their work is through.

### Peedle, Lloyd W.

We have received word that Lloyd Peedle, 93, passed away July 31, 2014. He will be missed by 2 children, 3 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. He was a member of Damascus Shrine. A memory is a keepsake of time that lives forever in the heart.

### Sands, Raymond G.

On January 23rd, Raymond Sands, 91, departed from a lively life of accomplishments. His memory will be shared by a daughter-in-law, 2 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Ray served in both the US Navy and Army during World War II and was a member of Oatka Lodge and Damascus Shrine. Wishing you a garden of lovely memories.



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## Widows to be Remembered

**Topel, Mary M.**, 91, widow of Howard Topel (Fame Lodge), passed away February 2nd.

**Wilkinson, Eileen D.**, 93, widow of William Wilkinson (Wakan-Hubbard Lodge), passed away February 3rd. □



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# Monroe District

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## District Deputy Grand Master

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In January, the District played host to the number one and number two Grand Lodge Officers in the State of New York.

First on January 17th, the Deputy Grand Master, R.:W.: Jeffrey Williamson, held a Town Hall Meeting at Union Star Lodge in Honeoye Falls. His presentation was clear and to the point on a number of issues of Grand Lodge. He then fielded questions from the large number of Brothers assembled. It was a very informative meeting.

My thanks to my Area 15 partners – R.:W.: John Krest, DDGM of Wayne District, and R.:W.: Doug Stanley, DDGM of Livingston District, for their help in making this event a huge success.

On January 24th, our Grand Master, M.:W.: William J. Thomas, made an appearance at Pittsford Masonic Hall for a very well-done presentation by the Fidelity Triangle Girls. The program was very well-attended and had many high-ranking Officers from both men's and women's Masonic Organizations.

Many thanks to Northfield Lodge for providing a home base for Triangle, but they still could use more help and money. So, if any Lodge or Concordant Body would like to help, please give me a call and I will hook you up with the right person.

*A Proud Mason* ☐

## Grand Steward



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### Timeline of the Tube

**July 1, 1941** - Electronic B&W Television begins broadcasting in the US.

**1942-1945** - WWII halts production and sales of Televisions.

**1945** - WWII ends. There were 2,896,343 Masons in the United States.

**Late 1946** - first post war mass produced Television the RCA-630-TS becomes available.

**1948-1949** - Sales of televisions dramatically increase.

**1950** - Only Nine percent of American homes have TV. Lazy-boy reclining chair company introduces the "otto-matic" built in ottoman.

**1957** - Carl Claudy dies. Don't know who he is? Look him up.

**1959** - 86% of American homes (42 million) have televisions, 90,000 color television sets

are sold. There were 4,103,161 (highest number ever) Masons in the United States.

**2013** - 1,246,241 Masons in the United States as reported by Masonic Service Association of America. 34 Million Flat Screen Televisions sold.

Have you already guessed where I'm going with this? My Brothers (especially those of you in leadership positions of your Lodges), our Lodges are competing with a Brother's 60 inch flat screen TV, his comfortable chair, and his well-stocked refrigerator. We are losing. Very badly, I might add. Why is this so?

The high-water mark of membership in American Freemasonry was 1959 when there were just over four million members. That is 55 years ago. Something was going on in those Lodges, because men wanted to be there and it wasn't so easy to find a seat.

During the 1950's television was a novelty, and the quality of programming was constantly improving. But still men chose to go to Lodge meetings and not just stay at home and watch the tube.

### A Meal and Friendship Is Not Enough

Brotherhood and Fraternization are wonderful things; it's a large part of what we have to offer. Friendships improve the quality of our lives. But, when a man has spent all day working with other people (some of whom he can't stand), friendship may not be enough to get him to leave his man cave and come to the Lodge.

Likewise, he can get a meal at home or the local supermarket will prepare something for him to pop in the microwave. A quality meal enjoyed among Brethren who act as gentlemen, and who are welcoming and friendly are essential to the recipe of an entertaining evening, but they don't make the cake. There must be something more.

It all boils down to the quality of the program of the meeting for Lodge Night. It must be at least 20 minutes and preferably 30 - 40 minutes long. It must be mentally stimulating and cause a man to think. It must be something new that hasn't been done before or at least not in a while. It must be entertaining and engage him on an emotional level. It doesn't necessarily have to be directly Masonic in nature, but it should be tied to Masonic morality somehow. The Master does not have to present the program himself, but the Master MUST see that there is a program at EVERY non-Degree meeting.

If you are the Senior Warden in your Lodge, and/or the Brother who will be sitting in the East next year, you should already be preparing your Trestleboard. You should already be working on the programs you plan to deliver next year. Are you doing your research? Are you reading? Have you taken any notes? Have you written any paragraphs on the Masonic Light you intend to share with your Brothers?

Have you asked any Brothers if they'd be willing to present a program? IT IS LATER THAN YOU THINK!

As a guiding suggestion as you plan your meetings, I offer what I call the 5 Es to improve the quality of your programs. Programs should **Educate, Enlighten, Encourage, Entertain** and **Enthuse** your Brothers. If they do at least a few of these 5 Es, then your Brothers will ENJOY coming to Lodge.

Because we live in a day and age when it's all about "what's in it for me," or "what am I going to get out of coming to Lodge," I offer an alternative to the 5 Es ... the 5 Is. Lodge meetings must be **Inviting, Innovative, Interesting, Inspirational** and **Invigorating**.

Either way (Es, Is, As, Os, Us and sometimes Ys) we have to step it up in the quality of the meetings being delivered, or our Fraternity will continue to die a painfully slow death. Meetings tend to be boring and, Brothers, that's not me talking. Our Grand Master, Most Worshipful William J. Thomas, has said this.

Meetings must be compelling and provocative if a man's desire is to be challenged and entertained. Entertainment is not a dirty word when it comes to putting on a Lodge meeting. If that man is not present in your Lodge Room, you can bet he's being entertained in front of his television or computer screen.

### And One More Thing

If you're a Brother reading this and saying, "Yes, this article is reprimanding the Master of my Lodge," ... well, think again! ALL OF US - even the sideliners have a duty to contribute to programs that make coming to Lodge Interesting and Entertaining! Kick it into gear, Brothers. ☐

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By R.:W.: Roy Moses, AGL

Greetings to all; what a busy month of January. As of this writing, most of the Schools of Ritual have been completed and most Edict Degrees are also completed. I am very pleased with the reception and enthusiasm of all Brothers and Lodges shown to us at the Schools of Ritual.

Some Brothers commented that they loved the School held at their Lodge. Some told me they learned more about the Ritual than ever before.

The edict Degrees so far have been very good. A couple have been close-to-perfect - keeping in mind that no Degree is perfect, but we have to strive to be as close to perfect as we possibly can.

### Upcoming Dates

March 9th - School of Ritual, Union Star

March 19th - School of Ritu-

al Webster

March 23rd - School of Ritual ERAC and Flower City

March 28th - College of Freemasonry Community College in Batavia; 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

There are no Edict Degrees on the calendar as of this writing. Masters and Lodges who have not had their Edict Degrees should contact V.:W.: Joe Lewis or myself for scheduling. We will be calling if not heard from. These Degrees must be completed by April 1st. ☐

## Monroe District Masters and Wardens Association

Fellow Masters and Wardens, I'd like to ask going forward that, if you can't make a meeting, you delegate to another member of the Lodge to attend so we can have representation of all Lodges at the meeting.

### January Meeting

Our January meeting saw our best turnout yet. We had six Lodges represented. R.:W.: Derek VanHouten filled us in on his new role as Regional Coordinator for the Masonic Home Ambassador Program.

W.: Allyn Borino gave us an update on planning for Grand Lodge in May; Brother Ken Hecker gave us an update on the *Have-a-Heart* Program; and R.:W.: George Foehner got us all up-to-date on the District happenings.

Dues Notices have gone out to the Lodges; please check with your Secretary and make sure they have been received and paid.

### March Meeting

Our March meeting will take place on the 4th Thursday, March 26th, 6:30 p.m. in the Grotto Room at the Shrine Center. I know this conflicts with the RAM Meeting and I apologize for that.

Please RSVP to Matt Scheffer if you will or will not be attending. If you are not attending, let us know who the representative of your Lodge will be. ☐

## MONROE DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

### Are We Asking the Right Questions?

By Bruce Katz, Committee Chair  
There is an old adage, "Asking the wrong question won't get you the right answer." This simple observation has virtually universal

application in life, and is a first step in determining the actions for Membership Development.

### Objective

The objective of Membership Development is building the interest and activity of Brothers in their Lodges. In constructing his Trestleboard, every Master seeks to build a memorable year of education and activity for the benefit of the Craft and the Brothers. So, why is participation typically only 25% of the membership?

### Promises

Freemasonry promises to make good men better in an environment of Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love. Are we truly delivering on this promise? What do we do well? What needs to be improved? What questions SHOULD we be asking?

Please consider challenging yourself and your Brothers to asking the right questions. This might make an interesting table conversation during your next collation or Lodge meeting.

Here are a few possible questions:

- What would a successful year "look like?"
- What's preventing us from getting there?
- How do we overcome those challenges?

### For Active Brothers:

- Why do you attend Lodge?
- Why do you believe inactive Brothers rarely attend?
- How do we change this?

### For Inactive Brothers:

- Why don't you attend Lodge more frequently?
- What is missing for you that the Active Brothers see?
- How do we change this?

One way to check to see if the questions are on the right path is to use "The Five Why Technique" ... After an answer to the initial question, ask "Why?" To that response, again ask, "Why?" This may be helpful in getting past the superficial questions to delve to the root of the matter.

Let's get the conversation going to be sure that we're asking the right questions. Asking the right questions will help determine the actions to get the results we want for our Lodges. ☐

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Lodge Brothers Colburn, Grishaber, Sherwin and Smirky at the Have-a-Heart booth.

By R.: W.: Skip Waterstreet

Here I am writing the March article and I can't believe it is February already! I was unable to attend the January 27th meeting, so I don't have much to say on happenings that night.

**Sickness and Distress**

Our Sickness and Distress list is growing, but as far as I know most of it is of the cold and flu variety. I know the cough I developed has finally departed and I hope others with that nagging ailment can say the same.

Brother Rene VanDeVeire is finally home from rehab and says he is feeling much better.

W.: Clyde Siverd, DSA, is still recovering from two recent procedures. His shoulder is still giving him more difficulty than he had hoped would be the case.

I have no updates on W.: Bill Shelby, DSA, or his wife, Roberta. Please continue to keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

R.: W.: Mike Dox has recovered from his procedure and is up and about, but wife, Marty, has been one of the flu victims and missed a couple of functions. We hope she is better by now.

The same wishes are extended to anyone who may have health issues.

**Trestleboard Changes**

As I mentioned last month, the Trestleboard is changing faster than I can write about it. We now have a published schedule, which was passed out at our February 10th Sweethearts' Night Dinner, and emailed to many

Brothers by our Junior Warden, Brother Ryan Ramplin. If you did not receive it and would like one, please contact him.

**Revised Schedule**

Forget what I said in the article last issue about our schedule. On March 10th, we are having a 1st Degree, with R.: W.: Mike Hueston in the East. Tentative rehearsal dates are the March 3rd and March 7th.

Inspiration Lodge will hold a Table Lodge on March 24th.

This will take us to April, with Past Masters involved on April 14th and Brother Adam Gerken doing a presentation on the "History of the Apron."

On April 28th, we will confer the 2nd Degree upon those successful Candidates from the March meeting. Rehearsals for that Degree are tentatively scheduled for March 31st; April 7th, April 21st and April 26th.

To look a bit further ahead, on May 12th, Inspiration Lodge will hold its Annual Meeting and Election of Officers. Please plan to attend to hear the Annual Reports, proposed budget and assist in electing your leaders for the 2015-2016 Masonic Year.

**Rehearsals**

My Brothers, we need your help for rehearsals. When only 6 or 8 people attend, it is almost impossible to go through all the aspects of the Degree. This is especially true of the floor work. Brother Ryan Ramplin is working very diligently in scheduling rehearsals and providing guid-

ance in the maneuvers required during the conferrals. It is frustrating to him, me and others, when mistakes are made during Degrees due to lack of knowledge or experience of the participant. I know everyone is busy. The length of our Cabletow determines how much we can devote to our Masonic obligations. Every once in a while, I hope you will lengthen your Cabletow on behalf of Inspiration Lodge and your Brothers.

**March Birthdays**

Our Brothers celebrating this month include: Patrick McWhinney (1st), Ralph Rizzo (3rd), Kenneth Lanza (4th), Clyde Siverd (8th), G. Thomas Grape (9th), Adam Gerken (12th), Jay Rodgers (15th), Joseph Meli (19th), Ronald Freida (20th), Douglas Fix (21st), Aaron Jordon (23rd), Brandon Tilburg (24th) and Carl J. Ester.

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See you in Lodge.

**Website upgrade**

As a result of the meeting, some scheduling changes have been made to our Trestleboard. Please connect to our newly renovated website:

[www.northfieldlodge.org](http://www.northfieldlodge.org)

to stay current with our monthly activities and calendar changes. Thank you to Brother Francisco Cruz for his time and effort to ensure this website became the reality that it is. Great work!!

**Please Note Some Changes**

One major change to the 2015 events is the Thursday, May 7th, date. Due to overwhelming response and positive feedback from the Brothers of District Lodges and even our Brothers, we will again feature Northfield's Table Lodge. We truly hope to outdo our last one and its 7-course meal extravaganza and we hope you will join us. The menu has not been finalized as of the printing of this edition, but it will be completed and posted no later than the April Issue. It will be limited to the first 50 reservations, so when the reservation list opens, make sure to sign up and join us. More details to follow in the coming issues. Again, check the website for full details of other Northfield upcoming events.

**Congratulations!**

At this year's Annual Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Award event, Northfield Lodge had the pleasure of presenting this Award to Brother Lawrence Stavalone. Larry is the epitome of what this award is about and Northfield is lucky enough to have him as one of our stalwarts. While his wife, Debbie, and son, Brother Kenneth Stavalone, looked on, Larry received this Award with other deserving Brothers from the Valley of Rochester as well as surrounding areas. Congratulations to all recipients and Congratulations, Larry. A well deserved Award!!!

**Dues Notices**

Brothers, soon you will be receiving your Dues Notice for the upcoming Masonic Year. We ask that you remit payment to the Lodge as soon as possible after receiving the Notice to prevent any disruption to your membership. This will also help insure the Lodge's debts will be paid in a timely manner.

**February Birthdays**

Happy Birthday to Brothers Raymond R Beardsley II (1st), James R. Holwarth (24th) and Todd Strassner (29th).

**Masonic Anniversaries**

**65 Years**

**Kenneth Van Duzer**

**Brothers Raised in March:**

Donald Fox (65); Thomas Mayberry (40); James Deasey III, Anthony Henderson (12) and Gregg Moore (12); Francisco Cruz, Andrew Rickard, Lawrence Stavalone and Todd Strassner (1).

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**Welcome to Our New Maser Masons**

Since we are scheduled to be Raising two new Brothers on February 23rd, we felt the best way to welcome them (once fully vested into the Craft) was with a Table Lodge. So on March 9th we will be holding one, to do just that, Please get your reservation for this fun event to either Cliff Short: [short4us@rochester.rr.com](mailto:short4us@rochester.rr.com) or Myself: [reelxite@rochester.rr.com](mailto:reelxite@rochester.rr.com) as soon as possible so you don't miss a great time.

**A Little Visit**

Brothers, we will be changing our Trestleboard a little. On March 23rd we will be going to Fairport-Flower City Lodge to attend the School of Ritual. For those who do not know where the Fairport Masonic Hall is located, the address is 87 South Main Street, Fairport.

I will be checking with their Master to see if they are having a dinner that evening. If so, it would be nice for as many of our Brothers to attend as possible. If there is no dinner, their Communication starts at 7:30 p.m., just like ours, so please be on time. I will be sending out more information via email as we get closer to the date.

**Building Update**

Things have been moving along very well with rentals in our building. Our new storefront tenant, "The Deep End," has moved in.

At the tenant's request, it looks like we will be re-negotiating our lease with "Bare Electrolysis" for a longer term.

It also appears we will be extending our current lease with "Cakes by Karen," who will be sub-letting part of her storefront to the local Candy Store.

We have also rented two more of our offices - one to an expanding financial advisory firm and one to a young lady entrepreneur who specializes in permanent makeup which is tattooed on.

We still have two offices left to rent so remember to keep that in mind if you hear of someone looking for office space.

**Widows Luncheon**  
**April 25th**  
**Burgundy Basin**



Inspiration Lodge Brothers, family members and Smirky the Clown at one of their assignments at the Mall at Greece Ridge.

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The Brothers of Northfield Lodge saw 2014 end with the Annual Lodge Gift Exchange. This year's event saw some unorthodox and non-traditional exchanges of gifts compared to years past. Not all stockings/gifts were filled with coal though! Thanks to all those who participated and joined us in the laughter and fellowship.

On New Year's Day, shortly after ringing in the New Year, the Brothers rang in the New Year together and opened the Lodge for its Regular Communication. It was a well-attended meeting given it was the first day of the year. While many of you were at home on your couch recovering and watching the annual events on the television - parades, football, re-runs, etc. - we were laying out our work for the remainder of the Masonic Year.



Grand Master, M.: W.: William Thomas, posed with Brothers of Northfield Lodge following Fidelity Triangle's open meeting.

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Our Annual Awards Presentations were held on January 12th. Brothers in attendance saw the rare presentation of a 65-Year Certificate to R.: W.: Alex Arthur, who was accompanied by his daughters for the presentation. Fifty-Year Certificates were presented to Brother Nick Anastas and W.: David Crawford.

Here is the list of recognized Brothers:

69 years	<b>Alvin Boss</b>
67 years	<b>Thomas McKnight</b>
66 years	<b>Jack Michie</b>
65 years	<b>Alex Arthur</b>
	<b>Gordon Bennett</b>
	<b>Arthur Kasperski</b>
	<b>Jay Riggs</b>
50 years	<b>Nick Anastas</b>
	<b>Sydney Blyth</b>
	<b>David Crawford</b>
25 years	<b>Terrence Haller</b>
	<b>Carl Mason III</b>
	<b>Andy Rueby</b>
15 years	<b>Patrick Nicholson</b>
10 years	<b>Bruce Bernhard</b>
	<b>James Syrett</b>
	<b>Kyle Wolkcott</b>
5 years	<b>Kern Haynes</b>
	<b>James Holman</b>
	<b>Matthew Muller</b>
	<b>Kristian Reninger</b>

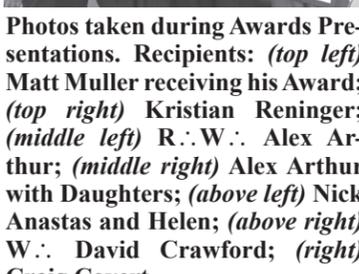
Table Lodge was held on January 26th and continued the tradition of a wonderful evening shared by more than 30 Brothers. It was a particular pleasure to see four of our Entered Apprentices gain an appreciation for the Brotherhood of our Lodge.

Do you have a child, grandchild, or great-grandchild who will be attending college this Fall? The Annual Scholarship Applications will be available approximately April 1st. If your student previously received the scholarship and is continued eligible (up to 4 years), then you should be receiving a renewal form automatically in early April.

If this is a new applicant, the Application will be posted on the website: eraclodge163.org, or contact our Scholarship Chairman, Craig Covert, after April 1st:  
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This paragraph is an experiment regarding the effectiveness of this column for Lodge Communications ... if you read it, please either email or phone our Senior Warden, Bruce Katz:  
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or 729-6657

Our Ladies' Night meeting



Photos taken during Awards Presentations. Recipients: (top left) Matt Muller receiving his Award; (top right) Kristian Reninger; (middle left) R.: W.: Alex Arthur; (middle right) Alex Arthur with Daughters; (above left) Nick Anastas and Helen; (above right) W.: David Crawford; (right) Craig Covert.

on February 12th was cancelled due to inclement weather.

Our March meetings include Masonic Education Evenings on March 9th and March 23rd, presented by Brothers Sam Friedman and Jim MacDuff, respectively.

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By R.: W.: John Zabel

The Lodge participated in the *Have-a-Heart* Campaign at Eastview Mall in February. We don't have the results, as this is being written prior to the Campaign, but we thank all the Brethren who attended and helped.

The District AGLs attended our February 9th meeting and conducted a School of Ritual which helped the Lodge Officers understand and perform the Ritual better. Unfortunately, R.: W.: Roy Moses could not attend as he recently underwent a knee replacement. His substitute, V.: W.: Harry DeHollander, was also at our Edict Degree on January 26th for the 2nd Degree.

#### Always Updating Records

The Lodge continues to review its email list. If you do not receive Lodge emails and have

an email address, please let the Lodge Secretary know your address. He can be reached at: [secretary@wakanhubbard.org](mailto:secretary@wakanhubbard.org) An email to him is the best way to get your email correctly.

We appreciated having W.: John Rees back in Lodge at the end of January. He is going through some very interesting medical situations, but has improved and was able to attend Lodge. He is our resident Past Master who attempts to keep the Lodge on the correct course in finances and Candidate proficiency. We thank him for all he does and are grateful he can attend Lodge again.

#### Sad News

Since the last article, we have lost some of our Masonic Family.

W.: Gary Langdon passed away January 18th. A group of Brethren presented the Masonic Service for Brother Langdon and his family.

Brother Bill Fay (our only 70-year member) passed away January 23rd. Brother Fay was our long-time Lodge Organist, until he could not play anymore. We also remember him and deceased Brother Bob Harris in the Penfield Fourth of July Parade years ago in Brother Harris' convertible automobile. That always added to the Lodge participation in the parade.

Just recently, we attended a memorial service for Eileen Wilkinson, widow of William, and mother of our Senior Warden, David Wilkinson.

#### Upcoming Events

On March 9th, we will have a Table Lodge put together by R.: W.: John Zabel. We have not had a Table Lodge in a couple of years. The details are

still in the works, but it will be a great time for all in attendance. Plan to attend as the food should be excellent and the proceeding exciting and interesting.

Our last meeting in March is scheduled to be a 3rd Degree. We have the possibility of Raising some new Brothers that evening. If you missed the preceding Degrees, this will be an opportunity to see how good our Officers are in their Ritual.

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Brothers, the past month has been very busy in Webster Lodge. On January 15th, our Lodge of Remembrance was held to pay tribute to the Brothers, who during the year of 2014, passed on. Our prayers and respect were given to Brothers Ray David Rockcastle, Philip C. King Jr., John Merz, Fredric F. Cornell, Walter Cone, Kenneth V. Hutchinson, Wilbur Hinkston, Wellington R. Sanger, Clarence Lee Shull, Bruce Frazee and Lawrence F. Cole.

We kicked off the *Have-a-Heart* Campaign at Eastview Mall on January 31st and had an excellent showing of support for this worthy cause. The Mall was very busy and the Brothers were able to solicit \$859.59 in donations for the Ronald McDonald Houses. Not bad for the kick-off of the Campaign. We made our final push for the *Have-a-Heart* on February 15th. Thank you, Brothers.

On February 5th, Webster Lodge Raised six Brothers to the Sublime Degree. I assure you that these six men will make excellent Master Masons. Junior Warden, Paul Dill, and his Stewards provided a delicious meal of Chicken Parmesan; over 30 Brothers feasted before the Degree.

I thank all Brothers who took on new roles in this Degree. I am very proud of our members and the dedication they show to Freemasonry and the Ritual. It was not an easy task preparing for this Degree. Primarily because I hit my Officers with preparing for the "Rusty Nail Degree" scheduled for just two days later, on February 7th. We had a good response to the offering of the Order of the Rusty Nail Degree. It was advertised to not only the Monroe District but all surrounding Masonic Districts.

It's not uncommon to become uncomfortable attending Lodge after a long absence. Brothers can feel as if they are no longer able to join the Craft, fearful of embarrassment of being unable to remember our Ritual, signs, passwords, etc. I am hopeful that those who attended this unofficial Degree are now in possession of all they need to attend any Lodge, in any District and can feel comfortable in doing so. I hope this program will have renewed their interest and attendance in the Craft.

#### March Birthdays

Webster Lodge Brothers celebrating a birthday in the month of March are: John Beilman, Gregory Dezio, Kenneth Lanza, Bradley Lewis, Ralph Rizzo and Nathan VanLoon.

#### March Masonic Anniversaries

Webster Lodge Brothers celebrating being Raised in the month of March are: Timothy Brown; James Clancy; David Dakin; Robert Delong; Timothy Eddinger; Robert Fisher; Stephan Gruttaduria; Kenneth Heald; Robert Lasky; Joe A. Lewis; Joseph Magner, Jr.; Robert Passino; Gerald Pinkley; Bryan Rupert; Emil Schirano; Willard Scott; James Turner; Edward Vorrasi; David Williams; and David Wissick.

#### Mark Your Calendar

On March 5th, R.: W.: Rich Friedman will be doing a "Walk-About Lodge." We have timed this for the benefit of our newly Raised Brethren. If you have never seen a "Walk-About" Program, you will not want to miss it. Brother Rich does a fantastic

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Two views of Webster Lodge Brothers staffing the *Have-a-Heart* Campaign booth: outside looking in (above); inside looking out (below).



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9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Website: [www.damascusshrinemasons.org](http://www.damascusshrinemasons.org)

## DAMASCUS SHRINE



6th Annual Seneca Casino Bus Trip



**Sunday, April 12th**  
**\$35 per person**

*Gino Tours and our Hostess, Carm, invite you to sit back, relax and have fun on the trip up and back in a luxury coach.*

**Includes donation to Shriners Hospitals for Children® Bus 'Round-trip Fare**

**\$20 Slot Dollars ~ \$5 Food Voucher**  
*Must show photo ID for slot and Food Voucher*

**Pizza bread, wine, soda & water on trip up Snacks, cookies, raffles and**

**"Karaoke by Carm" on the way home ... all raffles for trip attendees.**



### ITINERARY

Meet at Shrine Center  
Bus leaves at 11 a.m. sharp  
Arrive at Casino 1 p.m.

*Enjoy the Casino, shop or sightsee in Downtown Niagara Falls, NY*

Bus departs at 6 p.m. sharp  
Return to Shrine Center approximately 7:30 p.m.

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**Call the Shrine Office at (585) 671-3565**

**to reserve your spot and pre-pay with credit card, or send a check to:**

**Damascus Shriners, 979 Bay Rd Webster, NY 14580**

**Payment with Reservation is due in the Office by Monday, April 6th at Noon**

## WAYNE McCROSSEN POTENTATE



I was so proud at the Installation and I thank everyone who helped put this wonderful event together - Scott Lasky with his fabulous steaks; Annette and Norris Schapiro went out and picked out the magnificent cake; and Judy and Vance Collom who are always ready to help. It was very uplifting for me to see many friends whom I've known for 30 years in my life of Masonry and Shrinedom.

My thanks to all who helped with the Super Bowl Party, which was a rousing success. Eighty people attended and everyone enjoyed the game, the food and festivities. A special thanks to Chef Mike Vanderkamp for his culinary skills. Also to Kevin Faro for his organizational skills.

We had a magnificent February meeting. Over 90 people attended and enjoyed the music from The Bluesmasters. I'm sure we will be hearing them in the future. Special thanks to Kevin and Debbie Faro

for her decoration skills; of course, the cleanup crew - Barbara Konish, George Corbett, Deborah McCrossen, Rhonda Mannara and Karen Burkhart.

The March meeting will be featuring Irish River Dancers and, of course, Corned Beef and Cabbage. I'm looking forward to seeing you all.

### Sickness and Distress

I spoke to Jim Kahn and wished him a speedy recovery. We hope to see him soon.

### Our Work Pays Off

We are pleased to report the proceeds of 2014 Cruz Nights have been mailed to the Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Erie and Springfield. The total net proceeds were \$23,326.70 ... Each Hospital received \$11,663.35. Without the dedication and hard work of you, your family and friends, this would not have happened. On behalf of all the children we help, we sincerely send our thanks. □

## AUBURN SHRINE CLUB

By David Bowman

Tentative dinner spots include: Hilton Garden Inn, Holiday Inn (minus Bing Crosby), Hollywood, Lakeview Country Club, Curley's, Devaney's and Brenda's. I've heard a rumor that the Harvest Dinner will be held again this year at the Shrine Center, but the date has not been made available to me. When I know, you will know.

If you missed our recent meeting, you missed the big news that Derek VanHouten is our Divan Representative to the Auburn Club. We look forward to hearing from Derek. Could we have dreamed of anything better?

We are hoping to see Jim Kahn more now that he is getting things straightened out heart-wise.

Ted Tennant is holding court at Westminster Manor on South Street, Auburn; stop in and see him, although he may not share the female companionships ... It seems he is outnumbered and loving it.



He made it to the Masonic Christmas Party, so expect him at the Shrine events also. He can come and go as he pleases.

Now I know some protocol, and I know that no one speaks after the Potentate, and hear something great. At our January meeting, from the Divan, we had Jim Ryan, High Priest and Prophet; Kevin Faro, Chief Rabban; and Wayne McCrossen, Potentate. GREAT! □



## March Birthdays

Thomas Baroody  
Gary Baxter  
Gordon Bell  
Gregory Blair II  
Chapin Blake  
Larry Blazey  
Albert Broccolo  
John Bryce III  
Kevin Burke  
Bruce Christopher  
Robert Clark  
James Cleveland  
Lance Daul  
Franklin Davis II  
Kevin Faro  
Robert Fox  
G. Thomas Grape  
William Gurnett  
Glenn Hedges

Jason Higley  
Sherwin Isaacs  
Hugh James  
Timothy Jennings  
Bruce Katz  
Murray Kellogg  
Wilfred Kershaw  
Kenneth Lanza  
Neil Laundry  
William Learn  
John Lee  
Albert Mann  
Patrick McWhinney  
Richard Miles  
Kenneth Milner  
Patrick Nicholson  
Richard Palmer  
Larry Pritchard  
Thomas Pusateri  
Clayton Ruggles

Franklin Russell, Jr.  
Glenn Scott  
Gary Shultz  
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Raymond Smith  
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Scott Wells  
Philip Westcott, Jr.  
Cyril White  
Eldon White  
Berislav Zlokovic



## KEVIN FARO

CHIEF RABBAN

By Kevin "Skins" Faro, Chief Rabban

What a great start to the year. I'm making my way around to all the Clubs and Units and getting to know everyone.

I had a super time at the Legion of Honor Meeting. I give a salute with "A tip of the Fez" to all our Veterans ... for the sacrifices they have made on our behalf. Sitting with these Veterans and having dinner with them is something special. If you have time in your schedule go to one of their meetings, sit and chat with them, you will hear stories you can't read in history books.

Next it was off to the Auburn Shrine Club again, with an enthusiastic group that belong to the oldest Shrine Club in Shrinedom. They always have interesting meetings and this was no different. There was a tour of the County Jail. I was too late to make the tour, but word on the street is that Derek Van Houten, PP got locked in solitary, but was soon released into the custody of the Auburn Shrine Club. Following the tour, we had dinner at Denny's Restaurant.

My next visit was to the "Damascus Wheelers" for their Installation of Officers. With over 70 in attendance, their off-the-wall Installation and Steak Dinner is one of the finest in all Shrinedom. Congratulations to Don Cambisi as this year's President and Sean Noonan as his Vice President.

The Super Bowl Party was a success with over 75 in attendance and some of the best Super Bowl food to grace the Shrine in a long time. No one went away hungry and the game was exciting - although I won't comment on whether I was happy or not with the results. I was totally happy with the fun and camaraderie that was a huge part of the evening.

The February meeting had a Mardi Gras theme as well as good food and the sounds of Rochester's own "The Bluesmasters." It's awesome to see Nobles who haven't been around in a while coming back. We hope to see YOU also in the near future so we can again become strong and work towards our main goal of "Helping the Kids." □



Congratulations, W.: Dean Smith, pictured with his wife, JoAnn, for reaching his 50-Year Masonic Membership. The Grand Lodge of the State of New York presented Worshipful Smith with his 50-year Award at the New York Sojourners meeting in Sarasota.

### Action Required!!!

It's time to renew the *Damascus News* Boosters ... a way in which you support this publication. If you are interested in being a Booster for 2015, please send \$15 to the Damascus Shrine Office. Anyone interested in advertising their business in this *Damascus News* pullout section, please contact Karin Staples in the Shrine Office (671-7701). □

## PERRY SHRINE CLUB

By Edgar Hollwedel

The January meeting was well-attended and all enjoyed a great program arranged by Ken Buckley. He introduced the speaker, Ken Wallace, who spoke about and demonstrated "Flint Knapping." This is a skill our forefathers used to make tools and weapons out of flint and other minerals. They did not use any steel to form these products. Everything they used was found in the great outdoors. It is amazing what can be done when you know how. Ken Wallace passed many samples around and all were surprised to see the common arrow head and the sharpest knife found anywhere.

### Mini-Car News

Jim VanSickle addressed the status of the mini-cars. He said that we need drivers. Not just people willing to drive at the parades, but those who are willing to attend a meeting to learn the different patterns that are going to be new. The fun for all is to provide new and different formations. Also, all drivers must be familiar with the abilities and disabilities of our aged vehicles.

We were also honored with the presence of members of the Divan ... Past Potentate, Jim Miller, and Present Potentate, Wayne McCrossen. All spoke of the forthcoming year and the various functions coming in the near future. They all can see growth in our ranks, success in our projects and a great future of our support for the Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

### Upcoming Events

This list is just a few of the great meetings that we have to look forward to for the next few months.

Sunday morning, March 15th at 10 a.m., we will have a "Perry Shrine Club Brunch" at the Lumberyard Restaurant. There will not be a program that morning.

Bob Cox is planning a program for us at the Hole in the Wall Restaurant on April 23rd.

On May 28th, at the Lumberyard Restaurant, Derek VanHouten will tell us about "The History of the Shrine."

On June 25th, we will meet at the Silver Lake Country Club for "Ladies Night."

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 look forward to seeing you all. As always, thanks for your constant support. □



Super Bowl Fan, Little Leela Purcell takes a nap at half time.

### 2015 Damascus News Boosters

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**Shriners Charity Fishing Event**  
proceeds to benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children®

# Wednesday, June 24th

at Reel Excitement Charters, Point Breeze  
Cost - \$130 per person, Includes ...



- 5-Hour Fishing Trip
- 4 people per boat - get a group together or come by yourself and join a group
- Lunch at the famous Black North Inn (BNI)

All participants meet at the BNI Parking lot by 6:15 a.m., 14352 Ontario Street; Kent

Leaving the parking lot at 6:30 a.m. promptly.

Full payment must be made by June 1st to secure a spot in a boat.  
Mail payment (*Payable to Damascus Shriners*) to:  
Damascus Shriners  
Attn: Fishing Derby  
979 Bay Road, Webster, NY 14580-1736  
For further information, contact Bob Songin at [reelxite@rochester.rr.com](mailto:reelxite@rochester.rr.com)

*Save the Date! ...*

## Flag Retirement Ceremony

June 14th ~ 2:00 p.m.  
at Damascus Shrine Center  
*Open to the Public*

Come experience our Band and Legion of Honor as we honor our Flag.  
Refreshments follow at the Oasis.



## What's New in Erie...

### First Lady Project an Enormous Success

On, January 21st, Kimberly Ferguson, First Lady of Zem Zem Shriners 2014, presented a check totaling \$39,244.29 to Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie (SHC-Erie), the final proceeds of her 2014 First Lady Project. In total her project raised \$44,825.29. The money will be used for the purchase of a SonoSite Portable Ultrasound Machine. The remaining money will be applied to the purchase of new Radiology Equipment and SHC-Erie's Nutritional Supplement Program.

### ENT Group Leases Second Floor

Ear, Nose and Throat Specialists of Northwestern Pennsylvania has leased the second floor of Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie's building. ENT's occupancy is scheduled to begin March 25th with patients being seen starting March 30th.

This opportunity allows SHC-Erie to have the building fully occupied, which will significantly increase foot traffic into the Health Center. The increased foot traffic will result in higher public exposure to the Shriners Hospitals for Children® mission, which may lead to an increase in patient referrals and donations. With 50 percent of ENT's patients being pediatric the new partnership has the potential to be beneficial for SHC-Erie, ENT and, most especially, the patients of both organizations. The initial lease term is for 15 years. The long-term lease is part of SHC-Erie's plan to continue to be part of the Erie Community

and provide the best possible care to our patients and families.

### Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community

Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie is participating in the Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community on Saturday, June 6th, at Presque Isle State Park - the day before Community Day!

The Highmark Walk for a Healthy Community is an annual fundraiser that benefits 23 local health and human services organizations, including Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie. Since Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield underwrites the event, Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie is able to keep 100 percent of the funds raised by our walkers, which goes directly to the goal of providing the highest quality care to children with musculoskeletal conditions and other special health care needs.

To join in the fun, log onto [www.hcf.convio.net/SHC-Erie](http://www.hcf.convio.net/SHC-Erie). From there, you can register to walk and create a team to help with the fundraising efforts. With everyone's efforts, SHC-Erie can be the number one fundraising organization.

### SHC-Erie Receives Grant

Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie received a \$25,000 grant from Erie Insurance to be applied to the purchase of new Radiology equipment. Ann Scott, VP, Community Outreach at Erie Insurance Group, presented the check to Rick Liebel, Development Officer at Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie on January 7th. For additional information, contact: Greg Hall (814) 875-8782. □

## Daughters of the Nile Zama Temple No. 14

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

**Barbara Jean Smith, Queen**



By Ellie Canfield

My goodness, March is here and before long Easter will be just around the corner. Then we can start looking for the Robins to come back, the grass will start to grow and turn green, the gardeners will start thinking about their gardens, etc.

**March 14th** will be our Stated Session with Election of Officers and the "wearing of the green." There will be a special lunch following our Session and then back upstairs for rehearsal for Installation of Officers.

**March 21st** - Installation of Officers, 2:00 p.m. at Webster Lodge, 30 Orchard Street. There will be a reception immediately following Installation.

For the Ladies who attended the tour of the Memorial Art Gallery in January, it was great. Our tour guide was very informative and showed us many items of interest plus a history of them. We then went to lunch at a restaurant on Park Avenue.

Ladies, Zama Temple is trying very hard to find interesting places to go as a group and to provide ladies days away. We welcome any and all suggestions. Keep in mind we have a craft meeting at the Shrine on the 4th Thursdays at 10 a.m. until.

Last month I wrote about "Who are Members of Daughters of the Nile," "What is the Purpose of Daughters of the Nile," and "What philanthropy does

Daughters of the Nile Support." Today I will add more information.

### How do Interested Ladies Become Daughters of the Nile?

Proposals to Membership are signed by two members who are personally acquainted with the woman being proposed. A letter of invitation is then issued and Candidates are conducted through the Initiatory Work at Ceremonials.

### What are the Benefits of belonging to Daughters of the Nile?"

The members of Daughters of the Nile share a special bond of fellowship with each other. There is pride in our efforts toward supporting the great Philanthropy of Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

### Is the Daughters of the Nile Affiliated with a Specific Religion?

This Organization is founded on a belief in the Fatherhood of God and the Sisterhood of Women. Thus, the Organization is non-denominational. It is not a secret organization, but is a Fraternity with secrets.

Last for this time is, Daughters of the Nile originated in Seattle, Washington, in 1913 and celebrated its 100th Anniversary in 2013.

### A Departing thought ...

The greatest discovery of any generation is that human beings can alter their lives by altering the attitudes of their minds. □



Frank Russell, Associate Member of the Board of Governors at Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie, presents two checks totaling \$600, on behalf of the Geneva Shrine Club and Robert Schwarting to Bob Lee, P P, Chairman of the Board of Governors, to be applied to the purchase of new radiology equipment.



### Cruz Nights are Only a Few Weeks Away!

2015 Cruz Nights will be held on Fridays from May 8th through September 11th from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Our two Volunteer Meetings have been scheduled for 7 p.m. on Fridays - March 6th and March 27th at the Damascus Shrine Center. Come at 6 p.m. and support our enjoyable Lenten Fish Fry Dinners beforehand.

We need your input to guarantee that this will continue to be The Best Cruz Night in the Rochester Area!

Norris and Bruce □



### Dedicated to the Memory of Nobles

Raymond G. Sands  
January 23, 2015  
Lloyd W. Peelle  
July 31, 2014



### Directors Staff Dinner Meeting Note the New Time!

**Wednesday March 25th**  
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

RSVP and questions to  
Vance Collom (585) 217-9817  
[vcollom1@rochester.rr.com](mailto:vcollom1@rochester.rr.com)

## DAMASCUS TRESTLEBOARD 2015 MARCH

- 2nd Divan Meeting, 8 p.m.
- 4th Get Your Irish On @ Damascus; Open Shriners Meeting
- 6th Cruz Night Volunteer Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 27th Cruz Night Volunteer Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 28th Sportsman's Raffle, Shrine Center
- 28th Euchre Tournament, Shrine Center

## APRIL

- 1st Spring Fling @ Damascus; Tiled Shriners Meeting
- 11th Noble Bring-a-Brother
- 12th Seneca Casino Bus Trip

## MAY

- 8th 2015 Cruz Nights Begin!!

## JUNE

- 24th Shriners Hospital for Children® Charity Fishing Event



**God Bless Our Troops**

## Damascus Legion of Honor

**Wednesday, March 11th**

Damascus Shrine Center; 979 Bay Road, Webster

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

Salad \* Ham \* Scalloped Potatoes  
Vegetable \* Rolls & Butter \* Coffee or Tea \* Dessert  
\$12 per person

RSVP no later than Noon, Monday, March 8th at (585) 436-8216  
or email: [cylegalrx@hotmail.com](mailto:cylegalrx@hotmail.com)



## Mark Your Calendar & Join Upcoming Events ...

Damascus Shrine Center; 979 Bay Road; Webster, NY ~ Reservation Line: (585) 671-3565

### The Damascus Shrine Mason's 10th Annual



# Sportsman's Raffle

## Saturday, March 28th • 1 - 5 p.m.

Ticket Information:  
Call 585-671-7701

Damascus Shrine Center, 979 Bay Rd, Webster

Donation: \$20

[www.DamascusShrineMasons.org](http://www.DamascusShrineMasons.org)

Ticket includes food, soda and beer ... Available all Day!

All proceeds go to the Damascus Shrine Center, 979 Bay Road, Webster

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## 20 Guns in All!

## Damascus Shrine Friday Night Fish Frys Open to the Public

Every Friday Night During Lent

February 20th thru Good Friday, April 3rd

5:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Cost - \$10

at Damascus Shrine Center



Dinner Includes:

Famous Fish Fry ~ Choice of Salt Potatoes or Fries  
Coleslaw ~ Roll & Butter

(Chicken Nuggets and à la carte sides are also available)

For more information, Contact: (585) 671-7701 or  
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## 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



## Damascus Shriners Noble Bring-a-Brother Saturday, April 11th

5 p.m. - Oasis Opens

6 p.m. - Dinner (Ladies Invited)

Bourbon Street Jazz Band (5-8 p.m.)

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 & 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 ...

March 28th

All Tournaments and Parties  
are Open to the Public

Registration: 6 p.m.-7 p.m.

Tournament Starts: 7 p.m.

\$10 per player ~ 50/50 Raffle

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



**Webster Lodge**

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job exemplifying the Craft and the Stations and Places of the Lodge. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. and all are welcome to attend.

Webster Lodge will be hosting our School of Ritual under the direction of your Assistant Grand Lecturers, R.:W.: Roy Moses and Webster Lodge's immediate Past Master, V.:W.: Joe A. Lewis. They have been very busy and working hard for our District. Please join us on March 19th at 7:30 p.m.

Finally, on April 2nd, Northfield Lodge's Brother Lance Daul will headline our program for the evening. He will present "King Solomon's Temple: An Archeological Point of View." Once again, the meeting will commence at 7:30 p.m. and promises to be an interesting presentation. □

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Spring is almost here, Brothers! Or some semblance of it. You never know what you will get in Rochester this month, but here at Clio, we have some great events going on, so we'll help you get through it!

**January Highlights**

Our first meeting in January was a presentation by R.:W.: John Zabel and Brother Lance Daul on Royal Arch Masonry. It

was very informative and must have been very persuasive as well, as three Brothers submitted Petitions as a result!

We held our 1st Annual Dumpster Dish Dinner on January 17th and it was fairly successful. The food was outstanding - especially the special recipe hot sauce prepared by Brother Larry Vaccarelli. We even got to break in the new griddles. They are definitely seasoned well now.

At our second meeting, W.: Scott Brickman presided in the East for our Fellowcraft Degree for six Brothers. It was a well done Degree by all. Thanks to Brother Jason Morrisette who presented the Middle Chamber Lecture. The turnout for the Degree was impressive as we did not have enough room on the sides of the Lodge for all the Brothers to fit during the obligation!

We also held our Monthly Euchre Tournament at Pleasure Lanes in Hilton. We had our best crowd yet!

**Traveling Gavel**

The Traveling Gavel was at Clio, but Northfield attended our 2nd Degree with seven Brothers and re-claimed the gavel. It was great to see these Brothers from Northfield Lodge: R.:W.: Steve Michener, W.: Devon Littlefield, Brothers Ken Stavalone, Larry Stavalone, Lance Daul, Jason Morrisette and John Dudley. They even stayed and enjoyed a Clio Dumpster Dish (our version of a garbage plate) afterwards.

**Upcoming Events**

On March 3rd, R.:W.: Steve Michener will be presenting his Mozart Program to the Lodge. I am looking especially forward to seeing this.

On Saturday, March 7th, we are having our Annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. We

paign fundraiser for Ronald McDonald Houses, a 1st Degree, a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night and the Annual Pub Crawl.

**Mark Your Calendar**

The 2nd Degree will be conferred on March 9th with W.: Tom Richenderfer in the East. Volunteer to take part and enjoy the Degree doubly.

The meeting on March 23rd will be a School of Ritual to be followed by a Trivia Challenge. Other Lodges are requested to test their mettle against the Brothers of Fairport-Flower City.

On March 28th, the Scottish Rite of Rochester will host their College of Freemasonry at Genesee Community College. This does not occur every year, so make an effort to be a part of this exceptional experience.

There is nothing to report under Sickness and Distress. We pray for everyone's continued

are having it a little earlier this year to try and stay ahead of the St. Patty's Day rush of dinners.

At our March 17th meeting, we will be presenting the 3rd Degree to our six Fellowcraft Brothers. W.: Pete Matthews will be in the East for the Degree.

Our monthly Euchre tournament will be on Sunday, March 22nd at Pleasure Lanes in Hilton. Registration is at 12 Noon, and play begins at 1 p.m.

**March Birthdays**

Happy Birthday to Brother Cody Groth.

**Closing Thought**

A Masonic joke for you ... A Mason's wife once asked him why he learned all his workings in the toilet. His reply: "That's the only properly tiled room in the house." □



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Brothers from Nunda Station Lodge working February 7th, at Marketplace Mall for the *Have-a-Heart* Campaign to benefit the Ronald McDonald Houses. (Left to right) Bill Wright, Dick Trescott and Ed Dickson (who will be 95!) seated at table.

good health and prosperity.

**March Birthdays**

The following Brothers are celebrating their birthday in the month of March: Murray Kellogg (2nd), Samuel Katz (3rd), Daniel Bliss (12th), Tomislav Trapanovski (16th), Michael Johnson (20th), Andrew Woepel (21st), Seymour Margolis (23rd), John Lindsay (25th),

Donald Cameron (27th) and John-Paul Altieri (29th). Happy Birthday to all. We wish for you a happy, healthy and prosperous year ahead.

Take advantage of reading more in the **Masonic Times** for further Masonic opportunities and knowledge in our area □

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It is March already and Spring should be in the air. Maybe one more snow storm could happen, but the groundhog did not see his shadow in Fairport.

There are only two months until Grand Lodge meets.

**Brotherhood Fund - Last Call**

Donations to the Brotherhood Fund will be accepted until May 31st. Have you made your donation yet?

We were busy during February with the *Have-a-Heart* Cam-

**Cyrene-Monroe**

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tivities. Hence, the Commandery attracted many to the discipline and military maneuvers. Membership rose to 264 by 1866.

On December 21, 1866, a meeting was held where a Petition was approved requesting another Commandery be organized to be known as Cyrene Commandery No 39.

Cyrene Commandery started with 32 Charter Members and grew rapidly peaking at 686 (1923). By 1993, declining membership dictated a merger with Monroe Commandery. Monroe Commandery membership peaked at 1,264 in 1929.

Next month we will look into the next Century. □

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Hi, Brothers, from the deep freeze in Western New York. For you Snowbirds and our Brothers living in the warm South we have been having wind chills in January and February as low as -20°. Please send your Brothers in the North some warm weather from the South.

#### Friday Fish Frys

As you have been hearing, we will begin our Annual Friday Lenten Fish Frys on February 20th. They will run through April 3rd.

On March 17th, we will have our 1st Annual St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner in conjunction with Eunice Lodge. It will be starting at 4 p.m. at our Masonic Community Center - **PRE-SALES ONLY**. See an active member for tickets.

On April 25th we will be holding our annual TABLE LODGE at the Masonic Community Center starting at 3:30 p.m. For reservations, please contact the Master or Secretary. The menu will be finalized in a couple of weeks and will be sent to the members and surrounding Districts.

#### Scottish Rite Event

The 2015 College of Freemasonry will be on Saturday, March 28th, at Genesee Community College. Registration will begin at 8 a.m., with the event starting at 9 a.m. Morning refreshments and lunch will be provided. This function is open to any Mason; the cost to attend will be \$20.

There will be four noted speakers on Masonry. This is an

excellent way to receive additional Light in Masonry. Please contact your Secretary for reservations and transportation ... or call the Valley of Rochester at 425-0033.

We have two, newly Raised Brothers in Olive Branch Lodge - Codey O'Neill and Harold Mitchell, Jr. For the older Brothers in the Lodge, Codey is the Grandson of Gerry and Janet Kingdon. Please welcome these Brothers to the Lodge when you see them.

Michael Cali from Warsaw Lodge was also Raised. All three Degrees were put on in conjunction with Warsaw Lodge.

#### Remember Your Dues

Our Dues are coming in and we only have about 20 Brothers who have not sent their Dues in yet. Please send them in as soon as possible.

#### Brotherhood Fund

The Brotherhood Fund is still running until May. If you have not sent in your donation, please consider doing so.

Brothers, please try to attend Lodge meetings and support your Officers.

Hopefully, by the writing of our next article, the deep freeze will be gone. □

## Olive Branch Lodge and Eunice Lodge

Present

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Tuesday, March 17th

Serving from 4 p.m. Until ???

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Fridays from February 20th - April 3rd

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"Are we there yet?" ... "Are we there yet?" ... "ARE WE THERE YET?" Who hasn't heard these familiar and grating words in our travels? We had been on our way for some time

and those anxious voices seemed to have no letup as we continued to get to our destination.

My message this month is directed to the Elected Officers of our District. These are the words that should be on your minds as you are approaching the last few months of your current Stations within your Lodge.

Are you satisfied with the work you have done? Have you done your very best to support each other? Have you improved upon the Masonic Knowledge of the Craft within the Lodge? Are you more knowledgeable yourself?

Have you made a significant contribution of time to make repairs or improvements to your equipment or building? Have

you made a significant monetary contribution to Masonic and Community Charities?

Are you supporting those Brothers in the Chairs ahead of yours? Are you assisting those Brothers in those Chairs behind yours? Are you READY to STEP UP? Are you happy with the progress YOUR Lodge is making? Are each of you assisting your newly Raised Brothers in their efforts to gain more Light as they sit in Lodge? Can you improve your Lodge Programs?

As Leaders of your Lodge, how many Leaders of the Lodges within your District have you sat with in either Lodge or Masters and Wardens? Are you aware of a Lodge in trouble? What have you done to HELP?

I ask these questions because I want each of US to look within ourselves and ask what we have to do to insure not only the Sur-

vival of our Fraternity, but to enable it to GROW! Many of our Lodges are top-heavy with older Brothers and older ideas. You are the Leaders of Your Lodge. Those who are following You are looking to You to LEAD!

YOU are the FUTURE of Freemasonry not only in your Lodge, but in the District and the State. YOU have to LEAD! We are NOT "there yet." Getting there starts with YOU.

Grand Master Lapel Pins are still available for a donation to Camp Turk. My thanks for your donation to the Brotherhood Fund. I ask you to remember the Masonic Care Community.

If there is interest in a guided tour of the Masonic Care Community, contact me. We would need approximately 30 to 35 persons to arrange a no-cost trip, which would be open to couples as well as Brothers. □

Bring-a-Friend Night" at the Phelps Lodge Hall. "Brother Bring-a-Friend Night" will reinvigorate us, provide good fellowship, and, with your help, good Candidates for Masonry.

We ask you to think of all the people you know, who might make good members of our Lodge. Invite one, or several, to this informational program at 6:30 p.m. Spouses or significant others are also invited. After the program in the Lodge Room to acquaint our guests about the general nature of our Craft, we will have light refreshments.

The goal of bringing new members into our Craft is an important one. This program is a vehicle that allows us to accomplish that goal, while at the same time, giving us an opportunity to expose our beloved Craft to non-Masons. Do yourself, your Lodge, and your prospective Candidate(s) a GREAT service; "Brother Bring-a-Friend."

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by March 16th, so an invitation letter can be sent to your guest(s).

Remember the first meeting of the month begins with a Potluck Meal at 6:30 p.m. Come join us.

#### From the Secretary's Desk

Brothers who have not done so are reminded to remit their Dues. It's important to stay current, so the possibility of being dropped for Non-payment of Dues can be avoided. I am again requesting that Brothers send me their email address. Having your email address is useful for contact purposes in case of the need to contact Brothers on short notice. Thank you.

#### March Birthdays

We send March birthday greetings to Robert Taylor III (7th), Charles Anderson and Ramon Howard (22nd), Garry Clock and Clayton Ruggles (23rd). □

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Official Visits. We both enjoyed the hospitality and camaraderie of the Lodges in our District. Coincidentally, we didn't need to cancel any of our visits due to bad weather.

#### DGM's Meeting

The Deputy Grand Master's Town Hall Meeting for the Ontario/Seneca/Yates and Steuben Districts was a great success. After holding another Town Hall Meeting in Wayne District in the morning, R.:W.: Deputy Grand Master Williamson, presented a very well-organized and informational session about "Change."

My thanks to R.:W.: Mathew Melenbacker and the Brothers from Steuben District for all their help. Additionally, I also thank W.: Mark Steinmetz and John Hodge Lodge No. 815 for the luncheon and for hosting the event.

R.:W.: Abraham and I have been busy attending 1st and 2nd Degrees at Canandaigua Lodge and John Hodge Lodges. A special congratulations to John

Hodge Lodge for having two rotations in each Degree.

#### Grand Lodge

The Ontario/Seneca/Yates Masters and Wardens Association decided to shorten the traditional stay this year for Grand Lodge from four nights to two, in order to help the Lodges from expending so much money for accommodations. We will, once again, be traveling by train from Syracuse. A more economical hotel may also be an option.

A big thank you to R.:W.: Jed K. Brandow for heading up the Ronald McDonald *Have-a-Heart* Program again this year. Supporting the Ronald McDonald Houses is such an important and fulfilling program.

#### Mark Your Calendar

March 7th - O/S/Y Association Meeting, 9 a.m., at Seneca Lodge Hall, Seneca Falls.

April 8th - Yellow Dog Degree, Dinner at 6:30 p.m. at Seneca Lodge Hall, Seneca Falls.

April 11th - O/S/Y District Surviving Spouses Luncheon, 11:30 a.m., at Clifton Springs Country Club

April 27th - The re-scheduled O/S/Y Table Lodge at Glenora Winery, 6 p.m., hosted by Dundee Lodge. □

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#### Traveling to New York City

Anyone wishing to attend Grand Lodge this May is encouraged to contact the Secretary for more information. The District will be leaving Syracuse, by train, on Sunday, May 3rd, and will return on Tuesday, May 5th. The trip is being shortened to reduce expenses for those attending. More specifics regarding departure and return times will be available prior to the trip.

#### Brother Bring-a-Friend

One major goal of your Lodge is to increase membership. Like all Masonic efforts, this can only happen with your help. Many hands make light work.

On Thursday, March 26th, we are going to host a "Brother

# York Rite

## Hiram Chapter No. 62

### What's Happening

The leadership of the Chapter is changing again. Our outgoing DDGHP, R.:E.: John Zabel, was elected to serve as High Priest for the coming year. With the help of our outgoing High Priest, E.: Rick Howe, we have a good idea for the year's program. We will be slowly going through the Capitular Development Course. This method will be going through small sections of the course at those meetings where no other program or Degree is scheduled. Oh, and E.: Rick Howe will be installed our new DDGHP for the 13th Capitular District at Grand Chapter, March 5th - 7th, in Albany. Interesting times.

With the help of the Chapters in the 13th District and the 12th District we hosted a Royal Arch Degree Festival on Saturday, January 31st, in the Palmyra Masonic Hall. It was a full day where the four Degrees of the Chapter were conferred. This was the most exciting festival held in the District in many years. There were 40 Candidates for the Royal Arch Degree with many receiving the preceding three Degrees. There were also 68 Companions from seven different Districts present for the conferral. This included the Grand Scribe, R.:E.: Ray Roche, and the Grand Principle Sojourner, R.: Allen Bryant. Candidates from the 16th Capitular District were accompanied by M.:E.: and R.:W.: Jeff Williamson, Past Grand High Priest, and current Deputy Grand Master.

The degrees were coordinated by the following people: Companion Lance Daul, from our Chapter, put together the Mark Master Mason Degree; R.:E.: John Zabel conferred the Past Master Degree; R.:E.: John Covell, the DDGHP from the 12th Capitular District to our east, brought a Degree team with him to confer the Most Excellent Master Degree; and the High Priest of Geneva Chapter, E.: Jamie Kaim, coordinated the Royal Arch Degree. The Degrees impressed the Candidates. At the end of the Royal Arch Degree, the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Scribe both spoke to the new Companions about their experience and what it means to be a Royal Arch Mason.

The Grand Scribe noted that by exalting 40 Companions we increased the membership of Grand Chapter by 1%. A notable achievement. The Companions in attendance were from the 8th, 9th, 10th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, and 16th Capitular Districts, which was also very impressive. There were Candidates from each of these Districts; some required several hours travel to attend. We set a mark that will be hard to pass in the future, but we may work on it.

### Musings

Let us take a short look at what each of the York Rite Degrees portrays, but not necessarily the teachings of the Degrees. The Mark Master Mason Degree, the first of the sequence, demonstrates the working day of

the masons building King Solomon's Temple and the method in which they receive their wages. It also shows how honest work builds character. The Past Master Degree, although not shedding any new light, prepares the Candidate for the Royal Arch Degree. The Most Excellent Master Degree is the only Masonic Degree where something is completed and dedicated and it demonstrates the method of dedication. The Royal Arch Degree demonstrated how dedicated work can find that which was lost and the ceremony of "passing the veils." More on the veils next month.

As with the Lodge Degrees, you can read about the Degrees and go through exposes of the Ritual, but you don't start understanding the teachings of the Degrees until you actually have them conferred on you. The York Rite Degrees are intended to add to the teachings of the first three Degrees and to complete the story that the Third Degree starts but does not finish. The ritual of the Third Degree does tell us that the story is not complete. The Royal Arch Degree completes the story and amplifies on the original teachings.

Well, enough for this month. Next month we will describe the proceeding of Grand Chapter and get into other portions of the Degrees. □

## Doric Council No. 19

January's meeting was called off do to reasons beyond our control.

The work of our February meeting was receiving the message from our Deputy Grand Master. We had a pleasant report and then to the Council for our meeting. We also welcomed our two new Select Masters, who just received their Degree in December.

### Nuggets of Wisdom from the Cryptic Website

In order for us to comprehend Cryptic Masonry let us review our understanding of all the Degrees of a York Rite Mason starting with Blue Lodge, continuing through Chapter and the Council Degrees and, for Christian Masons, that of Commandery. I'll continue with an account of the York Rite as founded upon traditional and ethical elements which will not undertake a historical or critical analysis.

### The Symbolic Degrees

The Entered Apprentice is a bearer of burdens; the Fellowcraft is a skilled workman and the Master Mason, a director of the work. The Entered Apprentice Degree, the 1st Degree of Masonry, admonishes the Candidate to obey the rules and regulations and learn to practice secrecy.

The background of this Degree, like many others, is the building of King Solomon's Temple in Jerusalem. The Entered Apprentice is taught symbolically to labor upon the building of the Temple, to subdue the passions, and to improve himself in Masonry. He receives here the beginning of the instructions which are to guide him in search of the secret of Freemasonry.

The Fellowcraft is instructed in the principles of Geometry. The different Orders of Architecture are explained to him and he is enjoined to study the Seven Liberal Arts and Sciences, and to proceed on his journey toward the attainment of Masonic knowledge.

The Master Mason is taught numerous very important moral lessons governing his conduct in the world toward others; that he must answer and obey the rules of the order; must not cheat, wrong or defraud a Brother or a Lodge of Master Masons, but on the contrary must help, aid and assist a distressed Brother, his widow and orphans.

Preparation for the life to come is inculcated by beautiful ceremonies. The Temple is not yet completed, and those faithful craftsmen who have labored so long upon it are deprived, by the wickedness of others of that for which they have wrought. The Candidate receives light as fully as it may come to him in the Symbolic Lodge, and a substitute for that which by further search he may hope to receive later, the real secret of a Master Mason.

The building of the Temple symbolizes the perfection of our moral life and the continuous effort to erect within ourselves a spiritual building, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

### The Capitular Degrees

The first of the four Degrees in the Chapter is the Mark Master, and in it, the Candidate is still symbolically laboring on an unfinished temple as in the preceding Degrees of the Blue Lodge. He is taught the nobility of labor and that in the erection of his moral and spiritual temple he must determine and prepare the materials of which that temple is to be constructed and to have due care that in so doing the work which he shall present, bearing his mark, shall be such as to designate him as worthy of admission to "that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

This Degree is perhaps as old as, if not older than, any other Degree of Ancient Craft Masonry. It is so ancient, in fact, that its real origin cannot be traced exactly; but in 1598, in Scotland, Statutes were issued which required the Operative Mason to register his "Mark." No Degree in Freemasonry can be more interesting, more inspiring, or more instructive, than that of the Mark Master Degree.

The second of the four Degrees in the Chapter is the PAST MASTER, and in former times no one was eligible for the Royal Arch except Actual or Past Masters of Lodges, which meant that very few could receive it, so the Degree of Past Master was instituted whereby one might become a "Virtual Master" by means of the ceremony of this Degree, and thus be eligible for exaltation to the Royal Arch.

The third Degree in the Chapter is the MOST EXCELLENT MASTER, and recites the events surrounding the completion of King Solomon's Temple and its dedication with imposing ceremonies to the services of the Most High God; the very idea upon which Masonic Symbolism has been based.

King Solomon offers a sublime invocation, and fire comes

down from heaven and consumes the burnt offerings and the sacrifices. The Brethren rejoice that their long labor is ended; lay aside their aprons, are greeted as Most Excellent Masters, and receive their reward. This ends the cycle of Degrees having to do with the erection of King Solomon's Temple and brings us up to the sublime story, spanning centuries of time, set forth in the Royal Arch Degree.

### Royal Arch Degree

The Holy Royal Arch Degree is known as the Summit of Ancient Craft Masonry. It was considered so important in our early history that none but actual Masters of Lodges were permitted to receive it. This Degree brings to Light that for which the Master Mason has searched. Whenever there is a loss, there should be a recovery, and the Royal Arch Degree vividly portrays that recovery. Thus are connected together, in the most intimate way, the work of the Blue Lodge and work of the Chapter - neither being complete without the other.

To be continued... □

## Cyrene-Monroe Commandery No. 12

March 2nd - 7 p.m., Informal Meeting - Topical interests to which all Sir Knights are encouraged to attend. This is a learning experience that includes the Templar Boot Camp for new Templars and those who want a refresher

March 16th - 7:30 p.m., Tiled Meeting - Informal Meeting. Dinner at 6 p.m. at Pittsford Pub prior to meeting (no reservations required, order from menu)

April 20th - Our Annual Inspection. Officers need to rehearse the *Tactics, Sword Manual* and individual speaking parts. This meeting is intended to provide that opportunity.

August 15th - Triennial of Grand Encampment of Knights Templar USA in Buffalo. Sir Knights will be needed to assist as New York State hosts on behalf of Grand Master, SK David Dixon Goodwin, GCT. If you are interested and willing to help, please contact me. With SK Charles M. Roberts as Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery for the State of New York, and SK David Dixon Goodwin, GCT, Grand Master in the Grand Encampment, USA, New York Templary is in the forefront of all Templary worldwide. More to follow as information becomes available. Keep tuned.

Continuing our review of our history this month we will use both *The History of Masonry in Monroe County 1810 - 1970* by R.:W.: Herman A. Sarachan, 33°, and *History of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar in the State of New York, 1814 - 2013, Volume I* by SK Ronald L. Brown, PGS, KCT Grand Historian.

"Early in 1826, a group of Masons residing in Monroe County, most of whom, if not all, were members of Wells Lodge No. 282 F&AM and Hamilton Chapter No. 62, Royal Arch Masons, decided to organize an Encampment, Knights Templar, in the Village of Rochester, to be known as Monroe Encampment.

They requested the consent of Genesee Encampment

No. 10, then located in LeRoy, which was refused. Perhaps of this request, a resolution was adopted by the Grand Encampment on June 9, 1826, that no warrant or dispensation shall be issued to form an Encampment within thirty miles of any regularly constituted Encampment.

The Brethren of Rochester were not to be thwarted. On June 14, 1826, a resolution was adopted by New Jerusalem Encampment at Ithaca, requesting to the organization of a "branch" at Rochester.

The resolution was as follows: "We the undersigned Officers of New Jerusalem Encampment, Ithaca, County of Tompkins, do give our consent that a Branch of our Encampment of Knights Templar, Knights of Malta and Appendant Degrees may be opened and held in the Village of Rochester, County of Monroe, State of New York, and that the said Encampment shall be called and tiled Monroe Encampment, to be managed and governed by the under-named Brothers Sir Knight be their Officers, viz. Francis H. Cuming, Grand Commander; Jonathan Child, Generalissimo; Abelard Reynolds, Captain General; and then we will consider ourselves in Union with said Encampment and all others which they may hereinafter sanction, (signed) Nathan Beers, Grand Commander; Richard Oews, Generalissimo; Miles Mix, Captain General; and C.P. Heennans, Recorder.

On July 10, 1826, the Sir Knights of Monroe Encampment held their first Conclave. The Officers were installed by the Officers of Jerusalem Encampment at a Public Installation held at Saint Paul's Episcopal Church on July 13th.

The fact that a "branch" had been instituted, may have influenced the Grand Encampment to modify its policy. On September 18, 1826, that Body granted a Dispensation to form an Encampment of Knights Templar in the Village of Rochester, and on June 8, 1827, issued a Warrant or Charter for the Encampment to be known as Monroe Encampment No. 12. This Charter is still in the possession of Monroe Commandery No. 12.

However, the anti-Masonic movement was at its height. On February 27, 1829, a meeting was held to consider resigning the Charter. Effective March 13, 1829, and for a period of 18 years, Monroe Encampment ceased to exist.

During this time the Village of Rochester became a city and the area prospered. By 1845, the Masonic Community began to recover and re-activate. Hamilton Chapter No. 62 RAM revived in 1846. Monroe Commandery re-activated January 28, 1848. By June, 1850, membership had grown to 30.

In 1857, the name was changed to "Monroe Commandery" and the title of the presiding Officer to Eminent Commander, as a result of changes at the State level. The State Body was now the Grand Commandery of the State of New York instead of Grand Encampment.

The Civil War fostered an interest in military and martial ac-



## Secretary's Corner

By Ill. : Jack VanElzakker, 33°

### Re-Member the Blue Lodge

"Re-Member the Blue Lodge" is a special program jointly sponsored by the Scottish Rite and York Rite. The program's goal is to help individual Craft Lodges by recognizing our Scottish Rite Members who help their individual Lodge by being the First-line Signer for a new Master Mason.

Details of the Program are on our website:

[www.valleyofrochester.org](http://www.valleyofrochester.org)

The recognition is an attractive Ma-

sonic medallion appropriate to wear at Lodge or Scottish Rite functions. A year bar is presented for each year the Award is earned. Presentation is normally made at a Lodge function. Applications require Lodge Secretary certification and Lodge Seal.

For awhile, applications will be accepted retroactively – as far back as 2011, and possibly even 2010. Scottish Rite Members are encouraged to make application for all Craft Lodge Members for whom you were First-line Signer and were Raised during this period. Lodge Secretaries can also initiate the applications. □



### Rochester Lodge of Perfection

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

Music Please ... "it's been a hard day's night; I've been working like a dog ..." (Beatles)

(Derisively Laughing) Ha! Ha! Ha! Vain and empty babbling of tongues. Words, words, words, which shed no light upon a groping spirit. After all this idle talk ... After all, we are already into March! It has been very difficult for me to submit an article to the **Masonic Times** this month. My heart on my sleeve had gotten in my way.

These articles are to inspire, share important upcoming events. I have to thank a little birdie for his confidence. I have always traveled on the high road of life. It is easiest to exit and forget why you were even traveling.

To all my Brothers, if you have gotten off at an exit, be that bigger man and get yourselves back up on the high road. You will feel like weights have fallen and remember why you originally set out in your travels. SMIB.

2017 you have heard is going to be really, really big and important to the Valley of Rochester. As host of the Supreme Council of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, it will require many, many hands. Why wait until 2017 to get excited enough to participate?

April 18th we will be having our Spring Reunion. In the 5th Degree, in which I encourage you to participate, there are 14 non-speaking parts for appearance. For instance, I need: ~6 men for a Company of Israelites; ~3 Guards; and a company of populace - all for effect. A reminder ... I am not a Dentist nor am I a salesman. If I don't hear from you, you can expect

on April 18th you WILL BE ASKED to get a costume on. Please do this for the new Sublime Princes, for whom we present these Degrees.

### College of Freemasonry

On March 28th, at Genesee Community College, the Valley of Rochester is hosting the 2015 College of Freemasonry. I have my reservation in, do you? This is always a very informative and inspirational event; it continues to get bigger each time we present the CFM. Get your reservations in early or you may get shut out; it's growing that fast. We'll need a larger facility to meet the requests of the Freemasons who attend. You wait? Too late!

After all this idle talk, I fall to my knees and cry out to the heavens, "Uriel! Angel of Light!"

A little music to close, "On the Road Again" (Loving Spoonful)

Until we meet again, the quarries await us (with lots to do, jump in early, get your feet wet! or be late, bring your own towels).

Please phone me with questions on participating 314-3227. □

**"Rite on the Road"  
Schedule  
Membership Nights  
Brother Bring-a-Brother**

**Program:  
"Spectacles at Newburgh"  
by Steve Michener**

**Thursday, April 9th  
Dundee Lodge, Dundee**

## Valley of Rochester Spring – 2015

### MARCH

**March 19th - Valley Meeting at Shrine Center  
Social - 5:30 p.m. ~ Dinner - 6:30 p.m. (\*\*)  
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.**

**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 refreshments  
and lunch**

**8:30 – 9:30 a.m. - Registration**

**Paid Reservations Required (\*\*)**

**Consult our Website for more information:**

**[www.valleyofrochester.org](http://www.valleyofrochester.org)**

### APRIL

**April 16th - Valley Meeting at Shrine Center  
Social - 5:30 p.m. ~ Dinner - 6:30 p.m. (\*\*)  
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.**

**Program - Higher Ideals Lead to Happiness, By E. Lubberts  
Baked Haddock w/Crab Stuffing**

**April 18th - Spring Reunion at Shrine Center  
Coffee & Donuts - 8 a.m. ~ Candidate Orientation - 8:30 a.m.  
Opening - 9:30 a.m. ... 4°, 12° (Video) and 5°  
Picnic Fare Lunch  
29° (Video) and 32°**

**April 25th - Reunion Banquet at Cobblestone Creek CC  
Social w/Hors d'oeuvres, Cash Bar - 5:30 p.m.**

**Dinner - 6:30 p.m. ~ Program Following**

**Paid Reservation with meal selection required by  
April 20th. See Valley Website for menu and details.**

**[www.valleyofrochester.org](http://www.valleyofrochester.org)**

### MAY

**May 21st - Valley Election Meeting at Shrine Center  
Social - 5:30 p.m. ~ Dinner - 6:30 p.m. (\*\*)  
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.  
Grilled Steak Dinner**

**Save the Date - July 25th  
10th Annual Clambake/Steak Roast**

**\*\* Reservations Required! Don't be Late!  
Due by Noon on Mondays (585) 425-0033  
or Email: [secretary@valleyofrochester.org](mailto:secretary@valleyofrochester.org)  
Go to Valley Calendar for more details:  
[www.valleyofrochester.org](http://www.valleyofrochester.org)  
Why not sign up on our Permanent  
Meal Reservation List?**

### 2015 Scottish Rite Scholarships Eligibility Requirements

- Abbott Scholarships are only for children of Scottish Rite Members of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. Refer to [www.scottishritenmj.org](http://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](http://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 14450-8964**



## SIGN UP NOW!

### Saturday, April 11, 2015

*Perinton Park - Fairport  
(Along the Scenic Erie Canal)*

**Check-in: 9:30 a.m. ~ WALK: 10:30 a.m.**

**\* Picnic Luncheon & Silent Auction 11:30 a.m. \***  
The Walk for Dyslexia is the Annual Fundraiser for the Children's Dyslexia Center. Our children work hard to overcome their reading difficulties. Please recognize their efforts and the work done by the Learning Center by participating in the Annual WALK.

For registration info, either  
email: [dyslexia.center.rochester.ny@gmail.com](mailto:dyslexia.center.rochester.ny@gmail.com)  
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