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## Have-a-Heart Campaign Results

By R.:W.: George Foehner

After seeing the totals for the first four days of the Campaign, along with the weather forecast, I was sure this was the year we would not make our goal. Even at the half-way mark, we were running far behind last year. The plain fact was that Mall attendance was way down. Some nights there weren't 50 people in all three Malls. Many nights I had to close down early because of attendance. But through it all, our participating Brothers and Sisters continued to honor their commitment to be on the job and give it the old college try. For that alone I will be forever grateful and this story has a happy ending.

Wow! At the end of the Campaign we raised a little over **Nineteen Thousand Dollars** (\$19,000) for the Ronald McDonald Houses of Rochester. We owe it all to the heroes and heroines of the Campaign who took the real meaning of *Have-a-Heart* seriously.

### Marketplace Mall

Led by Chairman, Mark Huton, Marketplace Mall was number one in collections with over \$9,500 ... breaking last year's record of \$7,500. The number one organization at Marketplace was the Widows

Sons who had a record one-day total of \$1,600 and a record two-day total of \$2,400. Then, as they did last year, they generously donated another \$1,000 from their Club's treasury ... for a Grand Total of \$3,400 for *Have-a-Heart*. At times they had as many as twelve Brothers and Sisters working the booth.

This organization's main goal is Masonic Charity and for two years in-a-row have done more than their share to make *Have-a-Heart* a Masonic victory for Ronald McDonald Houses.

Other successful organizations at Marketplace Mall were Livingston District's second-highest total of \$1,500 and the Moose Club with second-highest, single-day of \$1,100.

### Eastview Mall

At Eastview Mall, which I chaired, our numbers were up from last year, but not enough to reach our goal. Bad weather and low Mall attendance were the primary reasons. Still the Brothers and Sisters assigned showed up in force. Like last year, O/S/Y District led the way as top producers and still the best dressed. They even brought Wayne District with them and all had a great time working the Mall.

Other producers were Seneca Lodge with a high, single-day of \$905; Webster Lodge at number two in total of \$1,200; and ERAC Lodge with a second-place, single-day of \$890. Great job to all Eastview participants; everyone showed up and worked hard.

### The Mall at Greece Ridge

It was the same story at The Mall at Greece Ridge - bad weather and low Mall attendance, but Mall Chairman, Gene Crews, rallied the troops to produce donations equal to last year's level.

Top producers at Greece Ridge were Clio Lodge number one in total, followed very closely by Inspiration Lodge. Unity

## Annual Tribute to Our Widows

Sponsored by the Masonic Service Bureau

Saturday, April 25th, at the Burgundy Basin

Doors open at 11 a.m.; lunch served at noon

Again, we are asking each Lodge Master to appoint a Brother to coordinate your Lodge Brothers and Widows involvement.

### No Tickets Will Be Mailed

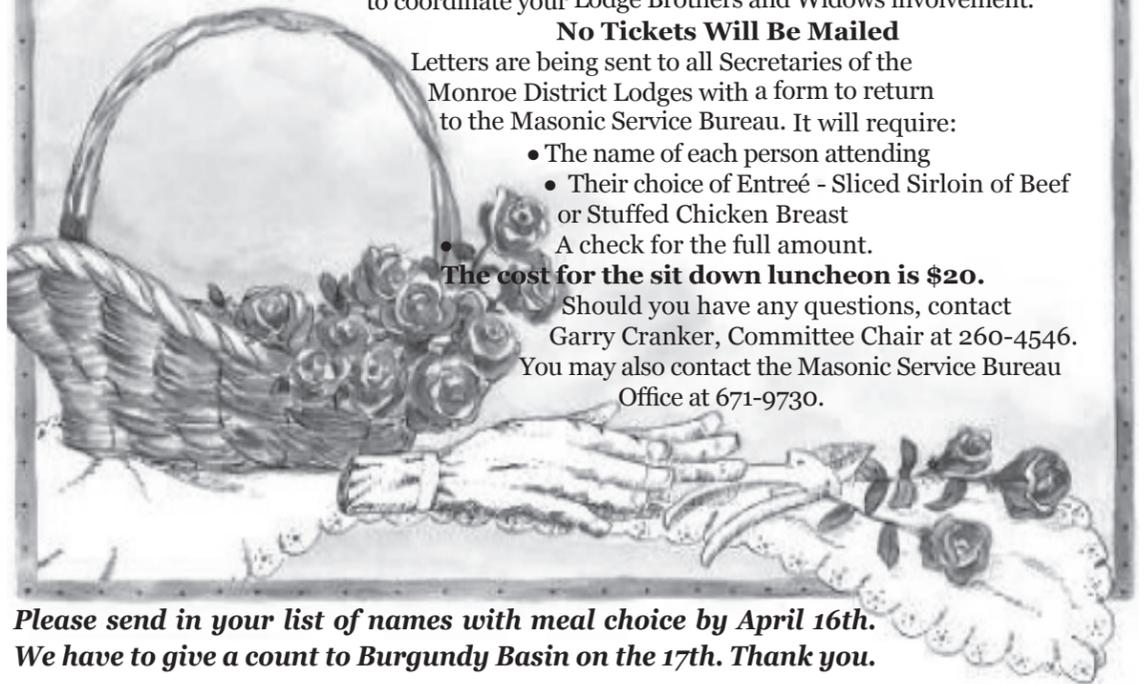
Letters are being sent to all Secretaries of the Monroe District Lodges with a form to return to the Masonic Service Bureau. It will require:

- The name of each person attending
- Their choice of Entree - Sliced Sirloin of Beef or Stuffed Chicken Breast
- A check for the full amount.

**The cost for the sit down luncheon is \$20.**

Should you have any questions, contact Garry Cranker, Committee Chair at 260-4546.

You may also contact the Masonic Service Bureau Office at 671-9730.



**Please send in your list of names with meal choice by April 16th. We have to give a count to Burgundy Basin on the 17th. Thank you.**

Lodge took number one spot for single-day high with the Grotto/Caldron in second place spot.

Overall, everyone did a great job under very adverse conditions. Everyone should be very proud of their efforts.

### Time to Thank Our Sponsors

- **Wilmore** for free Mall space and great cooperation.
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- **Masonic Service Bureau of Greater Rochester, Inc.** for advertising and financial assistance
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## Register Now for the Camp Turk 2015 Season

Registration for the Camp Turk Summer Program at Round Lake opened in early January and, as of March 1st, 93 boys and 126 girls were registered for the 2015 Camp Sessions. Each Session can accommodate 200 campers each week. You can register your child on line by going to:

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

or call the Camp Turk Administrator, Mollie Denslow, at (315) 392-2081. Scholarships for camp are also available and the deadline to apply is May 1st. Contact Mollie for an Application.

Camp Turk also has job openings for American Red Cross Certified Life Guards, Camp Nurse and other positions. To access the job openings, got to:

[www.mccny.com](http://www.mccny.com)

and click on Employment. Click

Camp Turk, to view the openings. Applications for employment can be made on that site. Eligible applicants must be at least 19 years old.

The Camp Turk Program is held each year at the Round Lake Camp in Woodgate, New York. There are more than 30 varied activities from water sports to land-based programs. Children ages 8 to 16 can sign up for a one-, two- or three-week stay.

What a great way to give your child an Adirondack experience during the Summer months. Many adults work most of the Summer with perhaps a week or two of vacation. Sending your kid to camp offers a

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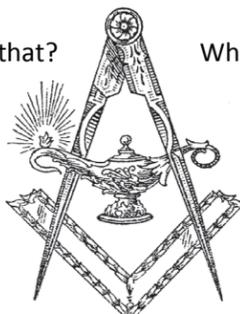
### Do You Find Yourself Having Questions???

Why did they do that?

Who's this Hiram guy?

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Am I missing something?



What does it all mean?

Where does this all come from?

Maybe you should take the **Masonic Development Course**

May 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> 9am @ Northfield Lodge- Pittsford



Cy White  
Commander



### Attention All Veterans! Join the Shrine Legion of Honor

Damascus Legion of Honor needs Veterans to participate in the Unit activities. We would appreciate filling this Unit with Veterans whom are willing to perform the honorable duties to which they are committed; i.e., Color Guard, Flag Retirement Ceremony, etc.

The Legionnaires meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month, preceded by a dinner (see page 12). If you are interested in participating in this Unit, contact Cy White, Commander, (315) 597-9546 or make a reservation for their monthly dinner/meeting with Cy Kloner (585) 436-8216 or email: [cylegalrx@hotmail.com](mailto:cylegalrx@hotmail.com) ☐

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671-9730

## Editor's Corner

Did you miss me last month? I doubt it! I don't believe for a moment that any one of you is sitting by the mailbox each month waiting for the current issue of the **Masonic Times** to arrive. It's a good thing, too, because we have been experiencing some difficulties, with the delivery of this publication which is sent as second class mail at roughly one-tenth the cost of first class.

I hope the appeal of this means of communication is as much about the upcoming events as it is those special moments in the recent social engagement or Lodge meeting. However, when the paper arrives days (or weeks) after it was mailed and those events have happened, you might have missed an opportunity to attend.

### Late Arrival

I can find out when the printer delivered the paper. I have to maintain a balance in an account in the Post Office with sufficient funds to cover the cost of the next mailing. When the shipment arrives, the paperwork is checked and the amount entered into the computer. If there isn't enough money, the shipment is rejected. The date and time of this transaction is recorded in my account, which I am able to access online.

We have been told that once the shipment is distributed to the outlying areas, it is up to the local Postmaster when it is assigned to the mail carriers. So you may receive the paper the day after it is received, but your friend a block away could wait several days or weeks! We can't control it.

In particular, the Nobles of Damascus Shrine have been informed they must talk about what they plan to do two months in advance. Meeting on the first Wednesday of each month, it is virtually impossible for anyone to receive information via the paper in time to make a reservation or even attend that function. That concern was discussed when I was first approached with the idea of incorporating the **Damascus News** into the **Masonic Times**. Other Organizations, who meet the first week of the month, may experience the same difficulty.

### Thinner Issue

Lack of submitted material last month put me in a special situation. Do I look for fill articles to complete our normal 20-page issue, or make cuts to fit to 16 pages? You received a 16-pager, which was the result of eliminating some photographs, reducing the size of others, dropping some logos, skipping the *Editor's Corner*, and a few technical tweaks to achieve my goal.

These changes also resulted in cost savings in the printing and mailing charges...fewer pages and less weight! That

helps another area of concern.

These dilemmas have now been expressed at the monthly Board of Directors meeting of the Masonic Service Bureau. As it is, we are not keeping up income-wise with our expenses, as our membership figures continue to decline. Despite Raising many new Masons, our mailing list is down over 30% in the last nine years.

President Garry Cranker has established a committee to review the situation. I have contacted several subscribers and will ask more to join our group in my research effort on the timeliness of delivery of the paper. Each month I will send an email when the paper arrives at the Distribution Center in Henrietta. I am asking these individuals to email me when the paper arrives.

### Cut and Issue?

The Holidays pose a special problem, which I have mentioned previously. Should we consider doing only nine issues while discontinuing the January issue in favor of concentrating on a paper that will arrive in the middle of the month and contain late-January and February news? That would possibly benefit many readers and writers who have busy schedules around that time, during which meetings may be canceled.

There are many members today who have an affinity for the digital age and would prefer the **Masonic Times** delivered to their cell phone, tablet or pad. There are unique situations to that method, but it is one of the items under consideration.

Any suggestions? If you would like to weigh in on this issue, feel free to contact me: [bmasonic@rochester.rr.com](mailto:bmasonic@rochester.rr.com) Should you prefer, you may send your comments and/or suggestions to Garry Cranker: [gcranker@rochester.rr.com](mailto:gcranker@rochester.rr.com) He will see that the committee takes under advisement all submissions to help resolve this matter and achieve a solution amenable to all parties involved.

While the digital age is upon us, there are still many senior members who do not have the electronic gadgets, and don't want them. They would prefer to stay with the printed page. We shall see!

Thanks for reading. ☐



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

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This has been a very cold and snowy Winter and I hope we can put that all behind us.

### Upcoming Events

April 15th will be the Volunteer Award Ceremony at the Burgundy Basin, 1361 Marsh Road; Pittsford. Social - 11:30 a.m., Lunch - 12:15 p.m. I hope to see you there. This is to Honor Volunteers who have given many hours of service to our Veterans.

April 23rd will be the Election of Officers. We will start the afternoon with a great lunch at 12 Noon, provided by our Past Commander, Vance Collom. Lunch mainly consists of Assorted Subs from Rubinos - also chips, coffee, pop, cookies and fresh fruit - a great lunch, for sure. The cost is still only \$5.00.

Our meeting will start at 1:00 p.m. and, after a brief business meeting, we will have the Election of Officers. Please come and support our new Officers.

April 25th is the Widows Luncheon at the Burgundy Basin where the Color Guard will be presenting the Colors. Be there by 11:30 a.m.

This is the final chapter of James A. Hard - History.

### His Life after Military Service

James A. Hard was the last survivor of the New York State Grand Army of the Republic. The GAR was the term used for the Northern Civil War Soldiers when referring to their Annual Encampment, similar to a National Convention.

The first GAR Encampment was held in Indianapolis IN in 1886. Mr. Hard attended many of the Encampments becoming more active as he grew older. The Encampments consisted of an opening day banquet and the



## With Great Appreciation ...

From Beverly Murray

To members of Eastern Star and Masonic Lodges:  
On behalf of my Sister Elaine Milner and myself, we thank everyone for your thoughts, prayers and well wishes so generously offered to us in the loss of our Grandnephew, Johnathan Davis. Your love and support means a lot to all of us.

God Bless each of you.

second day consisted of business meetings, Election of Officers for the upcoming year and a military parade. There was a closing night campfire meeting before the Encampment ended.

In 1949, Mr. Hard was flown to the 82nd GAR Encampment in the Gannett Newspaper airplane. He really enjoyed seeing Niagara Falls when the plane circled the Falls for him. Mr. Hard was 107 years old and the only remaining delegate from New York State.

At the 82nd Encampment in Grand Rapids, Michigan voted to have one more in Indianapolis, IN. In 1950, due to the age of the Veterans and their depleted ranks, Mr. Hard was honored at the banquets and in many ways for being the oldest Veteran in attendance.

James A. Hard loved parades and took part in many Memorial Day Parades in Rochester. He was the Grand Marshal in 1950 at 110 years old and would take his place in the lead car behind the Masonic War Veteran Color Guard. He was the Grand Parade Marshal for the last consecutive years of his life. As soon as he reached City Hall he would take his spot next to the reviewing stand and watch the entire parade.

Mr. Hard remained in relatively good health up to the last years of his life. He was hospitalized several times with pneumonia, but always surprised his doctors and left in a week or two.

James had severe circulation problems in his right foot and leg during the last year of his life. He had his leg amputated above the knee in early March,

1953. The operation was a success and he rallied initially, but was not strong enough to regain his strength. He died on March 12, 1953 at the age of 111 years, 7 months and 26 days.

Brother Veterans, I hope you enjoyed the Life History of James A. Hard for whom our Masonic War Veterans Organization is named.

Thank you and please stop and smell the Roses. ☐

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# Heart Disease is a Killer

Cardiac arrhythmias claim more lives than any other form of heart disease and are responsible for Sudden Cardiac Death associated with inherited syndromes like the long QT, short QT and Brugada as well as sudden cardiac arrest occurring after a heart attack.

The most prevalent cardiac arrhythmia, atrial fibrillation (AF), affects 2.7 million Americans - 1 in 20 individuals at age 65 and 1 out of 5 individuals at age 80. AF reduces the quality of life for millions of Americans and is one of the leading causes of stroke in the United States.

The good news is that the Ma-

sonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL) is conducting research aimed at developing knowledge needed to combat these deadly and debilitating diseases. We are internationally renowned as one of our country's leading cardiac research centers and highly respected and referenced within the scientific and medical community worldwide. The MMRL is a recognized international center for genetic screening of cardiac diseases, especially those involving inherited cardiac arrhythmias.

Our scientific legacy has generated new heart medications; most recently for atrial fibrilla-

tion, helped to develop diagnostic procedures for the management of cardiac arrhythmias and most importantly aided in the advancement of life-saving technologies.

Our Cardiac Research includes studies focused on regenerative medicine and development of human models of disease using an exciting new technology employing induced pluripotent stem cells, which precludes the need for use of embryos. Stem Cell research has tremendous potential in designing and discovering new drugs, new treatments and even cures based on root/genetic cause which will change the face of medicine as we know it today.

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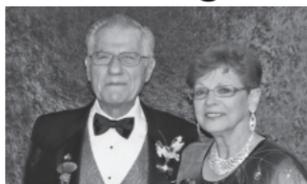
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By R.W. Jan Porter, DDGM

Monroe District met with heartbreak in March when Alta Doty was called Home by our Lord. Alta was an OES icon in Monroe District and beyond. She freely shared her love and giving to others her entire life. A talented and creative lady, she leaves footprints on the hearts of all who crossed her path.

When she was Grand Representative of Australia, she took responsibility for raising funds for the Masonic Youth Organizations. Her idea to collect pennies took off and she collected hundreds of dollars for her efforts. Even after her Grand Representative appointment was completed, she carried on for the Youth.

At the School of Instruction, Beverly Thompson offered to continue "Alta's Penny Fund"

in her memory. Therefore, keep those pennies coming and Beverly will do the honors. To that end, here's Alta's message ...

**A Penny**

I found a penny today, Laying on the ground. But it's not just a penny, This little coin I've found.

Found pennies come from heaven, that's what my Grandma told me. She said Angels toss them down. Oh, how I loved that story.

She said when an Angel misses you, They toss a penny down; Sometimes just to cheer you up, and make a smile from a frown.

So, don't pass by that penny When you're feeling blue. It may be a penny from heaven That an Angel's tossed to you.

So...if you find a penny and you're feeling blue, Remember, "Alta Angel" is watching over you.

By James Casey

**School of Instruction**

A District School of Instruction was held March 14th, led by R.W. Ray DiJames, DGL; and me. Being a District Event, I was disappointed in the light attendance of Chapter representation. Information shared at this School is important to all members and, in most cases, is already known by Line Officers.

In follow-up, Ray and I will be reaching out to some Chapters to make arrangements to attend one of their meetings and share some of this information with their members.

**Volunteers Extraordinaire**

As previously mentioned for their enthusiastic continuation to assist FoodLink's operations, Karen and Debra Leipold have been recognized by FoodLink for 50 days of volunteer activity.

Congratulations, Karen and Debra, on this achievement as you "carry on" your love for this organization.

**Official Visits**

We are looking forward to the upcoming Chapter Official Visits:

**April 7th** - Fairport

**April 14th** - Mary Jane Holmes, Brockport

**April 20th** - Combined Visit for Etoleah, Corinthian-Fellowship and Nolatka, Spencerport

**May 5th** - Starlight, Spencerport

**May 6th** - Lilac Star, Webster

We are requesting that all Chapters try to attend the Official Visits and support each other. If it conflicts with your own meeting night, perhaps the members could attend an Official Visit instead.

**Grand Matron's Official Visit**

**April 25th** is the Grand Matron's Official Visit to Monroe District. It will be held at the Damascus Shrine Center, 979 Bay Road, Webster. Social gathering at 12 Noon; Deluxe Buffet Luncheon - 1 p.m.; Meeting - 2 p.m.

**\*\*Action Item\*\* ...**

Each Chapter is asked to donate a raffle basket for this event. You know the routine for

this; be sure we have them there by 11:30 a.m. that day or get them to me prior to the Visit.

**Holiday Stocking Project**

R.W. Joy Woodley is heading up a Holiday Stocking Project for deployed Veterans. It's a small stocking that's knitted, crocheted or sewn for which we have patterns for each. When completed, they will be shipped to a project coordinator for filling with personal items and sent overseas to the Troops. If you are interested in making some of these, contact your Chapter or me for a pattern. If you need yarn to make some, also let me know; many of "us" have a stash we'd love to share.

This is a project in which some of our homebound/inactive members can participate and feel like they're contributing and being somewhat active to our Order.

**With Great Appreciation ...**

*To the members of the Eastern Star and*

*Masonic Lodges*

*From Beverly Murray*

*On behalf of my Sister Elaine Milner and myself, we thank everyone for your thoughts, prayers and well wishes so generously offered to us in the loss of our Grandnephew, Johnathan Davis. Your love and support means a lot to all of us.*

*God Bless each of you.*

*Past Matrons Association*



**Merilyn Israel**  
461-3254

**Mark Your Calendar**

The next meeting of the Past Matrons Association

**Thursday, May 21st**  
**12 Noon - Brown Bag Lunch**  
**Dessert provided**  
**Meeting follows.**

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

When I was Matron in 2008, I traveled to Israel for the third time and visited both the Palestinian Territories and Israel. At that time I noted that the Global Masonic Body could carry us through another Millennium. I had previously been on an archeological dig with my family in Israel when hundreds of Masons gathered there.

A special hymn I like to share has words that are very meaningful.

**Prayer is the Key to Heaven**

*Prayer is the key to Heaven,  
But faith unlocks the door;  
Words are so easily spoken,  
A prayer without faith,  
Is like a boat without an oar.  
Have faith when you speak to the Master,  
That's all He asks you for,  
Yes, prayer is the key to Heaven,  
But faith unlocks the door.* ☐

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

By Kristina Brandt



Fidelity Triangle continued to grow and hold fun events this Winter, despite all the snow. On February 14th, the Triangle held a Masonic Family Snow Day which consisted of going ice skating and taking a trip to the Strong Museum of Play. Our next regular meeting on February 28th was an Open Meeting which combined the teamwork of Fidelity Triangle, Cassiopeia Triangle (Amherst) and Bal-On-Sen Triangle (Liverpool) to show prospects and their family members how a meeting is run.

Looking into the future, Fidelity Triangle will be holding a fundraiser in which the members and Supervisors will be selling candy bars. More information will be sent to the Masonic organizations for those wishing to participate.

The Triangle will also be rearranging their schedule in April

to accommodate the members and Supervisors. This month there will be one meeting being held on April 18th, starting at the usual time at 7 p.m. We hope you will join us.

At the time of this publication, we will have welcomed a new member into our Triangle during our March 28th meeting. As our membership grows, our team of adult supporters also needs to grow. Fidelity is currently looking for volunteers to help serve as drivers, chaperones and helping hands during meetings and special events. Both men and women can serve as volunteers and we look forward to seeing your support. Those interested in getting more involved in Fidelity Triangle can contact Junior Deputy, Mrs. Jeannine Parks at:

[j9parks@aol.com](mailto:j9parks@aol.com) ☐



## New 2015 Sessions Offered at Camp Turk this Summer

Preparing for Summer Camp is sometimes scary for both new campers and their parents. Separation is a part of growing up and camp is a great opportunity for your child to grow in a safe and structured surroundings with caring, trained staff.

Camp Turk accepts children between the ages of 8 to 16 years old.

**\$500 per week**

**Boy's Session**

**July 5th – July 11th**

**July 12th – July 18th**

**July 19th – July 25th**

**Girl's Session**

**July 26th – August 1st**

**August 2nd – August 8th**

**August 9th – August 15th**

Contact Mollie Denslow at (315) 392-2081 for additional information or visit our website at: [www.campturk.org](http://www.campturk.org)

If you are interested in hosting a Camp Turk Information Night in your area, give us a call and we will send one of our Committee members out to your area.

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### Olive Branch No. 39 Table Lodge

April 25, 2015

Cost - \$25 per person

Start time - 3 p.m.

Masonic Community Center

12 Bank Street, LeRoy

7-Course Meal; Libation will be available.

Contact for Reservation:

Neil at 202-4571 or Bill at 261-8257

### Grand Director of Ceremonies



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This Winter has been one for the records. There have been many cancelations and postponements of Masonic events as a result of snow, cold and treacherous roads. Still, the O/S/Y District has seen John Hodge Lodge Pass seven Brothers to the Degree of Fellowcraft; Ark Lodge has put on a 1st Degree; and Canandaigua Lodge has conferred a 2nd Degree.

#### Mark Your Calendar

The Table Lodge scheduled for January has been moved to Monday, April 27th at Glenora Wine Cellars, 6:30 p.m., hosted by Dundee Lodge. The cost is \$30. Reservations are limited to 50 and need to be made by calling (585) 526-5308 or email: abrahamtk@roadrunner.com

Hopefully, Spring will be here when you read this and everything can return to normal. There will be more Masonic activity for Brothers in which to get involved and participate.

The Brothers of Milo Lodge, with the students and staff of the Penn Yan Elementary School,



Junior Warden, Worshipful Rob Schwarting (rear), Cady Brady, a Kindergarten Student Council representative, and Tommy Barden, PYE Student Council Treasurer, shown with cards, food and sundries collected for the Ronald McDonald House.

took up the challenge of "Have-a-Heart" during the week before Valentine's Day and collected over 500 pounds of food and sundry items for the Ronald McDonald Houses in Rochester. On Valentine's Day, in a typical Winter snowstorm, the members of the Lodge, led by the Junior Warden Rob Schwarting, delivered 85 Valentine's Day cards, the food and sundries to the House and its residents. The school staff was proud of the generosity and concern shown by the Kindergarten to 6th grade students for families and kids who might not have a special St. Valentine's Day.

#### Masonic Development Course

The *Masonic Development Course* has become part of the Educational Program and will continue to inform newly made Entered Apprentices, Fellowcraft and Master Masons about the Fraternity that they have chosen of their "own free will and accord" to join. A well-informed Brother will have a better understanding and appreciation for the Craft. Each Degree is being followed by that section in the *MDC* booklet, which further explains the events of each Degree the Brother has gone through. It is the hope of the District Deputy, R.:W.: John Hubbard, and me that we can help make these "good men better men" by giving them the tools which will allow them to feel comfortable in their Fraternal life. Our Fraternity needs to educate new Brothers to the responsibilities to which each obligation calls them.

Your O/S/Y District Team is looking forward to continuing our service to the District and Fraternity. We hope to visit with you soon.

### Garoga-Sincerity Lodge No. 200



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By R.:W.: Clayton Ruggles

#### Surviving Spouses Luncheon

On April 11th, the O/S/Y District Annual Surviving Spouses Luncheon will be held at the Clifton Springs Country Club. This luncheon is open to widows of Masons and Masons who have lost their wife. Any of you who are surviving spouses need to contact the Secretary as soon as possible so a reservation can be made for you.

The District Memorial Service is scheduled for Sunday, May 17th in Interlaken. Brothers are encouraged to attend as Brother Charles Romeiser, of Garoga-Sincerity, will be remembered. Put the date on your calendar.

#### Grand Lodge Trip

Plans for the trip to Grand Lodge from May 3rd-5th are being made. The District will travel by train from Syracuse. Those planning to attend need to make reservations. Information is available from the DDGM or Lodge Secretary.

O/S/Y Charities is scheduling the 23rd Annual Golf Tournament for August. Donations for Hole Sponsors and door prizes are encouraged. Door prizes could include merchandise, gift certificates, discount coupons, etc. Further information will be available in the near future.

#### Upcoming Events

May 3-5 - Grand Lodge Session, New York City

May 5th - Move-Up Night

June 16th - Annual Steak Roast Night and Years-of-Service Recognition.

#### Masonic Anniversaries

[Editor's note: I ran out of space last month in reducing the issue to 16 pages and had to cut this portion of Right Worshipful Bob's column. These Brothers deserve their recognition, and I don't want him blamed for my deeds. S.W.]

The following Brothers were Raised in March:

1954

Nelson Gulvin  
Robert Lash

1972

Norman Schafer

1981

Stephen Phillips

2003

Kenneth Gibbs

Shawn Grube

#### April Birthdays

We send April Birthday Greetings to: Bobby Dorgan (7th); Todd Ruggles (8th); Jay Ford and John Roush (9th); Jed Brandow (15th); Norman Schafer (16th); Edward Minns (20th); Robert Lash and Robert Spink (26th); Stephen Durso, Sr. (28th); and James Gostley (29th).

#### April Anniversaries

The following Brothers were Raised in April:

1950

Robert Hines

1959

Robert Spink

Frederick Wheeler

Paul Adams

John Bowles

John Davis

Douglas Nicot

Douglas Parmele

John Roush

Milton Lum

Ramon Howard

James Frind

Ernest Day

Michael Klimeczko

Charles Bird

Scott Upchurch

David Bruzee

Jerome Phillips

Daniel Biery

Stephen Durso, Jr.

Benjamin Wheat

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By R.:W.: Neil Bedford

Well, the Northeast finally got above freezing. The snow and ice melted slowly so we did not have to deal with flooding.

The first weeks of our Lenten Fish Frys are going well; we have served over 100 Fish Frys each week. The Rainbow Girls, who are sponsored by the Lodge, have been a huge help serving the meals and clearing the tables. A big thank you to them for all their help.

We have two ladies from the Eastern Star who have been indispensable in the kitchen expediting the orders as they come in. The Eastern Star Pie Sale seems to be going over big.

To the Brothers who have been helping, thank you for the great job you've done.

As we continue to try to help the youth of our community, the LeRoy Youth Football League Executive Board and Coaches

are using our Community Center for their monthly meeting. We are in hopes of acquiring a large flat-screen TV so they and other organizations can do PowerPoint presentations. We have lost some rentals over the last couple months because we are not presently able to provide this service.

#### Mark Your Calendar

Our Table Lodge will be on April 25th starting at 3 p.m. at our Community Center, 12 Bank Street. Please get your reservation in early; there are only 50 spots available. We have received confirmation from some of our Canadian Brothers who will be attending our Table Lodge again this year. The menu is in courses ... Tomato Juice Cocktail, Corn and Clam Chowder, Italian Sausage and Hamburger Sliders, Salad and Roll, Sorbet, Cornish Game Hen with Salt Potatoes and possible Dressing, and Dessert (to be determined). Of course there will be some libation. Contact the Master or Secretary for reservations.

Last month we welcomed two Brothers by Affiliation to Olive Branch Lodge. Come to Lodge and meet and welcome Garry Hutcherson and Bill Fleisher who have many years of service in the Fraternity.

As always, please try to attend Lodge and support our Master and Line Officers.



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At our February meeting, we conferred the 1st Degree upon a Candidate who is starting his Masonic Journey. Serving as Master for the Degree was R.:W.: Thomas Abraham; the Apron Presentation was given by R.:W.: Jed Brandow. Ark Lodge had the Fraternal assistance of W.: John McCormick who presented the Working Tools; R.:W.: Jamie Tyrrell presented the Bible. Questions & Answers by R.:W.: Ron

Galens and W.: John Keeton; and the Whys & Wherefores by R.:W.: Ray Howard and R.:W.: Ron Galens.

Given as part of the 1st Degree was the Historical Lecture by W.: William Hargrove. It has been many years since Ark Lodge had included the Historical Lecture in the 1st Degree and all were impressed by Brother Hargrove's presentation.

The level of the Ritual given during this Degree was outstanding and we thank all Brothers who participated and attended on a night that beleaguered us with snowy weather.

**Mentor**

W.: John Keeton has agreed to work with our new Entered Apprentice on his Ritual and we hope to have a 2nd Degree in April. The Secretary will be sending out information via email when the Candidate makes suitable proficiency. □

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As we begin to prepare for Elections and the Installation of our Officers and Appointees for 2015-2016 in May, let us all look back to where we began in September of 2014.

I hope all of us have become more knowledgeable in the Craft. I hope that, regardless of what Station or place we have held in the Lodge, we have done the best job possible to fulfill the obligation we each took during our Installation and that we are ready to take on the responsibilities and duties that lay ahead.

In a few weeks, Grand Lodge will convene and some of us will be attending for the first time; others will have been there previously. It will be an enjoyable and educational experience for all who attend. I hope each Lodge in Wayne District can support their current Master or a Proxy to attend.

**Take a Look ...**

On a more serious note concerning Wayne District, I ask each and every Lodge to look hard and truthfully at their ability to function as a Masonic Lodge. This may be the hardest task you ever will face as a Masonic Body or as a Mason. Can you continue as you are? Is it time to merge/consolidate with another Lodge? Is it time to affiliate with another Lodge and turn in your Charter? Can you continue to exist as a separate entity? My Brothers, these are the hardest questions I have asked anyone to consider and they are the hardest questions you have to ask yourselves and your Lodges.

Our Grand Master likes to refer to our "labors in the Quarries." These "labors," my Brothers, are your most important responsibilities. Your District Staff is willing to help you in any way we can. If you need help to do Degree Work, ask for it. Do you need to plan an Information Night Meeting to attract potential Candidates? Ask for it. Does your Secretary need help with MORI or do you need help with a Budget? Ask. There was a time when you knocked on a door and it was opened. That door is wide open, my Brothers, KNOCK!

Support your local Charity and your Masonic Charities. □

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Welcome to April, my Brothers. We had a very busy March as we hosted the Palmyra Macedon Select Choir for their Pancake Breakfast on March 1st. They were able to sell almost 300 tickets for the breakfast that was held at our Lodge Hall.

The money earned by the Select Choir is to help them with expenses on their trip to Greece next year where they will be performing. Thanks to all Brothers who were able to help with setup, cooking and cleanup and, of course, eating. Special thanks to John Krest who donated a brand new griddle/oven to the Palmyra Temple Association, replacing the old double oven that was not working.

At our first meeting on March 4th, we welcomed two new Brothers into Masonry. Anthony Parcerro, Drumlin Square Lodge, and Ryan Evans, Wayne Lodge, attended their first meet-

ing as Masons. At this meeting, R.:W.: Allen "Joe" Green, our Grand Director of Ceremonies, gave these Brothers the Historical Lecture for the 3rd Degree. In addition, R.:W.: John P. Krest, DDGM, and W.: Thomas Krest performed the Questions and Answers.

On March 18th, we showed our appreciation to our many Past Masters who were able to come to our meeting with a Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner. Thank you all very much for your past leadership and guidance throughout the years.

**Mark Your Calendar**

At our April 1st meeting, we will be explaining all of the Positions of the Lodge to our new Candidates as we also prepare our Election Committee for our upcoming Elections.

On Sunday April 12th, we will be hosting another Pancake Breakfast. This will benefit the Palmyra Macedon High School Seniors' Last Bash they have at the high school after graduation.

On April 12th, we will also be honoring our widows and widowers with a Remembrance Dinner at the Log Cabin Restaurant. We are hoping to have a Choir perform during this dinner.

On April 15th, we will be having a dinner meeting for Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. The evening will start with Soup and Sandwiches before explaining to our Guests some of the reasons why we are Masons. Any of your friends you would like to bring, please contact Tom Krest at (585) 748-3494; we will be sending invitations to them.

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

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**Let the Rant Begin!**  
 We all heard you say it. Every last one of us. And it was three separate times.

Have you done what you said you would? Have you been seeking further Light in Masonry? Watching one of those shows on the History Channel doesn't count. Just going to Lodge meetings doesn't completely do it either. Truly seeking further Light in Masonry requires more. We must go deeper. There's work involved.

Many Brothers are seeking something and they think they've found it by joining the Craft. But, after a while, it wasn't quite what they thought it might be. They go away. Fall by the wayside.

Some see only the Brotherhood in Masonry, and while Fraternal relationships are appealing, what happens if those relationships wane? Can't men make friends outside of Masonry? Besides Brotherhood, is there not something more? Peggy Lee singing that annoying melancholic song "Is that all there is my friends? Then let's keep dancing. Let's break out the booze, and have a ball." Gosh, I hated that song.

And still others are dissatisfied with what they hoped they'd find in Masonry. They want to change it into something they think it should be. Something more like the nonsense the pro-

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Not much to report on a District Level. My time was spent mostly on the *Have-a-Heart* Campaign, and, like most of us, I spent the rest of the month just trying to stay warm. Too much cold and snow! Let's hope Spring gets here early; I am looking forward to hitting the links.

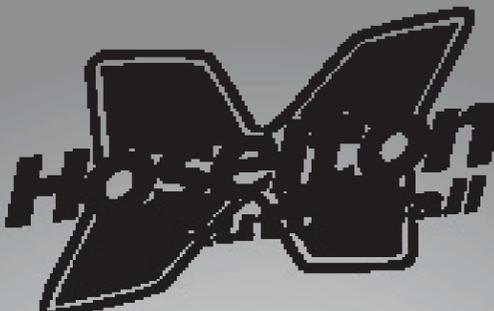
*A Proud Mason* □

**Grand Steward**

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Before I begin my rant, let me wish each of you and your families a joyous Passover and Easter Season. May the spirit of renewal and rebirth fill your hearts as Spring shows the Great Architect of the Universe's Master Plan of redemption and a second chance. Let's all make the most of it!



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## Grand Steward

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fane world spouts about Freemasonry. Something dark and sinister, loaded with supposed secretive power; a way to make them look like big shots among their friends who don't know any better. These Brothers are just as ignorant as the man who never even bothered to knock on the door in the first place.

The ironic thing is that THERE IS MORE; a whole lot more. But you have to work to obtain it. Freemasonry insists that we work, and assures us that our labor is rewarded. Education is Labor. What does that look like?

It means opening up one of the hundreds of recognized "classic" works that have been written on the subject of Freemasonry; especially the ones on symbolism and philosophy. It means struggling with reading some of the arcane language and trying to understand what the Brother who wrote it was saying. The Livingston Library reading program of the Grand Lodge is a great guide for getting you on the path to this material. Unfortunately, very few Brothers seek it out.

Yet another way to seek further Light is to consider witnessing the Degrees of both the York and the Scottish Rites. All of these Degrees will help you reflect with a deeper appreciation on what the first three Degrees of a Master Mason Lodge have to teach us.

Your education is always incomplete. There is always more to learn. This is one of the great teachings of our Fraternity. Unfortunately, not all Brothers have continued their quest towards further light, as they said they would.

### Masonic Development Course

Another great place to deepen your understanding of the Craft is the *Masonic Development Course*, which gets you looking a little more closely at the Ritual and going below a surface level understanding of it. It can help you see some things maybe you hadn't seen before, and make you a believer that there is more to this than meets the eye. There's a reason why we go to the lengths we do to memorize the Ritual precisely and accurately. There's a reason why some exceptionally learned Brothers will tell you that you can study just the first three Degrees for a lifetime, and continue to get more insight and wisdom for doing so.

But you alone are the one who has to make the effort. Just like when you knocked at the door on that night of your first Degree.

On May 9th and 16th, the *Masonic Development Course* will be offered. Every newly raised Brother should take this class. Both days will begin at 9 a.m.

On May 9th we will finish at 1 p.m. and there will be lunch.

On May 16th, we will be done at 11 a.m. Both sessions will be at Northfield Lodge Hall in Pittsford. Any Brother who has been in the quarries for some time and has not taken it, should also attend. Your appreciation for what Masonry is really all about will deepen immensely. Cost of the class is \$20 and includes a Certificate and Lapel Pin upon completion. To reserve your place at the table, contact me at:

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By V.: W.: Joe Lewis, AGL

### The Mosaic Pavement

In Freemasonry, the checkered floor is one of the most recognizable and Ritualistic symbolic ornaments of the Masonic Lodge. This highly esteemed and sacred symbol can be traced back to the temples of Egypt, Greece, Rome and Asia Minor in the form of the "double cube." This "double cube" form would be placed at the center of the ground floor of the temple, it would be necessary to build the temple in the form of an "oblong square" and in many of these places the exact form of the "double cube" would be required. There would also be found at the center of these ancient temples an altar or a "blazing star" emblematic of the Sun, set in the Mosaic Pavement.

The Mosaic Pavement is an old symbol of our great and honorable Fraternity. For me, it is the highest among the many ornaments of the Masonic Lodge along with the Indented Tessel and Blazing Star. In the Entered Apprentice Degree, the Mosaic Pavement is a representation of the ground floor of

King Solomon's Temple. This great profound esoteric symbol is emblematic of Good and Evil of human life. It can also be seen to represent all polar opposites which are the offspring of Good and Evil.

It is an ever-reminder to always utilize the teachings of our sacred Craft when traveling through this checkered grid of life. Its duality in color teaches us as Masons to strive for balance in our lives by avoiding irregularity, intemperance or excess. We divide our time by the *24-inch Gauge* and circumscribe our desires always keeping them in due bounds with our fellow man.

The Mosaic Pavement for me is a constant reminder of achieving balance. But most important, because the Mosaic Pavement is emblematic of the duality of life, its most powerful symbolic message to us, as Masons, is "the Virtues, Morals, Benevolence and Brotherhood of our sacred Craft is to be practiced in the world and not just in our Masonic Lodges."

Our Craft teaches us to defeat ignorance, to defeat fanaticism, to defeat tyranny and to defeat prejudice (aspects of darkness) with the light of knowledge. The prospective of Liberty, Freedom, Justice and Equality are philosophical attributes that our great and sacred Craft aspire all Masons to want for themselves, their Fraternal Brethren and for all mankind. We must stand upright in our several stations before God and Man, squaring our actions by the square of virtue; as we walk upon the checkered pavement of mingled good and evil in every action of our lives.

This symbol serves to demonstrate the ideas which form the foundation of our individual Masonic growth. For it is when we utilize our Craft in the world, that true Masonic growth occurs. Remember the words of our closing prayer given by the Chaplain: "*Teach us, O God to realize the beauties of the principles of our time-honored Institution, not only while in the Lodge, but when abroad in the world. Subdue every discordant passion within us, and enable us to love one another in the bonds of union and friendship.*" ☐

## Monroe District Masters and Wardens Association

By W.: Matthew Scheffer

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.

### February Meeting

Our February meeting saw a very good turnout. We had seven Lodges represented. W.: Allyn Borino gave us an update on planning for Grand Lodge in May. Brother Bruce Katz presented on Membership Retention and asked for each Lodge to appoint a Brother to handle

this. Please send the contact information to Brother Bruce once someone has been chosen.

### Dues Notices

Dues Notices have gone out to the Lodges. Please check with your Secretary and make sure it has been received and paid.

### April Meeting

Our April meeting will take place on the 4th Thursday, April 23rd, 6:30 p.m., at the Shrine Center in the Grotto Room. I know this meeting time conflicts with the RAM Meeting, and I apologize for that. Please RSVP to Matt Scheffer if you will or will not be attending, and if you are not attending who will be the representative of your Lodge.

### Masonic Education

Masonic Education is so important to keep our Fraternity thriving. R.: W.: Steve Michener will be holding the *Masonic Development Course* on **May 9th and 16th**. Please let your Lodges know about this program and help our new Brothers receive "Further Light in Masonry."

### Fidelity Triangle

Allow me to tell everyone about the newly re-formed Fidelity Triangle meeting at Northfield Lodge. They presented a wonderful open Degree in January, bringing together our huge Masonic family. I was so impressed, I mentioned it to my own daughter, and she is now a Triangle Girl!

It is a wonderful organization that teaches our young ladies about leadership, public speaking and responsibility. If you know a girl who might be interested, please let me know. All our youth organizations need our help, so if you have the length in your cabletow, please consider helping out. ☐

## MONROE DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

By Bruce Katz

"Whence came you?" and "What came you here to do?" are questions you have heard repeatedly in Lodge. What's your answer? How does your answer differ now in comparison with your first contemplation of those questions?

### Is Masonry "working" for you? Why? Why not?

We KNOW it isn't working for the Brothers who we no longer see in Lodge. This month, why not call a Brother who you haven't seen for a while and invite him to come back. Then, please let me know about this call. I'll compile the experiences for review with Masters and Wardens, and will share them in a future article.

Great meetings, programs and activities should be a continuous goal. No one has ever wanted to lead or attend a bad program or run a boring meeting, but too often the goal isn't achieved. A useful evaluation tool, whether it is for a meeting or a program, is "Start-Stop-Continue." What should we "start" doing? What should we "stop?" What should we "continue" doing?

These are simple questions, but often we fail to ask them and take the appropriate ac-

tions. Think back to your last Lodge meeting or event. Is there something that would have made the evening better? Was there something that detracted from the meeting that can be discontinued? What went well, and should continue? Consider trying out this tool, especially when planning the next event and reflecting upon the results of a previous event.

If you have comments, please let me know. I can be contacted at: [brucek8189@aol.com](mailto:brucek8189@aol.com) (Include "Masonry" in the subject line) or Phone: 729-6657. ☐

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

I am writing this article and it's still snowing outside. For all the Brothers who went South or someplace warm, we hope your Winter was warm and safe.

We have only 60 days left and the Masonic Brotherhood Fund Campaign will end for this Masonic Year. Please consider making a donation to this year's Campaign. With the severe flooding that is being forecast, we will need to help our Brothers in the Southern Tier who are in harm's way.

I thank a hard-working Brother who has been sending me a copy of the Lodges' Brotherhood Reports - Brother James Robb from Unity Lodge. Nice job, James, and keep up the good work.

Also, the top three Lodges in the District, based on the participation percentage - this is the total members divided by the members who donated to the Brotherhood Fund - are:

The top Lodge as of January 31st is Webster Lodge with 32% of Brothers donating, followed by Wakan-Hubbard Lodge with 31% of Brothers donating and Unity Lodge with 13% of the Brothers generously making donations.

As a District, the goal was 30% participation, of the 1,411 Brothers who make up the Monroe District, to have all Lodges talk about this fantastic program and one Brother assigned to be the Lodge's Brotherhood Fund Chairman. For all the Brothers who have donated, thank you for your contribution. For those who haven't donated, I ask for your support now. Please give a check to your Lodge Chairman or send a check, payable to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund, to me at 47 Lone Oak Circle; Penfield, NY 14526-9546. Any amount will be appreciated.

God bless you and your families and enjoy the warm weather. ☐

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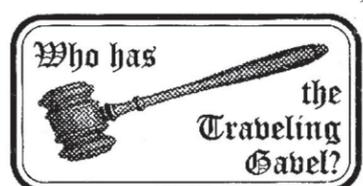
**Lodge Business**  
 As you read this article, our District is coming off of one, if not the coldest, February as far back as we can remember. The inclement weather conditions couldn't prevent the Brothers from Northfield attending Lodge and doing some great work.

One of the biggest changes to the Northfield schedule will begin next September. The Brothers of the Lodge voted and approved the Lodge to conduct the usual two meetings a month, on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month, with this one difference. One meeting will now be a Fellowship meeting!!! Great thought, care, concern and deliberation went into this decision. The Brothers look forward to all of the opportunities these fellowship evenings will present. We hope you will come and join us!!!

The Brothers of Northfield Lodge were treated to a presentation Brother Lance Daul crafted regarding the Holy Saints John. Great time and effort went into the slide show and discussion. It was a wonderful display of information and light that all present certainly welcomed and enjoyed. If you have a chance to hear this program, make every effort to do so. If you are the Master of a Lodge and looking for a program, please contact Brother Daul to schedule an evening for his presentation.

**As a Reminder ...**  
 If you have not done so, please remit your Dues for this Masonic Year as soon as possible. Thanks to those who remain current with their Dues. Remember, the Lodge has voted to NPD Brothers after 1 YEAR of Non-payment of Dues.

**Table Lodge**  
 There is not much time left,



The last information we had was  
**Northfield Lodge**  
 is in possession of the  
**Traveling Gavel**

or many seats available, so mark your calendar and plan to join the Brothers of Northfield Lodge and our District Deputy to celebrate our Annual Table Lodge. This 7-course culinary event will take place on **May 7th**, 6:30 p.m., at Pittsford Masonic Hall, 17 Church Street. The cost is \$25 per person and includes a complimentary cannon commemorating this event. The event is limited to the first 35 PAID RESERVATIONS.

Reservations may be sent to:  
 Jason Morrisette  
 812 Hawks Nest Circle  
 Rochester, NY 14626

The reservation deadline is MAY 1st. Should your Lodge have the most attendees, Northfield Lodge will cover the cost of that Master's Table Lodge (if he is in attendance).

**April Birthdays**  
 Pedro Ugalde (8th), Gregg Moore (17th) and Fred Halik (23rd).

**April Anniversaries**

Years	Member
51	<b>Robert Ratliff</b>
49	<b>Laurimore McConnell</b>
22	<b>James Craib, Jr.</b>
21	<b>Donald Abamonte</b>
15	<b>Pedro Ugalde</b>
13	<b>Michael Zona</b>
6	<b>Stephan Michener</b>
5	<b>Jason Higley</b>
	<b>Devon Littlefield</b>
	<b>Joseph Massaad</b>
3	<b>Nathan Polselli</b>
	<b>Kenneth Stavalone</b>
	<b>Joseph Verdi</b>
	<b>John Ward, Jr.</b>

I strongly encourage ALL Brothers who were Raised in the month of April, to join us on April 16th to Re-unite, Celebrate and Raise another Brother in our Lodge. Please join us to help make this a night to remember.

**Wakan-Hubbard**  
**Lodge No. 154**  
 2nd & 4th Mondays  
 7:30 p.m.  
  
**Master**  
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 don\_bell@hotmail.com  
**Secretary**  
**R.: W.: John Zabel**  
 223-3228  
 zabelj@mindspring.com  
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By John Zabel

The Lodge did a good job of staffing the *Have-a-Heart* Booth at Eastview Mall for our two assigned days. The Mall traffic was good and donations were collected on a regular basis. The total for the Campaign is listed elsewhere in this issue. The Brothers who participated had a great time and good conversation with each other and the donors to the Ronald McDonald Houses of Rochester. It is of note that one of our Past Masters, W.: Tom Ward, was one of the original instigators for raising money to support the Ronald McDonald House. It is also of note that Masons of the area and this Lodge have done a great job in raising funds.

February saw the Lodge's Valentine's Day Party held on Friday, February 20th at the Lodge Hall. The weather was not the greatest, but the party was a

**Do You Find Yourself Having Questions???**

Why did they do that?      Who's this Hiram guy?

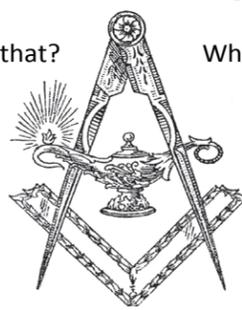
?

Am I missing something?      What does it all mean?

Where does this all come from?

Maybe you should take the **Masonic Development Course**

May 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> 9am @ Northfield Lodge- Pittsford



success. Brother Dustin Long provided the dinner and arranged for the entertainment for the evening. For our Brothers who were unable to attend, we can say it was a rousing success and a good time was had by all.

On March 9th, we had a Table Lodge. We have not had a Table Lodge in several years, so it was a special evening. We were piped in and out by a bagpiper.

**Sickness and Distress**  
 Please keep our Senior Warden, Dave Wilkinson, in your thoughts and prayers as he continues to recover from his surgery. At this writing he is doing well but has not been able to leave the house. We hope by the time you read this, he will be up and about as the operation was successful and his recovery, with a few bumps, has been going well.

Our meeting on February 23rd saw the approval of the proposed changes to our By-Laws. If you would like a copy of the new version, let the Secretary know by phone at 223-3228 or email at:

secretary@wakanhubbard.org and he will either send an electronic copy or a paper copy as you request. The changes were not major, but updated the By-Laws for current Lodge practices and IRS reporting requirements.

Your Master and Wardens continue to look to the Brethren for suggestions for programs and other functions of the Lodge that the Brethren feel would improve the Lodge and its meetings. Please let these Officers know what you would like to see the Lodge do and be involved with. They will insure that suggestions made are attended to and that the Brother or Officer who will take charge is someone who is willing and able, but not necessarily the Brother making the suggestion. There is much the Lodge can do, but we need the suggestions and support of the Brethren to accomplish them. It's something for you to think about.

**Annual Widows Luncheon**

**April 25th** is the Annual Widows Luncheon at the Burgundy Basin. We will need Brothers to help in transporting those of our widows who wish to attend, but need transportation. We will also need Brothers to help in contacting our widows for the event. Contact W.: Roger Lynch if you are willing to help. His phone number is 334-7953.

The Master is planning on conferring the 2nd Degree at our second meeting in April as we have Candidates who were not

proficient for the last conferral. Please plan to attend the meeting and meet our Candidates and help support them as they progress to their 3rd Degree.

We are continuing to look for possible Candidates. If you know or meet someone who is interested in Freemasonry and would make a good Mason, get his Petition and remember to include at least half of the current initiation fee with the petition. Contact the Secretary if you are unaware of the current fee. The collection of the Initiation Fee is a way the Candidate expresses his intent on becoming a member and that the Brethren of the Lodge can be assured of his intent prior to his interview and the balloting process.

Well, we hope that Spring is here by the time you read this and that the Spring flowers are blooming, the weather is warmer, the sun brighter and our Winter has ended.

Stay in touch with the Lodge for any personal events you would like the Brethren to know about. Until next month, enjoy Spring. ☺

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




It has been another long Winter. Even with temperatures too cold to snow, we still had two feet of snow. The piles of snow at intersections made driving difficult. That is all behind us now. Welcome Spring and the re-birth of nature.

On April 13th, W.: Steve Michener will present a program on that great Masonic Composer, Mozart. He brought attention to Freemasonry during a time and in a country that did not welcome such exposure. His talent was above petty religious and political prejudices.

On April 27th, the 3rd Degree will be conferred. The Master will be in the East. As we all know, it takes many Brothers to do a proper job. Please volunteer to do something – speaking or non-speaking. Officers will be in tuxedo or dark suit.

Nothing to report under Sickness and Distress (at least, nothing we know about).

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## Fairport-Flower City

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The Annual Pub Crawl was well-attended and a good time was had by all. A toast to W.: George Washington was made to start things off.

### April Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following Brothers: Charles Blazey (2nd), Jeremy Leichtner (3rd), James Martin (7th), James Bobry (8th), John Byam III (9th), Gary Moore (11th), Raymond Anderson (20th), Arthur Friedman (22nd) and Nicholas Miraglia (28th). Best wishes for a healthy and prosperous year ahead.

We look forward to seeing you in Lodge as we meet around the Altar. □

*Seneca Lodge*  
No. 797

2nd Tuesdays  
7:30 p.m.

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When the groundhog saw his shadow and we were destined for six more weeks of Winter, little did we know what an impact it would be for us. Our attendance at the luncheon at High Falls on February 5th was cut in half due to the weather, but faithfuls Matt Dehmler, Dick Heidorn, R.: W.: Phil Hurwitz, W.: Dick Shellman, our host, W.: Bob Kimmel, and myself managed to brave the elements to enjoy some Masonic Brotherhood and beer.

The weather also put a damper on our February Meeting, which was the presentation by R.: W.: Paul Vick and his wife, Joyce, of their travels to the Ancient City of Yangon, Myanmar. Those of us who were able to make it that terrible stormy night were treated to some special scenery and stories related to that mysterious and beautiful part of the world.

Junior Warden, Wayne Fenton, went beyond the call to deliver the dinner made by our caterer who couldn't bring it to us. The Lasagna was delicious and there was none left over. It all went.

In March we conferred the 2nd Degree with some new faces added to our Degree Team. Senior Warden, Jeff Quartley, was in the East to lead us through the evening. R.: W.: Mike Nohle enlightened us with his Middle Chamber Lecture. Every time I hear it, I learn a little bit more and I hope you do, too.

### Trip to Toronto

Seneca is now making plans for the Fall Trip to Toronto on October 2nd, 3rd and 4th. Contact Brother Gordon Hubbell, Chairman, at 943-5018 or email: ghubbell@rochester.rr.com.

Seneca had another successful representation for the *Have-a-Heart* Campaign this year. Chairman, W.: Dick Shellman reported with the help of Brothers Paul Consalvo; Pierre Su-

arez; Chris Mahood; Jason Barnett; W.: Don Jenks, Jr.; Ken Nelson, Wayne Fenton; Armand Gallucci; W.: Bob Kimmel and family; and Jack Breitung and family. □

**Union Star**  
Lodge No. 320

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Spring has officially started and hopefully we got through the 2nd Degree without a hitch. So that means the 3rd Degree is coming up. I really enjoy that Degree along with congratulating the new Master Masons.

### Our April Calendar

13th - Officers Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Regular Communication and 3rd Degree 1st Section Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.

20th - 3rd Degree Drama Section Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m.

27th - Special Communication, 3rd Degree, 7:30 p.m., Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

### For Your Interest ...

*Oh, East is East, and West is West*

*and never the twain shall meet,  
'Till the earth and sky stand presently*

*at God's great Judgment Seat.  
But there is neither East nor West,*

*Border, nor Breed, nor Birth,  
When two strong men stand face-to-face,*

*though they come from the ends of the earth!*

Rudyard Kipling

Joseph Rudyard Kipling, the famous English Author, was born in India of English parents. He was educated in England, but returned to India in 1880. He was Initiated in Hope and Perseverance Lodge No. 782, Lahore, Punjab, India, in 1886.

Excerpts from Marie Roberts *British Poets and Secret Societies* (London: Croom Helm, 1986)

Kipling's Masonic Poems document an important phase in the history of British Freemasonry which concerns its spread to the Colonies. The underground tentacles of British influence reaching out through the secret Masonic network contributed to the growth of the Empire. As an instrument of Imperialism, Freemasonry had taken on a more military flavour through the phenomenon of the Regimental Lodge:

"The Mother-Lodge"

Outside - "Sergeant! Sir! Salute! Salaam!"

Inside - "Brother," an' it doesn't do no 'arm.

Here Kipling indicates how accepted forms of acknowledging figures of authority were abandoned in the Lodge Room. More than this, as a tool of Westernization, Masonry offered the Indian a Degree of refuge from the stranglehold of the Caste System by leveling out some of the differentials which were the determinants of Caste.

Kipling's early allegiance to the Craft had been harnessed to

his approval of British influence over the sub-continent. Certainly, it is in this context of devotion that Kipling addresses the Imperial Mater, Queen Victoria, in "Ave Imperatrix" ...

*And all are bred to do your will  
By land and sea - wherever flies  
The Flag, to fight and follow still,*

*And work your Empire's destinies.*

Elsewhere, Kipling identifies the Empress of India with the legendary founder of the Freemasons as in the poem, "The Widow at Windsor." The title and opening lines refer to Queen Victoria who was known to her troops as "The Widow."

"From the Pole to the Tropics" Kipling makes a direct link between the tools of the Empire-builders, the Militia, and the Freemasons. It is interesting to reflect upon the aptness of these images since Masonry had originated as a kind of Medieval Craft Guild for the operative building trade. Kipling's vivid picture of building up the Lodge with "the rank an' the file" links up a military idiom with the Masonic metaphor concerning the "temple of living stones."

Kipling, who was fascinated by the idea of kingship, points out in his poem, "Banquet Night" ...

*But once in so often, the messenger brings*

*Solomon's mandate - "forget these things!"*

*Brother to Beggars and Fellow to Kings,*

*Companion of Princes - forget these things!"*

*Fellow-Craftsmen, forget these things!"*

Kipling was identifying with the Master of Masons, King Hiram, in his poem, "The Palace," which opens:

*When I was a King and a Mason - a Master proven and skilled,  
I cleared me ground for a Palace such as a King should build.*

The historic consciousness of the Craft, more than the memories of a fleeting imperial greatness, infused Kipling with an inner security which sustained him during his time overseas. Kipling's Biographer, Charles Carrington, argues that "Freemasonry, with its cult of common action, its masculine self-sufficiency, its language of symbols and its hierarchy of secret grades, provided him with a natural setting for his social ideals" and that "even a non-Mason can point out scores of allusions to Masonic Ritual dispersed through the whole of Kipling's verse and prose, proving how deeply the cult affected his mode of thought." The importance of Freemasonry to Kipling's life and work can scarcely be over-estimated for, as he wrote in "In the Interests of the Brethren," "A man's Lodge means more to him than people imagine."

Kipling is one of my favorites; as a child, it was *The Jungle Book*, which had moral overtones and lay-down rules for individuals, families and communities. Now, as an adult, I find many of his other works my favorite and I hope this sample has piqued your interest as well. □

**WEBSTER**  
Lodge No. 538

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

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Brother Joe is attending Monroe Community College in pursuit of an Associate's Degree in Optics

Technology.

While attending MCC last semester, one of his professors told him about a program offered by NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars (NCAS). Brother Joe went through the application process, submitting a Mission Proposal which included five crew members and their relevant occupations and associated training to pilot a manned Mars Microbial Mission. The main objective of this mission is to locate and extract extra-terrestrial microbial life from deep below the surface of Mars and safely return it to Earth for scientific examination.

As a result of Brother Joe's submitted proposal, he was accepted in the NCAS program. This means that Brother Joe Serio was scheduled to travel to Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas, at the end of March, all-expenses-paid, for a three-day intensive, interactive program with NASA Engineers developing a Mars Rover Project. Kudos to Brother Serio as he endeavors to continually enlighten his mind and improve our world.

A special thank you must go to our Masonic War Veterans, many of whom are Webster Lodge Brothers. Each and every month, for many years, these American Heroes have traveled monthly to the Canandaigua VA Facility to visit their Comrades and celebrate those Veterans who have a birthday during that month. These Masons bring a birthday cake and share fellowship with their fellow Veterans.

We salute these brave men and their dedication and service to our Country. Thank you.

### Rusty Nail Degree

I thank those Brothers who came out and attended Webster Lodge's "Order of the Rusty Nail Degree" on February 7th. Nineteen of the 24 Brothers with reservations showed up for the Degree and I think the event went very well.

We hosted Brothers from five different Lodges in the Monroe and Wayne Districts. Many good pieces of information were brought up and discussed. Several Brothers provided informative explanations to seldom-explained questions. I also thank Brothers Jim Clancy and Vance Collom for showing up early that morning and assisting me with breakfast preparations.

It was unfortunate the weather did not cooperate at our March 19th Meeting. The program for the evening was our Masonic Trivia Night and the sub-zero temperatures and snow kept attendance at a minimum. This was too bad because I believe those Brothers who did brave the elements enjoyed the friendly competition.

One of the most valuable tools any Master, or any Brother for that matter, has in his toolbox is his ability to:

- Recognize the deeds and actions of those around him.
- Give credit where credit is due.
- Say "thank you," either privately or publically to someone deserving of it.

In Webster Lodge, as in many Lodges, we often have Brothers who are continually exemplifying the meaning of being a Mason. They are always in attendance at Regular Communications. They always show up for work details, and assist in keeping the machine, that is our Fraternity, working.

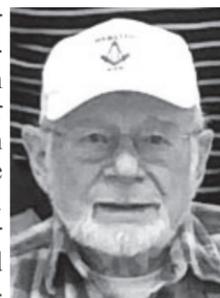
Each year, every Lodge Master has the opportunity to acknowledge a Brother who has, for many years, been there giving his all. Most of the time, these Brothers are working in the background, perhaps going unnoticed. Through their efforts they have become a fixture at all Masonic events, get-togethers and calls for service.

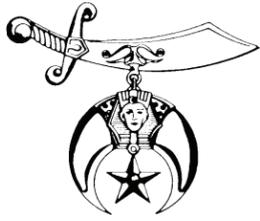
### Special Recognition

Well the Grand Lodge of the State of New York provides us with a special way of recognizing these exceptional Brethren. It is done through the Dedicated Service Award Program (DSA). It is my privilege and honor to announce that this year Webster Lodge will be awarding Brother Robert M. Passino with the Dedicated Service Award.

Brother Bob Passino has been a Master Mason for twelve years. Brother Bob joined the Fraternity later in life, at the age of 62. And now, at the young age of 74 he is a constant fixture in the kitchen every month spending twelve-hour days preparing for our Spaghetti Dinners, trimming trees in the Spring, painting in the Summer or doing pretty much whatever detail is requested of our Brothers. It is men like Brother Bob Passino who make our Lodge what it is. He is the type of man who makes this Fraternity the best organization on earth. Thank you, Brother Bob. Well deserved.

Secondly, I give kudos to Webster Lodge Brother Joseph Serio. Brother Joe is 38 years old and has worked at Optimax Systems, Inc. on Dean Parkway in Ontario, for 20 years. Optimax manufactures high-precision custom optics and optical components. Brother Joe is a Manufacturing Group Leader in one of their optics departments.





# Damascus News

Damascus Shrine Center No. 2

April 2015

**Shrine Meetings**  
**Dinner Reservations Required**  
**Call: (585) 671-7701 or (585) 671-3565**

**Shrine Office Hours**  
**Monday — Friday**  
**9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

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

## SHRINEABILIA

By Derek Van Houten

Just a short entry this month and more about a Brother who has provided several items of historical content to some of our recent articles. Many of you may have met him and he hails from the Webster Lodge.

His name is Chuck White and he constantly surprises me with unique items on which I comment. If you look closely in the Historical Cabinet, there is a small round pin that I stuck into the shelf. He gave it to me in a small brown envelope. He Winters in Florida so he won't be around 'till warmer weather comes this way.

If you see him, tell him thanks for the historical memories he has given to Damascus. He finds his artifacts at garage sales and flea markets while on the road. From me, thanks for your valued assistance and keep those interesting items coming. His email address begins with "blue14room" ... someday I will have to find out what that means. □

### Legion of Honor has a New Commander



Potentate Wayne McCrossen (left) congratulating the new Legion of Honor Commander, Cy White (right).



## KEVIN FARO

CHIEF RABBAN

By Kevin "Skins" Faro, Chief Rabban

Wow, time is flying; we are already past the first quarter of the year.

I had a nice visit to the Geneva Shrine Club where the Christmas Party was discussed. Plans are already in the works for another bigger and better Holiday Party than last year's.

Keeping with a promise I made to all Nobles at the Installation, I have now attended two seminars in Tampa to improve my knowledge to better suit myself and the Divan as I serve Damascus. This knowledge, along with our dedication, will allow us to once again be one of the best Temples in Shrinedom.

I was in Tampa for the March meeting and, from what I heard, High Priest and Prophet, Jim Ryan, did a bang-up job with the entertainment. Once again, our meeting numbers are going up! Thank you all for coming out and supporting our Potentate and your Divan

**ACTION** ... If you are not receiving Weekly Constant Contact emails, please call the Office with a valid email address. □

## I Love the Parades!

By Tim Driscoll, Colonel of the Units

The Potentate has requested your participation in the Call-out Parades of 2015.

### What is a Call-out Parade?

This term is used by the Potentate to request all Clubs and Units to participate in the parades to the best of their ability. Marching or sitting ... if your legs are not as young as you are, we have fire trucks on which you may be able to ride and join the parade (unless inclement weather keeps them from appearing)!

### Mark Your Calendar

**Saturday, May 9th** - Lilac Festival Parade

**Thursday, July 16th** - Webster Firemen's Parade

The details for all the parades will be sent out by "constant contact" as they become available. As always, if you have any questions about information on meeting times and expectations, please contact Tim Driscoll, Colonel of the Units, Email: [timdr53@hotmail.com](mailto:timdr53@hotmail.com) Phone: (585) 732-2321.

We need your participation in these events to help us show the Rochester Community that being a Shriner is something very special, and all that it means for all the children we have helped and will continue to help.

Thank you for your support! □



## WAYNE M'CROSSEN POTENTATE



The February meeting was tremendous with a great Blues Band, The Bluesmasters, and over 90 attendance.

A big thank you to Vance Collom for his willingness to represent Damascus at the Directors Staff Convention in Georgia April 14-18. Who better to represent Damascus than Vance?



Vance Collom, who has been with the Directors Staff for many years, will represent Damascus Shriners at the Annual Convention of Directors in Savannah, Georgia. Thank you, Vance, for all you do for Damascus Shrine.

My thanks to all the Brothers who went to Geneva for Shrine Club. Lance McFetridge gave a talk about the Christmas Party at Geneva. Plans are already underway for this year.

The Lenten Fish Frys have been a great success. I give a shout-out of thanks to all who help bring this together. Also, to Norris and Annette Shapiro for spearheading the committee.

### St. Patrick's Day Celebration

The March meeting had an Irish theme. A great time was had by all. Special thanks goes to Jim Ryan who procured those wonderful Irish Dancers.



The dance troupe comprised of boys and girls ages five to teenager stole the assembled Nobles and Ladies hearts this evening.

**April 11th** is Noble Bring-a-Brother Night; Cocktails – 5 p.m.; Dinner – 6 p.m. Prime Rib, Seafood Alfredo, Chicken Marsala and Italian Sausage. Any Noble (and his Lady) who brings a Brother will eat free; the Brother and his Lady will also be free if reserved as such. Reservations due by April 3rd.

Nobles, let's make this a magnificent night. Remember your support helps us support the Hospitals who help the children. □

## 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). □

## 2015 Damascus News Boosters

**George & Lula Simon**  
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**Skip & Diane Waterstreet**  
**Chuck & Marlene White**  
**John & Sandra Wihlen**  
**In Memory of Carol Brickman**



## Attention All Veterans!

### Join the Legion of Honor

Damascus Legion of Honor needs Veterans to participate in the Unit activities. We would appreciate filling this Unit with Veterans whom are willing to perform the honorable duties to which they are committed; i.e., Color Guard, Flag Retirement Ceremony, etc.

The Legionnaires meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month, preceded by a dinner (see p.12 for meeting notice).

If you are interested in participating in this Unit, contact Cy White, Commander, (315) 597-9546 or make a reservation for their monthly dinner/meeting with Cy Kloner (585) 436-8216 or email:

[cylegalrx@hotmail.com](mailto:cylegalrx@hotmail.com) □

## DAMASCUS TRESTLEBOARD 2015 APRIL

- 1st Spring Fling @ Damascus; Tiled Shriners Meeting
- 11th Noble Bring-a-Brother
- 12th Seneca Casino Bus Trip
- 16th-19th NYOSA Spring Session, Niagara Falls, ON

## MAY

- 4th Divan Meeting
- 5th Cinco de Mayo Festival
- 6th Tiled Shriners Meeting
- 9th Lilac Festival Parade
- 9th-10th Springfield Bus Trip
- 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th - Friday Night Cruz Nights

## JUNE

- 14th Legion of Honor Flag Retirement Ceremony
- 24th Shriners Hospital for Children® Charity Fishing Event
- 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th - Friday Night Cruz Nights



## April Birthdays



Robert Anderson II  
A. Robert Banker  
Charles Blazey  
Stuart Bobry  
Allyn Borrino  
Joseph Bourcy III  
Jed Brandow  
William Brown  
Mitchel Buchinger  
Joshua Burke  
Thomas Burrall  
Frank Churnetski  
Raymond Cody II  
Michael Cowley  
Scott Cronk  
Robert Crystal  
James Davenport  
Phillip Dean  
Harry DeHollander  
Angelo DiCataldo  
Daniel Dixon, Sr.  
Bobby Dorgan  
John Dwyer  
James Gostley

Frederick Halik  
Harvard Harding  
Richard Hast  
Kenneth Hecker  
Robert Heselton  
Franklin Higgins  
Reginald Higgins  
Bruce Huie  
Milton Jefferson  
Bruce Kennedy  
Robert Kimmel  
Howard Kyper  
Scott Lasky  
Michael Lewis  
Herman Lyman  
Roger Lynch  
Mark Malchoff  
Kenneth Martens  
Carl Mason III  
Lance McFetridge  
Frederick McKinley  
Evar Miller  
Jeffrey Miller

Patrick Mulrooney  
Eric Murphy  
George Nasra  
Erwin Newell  
Arnold Palmer  
Gordon Palmer  
Dale Polmateer  
Andy Reynolds  
John Rogalski  
Norman Sandle  
Carmen SantaFerrara  
Frank Sassone  
Carl Scarpulla  
Lance Seeber  
Kenneth Stafford, Sr.  
Ronald Sterling  
Anthony Tabone  
Pedro Ugalde  
Michael VanAs  
Derek VanHouten  
Robert VanLare  
Peter VanVlack  
Raymond Zieman

## AUBURN SHRINE CLUB



By Dave Bowman

I started this article a little early. I have had planned surgery on one hip and am not sure I will be allowed to sit in my usual position to type ... so, do some early.

The weather is better ... my car has been washed (not by me) and Spring has GOT to come. With that in mind, Chuck Minster suggests we get a group of classic car owners to trek our way to Webster one of these Friday Nights in 2015 for the car rally. I know I'm willing to try with cars ahead and behind me to pull and push. Come on, we know you know about it and want to give it a try. You won't be lonely! Chuck's contact info is Phone: (315) 364-7528 or email: [cnkminster@hotmail.com](mailto:cnkminster@hotmail.com)

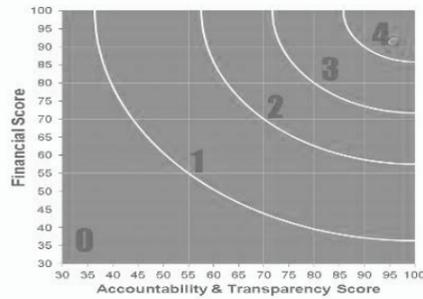
### Dues(?) Not Sure?

Chuck will have Ken's Dues book at the meetings so you can check. We really do need your \$10. If you receive mail invitations for each meeting, we use \$5 of your \$10 in stamps. Does anyone remember penny postcards?

Have you changed your home address, email address or phone numbers? I try to keep up, but each month I miss someone. Give me a call at (315) 253-3947 and let me know. Bob Coleman

complains that his list isn't up-to-date, but the last list I saw him working with was from Dave Balcom in 2001!

OK, how bored am I in the Winter weather? I started checking out the efficiency of my donations. I won't go through my list, but I thought, just for grins and giggles, I would put in Shriners



Hospitals for Children. Are you ready? These are out of four stars. I have tried to include the graph, but I'm not sure it will work. Anyway, Financial 91.30%, Accountability and Transparency 96%, with an overall rating of 93.22. 4 Stars all around. Made my heart skip a beat; I need to give credit to the site [charitynavigator.org](http://charitynavigator.org). Not saying everything on the web is true, but there is a prince in financial trouble, so I have to end now. ☐

## PERRY SHRINE CLUB



By Edgar J. Hollwedel

The February meeting of the Perry Shrine Club was well-attended and all present were emotionally impressed by the program presented by Steve Rapp. He spoke about the wonderful undertaking that happens each Spring and Fall in Rochester and other large cities.

The program is known as Honor Flight. Six or seven times a year, 45 Veterans are taken to Washington, DC, to see the Memorials built for the Veterans who fought and died to keep our Country free. This particular group flies out of Rochester early on a Saturday morning, landing in Washington, DC, where they are fed, taken on tours and stay overnight.

They head home on Sunday morning where they are met at the airport by about 500 people, welcomed home and thanked for their service. Many of the Vets are in their late 80s and 90s.

Many Shrine Club Members were in tears before the program was over. It's a great program for a great cause. Our thanks to Bob Cox who arranged the program.

### Upcoming Events

The **April 23rd** meeting will be at the Hole in the Wall Restaurant. The program will be presented by Hans Kunze, who speaks and writes about birds. In Spring, what a fitting subject. Don't miss it. The program has been arranged by Russ Gillett.

On **May 28th**, we will meet at the Lumberyard Restaurant and Derek Van Houten will tell us about "The History of the Shrine."

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

Don't forget our very popular Summer Brunch on Sunday, **August 16th**, at 10 a.m. at the Lumberyard Restaurant.

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

The Perry Shrine Club is always looking for new members. If you may be interested in joining, please call Edgar Hollwedel at (585) 494-0066 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. ☐

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## Daughters of the Nile Zama Temple No. 14

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

**Barbara Jean Smith, Queen**

Written By Ellie Canfield

I'm thinking about our Queen, Barbara Jean Smith, whose year is almost over. Queen Barbara Jean tried very hard to plan new events this past year. As we know some were successful and some were not.

As of March 3, Barbara Jean was in Highland Hospital recovering from surgery. I understand that she will have to have a pacemaker after her recovery from prior surgery.

March 14th will be our Election of Officers for the years 2015-2016. In my next article I will write about Zama Temple's Installation. I am very sure we will be busy with some new ideas.

Now to finish my information on Daughters of the Nile ...

### How do Daughters of the Nile support Shriners Hospitals for Children®?

They do this by monetary donations to the Daughters of the Nile Foundation Convalescent Endowment Fund and Convalescent Relief Account and the Canadian Foundation Convalescent Endowment and Relief Funds, which provides support for patient care. Members also sew garments, donate toys, games and other items to the Shriners Hospitals for Children. Some members volunteer at the hospitals and host parties for the children.

### What is the Emblem for Daughters of the Nile?

The emblem is a scimitar with a white rose. The colors of the order are green, gold and white.

### Where is the birthplace of Daughters of the Nile?

Daughters of the Nile originated in Seattle, Washington, in 1913 and just celebrated its 100th Anniversary in 2013.

Now after reading all this information about Daughters of the Nile, you are probably wondering how many subordinate Temples of Daughters of the Nile exist and where are they located?

There are 137 Temples - 126 in the United States and 11 in Canada with membership in excess of 25,000.

### Additional Information

The Supreme Temple, Daughters of the Nile Foundation in the United States, is a 501(c)(3) Non-profit Corporation; the Canadian Trust maintains permanent endowment funds to benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children® and Canada. All monetary donations promote, support and maintain the philanthropic endeavors that enhance the medical care and treatment of the patients in the Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

### Murder Mystery Dinner "Pasta, Passion & Pistols"

**Saturday, May 16th**

at Shrine Center

Social - 5:30 p.m. ~ 6 p.m. - Dinner & Play

\$20 per person

Reservations to Robin Locke

by May 13th - Phone: 585-545-8787

Until next time stay warm and pray for "SPRING." ☐

### Mark Your Calendar Now!

Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie is participating in the Highmark Walk on:

### Saturday, June 6th at Presque Isle State Park

Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield underwrites the cost of the walk so that 100 percent of the money raised by Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie Team walkers goes directly to Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie. Online registration opens Monday, February 2nd. ☐



## What's New in Erie...

### Spine Injury Study Wins National Award

A research collaboration between Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie and Mercyhurst University has won a national award. The article titled, "Cervical Spine Motion During American Football Equipment Removal Protocols: A Challenge to the All-or-Nothing Endeavor," was headed by Mercyhurst Sports Medicine Department Chairman, Bradley Jacobson.

The research team includes Kevin M. Cooney, PT and Manager of the Shriners Movement Analysis Lab; Biomechanist, Dustin Bruening, Ph.D. (formerly of Shriners Hospital); Mike Cendoma, CEO of Sports Medicine Concepts; and Mercyhurst Graduate, Jacob Gdovin, now a Ph.D. Student in Biomechanics at Old Miss. The research article was published in the *Journal of Athletic Training*.

The study establishes proper protocols for managing the on-field emergency care of football players with apparent cervical cord injuries. They assert that proper pre-hospital on-field medical care of the spine-injured athlete, including equipment removal, is critical in limiting secondary cervical spine injury while also allowing access to the airway and chest compressions.

"Because these types of injuries are infrequent, the protocols for handling them probably aren't practiced as much as they should be," Jacobson said. "How to remove equipment with minimal movement to the player; how to access exposure to the chest for compressions and the airway for ventilations while stabilizing the head and neck efficiently ... Every staff member needs to know his or her specific role."

The research was conducted in Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie's Movement Analysis Laboratory. The subjects of the research were local high school football players.

"This collaboration represents the unique ability to take concept to reality. When Brad and Mike approached us with the concept of the pack-and-fill protocol, which challenged convention, we realized we had the team and tool to prove their theory was correct. Receiving an award for this publication is the

icing on top of an already rewarding experience," said Cooney.

The research article was awarded the Kenneth L. Knight Award for the Outstanding Research Manuscript of 2014. The *Journal of Athletic Training* Kenneth L. Knight Award for the Outstanding Research Manuscript is given each year to the best manuscript in the research category.

### Bids for Kids 2015

On the snowy evening of February 21st, the Erie community turned out to support three charities at GE Transportation's "Bids for Kids." The elegant evening featured both a live and silent auction, a delightful dinner and a fully stocked bar. The highlight of the evening was the story of each charity's featured kid.

For Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie, the story of Kiara Hawk came with mixed emotions because, unfortunately, Kiara and her sister were not able to be in attendance due to the weather conditions. Even still, when Kiara's video debuted, there was not a dry eye in the house.

SHC-Erie thanks GE Transportation and their Leadership Programs for all the work they do to host this event. Thank you also to everyone who donated and attended the event. Early indications are the total raised will pass last year's record of \$140,000.

### Kiara's Story

Resiliency and determination come to mind when you think of Kiara Hawk, yet they do not do her justice. Kiara's challenges began at birth. She was to be adopted by the family who had adopted her brother, yet when she was diagnosed with spina bifida, that family decided they were not up to the task of raising a child with spina bifida.

Fortunately, a loving family adopted Kiara and entered into an open adoption, which allowed some interaction with her birth mother. The next surprise was a diagnosis of hydrocephalus and bilateral clubfoot. All of her conditions required multiple surgeries at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh after birth. As Kiara started to grow, the doctors at Children's told her family that she would never be able to walk. This is where Shriners enter the story.

An uncle, who is a Freemason, said,

"Take her to Shriners, they will get her walking." At the age of two, Kiara had her first visit to Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie and within two months she was walking down the halls of the facility. Emily Barlett, Kiara's sister, describes Kiara's independence and spirit, "The staff could only put her in braces, she never wanted to use her crutches, she would fight and scream."

Kiara went on to have multiple surgeries at Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie to correct her club feet and straighten her legs. The Rehabilitation Department continued to work with Kiara with many of her strides coming due to her feisty spirit and drive. Over time, her walking and independence improved.

Barlett calls what the Erie facility did for Kiara a miracle. Kiara's strength and determination have always extended beyond her physical limitations. She has had to use these attributes to deal with several tragedies in her life. Brice, her adopted father, passed away from infection, yet Kiara's spirit never wavered.

Sadly, more tragedy was to befall Kiara. On November 24, 2013, Kiara was in a car with Dianne, her adopted mother and her mother's fiancé, when they were involved in a terrible accident. Her mother and her mother's fiancé were killed instantly. There was a fear that Kiara had been killed as well. In fact when Barlett received a call, that no one should ever have to receive, she was told Kiara may not be alive.

Kiara had been rushed to Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. By the time Barlett reached the Hospital she discovered the call had gone out and Shriners from Syria Shriners in Pittsburgh, including the Potentate were already at Kiara's bedside. They had arrived for support, bringing flowers and teddy bears. "Shriners treat you like a family," says Barlett of the experience.

That night Barlett was informed of severe burns that Kiara suffered to her right foot during the accident. When the Shriners found out about the severe burns to Kiara's foot, the Shriners were willing to have her air-lifted that night (at no cost to the family) to Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Cincinnati, which specializes in burn care. The Shriners continued to offer support in-

cluding sitting by Kiara's bedside so Barlett could attend the funeral of her parents.

As Kiara began to regain consciousness she told her sister, Barlett, I want to go home NOW. This was only a week after the accident. Barlett says, "when Kiara wants something now, she wants it NOW." To be discharged from the Hospital, Kiara and Barlett would have to demonstrate they were able to maneuver independently. Barlett recounts Kiara's determination to get home, "Kiara said to me, 'I want out of here, let's work to get to that chair in the corner.'

I said to her 'How are we going to get there?' and Kiara said to me, 'We'll figure it out.' The physical therapist watched us and said they had more confidence sending us home than anyone they ever had. Twelve days after the accident they were home. Barlett credits Kiara's absolute determination. Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh believed that amputation of her right leg and arm was the best course of action after the accident, because of Kiara's previous ten years of treatment at Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie Emily knew if anyone could work miracles with Kiara's leg and arm it was the staff at Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie. While working with the Erie facility staff, Kiara called on all her spirit and determination and was able to begin walking again. "It is a miracle she was able to walk the first time, let alone the second," Barlett said. Barlett describes the quality of care Kiara has received at Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie as phenomenal. "Shriners ask how we are doing, Kiara is not just a patient to them, she is a person," said Barlett. From her darkest moments to her steepest challenges, Kiara has a spirit and determination that are unparalleled. Her focus and drive for normalcy and to enjoy life from video games to movies is almost otherworldly. Barlett says, "We still have moments where we sit and cry together, but Kiara is determined to be normal." A video of Kiara's story can be found on the SHC-Erie YouTube channel. To access the channel log onto:

[www.youtube.com/user/SHCErie](http://www.youtube.com/user/SHCErie)

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

## Springfield Happenings ...

### New Administrator at SHC-Springfield

H. Lee Kirk, Jr., FACHE, has been hired as the Administrator for Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Springfield.

Kirk brings over 30 years of progressive experience as a Senior Healthcare Executive. Most recently having served as President and CEO at Culpeper Regional Health System (CRHS) in Virginia, which is comprised of a 70-bed acute-care hospital, a cancer center, a multi-specialty clinic, an ambulatory surgery center and several other service lines in that community.

Previous employers include Methodist Health System in Memphis, TN, and Lee Memorial Hospital in Fort Myers, FL.

Kirk received his Undergraduate Degree from the University of Tennessee and a Masters in Hospital Administration from George Washington University in Washington, DC.

He is the proud father of three adult children and has relocated to Western Massachusetts with his wife, Kim. □

### Monson Savings Bank Donation

For the second year in a row, Shriners Hospitals for Children® - Springfield has

made the list of top ten organizations in the Monson Savings Bank Annual Voting Promotion. Members of the community were asked to vote for the organization they would like to support, and the top ten who collected the most votes would receive a donation from the bank.

Steve Lowell, President of Monson Savings Bank said, "Every year, we donate more than \$100,000 to organizations doing important work in the communities we serve. For several years now, we've been asking the community for input for which groups they'd like us to support, and we've been so pleased by how many people participate."

This voting promotion is an innovative way to get community members involved by giving them the power to vote for their favorite organizations to receive a donation. This year, more than 4,300 votes were cast for two hundred non-

profits. Because of the dedicated voters who chose Shriners Hospital for Children® - Springfield as their organization of choice, the Hospital was ranked second on the list and received a generous \$1,500 donation. □

### National Burn Awareness Week

In an effort to support National Burn Awareness Week, February 1st-7th, we were fortunate to have local firefighters, from the S.A.F.E. (Student Awareness of Fire Education) Program visit Shriners Hospitals for Children® in Springfield, Massachusetts. This visit has been an annual event for 20 years with many firefighters teaching patients and families life-saving burn awareness tips in a fun way.

On February 3rd, thirteen Firefighters and Sparky the Fire Dog interacted with patients in the Hospital's Outpatient Department by teaching them about fire safety. The Firefighters handed out bright pencils that change color with the heat of your hand, mini-coloring books and even quizzed patients on what to do in case of a fire or if their clothes were

on fire. Each patient was also given a bright red firefighter's hat to take home as a reminder of the tips they were taught to stay safe and be aware.

Throughout the week, a burn awareness display was set up in the hospital lobby, and each day a new tip was featured. The display provided complimentary burn prevention materials including



Lee Roberts (right), Public Relations Specialist at SHC-Springfield accepting the \$1,500 donation on the Hospital's behalf from Steve Lowell (left), President of Monson Savings Bank.



age-appropriate activity books, posters and fact sheets for visitors, patients, their families and staff to take home with them.

For more information about our year-long Be Burn Aware Campaign, please visit our website:

[www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org/beburnaware](http://www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org/beburnaware) □



# Mark Your Calendar & Join Upcoming Events ...

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

## Damascus Shriners

**Noble  
Bring-a-Brother**



**Saturday, April 11th  
Oasis Opens - 5 p.m.  
Dinner - 6 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

Bourbon Street Jazz Band 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

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.

## Directors Staff

Dinner Meeting

**Wednesday  
April 22nd**  
Yellow Mills Diner

2534 Route 31, Palmyra

Order off the Menu  
**Social - 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 Legion of Honor

**Wednesday, April 8th**

Damascus Shrine Center; 979 Bay Road, Webster

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

Salad \* Swiss Steak \* Mashed Potatoes  
Vegetable \* Rolls & Butter \* Coffee or Tea \*  
Dessert

**\$12 per person  
Meeting - 7 p.m.**

RSVP no later than Noon, Monday, April 6th at (585) 436-8216  
or email: [cylegalrx@hotmail.com](mailto:cylegalrx@hotmail.com)

## Shriners Charity Fishing Event

proceeds 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)

## Trip to Shriners Hospital for Children®-Springfield



All Nobles, Ladies and Guests are invited to join Potentate, Wayne McCrossen, & Past Potentate, Lance Ward, on a great bus trip and tour of one of our finest Childrens Hospitals.

Leaving Shrine Center Saturday, May 9th  
Returning Sunday, May 10th  
Price: \$260 Single; \$450 per Couple

Includes Room with Continental Breakfast, Lunches, Transportation, Trip to Foxwood Casino and Norman Rockwell Museum

RSVP by April 15th to (585) 671-3565

See [www.damascusshriners.org](http://www.damascusshriners.org) for further details.

Save the Date! ...

**Flag  
Retirement  
Ceremony  
Sunday  
June 14th  
2:00 p.m.**

at Damascus Shrine Center  
Conferred by  
Damascus  
Legion of Honor  
~ Shrine Band ~  
~ Refreshments ~

## OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

**Cinco de Mayo Festival  
Tuesday, May 5th**

5 p.m. – Until ...

\$20 per person includes:  
All-you-can-eat Taco Bar

2 huge Margaritas w/ Souvenir Glass  
Professional Salsa Instructor, Victoria  
and a Close-up Illusionist!

Please reserve by Friday, May 1st to  
(585) 671-3565



Dedicated to  
the Memory  
of Nobles

Harvey E. Anderson  
February 10, 2015



Robert L. Curtis  
February 10, 2015

William H. Rindfleisch  
March 7, 2015

## Damascus Shriners Tiled Meeting

Wednesday, May 6th

Social - 5 p.m. ~ Dinner - 6 p.m. ... \$12 per person ~  
Dinner by Forest Hill Catering

Menu: Baked Stuffed Chicken Breast, Italian Meatballs,  
Pork Cutlet Marsala, Baked Potato, Red Pasta, Vegetable,  
Tossed Salad, Rolls & Coffee

Attire Expected - FEZ, Suit/Sport Coat & Tie  
Reservations due by Noon, May 1st



Thank you to the Nobles whom were front-and-center at Rochester's St. Patrick's Day Parade. The cold weather couldn't stop them and Rochester felt their presence!

Note the photo-bombing Snowman.

## Damascus Shriners Euchre Tournaments

Last Saturday of the Month ...

Spring Season ~ April 25th and May 30th

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)  
or Call (585) 671-7701 Shrine Center



**Webster Lodge**

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My advice to Webster Lodge's incoming Master next season would be to schedule this event during the Spring when the weather is nicer.

Our February 14th Valentine's Day Ladies Luncheon had a great turnout. Twenty-five Brothers and guests enjoyed a delicious buffet lunch at Proietti's Italian Restaurant. Once in a while I think it is important to stand back and acknowledge the strength behind most Masons - their women. And I think the Valentine's Luncheon was a good start. Thank you, Brothers.

March 5th we enjoyed a "Walk-About the Lodge" Program at the direction of our Senior Warden, Brother Jeremy Knox. The "Walk-About" Program has always been a favorite with many Brothers. Understanding the roles and responsibilities of the many Stations and Places within our Lodge Room is valuable enlightenment. Not only understanding the roles as defined by Grand Lodge but also those mapped out in our individual Lodge constitutions and traditions. My thanks to Brother Knox for his assistance and support.

**April Birthdays**

Webster Lodge Brothers celebrating a birthday in the month

of April are Brothers Joseph Bahamonde; Wesley Beard; Allyn Borrino; Timothy Brown; John Clapp; Scott Cronk; Robert Crum; Daniel Dixon, Sr.; Howard Kyper; Gordon Palmer; David Palumbo; Harold Robinson; Atilla Serce; Joseph Serio; Donald Tingley; and Ogi Willis.

**Masonic Anniversaries**

Webster Lodge Brothers celebrating being Raised in the month of April are Brothers Patrick Andrews; Richard Batzing; Mark Brooks; Gregory Brown; Capone Bufearon; Chas Campbell; Vernon Collier; Wayne Colom; Craig Connelly; George Corbett; Scott Cronk; Ronald Degroff; Paul Denk; Gregory Dezio; Paul Dill; Daniel Dixon, Sr.; Mark Fenton; Dennis Gellasch; William Gross; James Hartman; Bruce Hegedorn; George Heissenberger; James Jolley; Jeremy Knox; Paul Kollacki; Daniel Korn; Christopher Loftus; Ronald Mack; Edward Maeske; Scott Masucci; Andy McQuade; Alejandro Medoza; Gregori Monoenko; Daniel Nelson; Michael Nohle; Thomas Pellett, Jr.; Dennis Pilato; Wayne Pressler; Aaron Proulx; Dan Robinson; John Ross; James Ryan; Joe Serio; Ronald Soltzick; James Sutter; G. Barry Traub; Daniel VanDorn; Nathan VanLoon; John Valalo; Charles White; and Ronald Williams. □

at our May 26th meeting, the day after Memorial Day

**Sickness and Distress**

As I prepared this column, I learned of the passing of Roberta Shelby, wife of W.: William Shelby, DSA. Roberta battled health issues for a long time. For years, she (and Brother Bill) coordinated the annual Chinese Dinner. Our sympathy is extended to the family.

Also mourning a family loss is Brother Guy Morse. His Uncle, W.: Robert Curtis, passed away on February 10th. I didn't know their relationship, but I knew Brother Curtis. He and I were Masters of our respective Lodges in 1976, where our notoriety was for our distinctive blazers. Our sympathy to Brother Guy and his family as well.

Another Brother was called home by the Great Architect, adding to this column just before it went to press. R.: W.: G. Thomas Grape, past Grand Director of Ceremonies, died March 15th. A Dual Affiliate of our Lodge, Brother Tom was known throughout the District for his Ritual prowess, not only in Lodge, but with the Shriners Degree Team as well.

A Masonic Memorial Service will be held at the Damascus Shrine Center, 979 Bay Road in Webster on Sunday, April 26th, at 2:30 p.m. The Center will be open from 2 until 4 p.m. for visitation with the family.

R.: W.: Mike Dox had another procedure and was absent from the 2nd Degree Communication. We hope he has recovered completely by the time you see this.

W.: Clyde Siverd, DSA, and Brother Rene VanDeVeire are still improving. We hope they will be back among us soon.

**Happy Occasion**

Eighteen of our Brothers are celebrating birthdays this month. Feel free to send greetings to: Andreas Reynolds (2nd); Derek VanHouten (3rd); Ronald D. Sterling and Jeffrey Miller (6th); George Gray (7th); Michael Kelly and Scott Lasky (13th); Carl Robinson (14th); David Clarke and Mark Jacobs (15th); Harold Silvis and Scott Mason (17th); Robert Anderson (18th); Sion Honea (21st); Guy Clark 26th); John Rogalski (27th); and Isaac Taylor and William Cook (28th). Have a special day!

**Dues are Overdue**

My Brothers, the current information I looked at indicates about one-third of our membership still owes Dues for 2015 and one-third of those are also in arrears for 2014 Dues. Won't you please check your Dues card? If it is not current, please send your check to the Secretary so he can clear your account.

I'm always dumbfounded when I see or hear the list of names who have not paid their Dues. You were excited, at some point, about joining the Fraternity. If that is no longer the case, why not dimit? That leaves you in good standing and able to re-join very simply at a later time, should you choose to do so. If you are so disillusioned that you hang on to the point where the Lodge kicks you out for non-payment of Dues, why? To me,

that certainly does not display Masonic values. The Lodge is forced to pay your Grand Lodge assessment during this time. While it is a financial burden some Lodges find difficult to support, there is no choice. If you dimit, you are removed from the Lodge roster at Grand Lodge, and are free and clear to do whatever you wish. If you are not aware of this point, the result of being an NPD is immediate removal from the roster of any other Masonic Organization. I hope this motivates some of you to ante up!

**Brotherhood Fund**

Another topic I have failed to mention recently is the Annual Brotherhood Fund Campaign. R.: W.: Mike Hueston will be happy to accept your contribution. The amount is not as significant as is the fact that you made a contribution.

Some of our newer Brothers may not be familiar with this appeal. You have a selection of choices or can designate the Grand Master's allocation, which means he can direct the funds to programs as needed. More extensive details can be obtained from Brother Mike. The deadline each year is the end of May, so you have another month to consider what you might be able to do to help fellow Masons in need.

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At our second meeting, we had the Scottish Rite, Rite on the Road Degree, *Spectacles at Newburgh* presented. Thank you to R.: W.: Steve Michener, R.: W.: Phil Hurwitz and Brother Lance Daul for coming out and presenting the Degree. This Degree, written by R.: W.: Steve, is a wonderful program. Anyone planning their Trestleboards for next year will want to get this on the calendar!

Finally, we also held our monthly Euchre Tournament at Pleasure Lanes in Hilton. It was a good crowd. We are starting to develop a regular following.

**April Events**

On April 7th, W.: Mike Postilli and Brother Bayard Burch will be presenting the *Walk-About the Lodge* Program to acquaint our newly Raised Brothers with the Landmarks of the Lodge as well as Lodge Etiquette.

At our April 21st meeting, R.: W.: Steve Michener will be presenting his Mozart Program. This is the re-scheduled date from March. I know I am looking especially forward to seeing this and thanks to R.: W.: Steve for re-scheduling.

Our monthly Euchre Tournament will be on Sunday, April 26th, at Pleasure Lanes in Hilton. Registration is at 12 Noon, and play begins at 1 p.m.

**April Birthdays**

Happy Birthday this month to the DeHollanders - Brother Brett and V.: W.: Harry, W.: Dale Polmateer and Brothers Randy Conlon, Rob Lane, David Partiss Frank Sassone.

**Closing Thought**

Here is quote that I found fitting about the secrets of Freemasonry. *"The secret of Masonry, like the secret of life, can be known only by those who seek it, serve it, live it. It cannot be uttered; it can only be felt and acted. It is, in fact, an open secret, and each man knows it according to his quest and capacity. Like all things worth knowing, no one can know it for another and no man can know it alone."*  
Dr. Joseph Fort Newton □



Brothers of Masonic War Veterans who provide a monthly birthday party for residents of the Canandaigua VA facility. (Front, l-r) Don Osbourne, Richard Spagenburg, Emil Schirano and Gordon Palmer. (Back, l-r) Grant Kothringer, Vance Collom and Cyrus White.

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By R.: W.: Skip Waterstreet

Upcoming this month will be our second, 2nd Degree. We Initiated three Candidates last month and, assuming suitable proficiency is achieved, will Pass them on April 28th. They will then join with our waiting Fellowcrafts to be Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on Saturday, June 13th, which will be a full day. More details will be distributed later, but the current plans call for a light breakfast, followed by the 1st Section of the Degree.

After a break for lunch, the 2nd Section of the Degree will be conferred upon this class. We reconvene later for a congratulatory Dinner for our newly Raised Master Masons and their

family members. Please mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend.

**Another Change**

Before that happens, we are scheduled to have a Table Lodge on April 14th. I know last month I said we were having one, but we did a switch and planned to hold the Past Masters' Night on March 24th, along with Adam Gerken's presentation.

As usual, Social Hour is at 5:30 p.m. and Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Make your reservation for either of these Tuesday Dinners with our Junior Warden, Ryan Ramplin, unless you are on the permanent list for Dinners.

As for the Saturday function in June, I assume special reservations will be required for the Lunch and the Dinner. More details should be mentioned in next month's column.

**Plans for May**

You should also have on your calendar, that our Annual Meeting and Election of Officers is on Tuesday, May 12. Plan to attend to hear the status of the Lodge and vote for the Brothers to lead us in the 2015-2016 Masonic year.

Brother Jared Sherwin is scheduled to present a program

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Brothers, I hope by the time you're reading this the snow has melted, and the temperatures are warming. The Masonic Year is winding down, but there is still a lot happening so keep coming out to the Lodge.

**February Highlights**

Our first meeting in February was a School of Ritual. R.: W.: Roy Moses went through the Entered Apprentice Degree. Thank you to our own V.: W.: Harry DeHollander for helping out.

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Mother Nature amended our February plans by forcing the cancellation of our Ladies' Night Program.

Our February 23rd meeting, however, was the Passing of our seven Entered Apprentices, plus a guest from Inspiration Lodge, to the Degree of Fellowcraft.

Our February 23rd meeting set a tone of high expectations with one of the Entered Apprentices undergoing examination in Open Lodge (Note: Grand Lodge does not permit the publications of new Brothers' names until they are Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason). Brother Bruce Katz was in the East; Brother James Wright presented the Working Tools; and Senior Deacon, Brother Jim MacDuff, presented the Middle Chamber Lecture.

Brother Jim Holman provided organ music, a welcome touch to the Degree. The Master's Charge was presented by W.: Dave Upham, DSA.

Four visiting Brothers also

attended this Degree. V.: W.: Hugh Woodside provided a very favorable evaluation to our Edict Degree, and most importantly, our new Fellowcrafts enthusiastically described their experience for this Degree.

One of the "points of pride" in our Lodge is our "Saturday Morning Review Sessions." Brothers Dave Upham, Mike VanAs, Jim MacDuff and James Wright are continuing working with our newest Brothers for Ritual review as well as discussion about "what does it all mean?"

**Have-a-Heart Campaign**

Our support of the Ronald McDonald Houses continued in February as our Brothers provided a dinner for the resi-

dents, in addition to a contribution of their time supporting the *Have-a-Heart* Campaign. It is truly touching to speak with those who make donations who have been directly served by this charity. One woman said that she stayed at the Ronald McDonald House during its first week of operation many years ago.

**Sad News**

On a sad note, this past month, W.: Bob Curtis was elevated to the Supreme Lodge above on February 10th. We are once again reminded of our short time to pass this way. Friends are invited to attend a Celebration of Bob's life on Sunday, May 17th at 12 Noon in the Damascus Shrine Cen-

ter, 979 Bay Road, Webster. Those wishing may contribute to Shriners Hospitals for Children® in Bob's memory, c/o 979 Bay Road, Webster 14580.

Like the weather, April is a study of contrasts. Our April 13th meeting defines the future of our Lodge with the Raising of new Brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

**Widows Luncheon**

April 25th is the Widows Luncheon ... This event honors those special Ladies of our departed Brothers.

On April 27th, we will recognize our Past Masters. Let's see if we can have a record turnout of Brothers to welcome our newest Brothers and honor our Past Masters. □



**Lalla Rookh GROTTO News**

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Weather controlled most of our recent Grotto schedule. Our February 2nd Board of Governors meeting had to be canceled; cold and snow.

Two days later, at The Mall at Greece Ridge, our Prophets and our Caldron Sisters braved more cold and snow to participate in this year's *Have-a-Heart* Campaign. Not many people at the Mall, but we still did a great job. My thanks to all who participated.

On Wednesday, February 18th, we finally held our Board of Governors meeting at 4:30 p.m. After that meeting, we sat down to our Annual Swiss Steak Dinner, and that was followed by our regular meeting. Thanks again to all who braved the snow; the turnout was great and the food outstanding.

As I write this message the first week in March, nothing has changed ... just more snow and cold. Let's hope our March meetings are successful.

**April Birthdays**

Derek Van Houten (3rd), Paul Bissanit (10th), Harry DeHollander (18th) and Frank Churnetski (23rd). □

**Clip & Post**

**April 6th** – Board of Governors Meeting; 7 p.m., Grotto Office

**April 15th** – Regular Meeting. Ham Dinner - 6:30 p.m. Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

**April 17th-18th** – ESGA Spring Meeting. East Syracuse

**May 4th** – Board of Governors Meeting; 7 p.m., Grotto Office

**May 20th** – Regular Meeting. Ham Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

*Daughters of Mokanna*



By Jan Porter, MCO

We have lots of activities planned for the near future. **New York, Here We Come!**

Currently we are preparing for the Supreme Visit of the Supreme Mighty Chosen One, Elizabeth Lockwood-Tamsett. She will be joining several of our members on a train trip to New York City for the Supreme Visit of Azim Caldron. We will be joined by several Azim Members on the return trip for our Supreme Visit on May 16th.

Lalla Rookh Grotto Prophets have been asked to entertain the spouses of those who visit Rochester. We're looking forward to the trip and Visits.

**Summer Plans**

This Summer, we have beverage sales at Spencerport Canal Days and are planning to visit our Canadian Members during the Canadian National Exhibition. □



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

**Lalla Rookh Grotto**

**Golf Tournament**  
**June 27th**

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**Have-a-Heart Results**

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**Monroe District Masters and Wardens**

Most important, thank you to all the people shopping at the Malls who, without their generosity, we couldn't accomplish our goals.

On a personal note I thank Ken Hecker, Monroe District *Have-a-Heart* Chairman, who worked every day by my side. You were a valuable asset. Thanks.

We will have a check presentation, but believe me it will be in warmer weather. As soon as arrangements are made it will be announced. On behalf of Ronald McDonald Houses and the *Have-a-Heart* Committee, once more our eternal thanks. □

**Camp Turk Sign Up**

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safe environment of fun, activities and experiences that they will treasure throughout their lives. It also gives you peace-of-mind knowing your child is well-supervised while you are at work.

Our Camp Administrator Mollie Denslow is happy to talk to you about the Camp Turk Program, and there is lots of information on the website:

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**Heart Disease**

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# York Rite NEWS

## Hiram Chapter No. 62



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### What's Happening

Grand Chapter Convocation was held from March 5th - 7th in Albany. The new Grand High Priest is M.:E.: Cyril Francis and our DDGHP is R.:E.: K. Rick Howe.

Companion Rick conveyed the Grand High Priest's Message at our March 26th meeting. If you did not attend that meeting, come to our April meetings and we will keep you up-to-date on what is happening in Grand Chapter and around the State.

Our April 9th meeting will see the conferral of the Mark Master Mason and Past Master Degrees on our Candidates who were unable to attend the Degree Festival we sponsored in January. Please come and meet our Candidates and support the conferral of the Degrees. We would like to commend the Officers and Companions who are working on the Degrees - especially Companion Lance Daul for coordinating the cast members.

These two Degrees are the start of the York Rite set of Degrees and include very interesting lessons for the Companions to contemplate. The Companions at our February 26th meeting discussed some of the meanings and history of the Past Master Degree taken from the Capitular Development Course.

Your High Priest has been reading, for the second time, the book "Third Degree: Leadership, Project Management &

Old-School Masonry" by Brother John R. Hill, Jr. It is a very thought-provoking book and contains many ideas for how to improve the management and leadership of a Lodge. This also can be applied to a Chapter.

In the coming months, we will be discussing some of the topic and documentation discussed in the book to be used to improve Hiram Chapter. We have a Chapter with a decent membership and finances, but we need to work on methods and techniques to improve and define who we are, what we do, when we are going to do it and how we are going to do it. Building this will take the input and consensus of our Companions. Your High Priest is receptive for any suggestions for improving our meetings, programs and other activities so get in touch, or attend a meeting and let the Companions present know your feelings.

Some have said the York Rite is the elite of Freemasonry. I feel it is better portrayed as those Masons who will use all means available to improve their knowledge and experience in our beloved Fraternity. Keep this in mind as you meet and get to know more Masons through your Lodge and other Masonic events. We are looking for those who are truly interested in working to find their own meaning of all the Masonic Rituals, and membership in the Chapter can add greatly to that knowledge and experience.

In the Fellowcraft Degree, the Candidate is informed that his wages consist of corn, wine and oil and where they are paid. In the Opening and Closing of a Lodge the Senior Warden states that he pays the Craft their wages if any be due.

Most Masons do not look at the wages question with any comprehension of the meaning. However, the Mark Master Mason Degree does add to this and

the Chapter Companions can begin to understand the differences and meanings of the two wage events given in the Lodge.

We are not going get into the meanings as in all Masonic Ritual, the meaning is left up to the Brother/Companion to work out for themselves. The beginning of understanding occurs when you take or witness the Mark Master Mason Degree.

More can be said of the remaining Chapter Degrees, but that is for another time and article. So enjoy Spring, its flowers and the renewal of plant life as we move towards Summer and all of its pleasures. But don't forget to come to Chapter meetings to improve your Masonic Light and the Spring of your Masonic Year. □

## Doric Council No. 19 Cryptic Masons

(Chartered 1861)

3rd Wednesday



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The work of our April meeting will be a presentation of the Royal Master Degree.

We are looking forward to elections in May and the conferral of the Select Master Degree in the near future.

### Nuggets of Wisdom from the Cryptic Website

In order for us to comprehend Cryptic Masonry, let us review our understanding of all 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 Cryptic Degrees

(Conferred in a Council under the Jurisdiction of a Grand Council of Cryptic Masons) It is a peculiarity of the York Rite, whether intended or not by the authors, that the movement of the Degrees is often inverse, and the historical connection reversed so that we apparently go forward in regular progression. The knowledge and light gained always reflects backward upon a path we have traveled before and Degrees that seemed completed when we received them, are found to require the explanation of the subsequent Degrees before they can be understood. That is what makes the infinite interest in the work and causes the reflective Mason to continually study the sublime precepts and ceremonies of the Order.

This is especially true of the Cryptic Degrees, two of which historically precede the Royal Arch Degree, but which hold in

reserve their valuable teachings until the Candidate is ready to receive them with the most impressive effect.

### Royal Master Degree

In the Royal Master Degree, Hiram Abif is alive and speaks, imparting to the Candidate the sublime teachings of useful labor on earth and a worthy end of life. The tragedy of his untimely death is again brought forth with the great loss suffered by the Craft. This is considered one of the most beautiful Degrees in all Masonry. It teaches the great lessons of right living here on earth of that superstructure necessary for the erection of the spiritual temple.

The Holy vessels are the proper symbols for this Degree, for they were the work of one of the most skilled artisans of the day. They teach the necessity of having perfect bodies and minds to house man's immortal soul.

In the Select Master Degree, we have dramatized for us one of the incidents that occurred during the building of the Temple. It is closely connected with the Royal Arch Degree and, in fact, it affords the explanation needed for its perfect understanding. The place of meeting represents a "Secret Vault" or crypt beneath the Temple.

Our three Ancient Grand Masters appear in charge of a very important work connected with the Temple. One of King Solomon's most particular friends is promoted to the work, in which only a limited number are employed.

The Degree ends with the great tradition which runs through Freemasonry, and constitutes an explanation satisfactory in all details as to certain traditional happenings, a knowledge of which is necessary for proper understanding of the Story of Freemasonry.

It teaches a wonderful lesson ... that of overlooking the failings of those who, through ignorance or curiosity, may often overstep the bounds of propriety.

The Ark of the Covenant is the proper symbol of this Degree. Its traditions, use and symbolism are fully explained to the Candidate and those who do receive this Degree are truly Select Masters.

### Super Excellent Masters Degree

The last or 3rd Degree in the Cryptic Rite is the Super Excellent Masters Degree. The origin of this Degree is unknown. It was not listed as a side Degree of European Masonry in a catalog of over 700 known Degrees which was published in the 19th Century.

The earliest account of its conferral was on December 2, 1817, when Columbian Council No. 2, the Mother Council of Royal Masters in New York City opened a Lodge of Super Excellent Masters. In the ensuing years, a number of Councils conferred this Degree, while

other Councils strongly objected to it having a place in the Cryptic System. The question was temporarily resolved, late in the 19th Century, by making it an "optional" or "side" Degree of the Rite.

Then at the Triennial Assembly of the General Grand Council in 1924, the Degree was formally adopted as a permanent part of the Cryptic Rite and was to be conferred upon, or communicated to, all Candidates. In actual practice today, most Grand Councils permit this Degree to be conferred on an optional basis.

The Super Excellent Degree is one of the most dramatic and impressive in all of Freemasonry and is especially significant in that it is the only Degree based directly upon the destruction of the Temple of Solomon. Whether you agree or not, there is no question as to its historical and Masonic value, teaching a great lesson in fidelity.

The Degree requires the largest cast of characters of any of the Degrees, and ends with a climax never to be forgotten. It teaches that while men may continue to build, the only permanent temple is that spiritual temple which each erects within himself. In colorful and spectacular manner, this Degree portrays the fatal effects which follow the violation of sacred obligations.

The Degree has its emblems, which are the Square, the Circle and the Triangle - the symbolism of which is fully explained to the Initiate. The Degree constitutes the perfect drama, exemplifying one of the most tragic events in the history of the Jewish people.

To be continued. ... □

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### Meeting Schedule:

**March 30th** - Special Conclave for the Easter Observance Program at Pittsford Masonic Hall; Bring a dish-to-pass; Ladies Invited. Gathering and Social - 6:30 p.m.; Easter Program and Business - 7:15 p.m.; Adjournment - 8:15 p.m.; Pittsford Masonic Hall.

**April 3rd-5th** - Easter Observance in Washington, DC, with Grand Encampment for those attending

**April 6th** - Full Form Opening, Inspection and Sword Manual Rehearsal at 7 p.m. at Pittsford Masonic Hall. (Chapeau, Gloves, Sword, Tactic Book only needed)



Grand High Priest, M.:E.: Cyril Francis (above left and below), and R.:E.: Raymond Roché, Grand King (above right), congratulate R.:E.: Rick Howe, who received his Commission as District Deputy Grand High Priest for the 13th Capitular District.







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By Don Brugger, PDDSTC

I hope you all have had enough snow to last you awhile. I don't know about you, but, I have an acute case of "Snowshovelitis" accompanied by strong symptoms of "Cabin fever."

The Woodsmen met at Kam Wah's for dinner before our last meeting; all enjoyed the fellowship and dinner. At the meeting, they were treated to a viewing of videos from Supreme Forest about our history, philanthropy and Ritual (the "Prelude" and "Royal Court"). These videos were done by a very accomplished cast. We will be using these videos in part for promotional purposes. Although we have been using our own Forest members in presenting the Degrees, we lack sufficient numbers to do a really impressive job; I'm sure these videos will prove to be an excellent tool for our membership promotion project.

There was discussion of our membership effort and the formation of the core of a Membership Committee. We can still use more volunteers for our recruitment effort. If you are interested in growing Rochester Forest No. 133, please contact one of the Officers or, better yet, come to our April 22nd meeting – the 4th Wednesday.

### Sickness and Distress

It was reported that Ted Powley had been released from the hospital after surgery to remove a tumor in his thyroid. The doctors determined the tumor had grown too large for safe removal and opted to treat with radiation to reduce its size. Ted is talking again and is in good spirits.

Dave Wilkinson is recovering from a successful liver transplant, but must return for periodic evaluations; which is common for this type of treatment. Dave is optimistic and in good spirits. I'm sure both these Brothers would welcome a phone call or card.

### Coming Up

It's not too early to start thinking about our Annual Sausage Roast. The Roast will be at the same spot, Camp Smile in Webster. The probable date will be the 4th Wednesday in June. Remember our social events are excellent opportunities for inviting prospective members and their spouses. Try to stay warm and promote Cedarism. ☐

## Cyrene-Monroe

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**April 12th** - Full Form Opening, Inspection and Sword Manual Rehearsal at 3 p.m. at Pittsford Masonic Hall. (Chapeau, Gloves, Sword, Tactic Book only needed)

**April 19th** - Full Form Opening, Inspection and Sword Manual Rehearsal at 7 p.m. at Pittsford Masonic Hall. (Chapeau, Gloves, Sword needed - no books please, full dress rehearsal)

**April 20th** - Treasurer's and Recorder's Books reviewed at 5 p.m.; Official Visit of Inspecting Officer. Dinner at Coal Tower Restaurant at 5:30 p.m. for those wishing to attend. Order-off-menu at your expense. Full-Form Opening, Inspection and Sword Manual presented at 7:30 p.m. at Pittsford Masonic Hall. Election of Officers.

**May 18th** - Installation of New Commandery Officers

If you can, attend Sagoywatha Commandery No. 17 to assist them with their upcoming Inspection and also be present at their Inspection Conclave on Saturday, April 18th at 10 a.m. in Phelps.

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

Continuing our review of our history this month, we will use both "The History of Masonry in Monroe County 1810 to 1970" by R.:W.: Herman A. Sarachan, 33°, and "History of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar in the State of New York, 1814 to 2013 Volume 1" by SK Ronald L Brown, PGS, KCT Grand Historian.

Let us consider two early Masonic leaders in our community:

### Jonathan Child

#### First Mayor of Rochester

Jonathan Child was the first Generalissimo of Monroe Commandery. He owned and operated a freight line on the Erie Canal and had over 100 horses and several boats in which the freight was hauled. In 1826 he erected a three-story building where the War Memorial now stands. There were slips for his boats to enter his building from the Erie Canal aqueduct passing over the Genesee River (Broad Street Bridge). He had intended the top floor to be used as a Masonic meeting place, but the anti-Masonic movement put an end to his dream.

In 1828, he became Commander of Monroe Commandery. Rochester became a city in 1834 and Jonathan was elected as its first Mayor on June 9, 1834. He was also

a son-in-law to Nathaniel Rochester, the Founder of the City. Jonathan Child was also one of the city's first bank directors. He built a fine home of Greek Architecture, at 27 South Washington Street in 1835, which is a city landmark and still stands.

### Abelard Reynolds 1785-1878

Abelard Reynolds was born at Red Hook, Dutchess County, New York on October 2, 1785. He moved to Pittsfield, Massachusetts, where he learned the trade of Harness Maker. It was there that he married. In 1812, he decided to take his family and move to the ever-expanding West. His sights set on Ohio, but on reaching Canandaigua, he was told that the most promising place was on the banks of the Genesee River where Rochester stands today.

He was told of a bridge about to be built across the river on the old Buffalo Road and would connect the (then) Ontario and Genesee Counties. He stopped and looked over the area that was to become Rochesterville and then set out for Ohio.

Liking what he had seen in the Genesee Valley, he returned and purchased two lots where he erected the celebrated Reynolds Arcade. Having scouted the land to the West, he then returned to Pittsfield for his family.

In early 1813, he returned to Rochesterville with his family. The area around the Genesee River was still a wilderness, infested with bear and rattlesnakes. During the Winter of 1812-1813, he erected a building on the lots he had acquired. His son, Mortimer F. Reynolds, was born in his house and was said to have been the first white child born on the "Hundred-Acre Tract," which is now the heart of Rochester.

In 1817, Wells Lodge No. 282 F&AM was formed. Early meetings were held in his building on Buffalo Street. Reynolds was Initiated on January 25, 1820, received the Fellowcraft Degree on February 22, 1820 and Master Mason on April 21, 1820.

He advanced to Hamilton Chapter No. 62, RAM (organized in 1819), here he received the Royal Arch Degrees on September 20, 1820. Reynolds was elected Secretary of Hamilton shortly thereafter and served as Secretary for two years.

In 1826, he united with several other Companions to organize an Encampment of Knights Templars (now known as Commandery of Knights Templar). Rev. Francis H. Cuming was named as the first Commander of Monroe Commandery No. 12 in a Dispensation dated June 14, 1826. Monroe's Charter was issued on June 8, 1827. Jonathan Child (first Mayor of Rochester) was elected as the Second Commander with Abelard Reynolds as the Generalissimo. Reynolds would never go on to become Commander.

Following the anti-Masonic period (1848), Reynolds was elected Treasurer, an office which he held for several years. On April 14, 1854, Abelard Reynolds was selected as Prelate

of Monroe Commandery. His fame as Prelate grew as years passed and he was thought to have conferred the Orders on more Sir Knights than any other Prelate in the Country. He spoke with moving eloquence and was fondly known as Father Reynolds by all Templars who knew him. Reynolds was fondly called "Father" perhaps because he was one of the original Founding Fathers and had conferred Templar Orders on so many Sir Knights.

He attended to his duties as Prelate until he was almost 90 years of age when his health started to fade. His last appearance was in the Spring of 1875. He kept in close touch with Templar activities even though he could not attend. He was visited regularly each New Year's Day by members of Monroe Commandery. He later resigned his position with a letter to the Commandery, which was refused. He was elected Prelate each year until his death on December 19, 1878.

Reynolds had been a major influence in the building of Rochester and Masonry in Western New York. In 1813, he erected the first two-story building in Rochester. In 1828, he built the first Reynolds Arcade, which was at that time the largest building West of Albany. One might think of it as an early version of today's shopping mall. Within the walls of Reynolds Arcade were housed Rochester's first Police Court and Post Office. The Arcade was the birthplace of the Western Union Telegraph Company and the Bausch and Lomb Optical Company (still in Rochester today). George Eastman, founder of Eastman Kodak Company, obtained his first job in the Arcade where he was employed by Western Union Telegraph Company. Sir Knight Reynolds was one of the Founders of the first Public Library and was a member of the New York State Legislature. The original Arcade Building was replaced with a second building, which today houses several businesses. For many years it was a gathering place for many businesses and Rochesterians in the main Four Corners of town.

Abelard Reynolds was a pioneer who helped us settle and build one of the State's biggest cities. He was a model citizen who participated in his State Government, brought books and a library to house them, provided a room for Masonic functions to take place until more suitable quarters could be found and played a key role in building Templary in Western New York. ☐

## In Memoriam

### Anderson, Harvey

On February 10th, Harvey Anderson, 86, was embraced by those who walked before him in faith, leaving 2 children, 6 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren to remember him. Harvey was a member of Inspiration Lodge, Scottish Rite and Damascus Shrine. Earth has no sorrow Heaven cannot heal.

### Babcock, William J., Jr.

William Babcock, Jr., 94, passed away February 28th. He is survived by 9 children, 13 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. William was a US Navy Veteran of World War II and member of Inspiration Lodge and Scottish Rite. A memory is a keepsake of time that lives forever in the heart.

### Curtis, Robert L., Sr.

Robert Curtis, Sr., 78, entered Eternal Rest on February 10th. He will be remembered by 3 sons, step-children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was a member of ERAC Lodge, Scottish Rite and Damascus Shrine. There are special people in our lives who never leave, even after they're gone.

### Gelder, Dale F.

Dale Gelder, 77, went Home to his Lord on February 5th. He will be remembered by his wife of 55 years, Linda; 3 children, 3 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Dale was a US Navy Veteran and a member of Garoga-Sincerity Lodge, Scottish Rite and Damascus Shrine. Wishing you a garden of lovely memories.

### Gelman, Sidney S.

On February 17th, Sidney Gelman, 90, leaving his wife of 63 years, Rhoda; 1 son and 3 grandchildren to share memories. He was a member of Scottish Rite. May the joy of the Lord be your strength.

### Nardone, Olindo "Lindy"

On February 20th, Olindo Nardone, 93, departed his Earthly family. He will be remembered by his Wife, Sandra; 1 son, 2 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Lindy was a World War II Veteran and a member of Inspiration Lodge. May His love see you gently through these difficult days.

### Pardington, Thomas A.

Thomas Pardington, 68, laid down his Working Tools on January 8th, leaving his wife, Evelyn; 2 step-children and 4 step-grandchildren to remember his life. Tom was a US Air Force Veteran and member of Garoga-Sincerity Lodge. God sends his children here with special tasks to do; and calls them home when their work is through.

### Widows to be Remembered

**Louise S. Brewer**, widow of Allen Brewer (Seneca Lodge), passed away March 1st.

**E. Alta Doty**, 89, widow of Charles Doty (Union Star Lodge), passed away March 2nd.

**Hazel B. Land**, 98, widow of Fred Land (Fairport-Flower City Lodge), passed away January 3rd. ☐

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# Travel in Foreign Countries

By Morris Budkofsky, P.G.M. Grand Lodge of Connecticut

In the Ritualistic work of the 3rd Degree, we hear the words *seeing the Temple about to be completed, and being desirous of receiving the secrets of a Master Mason, whereby we could travel in foreign countries.*

Speculative Master Masons over the years have taken the words from our Ritual traveling in foreign countries and have interpreted its hidden and spiritual significance as referring to the actual travel of Operative Master Masons, for upon completion of the temple, they found they must journey into the surrounding provinces where they could practice their Craft.

In an ever-increasing mobile society today, many of our Brethren were also quick to associate themselves with the Ritualistic lines whereby we could travel in foreign countries, which leads us to the precautions one must take before leaving his Grand Jurisdiction.

Confucius said, *If language is not used rightly, then what is said is not what is meant. If what is said is not what is meant, then that which ought to be done is left undone; if it re-mains undone, morals and art will be corrupted, justice will go awry; and if justice goes awry, the people will stand about in helpless confusion.*

A Master Mason desiring to travel to a foreign country and thinks he might like to visit a Masonic Lodge should, and must, make himself cognizant of the terms: REGULARITY, RECOGNITION AND JURISDICTION as they apply to Freemasonry.

## REGULARITY

Constituted, appointed or conducted in a proper manner.

## RECOGNITION

The act of recognizing or the state of being recognized.

## JURISDICTION

Lawful right to exercise authority, over those things for which such authority may be exercised.

### What is a Masonic Grand Lodge?

A Grand Lodge is the governing body of Freemasonry within a certain domain in the United States - for governing Freemasonry in each State in our Union and the District of Columbia. Hawaiian Lodges are under the Grand Jurisdiction of California.

A Grand Lodge of Masons has as its Presiding Officer, the Grand Master, and the legislation of the Grand Lodge is binding upon all Freemasons and upon all Masonic Lodges under its jurisdiction.

### What is a Recognized Masonic Grand Lodge?

The 50 Grand Lodges of the United States have various conceptions of regularity. Thus, the Grand Lodge in State "A" is satisfied that the Grand Lodge of Foreign Country "X" meets the conditions of regularity, while the Grand Lodge of State "B" is not satisfied that the Grand Lodge of Foreign Country "X" conforms to all the conditions of regularity requirements of the Grand Lodge of State "B."

Thus, a Grand Lodge of a foreign country may be regular Freemasonry to the Grand Lodge of one State and clandestine or irregular by another.

### May I Visit in a Masonic Lodge Anywhere on this Earth?

No... you promised and swore that you would stand to and abide by all the laws, rules and regulations of your Grand Lodge. Those laws provide that you can visit in Lodges under the Jurisdiction of Grand Lodges which your Grand Lodge recognizes as regular. All regular United States Grand Lodges are in Fraternal relations with each other.

If your travels extend beyond this Nation, and you wish to visit Lodges in foreign countries, ascertain either from your Proceedings (published each year by all Grand Lodges), or by correspondence with your Grand Secretary as to their regularity with your Grand Jurisdiction.

There is a chart titled, *Foreign Grand Lodges Recognized by the Fifty Grand Lodges of The United States.* (This chart may be obtained through the Masonic Service Association of the United States, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-4785.)

A Master Mason planning on visiting another Jurisdiction, either foreign or within the limits of these United States, unless personally known, which in Masonic language is defined as having sat in Lodge with, and who may have to apply for examination for admission to a Lodge, should be in possession of a current Dues Card and a Certificate of Membership showing his name, Lodge name, number of his Lodge (if it has such) and which should bear his own signature in the margin. Each such card bears the Seal of the Lodge and the signature of the Secretary. On the reverse side is the Grand Secretary's certification as to the regularity of the Lodge.

Foreign Countries do not necessarily mean to us the various geographical and political divisions of the old world. Foreign countries could be, to a Master Mason, the same as a symbol; like most symbols, they can have more than one interpretation. However, unlike many symbols, none of them are very difficult to trace or understand.

Each year is published a paperback book titled *List of Lodges - Masonic*, available from Pantagraph Printing & Stationery Co., P.O. Box 1406, Bloomington, IL 61702-1406 (\$5.50 postpaid), which is made possible through Grand Lodges who distribute the books to their constituent Lodges and to the Grand Secretaries who correct the list of their Lodges and recognitions each year.

These Grand Lodges do not want any lists in the book except those they recognize, with the exceptions given at the end of the list of Subordinate Lodges. Included are the dates of their Annual Meetings, the names and addresses of the current Grand Masters, Grand Secretaries, the names and locations of

each of their Subsidiary Lodges, as well as other pertinent information regarding each of their respective Grand Lodges.

As an adjunct to the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America, there is a Commission on Information for Recognition as a facility to gather, collate and, from time-to-time revise information on Grand Lodges in other lands, as a service to the Conference of Grand Masters of Masons in North America.

The Commission neither advises nor recommends that recognition be given to any Grand Lodge, but merely indicates whether or not it considers that a Grand Lodge in question satisfies the conditions of regularity, according to the adopted

### Standards of Recognition

Standards adopted for use by The Commission on Information for Recognition in accumulating facts.

#### I. Legitimacy of Origin

That the Grand Lodge requesting recognition has been lawfully formed by at least three just and duly constituted Lodges, or that it has been legally recognized by a Grand Lodge in Fraternal relation with the Grand Lodge from whom recognition has been requested.

That such Grand Lodge must be under the tongue of good repute for an adequate number of years before such Fraternal recognition is extended. An existence for such a period as satisfies the Grand Lodge whose recognition is sought, during which time the highest standards of the Craft have been practiced by the applicant Grand Lodge, may cure what would otherwise be considered illegitimacy of origin.

#### II. Territorial Sovereignty

That it is an independent, self-governing organization, having Masonic authority within the governmental territory over which it assumes jurisdiction - whether Country, Province, State or other political subdivision; or else shares such exclusive territorial jurisdiction with another Grand Lodge by mutual consent and/or treaty.

#### III. Ancient Landmarks

That it subscribes fundamentally, Ritualistically and in all its relations to the Ancient Landmarks, Customs and Usages of the Craft. This requires adherence to the following.

##### 1. Monotheism

An unalterable and continuing belief in God.

##### 2. Volume of the Sacred Law

An essential part of the furniture of the Lodge.

##### 3. Prohibition of the discussion of Religion and Politics.

#### Addendum to this Article

If you wish to read more about the various Grand Lodges of the US and the world, check out these two web pages put together by Brother Paul M. Bessel, Executive Secretary of the Masonic Leadership Center:

Recognition Standards of Grand Lodges or other Masonic Groups:

[bessel.org/masrec/recstand.htm](http://bessel.org/masrec/recstand.htm)

All Masonic Grand Lodges in the World - Except Those in the United States:

[www.bessel.org/gls.htm](http://www.bessel.org/gls.htm) □

## Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

### MAY

- 4 - 5 234th Grand Lodge Sessions, New York City
- 9 & 16 Masonic Development Course, Pittsford Masonic Hall

### JUNE

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

### JULY

- 25 Scottish Rite Clambake/Steak Roast

### AUGUST

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

## What Makes a Man a Mason?

By George M. Free

What makes a man a Mason, O Brother of mine?

It isn't the due guard, nor is it the sign,  
It isn't the jewel which hangs on your breast  
It isn't the Apron in which you are dressed

It isn't the step, nor the token, nor the grip,  
Nor lectures that fluently flow from the lip,  
Nor yet the possession of that mystic word  
On five points of fellowship duly conferred.

Though these are essential, desirable, fine,  
They don't make a Mason, O Brother of mine.  
That you to your sworn obligation are true  
'Tis that, Brother mine, makes a Mason of you.

Secure in your heart you must safeguard and trust,  
With lodge and with Brother be honest and just,  
Assist the deserving who cry in their need,  
Be chaste in your thought, in your word and your deed.

Support he who falters, with hope banish fear,  
And whisper advice in an erring one's ear.  
Then will the Great Lights on your path brightly shine,  
And you'll be a Mason, O Brother of mine.

Your use of life's hours by the gauge you must try,  
The gavel of vices with courage apply;  
Your walk must be upright, as shown by the plumb,  
On the level, to bourn whence no travelers come,

The Book of your faith be the rule and the guide,  
The compass your passions shut safely inside;  
The stone which the Architect placed in your care  
Must pass the strict test of His unerring square.

And then you will meet with approval divine,  
And you'll be a Mason, O Brother of mine. □

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