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Manhood and Masonry: Bring-a-Friend Event

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



How do we make good men better when we don't even know what "Manhood" is? Is it possible we have fewer good men joining Masonry because there are many men today confused as to what manhood is? Part of our value proposition in our Masonic Fraternity, a men's organization of course, could be helping men on a journey of inner discovery in a quest to answer the question of what manhood is. Is there a correlation

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CHARITABLE, EDUCATION ASSISTANCE GRANTS PRESENTATIONS JUNE 18TH

between a decline in Masonic membership and a growing uncertainty (and even anxiety) among men - particularly young men - as to what it means to be a man?

Saturday, September 19th, the Scottish Rite Valley of Rochester will hold a breakfast event on "Manhood and Masonry" at Unity Lodge Hall in Spencerport ... breakfast will be starting at 8:30 a.m. and the talks at 9 a.m.

How are young men doing today in the world? Objectively, analytically, just looking at the numbers, maybe not so well. The percentage of students in college today who are men is about 40 percent and the number of young men at home well into their 20s has risen considerably. Many young men retreat into a world of video games.

Maybe there can be value in hearing what three distinguished Masons think about the topic of "Manhood and Masonry." Certainly getting together with Brothers and friends from around the Greater Rochester area for this breakfast get-together should be enjoyable.

Speaking at this event will be Brothers Richard Torrey, Robert Buchanan and Warren Jordans. Join us at this Scottish Rite special public event and help kick off our new Masonic Year. □

For twenty-nine years, the Masonic Service Bureau has used income funds from its portfolio to benefit qualified students in pursuit of higher education goals. For 2015, \$15,000 has been allocated for these Education Assistance Grants. Applications have been submitted, reviewed and approved by the Board of Directors.

The selected students will have been notified by the time you read this article. One of the requirements is to attend the Awards Night Program on **Thursday, June 18th**, or have someone else represent them

at the event in order to receive their Award.

An additional \$15,000 will also be awarded that night to Charitable Organizations who assist the elderly, handicapped, underprivileged, Veterans and youth. We support Hospice Care facilities, Soup Kitchens, Literacy Programs and Honor Flight, to name a few.

Please join us in the Banquet Hall of the Damascus Shrine Center, 979 Bay Road in Webster. Punch and cookies will be available at 7:00 p.m., with the program scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. The evening

usually concludes by 9:00 p.m. We would like to know if you are planning to attend, so we may have enough refreshments. Please call (585) 671-9730 to tell us how many will be joining you.

You will be amazed by the quality of these outstanding young people and their chosen career paths. The Charitable groups will enlighten you on the magnificent programs offered in this region as they explain what services they provide and who they help. It should be an interesting evening. We hope you can join us. □

Rochester Chapter, DeMolay International, Re-Organizational Meeting June 6th

By R.:W.: Bill Sardone, Executive Officer

Rochester DeMolay Chapter is ready to turn the lights back on.

Yes, Rochester Chapter is experiencing the resurgence we have seen throughout New York State; new Chapters and "re-started" Chapters.

You see the email newsletters, the *Empire State Mason* and the messages of M.:W.: William J. Thomas, Grand Master. All are promoting youth and all are seeing a steady growth in DeMolay; our Lodges are seeing steady growth in new members.

The last five State Master Councilors have all joined

Lodges as have members of their teams. While this is a nice result, the true results are providing our young men with a safe environment where they can learn, grow, make friends and have fun. By the way, we as Moms, Dads, and adults can also learn and have fun.

Nineteen young men were inducted on March 21st in Albany. Another 15 are expected to be inducted in Liverpool on May 30th with an additional 10 to be inducted on May 31st in Staten Island.

Join us on Saturday, **June 6th** at 11 a.m.,

at the Scottish Rite Office, 811 Ayrault Road, Suite 3, Fairport where we will discuss re-activating Rochester Chapter.

We have momentum. We have young men who want to be DeMolay Members. We are ready.

Questions? Email Executive Officer, Bill Sardone, at: wsardone@nydemolay.org or visit our website at:

www.nydemolay.org
What's in your District? □



2015 Widows Luncheon in April Deemed Success

Burgundy Basin hosted our Widows Luncheon once again this year. Mike and his crew did an outstanding job for this event, sponsored annually by the Masonic Service Bureau. Even the weather was more cooperative this year than has been the case the past two or three years. Sunny but cool were the conditions for the day.

Eighty plus Widows, representing eleven of the twelve Lodges in the Monroe District, plus our Prince Hall friends from Eureka Lodge, joined us for the occasion. They were welcomed by some two dozen Brothers, who served as escorts/drivers, and assisted the Ladies in finding their seating arrangements.

Damascus Shriners provided each of the Ladies with a beautiful rose corsage. These were pinned on by representatives of the Masonic Service Bureau Board of Directors and Advisory

Council, Doreen Rhodes, Ramona Dimino and Nancy Lynch.

Once again, Roger Lynch and his orange fedora, greeted the women as they arrived at the front door, helped usher them into the building. No umbrella required this year!

The President of the Masonic Service Bureau, Garry Cranker, welcomed all in attendance and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. This followed the presentation of the Colors by the James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post No. 12, Masonic War Veterans, under the direction of Vance Collom, Jr. Members in the Color Guard were Heinz Gunkel, Greg Ludwig, Grant Kothiringer, Alexander Arthur, Jr., and Emil Schirano.

The help of all involved was greatly appreciated on this day busy with Masonic events. Next year the event will be on April 30th at the Burgundy. □



FLAG DAY IS SUNDAY JUNE 14TH

Do you have a tired, worn out Flag? Bring it down to the Damascus Shrine Center, 979 Bay Road in Webster, where the Damascus Legion of Honor will hold a Flag Retirement Ceremony at 2 p.m. This is a very impressive, stirring ceremony, and is the proper way to dispose of Flags which are no longer worthy of display.

The Damascus Shrine Band, under the direction of Noble Frank Russell, will provide complementary music for the Legionnaires' program during the ceremony. Light refreshments will be available.

Call the Shrine Office - 671-7701 - for further information. You may bring worn flags to the Center any time between now and the 14th of June. □

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Editor's Corner

There is no truth to the rumor going around that the **Masonic Times** will only be available in digital format next year! What IS happening is an investigation into producing a new website, supported by a knowledgeable individual or group who will help us keep it modern and current. New computer applications are available which make uploading information easy and much less time-consuming than has been the case in the past.

We have been asked to provide an electronic version that the people who live off their tablets, smart phones or laptops can access at their leisure. Personally, I can't stand the thought of reading anything on one of those gadgets, let alone doing it. I read email messages, but if they contain lengthy body text or attachments, I print them out. And, I have a smart phone and

send and receive text messages on almost a daily basis. Those are usually short and easy to manage, which is not always the case with emails or articles.

Last issue, I included a survey and, as I write this column, we have received quite a few responses. I'm including the survey again (Page 8), in case you missed it, didn't get a chance to send it in, or now wish you had done so. Feel free to express yourself.

My thoughts on surveys, in general, are not positive. So many of them seem to be aimed at telling you the "right" answer so you won't hurt the feelings/image/rating of whomever is requesting your opinion.

Whatever you do for me, if I'm happy with your service, I'll come back and even recommend you; if I'm not, I won't be waiting for a survey to tell you so...you'll hear it pronto!

I'm sure many of you feel that way about this survey. I want to assure you that the comments we have received, and those we hope to still receive, will be conscientiously reviewed. The data will be compiled and YOU will be part of the decision on

the future of the newspaper. Will it continue? Will it become an electronic document? How much are you willing to pay? Is this the end? Please let us know how you feel.

As an aside, part of the new website plan will be a tie-in with the Regional Calendar. R.:W.: John Gallant set this up several years ago and I tied into it somewhat. There is much room for improvement there, as well as the fact that, if you want to plan an event, you will have a central source to check for a possible conflict with another affair.

With Gratitude

The Masonic Year has ended and with it have come Elections (and some Installations) of a new class of Officers. I am very grateful to those Masters who wrote columns for the past year, or saw to it that information on their Lodge events was submitted to us. I am sad for those Organizations who subscribe for which nothing was provided, at least on a regular basis.

It is a chore! I make no bones about that fact. Even for me, who is responsible for the entire issue, there are days when I am clueless as to what to say.

Fortunately, most times the light bulb has come on, the fingers have pushed the right keys on the keyboard and an article has come flowing out. We hope the new Masters will make their column for the **Masonic Times** a high priority item!

Not the least important mention for me here is my thanks to the Staff. This has been a trying year, with several situations occurring beyond our control.

Special thanks to Barbara Goodrich and Garry Cranker, who have adjusted their schedules to accommodate our needs. And, I can't forget Jan Porter. Her computer qualifies for frequent flyer mileage, as it travels with her when she travels out of town on her personal and Masonic business.

The staff has weathered the storm and risen to the occasions as needed. Now, we deserve and are ready for our Summer respite. There will still be the Masonic Directory to compile and proof, but there is much less pressure on that project.

My thanks to all of you for your continuing interest and support. Have a great Summer, and thanks for reading.

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Fidelity Triangle Continues to Grow

By Kristina Brandt

As we get ready for Summer, Fidelity Triangle is gearing up for more fun and more opportunities to interact with our Masonic Family.

During the Spring, the girls have been active helping their organization grow and increasing publicity about the work they do. In March, Fidelity Triangle welcomed Miss Hannah Scheffer as a member with the help of our Triangle Sisters in the Buffalo and Syracuse areas.

On April 25th, member Miss Kalli Herouvis and Supervisor Ms. Erika Hansen represented the Triangle during the OES Grand Matron's visit to Monroe District. We look forward to having an even bigger representation next year.

An Open Meeting was held on May 9th, dedicated to sharing the history of the Triangle. Thank you to all those who came out.

Upcoming Events

In June, the members will be holding a Regular Meeting on June 13th at Northfield Lodge in Pittsford at 7 p.m. All Master Masons and Members of Eastern Star and Amaranth are welcome.

On June 20th, the girls will be going to Scotia for our State Representative's Homecoming and then to Utica on June 27th for St. John's Day.



Hannah Scheffer's Grandparents, John and Elaine Ehrlich, and Parents, Matt and Kathy Scheffer, were present to witness her Initiation into Fidelity Triangle. This is a very active Eastern Star and Masonic family ... and so it grows.

Summer Activities

During the Summer, Fidelity Triangle will continue to meet the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month while also planning a picnic with Cassiopeia Triangle, a Bar-B-Que and baseball game, and attend Eastern Star's Festival of Stars event in Oriskany.

In August, the Triangle will hold its Public Installation of Officers. They will also be preparing for the State Convention of the Organization of Triangles, Inc., which will be held Columbus Day Weekend. With talent shows, Ritual competitions and other contests, our



(Left to right) Hannah Scheffer, Junior Deputy, Mrs. Parks, and Kalli Herouvis.

girls look forward to representing Fidelity Triangle and meeting other members from around the State. Be sure to visit our website at: www.fidelitytriangle.weebly.com for updated term plans throughout the Summer.

If you know of a young lady between the ages of 10 and 21 who would be interested in learning about leadership, charitable acts, and the bond of Sisterhood, please contact Junior Deputy, Mrs. Parks, at: j9parks@aol.com Petitions for membership can be found online at: www.nytriangle.org

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By R.: W.: Charles Waterstreet
Executive Director

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amount contributed last year. Thank you! We really appreciate your support of our operations, as do the many individuals who make use of our Loan Closet of medical equipment. We are offered praise on a weekly basis from those ill and injured people who are grateful for the use of items during their recovery from surgery

or accidents, or just aging infirmities. Last Summer, you may recall, we added a medical equipment washing machine. This has been a tremendous help in keeping our inventory clean **and sanitized**. We have not had to beg for volunteers to come in and manually do the job. Plus, and I mean no disrespect to those helpers,

this unit with its high-pressure nozzles and 180° water temperature does a much better job of cleaning those difficult to reach spots, especially on wheelchairs. We hope to hear from you in the Fall, when we conduct our next campaign. But, you don't have to wait. We will accept donations at any time. Thanks, again! ☐

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By Don Brugger, PDDSTC
Welcome Summer Breeze as it hums through the Maple trees. Winter's havoc is all around, but soon the Woodsmen will boast of the Annual TCL Spring Sausage Roast. Yes, it's that time again for all good Woodsmen to come to the outing, at the end of Shangrila Lane. It's a good time to enjoy the company of Brothers and their wives or significant others and an opportunity to bring friends, neighbors or prospective members to show our fellowship, frolic and fun.
Brother Angelo DiCataldo and company will grill the tasty sausage to perfection and hopefully the weather will be responsive to the Woodsmen's

expectations. Make your reservation early for **Wednesday, June 24th**; we'll all whistle a happy tune. We must know of your needs, hot or mild and the number of people in your party by **Friday, June 19th**.
If you need directions to the location, call Don Bell or Rob Russo. It's not far or difficult to find. Bring a favorite Dish-to-Pass, table service, and a tablecloth to share. Bring your preferred beverages and perhaps a

camp chair to lounge, from 5 p.m. 'til dark. There's plenty of room to park.
Sickness and Distress
Don Brugger is doing well after his surgery.
Dave Wilkinson appears to be recuperating satisfactorily.
We heard that the traveling DiCataldos were enjoying their trip to Mexico.
Membership
We hope you enjoyed the ad for our Membership Drive that

appeared in the May issue. Cut it out a put on the refrigerator with one of those magnets that falls off when you close the door. When you pick it up you will be reminded to Re-member Rochester Forest No. 133.
The last of the Spring meetings saw an attendance of seven with our newest member, Garry Hutchurson, acting as Preceptor. There was also discussion of fundraising, for our philanthropy and membership efforts i.e., a Brother Bring-a-Brother Event in the Fall.

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Our past DDGM, R.:W.: Jed Brandow, told me that the time as District Deputy would fly by in no time. Well he was correct. It does not seem that a year has flown by.

There has been a lot of water under the bridge, or a lot of water in the basement of Milo Lodge on May 18th. The basement ended up with ten feet of water and mud. Everything was destroyed, from the hardwood flooring, three electrical services and two furnaces. With the help of many of the Lodges in the District (and Grand Lodge with a low-interest loan), they are ready for the 100-year Re-dedication of the Lodge Building on **June 21st**.

Although the flood was devastating, I believe Milo Lodge and the Ontario/Seneca/Yates District are much stronger as a result of all the cooperation to get Milo back in business.

R.:W.: Thomas Abraham, Grand Director of Ceremonies, has done a stellar job with education in our District this year. He made sure every Brother was provided the *Masonic Development Course* for each Degree.

All of the DDGM Official Visits were well received and none were rescheduled due to inclement weather.

Our Annual O/S/Y Surviving Spouses Luncheon was held in April at the Clifton Springs Country Club with approximately forty-two in attendance. Our guest speaker was Brother Mark Radloff of Farmerville-Union Lodge. His topic was "The Trials and Tribulations of Starting a Winery in New York State." Brother Radloff just happens to be in the process of starting up a winery in Interlaken. Mark did a great job, and everyone had a very nice time.

During my Official Visits, one of the questions I posed was whether the minimum age of 21 should be lowered to 18 in order to become a Master Mason. The majority of the Lodges did not want the age lowered when polled.

At first I also thought the age should not be lowered, but after hearing all the pros and cons and also trying to figure out why we lose so many newly Raised Brothers, I changed my mind. My new belief is that it doesn't matter what age you are. Each new Candidate must be informed of the obligations that must be fulfilled and then asked if they will commit to those obligations, no matter what the age.

These are just a few quick highlights of our year in the O/S/Y District. I thank everyone in the District for their support and help in the last year. Grand Master M.:W.: William J. Thomas hit the nail on the head with his theme of "TEAM" - *Together Everyone Achieves More*.

I am looking forward to another very fulfilling year in Masonry. Have a great Summer; see you in the Fall. □

uled the 22nd Annual Golf Tournament for **August 16th** at Reservoir Creek Golf Course in Naples. Donations for Hole Sponsors and Door Prizes are encouraged. Door prizes could include merchandise, gift certificates, discount coupons, etc.

From the Secretary's Desk

I know I keep making this request, but I really need email addresses I can use to contact Lodge Members with important information, i.e., Memorial Services for deceased Brothers and other items that can't wait for publication in the **Masonic Times**. Please help!

I'm still searching for the whereabouts of Barney Wandell, if anyone can help.

Summer Birthdays

June

Ranse Brooks (1st), Don-

ald Fridley (9th), Nathan Biery (10th), Dan Guth, Paul McIntyre and Kenneth Pedersen (11th), Bill Goodman (24th) and Barney Wandell (29th).

July

Ken Gibbs (7th), Ernie Bishop (12th), Chris Howard (17th), Nick Day (29th), Rick Kauder (30th) and Robert Hines (31st).

August

Fred Wheeler (3rd), Douglas Parmele (4th), Shawn Grube (24th) and David Williams (26th).

Masonic Anniversaries

Brothers Raised in June

1948 **Harold Bloser**
1953 **David Retchless**
1972 **Larry Gelder**
1979 **James Sullivan**
1990 **Jed Brandow**
2013 **Jesse DeBoover**

Brothers Raised in July

1958 **David Williams** □

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This month marks both the ending and beginning of another Masonic Year. Elections have been held and Installation of Officers will be conducted. Worshipful Master will be a new title and responsibility for a few with continuing responsibility for others. The work in the Quarries goes on!

My thanks to the Officers of all Lodges within the District for the efforts you have made to not only keep your Lodge active, but growing. My thanks also to all Brethren for their individual talents of cooking, cleaning, washing dishes, painting, setting up tables and all that keeps our Lodges the welcoming home away from home.

My special thanks to all of you for the help you have given me these past twelve months. The year started out pretty rough with some health issues that sometimes almost didn't allow me to finish an Official

Visit with any dignity. This year is ending up with a much better outlook and a whole lot of knowledge gained by listening and learning from all of you.

Keep in mind the Ronald McDonald Golf Tournament and the O/S/Y Golf Tournament this Summer and become a participant. Don't forget the Masonic Safety ID Program at the New York State Fair.

Contact your Secretary and Master for details. The Brotherhood Fund and the Masonic Care Community need your DOLLARS. Have a great Summer!!! □

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Brothers, it was a great honor to have served as Master of Drumlin Square Lodge this past year. Without all Brothers who come to the meetings when it's within the length of your Cabletow and the square and angle of your work, we would not be the Lodge we presently are. Let's show the same partici-

pation to our newly elected Officers this coming year.

I thank all Brothers of the Lodge; you have done a great job with your positions throughout the year and also to the Brothers who are moving up in their new positions. Congratulations to our newest member, Anthony Parco.

Our Surviving Spouse Dinner was a great success this year with 18 in attendance. Thanks to James Aylesworth, Rob Zanin, Bill Jones, Dick Brewer and Tom Krest for their participation in arranging and running this event for all of the surviving spouses and members who were able to participate and will always be thought of. All in attendance at the Log Cabin Restaurant in Macedon, enjoyed dinner.

Our meeting on **June 3rd**, will be our Installation of Officers. At 6:30 p.m. there will be a Pork Loin Dinner by Tri-Star Chapter, OES. Next, we will be presenting W.: David Taber with a Pin for 55 years of service. The installation of our Officers for the ensuing year will follow.

In June, our Worshipful Master will be presenting a scholarship to a Palmyra-Macedon High School Senior and a Gananda High School Senior at each of their Scholarship Awards Nights.

Mark Your Calendar

On **August 7th and 8th**, Rob Zanin will be hosting a booth for Drumlin Square Lodge at the Palmyra Pirate Weekend. If you are able to help, we are running two shifts during this event - one from 8:30 a.m. - 12 Noon; the second from 12 Noon - 3:30 p.m. We will be handing out information on Masonry. If you are interested in helping, please contact Tom Krest or Rob Zanin.

September 19-20, we will be having our Italian Sausage booth in the newly constructed entrance to our Lodge during Palmyra Canaltown Days. Come and enjoy a Hot Dog, Hamburger, or Italian Sausage, prepared and served by one of your Brothers and Eastern Star Ladies. Stop in and see the work that has been completed on the entrance and the kitchen of the Lodge.

Please enjoy your Summer and let us remember our Utica Care Community and the Brotherhood Fund. □

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By R.:W.: Clayton Ruggles

Congratulations to all the newly Elected and Appointed Lodge Officers for the coming year. We look forward to an active year with scheduled events such as dinners, game nights and Degree work. We will keep you informed as to when these

will take place.

Upcoming Events

June 16th will be our Annual Lodge Steak Roast. All Brethren are welcome and may bring a guest. Contact Clayton Ruggles or Ron Galens at:

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by June 12th if you are planning on attending.

Phelps Sauerkraut Weekend July 31st - August 2nd

Sign-up sheets are available for this event. We have a full agenda of activities by the Lodge and need as much help as possible. If you can be available, contact the Master or Secretary for possible duties.

Golf Tournament

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Well, after the most unpleasant Winter I can remember, I now sit down to write the last article before we break for Summer. We have been looking forward to some great Summer weather and I urge all my Brothers and Sisters to get out and enjoy the fresh air and sunshine.

As for me, I'm still on the mend and looking forward to some great weather and good golf. I, once again, thank all who expressed get well messages by way of cards, phone calls and email. It was overwhelming and I thank you from the bottom of my heart.

As for the District, I believe the past year went well. There were only a couple of hiccups. My thanks to all the Lodges for their outstanding cooperation they accorded to the District Team. A special thanks to all the Secretaries for getting all the paperwork in, and mostly on time.

I'm happy to report that Monroe District does not show up on any Grand Lodge's "did not comply lists." You have made your District Team very proud and set a fine example in the State. Take your bow, but don't get too comfortable ... the new Masonic Year will be here before you know it.

Upcoming Events

June 12th - The Masters and Wardens meeting is in the Grotto Office at the Shrine Center. It's a must meeting for all new Masters and Wardens. It will be Election for new Officers.

This past year, the present Officers built a strong organization. You can make it even better with your attendance.

June 27th - St. John's Day in Utica.

September 24th - Masters and Wardens meeting will also be our District Kick-off Meeting; however, it will not be an Open Meeting. Our goals have not changed, but we will convey this to all our Masters and Wardens because most will be brand new.

I close this article by thanking everyone for making our first year a successful one!

A Proud Mason ☐

First Things First
Worshipful Masters, if you will be sitting in the East in September, you are expected to take the *Master's Chair* Course. That is what the Grand Lodge of New York expects of you. This jam packed one day class provides you with every last minute detail you will need in order to ensure that your year is a success.

The Course will be offered on Saturday, September 5th from 8:30 a.m. to approximately 2 p.m. at Northfield Lodge in Pittsford. It will be a relaxed atmosphere; casual, fun and worthwhile.

Summer Reading Suggestions
On a sunny Saturday afternoon the end of February, six Brothers came together to discuss Steven Bullock's intricately researched historic book *Revolutionary Brotherhood*. It was an enjoyable experience for those who participated.

At the Official Visits in the Fall, in the **Masonic Times**, and on the Monroe Masonic District Facebook page, I had been encouraging all Brothers of our District to read this book as Dr. Bullock would be speaking at our College of Freemasonry.

Now as we get ready to go "dark" and take some time off for the Summer, I'd like to propose two books for us to read as a District. Rather than being historical, one of these books is philosophical and the other is sociological. Both of these works are beautifully written and quite engaging. They are also relatively shorter works.

The first one is Walter Wilmshurst's classic *The Meaning of Masonry*. This book was originally published in 1922 by the British author. While the book is broken into only six brief chapters, it seems to me to be six separate papers or articles Wilmshurst may have written and delivered as speeches. As the title of the book implies, Wilmshurst explores the deeper symbolism of our ritual and offers many insights into its significance.

If you have recently entered the quarries you will find this book eye-opening. But, even if you have been working in the

quarries of Masonry for many years, you will find nuggets of interpretation you have never considered before, and you will be rewarded.

The second book I propose is Robert Davis's *Understanding Manhood in America: Freemasonry's Enduring Path to the Mature Masculine*. You will recall that a few years back Mr. Davis spoke at our College of Freemasonry in Batavia. I purchased my copy of the book after reading Ill.: Thomas Jackson's review of it in the Scottish Rite's *Northern Light* magazine. My initial glance at it left me thinking it was rather dry; however, after recently re-looking at it I realize my initial assessment was wrong.

This is a book especially for Brothers in the 25-45 crowd. He's talking to you guys. Not that those of us above the age of 45 can't get something out of this, too. Believe me, there's some good perspective here even for those of us who have made the turn and are on the back nine of life.

Mr. Davis offers some fatherly wisdom to those of us who care to consider what it means to be a man in today's culture. It's tough. It's uncertain. It's a challenge. And our current politically correct environment offers up more roadblocks to male peace-of-mind and contentment than I-490 in the Summer. Mr. Davis ultimately makes the case that a men's organization like Freemasonry is not only good for men, but exactly what men need in challenging times like these. Read it, before it's too late.

As we did this past year, I will schedule a time during the Winter months when we can come together to discuss either one (or both) of these compelling books. I do hope you will consider them for your Summer reading. They can be easily picked up through Amazon or Barnes and Noble.

Finally, I hope you and your loved ones all have a safe and happy Summer. May the Supreme Architect of the Universe watch over you and provide you with lazy, hazy sunshine-filled days of blues and greens, and soft shadow, moonlit nights of rest and repose. ☐

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By V.:W.: Joe Lewis, AGL
Welcome Hiram ... Your Journey Begins

Greetings to all newly Raised Master Masons for this Masonic Year! We welcome you and commend you on your choice to join the world's oldest and greatest Fraternity. Congratulations for your hard work and dedication on achieving the rank

of Master Mason. Everything that has been taught to you thus far has been taught in a symbolic, allegoric and spiritually comprehensive structure.

As you recall, the Three Degrees of Masonry take place in King Solomon's Temple. The Entered Apprentice Degree takes place on the ground floor, the Fellowcraft Degree takes place in the Middle Chamber, and the Master Mason Degree takes place on the porch of King Solomon's Temple, which is at the entrance to the Holy of Holy's.

These Architectural sites of the structure of King Solomon's Temple have deep philosophical importance to the Master Mason. Found in the Great Light in Masonry, in the book of 1st Corinthians 3:16 states: "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you." You are the Temple, Brothers, and the three different aspects of the Temple are referring to three different aspects of you or better yet, of Mankind himself. The Three Degrees describe a journey for the individual Mason who participates in them. It is a journey that takes place in one's conscience and consciousness. In other words, it is a journey of self.

On this wonderful journey of self, you will have many truths revealed to you and one must always submit to the truth. The Great Light says in John 8:32: "Then you will know the truth and the truth shall set you free."

A Mason wanting to take this journey must do it on his own, in his own way and according to his own religious experiences. Freemasonry confers the Degree upon you, but Freemasonry cannot confer elevated levels of consciousness. This glorious and beautiful task will be yours and yours alone.

Every Working Tool in the Three Degrees, as explained, is capable of guiding you towards achieving True Self Knowledge. The Working Tools of the Speculative Mason have different philosophical applications, but they all have one universal concept in common and that is ... they are all instruments of ACTION. So you must take action, you must work in order to take advantage of the symbolic, allegoric, spiritual comprehensive structure, which will be necessary for your journey.

In closing, I also remind you not to forget utilizing the Greatest Light in Masonry, which is the *Holy Bible*. For in this Book is found one of the clearest sequence or processes of action necessary to achieving success in all things.

In the Book of Matthew 7:7 it states: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you." Good Luck to all of you on your quest for Masonic Light and I wish you all the Greatest Masonic Success! ☐

MONROE DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

By Bruce Katz, District Chairman
Membership Development: Keeping Master Masons

"It's one thing to make Master Masons - it's another thing to keep them!" This was the key finding from the revitalized Grand Lodge Membership Development Committee as reported in the Grand Lodge Annual Report. An important - and sad - observation is that "[t]he unofficial summary for the current year reveals that we Raised approximately 1,040 Master Masons and again Unaffiliated 1,187 Members for Non-Payment of Dues."

Also from the Grand Lodge Report:

The Membership Development Committee has actively investigated and identified the best membership development practices currently utilized in successful Masonic Districts as well as our sister Grand Lodge jurisdictions. The Committee will shortly complete and launch a new state-wide initiative which will change the culture of education within our Lodges. The new program will include training the Lodge Success Coaches (the Mentor), the Candidate Selection Process and the full cycle of advancement from "Prospect" to "Candidate" to "Life-Long" contributing member. The implementation of this new and exciting initiative will include a District Mentoring Chair, in conjunction with trained Success Coaches (Mentors) from each Lodge will provide individual and personal guidance, thus making the Candidate a better Mason and permanent asset to Freemasonry and to the Community.

One of the key opportunities for retaining new Brothers is helping guide their education. The Committee on Educational and Leadership Services reported (page 23) that this past year 157 Brothers participated in the *Masonic Development Course (MDC)*. This is an excellent opportunity for Brothers - both new and experienced - to learn more about our Craft.

At the Lodge level, the *LSOME (Lodge System of Masonic Education)* Program is available as a DVD and associated booklet, to be used before the 1st Degree and after the subsequent Degrees. Although statistics are not maintained on the program, it is believed that *LSOME* is not adequately being utilized by Lodges.

There will be additional communications on these topics, but it is not too early to begin consideration of your Lodge's plans, including the identification of potential Lodge Mentors and how to better implement the *LSOME* and *MDC* Programs in your Lodge. Your Lodge's future depends on it. ☐

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By R.: W.: Dave Allen

First and foremost, our Elect- ed W.: Jeremy Knox has asked me to assist him with this monthly column. Therefore, we hope to make it not only informative, but interesting. In so doing, we would appreciate it if you - any of you - have something to contribute, please feel free to do so remembering that the deadline is the 5th of the month preceding publication. i.e., September 5th is the deadline for the October Issue, etc. In so doing, you have all the "Wonderful Happenings" all Summer long to contribute. (August 5th is the deadline for September Issue).

We're sure that of the 150+ members, we will be hard-pressed to keep to our allotted space. It's going to be great doing business with him again after a year off.

Congratulations to our 2015 Officers:

Master **Jeremy Knox**
Sr. Warden **Paul Dill**
Jr. Warden
Sr. Deacon **David Aleksandrowicz**
Jr. Deacon **Brandon Ross**
Secretary **Ben Atmosfera**
Treasurer **Jim Clancy**
Bill Edwards

For those of you who haven't been active for some reason or other, please, please feel free to contact one of us so we can correct or modify the reason. We are among the most active Lodges in the District, if not in the State. Our Trustees have done wonders keeping "Your" Lodge in "Tip-Top" condition.

We have just Celebrated 150 Years and look forward to our future. Meetings have been held to the 9 o' clock hour and we hope to continue the Program, as W.: Borrino has done with the exception of a few of the Degree evenings.

So, won't you come and join us before the meeting in "Willy's Room?" You just might be surprised to find some Brother

with whom you might relate. We usually have between 35 and 40 members present. How about you making it 60+? We've got lots of chairs.

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Brothers, this is my last article as Master of Clio Lodge. I thank all the Brothers and my Officers for helping me out this year. I hope the Lodge enjoyed the year, and came away with a little more Masonic Light.

April Highlights

Our first meeting in April saw W.: Mike Postilli go over his plans for the Lodge next year. He presented his ideas for committees and roles in the Lodge.

At our second meeting, R.: W.: Steve Michener came out to Clio and presented his program on Brother Mozart's Masonic Opera, "The Magic Flute." The program was really well done and I came to realize that opera is much more interesting with subtitles. Who knew that understanding the dialog was the key to enjoying it! Also, Brother Lance Daul came from Northfield as well. It was great seeing him and we appreciate the friendship that has developed with the Northfield Brothers this year.

Election of Officers

At our first meeting in May we elected our Officers for the 2015-2016 Masonic Year:

Master **Mike Postilli**
Sr. Warden **Matt Reiter**
Jr. Warden **Brett DeHollander**
Secretary **Larry Vacarelli**
Treasurer **Larry Britt**
Trustee **Bayard Burch**
Trustee **Brian Dobson**

June Events

June 2nd - Open Installation of our new Officers

June 16th - Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. Feel free to bring any men to whom you may have mentioned Freemasonry. We'll be having a dinner, a short presentation on Freemasonry and then social time.

Summer Birthdays

June

Happy Birthday to Brothers Tom Burger, Aaron Chasen, Steve Hamilton, Jeff Kipp, William Schmitt, Mark Shapiro, Nate Thompson, Ross Thompson, Myron Waterman and Don Wright.

July

Happy Birthday to Brothers Stu Brickman, Brian Dobson, Pat Herring, Chris Petote and Aaron Thompson.

August

Happy Birthday to Brothers Dick Barnes, Frank Celona, Gordie Smith, Thomas Tanner and Douglas Trembeth.

Closing Thoughts

I wish best of luck to W.: Mike for next year and say thank you again for a great year.

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By R.: W.: Skip Waterstreet

Our 2nd Degree went off without a hitch on April 28th with some of our new, younger Officers in key roles. Brother Adam Gerken was in the East and Brother Jared Sherwin in the West. Worshipful Richard Smith acted as Junior Warden.

Serving as our Chaplain was Right Worshipful Herb Spencer and Brother Paul Dill acted as Marshal. We were honored to have Brother Jim MacDuff, of ERAC Lodge, perform a magnificent recitation of the Middle Chamber Lecture. Worshipful Scott Rice presented the Working Tools. Brothers Ryan Ramplin and William Grishaber exchanged the Questions and Answers and Brother Ramplin bestowed the Charge on our new Fellowcrafts.

Annual Meeting

We held our Election of Officers on May 12th. Preceded by reports from the Treasurer, Secretary and Trustees, the following Officers were elected and will be installed at a Public Installation meeting on Tuesday, **June 9th**. Invite your family and friends to witness this event:

Master **Todd Colburn**
Senior Warden **Ryan Ramplin**
Junior Warden

Treasurer **William Grishaber**
Secretary **Glenn Stahl**
Trustee (3 years) **Derek VanHouten**

Robert Anderson

Appointed Officers will also be installed. I hope you will come out to offer your support to our new Lodge leaders.

Dinner Reservations, Please

A reservation is required... the permanent Dinner list is not in effect for this night. The cost is \$10 per person - Brothers, family members and other guests. Please make your dinner reservation(s) with our Junior Warden-Elect, Bill Grishaber, email: bgris64@gmail.com. It will commence at 6:30 p.m.

Ongoing Business

The Charities Committee of Inspiration Lodge was meeting late last month to determine organizations and amounts to distribute to recipients. I was honored and pleased to receive the donations to Camp DeMolay and the Masonic Service Bureau at our Annual Meeting.

Birthday Celebrants

Here are the Brothers who are gaining in seniority from now through the Summer. We wish each one of them a glorious day in which to celebrate:

June

Thomas Steele (1st); Thomas Benson (2nd); George Hornung (3rd); Myron Dox (4th); Alan Goodrich (6th); Walter Orr (7th); John Brown (13th); Philip McCaskill (15th); Richard Beyer (17th); Ronald Williams (18th); Ralph Jurgens (25th); Michael Schum (29th); and Julius Toth, Jr. (30th).

July

Raymond Sterling, Richard Crockford, and Thomas Belt (1st); John McDonald (3rd); Charles Waterstreet, Jr. (4th); Wallace Wagner and Russell Rines (6th); Todd Colburn and Charles Howell (7th); Franklin Suhr (8th); Litchard Toland (11th); Bernard Skopinsky (12th); Arthur Hill (22nd); Joseph Bishop and Wayne McCrossen (25th); Eugene White (28th); Rene VanDeVeire (29th); and Roy Bruno Jr. (31st).

August

John Brinthaupt (2nd); Rand Gee (3rd); Robert Peace (8th); Kenneth Pearce (14th); Kenneth Schumacher (20th); James Causey, Herbert Young, Donald Johnson and William Shelby (21st); Warren Doerrer and Gary Caswell (25th); Huntz Hilfiker (27th); Carl Klein (28th); Charles Fornataro (29th); and Joseph DiTucci (30th).

Adios!

I extend best wishes for a wonderful Summer to all my Brothers and their family members.

We will look forward to resuming our Masonic work in September when I hope to see you in Lodge.

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This will be my last article as Master of Unity Lodge. It has been a very enlightening year for me. I have learned many of the workings of the Lodge that were foreign to me before being elected and taking on the journey serving as Master. More than anything I thank the many Brothers who helped guide me along that journey.

Being Master came along with many responsibilities - some expected and some unexpected. I believe that, with the Brothers help, we negotiate both and I hope we have left the Lodge on a path for continued success and growth for the future of Masonry in Spencerport. A path I am sure our next Master, W.: Patrick Schwartz and his Officers will embrace and continue.



Brothers Tom Michielsen and Ed Gillott with Worshipful Master, Bob Songin, following presentation of their 40-year Awards

One of my last duties as Master was to recognize the many Brothers who have been members and served our Lodge so faithfully over the years. For those who were unable to attend this event, I share their names with you now:

65 Years **Don Fox**
60 Years **Harold Boughner**
55 Years **Jim Powell**
Elmer Semmler
50 Years **Bob Clark**
40 Years **Ed Gillott**
Tom Michielsen
William Dunn
20 Years **John Hennessey**
10 Years **Tim Hull**
5 Years **David Olsen**
Ralph Pate

A highlight of the evening was my great pleasure to present the Past Master's Apron to W.: Jeff VanSice.

After Elections, our Secretary, Cliff Short, will be sending out a communication announcing the date for Installation of Officers, which will be held before the end of June.

June 22nd - Our Annual Picnic at Pineway Ponds Park,

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Gravelle Lodge. Dinner to be served at 6:30 p.m. Family is invited. It's 'bring your own booze' ... we will provide Soda and Water, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Venison Sausage, Salads and Snacks.

In closing, I extend my thanks to everyone who helped make this a very memorable year for me; one I will not soon forget. ☐

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Another Masonic Year is quickly concluding. These words are being finalized after return from Grand Lodge at the 234th Annual Communication. More information will be presented at the upcoming meetings, but a key directive from the Grand Master is to bring the question of admission of 18-year-olds before the membership, for a vote at the 235th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge in 2016.

We welcomed our newest Brothers on April 13th. Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason were: **Steven Duggan, Christopher Hennessy, Michael Pettinato, Matthew Mantione, Todd James and Ted Plenge**. Helping make this a particularly memorable evening for our Lodge, Most Worshipful James Sullivan was among the guests for the 3rd Degree.

Each of our new Brothers demonstrated outstanding proficiency in their examinations and we are proud to welcome them into our Lodge. In addition to individual work, the support of the Mentoring Team consisting primarily of W.: Dave Upham and Brothers James Wright, Mike VanAs, Jim MacDuff and Mike Sukhenko helped these new Brothers begin their Masonic Journey.

Additionally, our new Brothers teamed up to create their Master's piece in providing a meal at Ronald McDonald House. The Brothers reported having a great time while helping provide for the families.

The Past Masters filled the Officers' Stations and places on April 27th for our Past Masters Night. These Brothers were: Dave Upham in the East, Pat Mulrooney in the West, John Hellaby in the South. They were joined by George Nasra, Phil Hurwitz, Rich Friedman, Frank Granata II, Chad Crawford and Craig Covert. Sideliners included Rich Greenaway; Terry Whilen, Sr.; and Frank Granata, Sr. Visiting Past Masters included R.: W.: Alan Ramsey and W.: Gary Burke. Brother Friedman presented the 3rd Installment of the Reading and Commentary of Anderson's Constitutions of 1723, and conducted a *Walk-About* the Lodge.

Five ladies joined us for our Widows Luncheon at Burgundy Basin on April 25th. Please see the article elsewhere in this edi-



(Left to right) W.: Carl Scarpulla, Master of ERAC Lodge; Brothers Ted Plenge; Jason Simmons; Christopher Hennessy; Past Grand Master, M.: W.: James Sullivan; Brothers Matthew Mantione; Todd James; Steve Duggan; and, Michael Pettinato. Photo by Mike Sukhenko

tion of the **Masonic Times**.

Our Installation of the 2015-2016 Officer Line will be Monday, **June 8th**. Please come and show your support for the new Officers. This is an Open Meeting so family and friends are cordially invited. Social time will begin at 6 p.m., heavy hors d'oeuvres at 6:30 p.m., and Installation at 7:30 p.m. Brothers, it has been a productive year in ERAC Lodge. Please continue to help build our Masonic work.

July 12th - our Picnic and Scholarship Presentations will be held at the Damascus Shrine Center. Please check the Website or call our Junior Warden.

As the Masonic Year draws to a close, I am reminded of the portion of Psalm 133 that states "Behold, how good and pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity..." I thank several groups of Brothers who helped to make the year a success:

- The Elected and Appointed Officers of ERAC for their unflagging enthusiasm for the work of Masonry, and their support throughout the year. I wish them every success in their future endeavors - Masonic and otherwise.
- The Past Masters of ERAC and our predecessor Lodges,

who have all, at one time or another, whispered wise counsel in my ear, thus reducing the number of times I have erred. I thank you for your wisdom and patience.

To the Grand Lodge and Staff Officers who have stood ready to assist us when called. No one knows how much work is done behind the scenes by these dedicated Brothers who are often faced with a thankless task.

Finally, the body of the Lodge - the "sideliners," if you will. Previously, I have never agreed with our use of the term "sideliners," until reflecting upon it during the preparation of this article. I then realized that, as in football, the sideliners are not idly standing by, but rather standing at-the-ready, prepared to get in the game when needed. Brothers, I thank you for being there to support your Lodge and Fraternity whenever called upon.

I am excited by the future of ERAC Lodge. As I have stated (ad nauseum, it sometimes seems), our Lodge is blessed by an abundance of youth, wisdom, talent and energy. It is my belief that these resources, under wise stewardship, will help to carry us well into the future.

Until we meet again. ☐

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My Exit Interview

Thank you, Brothers, for allowing me to serve as your Worshipful Master throughout the past year. I was Raised slightly over 5 years ago. Like many of you, when I came into this endeavor, I had no pre-conceived notions about my Brothers or the Craft ... a Lambskin, if you will.

Like many Lodges in this District and throughout the State, Northfield Lodge has seen a decline in membership and attendance at its Regular Communications. We are not sure why, but this continues to be the age-old question. Why?

Some things haven't changed during my tenure at the Lodge; not only as the Master, but also as a Brother.

To those of you who are unclear about the Lodge, its direction and what has occurred here over the past year, COME and attend a Regular Communication and find out. Your attendance would be greatly appreciated. WHY? Because it seems as though it's

the same Brothers meeting-after-meeting, event-after-event hoisting the Lodge's weight on their shoulders to ensure its success. To those Brothers, you are the life support of this Lodge. Continuing to support and sustain us over the last year, I can't thank you enough for your true friendship and love.

Within the past year, there were a lot of expectations and pressure placed on our Lodge. With your help, the Lodge has continued to flourish. I can see you starting to buckle as our time in the trenches and quarries seems endless. Our time together, though, has established and forged lifelong friendships. To you, I extend my deepest thank you and I will never take them for granted.

To those local Brothers able to attend and haven't ... WHY??? You could join us in the recently painted dining room, break bread at one of the feasts prepared by Brothers for Brothers, take in a program presented by Brothers who put forth so much effort to make sure that we as Brothers were receiving further Masonic Light ... Not the same old business as usual meetings. WHY?? ... As presenters from our Lodge and the other presenters throughout the District, you Brothers get it. A deeper look into this Fraternity on many different levels, but also, a respect for the Craft. Respect for the Craft. Thank You.

Brothers, present and future, please remember why we have joined this sacred Fraternity. The reason we each decided to join is different and personal; as it should be. When you look in the mirror each day, are you still true to the Craft and, more importantly, yourself? Respect not only the Craft, your Brothers and yourself. I could go on ... BUT WHY?

It would be a shame to lose great Brothers, like my pillars of support, the ones in the trenches and quarries over the past year because the influence and arrogance of self-serving Brothers continues to permeate our Masonic home.

June Birthdays

Donald Fox (6th) and Wayne Moore (25th)

Masonic Anniversaries

- 1946 **George Morris**
Andrew Campbell
Edgar Rummler III
Fred Halik
- 1951 **Donald Woodruff**
- 1958 **Leon Behnke**
- 1961 **Richard Russell**
- 1968 **Glenn Hedges**
- 1969 **Lawrence Cooper**
- 1976 **John Dudley**
- 1981 **Robert Sweeney** ☐
- 1998

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By R.: W.: John Zabel

Well, Summer is almost upon us. Our Election of Officers was last month and we are preparing for the Installation of all Elected and Appointed Officers. Brother Allen Heidrick attended Grand Lodge, as our Representative, and reported at the Election meeting.

We only had one meeting in May as the fourth Monday is now the official celebration of Memorial Day, except in Waterloo. If you don't know about Waterloo, ask. One of the other events in May we hope some of our Brothers took advantage of was the *Masonic Development Course*, facilitated by R.: W.: Steve Michener with the section on the 3rd Degree conducted by R.: W.: John Zabel. This Course is a good way of learning more about the meaning of each of the three Degrees and to learn how other Brothers perceive the Degrees and their symbols and teachings.

June 8th (our last meeting until September), is Sport Shirt Night so come to Lodge wearing your most outrageous sport shirt. We presume there will be a contest for the best, most outrageous shirt. We will conclude the evening with Strawberry Shortcake with all the works. Stay tuned for more information about this evening as it approaches

Through the Summer months we will see Masonic social functions. Your new Lodge Officers and the Fellowcraft Club will be planning a picnic which may include a Clambake and other goodies. More information to come.

We also ask that you welcome our newest Master Masons, Brothers Carey Hollis and Dean Sisson. They received the Master Mason Degree on April 27th. The Lodge did a good job on the Degree with the help of W.: Richard Spellman from Seneca Lodge taking the part that W.: Tom Ward was scheduled to do. Brother Ward was home sick in bed that evening so Brother Dick filled in and did an excellent job. We thank him for his assistance. The Lodge Brothers who filled the other parts did good work that was appreciated by all.

On a recent Sunday morning while at a church service, the minister titled his sermon with the word "metathesiophobia." If you have never heard or seen this word, Google it. The way it was used in the sermon could also apply to our beloved Fraternity. We, or more exactly, many Masons are afraid of change as it applies to the Fraternity.

Well, change happens - sometimes for the best and sometimes not. We all must embrace change that we perceive will improve our Fraternity and Lodges or we will eventually perish. Masonic history has shown that change for the sake of the Fraternity is good. The perception of the Fraternity prior to the Morgan Affair caused much of the uproar when Morgan was abducted. However, many years later, the perception of the Fraternity changed and it started to grow again.

What changed? It wasn't the Ritual as that did not change. It was the actions of the Brethren in the community and the perception of non-Masons of the Brethren who changed. The change was good.

The entire Fraternity - especially Lodges - needs to look at themselves and determine what we have that men in society may want or need and then determine how best to show our community those characteristics. This may then encourage men to seek us out and petition for membership.

When this happens, we must do all we can to see that our Brethren, from the Petitioner to the longest-serving member, know what our teachings are and how they can be applied to their life.

Do we do that now? Yes, to some extent, but we must do a better job. How, you ask? One way is to improve our mentoring of new Brothers and the discussion of Masonic teaching with all Brothers; i.e., good Masonic Programs during Lodge meetings.

Where are the resources? Ask the Grand Lodge Officers, the Masters and Wardens Association or members of your Lodge who appear knowledgeable. The resources are there, they just need to be tapped.

Maybe there are areas of Lodge administration and functioning that should change as society has changed. There are areas that we may not want to change, like the Ritual. We are one of the very few organizations left that actively confers Degrees and performs Ritual functions. We each should look at our Lodge and our own feel-

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wives and widows. Since 9/11, Fame has a tradition of singing "God Bless America" while holding hands around the altar after each meeting. This gives us a time to remember and reflect while holding hands in fellowship.

I attended Grand Lodge this year with Senior Warden, Jason Gartland, and we will be discussing Grand Lodge Communications at upcoming meetings.

Our next meeting is **June 11th**, which is our Strawberry Social and also Crazy Shirt Night. There will be no dinner that night, but Steward Dick Topel guarantees fresh Strawberries and Ice Cream. Ladies and families are welcome.

Save the Date

July 22nd will be our Annual Sausage Roast at Camp Eastman Kiwanis Lodge at 4 p.m. Join us by the shores of Lake Ontario for some Summer fellowship. ☐

We have had a lot going on since our last communication. We had the Widow's Luncheon at Burgundy Basin on April 25th. Widows Doreen Rhodes, Ruth Hunt and Carrol Erickson joined me for lunch. Fame's own Heintz Gunkel led the Masonic War Veterans Flag Presentation.

The next day we held our Lady's Luncheon at Keenan's Restaurant where Fame honored our



Tradition started 9/11 of singing God Bless America after every Lodge meeting.



←↖↑ Pictures from Lady's Luncheon, April 26th, at Keenan's Restaurant

Photos from Widows Luncheon, April 25th, at Burgundy Basin.



← Photos from Grand Lodge sessions, May 4th and 5th, New York City.

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ings of the Fraternity and help institute changes that will improve what we do and how we do it. This will improve our image in society and even attract men who seek what we have.

Well that is enough philosophy for now, but I hope this gives our Brethren something to contemplate over the Summer months. Any suggestions you may have, communicate to the Officers of the Lodge and any other Brother whom you feel would listen and appreciate your ideas.

See everyone in September ... if not sooner at a social function. ☐

MMRL Researches Atrial Fibrillation

Atrial fibrillation (AF) is the most common arrhythmia encountered by physicians. It is reaching epidemic proportions in the United States, with over 2.7 million Americans affected — including nearly one in 10 individuals 80 years of age and older. As the population ages, projections indicate that its prevalence will increase to 15 million by 2050.

When the heart is in atrial fibrillation, stagnation of blood in the atria can cause blood clots that can travel to the brain and cause an ischemic stroke. Over 25% of strokes in the United States are attributable to atrial fibrillation. For this reason, it is important

for patients with AF to use blood thinners such as warfarin or other newer anticoagulants.

Scientists at the Institute are working with a biotechnology company to develop a novel therapy for AF based on atrial-selective inhibition of sodium channel current, an approach pioneered by Masonic Medical Research Laboratory scientists. It has shown very effective in experimental models, but unlike other drugs used to treat AF, it has very low toxicity. Phase 2 Clinical trials have been conducted to assess the effectiveness of the combination of ranolazine (Ranexa) and dronedarone (Multaq) for the safe and effective management of AF.

The Phase 2 clinical trial was double blind, meaning that neither the patient nor the medical practitioner knew who was taking the placebo and who was taking the medication. Results of the clinical trial showed that those taking the drug combination had far fewer episodes of atrial fibrillation than those taking the placebo or either drug alone. Phase 3 clinical trials are expected to begin later this year.

Atrial Fibrillation in the Setting of Heart Failure

We are also conducting studies to assess the effectiveness of certain drugs and combinations of drugs on the induction of atrial fibrillation in the setting of heart failure. Heart failure affects nearly 5 million people in the United States. Each year close to 500,000 new cases are diagnosed. It is the leading cause of hospitalization in people over 65 and is often associated with atrial fibrillation, which worsens the prognosis of heart failure.

Our ongoing studies have identified a temporal window of vulnerability for the development of atrial fibrillation during the progression of heart failure. We have also shown that in our experimental models, ranolazine (Ranexa) is very potent in preventing the induction of AF in the setting of heart failure.

In view of its efficacy and safety, it may be a welcome substitute to currently used drugs. Cardiac Research Institute/MMRL is also working to identify gene defects that can predispose young individuals to AF.

Sudden Infant Death Syndrome

SIDS has been attributed to numerous, often poorly defined mechanisms implicating cardiovascular, respiratory and infectious diseases. The first direct evidence linking SIDS to a congenital heart defect — the Long QT Syndrome — was published in *The New England Journal of Medicine* based on work done by the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory team in collaboration with clinical colleagues in Italy several years ago.

A mutation in the gene known as SCN5A was shown to produce a major increase in late sodium current, providing the first unequivocal demonstration that a life-threatening event in infancy — with all the features of SIDS — may be due to a sporadic mutation causing LQTS. Support for a link between SIDS and cardiac arrhythmias has grown progressively and it is now believed that 10-15 percent of SIDS cases are due to disorders of heart rhythm.

MMRL is one of the top genetic screening centers in the world dedicated to helping families with inherited life-threatening cardiac arrhythmias.

Brugada Syndrome

Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL) scientists also take pride in having discovered the majority of genes responsible for another form of inherited sudden cardiac death known as the Brugada Syndrome.

This disorder generally afflicts individuals as they reach the third and fourth decade of their otherwise-healthy lives. Some, in fact, are athletes who have endured strenuous training without any medical problems, until one day they die suddenly in their sleep without warning. The syndrome has confounded doctors for decades and left many families devastated.

Our scientists demonstrated that faulty genes that encode sodium, calcium and potassium channels in the heart contribute to the development of this syndrome. Using experimental models of the disease, we were able to identify a class of drugs that can be used in conjunction with implantable cardioverter defibrillators (ICDs) to protect patients from the arrhythmias that lead to sudden cardiac arrest. Thanks to these advances, individuals with this disease can be identified genetically as well as clinically, and appropriate therapy can be administered before a tragic outcome occurs.

The only book dealing exclusively with Brugada Syndrome emanated from a Consensus Conference hosted by MMRL. ☐

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Damascus Shrine Center No. 2

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KEVIN FARO
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By Kevin "Skins" Faro
 Chief Rabban

Wow! Are there things happening at Damascus! We have parades, parties, Cruz Nights, food, fun and – most of all – Fellowship!!!

Can you believe? ... we had 80 people show up for the Wheelers meeting! So much is happening at your Shrine Center, you don't want to miss a thing.

What about the Annual Bullhead Dinner with the Wayne Shrine Club on beautiful Sodus Bay, Cinco de Mayo Party and the up and coming "BLUES, BOOZE AND B-B-Q" (the Summer Event to be talked about) on **June 27th**.

Our May meeting was very well attended, honoring the Ambassadors of Damascus "The Shrine Degree Team." We all thank them for their hard work and

dedication. What a great night it was.

Remember a great source of communication for your Club or Unit is the **Damascus News**. Send in your blog by the 5th of each month to:

masonictimes@gmail.com.

Hope you all have a fun and safe Summer and enjoy the many events that are planned by your Divan and Damascus. Your Lady or significant other, as well as your children, are always welcome to our events and parties. Come out and be part of the fellowship and enjoy a few laughs with your Brothers; it's always a good time.

As always, if there is anything your Divan can do, please feel free to approach any of us. □

WAYNE McCROSSEN
POTENTATE



I can't believe it's Summer Break already! I guess time flies when you're having a good time.

First off, I thank Matt Sansone and his crew for a great job on refurbishing the kitchen. I've never seen the kitchen look so new!!!!



The cleanup and painting of the Shrine Center kitchen was done in preparation for busy Summer activities. Hard work and many hours were donated by Kelly Weber, Matt Sansone, John Hellaby and Mike Hueston working recently in the kitchen. Others who helped ... Jim Ryan, Mike VanAs, Jim Clancy, Matt Muller and Jarod Sherwin.

We had a wonderful Cino de Mayo Party and I thank Dan and Karen Burkhart for heading up that committee. Also in atten-

dance, was a magician and what goes better with margaritas, than magic. I hope this continues to be one of our annual events.

Thank you to all who participated in the Lilac Festival Parade. It was one of our best attendance for a parade in a while. Thank you to all the clowns, Wheelers and

our new addition – direct from Tampa – our traveling Information Booth. Thanks to Sean Noonan who retrieved the Shriners Hospitals for Children® trailer.

This is a trailer with information about the Hospitals and the Shrine for educational purposes and draws a crowd wherever it parks. You'll be seeing this trailer, open to the public, for information at every Cruz Night.

Cruz Nights

Speaking about Cruz Nights, everything is in place, all Committee Chairmen are lined up and we're ready to have a good Summer. Bruce Chilton is Co-Chair of Cruz Nights along with Norris Shapiro and they assure us we will have one of the best Cruz Nights ever.

Remember, Nobles, during the Summer months always look at your Constant Contact of the upcoming events for the Summer. Thank you and have a safe Summer. □

DEREK VAN HOUTEN

DAMASCUS PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR

Recently our Illustrious Potentate asked me to consider taking a new assignment as Public Relations Director for Damascus Shriners. He also indicated I would need to travel to Tampa to attend the PR Seminar in late April. Upon returning, he wanted a full report and this article is part of that report.

Imperial Sirs. Jerry Grant and Chris Smith hosted the 2-1/2 day event. The time was packed with sessions and downtime to socialize and get to know each other in a very gracious and professional atmosphere.

We had several speakers including a Professor from Syracuse University who spoke on the strategic insight related to crisis communications, ethics and reputation risk management. Additional speakers from the Shrine spoke on media relations, media measurement and distribution. Amy Ritzel, the Shrine Corporate Director of Public Relations, is deeply involved with "Love to the Rescue."

We also heard from a special guest, Harli White, who at a young age wanted to race sprint cars. In April, 2008, she

flipped her race car, which caught fire. She was trapped and, because of that, received burns of 45% to her body. After undergoing multiple surgeries and skin grafts, you would not know today that this happened. She and her team travel around the country racing sprint cars at various venues. She was at our Friday night closing banquet and is a wonderful ambassador for our Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

Additional topics were brought forward:

- They are using 3-D printers to facilitate the production of plastic fingers and hands for young burn patients for which the cost is reasonable.
- The Hospital in Los Angeles is moving to Pasadena and ground-breaking is scheduled for May 27th.
- Imperial Jack Jones indicated that Dispensation for our first Temple in Brazil, South America, would probably be passed at Houston Sessions. Three hundred Masons are required to grant this to happen and 333 Masons were received. This would increase the number of Shrine Temples to 195.

Overall, it was a great educational and thought-provoking experience that challenged all who attended to continue to provide accurate, concise communications when dealing with ourselves and the public. □



Derek and Fezzy

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Thank you, Sean Noonan, for obtaining this Shriners informational trailer we're displaying at Cruz Nights this Summer. Stop by and see what Shriners International does.

DAMASCUS TRESTLEBOARD 2015
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- 3rd** Tiled Meeting, Social - 5 p.m., Dinner - 6 p.m., Meeting - 7 p.m. Menu: Chef-Carved Top Round of Beef, Meatballs, Tenderloin Tips w/Mushrooms, Baked Potato, Red Pasta, Veggies, Salad
- 7th** Shriners Hospital for Children®-Erie Community Open House
- 14th** Legion of Honor Flag Retirement Ceremony
- 24th** Shriners Hospital for Children® Charity Fishing Event
- 27th** Blues, Brews & Bar-B-Que - Open to the Public
 June 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th - Cruz Nights

JULY

- 3rd** NO CRUZ NIGHT ... Be safe and enjoy the 4th of July Holiday!
- 16th** Webster Firemen's Parade
- 18th** Lyon's Parade
 July 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st - Cruz Nights

AUGUST

- August 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th - Cruz Nights





Shrine Band



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

Damascus Shrine is most fortunate to have a fine Band. It has 25 volunteer members, although one seldom sees all 25 together at the same time. As we can all appreciate, people have family and health matters that can take a priority over everything else. Fortunately, our Band does not have many of these.

The Band does virtually nothing during our severe Winter months, as there will be no guarantee the weather will be kind when a playing event might be scheduled. Also, Band members come from our surrounding counties and as far away as Auburn. Now that the better weather is upon us, the Band has committed for several events.

The Band is always looking to add new musicians to its roster. Anyone so interested should contact the Band Director or the Damascus Shrine Office. We are not a marching band. We generally hold just one rehearsal a year and use it to add new music to the repertoire.

For every one of these Summer events, the Band has been invited to play. Some

even result in a donation being made to our Shriners Hospitals for Children®.

Summer Schedule (As we know it ...)

Sunday, June 14th – 2 p.m. - the Band will be complementing our Legion of Honor for the Annual Flag Retirement Ceremony to be held at our Damascus Shrine Center. Don't miss this one!

June 21st - our Band will be playing a concert at the Sodus Point Lighthouse at 12 Noon. We were invited by their Historical Society, which has planned a Pathways to History event.

Saturday, July 18th - the Band will ride on an Orbaker Farms truck in the Annual Pultneyville Parade at 11 a.m.

Later that day, the Band will play at the annual Peppermint Day Festival in Lyons.

On July 25th - the Band will play a concert at the Newark Firemens Field Days.

July 30th - The Band will conclude its Summer with a concert at St. John's Meadows in Rochester at 6 p.m.

AUBURN SHRINE CLUB

By David Bowman

If my calculations are correct, this message needs to cover through the Summer months. And we are as busy in the Summer as we seem to be in the Winter months.

June's meeting is planned for June 15th. Bob Coleman promises us a bang-up of a meeting. As he says, "It has to be big! It not only counts for June, it counts for July as well." So make sure it is on your calendar or you might be the one who wishes you were there for all the excitement. We also wish him well on his journey to Ireland.

As stated, we will be taking July off, as usual. That doesn't mean you are taking the month off from collecting the aluminum. Fact is, you will probably get even more if it is as warm (read as HOT) as last year. So save it up and bring it to the Annual Steak Roast.

Go ahead, guess what happens in August? That's right, August 17th - Auburn Lodge Pavilion and Party House, it's the GREAT AMERICAN STEAK ROAST. Wouldn't this be a great time to bring a Mason, as your guest, to see what goes on in the Shrine?

Ken Pollard is going to head it up as soon as Beulah tells him what to do. Everyone pitches in and it is something we all look forward to. Get up, put it on your calendar now so you don't plan to babysit that evening. Ken, congratulations on your Award from your Masonic Lodge.

That covers the future, what has hap-

pened that you might have missed? Well, did you get your free radon detector? Do you know who your energy supplier is and whether that company is your best choice? Do you know how long the pay-back period is for those solar panels? How about the windmills you see on your journeys; where is that power going? The answers to these and more were covered in our March and April meetings.

Vern Stephens and his bride weren't able to make the last meeting as too much cotton candy was consumed at the Shrine Circus in Syracuse. Congratulations, to our fellow Shrine as the circus was over Easter Weekend and was a great success.

Sickness and Distress

Bob Coleman is back to being his ornerly self.

Chuck Minster is retired, but threatens to go back to get some time to himself.

Yours truly had one hip replaced with the only after-effects being all the refrigerator magnets that fly off every time I pass it. I was also able to donate a \$250 award given me by Unity House to our Shrine Hospital in Springfield. Man, I love our kids.

Another great reason to make time to come to a meeting is the loyalty of Derek VanHouton keeping us up on everything in Webster.

As you travel around this Summer, keep your eyes open for restaurants that are open on Monday nights. It is always fun to find a different menu. ☐

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PERRY SHRINE CLUB

By Edgar Hollwedel

The speaker for the April meeting of the Perry Shrine Club was Hans Kunze, a local Bird Man, who told us about his family and how they arrived in Western New York and his great love of nature - especially birds.

After WWII his grandfather had to leave the farm in Eastern Germany as the Russians had taken over the Country and the farm would be confiscated by them. The family arrived in America and settled in Western New York by acquiring a new farm where, as a boy, Hans roamed the land and found an abundance of wildlife - most particularly, birds. Their habits, sounds, nesting quarters and migrations fascinated him.

So he made his knowledge available to all by giving walks, seminars and writing an article all about birding in the *Batavia Daily News* once or twice a month, which we all find so entertaining. Keep the knowledge coming and we thank you for sharing your interests with us.

Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, August 16th - August Brunch Meeting, 10 a.m., at Lumber-

dinner is only \$10. It will start at 4:30 p.m. until sold out. Be sure to tell your friends, family members and neighbors. Look at it this way ... on a HOT Friday night, NO ONE will have to cook.

June 10th-14th - 87th Supreme Session in Albuquerque, New Mexico. This is a very special Session where our Queen will be with Queens from all over the United States and Canada.

June 27th - Tour and Wine Tasting at Casa Larga at 1:30 p.m.

July 18th - will be a very interesting day at the Sterling Renaissance Festival in Sterling. If you have never been to this Festival, plan on going. It is a lot of fun.

Thursday, July 30th - Zama Temple's Supreme Official Visit/Ceremonial with Supreme Queen, Sharon St. John. This special visit will start at 2 p.m. at

yard Restaurant.

September 24th - September meeting, 6 p.m., at Lumberyard Restaurant. Dinner will be off-the-menu at 6:45 p.m. Ken Buckley is arranging the program.

October 22nd - October meeting at the Hole-in-the-Wall Restaurant; Phil Cox has set the program.

Wednesday, November 18th - Howard Wood will tell us about the life cycle of a Pheasant

Wednesday, December 16th - Perry Shrine Club Christmas Party at National Hotel. It will start at 6 p.m. and all will order off-the-menu at 6:45 p.m.

More information will be provided on each program, as we get closer. This list is just a few of the great meetings that 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. ☐

Webster Masonic Hall, followed with dinner at Glendoveers, 2328 Old Brown-croft Road, Rochester. (Look for additional information to follow in Zama's Newsletter).

August 2nd - Park Avenue Summer Art Fest, is planned as a fun day away.

August 8th - will be Zama Temple Stated Session at 10 a.m. at Webster Masonic Hall; lunch to follow.

August 19th and 20th - Dedication of the new Shrine Hospital in Montreal, Canada. A floor will also be named after Daughters of the Nile. (Look for additional information to follow in Zama's Newsletter).

September 12th - Stated Session at 10 a.m. at Webster Masonic Hall; lunch to follow.

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Daughters of the Nile Zama Temple No. 14

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

Rhonda R. Shaffer, Queen

Written by Ellie Canfield

Queen Rhonda Shaffer held her first Stated Session in April where the 2015 Budget and proposed fundraisers were approved. We installed Officers who were not installed in March.

Zama Temple No. 14 will be very busy over the Summer months with fundraisers, special fun outings for all

members, Supreme Queen's visit, etc.

Fundraising Fridays

On the **3rd Friday of every month through September**, there will be a Chicken Bar-B-Que Drive-Thru at Webster Masonic Lodge Hall on Orchard Street. This is a complete dinner with a Half-chicken, Potato, Coleslaw and bread. The cost of this wonderful



What's New in Erie...

13-Year-Old Raises Over \$20,000

Thirteen-year-old Mikayla may have been born without her right hand, but she was born with a full heart. From birth, Mikayla was a patient at Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie (SHC-Erie). The staff at SHC-Erie worked with her to be fitted with prosthetics and how to utilize those prosthetic devices. However, Mikayla says the most important thing she received from the SHC-Erie was the belief that she was normal and could accomplish anything to which she put her mind.

Mikayla did put her mind to something ... she wanted to give back to the organization that gave so much to her. Mikayla's idea was to host a benefit dinner and a live auction, titled *Love a Child!* Her vision for the event was to raise money so they (SHC-Erie) have the funds available to help other children like myself and those who need so much more from them (SHC-Erie).

Mikayla set a lofty goal for *Love a Child!* – her first fundraising event, \$20,000! Kimberly Goldizen, Mikayla's mother said, "she set that goal early on and no one believed she could get there." Mikayla did not just take a passive leadership role with *Love a Child!*; she was on the front lines. She was out drumming up sponsorships, taking donations and selling tickets. Even on the night of the event, from cooking dinners to serving the food, she was involved.

The night of the event featured a 50/50 and a plethora of live auction items. With over 300 tickets sold, there was not an empty seat to be found. By the end of the evening, as the total was materializing, it was clear Mikayla not only reached her goal, but surpassed it.

In a little over two months of planning and work she had raised \$20,230 for SHC-Erie! Even with her drive and passion, Mikayla remains humble. Mikayla says she and her family draw inspiration from a particular line of scripture, "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more." (Luke 12:48)

"The one mistake Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie made with Mikayla," said Mikayla's mother, "was telling her she could do anything she wanted." She hasn't stopped since.



Occupational Therapy Research Wins Acclaim

A thesis project prepared by a group of Masters of Occupational Therapy (OT) Students, at Gannon University won second place at the University's "Celebrate Gannon" event. At the event a research panel judges competing graduate thesis projects from across the University.

The students hypothesized that standardized testing related to visual motor skills would improve if a Sanet Vision Integrator (SVI) was used in conjunction with traditional OT visual motor strategies rather than traditional OT treatment alone.

The SVI is a computerized visual motor perceptual program. The students worked diligently, and with support from Julia Hawkins, OTD, Kevin Cooney, PT, Maureen Hubert, BSN, RN, and Kerry Armet, MD, they were able to gain approval from both the Gannon University and UPMC Institutional Review Board committees to conduct their research.



At the conclusion of the project the data suggests that the SVI does aid in improved visual motor skills when used in combination with traditional OT visual motor techniques. The project was vital because evidence-based research surrounding the SVI is sparse. With approximately 450 facilities around the country utilizing the SVI it will be important to determine if the SVI is a useful tool for accomplishing patient goals.

The OT team is in the planning stages of having their results published to help expand the knowledge base surrounding the SVI. There are also plans to continue the SVI research with an ongoing collaboration between Gannon University and the Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie OT department.

Best Shredding Event Ever

The Spring edition of Shredding for Shriners was SHC-Erie's most successful shredding event ever! The event was held from 10 a.m.–2 p.m., but some people arrived at 9 a.m. By the end of the five hours, over \$6,700 was raised! Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time to make the event successful. A huge thank you goes to the Cathedral Prep Football Team for all of their "muscle." □

Daughters of the Nile

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September 12th - The next social event ... Ladies Spa "Time for a Break."

September 19th - is our Fall trip to the Windmill Farm and Craft Market in Penn Yan. If you have never been to the Windmill you need to join us. It is a fantastic day of vendors, food, farm markets, tastings, etc. Wear comfortable shoes, sunglasses (if sun is shining) and be prepared for a lot of walking. However, there are places to sit and rest along the way.

There are two more functions in the planning stage, which are the possibility of Flea Market/Garage Sale with the Shrine, and a Card Party. There will be further details to follow.

October 3rd - Fall Foliage Train Ride. (Look for additional information)

October 10th - will be Regular Stated Session at 10 a.m.; lunch to follow.

October 17th and 18th - Our second time to be a part of the "New Moon" event at the Shrine Center. We will be serving Coffee and Chili along with having a Bake Sale.

I have taken everybody through the Summer and into the Fall. PLEASE, some of these functions are fundraisers for the General Fund and some are for the Convalescent Endowment Fund (CEF), which provides support for patient care. With everyone's help and support, we can make 2015 a banner year.

PLEASE remember to bake cookies for CRUZ Nights - our BIG fundraiser for the Summer.

Should anyone know of any sickness or distress during the Summer months, please notify the Queen, Pr. Sula Baxter, our Chaplain, or any other member.

Have a Happy and Safe Summer, stay well, and God Bless. No Joy can equal the joy of serving others. □

Summer Birthdays

June

Robert Avery
David Balcom
Donald Braun
Thomas Burger
Bruce Chilton
Craig Coleman
Matthew Cook
Gerald Cooper
Myron Dox
Paul Farnung
Daniel Footer
Donald Fox
Charles Gauss
Walter Gay
Mark Gould
Franklin Granata
William Gross
Robert Harrold

Alfred Hermet
Mark Herrmann
Dean Hiler
George Hornung
Steven Howard
Robert Hulek
Edmond Huntley
Martin Ippolito
Bernard Johnson
Joseph Jung
Ralph Jurgens
James MacConnell
Daniel Maloney
Frederick Martin
Arthur Mason
George Metroka
Andrew Orbaker
John Pavlick

William Pipher
Carl Pollack
Kristian Reninger
Michael Schum
D'wayne Simmons
James Slocum
James Stevenson
Charles Strickland
Philip Trautman
James Verbridge
Harry Voss
Burton Ward
Terry Wihlen, Sr.
John H. Williams
Rodney Williams
Ronald Williams
William Wright
John Zabel

July

David Allen
John Archibald
Bruce Bernhard
Stuart Brickman
Roy Bruno
Daniel Burkhardt
Timothy Coffey
Lee Collier
Dennis Copeland
Mark Craib
Charles Daly
James De Lorenzo
Ron Edwards
Dean Fero
Fritz Friedrich
Stanley Fritz
Richard Greenaway
David Hardy

Donald Heath
John Hennessy
Arthur Hill
Jeffrey Holler
Lawrence Hood
Richard Howard
Daniel Korn
Richard Lafave
Joseph Marshall
Glenn Martin
Wayne McCrossen
John McDonald
William Newcomb
Thomas Ostrander
Donald Raw
Oscar Reber
Gary Sanford
Theodore Sargent

Stephen Shear
Bernard Skopinsky
Scott Smith
Robert Songin
Fred Steele
Theodore Tennant
Rene Van De Veire
Robert VanKeuren
Raymond VanPatten
Sandy Wagner
Wallace Wagner
Charles Waterstreet
Robert Weed
Stephen Whittaker
John Wihlen
Terry Wihlen, Jr.
John W. Williams
Oscar Wilson

August

Benhur Atmosfera
Michael Baroody
Leon Behnke
Eric Bryant
Kamren Bu'Fearon
Frank Celona
William Colin
David Crawford
Bruce Deets
Robert Dinehart
Joseph Di Tucci
Frank Doebler
Warren Doerrer
Thomas Dunn
Thomas Ess
Robert Ferguson
Charles Fornataro
John Gallant
Earl Gorton

Robert Greenlee
William Heary
John Hellaby
Herbert Hofmann
Robert Jones
Frank Kelsey
James Kirkwood
Cyrus Kloner
Ralph Kraft
John Lemke
Richard MacGill
David Majchrzak
Dwain Maracle
Craig Mollon
Raymond Molyneux
Ronald Morthorst
Don Myers
Guy Parry
Ronald Patridge

Kenneth Pearce
Jay Peters
Michael Rapson
Lynn Rawleigh
Dennison Ripley
Arthur Schuster
Robert Shaver
Ronald Spike
Donald Stevens
Robert Sweeny
William Tobin
Peter VanElzakker
David Wawrzaszek
Fred Wayne
Edwin Wheeler
John C. Wihlen
Stuart Woodard
Martin Zillmann

SHRINEABILIA



By Derek VanHouten

The recent Winter weather are but fond (or not) memories to savor as is the green grass and warm temps we can enjoy during the Summer break. Recently at our weekly luncheon of the Shrine Lunch Club, which is every Monday at 11:30 a.m. at the Fairport Village Inn, Noble John Zabel brought several items pertaining to the Damascus Patrol that I share with you. Also contained, was a *Damascus News* publication from September, 1954.

Patrol ... "The May meeting was held at the Oak Hill Country Club and was well attended. Fred C. VanGraafeiland was elected to Honary Membership.

"On June 16th, the Annual Patrol Golf Tournament was held at the Monroe Golf Club. A total of 30 played golf and were joined by a like number at the Steak Dinner following.

"Atlantic City was a high spot in Patrol History. Fifty-one active Patrol Members and wives attended. The big event was the Charles Benedict Cocktail Party and Dinner which was held in 'Club 22' at the Ambassador Hotel at which 150 men and their ladies were present."

The above material will be added to our Historical Cabinet and I thank Noble John for his donation. □



God Bless Our Troops



Mark Your Calendar & Join Upcoming Events ...

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

Damascus Legion of Honor
Notice: Moved from August to June!

Wednesday, June 10th

Damascus Shrine Center; 979 Bay Road, Webster

Social Hour - 4 p.m.
(Shrimp, Cheese & Crackers, etc. ... Cash Bar)
Dinner - 6 p.m.

*Steak * Baked Potato * Corn-on-the-Cob*
*Mrs. Boss' Coleslaw * Rolls & Butter * Coffee or Tea*
Dessert

\$7 per Legion Member; \$12 per other Shriners
Meeting - 7 p.m.

RSVP ASAP, but no later than Saturday, June 7th at (585) 436-8216
or email: cylegalrx@hotmail.com
Casual Attire, Fezzes

Directors Staff
Dinner Meeting
Wednesday
June 24th
Yellow Mills Diner
2534 Route 31, Palmyra
Order off the Menu
Social Time - 5:00 p.m.
Dinner - 5:30 p.m.
Ladies and Guests Invited
Casual Attire
RSVP and questions to
Vance Collom (585) 217-9817
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Early Bird Announcement!
September Shrine Meeting
September 2nd
at Damascus Shrine Center
This is the early bird announcement so you can either save the date or make your reservation to the Damascus Shrine Office at (585) 671-3565 now.
The Legion of Honor will serve a Steak Dinner with Potatoes, Salad, Rolls & Butter, Coffee or Tea and Dessert.
\$12 per person
Ladies are welcomed.
The attire for the men is a suit or Sport Jacket with a Tie and Fez.
A cash bar will be opened at 5 p.m.
Dinner will be served at 6 p.m.

Don't Miss Shriners Classic Car "Cruz-in Nights" ... Every Friday Night - thru September 4th

Open to the Public Blues, Brews & Bar-B-Que

Saturday, June 27th

2 p.m. - 6 p.m.

\$22 per person

Food Served at 3 p.m.



Pig Roast ~ BBQ Chicken
Baked Beans ~ Salt Potatoes
Rolls ~ Soft Drinks

Call (585) 671-3565
for Tickets



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

Wednesday, June 24th

at Reel Excitement Charters, Point Breeze

Cost - \$130 per person, Includes ...

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

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

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

Full payment must be made by
June 1st to secure a spot in a boat.

Mail payment (*Payable to Damascus Shriners*) to:
Damascus Shriners
Attn: Fishing Derby
979 Bay Road, Webster, NY 14580-1736
For further information, contact Bob Songin at
reelxite@rochester.rr.com

Dedicated to the Memory of Nobles

Clarence E. Bogardus
April 25, 2015

G. Thomas Grape
March 15, 2015

Wilfred L. Kershaw
March 24, 2015

Thomas W. Maddicks
April 14, 2015

William H. Rindfleisch
March 7, 2015

Martin T. Zillmann
April 13, 2015



Damascus Degree Team



Shriners enjoying dinner at their Shrine Meeting. Be sure the meetings are on your schedule!



Order of the Eastern Star

Monroe District OES HiLights



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Official Visits are completed and what a great time we had with a virtual boat ride on the Canal! Each Chapter resides on a "port" of the Erie Canal; Lilac Star, in Webster, took us out on the Lake and we hopped aboard the Hojack Railway to the Chapter Hall.

Pictures were taken as each boarded and gift bags were given as the boat landed. We had fun with drawing for door prizes and enjoyed awesome refreshment treats at each stop.

Attention!

The fun's not over, but we still have work to do. If the District is going to support Grand Chapter, the Grand Matron's and Grand Patron's Projects and our own activities, participation of the Members is necessary! Plan to join the activities, ask for a ride if you need one and don't be left out of the camaraderie with our OES family. I'm trying the best I can to make this an interesting and fun-filled year.

Mark Your Calendar

Tuesday, June 9th - Mary Jane Holmes is having an Open Meeting. If you have a friend whom you think might be interested in OES, take them to this Open Meeting so they can get an idea of what OES is all about.

Wednesday, June 10th - Lilac Luncheon in Oriskany. Make a reservation with either your Matron or me. We are planning some carpools so need to know numbers and names. This will be a fun day for all who attend.

Saturday, June 13th - **THIS EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELED.** Due to the Spencerport Volunteer Fire Department's Carnival, the "Welcome to Summer" Square Dance/Line Dance has been canceled.

Friday, June 19th - Homecoming for District Grand Officers; 7:30 p.m., Spencerport Masonic Hall, 133 South Union Street.

Thursday, June 25th - Very important All Stars Meeting; 7 p.m. at Bethany Presbyterian Church, 3000 Dewey Avenue. This is the planning meeting for the Bar-B-Que!

Saturday, August 8th - District Chicken Bar-B-Que at Webster Firemen's Field; Serving Noon 'til Gone. Sign up to help or stop by for a dinner. Invite friends, family and

neighbors to support this major fundraiser for the District. Co-Chaired by Donna Laundry and Kathy Alvito. Contact Donna at 964-2135 to offer help.

Sunday, August 9th - District Picnic at Camp DeMolay, 8039 Lake Road, Sodus Point. Meat and Beverage will be provided. Bring a Dish-to-Pass, Table Service and a lawn chair (optional).

This is a great opportunity for you to visit this pristine, 16-acre property that overlooks Lake Ontario, which is owned by the Masonic Service Bureau.

Anderson Lodge is a large, handicapped-accessible building with a fireplace, full kitchen and a porch with a view. The Ladies Bath House/Restroom has easy access. I would love to have good attendance at this event ... setup some carpools, if you wish. It's not as far as you think!

Saturday, September 26th - District Tea Party, 4 p.m. at Spencerport Masonic Hall. This Tea will be a complimentary gathering (my treat) and is meant to be an opportunity to re-connect after the Summer. Plan to be there and enjoy the afternoon.

Thursday, October 29th - District Banquet at Spencerport Masonic Hall

From the District Grand Lecturer
By *R.W. Ray DiJames*

Veterans Projects
VA Hospital in Canandaigua
Material donations should be either new or in good condition. Some continuous needs include:

- Denture Grip & Cleaner
- Combs & Brushes
- Deodorant
- Talcum Powder
- Body Wash & Shampoo
- Hand & Body Lotion
- Disposable Razors
- Nail Clippers
- Pre-paid Gas & Phone Cards
- Postage Stamps
- Coffee, Sugar, Creamer, Stirrers
- Skid-proof Slipper Socks
- Lap Robes
- New White Socks
- New Underwear & Undershirts
- New Sweatpants & Sweatshirts
- Backpacks & Tote Bags
- Gift Cards (Walmart, Target, Wegmans, Tops, etc.)
- Tickets for Sporting Events and/or Entertainment
- New Greeting Cards
- Crossword Puzzle Books
- Current Magazines
- K9s for Warriors**

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Grand Patron's Special Project

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Combined Chapters: Corinthian Fellowship, Nolatka and Etoleah



Starlight Chapter



Mary Jane Holmes Chapter



Lilac Star Chapter



Fairport Chapter

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W O R L D F A M I L Y

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



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

In economics there is the broken window fallacy. In Masonry there is the limited Light fallacy. The following often is the story:

A newly Raised Brother is advised that for some period of time, 3 years, 5 years, or more, he should just focus on the Master Mason Lodge. There is so much to learn in the "Blue Lodge" that you should give yourself plenty of time before moving on to Concordant Masonic Bodies.

It seems that other Masonic Fraternities may be looked at as competition by some. It is sometimes thought that a Brother only has X amount of time and that if he spends his time at the Scottish Rite, for example, then he doesn't have it to spend at the Master Mason Lodge. Well, I can understand the concern. There is a certain logic to it.

In the broken window fallacy the story goes that if a window is broken and needs to be fixed then it actually creates work and therefore wealth because someone will be employed to fix the glass. The money earned in fixing the glass will then be spent, and on and on creating more wealth. Of course, although on the surface this may appear logical, it is not true. It is a fallacy.

What isn't taken into account is that if the money wasn't spent on fixing the window it would have been spent on something else. So the idea that the destruction of things creates wealth, is a fallacy. Likewise, the idea that limiting Light somehow creates more Light, is a fallacy. Our Scottish Rite offers 29 lessons, Degrees 4 through 32, that help

a Brother discover further Light. You're really not gaining more Light by limiting your investigation of further Masonic Light.

Concern has been expressed that new Brothers enter a Lodge, attend a few meetings, lose interest and don't come back. They may stay in Masonry or not. I would suggest that it is possible that they didn't find what they wanted in their Lodge. Their certainty was more to learn in their Lodge, but they didn't learn it. Now what if what they wanted was in the Scottish Rite? What if the Scottish Rite experience actually would interest them and would keep them in Masonry and in their Lodge. That would mean that not taking the Scottish Rite path took away the experience that would have helped this Brother become a better man and reach his higher manhood.

Not taking the Scottish Rite is really limiting a Brother's Light and maybe setting him on a path he will find unfulfilling and/or boring. Limited Light, less Light, is hard pressed to result in more Light.

I probably haven't expressed this the best way possible. I will sum up by saying follow the Masonic path that you choose, but don't be deterred from the further path of Light which is the Scottish Rite on account of the fallacy of limited Light.

Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, June 27th – Family Day at Seabreeze.
Saturday, July 25th - Camp Morris Steak Roast/Clambake extravaganza picnic and President Lincoln story for your kids and grandkids.

On **Saturday, September 19th**, soon after we start our Masonic Year again, we will have a kick-off, Bring-a-Friend Breakfast event on "Manhood and Masonry" at Unity Lodge Hall in Spencerport with a nice breakfast at a bargain rate of \$2.00. What does it mean to be a man today and achieve your higher manhood? Attend, bring a friend, son, grandson, listen to 3 great speakers, and re-acquaint with area Brothers. It will be inspirational and fun. Have a great Summer.

From the Secretary's Desk

By Ill. : Jack VanElzakker, 33°

Participate

New members, and sometime older members, often ask, "How can I get more involved with the Scottish Rite?" My first answer is simple – "Just show up to our meetings or activities." If you have an idea of what you would like to do or have a particular skill, then the Office can put you in contact with an appropriate Officer or Chairman right away. If not, attendance at activities provides the opportunity to meet members, Officers and Chairmen to discuss what tasks are available and the best way for you to go about being involved.

More than likely one of our more active members will recognize your interest by virtue of your being present and will approach you to help with an activity in which he is involved. It will not take long for you to be regularly involved in Valley activities.

An old proverb states that a long journey begins with the first step. It's the journey itself that brings the true pleasure and rewards of Scottish Rite Membership. So I encourage each of you – take that first step – start attending!



Rochester Council of Princes of Jerusalem

By Stephan Michener, 32°
Sovereign Prince

Alas, here we are at Summer vacation. Remember those days not long ago, sitting in the classroom waiting for the final bell of the school year. Leaning towards the door, we would soon be released from our captivity. Our backpack (or whatever we were carrying at the time) was stuffed with papers and art projects we had done throughout the school year. Perhaps a Summer reading list, soon to be forgotten. The clock on the wall just didn't seem to move. Oh, please, please let me get out of here.

The mind drifts. There is a pool of cool water to splash, a bike that will transport me throughout the neighborhood, baseball glove on the handlebar. Lemonade stands and ice cream. All afternoon-long baseball games and freshly mowed lawn. Before you know,

it will come that glorious day to Seabreeze to ride the Jackrabbit and Bumper Cars. Burgers, hot dogs and more ice cream.

Later would come the car. Freedom to go. Responsibility, too. The drive-in movies on Saturday night. John Wayne portrayed True Grit, but there were space aliens and zombies, too. There would be family picnics and clambakes. Root beer floats, banana splits - Nat "King" Cole singing "Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of Summer, those days of soda and pretzels and beer." Andy and Barney sitting on the front porch, warm Mayberry Summer night and a piece of pie.

Freedom Fourth of July, we shall be released, to celebrate Summer and the blessings of America. Fireworks flower the sky, and a faint scent of fading childhood awe. Lost to the ages. Lost to the mysteries. Huck Finn floating down a river, seeking Freedom with Jim.

The teacher, Mrs. Cyrus, is cruel. Just let us out a little early, please! Release us from our captivity like those children of Israel so long ago. Daniel, come to my rescue! "By the rivers of Babylon there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remember Zion." Let us go, out the door and into to Summer.

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Valley of Rochester, AASR
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New York State Council of Deliberation
www.nyscottishritemasons.org

Supreme Council, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction
www.scottishritenmj.org

Children's Dyslexia Center - In Honor of Frank & Bette Paul

144 Metro Park, Suite 1, Rochester, NY 14623
Office (585) 424-5390; Fax (585) 282-0978; Email: dyslexia.center.rochester.ny@gmail.com
Ann Kaczka, Learning Center Director --- John W. Paul, Chair, Board of Governors



Make Your Plans ...

Scottish Rite Day
at Seabreeze Amusement Park
Saturday June 27th

Doors open at 11 a.m.

Rides, Slides & Fun Galore ~ Family Fun for All!

A family outing opportunity to treat the Kids, Grandkids & Family to a post-school fun day

Youth (17 & Under) - \$10 ~ Adult - \$20

Each Valley Youth attending can invite one youth friend (\$10)

All-you-can-eat Picnic Fare Served Noon – 2 p.m.

All-Day Ride & Slide Tickets - Valley Picnic Pavilion

Reservations and fees to the Valley Office

by Saturday, June 20th

Contact Office for additional group rate tickets, which are available at non-subsidized price.

(Compare ... Single-day Pass is \$32 without food; estimated cost with food is \$50)

TICKET ORDER

Scottish Rite Day at Seabreeze - June 27th

Member: _____
(Please Print Clearly)

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

Member Family Adult Passes _____ @ \$20 each \$ _____

Member Family Youth Passes _____ @ \$10 each \$ _____

Guest of Family Member Youth _____ @ \$10 each \$ _____

Additional Passes

for Non-Scottish Rite Guests of Family Members:

Adult Passes _____ @ \$30 each \$ _____

Youth Passes _____ @ \$20 each \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Mail with payment by June 20th to:
Valley of Rochester AASR

811 Ayrault Road, Suite 3; Fairport, NY 14450
No Phone Orders ... Passes will be mailed Tuesday, June 23rd

**Valley of Rochester Members ...
This Is It – The One You’ve Been
Waiting For ... Again!**

**10th Annual Clambake and
Steak Roast**

**Saturday, July 25th
11 a.m. – ‘til ... Rain or Shine!**

Spend the Day!



Lunch – Noon ~ Clams – 2 p.m. ~
Steaks – 5 p.m.

at Camp Morris
8321 Peckins Road; Wayland

10th Anniversary Special - \$10 per person

**Extra Clams: \$4 per dozen –
steamed or “you-shuck-em” raw**

*Includes ... A Dozen Clams, Delicious Grilled Steaks,
Food-a-Plenty, Snacks, Open Bar, Beautiful Scenery,
A Great Group for Socializing, Fishing, Hiking,
Laid-Back Living, Lobster Lotto and then some.*

If you go away hungry, it’s your own fault!

**Bring your favorite dish-to-pass ...
an hors d’oeuvre, salad, side-dish, dessert**

Also, bring your own steak knife, a light jacket and comfortable chair!

**Call or email your reservation and extra clam order to
the Valley Office by Noon on Monday, July 20th.**

Come early ... enjoy the fellowship ... stay for the day!

This one will be a sellout!

A Summer Treat for Valley of Rochester Families!



Valley of Rochester Presentations

*(Right) The National Sojourners
Americanism Award was presented to
Midshipman 2/C Timothy Cooper
by Ill. Charles Hancock, 33°.*



*(Below) The Scottish Rite Americanism
Award was presented to Midshipman
3/C Stephen Loder (center)
by Ill. Charles Hancock, 33°, (left)
and Capt. Norberto Nobrega, Com-
mander, NROTC Unit Rochester.*



**Valley of Rochester
Summer – 2015**

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**JUNE**  
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June 10th - Penfield Linear Park - 11:30 a.m.
Combined DSA Blue Cap Club and MSA Red Cap Club
Picnic Lunch
Grilled Steak (**)- Casual dress ~ DSA/MSA only

June 18th - Officer Academy at Pittsford Masonic Hall
Required for all Valley Officers and Chairmen
7 p.m. - All members are encouraged to attend for the
Installation of Newly Elected Officers.
Please let the Office know of your plans to attend.

June 27th - Scottish Rite Day at Seabreeze
A family outing opportunity for Dads and Grandads
to treat their youngsters
Youth (17 & under) - \$10 per ticket
Adults \$20 per ticket (**)
*Each Valley youth attending can invite
one youth friend (\$10 ticket)*
Doors open at 11:00 a.m.

All-you-can-eat Picnic Fare Served Noon to 2:00 p.m.
All-Day Ride & Slide Tickets ~ Valley Picnic Pavilion
Reservations and fees to the Valley Office
by Saturday, June 20th.
*Additional group rate tickets available
at non-subsidized price (contact office)*
(Compare – single day pass is \$32 without food)

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**JULY**  
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July 25th - 10th Annual Clambake/Steak Roast
for Valley Families - Youth and Adults
Special 10th Anniversary Price - \$10 per person (**)
Same Great Food & Fellowship ~ Super Great Deal!
Clams ~ Lobster Lotto ~ Grilled Steaks ~ Open Bar
Rain or Shine! at Camp Morris in Wayland
11 a.m. - ‘til
Bring a Dish-to-Pass, a Comfortable Chair
and a Good Appetite!

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**SEPTEMBER**  
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September 17th - Annual Meeting at Shrine Center
Social - 5:30 p.m. ~ Dinner - 6:30 p.m. (**)
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

**September 19th - “Light From the Rite” Symposium at
Unity Lodge Hall, Spencerport**
Breakfast - 8:30 a.m. (\$2) (**)- Symposium - 9 a.m.
Brother Bring-a-Friend Event for all Master Masons

**** Reservations Required! Don’t be Late!**
Due by Noon on Mondays (585) 425-0033
or Email: secretary@valleyofrochester.org
Go to Valley Calendar for more details:
www.valleyofrochester.org

**Why not sign up on our Permanent
Meal Reservation List?**

The Valley of Rochester Invites You to a



*"Light from the Rite"
Symposium*

Saturday, September 19, 2015

8:30 a.m. – Breakfast (\$2 per person)

*Breakfast Sandwich with Egg, Cheese and
Choice of Sausage or Bacon
Home Fries, Juice, Coffee*

9:00 a.m. - Program –

to be completed by lunchtime

at Unity Lodge Hall

133 South Union Street, Spencerport

(Please park in rear of building; an elevator is available)

*Open to the Public, but particularly appropriate for
Master Masons - Bring a Friend!*

*The Symposium theme, “Manhood in Masonry,” will feature
three speakers with presentations and a discussion that will be
informative, hold your interest and provide further Light towards
understanding our obligations as upright men and Masons ...*

R. W. Richard Torrey –

A Journey Through the Degrees of Freemasonry

R. W. Robert Buchanan –

Civility, Masonic Etiquette and Protocol

Warren Jordans, 32° –

The Expectations and Reality of Manhood

**Please call our Valley Office to make your reservation
(585) 425-0033**

York Rite NEWS

Hiram Chapter No. 62



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

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What's Happening

We successfully conferred the Mark Master Mason and Past Master Degrees on two Candidates at our meeting of April 23rd. We thank all the Companions who attended that meeting and participated in the Degree work, some at the last minute. We hope the Candidates appreciated the Degree work and the lessons therein contained.

On April 30th we held a special evening to rehearse the Opening and Closing Ceremony for a Chapter. The Officers and Members have decided we need to work on improving our work in order to help build the strength of the Chapter. All our Companions can assist in this endeavor by several means.

First, attend our Convocations; second, letting the High Priest and Officers know their opinion of the evening; and third, making any suggestions on programs, improvements, etc., that they feel are needed. All suggestions will be considered and addressed. We want to build a really strong and vibrant Chapter as we feel that is what Master Masons in the area deserve and a Chapter that can fill their needs for further Masonic Light.

The District meeting with the Grand Chapter Regional Officer, originally scheduled for Saturday, May 9th, had to be changed due to a small lack of communication between him and the DDGHP. Hopefully, the meeting was rescheduled and all Companions were informed of the new date and place. This is always a good time to discuss the Grand Chapter, District and

Chapters and how things are going in each. We hope you were inspired to attend.

June 11th will be the Annual York Rite Picnic at King's Bend Park in Pittsford. This year we were able to reserve King's Bend Shelter as we have used in the past. As with the last couple of years we will have Smoked Ribs, Brisket and Grilled Chicken supplied by the person who has done the last couple of picnics. Further information will be conveyed by email or snail mail as we approach the event day. We are looking forward to the day and hope the weather will cooperate.

We only have one meeting in June as the third Thursday is too close to St. John's Day and some of our members are usually away at Grand Lodge committee meetings and activities that accompany St. John's Day events.

Over the Summer we will be working on plans for conferring the Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Degrees. We will be looking for Companions who will be willing to take the small parts while we work with the Companions who have committed to the larger parts in these two Degrees. Our Candidates deserve the best possible Degree work that we can do. Yes, Degree work takes time and effort, but it is rewarding to do good work as the participants, Candidates and observers all can learn some of the lessons these Degrees were designed to convey.

Musings

Let me get the Companions thinking about the Mark Master Mason Degree. The Degree uses a time measurement system found in the Bible that has the day divided into twelve hours. The day starts at sunrise and ends at sunset, which means that the hours of the day have different lengths as the seasons change. Now, in the Middle East, where events in the Bible take place, the change in the hour due to seasons was not great because Palestine is close to the tropics where the length of the day does not change much due to change of the sea-

sons. The evening time, after sunset, had no hour designations unless some means other than the sun were used to measure time.

Now consider the Master Mason Degree where time is measured on a 24-hour basis, i.e., high-twelve and low-twelve. This system of time measurement requires some mechanical time measuring system whereas the 12-hour day is dependent only on a sundial. Since the Mark Master Mason Degree and the Master Mason Degree are closely linked chronologically, why the difference in time measurement? I leave it to the reader to think about this and come up with possible answers. We would like the Companions to formulate an answer to this question and present it in one of our Fall meetings.

In the Opening of a Lodge it is stated that the Senior Warden pays the Craft their wages, if any, be due. How do you know how he pays the wages and what are the wages of a Master Mason?

We know what the wages for a Fellowcraft are as they are stated in the Fellowcraft Degree, or are they? Think about all of this. If you have questions, come to a Chapter meeting and bring up the question for discussion. We can have fun talking and sharing thoughts on these topics. This can be one of the delights of being a Royal Arch Mason.

Our first meeting in September will be on **September 10th**. The plans for that meeting are still in the works. As we get closer to the end of Summer we will communicate with the Companions on our Fall schedule of programs and Degrees. We will work on making your attendance at our meetings a pleasant and learning experience.

We wish all Companions a great Summer with its many activities, some of which may be Masonic in nature. □



Sir Knight Ted Powley, Grand Sentinel, Passes



Francis Edward Powley Jr.

The Grand Sentinel of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, State of New York, F. Edward "Ted" Powley, was called to the Celestial Lodge on May 13th. R.:I.: Powley was also the Grand Recorder of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York.

Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in 1976, he served as Master of Yates Lodge (Niagara-Orleans District) in Lyndonville in 1982 and 1988.

A pillar in the Fraternity in Wayne County, Brother Powley served terms as District Deputy Grand Master and Grand Lodge Staff Officer. Prior to those positions he was Master of Sodus Lodge (1999) and, concurrently with the Grand Lodge Offices, was Secretary of Sodus Lodge.

Masonic Brothers and friends from around the State attended a Masonic Memorial Service at the Norton Funeral Home in Sodus on May 18th.

R.:W.: Ted leaves behind his wife, Marilyn, four children, seven grandchildren, and his mother, Theda (Roger) Millis. □

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The following is the Slate of Officers for the 2015-2016 Templar Year:

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Jr. Warden

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Standard Bearer

William R. Flesher
Warder TBA

Sentinel **Charles O. Hancock**
Trustees of the Commandery:
Charles O. Hancock, PC-2018

Donald W. Wright, PC-2017
William R. Flesher, PC-2016
Meeting Schedule

August 15th – Triennial of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar USA, Buffalo. Sir Knights will be needed to assist as New York 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.

A new Templar Year presents a new approach. I will be unveiling my ideas in future articles. SK Charles O. Hancock has done an admirable recount of the history of Templary and its relation to Rochester. There is much written about this subject and I will continue to provide insight and its importance to our current relevance for today. □

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goal is to give a new "leash on life" to rescue dogs and military heroes, empowering warriors to return to civilian life with dignity and independence.

Donations – in addition to monetary donations, they accept gift cards for PetSmart, Inc. and Petco Animal Supplies.

ACTION ITEMS

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**HOTEL RESERVATIONS
DUE BY JUNE 15TH**
**Oriskany Pilgrimage Days
July 24th – 25th**

If you plan to attend our Friday night dinner and stay overnight in Oriskany, I have a limited block of rooms, which also need to be reserved by JUNE 15th. For a reservation, I need name, address and credit card number for each room.

Grand Sessions October 14th–17th

Although Sessions are in October, hotel rooms are blocked and must be released during the Summer. Therefore, if you are planning to attend and need a hotel room, submit your reservation to the DGL by JUNE 15th. Reservation forms are available from your Chapter Secretary or me.

My recommendation is to mark your choices as #1-Doubletree and #2-Holiday Inn. It's important that District reservations be submitted in a group so when assignments are made during the Summer, we're handled as a group.

Again, I will make the reservations as needed.

Projects in the Works Holiday Stocking Project

R.W. Joy Woodley is heading up a Holiday Stocking Project

for Deployed Military Personnel. 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 in our Order.

Alta's Penny Fund

R.W. Beverly Thompson is continuing the collection of pennies, in Memory of Alta Doty, to be used for Masonic Youth Group support.

"Boxtops for Education" & Campbell's Product Labels

This ongoing program will be supportive of the Day Care Center on the Oriskany Campus.

Cleft Lip and Palate Research

This is the Grand Matron's Special Project, which I am supporting as the District Project. Our fundraisers will benefit the Cleft Lip and Cleft Palate re-

search and reconstruction program at the Shriners Hospital for Children® in Springfield, MA.

Aluminum Can Tabs

Save aluminum can tabs, which will be a monetary donation to the Grand Matron's Special Project. Don't forget to solicit tabs from friends, neighbors, social groups, your favorite food/drinking establishment, etc. □

should be "like a glimpse of Heaven." On April 25th, this was fulfilled with the Official Visit of M.W. Bonnie Blanchard, Grand Matron; M.W. Bruce Whitmore, Grand Patron; accompanied by their Staff of Grand Officers, at the Damascus Shrine Center in Webster. It was a wonderful day, which put a breath of fresh enthusiasm into those who attended.

In 1995, I wrote about the

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Past Matrons Association
Merilyn Israel
461-3254

**Next Meeting
September 17th
Casual Dress**

Brown Bag Lunch at Noon
Hostess – **R.W. Debra Leipold**
647-3550

In the January issue, I quoted how our Eastern Star Chapter

OES Grand Matron Visits Monroe District

By R.W. Jan Porter, DDGM

M.W. Bonnie J. Blanchard, M.W. Bruce G. Whitmore and their Staff of Grand Officers were hosted at the Shrine Center for their Official Visit to Monroe District on April 25th. A deluxe buffet, prepared by Forest Hill Catering, was enjoyed by 160 members and friends. Music was provided during Social and Dinner by Rick Howe.

The large, beautiful Lodge Room was the venue for the formal meeting where a special mu-

sical tribute was given by M.W. Neil Laundry who sang *Angel Flying Too Close to the Ground* – a favorite of M.W. Bonnie.

We were honored to have three Membership Certificates presented by the Grand Matron to members who have always been very active in the District:

75 Years **Nellie Bishop**
65 Years **Marcia Morrison**

Marie Knittle

Although Marcia was ill that day, the presentation was made to the Matron of Lilac

Star Chapter, R.W. Sylvia Frederes, who (in turn) presented it to Marcia at Lilac Star's next meeting.

The Basket Raffles and a special Jewelry Raffle were very successful and proceeds helped offset costs of the event.

I was very proud of our District and thankful for all who helped in any way. A special thanks to the Matrons, extra help volunteered by Starlight Chapter Members and Companion Grand Officers. □



Monroe District Grand Officers (l-r) M.W. Bruce Whitmore, Grand Patron; M.W. Ken Milner (2013); R.W. Joy Woodley, Necrology; M.W. Wanda Williams (1994); R.W. Jan Porter, DDGM; R.W. Ray DiJames, DGL; R.W. Hildegard DiJames, Grand Rep of Ohio; R.W. Charlene Stankey, Associate Grand Marshal; M.W. Bonnie Blanchard, Grand Matron; and M.W. Neil Laundry (2003).



Matrons and Patrons of Monroe District Chapters (l-r) Mary Hall and Tom Michielsen (Etoileah), Tom Richenderfer and Mae Bauer (Fairport), Ken Milner and Judy VanHouten (Starlight), Steve Pawlak and Erika Hansen (Mary Jane Holmes), Patricia Pearson (Corinthian-Fellowship) and Sylvia Frederes and Neil Laundry (Lilac Star).



Marcia Morrison receiving a 75-year Certificate and Pin from R.W. Sylvia Frederes and M.W. Wanda Williams.



Nellie Bishop (center) with 2 granddaughters (left) receiving 75-year Certificate and Pin from Grand Patron and Grand Matron.

Past Matrons Association

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Masonic Bodies in Rochester and a question that was asked of the Grand Master in a Town Meeting. The question was about Masonic unity, to which the answer was:

“... there is no place on the Petition for a man to identify the color of his skin. Masonry has always considered the man's internal qualifications, his moral fiber, and so it should. We must all recognize that in our urban areas, the demographics are changing.

In New York City, the population is becoming predominately Black, Hispanic and Oriental.”

We expect our Lodges to reflect this change. After all, our obligation is to take good men and make them better.”

Wouldn't it be wonderful if, in Rochester, our Fraternities could, as the Grand Master said, “March side-by-side in the parade.”

My Word – Faith

A simple, child-like faith in a Divine Friend solves all the problems that come to us by land or sea. *By Helen Keller* □



M.W. Bonnie Blanchard presenting Certificate to R.W. Marie Knittle.



Chancellor Robert R. Livingston Masonic Library to Digitize Lodge Record Archives

An Announcement from R.W. Bruce Renner, President of the Livingston Masonic Library Board of Trustees

This year the Library is engaged in another project to bring your Lodge's history to digital life. As many of you are aware, the Library maintains historical information about Lodges in Lodge Folders. I'm happy to announce a project that will greatly enhance the way these folders are created, updated, accessed, and preserved.

These folders contain documents dating primarily from the 20th century, provided by the Lodge, that cover a wide range including information about important events, meeting notices, information on notable people, and even Lodge histories. They have up to now been kept in paper folders, and stored the traditional way in metal filing cabinets. The only way to access your folder was to visit the Library, often during your brief visit to Grand Lodge each year. With several hundred Lodges wanting a look at their file, things can get quite congested. There are many other challenges with these folders. Even for Lodges in the NYC area, there is limited access. Many Lodges, therefore, lose interest in the process, and let valuable historical information be lost. Over time, a Lodge Folder may be forgotten.

In addition, many of the documents are fragile. An excellent example is newspaper clipping that demonstrates a public interest in Lodge activity, but which is printed on very cheap paper. Paper folders are also hard to maintain with our limited staff, and duplications occur frequently. Because adding documents, especially remotely, requires some work, good intentions aside, many Lodges fail to get it done. This leads to information gaps sometime spanning many years.

Finally, the only way to search for something is to handle the physical folder and each document by hand. This requires an on site presence and exposes the folder to additional handling with all the incumbent preservation issues.

So just how many documents are we talking about? We estimate the current collection contains at least 300,000 documents. They are stored in 35 four-draw filing cabinets or 140 file drawers. There is a huge variety of documents and even some 3 dimensional objects stored with our museum artifacts.

Over the past several years the Library Board and Staff have been moving the Library into the digital age. The collection of Lodge Folders was an excellent target for early digitalization. After some discussion, the Board set aside funds for the project, which amounted to about \$35,000. The Library undertook the digitalization of

fragile material that couldn't be subjected to high speed scanning, but outsourced the rest of the work.

From our Board, RW Ed Chiani, our technology Chairman was key to getting this project off the ground.

At a high level, the process is fairly straight forward, although the actual scanning of 300,000 items is not a trivial task. First, items were presorted, and fragile items were separated out.

The remaining documents were then packed into file boxes and transported to the outsourcer's image processing center by their staff. Once there the remaining documents are processed using high-speed scanners.

An important valued added step to this process is that optical character scanning technology allows many of the documents to be indexed for on-line retrieval. The original documents were then returned to the Library.

The remaining steps include enabling access for Lodges and Brothers. We expect this to be in beta test sometime this summer.

The Board has recommended not retaining the paper Lodge Folders. Lodges will be given the opportunity to reclaim their folders. Unclaimed folders will be stored or discarded at the discretion of the library.

The electronic version of the Lodge Folders takes up about 40.5G. It easily fits on a flash drive that fits in the palm of your hand! Now the dream of converting these files into electronic format will be realized!

Lodges should contact the Library to retain contents by JULY 1.

Lodges may only receive folders of the current Lodge and past Lodges that have merged with their lodge.

How to file your request: Worshipful Masters or Secretaries, email requests to lodgefolders@nymasoniclibrary.org with a list of lodge numbers for folders they wish returned

Provide shipping address to receive contents OR Arrange for in-person pick-up at the Manhattan Branch by an authorized Lodge representative or DDGM. **NOTE: UNCLAIMED DOCUMENT FOLDERS MAY BE DISPOSED OF AT THE LIBRARY'S DISCRETION.**

Throughout the summer until Labor Day in-person pick-ups can be made by appointment at the Manhattan Library. Alternatively, we will also arrange for weekly shipments. DDGMs can also make pick-ups for Lodges in their districts.

After Labor Day, requests for contents will be processed on an annual basis - delivered to Lodges at St. John's Weekend if they are still available.

Any questions, please contact the Library's Manhattan branch at 212-337-6619 or through the Grand Lodge switchboard, (800) 362-7664. □



Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

George Foehner, Monarch

lallarookhgrotto.com

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Clowns
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First and foremost, I express my sincere thanks to all the Prophets who sent cards, called and made visits during and after my trip to the hospital. It helped a lot during a very scary situation. I am on the mend now and ready to get back on a full schedule.

At our April 15th meeting, we enjoyed the company of a special guest, Don Darrohn, who presented a great program on Camp Turk. The turnout was fantastic and all had a good time.

If you are a golfer, don't forget

that June 17th is the cut-off date for your reservations for the GROTTO Golf Tournament on **June 27th**. Make sure you get there early as we tee off at 9:30 a.m.

All Officers of your GROTTO wish our Prophets and families a Happy and Healthy Summer as we go dark for two months.

Our first meeting on **September 16th** will be a combo meeting with the Board of Governors meeting at 5 p.m., followed by Cocktail Hour, Dinner at 6:30 p.m. and our regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. Please make your dinner reservations with Frank Habitzreuther at (585) 486-4341 before **September 10th** for the count.

June Birthdays

Happy Birthday to: Paul Farnung (1st), Myron Dox (4th), Heinz Gunkel (16th), Ken Bigelow (26th) and James Slocum (27th). ☐

Clip & Post

June 1st - Board of Governors, 7:00 p.m.

June 17th - Regular Meeting. Picnic and Bring-a-Brother. Casual dress. RSVP a must! Social - 5:30 p.m., Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

June 27th - GROTTO Golf Tournament

Daughters of Mokanna



By Jan Porter, MCO

New York, New York!!

What a grand time we had on our visit to New York City. The 7-hour train ride was most comfortable and entertaining ... we were in Business Class, which we likened to First Class when flying. It was nice to re-connect with the Azim Caldron (a newly Chartered Caldron) and the

Daughters we met in January. They were most hospitable and our friendships grew.

Following the NYC visit, it was Lalla Rookh Caldron's turn to demonstrate Ritual, Ceremonial and entertain the Supreme Mighty Chosen One, Elizabeth Lockwood-Tamsett. The day was loaded with business, Ritual, camaraderie and a great meal, prepared by Starlight Chapter, OES. Thanks to all who made this day special.

Mark Your Calendar

Change of Date! - June 11th - Meeting is cancelled due to

the Spencerport Volunteer Firemen's Carnival.

June 18th - Executive Council meeting will be a Stated Meeting to make up the cancellation.

July 25th-26th - Canal Days ... sign up to work at our Beverage Stand.

August 13th - Picnic at the home of Jan Porter. Dish-to-Pass; lawn chair (optional). Gather around 4 p.m.; will plan to eat about 6 p.m.

May your Summer be blessed with good health, safe travels and family love. ☐



Members of Lalla Rookh Caldron gathered for Supreme Inspection by Supreme Mighty Chosen One, Elizabeth Lockwood-Tamsett.

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

Lalla Rookh Grotto

Tournament

June 27th

Old Hickory Golf Course
6655 Big Tree Road, Livonia

Starting Tee Time 9:30 a.m.

Entry fee is only \$50 per person

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Brother Veterans, this will be my last newsletter as Commander of Post No. 12. I will start by thanking all my Officers and members of Post 12 for the help and support you have given me as Commander. Again THANK YOU. It has been a good year for the Post.

We have done a lot, with much more to be done. It has been brought to my attention that we have some Applications for Membership for the upcoming year. Keep them coming.

I wish our new Officers all the best in your year:

Commander	Jay McCullough
1st Lt. Commander	Capone Bufferon
2nd Lt. Commander	Richard Spangenberg
Adjutant	Vance Collom
Finance Officer	Dennis Gellash

Appointed Officers are:

Captain of Color Guard	Heinz Gunkel
Chaplain	Cy White
Sargeant of Arms	Gregory Ludwig
Officer of the Day	Alexander Arthur

Wishing all a great and safe Summer and I hope to see you in the Fall. Again, THANK YOU for your support and remember to stop and smell the roses. ☐

Have you filled out the Survey for the Masonic Times?

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In Memoriam

Bogardus, Clarence E., Jr.

Clarence Bogardus, 77, laid down his Working Tools on April 24th. He is survived by 3 children, 6 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Clarence was a member of Nunda Station Lodge and Damascus Shriners.

Bower, Keith L.

The members of Unity Lodge have received word that Keith Bower passed away November 24, 2014. May he find peace with the Great Architect of the Universe.

Cornell, Edwin H. J.

Word has been received by Fairport-Flower City Lodge that Edwin Cornell went to the Celestial Lodge on October 24, 2014.

Davis, Matthew Willard, Jr.

Matthew Davis, 93, went to the waiting arms of his wife on April 4th leaving 5 children and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren to remember him. Matthew was a member of Drumlin Square Lodge.

Grape, G. Thomas

On March 15th, G. Thomas Grape departed from a lively life of accomplishments and his wife of 53 years, Emily; 3 children and 5 grandchildren will share the memories of his life. Tom was a member of Unity Lodge, Inspiration Lodge, Scottish Rite and Damascus Shrine.

Kenyon, William H.

Bill Kenyon, 79, was embraced by those who walked before him in faith on April 10th leaving 2 children and 2 grandchildren to remember him. He was a member of Scottish Rite.

Kershaw, Wilfred "Bill"

On March 24th, Bill Kershaw, 97, met his Maker and is survived by his wife, Jane; 3 children and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was a member of Damascus Shriners.

Koehler, Robert Lincoln

On January 29th, Robert Koehler found loving peace in the arms of the Lord. His wife of 56 years, Joan; 2 children and 6 grandchildren are left to cherish his memory. Robert was a member of Fairport-Flower City Lodge.

Larson, Roger H.

On April 10th, Roger Larson, 67, was escorted by flights of angels to Heaven. He is survived by his wife, Sharen; and one child. Roger was a U.S. Navy Veteran of the Vietnam War and a member of Drumlin Square Lodge.

Lovett, Ruel "Buzz"

On April 12th, Ruel Lovett, 82, was received into Eternal Glory. He leaves his wife, Patti; 2 children, 8 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren to remember him. Buzz was a very active Mason ... a member of Unity Lodge, Damascus Shriners and York Rite's Chapter, Council and Commandery.

Maddicks, Thomas

Thomas Maddicks, 72, went Home to his Lord on April 14th leaving his wife, Linda; 1 child and 1 grandchild to cherish his memory. Tom was a U.S. Army Veteran and a member of Unity Lodge, Scottish Rite, Damascus Shriners and Lalla Rookh Grotto.

Matthews, George "Steck"

George Matthews, 94, departed his Earthly family on April 3rd. His memory will be shared by 2 children, 1 grandchild and the Brothers of Northfield Lodge.

Milburn, Clair

The loving arms of the Lord embraced Clair Milburn, 75, on March 10th. He is survived by his wife, Angela; 5 children and 10 grandchildren. The Brothers of Union Lodge will keep his memory in their hearts.

Okay, Cuneyt V.

The members of Olive Branch Lodge have received word on the passing of Cuneyt Okay, 87, on November 17, 2014.

Padgham, Richard S.

On April 3rd, Richard Padgham, 73, said goodbye to his Earthly home leaving his wife, Marilyn; 3 children and 9 grandchildren to keep his memory in their hearts forever. Richard was a member of Drumlin Square Lodge.

Rainey, David F.

On March 27th, David Rainey, 86, went to the waiting arms of his wife, Betty. He is survived by 4 children, 10 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren who will share his memory forever. David was a U.S. Navy Veteran and member of Unity Lodge, and Starlight Chapter, OES.

Rindfleisch, William H.

William Rindfleisch, 81, passed away March 7th. He is survived by his wife, Dawn; 5 children and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was a member of Damascus Shriners.

Stevens, Robert E.

On April 21st, Robert Stevens, 84, went to the Celestial Lodge. He is survived by 4 children and 7 grandchildren. Robert was a U.S. Air Force Veteran and member of Clio Lodge and Scottish Rite.

Weitzel, Robert L.

On March 17th, Robert Weitzel, 89, went to his Heavenly Home to join his wife who preceded him. His life will be cherished by 5 children, 8 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. He was a member of Eunice Lodge.

Zillmann, Martin

On April 13th, Heaven was blessed with the arrival of Martin Zillmann, 74, leaving his wife, Betty; 2 children and 6 grandchildren to remember him. Martin was a member of Unity Lodge, Eagle Lodge, Scottish Rite and Damascus Shriners.

Widows to be Remembered

June F. Forest, widow of Robert Forest (Unity Lodge), passed away April 8th.

Nina B. Mamerow, 92, widow of John Mamerow (Union Star Lodge), passed away March 21st.

Victoria A. May, widow of Conrad May (Inspiration Lodge), passed away March 31st.

Marilyn H. Relyea, 77, widow of Jerry Relyea (Wakan-Hubbard Lodge), passed away March 11th.

Elizabeth C. Seaman, 87, widow of John Seaman (Unity Lodge), passed away April 6th.

Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

JULY

- 12 ERAC Picnic & Scholarship Awards
- 22 Fame Lodge Sausage Roast
- 25 Scottish Rite Clambake/Steak Roast
- 25 OES Festival of the Stars, Oriskany
- 31 Phelps Sauerkraut Weekend

AUGUST

- 1-2 Phelps Sauerkraut Weekend
- 7-8 Palmyra Pirate Weekend
- 8 OES District Chicken Bar-B-Que & Peach Festival, Webster Firemen's Field
- 15 Triennial of Grand Encampment of Knights Templar USA, Buffalo
- 16 22nd Annual Golf Tournament, Reservoir Creek Golf Course, Naples

SEPTEMBER

- 17 Past Matrons, Spencerport
- 19 Scottish Rite BBAF Breakfast, Spencerport
- 19-20 Palmyra Canaltown Days
- 24 OES District Tea Party, Spencerport
- 24 Masters & Wardens



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