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SIMMONS, WOODLEY HONORED BY HAGGAI CHAPTER, No. 41

The 15th Annual Social and Community Awards Dinner will be held on Friday, September 18th, at the Lodge on the Green, 2888 Ridgeway Avenue, beginning at 6:00 p.m. This affair is sponsored by Haggai Chapter No. 41, Holy Royal Arch Masons (Prince Hall Affiliated), to



Rev. James C. Simmons

honor deserving individuals in our area for their support of local organizations and individuals.

Additional information, including ticket purchasing, may be arranged by contacting Past

High Priest, Eugene Crews, 33°, at (585) 225-7949, or by email at ecrews@rochester.rr.com.

The Reverend James C. Simmons, who is the Senior Pastor of Baber African Methodist Episcopal Church in Rochester, will be the keynote speaker. He is chairman of Rise Up Roch-



Joy Woodley

ester, Incorporated. Born in Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, he graduated from Howard University in Washington, DC, with a degree in Public Administration and Policy and certification in nonprofit management. Reverend Simmons further received his Masters of Divinity from Wesley Theological Seminary at American University in the District of Columbia.

Preaching since age 9, Reverend Simmons was appointed pastor of Baber African Methodist Episcopal Church, on June 18, 2010. Reverend Simmons' pastoral tenure is credited with Baber's financial and administrative resurrection. Since his arrival the parsonage mortgage has been retired, the administration building mortgage has been retired, the worship center mortgage has been renegotiated with a local bank, and the church's other significant and aging deficit has been completely paid.

Pastoring since the age 23, he is the secretary of the First Episcopal District Self-Help Board of Directors and member of the First Episcopal District Governance Review Board. In addition, he serves on the Western New York Annual Conference

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Rochester Chapter Revitalized

Can still use YOUR assistance!

By Mike Hueston, Chairman, Rochester DeMolay Chapter

Welcome back and hopefully you had a great Summer. The Advisors have been busy and we have some good news to share with everyone. The DeMolay Chapter has a Dad to help lead us into the future. We welcome "Dad" John Truebger, and thank John for all his hard work with the training and the Chapter Advisor meetings we held during the Summer. We have several Chapter Advisors and they are eager to get the Chapter going this Fall. Thank you to the Advisors for all the time and efforts this Summer; your hard work and dedication is very much appreciated.

Dad Truebger has a lot of experience with DeMolay and, with his leadership, we know this year is going to be a lot of fun for young men in DeMolay.

Plan to Attend

Our first meeting will be held **Monday, September 21st**, starting at 7 p.m., at the Damascus Shrine Center, 979 Bay Road, Webster.

All interested young men between the ages of 12 to 21 years old are invited to come to this meeting as we start the Chapter. Your help is really needed. You may have a neighbor, a son or grandson who may be a great Candidate and we would love



Keep Informed

Please visit our Facebook site for up-to-date news and events at Rochester Chapter Order of DeMolay. Take care and God Bless our great Nation. ☐

Saturday, September 19th Bring-a-Friend Breakfast Scottish Rite Program

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

It's hard to fully live your best manhood in isolation. It can be hard, in the world today, for young men to make the necessary connections to older men, to mentors, to find out what manhood is all about. Men learn how to be men from other men. Men generally, when given the chance, enjoy spending time with a group of men. Men learn there is something more to being a man than being a person. There is something unique in manhood that men need to learn and embrace as a positive good – a positive good for the individual man and society. Reaching your highest manhood ... discovering and building on your strengths to contribute to society in ways that men have throughout history is something to be learned and sought after. Western civilization has been built over the Centuries with the contributions of all of us including, to no small degree, men recognizing the needed contributions they make in living their highest manhood.

Freemasonry's apparent decline in membership may be accounted for, at least in part, by men not accepting and recognizing their role in the continuation and advancement of our civil

society. If men don't see the importance of being a man, and contributing in a uniquely manly way in the continued success of our society, they will not join with other men in groups because to some degree they don't see the value in manhood. Men who see the value in manhood will want to join with other men to see by example how successful and confident men live and get along in the world. There is a needed balance in society that men need to be a part of as they have always been.

Saturday, September 19th

Our Scottish Rite Valley of Rochester will have a kick-off Brother "Bring-a-Friend" Breakfast event at Unity Lodge Hall

in Spencerport at 8:30 a.m. The breakfast is a Scottish Rite sponsored event for all Masons and the friend they may bring with a low breakfast price of \$2.00. We will have three great inspirational Masonic speakers who will speak on "Manhood and Masonry" with question and answer time available at the end. The event will be over by 11:30 a.m.

This will be a great Masonic get-together to kick-off the new Masonic Year and re-acquaint with your Brothers and other men who might like to know more. Attend and play a part in advancing our Masonic Fraternity and bringing Light to men who don't know what they are missing. ☐

Grand Lecturer's Conventions

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Friday, October 23rd
Fairport Masonic Hall

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Wednesday, November 4th
Attica Lodge Hall

→ → Shriners By-Law Change Vote → →
Wednesday, October 7th

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Editor's Corner

Does the image to the immediate right of this column look familiar to you? I expect fewer than 1 in 30 of you will be able to say "yes" as you read this article. If you are one of those, my thanks to you. It tells me that you at least have tried to find information on our website.

Survey

Last Spring, I asked for responses to a survey we conducted regarding the usefulness of the **Masonic Times**, how much you read, what you liked, what you didn't care for, and what you would suggest we do to make this vehicle more useful to you. I really appreciate the 50 of you who responded. I announced then, and I repeat, I hate surveys.

I have not read all of the responses. A few came back in emails (what a shock!) and I glanced through them, but the majority were passed on to the President of the Board of Directors, Garry Cranker, who compiled a spread sheet of the results. I promise to read them in the near future and will speak of the suggestions and the reasons for or against their implementation in next month's column.

Disappointment

The 50 responses in a mailing list of over 3000 did not give us a statistically accurate general opinion, but we will go with what we received. Once again I will offer the opportunity to add your two cents worth, if you wish, and in our discussions we also will consider your input.

Meanwhile, thank you again to those who responded. And now, back to the topic up above.

We have a new, completely re-designed website at:

www.monroemasonic.com.

If you haven't tried it before, and are using a computer, please check it out. It is still a work in progress, and will be for some time. However, we are trying desperately to be current for those members who frequently are using their electronic gadgets to get their information.

We have been instructed on the ease and methods of updating information and will strive to do that at least monthly. Here is another opportunity for you to suggest what should be published and available to the general public, as well as the Craft.

What you can do now!

The image above is called the "Home Page." That is what you will see when you go to our website. Across the top are a series of tabs that will eventually contain information about the Service Bureau, Monroe District, Local Lodges, outlying Districts, Concordant Bodies, Grand Lodge and instructions on how to contact us. Running your cursor over the tab you wish to check will change its appearance and left clicking the mouse will take you to that area.

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You will see that our telephone number and address information are prominently displayed near the top, and repeated in the bar at the bottom of the page. Hopefully, no one will have to search for that information. In addition, the far right tab, "Contact Us" repeats the address information and has a link where they can send us an email message. You can check out the other tabs for yourself.

What I really want to point out is the three links below the bar in the middle of the page. On the left is a link to a Regional Masonic Event calendar. Established several years ago by R.W.: John Gallant, Past District Deputy Grand Master of the Livingston District, and others, this vehicle has not been fully utilized. We hope to assist in changing this. If you want to find an event, we hope it will be on this calendar.

If you want to plan an event, we hope you will look at the calendar to see if there are plans already listed on the date you would like to have your function. If so, are you able to select another date? If not, go ahead. If it is not possible to change your date and there is a conflict with another event, how much is your function apt to affect attendance at either place. Regardless, you at least will know there is a possibility of people not able to attend. The final decision will be up to you.

We are able to publish events to the calendar. If you get the information to us, we will be glad to put it up for you. If you need guidelines for that, drop us an email and we will tell you what you should include.

The middle link is for those of you involved, or wannabees, in online purchasing. The Masonic Service Bureau has a portal to this online website. By clicking on this link, you will be directed to an application where you can search hundreds of stores, compare discounted pricing and availability of items, earn Cash-back rewards, at the same time earning benefits for the Bureau.

When you arrive at the site, near the top is a place to sign in or sign up. Below that is a search bar, then a series of category tabs, then a line that says, "Your Shop Consultant is Masonic Service Bureau..."

HAGGAI CHAPTER

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Board of Trustees, Board of Examiners, and Finance Committee. Reverend Simmons further serves as dean of the Western New York Conference Ministerial Training Institute – arguably the youngest dean in the entire African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Prior to his appointment to Baber, Reverend Simmons pastored Bethel A.M.E. Church in Schenectady, NY, and served as Minister to Youth and Young Adults at Ward Memorial A.M.E. Church in Washington.

Rise Up Rochester, Incorporated, is a nonprofit that empowers the community to establish and maintain a nonviolent culture and supports families of homicide victims. He is also a member of numerous nonprofit and civic organizations that include the Clergy Council at Northeastern Seminary, the Mayor's Advisory Council, and the Unite Rochester Crisis Response Team.

Reverend Simmons has learned to live out his favorite Scripture each day "trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths." [Proverbs 3, 5-6]

Joy Woodley

"My life's journey started in my Church," says Joy Woodley. "I have great faith in God that he will see me through anything." Love of family and friends is the greatest gift one can have. My motto is, "there are no failures, just temporary detours."

Her Church projects include serving as a Sunday School Teacher, helping place flowers on the Altar each Sunday, helping to raise money for Mission Projects and transporting church ladies to appointments and shopping.

Among other activities, she has been a Brownie leader; an Election Inspector; a member of the Republican Committee for the Town of Webster, and involved in the Town of Webster's Senior Police Academy. She assisted at Lollipop Farm by obtaining towels and shredded paper.

She has been a member of the Order of the Eastern Star for more than 40 years, serving as Matron five times, is a Past-President of the Past Matrons Association, a Past Grand Officer (twice), Past-President of the Grands Association and has assisted at the Annual Chicken

Barbecue fundraiser.

Joy has supported the Masonic Service Bureau, where she served as President, members of several Committees, and was involved with the Widows Luncheons, Education and Charitable Awards Nights and the Interfaith Service and Brunches. She continues to serve on the Board of Directors. She has helped the Damascus Shrine Clowns with their events, organized meals for homeless Veterans and assisted with projects for the Canandaigua Veterans Hospital.

Over the years, Mrs. Woodley has cooked and served dinners for many Lodges and Concordant Body groups. Other projects include catering refreshments for the Grand Lodge of New York Educational Assistance Grants presentations, working on Have-a-Heart Campaigns, which benefit the Ronald McDonald Houses, where she has also provided desserts for residents.

"I have met and worked with many amazing people, with some acting as mentors who have guided me in the right direction. I am humbled and grateful for all the wonderful events of my life," she states. ☐

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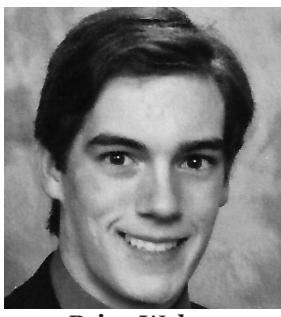
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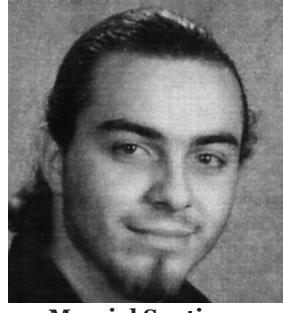
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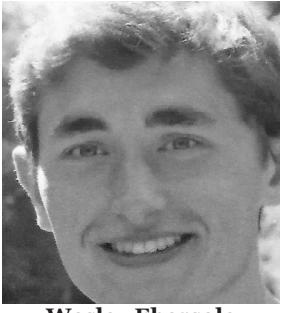
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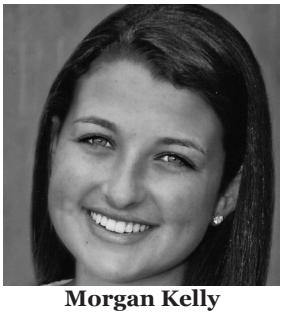
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Morgan Kelly



Michael Spink



Cassandra Schwartz



Education Assistance Grant Recipients - Front row (*l-r*) Brian Weber, Lukas Krause, Rachael Moyles, Diana Tassone, Morgan Kelly and Matthew Cherwonik. Back row (*l-r*) Marcial Santiago, Wesley Ebersole, Jessica Camuto, Cassandra Schwartz, Zhanna Baker and Michael Spink.

17 students shared in Education Assistance Grants along with a Mason, Jose Peo, who received a Continuing Education Award. Grants were also distributed to deserving Charitable Organizations



to the Secretaries of Lodges and Concordant Bodies for distribution to their members.

The deadline for submissions is Thursday, March 31st, 2016. ALL applications MUST be postmarked on or before that date. We allow a few days for mail delivery to arrive, but a late or missing postmark could result in the application being rejected. Incomplete applications will NOT be considered.

A checklist of required materials is included in the information packet sent to applicants. Please use it to assure all materials are included.

Students, if the school will not provide you with a copy of your transcript, it might be wise to follow up and make sure it is mailed in a timely fashion. A reminder that this is a one-time only Grant.

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Support the Masonic Brotherhood Fund Campaign

Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

OCTOBER

- 1 Applications for Grand Officer positions due to Selection Committee
- 11 Fairport Scarecrow Festival
- 15 Yellow Dog Degree, Pittsford
- 15-17 OES Grand Sessions, Binghamton
- 17 Pumpkin Festival, Honeoye Falls
- 23 Grand Lecturer's Convention, Fairport
- 24 Palmyra Trick-or-Treat on Main Street

NOVEMBER

- 7 Harvest Dinner, Shrine Center
- 14 Potentate's Ball, Geneva

DECEMBER

- 12 All-Masonic Children's Holiday Party, Shrine Center

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Another Season of "Work in the Quarries" is here. Opportunities and challenges await us and our workload will only be as easy as the effort we are ready to put into it. Your District Staff, Masters and Secretaries have met to discuss their Programs for the Masonic Year ahead; your Brothers are ready, willing and able to carry out their responsibilities. Trestleboards are prepared and the future is looking pretty good.

It is my sad duty to report that the District has lost Humanity Lodge No. 406, and its members will be seeking affiliation with other Lodges. Welcome these Brothers with open arms. Let no blame be cast nor any fingers pointed to any individual member of Humanity. Instead, let each of our Lodges look at their OWN situation of membership, Ritual training and membership retention. Review and act upon what has to be done to remain healthy.

A Brother once asked, "What was the purpose of coming to a meeting and going over the same boring Minutes readings, bill paying and dumb stuff over and over again."

He was asked what was he contributing to make a change. Since then, he has made a positive contribution to his Lodge. I ask you all - Master, Officers and Brothers, "What contribution can YOU make?" ☐

Grand Director of Ceremonies



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How fast the Summer recess has passed. September is upon us, the Fall Equinox is approaching and it is time once again to ... "gird up (our) loins and take (our) staff in thine hands"

September is the month to finalize plans for the new Masonic Year, put them on paper and distribute to the Craft. President Dwight Eisenhower said, "Farming is easy when your plow is a pencil and your cornfield a thousand miles away."

Status of Lodge Leadership

- Wayne District has two neophyte Masters sitting in the East - W.: Rob Zanin, Master of Drumlin Square in Palmyra, and W.: Mike Cholach, Master of Wayne Lodge in Ontario.
- We have two Masters, who are new sitting Masters, but not



R.W.: John Krest in Utica



R.W.: Jay DeWispelaere in Utica

• We have four Worshipfuls who were re-elected for another term and are now looking for "victims" to talk into accepting nomination next May to relieve them - Past DDGM, R.W.: Jay DeWispelaere, Master of Sodus Lodge; W.: Charlie Searles, Master of Pultneyville Lodge; W.: Joe VanHaelst, Master of Newark Lodge; and Past DDGM, R.W.: Bruce Waterman, Master of Savannah Lodge - all well-seasoned overseers of the workers in the quarries.

Any new endeavor a Brother takes on in the Craft begins with a time of trial and error, no matter how experienced the mentor or how wise the counselors by his side, but especially Officers.

Last year was a trial and error for me as Staff Officer for the District. A big THANK YOU to R.W.: Richard Brewer, DDGM, R.W.: John Krest, and AGL, V.W.: Jeff Gagnon for all their help. One of the changes I will be making this year is offering the Masonic Education Courses as early as possible this Fall - custom-tailoring the time to the individual Brother.

Masonic Development Course

The Masonic Development Course is available starting immediately. I presently have four books available. No charge for the Course, unless you want a Pin and Certificate. At Staff Officer training day last June, I was informed the material does not have to be covered in three, four-hour classes, nor do we have to meet at a Lodge Hall. We can divide it into shorter sessions over longer duration just as long as material is covered.

Presently, Brother Bob Baumgartner from Drumlin Square Lodge is working on Sections 2

and 3. If any Brother would like to jump in, give me a shout and we'll go back over Section 1.

Road to the East

I'm planning to schedule the Road to the East Course for next March. Again, if any Brother would like to start it this Fall, give me a shout.

Master's Chair

The Master's Chair is designed for newly Installed Masters. I've set it up for just after Elections next June.

District Grand Officers

Brethren of the Craft, are you interested in serving the District as a District Deputy, Staff Officer or Assistant Grand Lecturer? In October, Wayne Purple Club will be meeting for the purpose of reviewing applications for the 2016-2018 Term for these Offices and submitting them to Grand Lodge for Wayne District.

Eligibility Requirements

Several interested Brothers have inquired if the Applicant has to be a Past Master, or can a sitting Master or Brother submit an Application. There has been considerable amount of conflicting and opposing discussion around the District regarding eligibility requirements for all three of these Offices.

District Deputy Grand Master

Pursuant to the Book of Constitutions, to be eligible for the position of DDGM, the Applicant must be a Master or Past Master. He can be a Past Master from 1975 and not sat in an Officer's Chair for 40 years, or a newly elected Master, but you have to be a Worshipful. In addition to this, he must be a member in good standing of a Lodge within Wayne District.

Staff Officer

Regarding being eligible for the position of Staff Officer, Masonic Law omits the words "Master or Past Master" and omits the words "member in good standing within the District;" however, Sect. 102 of the Book of Constitutions states, "... no one can be a member of Grand Lodge New York unless he be a member in good standing of some Lodge within the Jurisdiction (New York). Cessation of membership in a Lodge within this Jurisdiction shall vacate such membership in Grand Lodge." This would suggest you do not have to be a Master or Past Master to be a Staff Officer, nor be a member in good standing in any Lodge in Wayne

District; however, you do have to be a member in some Lodge in good standing somewhere within the Grand Jurisdiction.

The other question, which I need to research, is that it is the Staff Officer's duty to attend all Masonic Events in his District and I believe the Investiture Ceremony for Master-Elects qualifies as a Masonic Event, being a Past Master or Master an imperative.

Assistant Grand Lecturer

Regarding the position of Assistant Grand Lecturer, he is not a member of Grand Lodge therefore he does not fall under the guidelines in the preceding paragraph. District AGLs and Regional AGLs are appointed at the pleasure of the Grand Lecturer. Also, although there is no provision in the Constitutions that states the AGL must be a Master or Past Master, only his boss - the Grand Lecturer - decides. I cannot envision the Grand Lecturer appointing an AGL who is not a Master or Past Master given that, being in possession of the Secrets of the Chair is a prerequisite inherent to his duty of imparting the Secrets of the Chair at the Tiled Investiture Ceremony, allows no admittance, save Past Masters and Masters.

In addition, all three Applicants must have completed the Masonic Development Course, Road to the East and Master's Chair - or reasonably believed to have them completed by the time Grand Lodge meets in May for Annual Communication.

Also, Grand Lodge wants every Applicant to understand there are unseen expenses which go with the Offices. There have been several incidences of applicants quitting because they were never advised of these expenses.

Grand Lodge deadline for receipt of Applications is November 2, 2015. Purple Club will make a final decision at October's meeting.

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Welcome back after a relaxing Summer. It is my distinct pleasure to be Master of Drumlin Square Lodge. As a first-time Worshipful Master, and with assistance from fellow Brethren, I have taken distinct care to plan a Trestleboard for this upcoming 2015-16 Year that should be exciting and informative. If there are any suggestions that other Brothers may have for upcoming programs, I'd be happy to entertain those possibilities.

Summer Projects

When this article posts, our Lodge will have seen a remarkable physical transformation as it receives a much-needed face-lift. We have been hard at work with an entire kitchen remodel, painting throughout the Lodge, as well as new carpeting and overall upgrades. The brand new glass front doors are bright and welcoming, and really show from the exterior all the improvements we have made on the interior - hopefully, inviting more possible Brethren to our Lodge. Many, many heartfelt thanks to all who worked so diligently to make this happen.

Upcoming Events

September 18th-20th – Palmyra Canaltown Days, where we will be selling our infamous Italian Sausages.

October 24th – Palmyra Celebration Committee's Trick-or-Treat on Main Street, starting at 2 p.m. If you'd like, bring family, friends and children of all ages; costumes are appreciated by all; and donuts and cider are available outside the Village Park!

I look forward to a long, eventful, exciting and very rewarding year as your Worshipful Master. May God bless me with His guidance in this role. ☐



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Welcome everyone, from a very short Summer hiatus from our Masonic work. Weatherwise, to this point as I sit down to write this article, has been very good. I have marched in a few parades, attended some picnics and was present at a very different Table Lodge, which is the focus of this article.

On Friday, July 31st, I found myself high atop Mumford Hill on the estate of Past Master, Terry Wright, of Oatka Lodge. As I approached the check-in table, I could see a complete Table Lodge layout on the hill just beyond.

This was an open-air Table Lodge with a fabulous view of the rolling hills of Wheatland ... the setting for "Once-in-a-Blue-Moon Table Lodge" under the stars. It was a brainchild of W.: Terry Wright and endorsed by the Brothers of Oatka Lodge.

Brothers from all over the local area came - a real good turnout. They were rewarded with a fantastic home-cooked meal - highlighted with an appetizer of Brazilian Churrasco prepared by Brother Leandro da Silva. There was plenty of liquid refreshments to keep the cannons filled. As in all Table Lodges, there are Toasts with the penalty basket filling on many occasions.

The main highlights of the evening were supplied by Mother Nature. The first was as we were just starting the evening - from a dark overcast sky to gradual clearing - not one, but two, rainbows appeared to the South. As Terry said, "It looks like a blessing from above." Then, as we had almost concluded, the bright moon appeared rising high above the trees and shining down between two of them on the large American Flag blowing full-out. A perfect moment for taking pictures, but most of all we thought on our Fraternity, our Country and our freedom and, at the urging of our Brothers from Fairport Lodge, we sang *God Bless America* - a very defining moment. This Table Lodge has accomplished its goal of Friendship, Brotherly Love and Enjoyment. Thanks Oatka for a great evening.

Looking Ahead

Official Visits in September:

- September 15th - Clio
- September 22nd - Inspiration
- September 28th - Unity
- Saturday, September 12th - The Masters Chair at 8:30 a.m. at Northfield Lodge Hall, Pittsford. All new Masters must attend; Re-treads - optional.

September 24th - Masters and Wardens kick-off meeting at the Shrine Center at 6:00 p.m. All Masters and Wardens are requested to be there to meet with the DDGM and his Staff. Refreshments will be served. Masters, please bring your Trestleboards. We need them for planning and to share with the other Lodges.

A Proud Mason

Grand Steward

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Lost time is never found again. ~ Benjamin Franklin

We May Never Pass This Way Again ~ Seals and Crofts

Absolutely unbelievable! It's amazing how quickly this Summer flew by. So much to do, so little time. Did you get everything done that you wanted to? Chances are, if you're like me, there's still a bunch of things you'd like to do before the weather turns and you'll have to wait until next year.

Summer, like life, teaches us that time is fleeting and we should act now to do the things that really matter. Enough of wasting time. Time to get back to work in the quarries and do what we came here to do. But just exactly what is that? Masonry makes good men better - Improve one's self in Masonry. That's it!

In a conversation I had with a Brother, he told me he is considering leaving Masonry. He expressed his disappointment with the Craft asking the question, "HOW does Masonry make good men better?"

Giving the question some consideration, I tried to see it from his point of view. Maybe, just possibly he had a valid point. What are the specific and concrete ways that Masonry makes good men better?

But then later, another question came to mind ... "What specific qualities or characteristics would Masonry seek to improve in a man?" Upon further reflection, it occurred to me that perhaps the most important question for ALL of us to be considering, ALL the time is, "What qualities about myself would I like to improve or make better?"

Yes, that's it! Before we can really consider how Masonry can make us better men, we have to first have some idea about what we would like to improve in ourselves in the first place. If we don't know where we want to go, a map isn't going to do us any good. Beginning a journey without a destination is likely to end up getting you lost.

How many of us can honestly say that we routinely think about what improvements we

want to make in ourselves? Do we actually have a concrete answer to this question? I'll admit I'm not always doing my own self-inventory and considering what areas in which I'd like to improve. But, when we do have some ideas about what qualities or characteristics of ourselves that we want to improve, it becomes a lot easier for us to recognize how Masonry can help make us better men and to use it towards that purpose.

For example, let's say one wanted to become more patient and tolerant towards others. Think of the wonderful teaching of the point within a circle and what the circle represents; what tool inscribes a circle; a beautiful and effective image for a man to contemplate as he seeks to improve himself in having patience with others.

I am fairly certain that, before Masonry can have its maximum effectiveness, there must be some level of self-awareness about the specific quality a man seeks to change. Beginning with self-awareness, man must actively pursue his own improvement. It's not a passive process with Masonry somehow magically working some transformative miracle.

When I related these ideas to the Brother contemplating quitting, he remarked, "it sounds like a lot of work." I sardonically responded, "It probably is. Why bother? Who has the time?"

So here we are at the Masonic New Year. Time to make some resolutions on what each of us wants to be working and get back into the quarries smoothing our Ashlar.

Mark Your Calendar

Master's Chair

All Masters of Lodges are expected to take the *Master's Chair* Class. This year it will be offered on **Saturday, September 12th, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** at Northfield Lodge Hall in Pittsford. If you are the Master of your Lodge, you have already received an email from me about this. As of this writing, I have heard from six of you.

Masonic Development Course

The *Masonic Development Course* is intended for all Brothers who have been Raised during this past year. If you are new to Masonry, I strongly encourage you to take this Course and gain a little more insight into what you have gotten yourself involved in. This year I will attempt to offer the *Masonic Development Course* a little earlier than I did last year. It will be offered on **Saturdays, September 26th and October 3rd** at Northfield Lodge Hall, Pittsford, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Road to the East

For those of you traveling East and hoping to someday be the Master of your Lodge, you will need to take the *Road to the East*. It is tentatively scheduled for two **Saturdays: February 20th and March 5th**. Further details are being worked on and will be announced soon.

To register for any of the above classes, please contact me via email at: smichene@rochester.rr.com

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I hope everyone had a wonderful Summer, I did! I attended a Table Lodge in the open air ... yes, outside and at night. A whole new experience; everyone had a great time. Good food, good fellowship and lots of fun. I thank the Brothers of Oatka Lodge for inviting me to a fabulous night.

This was one leg of Masonry that keeps our Fraternity alive. The other leg is the Ritual. One leg needs the other leg.

The Ritual is all our Masonic teachings, the part that shows us how to make us better men in a better world. The other leg lets us show each other what hard work can bring.

As most of you know by now, Grand Lodge cut the two AGLs in this District to one. This has made me re-think the way of doing business for this job.

News About Schools of Ritual

The School of Ritual in each



"What am I supposed to do about this? ... What about that? ...

I'm the Master, I can do whatever I want."

Well, not so fast ... You need to take Master's Chair!

This class is a requirement of Grand Lodge!!

All Masters of Lodges are invited to attend on

Saturday, September 12th 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

at Northfield Lodge Hall, Pittsford

Cost: \$7 for food

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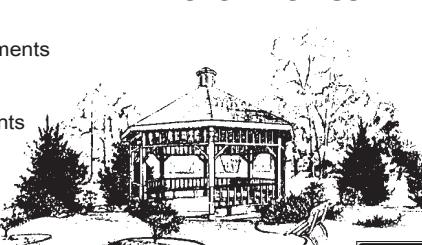
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Lodge was so well received and liked last year that I had to re-tool it so it will work. At the end of last year, V.W.: Joe Lewis requested we try to go to the Lodge rehearsals. This being one of the weak points of our efforts, we decided to try to put it into action if we could.

Thus this plan! Schools of Ritual at your Lodge will be at one of the rehearsals for your Degrees. If the Master gets the Brothers to the rehearsal, an AGL will help with the practice. This should help your Lodge to put on a better Degree.

Because I have Official Visits, Edict Degrees, Schools of Ritual Rehearsals and throw in a couple of other Schools of Ritual, plus Lodge Nights, this could be a burden on my end. I have asked the Grand Lecturer if I can instill some help. Yes being the answer, I am putting together a team of past AGLs to help out. Hopefully, any day you want us to help, we will be available. Please call me - 346-2117.

Mark Your Calendar

Friday, October 23rd - Grand Lecturer's Convention at Fairport Masonic Hall. Dinner - 6:30 p.m., Convention - 7:30 p.m. Sharp! Reservations for dinner no later than Sunday, October 18th, please. Round up your troops and get your reservations in so we can show the Grand Lecturer what Monroe District is made of.

Monroe District Masters and Wardens Association

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Good day to Brother Masters, Wardens and Senior Deacons. Much has been going on in the quarries by our dedicated Brothers and Ladies. They have been doing exquisite work as our Summer weeks continue.

September 24th - Kick-off Meeting of the Monroe District Masters and Wardens, 6 p.m. Sharp at Damascus Shrine Center, Webster. Information and more about that which has been hewn, fitted to a finished state and being placed, will be communicated to you to pass on to your Lodge Membership.

New *Monroe District Masonic Directory* books will be handed out at this meeting. These are a seriously important time-saving tool! Don't miss getting your fresh, brand-new copy at this meeting. Food and NA refreshment will be provided by the Monroe District Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: George Foechner, who has also requested all Masters, Wardens and Senior Deacons attend.

Positive Review of Blue Moon Table Lodge

By R.: W.: Derek VanHouten

Oakta Lodge is developing a reputation of excellence when it comes to their presentation of when they do a Table Lodge and on July 31st it was a great example of a Lodge working together for the enjoyment of the Brothers who attended. It was entitled "Once in a Blue Moon" and was held outdoors at W.: Terry Wright's Farm in Mumford, not far from the Genesee Country Museum.

Some great Brothers were in attendance and added to the overall experience; great fellowship under nature's beauty on top of a hill with candlelight made a night we would not soon forget. The skies provided a backdrop to a partial double rainbow as we dined on Brazilian Beef served on skewers, salad, W.: Larry Blazey's Beef Brisket, Pulled Pork, Fresh-picked String Beans, Bowtie Pasta, Ziti Pasta and Cake, along with Red Powder and White Powder (wine).

During the Social Hour, beer, soda and mixed drinks were available. The Lodge Brothers all pitched in to set the tables, work the bar, cook the food and provide the setting for this event. A unique "candle" was evident around the setting, these were 3-foot-high logs that had the center bored out and lighter fluid added to the center. After many attempts, they caught fire and provided an interesting aspect to the evening.

The Formal Toasts were conducted and then additional Toasts were welcomed. R.: W.: Gordon Bell toasted the fallen



Harvest Moon shines on Brother Mack Thompson.

fighters at the battle of Gallipoli, W.: Terry Adams proposed a Toast to all our Fathers; W.: Terry Wright Toasted our Flag and we all joined in to sing *God Bless America*. The night was beautiful and no one wanted it to end.

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Summer breezes are giving way to the cool days of Autumn. As we build for another year, the cornerstone is carefully laid into place; a sturdy foundation will help assure a strong finished work.

The theme for 2015-2016 is "Building Our Future on a Solid Foundation." Many have labored before us to build ERAC Lodge,

Hopefully, we will all meet here again next year to celebrate being together, enjoy a magnificent meal and be thankful we belong to a great Fraternity where events like this are possible.

endow our finances and help provide each of us a Masonic Education through observing their Ritual performance and personal attributes as we have continued to build our own. Their legacy enables our future.

By now, you should have received a copy of the Trestleboard. It is also available at:

www.erac163.org

If you did not receive a mailing, please contact our Secretary, W.: David Upham at:

dgupham@gmail.com

Our Summer Picnic was held July 12th, on a warm Summer afternoon and was enjoyed by all.

Upcoming Events

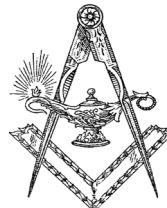
On September 14th, the topic will be "The Builders; Building Upon Our Masonic Heritage." Each Brother will have the opportunity to ask and

Do You Find Yourself Having Questions???

Why did they do that?



Who's this Hiram guy?



What does it all mean?

Am I missing something?

Where does this all come from?

Maybe you should take the *Masonic Development Course*

September 26th and October 3rd

8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

at Northfield Lodge Hall, Pittsford

Cost \$20

Reservations to: smichene@rochester.rr.com

What to Bring

Masters ...

1. Bring a pencil or pen and paper for notes.

2. Bring ideas and talking points. ... email me first at: kennethhecker@gmail.com with the topics you wish to discuss as there may be similar or complementing topic discussion points already on the developing meeting agenda.

3. Bring 13 copies of your Trestleboard (for 12 Lodges and the DDGM) to distribute to each of the other Masters. (*per District Deputy Grand Master's request*).

4. Verify before and bring two hard copies of any changes

to your Master's, Warden's and Senior Deacon's contact information for me and the Secretary of the Masters and Wardens, James MacDuff. We will input the change of data into our files and communicate your changes to the Masonic Service Bureau for updates on the Website.

Committee Chairmen ...

- Bring a draft of this year's goals and your action plans - ready for discussion to make your goals happen.

Together we can make great things happen, feel free to email me or call at any time. I look forward to working with each and every one of you to have a successful year!

Grand Lodge Officers Applications Available

News from the

Purple Club

of the

Monroe District

By R.: W.: Michael Hueston, Chairman
Monroe District Selection Committee

What a hot, rainy Summer ... and the time off went too fast. It is that time of the year when we ask for your help.

If any Past Master of the Monroe District would like to become the District Deputy Grand Master for the Monroe District or the Grand Lodge Staff Officer for the 2016-2018 Masonic Years, please contact me. A Selection Committee has been formed and we welcome your Application.

Your Lodge Secretary should have the packet from

If you have any questions or need an Application, please email me at: mph0523@msn.com or call me at: (585) 509-0606

I will be happy to help you in any way I can.

The Selection Committee looks forward to discussing your Application with you in October. Have a great month!

"Hey Brothers,
have you done the
"Yellow Dog" Degree?
Well, now's your chance,
Puppy."

The "Yellow Dog" is a fun, side Degree to promote Masonic fellowship while serving as a fundraiser for Masonic Scholarships. There are no annual Dues, pesky meetings or committee assignments. It is simply an enjoyable evening you won't soon forget!

**Thursday, October 15th
at 6:30 p.m.**

at Northfield Masonic Lodge, 17 Church Street, Pittsford

\$10 (Lifetime Membership Degree); \$10 Dinner

Presented by: M.: W.: Bruce Widger, Past Grand Master

Reservations to: northfield426@gmail.com

by Monday, October 12th

answer for himself, "Whence W.: Pat Mulrooney.

Saturday, September 19th - The Valley of Rochester is sponsoring a symposium with the theme "Manhood in Masonry," 8:30 a.m. – 12-ish. Please see elsewhere in **Masonic Times** for details.

Masonic Times, published by the Masonic Service Bureau, is a key part in Lodge communications. Brothers are encouraged to submit article ideas and content, as well as photographs, for inclusion. For the October Issue, please provide input by August 26th.

Charity Opportunities

Community Service allows us to demonstrate our Masonic Charity in the community. Upcoming opportunities are the monthly Ronald McDonald House dinners and providing support at the *Walking on Sunshine* event for Mary Cariola Center.

The 4th Thursday of each month is the dinner at Ronald McDonald House. RMH helps provide lodging and meals to families whose children are undergoing treatment at Strong Hospital. Please contact W.: Rich Greenaway to help with this. Please call or text W.: Rich at 409-0015.

Monday, September 21st – Rehearsal at 7 p.m. Rehearsals are primarily for all Officers, but all Brothers are welcome. This rehearsal will review Opening and Closing, Ballotting and preparations for Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. Officers, please confirm your attendance with our Ritual Director, V.: Rich

Sunday, September 27th – 8 a.m.: For the last several years, Brothers from ERAC and other Lodges have supported the *Walking on Sunshine* event.

Walking on Sunshine is the only fundraising event for Mary Cariola Children's Center. Annually, over 1,000 students, staff, families and friends enjoy an early Autumn stroll or roll at Ontario Beach Park to support the work being done at Mary Cariola Children's Center.

Founded in 1949, Mary Cariola Children's Center is a special place in Rochester that serves children with multiple, complex disabilities; public and private schools aren't able to accommodate these children.

This event will take place at Ontario Beach Park (Lake Avenue, Rochester). Note that the original date on the Trestleboard was the previous day. Brothers can help with the Masonic Safety ID Event and provide other help as needed. The Event Chair is our Junior Warden, Brother Jim MacDuff. Contact Brother Jim at the Lodge Communication, call 298-0890, or email: bricklayer.jsm@gmail.com

Phone Team

There are several Brothers who don't have email access. Brother Edd Taylor will coordinate a calling team. Please contact Brother Edd to help. Text or leave a voice message at 872-3260.



R.:W.: Stephan Michener and Brother George Vanderzell.

I had the pleasure of meeting one of our Brothers at St. John's Day in June. Brother Clarence Vanderzell moved from Rochester many years ago but remains a member. Brother Clarence was Raised in Zetland Lodge in 1951. He retired from the YMCA, where he established and managed facilities on Long Island and in Utica. He and his wife, Blanche, currently reside in nearby Whitesboro and occasionally visit family in Fairport. His great-grandson is a recent ERAC Lodge Educational Grant Recipient.

Brothers, I look forward to seeing you in Lodge. If you have been away for a while, please consider coming back. With your help, this can be a great year. ☐

Fairport-Flower City Lodge No. 476

2nd & 4th Mondays

7:30 p.m.

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September brings a new Trestleboard and the opportunity for renewed fellowship with our Brothers. Officers for the new year were installed in June and Brother Kyle Connolly was Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

2015-2016 Officers

Master	Paul McLaughlin
Sr. Warden	Bernie Lazerson
Jr. Warden	Al Fowler
Sr. Deacon	Ray Kelly
Jr. Deacon	Erin Burruto
Secretary	Scott Gonyeo
Treasurer	Terry Adams

Upcoming Events

September 14th - The first meeting will recognize Past Masters with the hope that they will share a few recollections or humorous anecdotes from their time in the East.

September 28th - The second meeting will be a Brother Bring-a-Brother Table Lodge where our goal is to reach out to re-engage with all our Brothers – particularly those whom we have not seen in a while. I am also pleased to report that the Fellowcraft Club is continuing the Coffee and Donuts gatherings at the Lodge on the 3rd Saturday each month from 8 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Looking Ahead

October calls for a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night

November we have our Official Visit from the District Deputy Grand Master, R.:W.: George Foehner

In **December**, we will confer an Entered Apprentice Degree.

Additional events in the works include presentations by Representatives of the Concordant Masonic Bodies, a Ladies' Night Wine-pairing Dinner, and a road trip to Grand Lodge in NYC.

We are looking forward to an exciting year; come and be a part of it! ☐



Fairport-Flower City Officers with their Ladies.

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1st & 3rd Thursdays

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By R.:W.: David Allen, Musician
Fraternal Greetings to all.

Share Your Thoughts

It must have been a very uneventful Summer since we haven't heard from you. As we mentioned in the June Issue of the **Masonic Times**, "Wonderful Things" should be sent to our Master, Jeremy Knox:

mona.bike@yahoo.com or myself, R.:W.: Dave Allen: dallen73@rochester.rr.com

Just remember, the "deadline" is the 5th of the preceding month. The "powers-to-be" are trying to determine the fate of this Publication. Hopefully, everyone who receives it, returned the Survey that R.:W.: Skip Waterstreet has furnished in the last two Issues.

Music

Many of you are familiar with our problems with the "antique" we have been so fortunate to enjoy. Well, as with all good things, the organ, which has served us for many years, can no longer be repaired. Five or six years ago, a group of us journeyed to Union Star Lodge in Honeoye Falls and returned with a "back-up," which has resided in the entryway of the Lodge. This was pressed into service at our final meeting, but also had a small noise problem. Thanks to a fellow worker of our Master, this was also solved and we have a serviceable organ for the time being.

vember 16, 2014.

Upcoming Events

September 3rd - Annual "Corn & Sausage" Roast (most of you won't see this until later)

September 17th - Masonic Cipher and Lost Symbols.

October 1st - 2nd Degree. We have at least four Entered Apprentices ready for this Degree.

October 15th - Official Visit. We get to meet our Grand Lodge Officers

A complete Trestleboard is in the works. It should be available at our first Communication.

In closing, we hope you appreciate the exterior as well as the interior improvements done by a few dedicated Brothers. Our Secretary and immediate Past Master are probably responsible for seeing these come to fruition!

See you in the Quarries! ☐

UNITY Lodge No. 479

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

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Looking Back

I hope everyone is having a safe and enjoyable Summer! Before I write about what we are looking forward to, I will take a moment to look back on what we have done up to this point.

I thank you, your friends and family who joined us the last Sunday in June for our Open Officer Installation. Having such a great turnout really makes it a special experience for all. I send a special thank you to W.: Mike Schwartz, W.: Tom Michielsen and V.:W.: John Dyer for executing such a memorable ceremony; and to R.:W.: Cliff Short for setting up the Lodge Room ahead of time.

The last weekend in July,

we had our Pancake Breakfast during the Spencerport Canal Days. Many thanks to W.: Jeffrey VanSice and R.:W.: Cliff Short for leading the charge to purchase the supplies and organizing the labor force to make sure all that we could control was well done. Mother Nature threw us a curve ball on Saturday with some strong storms, but all who attended and ate said it was wonderful. The full report on the final outcome will be given at our first meeting in September.

Looking Ahead

As we prepare to head back to our labors, we have some great things in store to get our year started.

September 14th - Our first Regular Communication will be our Annual Steak Roast. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m.; our meeting follows.

September 28th - will be our Official Visit of the District Officers so they can communicate the Grand Master's message.

Our Officers have been working very hard this Summer to prepare for the ensuing year, and I look forward to seeing all of you this Fall. ☐

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What's Been Happening ...

The Festival on the Green in June again turned out to be a great yearly event. Thank you so much to all Brothers, family members and friends who pitched in to lend a helping hand. At the event the Child ID Crew made it happen, and we piled up a stack of happy customers quickly. The Brothers delivered twice the amount of food to the local FISH Food Cupboard in Honeoye Falls than we did last year. Great Job!

Next was our Annual Fellowcraft Steak Roast and it went really well! We had a lot of fun in a relaxing, enjoyable environment with Brethren, their ladies, family members and even a few guests. Thank you to the Fellowcraft Steak Roast Team for putting on another successful delicious Steak Roast!

The Curly-Q Team has made another run to the Erie Fairgrounds polishing up their Curly Fries skill sets for the big event we look forward to each year. Thank you so much to the Curly-Q Team for all their hard work and travels to bring in revenue for our charitable work. In the future, Brothers, take the trip with them to Erie and lend a hand. We are always looking for more Brothers to join and have some fun.

About Our Building

I am told the new natural-gas-fired, dual high-efficiency boiler system has been being tweaked for optimum operations after its maiden run this past Winter and the punch list is being pared down. There has been a new demand loop hot water system hooked into the new boiler-fired potable hot water heater for the tenants to get hot water quicker when they turn on the hot water faucets. The heating bills were reduced significantly both in natural gas therms used and in the reduction in electricity due to the new variable-speed circulation pumps. After a full 2-3 years we should see some dramatic graphing of energy savings on paper.

The Temple Building windows that were replaced back in the early 2000s are being warranty serviced in stages, the seals are being inspected and replaced, broken latches repaired, and some sash hardware was looked at - all part of the lifetime guarantee on the windows.

There is a new updated audio system that has been installed in the Lodge Room. Wireless microphones for the Officers, WIFI and hardwire abilities to accept projection and web-based style, educational or live presentations - including our regular meeting nights and Ritual work.

Along with this new system is a HATS induction loop sys-

tem for those who have hearing aids. Hardwire loops are placed around the base of the exterior walls, and these convert sounds to magnetic forces. Hearing aids with telephone switches, or t-coils, pick up these forces and change them back to sounds for those who use this type of technology to hear more clearly.

The Summer has been passing quickly and soon we will be hearing the call for Officers to take their places for the gavel strike.

Upcoming Events

Friday, September 11th and Sunday, September 13th - I have called for two Officers' Meetings with the Opening and Closing practices at Union Star Lodge Hall, Honeoye Falls. Both to start at 7 p.m. Officers, please make every effort to attend these meetings so we are all on the same page and stepping forward, all on the right foot as Brothers.

The Trestleboard is up on the website:

www.unionstarmasons.org
Please check there often for updates.

September 14th - Union Star Lodge's next meeting. There will be a dinner at 6:30 p.m. Please call the Jr. Warden, Brother Tom Watson 752-7297 for a reservation. The Lodge meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

September 28th - will be our Fellowcraft Meeting and Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. It begins at 7 p.m. Bring a dish-to-pass if you wish to and join us in fellowship, welcoming new, present and familiar friends and Brothers.

October 12th - District Deputy Grand Master's Official Visit. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. and the Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. Contact W.: Kenneth Hecker at 420-8852 for a reservation.

The fare will be Salad, a choice of Roast Beef or Venison ('til it's gone), a side of Green Beans, with Mashed, twice-baked Potatoes with butter, sour cream, chives, garlic and parsley. Pies and Ice Cream will be for dessert.

Saturday, October 17th - There is an upcoming Pumpkin Festival 2015 at Harry Allen Park, located at Allen Park Drive, Honeoye Falls. Union Star Lodge will be handling the vending for the event, selling Hot Chocolate, Coffee, Soda, Hotdogs, Hamburgers, Curly Fries, Straight Cut Fries and many more menu items. Mark it on your calendar to swing by and say hi, it is a really nice Festival that is growing year by year.

October 27th - Harvest Theme Table Lodge at 7 p.m. Details to follow on our Facebook Page and the next **Masonic Times**. Reservations are required. Call Tom Watson 752-7297 for a reservation.

Brother Kenneth Samarra, our Social Media Committee Chairman, spent some time setting up our new Facebook Page you can find here:

[www.facebook.com/
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homepage_panel](http://www.facebook.com/unionstarmasons?ref=aymt_homepage_panel)

Take some time to follow, comment and like the page, pictures and posts. Feel free to submit any relevant pictures you

have of the Lodge Membership and events to be posted on our Facebook Page.

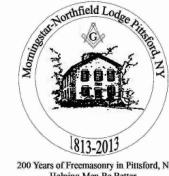
We, the Officers of Union Star Lodge, welcome any Brother in good standing to visit and share some time and fellowship. Our Lodge Meetings are the 2nd Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m., except July and August. ☐

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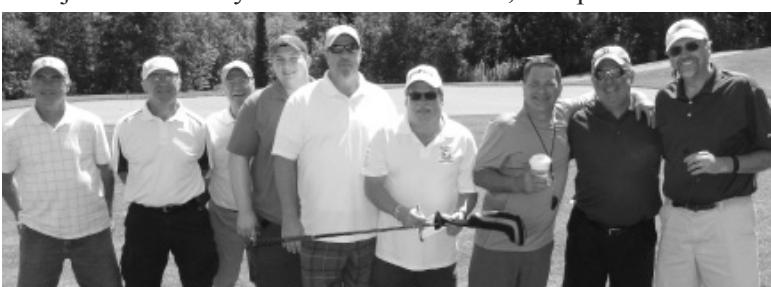
The Summer is winding down and we are getting ready to head back to the quarries! Northfield

Lodge has had a fruitful Summer thus far. We held our 3rd Annual Golf Tournament on August 1st at Champion Hills Country Club in Victor. We had a great turnout as this event continues to grow year after year. There were lots of cigars and beverages and even more hilarious shots seen on this beautiful golf course. Congratulations to the winning group of Littlefield, Michener, Morrisette, Hueston and Daul. This group of extremely handsome and fit golfers shot a tournament record of 8 under par. Great job all! To the Stavalones ... maybe you can be on the winning group in your fourth year. The weather was nice and golf was fun, but the fellowship makes this event the great day that it is.

On August 8th we held our Annual Picnic at the Lodge Hall, together with Fidelity Triangle Members. This was a great opportunity for everyone to catch up over the Summer and see the whole family. Almost 30 people attended this event on a sunny Saturday and enjoyed some great food and fellowship.


Manning the grill!

It was great to see the Lodge filled with so many people and all of those smiling faces. Next year we'll be sure to have a designated water balloon fight area. Who could have foreseen kids throwing water balloons at adults who were not participating??? A special thanks to everyone from Fidelity Triangle who joined us this year. This is



Participants in the Northfield Lodge Golf Tournament



"Hey Brothers,
have you done the
"Yellow Dog" Degree?
Well, now's your chance,
Puppy."

The "Yellow Dog" is a fun, side Degree to promote Masonic fellowship while serving as a fundraiser for Masonic Scholarships. There are no annual Dues, pesky meetings or committee assignments. It is simply an enjoyable evening you won't soon forget!

Thursday, October 15th at 6:30 p.m.

at Northfield Masonic Lodge, 17 Church Street, Pittsford

\$10 (Lifetime Membership Degree); \$10 Dinner

Presented by: M.: W.: Bruce Widger, Past Grand Master

Reservations to: northfield426@gmail.com

by Monday, October 12th

a very special group and I urge anyone with a potential candidate to reach out to them.

We will be kicking off our Masonic Year on **Thursday, September 3rd**. We are very fortunate to have R.: W.: Derek VanHouten speaking with us this evening on the History of the Shrine. Any Brothers considering joining the Shriners (or wanting to learn more about its history) should be sure to join us for this evening.

On **September 17th** we will be learning about Masonry in popular media during our fellowship evening.

Thursday, October 15th, will see us holding a Yellow Dog Degree. We are honored to have M.: W.: Bruce Widger coming back to Northfield to confer this Degree again. If you haven't taken this fun Degree, you do not want to miss it. If you have taken it, you know how much fun it is so come out and enjoy the evening with all of the "new dogs." Reservations can be made to:

northfield426@gmail.com

It was a great Summer and we're looking forward to an even better year coming up! ☐

Wakan-Hubbard

Lodge No. 154

2nd & 4th Mondays

7:30 p.m.



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By R.: W.: John Zabel

We hope our Brethren and families had a great Summer. The Lodge Summer activity included participation in the Penfield 4th of July Parade. There were just a few Brothers who participated, but we were noticed by parade watchers. Also, the parade has been

shortened in recent years so the long hill on Penfield Road is no longer climbed as a part of the parade. We did run out of candy for the kids watching the parade.

Our second event of the Summer was our Family Picnic. Everyone who attended had a good time and enjoyed good food. The venue was Egypt Park in Perinton. The park is next to Lollipop Farm so families could walk to the farm and view the animals. The park also has a new playground for kids.

Sad News

Summer brought some sadness as our Brother John McMahon put down his Working Tools and joined the Celestial Lodge above. The Lodge did the Masonic Funeral Service for Brother John and his family on August 6th at the Gates Presbyterian Church. The Tartan Square Club joined the Lodge Members in the Service. We will miss John.

Happy News

There was also some joy this Summer. Brother Chris Bowles changed his last name to Fox to honor his grandfather and he became a father with the birth of a son. We hope Brother Chris will be more active in Lodge activities in the coming year as he settles down in his new life as a father. According to his posts on Facebook, he dotes on his son.

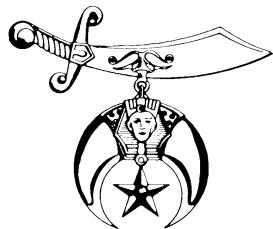
For those who missed or were unaware of it, your Secretary attended Oatka Lodge's Blue Moon Table Lodge on July 31st. It turned out to be a perfect evening as the feast was conducted by W.: Terry Wright at his farm, outdoors without a tent. We did see the blue moon and had some really great food and fellowship. There were around 45 Brothers present from many Lodges in the District.

Upcoming Events

Monday, September 14th - Our first meeting in September. The program is in the works and there will probably be much to discuss concerning the Lodge and its future. As we start another Masonic Year, we will be presenting Service Awards to our Brethren who have been members for a long period of time.

By the time you read this article you should have received the Trestleboard, outlining the programs, Degrees, and other functions for the year. I know

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Damascus News

Damascus Shrine Center No. 2

Shrine Meetings

Dinner Reservations Required

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

September 2015

Shrine Office Hours

Monday — Friday

9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Website: www.damascusshrinemasons.org



KEVIN FARO

CHIEF RABBAN



By Kevin "Skins" Faro, Chief Rabban

Welcome back Nobles! As the Summer winds down, we look back at our events. "Cruising for Charity" drew record crowds. Many thanks to all who gave their time, endless dedication and support to the cause and the countless man-hours and tireless effort.

The "Blues, Brews and Bar-B-Que" was another well-attended event. Noble Dan Burkhart made a most succulent Roasted Pig and Noble Tom Faro did an outstanding job with the Bar-B-Que Chicken. Our thanks to John Hellaby for heading up this event.

You may notice some new renovations when you come to your Shrine Center; we're updating a few things and doing some overdue maintenance on others.

Imperial Session in Houston was a blast, we had three past Potentates and three Divan members attend from Damascus.

We are already making plans for next year's Session in Tampa. I hope to discuss some of these ideas at the Fall Session of NYOSA, which is at the Radisson Hotel in Corning, September 25th thru 27th.

October 10th - The Gun Raffle is fast approaching! Tickets are ready and can

be picked up at the Shrine Center or call Jim Ryan and he will see that you get them. As usual this is a huge fundraiser for the Shrine and Jim needs your help, please contact Jim and let him know what you can do.

Here Come the Buffalo Bills

If you're a Bills Fan, Sundays at 12:30 p.m., the Shrine Center is the place you want to be. We are going to try to start a "Buffalo Bills Fan Club." We will have the 1:00 p.m. game on the wall screen as well as on the bar TVs.

We will just do the 1:00 p.m. games for now and see how it goes from there. It will be a dish-to-pass and cash bar; open to family and friends. If you like football and fellowship, come on down on Sunday afternoons and we'll watch the game together. This event is Open to the Public.

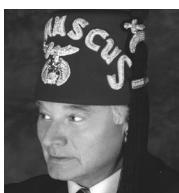
Are You Interested in Serving?

If you would like to be part of the Damascus 2016 Team, please contact me at any time. There are many Divan and Appointed positions available ... a few existing positions are going to be open.

The elected Divan wants to put together the absolute best team to improve your Shrine. No matter what it is you would like us to consider, let us know!

WAYNE McCROSSEN

POTENTATE



Hello Nobles; it's great to be back to work. Hope everyone enjoyed their Summer and it was a busy one.

Cruze Nights Broke Records!!

Cruze Nights were a great success. We are on pace to break all sales records.

We all had a great time at the Webster Firemen's Parade. Just about 100

Sprucing up the Shrine Center
I also need to mention that the 2015 Divan has made history ... We finally stained the Pavilion! After many years of talk,

we did it. My thanks to all who helped: John



Nobles attended and my thanks to the Wheelers and the Perry Shrine Club; those Mini-cars help make the parade.

The Divan is sprucing up Damascus for your enjoyment.

Hellaby, Kevin and Deb Farro, Mel Roberts, Mike Pavone and Debbie McCrossen. Thank you all for finally completing this task.

We are also installing lights and outlets in the Pavilion.



This new class of Damascus Shriners was obligated June 3rd. (l-r) Bayard Burch; Jason Simmons; Jose Peo; Wayne McCrossen, Potentate; Martin Ippolito; Timothy Coffey; and Rob Russo.

September 2nd Shriners Meeting

Dinner at 6 p.m.

Prepared and served by
the Damascus Legion of Honor

Menu - Grilled Steak, Baked Potato,
Salad, Dessert, Coffee or Tea

Cost \$15.00 per person

The meeting shall commence at 7 p.m.

Will consist of the Ceremonial with
the Knickerbocker Degree

Ladies are welcomed to both Dinner
and Ceremonial

The dress code for the men is a suit or
sport coat with a tie and Fez

Reservations by 12 Noon
August 31st

Call: 671-3565 or email:
office@damascusshriners.org

Dedicated to
the Memory
of Nobles

John R. Lee
April 16, 2015

Lawrence E. Wetherbee
June 20, 2015



Please Take Note ... for a By-Laws Change

The 2015 Divan has voted to change our By-Laws, which now state:

"we must, by law, have ten Stated Meetings per year." We would like to reduce that to four Stated Meetings.

October 7th - The first Wednesday in October will be the vote so come out, Nobles, and vote "yay" or "nay."

Thank you, from the 2015 Divan. ☐

Save the Date ...

Saturday
November 7th
Harvest Dinner
at Shrine Center



DAMASCUS TRESTLEBOARD 2015 SEPTEMBER

2nd Shriners Meeting and Dinner, Ladies invited.

13th Clambake at Shrine Center

23rd Sausage and Corn Fest, Hosted by Nomad Club

OCTOBER

7th Shriners Meeting; By-Laws Change

10th Sportsman's Raffle at Shrine Center; 1-5 p.m.

NOVEMBER

7th Harvest Dinner at Shrine Center

14th Potentate's Ball at Ramada Geneva Lakefront Hotel, Geneva

24th Shriners Harvest Dinner

DECEMBER

12th All-Masonic Children's Holiday Party at Shrine Center



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

Can you believe Summer is almost over and September is here? Soon the leaves will be turning beautiful colors and falling, temperatures will be dropping and we all know what will follow - SNOW!

On July 30th, Zama held our Official Visit/Ceremonial/Stated Session when we welcomed our Supreme Queen, Sharon St. John. Also in attendance was our very own Past Supreme Queen, Betty Nohle, and Past Supreme Queen, Eleanor Green. It was a beautiful day with many visitors from other Temples who filled the room. All Officers did a fabulous job with their work. We had a lovely banquet at Glendoveers.

Upcoming Events

The last Cruz Night is Friday, **September 11th**, where they have 300 to 500 cars; delicious food, cooked by our Shriners; and plenty of fellowship. For one of our fundraisers, Zama Temple has been selling homemade cookies and

brownies at this Friday Night event. We need everyone's help through this event.

September 12th - 10:00 a.m., Our next Stated Session of the Fall Season, followed by a Ladies "Time-for-a-Break" Spa afternoon. Should you wish to participate, PLEASE call Queen Rhonda.

September 19th - Queen Rhonda has a trip planned for the Windmill Farm and Craft Market. Ladies, this is great place to shop for fresh produce, crafts and food.

October 3rd - Fall Foliage Train Ride

October 10th - Stated Session. Ladies PLEASE come and support our Queen and beautiful Zama Temple.

There is a Card Party being planned; there will be more information to follow.

October 17th - Zama Temple will be selling coffee, Chili, and there will be a Bake Sale at the Shrine Center for the "New Moon."

Happy Fall to all enjoy this beautiful season that God has made.

HIGH PRIEST & PROPHET

By Jim Ryan

Dear Nobles ... It is again my task, along with my committee, to host the **October 10th Sportsman's Gun Raffle Event**. Over the past few years, this event has become one of the largest one-day fundraisers we do.

Right now we need your help selling tickets. We are humbly requesting that every Noble tries to sell 5 tickets, if able. They are \$20 each. In addition to providing a chance to win a gun, it includes a full day of food, beverage and fellowship.

Volunteers Needed

This Sportsman's Raffle has grown to maximum capacity and we need workers at all stations. If you could come and help, we would love to have you. All workers get a free ticket and t-shirt along with lots of fun and camaraderie.

To volunteer to work, please call the Shrine Office and provide your name, phone number and t-shirt size.

Thank you for your consideration and, hopefully, participation.

AUBURN SHRINE CLUB

By David Bowman

Summer flew by, but I'm not telling you anything you didn't already know. We finished up the last June at a new restaurant where we had a great meal. The information from our speaker was much appreciated and there were many questions from those of us in the peanut gallery.

Over the Summer, Bob Coleman took a trip to the old Homeland of Ireland to pick up some new stories and high tales to tell at our next meetings. So, remember to say hello to Mr. O'Coleman the next time you cross paths.

Ken Pollard took a different type of journey this Summer. He and his doctor friends drove down the arterial highway of his flutter butter. To those still trying to figure this out, he had some by-pass re-working of his heart machine. Not to worry, Beulah was still his strongest heartbeat. We all weathered the storm for the Annual Picnic and were sure to

have Ken try the skinless chicken!

The last day of July, Chuck and Chris Minster, and Beth and Dave Bowman finally got to Cruz Night at the Shrine Center. After Dave got us lost, we arrived in time to eat and look at the fabulous cars. (*picture below*) Did you know that Chuck's car was on the front cover of a magazine? Well, I didn't and was real excited to see it. The weather was perfect, the drive was safe and the food was good.

Watch for information about upcoming events ... September, there will be a special program, so watch your mails. Larry Pritchard has a great October planned for us and Jack ?? takes the reins for November.

We expect there will be the Damascus Harvest Dinner in November, followed by the Annual Christmas Party headed up by the Geneva Shrine Club with gifts from our Club.



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Jason Bortle
Kenneth Buckley
Zachary Buell
Donald Cambisi
Eric Carlston
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Lee Coller, Sr.
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Kyle Struble
Paul Vick
Thomas Watson
Stephen Werner
Russell Whitehead
John Wright, Jr.

Damascus Shriners: Clambake

Open to all Shriners, their Family and Friends

Sunday, September 13th

1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

at the Shrine Center
979 Bay Road, Webster

Clams all Day!

*Italian Sausage
(with peppers & onions)*

*Salt Potatoes * Baked Beans*

*Corn-on-the-Cob * Macaroni Salads*

*Draft Beer * Soda*

Tickets - \$40 per person

Limited Number of Tickets!

Registration Required!

For tickets, call 671-3565



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Erie Ambulatory Surgery Center and Outpatient Specialty Care Center Insurance - A Done Deal

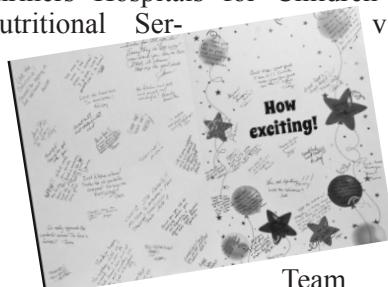
Three years of hard work, hurdles and many struggles finally came to a close on June 19th. Formal notice was received that the various contracts between Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie (SHC-Erie) and Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield and UPMC Health Plan have been completed.

This is an outstanding victory for SHC-Erie because Highmark and UPMC Health Plan cover about 70% of the children cared for at SHC-Erie. It has been a long challenging journey for acceptance into both plans.

There are an abundance of thanks to go around. Thank you to the Home Office Network Management Team - Tom Ketterer, Eileen Long and SHC-Erie Team Members - Karen Wagner, Julie Kohler, Dianne Tate and many others for all their efforts.

ENT Says Thank You to Food Court Staff

Ear Nose and Throat Specialists of Northwestern Pennsylvania sent a wonderfully large thank you card to the Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie Nutritional Services



Team. ENT wanted to thank the team for all their hard work preparing such outstanding food every day. Also, to thank the team for being so accommodating and welcoming.

ENT physicians and staff have been packing the Food Court since ENT's arrival at SHC-Erie. Jack Anon, M.D., of ENT claims to have gained at least five pounds since April because of the delicious food.

SHC-Erie Launches Drive for New C-arm

Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie has embarked on a major program to upgrade its aging C-arm machines. A mobile C-arm is a medical imaging device that utilizes X-ray technology and is used in the ORs in the ASC, Clinic and Radiology for various procedures. The C-arm gets its name from the C-shaped arm used to connect the X-ray source to

the X-ray detector.

Mobile imaging systems have become an essential part of everyday healthcare. Specialists in surgery and orthopaedics use C-arms for intraoperative imaging. The C-arm provides high-resolution X-ray images in real time. This gives the physician the ability to monitor progress at any point during an operation and immediately make any corrections that may be required. Subsequently, treatment outcomes are improved and pa-



tients recover more quickly.

The newest C-arm technology is able to capture a clearer image all while moving the C-arm or patient. This allows for a superb image with the first exposure, resulting in no need for re-takes and repeated exposure. Upgrading to the latest digital mobile C-arm technology will allow better radiation dose management, especially for the children cared for at SHC-Erie. This new C-arm equipment will enhance SHC-Erie's ability to continue providing the highest quality care to children with musculoskeletal conditions and other special health care needs.

Shrine Temples, Clubs and Units are invited to help make this project become a reality by supporting SHC-Erie's efforts to raise the \$300,000 needed to purchase and utilize this new piece of equipment in support of the thousands of children who annually receive care here.

Tuesday, September 15th 2nd Annual TV Telethon

In cooperation with JET 24 (Erie's ABC affiliate) and FOX 66 (Erie's FOX affiliate), the Erie Health Center will be hosting the 2nd Annual live TV Telethon. Last year's Telethon raised over \$20,000 dollars for state-of-the-art Digital Radiography Equipment for the Erie Health Center.

This year, the Telethon will air from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.; a phone-bank of volunteers will be taking donations in support

of the Erie location. The telethon will have a two-fold purpose, raising funds for the Erie Health Center and raising community awareness by showcasing patient success stories and highlighting the many medical services offered.

Money raised during the Telethon will be applied to the purchase of a new Mobile C-arm Machine – as described above.

Welcome Back

Martha Bruce, Ph.D., was only 15 in 1945 when she first visited Shriners Hospitals for Children-Erie (known at that time as Zem Zem Hospital for Crippled Children). Dr. Bruce was diagnosed with Polio in the Summer of 1944. Her family investigated treatments at a hydrotherapy clinic in Warm Springs, Georgia, which famously treated Franklin Delano Roosevelt, only to find out blacks were not accepted as patients.

Dr. Bruce cited that as a major reason for coming to SHC-Erie, "Shriners Hospitals was one of the only places that accepted black children." Her family physician secured her a bed at SHC-Erie, where she spent 11 months in therapy.

Dr. Bruce remembers her time very fondly. When the Shrine Circus was in town, "the Shriners would bring the circus animals right onto the grounds," reminisced Dr. Bruce. She, along with the other children, had their beds rolled into a screen-covered porch to allow them to watch the animals perform.



While touring the Health Center, the pool area brought back other memories for Dr. Bruce. During her aquatic therapy treatments, in 1945, she was able to raise her arms up from her side for the first time. "I thought it was a miracle," she said.

The treatment she received at Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie allowed her to live a full and rewarding life. Dr. Bruce earned Degrees in education from Youngstown State University and Westminster College. She also earned a doc-

torate in language and communication skills from the University of Pittsburgh.

Dr. Bruce went on to teach at a college in Africa as well as spending 24 years working for the Youngstown City School District and six years teaching inmates to read at a State Correctional Institution.

Now in her 80s and suffering from post-Polio syndrome, she wanted to visit and tour a place she once called home, over 70 years ago. From all the Staff at SHC-Erie, "Welcome Home, Dr. Bruce."

Erie Gives an Enormous Success

Shriners Hospitals for Children-Erie finished second among more than 300 non-profit participants in this year's Erie Gives held on Tuesday, August 11th, and sponsored by the Erie Community Foundation.

The one-day event, which ran from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., raised over \$118,000 for Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie. Once a portion of the pro-rated match is added in, the total should be over \$125,000 raised!

Thank you to all Shriners, Temples, Units, Clubs and Donors who helped to make Erie Gives the most successful ever.

Saturday, September 19th

Shredding for Shriners

Are you planning any Fall cleaning? Well, mark your calendars now for the Fall edition of *Shredding for Shriners*. Bring your sensitive private papers and documents to Shriners Hospitals for Children®-Erie parking lot (1645 West Eighth Street) between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., where, for a donation, your papers will be professionally shredded by Shred-X of Erie.

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



III. Robert Anderson, Vice-Chairman and Spokesperson, presiding at the Shriners Hospitals for Children-Erie Community Open House Celebration held June 7th.

Flag Retirement Ceremony with Shriner's Band

In June, the Annual Flag Retirement Ceremony took place inside the Shrine Center due to the rainy weather. It was a very reverent ceremony that renewed heartfelt patriotism. The Shriner's Band were outstanding with the so familiar marches. Thank you all for an outstanding performance! ☐



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Senior Warden, Allen Heidrick, is working on some programs with Brothers in the District who have interesting topics to impart to the Lodge Brothers.

We will be conferring Degrees this year as we currently have a Petition. We can use some more Petitions, so keep a lookout for men whom you think would be good members and have an interest in Freemasonry.

As a final note, if you have a valid email address and have not received any messages from the Lodge this Summer, send an email to the secretary at: secretary@wakanhubbard.org and your email address will be added or corrected on the Lodge email list. We are attempting to assure that all Brethren are informed of Lodge functions with email being our first choice. The Secretary has a list of members who do not use email and will send mail notes as appropriate for Lodge functions, etc.

Finally, if you have not been to Lodge in a while, plan to come to a September meeting to find out what is happening in the Lodge and join the discussion concerning the future of the Lodge. ☐

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Our Officers were installed on June 9th with special dignitaries in attendance. We were honored with the presence of our Deputy Grand Master, R.W.: Jeffrey Williamson, who participated by delivering the Charge. He was accompanied by two of his Line Officers: Deputy Grand Marshal, James Kintzel; and Deputy Grand Standard Bearer, R.W.: James MacConnell. It was a pleasure to have them with us!

Third Degree

Four Brothers were Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason on June 13th. Please introduce yourself to them at your earliest opportunity and welcome: Matthew Austin, Nathan Crane, Patrick Jagla and Matthew Zodarecky. This turned out not to be the large class we anticipated, so we have some Fellowcrafts in the wings who will be looking for an opportunity to become Master Masons.

Summer Get-Together

Following a two-month break, we convened again in August for our Annual Picnic/Clambake. Junior Warden, Brother Bill Grishaber and fiancée, Janessa,



R.W.: Jeffrey Williamson, Deputy Grand Master (*center*), with two of his Line Officers, R.W.: MacConnell following Inspiration Lodge Installation of Officers. Bill Grishaber to make one (*see contact information at the end of the article!*). He was asking for your response by September 4th, but I'm not sure you will receive this in time for that to happen. Call as soon as you can!

Manning the grill were Brothers Norris "The Boss" Shapiro, Glenn Stahl and Michael Hueston. Steaming the clams were Brothers Scott Rice, Gary Burke and John Hellaby. Brother Jared Sherwin handled the purse strings, collecting the money from those in attendance. If I missed anyone, I apologize. I couldn't get there at the onset due to a family obligation.

September Meetings

So now we begin a new Masonic Year on **September 8th**, with Worshipful Todd Colburn in the East. He will have copies of his Trestleboard distribute that evening. Come out to hear what he has planned.

The Stated Communication will follow a New York Strip Steak Dinner by Chef Larry. Reservations are really needed, Brothers. Please contact Brother

maturing by a year this month: William Kaufman (2nd); Robert Waldeck (3rd); Allen Luccitti (4th); Robert Shartran (10th); Joseph Steffen (14th); William A. Stark, Jr., and Frank Sackett (16th); John Shannon and Ryan Fly (18th); Rob Steinorth (19th); Roger Brainard (20th); Brian Bell (21st); Edward Schmitt (23rd); Matthew Zodarecky (27th) and Ronald Yancone (30th). Happy Birthday to you all. May you enjoy a great day!

Contact Information

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Junior Warden, Brother Bill Grishaber, likes email best: bgris64@gmail.com 370-5802 is his phone number. If you need anything else, give me a shout and I'll give it to you or find out and call you back - 455-4795.

See you in Lodge. ☐

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East and Master's Chair, led by R.W.: Thomas Abraham.

- A session for the Secretaries on MORI, instructed by R.W.: Lance Ward.
- The final session for all the District Webmasters, with R.W.: Jed K. Brandow.

It was a great morning of instruction, followed by a very nice lunch, compliments of R.W.: Abraham.

The Grand Master's Theme this year is again "TEAM" ... Together Everyone Achieves More. How appropriate for our Fraternity and District.

Grand Master Thomas has directed all the DDGMs to cause the Craft to have extensive discussions during their Official Visits about the potential for lowering the age to become a Master Mason from 21 to 18 years of age. It is very likely that a vote may come up at the next Grand Lodge Communication.

Our Annual O/S/Y Charities Golf Tournament was held in August at Reservoir Creek Golf Course in Naples. We had a record-breaking 30 teams participate. Everyone had a good time playing golf, followed by a great meal and awards.

R.W.: Abraham and I are looking forward to seeing you all this Fall. ☐

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By R.W.: Clayton Ruggles

Since our June article, we have had a few events to note. At our June 2nd Communication, Officers for the ensuing year were installed by R.W.: Thomas Abraham, District Staff Officer, with the assistance of Installing Marshal, R.W.: Ramon Howard. Congratulations to the following new Officers:

Master	Daniel Biery
Sr. Warden	Jed Brandow
Jr. Warden	Ronald Galens
Treasurer	Ramon Howard
Secretary	Clayton Ruggles
3-Year Trustee	John Walti
Sr. Deacon	Gregory White
Jr. Deacon	Jesse DeBoover
Sr. MC	Edward Minns
Jr. MC	Benjamin Wheat
Chaplain	Stephen Durso, Sr.
Marshal	Stephen Durso, Jr.
Steward	Stephen Phillips
Steward	Carl Carlson
Tiler	Glen Webster
Organist	Robert Lash

On June 16th, we held our Annual Lodge Picnic with Steak and

all the fixings. 55-year members Paul Adams and Everett Grimsley; 40-year member Bill Amber; and 35-year member Tim Piper were recognized. Also, in attendance, were Past Grand Master James Sullivan (Honorary Lodge Member) and John Krupp, Past Grand Marshal.

At the Phelps Sauerkraut Weekend, the Lodge had a Chicken Bar-B-Que and a King Korn Stand in front of the Lodge Hall, where people could savor Roasted Sweet Corn and Salt Potatoes. Thanks to all who helped make these events successful.

On the first meeting of each month, we will continue to have a Pot-Luck Dinner starting at 6:30 p.m., please bring a Dish-to-Pass. Please call a Brother and bring him to our first meeting!!! Come and support your Lodge. Hope to see you all!!!

Worshipful Master Biery has put together a full Trestleboard for the year. For September and October, the following programs and activities are scheduled:

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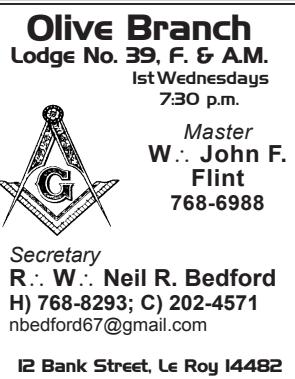
Birthday greetings to Carl Carlson (2nd), Dave Bruzee (3rd), Nelson Gulvin and Larry Gelder (4th), Terrance Mays (5th), William Amber (14th), Donald Romeiser (20th), Bernard Dell (23rd), Charles Bird (25th) and Michael Klimeczko (30th).

Masonic Anniversary

Brother Jay Ford was Raised on September 12, 1967. ☐

Genesee-Wyoming District

District Deputy Grand Master - Henry Robinson 322-3654



I hope all Brothers and their families had a great Summer. It has been nice to be out and about after the long hard Winter we had in LeRoy last year.

Election

We had our Annual Election of Officers for Olive Branch Lodge at our second communication in May. Elected Officers are:

Master	John Flint
Sr. Warden	Steven Cross
Jr. Warden	Donald Wagner
Treasurer	William MacPherson
Secretary	Neil Bedford

The Master has a busy year planned for the Lodge.

Upcoming Events
September 16th - Official Visit of DDGM Henry Robinson; Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Reservations are required for dinner. Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, October 24th - Surviving Spouse Dinner, Years of Service Presentation and Apron Presentation at 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 5th - For future planning ... Canada Lodge No. 1 is having their 100th Anniversary Celebration. We are planning on attending this celebration and will be leaving that morning, spending that night in a hotel in Canada and returning the next day. If you are planning to attend, you will need a Passport or enhanced New York Driver's License at the Border.

Please try to attend Lodge Communications as often as possible to support the Officers and Members of Olive Branch Lodge. As they say, "the more hands the lighter the work and the more Brotherly love and support can be enjoyed." ☐



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Dinner - 4:40 p.m. ~ Guests Welcome



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**Because Labor Day is so late,
the Board of Governors
and Stated Meeting
will be held:**

**Wednesday
September 16th
Board Meeting - 5:30 p.m.
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.**

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

By Kristina Brandt



Since June, the Members and Supervisors of Fidelity Triangle have been extremely busy traveling around the State and developing new relationships with Members of our Masonic Family.

Our newest member, Hannah Scheffer, and her father, Mr. Matt Scheffer, attended an Open Meeting in June held by Mary Jane Holmes Chapter, OES, in Brockport where Supervisor Ms. Erika Hansen is currently the Worthy Matron. She did a wonderful job representing our Triangle.

Next, the members traveled to Broome County to attend the Grand Matron's Homecoming along with Deputy State Direc-

tor, Mrs. Kristina Turri; State Representative, Miss Annie Parks; and Beloved Queen of Onistagrawa Triangle in Scotia, Miss Megan Williams. This was a great opportunity for our girls to get to know the State Leaders of Triangle and to meet the Members of Eastern Star.

More recently, the Triangle held a picnic at Supervisor Joanne Bergan's home. In between playing with her dogs and enjoying some great food, the Members got to work on their swaps for State Convention, which will take place Columbus Day Weekend. Each Convention is given a theme and each

Triangle is given the task to create a swap, or pin, relevant to that theme. The members then trade swaps until they collect them all and create new friends in the process.

Preparing for Convention

The next two meetings on September 12th and September 26th, will be focused on preparing for Convention. With swaps to complete, preparation for a hat contest, and participation in a talent show, the girls are excited to show the rest of the State what we've been working on.

If you know of a young lady between the ages of 10 and 21 who would be interested in making new friends, learning new skills, and participating in fundraising and community service projects, please contact Junior Deputy, Mrs. Jeannine Parks at j9parks@aol.com. ☐



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Post No. 12 activities continue to strengthen with new members who were Elected and Installed at the May meeting. We welcome R.W.: Rob Buchanan and Brothers Byron Barnes, Fred Palmeroni, Matt Cryer and

Nick Marou. All are active members of Unity Lodge in Spencerport.

We were also surprised by the appearance and participation of four members of Grand Post, including our 2nd Lt. Commander General, Donald Kunego, who conducted ceremonial Marshal duties.

Others were Carl Hoyt, State Director; Dennis Breheny, Past Commandant General; and Bob Mantia, Adjutant General.

We continue our monthly, mid-day visits to the VA Medical Center in Canandaigua, hosting patient birthday parties that are arranged through the Volunteer Service Unit.

Volunteers Recognized
Several Post Members

have been recognized for their hours of Volunteer Service. One with several hundred hours is our Junior Past Commander, Emil Schirano who received an Award for 300 hours of volunteer time. Another is Richard Spangenberg who had 100 hours.

We attend Veteran activities throughout the year such as those at the War Memorial in November, Pearl Harbor Day in December and Memorial Day.

Our Post holds regular mid-day business meetings several months of the year. We are looking forward to some rotation between Webster and Unity Lodge Halls, and perhaps others. We also are considering altering the days of the week that meetings are held.

See you next column! ☐

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York Rite NEWS

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What's Happening

The Chapter held the Annual York Rite Picnic at Kings Bend Park in Pittsford on June 11th. We, again, had Bar-B-Que as the main course with the Companions and their wives bringing a dish-to-pass. The picnic was a success and everyone had a great time and great food.

The Companions were of the opinion the future picnics should be held at a different time than past picnics. We are thinking of moving the picnic to a Saturday, except for St. John's Weekend. It is possible that we may move it to July or even August. If the Companions have a preference, please let the High Priest know so plans can be made well in advance to arrange for the place. Thanks to Companion, John Dudley, for arranging the reservation at Kings Bend for this past June.

We attempted to get a feeling from the Companions of their opinion of the Chapter and its functions. There were some good, well-thought-out responses received, but not as many as expected. If you did not respond and have some ideas or suggestions for the Chapter, please send them to the High Priest.

What's Coming

At our meetings this Fall, we will start the discussion on looking at our By-laws and what it states about meetings, etc. It is time to think about changes that will improve the Chapter and its functioning. The Chapter does have the resource to improve in all that it does, but we need the Companions to express their opinion so any changes are agreeable to most all of the Companions.

It is also a great idea to introduce our non-York Rite Brother Masons to the Rite and its teachings. We do have much to offer Master Masons in helping them understand all the lessons of the first three Degrees and the expanded lessons taught by the Royal Arch.

Musings

We have seen a few Lodges work to receive certification as Observant Lodges. Observant Lodges work to improve all they do so their Degree work is excellent and their programs and other functions meet certain pre-set requirements.

There is no such thing as an Observant Chapter, but there could be. If Hiram Chapter Companions are willing to look at Observant Lodge requirements and translate them to a

Chapter, we could become a much better Chapter and lead the way to improving the York Rite in New York and possibly the rest of the Country.

A stretch goal? Maybe, but if the Companions are looking for more from the Chapter, then this is a direction we should be pursuing. This will take the work of a good number of Companions, not just the usual Officers and Sideliners. Everyone needs to look at why they are a member of the Chapter and determine what they are willing to do to improve and change what and how we do it.

On a different note, the Scottish Rite Masonic Museum and Library has released a book titled, "The Badge of a Freemason." The book is about some of the Masonic Aprons in the Museum's collection and was written by the director of the collection, Dr. Aimee Newell. Many of the Aprons in the book were made for Royal Arch use and are decorated with many of the symbols of the Royal Arch Degrees.

The book is very well written and the Aprons are shown in well-taken photographs. The ownership and maker of the Aprons is listed, if known. The time period of the Aprons shown is the late 18th through the 19th Century. Prior to Grand Chapters and Grand Lodges making specific rules for the Aprons that are allowed in Lodge, there was a very wide variety as the book shows. The book is recommended to all Freemasons who have an interest in our history and how our Brethren in the past dressed for Lodge or Chapter. □

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My aim in the coming year will be to attempt to provide a synopsis of the history of this Order and how Templary is relevant in the present day. By summarizing the history of this Order and its place in history, much can be learned about today's Templars and their role in Masonry. As Christian Knights, they represent different (but similar) values of all Masons, with the inclusion of prayer with their Openings.

The full title of this Order is the United, Religious, Military and Masonic Order of the Temple of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta.

Knight Templar or the Temple, were among the most famous of the Christian military Orders. The earliest dating of the origin of the Order is 1099.

European Pilgrims, rich or poor, noble or peasant, male and female flowed towards Jerusalem under the guidance of the

Knights Templar easily recognizable in their white Mantle with a distinct red cross rapidly became known as the best equipped, trained and disciplined fighting units of the Crusades.

The difficulties facing Pilgrims were numerous; routes were menaced by Saracen Raiders and Christian bandits, the Pilgrims were at risk of being cheated by merchants through towns they passed. In 1119, French Knight Hugues de Payens and Godfrey de Saint-Omer, Veterans of the first Crusade proposed to King Baldwin II of Jerusalem, the new Order for the protection of Pilgrims. King Baldwin agreed to their request and gave them headquarters in Jerusalem on Temple Mount which is believed to be above the Ruins of the Temple of Solomon. It was from these headquarters that the Order took the name of Poor Knights of Christ and the Temple of Solomon or Knights of the Temple.

This small Order of nine Knights had to survive on donations as they had little financial resources; displaying their emblem of two knights and a single horse, showing their poverty. In 1129 at the Council of Troyes, the church officially endorsed the Order. With this blessing the Order received money and land, and businesses swiftly grew as a favored charity across Europe along with noble born sons from families who were eager to help in the fight for the Holy Land.

In 1139, Pope

Innocent II exempted the Order from taxation in local laws, which meant that the Knight Templar could pass freely through different borders. The Order became a banking house assisting Nobleman and Kings, who could deposit monies and valuables at one preceptor and with an encrypted document of credit retrieve their monies and valuables at another without incurring the risk of robbery during their journey.

The Templars Order established themselves with a financial network all across Christendom, building churches and castles, buying farms and vineyards, manufacturing, and importing and exporting, having their own fleet of ships.

In 1305, Pope Clement V had written to King Philip IV of

France to help in an investigation into the Templars. King Philip decided to seize upon the Templar rumors as he was deeply in debt to the Templars as a result of his war with the English.

On Friday, October 13th, 1307, King Philip simultaneously had arrested the Grand Master of the Templars, Jacques de Molay, and many of the Templars in France, also persuading every country other than Portugal to follow suit, charging the Templars with various types of blasphemy under torture.

Even after retracting their confessions, King Philip wouldn't allow this, and in 1310 used their previous confessions and had the Templars burned at the stake in Paris.

In 1312, at the Council of Vienna, the Pope issued papal bulls, which officially dissolved the Order.

The Grand Master, Jacques de Molay, and his Associate, Geoffrey de Charnay, who had retracted their statements of guilt, were declared guilty of being relapsed heretics and sentenced to death, to burn alive at the stake in Paris on March

18, 1314. Jacques de Molay remained defiant to the end, asking to face Notre Dame Cathedral and be allowed to hold his hands in prayer, his request was granted. Jacques de Molay called out from the flames that both Pope Clement and King Philip would meet him before God. Pope Clement died one month later and King Philip died in a hunting accident before the end of that year.

Knight Templars have become subjected to many legends concerning secrets and mysteries handed down from ancient times, and have been brought to the forefront by the "Da Vinci Code" and scores of other series. The Templars were known to be in possession of some relics is certain. Other rumors are the Templars had the Holy Grail or even the Ark of the Covenant.

In modern times, the Roman Catholic Church's position, is that the persecution was unjust, that there was nothing inherently wrong with the Order or its Rule, and it has been proved that Pope Clement had been pressured by King Philip into his actions. □

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

Many among us have sworn an oath to support and protect the Constitution of the United States. Our first regular meeting for the Scottish Rite on Thursday, **September 17th**, happens to fall on Constitution Day. So besides our Official Meeting to finalize our yearly budget, we will have a special program on our Constitution –

the Foundational Law of the Land, in which we find protections for our freedoms and liberties. Join us in what will be a wonderful and inspirational night.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Summer. I again was able to enjoy our yearly Steak Roast/Clambake at "Camp Morris." Our thanks to Ruth and Mike Morris, Steve Michener and everyone who helped put together this event. It is a highlight

of the Summer.

Our Valley Leadership has put together a great program for the year. Check these pages to see what is planned and make your reservations.

Bring-a-Friend Breakfast

Besides our meeting on September 17th, I wrote an article, on the front page, inviting you to attend and "Bring-a-Friend" to our breakfast event on **Saturday, September 19th**, at 8:30 a.m. at Unity Lodge Hall in Spencerport.

It is easy with all the distractions of our busy world to lose sight of the importance and enjoyment of getting together with our Brothers. From video games to all the other electronic entertainment available the easiest path often seems to not take the effort to be active in our world. Men need what Masonry and the Scottish Rite has to offer, whether they know it or not. You don't have to "sell" men on Masonry but it would be a good thing all the way around to give men not in Masonry a real chance to find out about it. Men need to be social.

If you would like to participate more in the Scottish Rite and feel we have overlooked you, let me or anyone in leadership know and we'll help you get more out of your Scottish Rite experience. ☐

multiple father figures and sons to take under wings. But, Brothers first ... because of our Fraternity.

Many Thanks

I thank the Brothers who stepped up and helped do the setup and cleanup at this year's Clambake at Camp Morris. Chuck Rettig, Jim Robb and John Lemke were there to the end to make sure things got packed up in the rain. I also thank Paul McLaughlin and Craig Mollon for manning the clam steamer when we were in a pinch. Unfortunately, due to a medical issue, Illustrious Stephen Whittaker couldn't be with us to don his steaming gear. However, he did provide detailed instructions to help make the steaming successful. There were also several others who helped perform various tasks and I apologize for not mentioning them all by name.

Finally, gratitude goes to Mike and Ruth Morris for lending their beautiful setting in Wayland for 10 years now. Their generous contribution is greatly appreciated in making this a premier event of the year.

Now, one last thing ... if you are looking for a program for your Lodge for this year NOW IS THE TIME to consider having the Valley of Rochester come out and do a program for the Brothers of your Lodge. Last year we offered "Spectacles at Newburgh," which was well received at the nine Lodges where we performed it. This program tells the true story of how General George Washington, in a Masonic Lodge, dealt with the threat of a mutiny in the Army as the Revolutionary War was winding down. That program is still available on a limited basis. If you are interested in possibly scheduling this for your Lodge, please contact me at:

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the core value is the achievement of "X," then "Y" is merely the means to get there.

Thomas Jefferson wrote, "In matters of style, swim with the current; in matters of principle, stand like a rock." How many times have we seen people get so stuck on "Y" that "X" gets forgotten? What are the important "X's" in your life? How do you adjust your "Y's" to achieve them?

Please send me your thoughts on the above comments for possible inclusion in a future article. My email is: brucek8189@aol.com; or call me at 729-6657. ☐

Rochester Lodge of Perfection

**By Neal Bedford, 32°
Thrice Potent Master**

First, I thank the Brothers of the Valley of Rochester for electing me as Thrice Potent Master of the Lodge of Perfection. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask me before or after the meeting. If you wish to contact me at other times, feel free to call me at: 585-202-4571 (cell) or email: nbedford67@gmail.com

As you know, earlier this year we voted to change back to electing the top three Officers in all Bodies – Lodge of Perfection, Council of Princes of Jerusalem and Chapter of Rose Croix – which are elected annually in May.

The Consistory Commander in Chief, 1st Lieutenant Commander and 2nd Lieutenant Command-

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er are elected to two-year terms every two years. The reason I am bringing this up is, after getting permission from the Valley of Rochester's Deputy Representative, Charles O. Hancock, 33°, I am going back to using the longer version of the Opening and Closing for the meetings. For anyone concerned about lengthening the meeting, if this adds two or three minutes to the meeting, it will be a lot. I believe with all my heart we joined Masonry for the beauty of the Ritual work and, over the years, a lot of the Ritual has been taken away to save time. I do not believe this enhances Masonry, but detracts from it.

Mark Your Calendar

September 17th - Our first meeting for the New Year will be our Annual Meeting and the Passing of the 2015-2016 Budget. Please try to attend.

October 15th - This meeting will be Formal Attire. The Program will be the Cap Presentation for the Blue Caps, Red Caps and White Caps. Receiving these Caps is a Great Honor, and the Brothers receiving the Caps deserve our support. Your presence will enhance the honor.

Saturday, December 5th - Fall Reunion. Put this on your calendar; more information will follow. Please help the Directors of the Degrees by volunteering early for parts in the Degrees.

Please try to attend the meetings and support the Officers of the Valley of Rochester, the Best Valley in New York State. ☐

Scottish Rite Ambassador Program

By Bruce Katz, Ambassador Coordinator

The Ambassador Program provides local contacts in Lodges throughout the Valley. Working through the Coordinators for the represented Districts, the intent is to have an active Ambassador in each Symbolic Lodge.

Active participation in Scottish Rite Freemasonry can enhance the Masonic experience of our Brothers. Each year there are also programs, which include our wives and families. It is an opportunity for newer Brothers to gain experience to enter the Lodge Officer Line and for experienced Brothers looking to further their Masonic experiences.

Worshipful Brother Andrew Hammer, in his book *Observing the Craft*, wisely points out that the Appendant and Concordant Bodies may be distractions from the core mission of Freemasonry. Properly utilized, however, these Bodies have the

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Rochester Council of Princes of Jerusalem

**By Bruce Katz, 32°
Sovereign Prince**

I'm honored to serve as Sovereign Prince. It has been an interesting education to learn more about additional aspects of the Scottish Rite.

Mark Your Calendar

High Priest, Jim Robb, has been working to organize the Ladies Night Program for February. More information will be coming about that. Please pencil in February 13th on your calendar for a date night for you and your Lady.

The Degrees represented by the Council are the Fifteenth and Sixteenth ... "Knight of the East" and "Prince of Jerusalem." The "Knight of the East" emphasizes loyalty to our beliefs and fidelity to our obligations. The "Prince of Jerusalem" exemplifies fidelity to duty and devotion to truth.

In the coming months, I will make a few comments on some aspects of these points - not to "lecture," but to invite commentary and discussion. I may even write something to try to "stir the pot"...

What is "loyalty to our beliefs?" If I believe the best way to achieve "X" is by action "Y," is it acceptable to give up on "Y?" Our "core values" are very different than our temporal whims and efforts. Core values do not change, or may change gradually in light of developing information. If

Valley of Rochester – Fall, 2015

SEPTEMBER

September 17th - Annual Meeting at Shrine Center
Social - 5:30 p.m. ~ Dinner - 6:30 p.m. ()**
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
Budget Approval, Annual Reports,
Recognitions, Program Plans

September 19th - "Light From the Rite" Symposium
at Unity Lodge Hall, Spencerport
Breakfast - 8:00 a.m. (\$2) ()**
Breakfast Sandwiches, Coffee, etc.
"Manhood in Masonry" Seminar - 9 a.m.
Brother Bring-a-Friend Event for all Masons,
Potential Candidates, Friends, Family, etc.

OCTOBER

October 15th - "Caps" Presentation Banquet
at Shrine Center
Social - 5:30 p.m. ~ Dinner - 6:30 p.m. ()**
Program - 7:30 p.m.
Special program honoring new recipients of
White, Red and Blue Caps
Ladies invited.

NOVEMBER

November 19th - Veteran Recognition Night
at Shrine Center
Social - 5:30 p.m. ~ Dinner - 6:30 p.m. ()**
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
Guest Speaker - Col. Matt Nafus,
USMC Reserve Staff Judge Advocate
"Wurst" Plate Dinner
BBB (invite a Vet) ~ Ladies invited

DECEMBER

December 5th - Fall Reunion at Shrine Center
Presentation of 4°, 22°, and 24° Videos;
plus 27° and 32°
Coffee & Donuts - 8 a.m. ~ Orientation - 8:30 a.m.
Degrees - 9:30 a.m. ~ Lunch ()**

December 12th - All-Masonic Children's Holiday Party
at Shrine Center
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
For ALL Masonic kids, grandkids
and their friends (Age 10 and Under)
Adults welcome to observe - Bring a wrapped gift
with full name attached for each child.
Visit Santa and enjoy the fun and games with his helpers.

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Go to Valley Calendar for more details: www.valleyofrochester.org

Our permanent meal reservation list is available for your monthly meeting convenience. Just ask!

Biographical sketches of new Sublime Princes, members of the Ill.: Thomas G. Goodrich, 33°, Fall and Spring Classes



Jerald Biller, 42, Mason for 8 months, member of Sodus Lodge, No. 392; resides in Webster and is an Operations Manager.



Jamar Brumfield, 39, Mason for 1 year, member of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge, No. 154; resides in Rochester and is a Police Officer.



Bayard Burch, 32, Mason for 1 year, member of Clio Lodge, No. 779; resides in Hilton and is a Farmer.



Dan Cambisi, 33, Mason for 2 years, member of Clio Lodge, No. 779; resides in Rochester.



Scott Corey, 48, Mason for 1 ½ years, member of Unity Lodge, No. 479; resides in Spencerport and is an Officer.



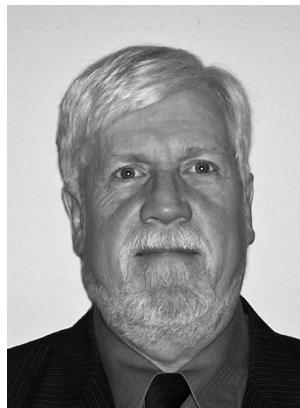
Steven Dinehart, 55, Mason for 4 years, member of Wayne Lodge, No. 416; resides in Palmyra and is in printing.



Millard Fairley, 61, Mason for 35 years, member of Unity Lodge, No. 479; resides in Spencerport and is a Firefighter.



Stanley Knutowicz Jr., 48, Mason for 5 years, member of Sodus Lodge, No. 392; resides in Walworth and is a Police Officer.



Craig McCann, 62, Mason for 12 years, member of Unity Lodge, No. 479; resides in Rochester and is retired.



Terry Mehlenbacher, 43, Mason for 5 years member of Evening Star Lodge, No. 44; resides in Wayland and is a Waste Water Operator.



John Parcon, 35, Mason for 1 year, member of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge, No. 154; resides in Rochester and is a Technician.



Jose Peo, 33, Mason for 1 year, member of Unity Lodge, No. 479; resides in Rochester and is a Banker.



Patrick Purcell, 36, Mason for 6 years, member of Clio Lodge, No. 779; resides in Greece and is Self Employed.



Gregory Radford, 63, Mason for 7 years, member of Union Lodge, No. 45; resides in Hemlock and is retired.



Charles Searles, 75, Mason for 2 years, member of Pultneyville Lodge, No. 159; resides in Pittsford and is Retired.



Jared Sherwin, 26, Mason for 1 year member, of Inspiration Lodge, No. 109; resides in Macedon and is a Retail Manager.



Michael Vander Kamp, 50, Mason for 3 years, member of Wayne Lodge, No. 416; resides in Ontario and is a Chef.



Albert (Dan) Wooten Jr., 40, Mason for 8 years, member of Meridian Lodge; resides in Rochester and is a Licensed General Manager.

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the vital service of providing further Light as well as the opportunity to meet Brothers from other Lodges throughout the District and beyond. Above all, Scottish Rite participation should nourish the Lodges and not distract from Lodge participation. Identifying just one or two Brothers in each Lodge will help the individual Brother and strengthen his Lodge and our Valley.

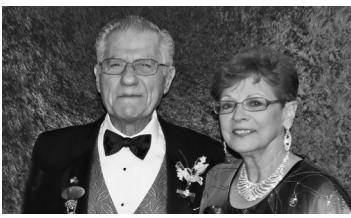
This is an exciting time to be a member of the Valley of Rochester. The Supreme Council Meeting in 2017 will be held here and there will be many opportunities for Sublime Princes to participate and assist in the event. This also coincides with the 150th Anniversary of the Valley. More than 2,500 people from around the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction and the world are expected to attend.

There will be Communications in the coming months to organize the Ambassadors and determine how to best serve the needs of the Lodges to inform Brothers about opportunities for further Light. Involvement opportunities include participation in the Ritual, helping with the costumes and theatrical sets and all manners of support. Growth opportunities abound. Isn't that why Brothers become Masons? ☐



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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.

Please get reservations to Jan Porter (317-4915) or email: jneckers.porter@gmail.com by September 22nd.

Tuesday, September 29th

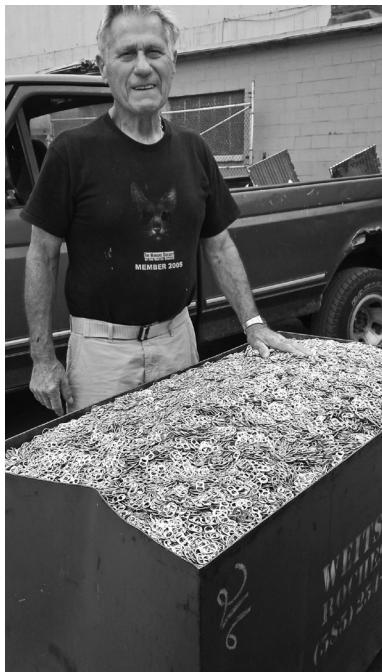
- Starlight Chapter invites all to attend a Fashion Show Luncheon; 12 Noon at Bethany Presbyterian Church, 3000 Dewey Avenue. Tickets (\$9) are available from Beverly Murray at 865-8507 or any Starlight Chapter member.

Friday, October 2nd - Fall Foliage Cruise on the Harbor Town Belle. The Belle tours the Historic Lower Genesee River Gorge, with views of breath taking Fall colors! Those who have taken the cruise say our "Flood Light Cruise is one of the best!" Cost - \$14; invite your friends to join us!

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

Grand Sessions October 14th-17th

Hotel reservations are in and we expect will be processed and assigned soon.



Be sure to submit your Pre-registration Form and any other required reservations; i.e., box lunches, Testimonial Dinner, special lunches, etc.

Projects in the Works Holiday Stocking Project

R.W. Joy Woodley took charge of a Holiday Stocking Project for Deployed Military Personnel. She challenged the District to 200 stockings and, in the usual OES way ... we far surpassed her number. Thanks to all who contributed to this project.

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 research and reconstruction program at the Shriners Hospital for Children® in Springfield, Massachusetts.

Aluminum Can Tabs

Thank you to all who collected the can tabs. It was astounding to discover how much the collected tabs weighed ... more than 300 pounds!

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.

From the District Grand Lecturer

By **R.W. Ray DiJames**
Veterans Projects

The response to requests for donations for the VA Hospital in Canandaigua has been minimal. Let's not forget our Veterans and their needs. Since we don't ac-

tively participate in on-site activities, it would be nice to donate items listed below:

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

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Grand Patron's Special

Project

We rescue the dogs ... they rescue their Warriors. K9s for Warriors is dedicated to providing service canines to our warriors suffering from post-traumatic stress and/or traumatic brain injury as a result of military service post 9/11. Our 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.

Past Matrons Association

Merilyn Israel
461-3254



Upcoming Meetings

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September 17th
Casual Dress

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

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October 1st
Election & Installation of 2015-2016 Officers
Meeting - 4:30 p.m.
Dinner - 6:30 p.m. (\$10)

RSVP by September 24th to Betty Reissinger (338-1348)

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At the October meeting, we will be entertained by a musical ensemble, "Fibonacci Chamber Group." I hope you will enjoy it.

With at least six Masonic Bodies in Rochester, wouldn't it be wonderful if our Fraternities could interact and stand side by side in our life's parade?

Closing Thought

As my term as President comes to an end, I extend my love to all future Princesses and Queens. Thank you for your support this year. ☺

Everyone is Invited to go "Cruising Down the River ..."



Friday, October 2nd Fall Foliage Cruise on the Harbor Town Belle

Cost - \$14 per person

This two-hour cruise on the Harbor Town Belle tours the Historic Lower Genesee River Gorge, with views of breath-taking Fall colors ... departing while it's still daylight; returning with flood lights illuminating the banks when wildlife is active and easily seen.

Those who have taken this cruise say, "The Flood Light Cruise is one of the best!"

Reservations are required ...

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Feel free to get a group of friends together to join Monroe District OES on this cruise.

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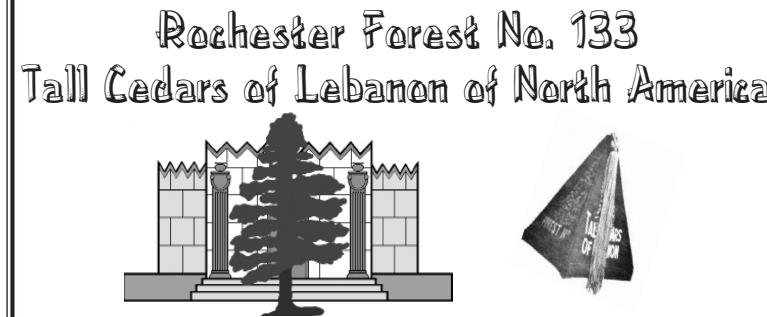
By Don Brugger, PDDSTC

We hope that all Woodsmen and their families enjoyed a great Summer. It certainly was a busy one for me, but now it's time to begin the Fall Masonic Season.

Our Sausage Roast was a great success, with Woodsmen, spouses, family members and guests – 29 in all. Everyone enjoyed a great time.

Mark Your Calendar

September 23rd - our Annual Steak Roast at Camp Smile in Webster; 5:00 p.m. until Dark.

**Looking for a few good Woodsmen**
Fun ~ Frolic ~ Fellowship**Philanthropy ... "Muscular Dystrophy Research Fund"****One Meeting a month – 4th Wednesday**
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- Spring Sausage Roast • Fall Steak Roast
- Winter Holiday Party • Degrees at October Meeting!
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What better way to begin the new Season. Widows, family members and guests are invited. You can be sure there will be plenty of good eats, skillfully prepared by our regular crew. We will try to have the fire going and plan to eat around 6:00 p.m. You will be receiving a card with particulars. Remember, this will

be an excellent time to introduce prospective members and their guest to meet the Forest; we need new members! Make your reservations early. The deadline will be Friday, September 18th. Bring your choice of beverage, table service and a dish-to-pass.

Reports**Those in Need**

Joy Woodley, Past President of the Service Bureau and a Cedarette, underwent back surgery in July and is recovering well. After a short stay at Maplewood Nursing Home, Joy is now home and would appreciate cards and calls. Call our Scribe for further information.

One of our past GTC, Ted Powley, passed away in late Spring shortly after surgery to remove a thyroid tumor. He was an energetic and loyal Mason who held several offices in the York Rite Grand Bodies; he will be missed.

If you know of a Woodsman or family member who is in need of our help or sympathy,

please let one of the Officers or our Scribe, Don Bell, know.

What's to Come ...

The Fall schedule will begin with our October meeting at the Penfield Masonic Hall. We will be portraying the Royal Court Degree for at least one Candidate; let's get more! We encourage all our Officers to be in attendance for this important meeting. We will be firming up our plans for our membership promotion and nominating next year's Officers.

In November, we will be Electing and Installing our Officers for 2016.

The date of our Holiday Party will be set as soon as arrangements are made.

If you would like to help out "Re-membering your Forest," be at our first Fall meeting. Meet your fellow Woodsmen at Hung Wahs restaurant before the meeting at 6:15 p.m. It's just across the street from the Lodge Hall. Call Rob Russo or Don Bell for more information. ☐

In Memoriam

Bachorski, Robert Raymond

Robert Bachorski, 80, passed away June 28th. He is survived by his wife, Elaine; 6 children, 18 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. Bob was a member of the National Guard and a member of Olive Branch Lodge.

Greenberg, Gerald "Jerry"

On May 24th, Jerry Greenberg, 80, joined his beloved wife, Kathryn. He is survived by 5 children and 5 grandchildren. He was a US Navy Veteran and a member of Fairport-Flower City Lodge.

McKay, Andrew Hastie

On June 20th, Heaven received Andrew McKay, 78, and several children and 11 grandchildren will miss him. Andy was a member of Unity Lodge and the Tartan Square Club.

Guthrie, William E.

We have received word that William Guthrie, a member of Webster Lodge, passed away March 1st.

McMahon, John K.

On July 26th, John McMahon joined his wife in Heaven; leaving 1 child and 2 grandchildren to remember him. John was a member of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge.

Hughes, James O., Jr.

On June 24th, James Hughes, 84, went to his Lord leaving his wife, Sheryl; 2 children and 4 grandchildren to share his memory. Jim was a member of Webster Lodge and Scottish Rite.

Miller, Edward C.

Edward Miller, 90, joined loved ones who have gone before him in faith, on June 26th. He is survived by 2 children, 3 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Ed was a US Army Veteran of World War II and a member of ERAC Lodge and Lalla Rookh Grotto.

Ingram, Alvin

On July 17th Alvin Ingram, 76, went to join his wife, Barbara, who predeceased him. He is survived by 2 children and 4 grandchildren. Al was a member of Unity Lodge.

Neidrich, Gus W., Jr.

On February 12th, Gus Neidrich, 76, was escorted by angels to the waiting arms of his wife, leaving a son and extended family to share his life's stories. Gus was a US Air Force Veteran and a member of Clio Lodge.

Kasperski, Arthur Conrad

Arthur Kasperski, 97, passed away on May 17th. He is survived by his wife of 73 years, Eugenia; 3 children and 3 grandchildren. He was a member of ERAC Lodge.

Kemp, Robert J.

On May 19th, Robert Kemp, 82, joined the Celestial Lodge, leaving his wife, Marjorie; 5 children, 2 grandchildren and a great-grandson to share memories. He was a US Army Veteran and a member of Oatka Lodge.

Lee, John R.

John Lee, 91, went to the waiting arms of his wife on April 16th. He is survived by 1 child, 3 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Jack was a World War II Army Veteran and a member of Unity Lodge and Damascus Shriners.

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is September 5th