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## Boston Shriners Hospital for Burn Care Aids in Warwick Fire

By Dr. David B. Harte, Grand Lodge Child Identification Program Director, Massachusetts State Forensic Dental Team, Mass Disaster

To date eighty-seven young adults have perished in the nightclub in West Warwick, R.I. There are many, many dozens of survivors with serious burns. Medical health professionals, as well as forensic teams, have been put to task to save lives as well as to identify patients and victims.

With burns covering 40% - 90% of their bodies, identifying features, such as fingerprints, color of eyes, and hair, are many times lacking for patients, making identification of survivors very difficult.

Due to the many burn victims, for the first time in history, the Boston Shriners Hospital, the premiere burn facility in the

world, has accepted three adult patients, and is ready to accept up to four additional patients.

Our State Forensic Dentist, Dr. Kate Crowley, has been called to assist and the Massachusetts State Forensic Mass Disaster Dental Team stands ready to aid, if needed.

This tragedy reinforces the need for comprehensive ID materials for all persons as recommended by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Many of these victims have perfect dentitions, and thus, "blank" dental records. Due to fluoride, dental sealants, and good education, their dental records will be of little diagnos-

tic, identifying value. Toothprints offer a diagnostic, positive identification with ease.

In a night club setting, an "ID" may or may not reflect the person carrying it, since false ID's are so prevalent in the American young adult scene. The comprehensive CHIP Programs of Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut, offer the best opportunity for identification in America today.

Together, the Masons, dentists, and law enforcement teams continue to keep our children safe, offering the best chance of recovery, and identification, God forbid, if needed.

## Haggai Chapter Community Awards Dinner



Honorable Lloyd L. Hurst, Esq.

On Saturday, May 3rd, Haggai Chapter No. 41 will hold its Third Annual Community Awards Dinner. One of the recipients will be the Honorable Lloyd L. Hurst, Esq., appointed by Governor Nelson Rockefeller as a Commissioner, in 1962, and then elevated to the position of Chairman of the New York State Human Rights Appeal Board, in 1968. Mr. Hurst was a practicing attorney in Rochester beginning in 1953. He became a member of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church that same year. He was a member of the law firms of Hurst & Davis, which later became Hurst, Davis & King, and then Hurst, Davis & McDowell.

He is a graduate of West Virginia State College, where he received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, and Brooklyn Law School, where he received an LL.B., Bachelor of Laws.

Mr. Hurst relocated to San Francisco, CA, in 1980, where he served as Regional Counsel for the United States General Service Administration. He held this position until his retirement in 1988. He remains active in community organizations and the church.

In addition to his membership in many legal associations, his civic affiliations have included being a member, Legal Advisor and Chairman of the Trustee Board to Mt. Olivet Baptist Church; Board of Directors and Trustee, Colgate, Rochester/Bexley Hall/Crozer; The Board of Directors of: The Men's Service Center; Rochester Boys' Club; Housing Council of the Catholic Interracial Council; the Urban League of Rochester; and the Monroe County Legal Assistance Corporation.

Brother Lloyd is a life member of Eureka Lodge No. 36, Prince Hall Affiliated, a member of the International Benevolent Protective Order of Elks (IBPOE), Flower City Lodge No. 91, Order of Elks; and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

A second Award recipient, and the keynote speaker, is the Rev. Dr. John S. Walker. Rev. Walker is the Pastor of Christian Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Henrietta, NY, and a retired Full Professor of American History and Political Science at Monroe Community College. He is a veteran of the Korean War, having served in the United States Army.



Rev. Dr. John S. Walker

A native of Columbus, OH, Dr. Walker received his Bachelor's Degree, Magna Cum Laude, from Morris College in Sumter, SC; a Master's Degree in Church History from Colgate Rochester Divinity School; and Ph.D. in Religion and History from Syracuse University.

Besides his faculty involvement at Monroe Community College, Dr. Walker has been a Graduate Assistant in the Department of Religion at Syracuse University; an Assistant Professor of American History at the Cooperative College Center (SUNY) in Syracuse, NY; an Instructor in the Department of Fine Arts at Syracuse University; an Assistant Professor of Church History at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, Pittsburgh, PA; a visiting Professor of American Church History at Colgate Rochester Divinity School; and an Adjunct Professor of American History at the University of Rochester.

He is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and his academic interests include American History, Nineteenth Century American Church History, Twentieth Century African History, Black American Studies, Czech Church Reform History, Early Church History (Patristic), Native American-Hispanic Studies, Black Classical Music, Populist History, and United States Military History.

For tickets or more information, please contact R.E. James Ghent at 889-7119.

## Interested in "Clowning Around?"

By Mark Craib, "Bunkers"

The Damascus Shrine Temple Clown Unit has been hard at work building and rebuilding the Unit over the last year or two. We have been struggling with some of the unfortunate issues which seem to be increasingly common across the Concordant Bodies - struggle for membership, membership retention and keeping active. Add to this the fact that all members seem to have shorter cable tows, and the result, well, you can see the effect everywhere - volunteerism across the nation is down. The good news is we are still "Alive and Kicking" and actively recruiting.

The purpose of this article is actually two-fold. We are making an attempt to reach people to let them know how to contact the Damascus Shrine Temple Clowns and also to let people know that if you are a Noble, or are considering joining the Shrine, the Clown Unit has a way for you to become involved and to see the

direct impact we have on our communities and "our kids."

Amazingly, both processes start the same way. Contact one of the Officers of the Unit, or the Shrine for our number. It's that easy. Call our President, Tom "Kopper" Vasile at home, 671-6354, or work 305-3960. If you cannot reach Tom, for whatever reason, contact the Shrine at 671-7701. They always have our numbers. If you see us performing, speak to us. We are always ready to talk about the Clown Unit. We even have room for people who do not/cannot put on clown makeup!!

If you are requesting the Clowns for any function, we ask that you contact us as soon as you begin planning your event. As most successful events take time to plan, so it goes with clowns and their schedules. The more time we have to plan, the easier it is to make sure we are not already scheduled somewhere else and that we can meet your needs.

Keep smiling!



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In my first message for the Beacon Project, I would like to give you a suggestion from R. W. Marwin Meller, State Chairman of the Beacon Project: "Lodges/Districts may want to consider the following for a Beacon Project activity. The Non-Profit National Arbor Day Foundation (211 N. 12th Street, Lincoln, NE 68508) will, for a membership of \$10.00, send you 10 flowering trees or 10 conifers (or both for \$20.00). These trees can, with permission of the schools, be planted around the school grounds to (1) decorate the building. (2) help the students in a science project. Lodge Brothers can/should assist with the planting by the students. This is a great public event program and will help to bring the name of your Lodge to the community and be counted towards your volunteer hours for the Beacon Project. If you need assistance contact your DDGM, Area Coordinator, Western Regional Chairman, or the Grand Lodge Committee. So for \$10.00 (or more as your Lodge wishes) you can assist your community, school, children and our Grand Lodge."

R. W. Marwin Meller has many more good ideas listed in the Spring issue of the *Empire State Mason*. Why not find one that will fit into your trestleboard? Then go for it! I look forward to hearing about your activities, your inquiries and seeing your reports.

DDGMs, please forward to me the District Chairman's name, phone number and, where applicable, e-mail address. Masters, if you have already appointed a Lodge Chairman, please send me his name, etc. If not, please appoint somebody for this exciting program for your Lodge.

**Ask Angie**  
About the Masonic Home

Dear Angie:  
Q. My wife and I are familiar with Acacia Village and the Health Facility, but can you explain more about Adult Care at Wiley Hall?

A. Wiley Hall is a residential facility designed for residents with moderate health needs. In addition to general medical care administered by a full time medical staff, Wiley Hall provides its residents with on-the-premises services in ophthalmology, dentistry, podiatry, speech pathology and audiology, physical and occupational therapy.

Residents are treated to three delicious and nutritious meals a day, served in a bright cheerful dining room. If you enjoy activities, then Wiley Hall is the place for you. The full-time activities leader provides a broad range of programs

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**Help Wanted**  
Please submit names of recipients for the Distinguished Community Service Award to Linda Zahn

Sharing is caring

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**Editor's Corner**

**Our Ignorance is showing**  
There is a crunch in the office the last two days before we ship the boards off to the printer, as we scramble to get the material into the proper location and all the pages filled. We work very hard to make sure there are no mistakes. We have erred!

I have been a member of the Masonic Fraternity for nearly 40 years, and Past Master of my Lodge four-plus terms (they told me I had to do it until I got it right!). I was also a member of a couple of Concordant Bodies for a brief period, but that was years ago...before kids got involved in sports and other activities and mom and dad were driving all over the place to help or watch.

From my experiences, I'd like to think I know a little about Blue Lodge Ritual, Protocol, and other related information. I can't say the same for other Bodies, not even those where I was a member. I'm too far removed to be current in their procedures.

In last month's paper, a couple of errors were published, which we didn't notice until we started to assemble this issue. To be honest, every issue probably has errors in it, no matter how hard we try to avoid that situation. The ones I'm referring to were so obvious, after the fact, that I am surprised someone didn't bring them to our attention.

**Help us out!**  
Here's my point. Please call us if you find an error, especially if the piece in question might be printed again. For example, each Lodge has a logo which identifies their article. If a phone number is incorrect, it may be printed wrong the following month if someone doesn't notify us.

More important! If we have printed factual information that is wrong, we WANT to correct it. We try to check correct spellings of names; that dates and locations are right. It isn't always possible, or our source of information is, unknowingly, providing us with the wrong information.

I'll say it again. This is YOUR publication. We want it to be the best - informative, useful, and RIGHT. For that, we need your help. Thanks for reading.

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**New Building Update**

By R. W. Vernon Goodrich  
The contractor has started work on the new building for the Service Bureau. Let me assure each of you that your gifts to the Service Bureau will not be used for the building (unless your request or direct that your gift be used for the building).

We will borrow the necessary funds at a very low rate of interest (approximately 4%) and use our rental allocation to amortize the loan over a 35 year period, the initial term of our land lease.

We believe that over the long haul, we will actually be reducing the cost of operations.

**True meaning of Masonry**

By R. W. Vernon Goodrich  
To all those who have called, or sent cards, I deeply appreciate your concerns and prayers. To those who offered to be tested for bone marrow for a transplant if needed, and others who have offered blood, they demonstrate one of the true meanings of Masonry - Love.

The word "cancer" is often considered a scare word. It shouldn't be. Cancer is merely a disease which has to be treated. I am not making light of it. However, I am not a statistic, but a person and as such, I can be a survivor, and so can each of you or your loved ones who may have cancer. I've shown it in the past, and I can show it again. "Cancer only touches my body, it has no authority over my emotions, or my spirit." (By Amy Givler, MD)

The following is by an unknown author and shows how very limited cancer really is.

**Cancer is very limited**  
It cannot cripple Love  
It cannot shatter Hope  
It cannot corrode Faith  
It cannot destroy Peace  
It cannot kill Friendship  
It cannot suppress Memories  
It cannot silence Courage  
It cannot invade the Soul  
It cannot steal God's gift of Eternal Life  
It cannot quench the Holy Spirit  
It cannot lessen the power of the Resurrection.

(Author unknown)  
Meanwhile, back at the ranch, the activities of the Service Bureau continue. Your volunteering to do calling, to clean and fix equipment, and to help financially, is still needed.



Perhaps you have heard of the organization known as the Masonic War Veterans. Are you familiar with the many varied functions and services they provide?

These very dedicated Masons, who have served in the Armed Forces, are very active in remembering and providing for those who sacrificed for our country. Among the regular functions of the Masonic War Veterans are the Presentation of Colors at District Deputy Grand Masters' visits, at Blue Lodges' events, Patriotic celebrations, flag raising ceremonies, parades, and participation in Memorial Services.

Members of this organization conduct visits to veteran's hospitals and sponsor picnics, ward parties and other entertainment,

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**2002 United Way Contributors to Masonic Service Bureau**

In the February issue we acknowledged those who made direct contributions to the Masonic Service Bureau. In appreciation of their continuing support, here are the names of everyone who made donations to the Bureau through last year's United Way Campaign:

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including the distribution of comfort items such as socks and canteen books. Members are also often called upon to escort visiting dignitaries and to assist with community youth functions, such as DeMolay, as well as the encouragement of underprivileged children attending Camp Turk.

If you are a veteran, and would like to assist in these most worthwhile endeavors, contact the local Chapter of the Masonic War Veterans. Remember that these are only guidelines, there are many other things you can do.





**District Deputy  
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History will record this as the coldest Winter in 24 years, which did not chill the spirit of Masonry, thanks to those Brothers of the Genesee/Wyoming District who participated in another historic event, the Grand Master's One-Day Class. Only history will determine the complete success of this event. However, Masonry gained greatly by the experience. Brethren, Lodges, Districts, Concordant Bodies and statewide Masonry, gained by the interaction and brotherhood, which was prevalent in the development and coordination of Grand Master Fitje's dream.

There remains much to do after this historic event. The heritage of Masonry depends on our Faith, Hope and Charity towards our newest Brothers. Support and encourage these new Brothers to be steadfast in their Masonic endeavors. Remember to see in your neighbor, that which you desire your neighbor to see in you.

**Necessary support**

The Brotherhood Fund is about 100 days from completion and it is not too late to contribute and/or enlighten our new Brothers to the necessity of their support for this Masonic program and its fundamental goals.

The District should and does express its gratitude to W. Bernard Whaley for his dedication

and commitment, as Brotherhood Chairman, and we look forward to continued success as W. Dennis Parmeter takes up this responsibility.

As reported in the March 2003 issue, a District Blood Drive has been initiated by the Brothers of Mt. Vernon Lodge under the direction of W. James Allan and R. W. Raymond Barber. The date is set for May 3rd, which is a Saturday. MARK your calendars and endeavor to support this true expression of Brotherly Love for the members of the Supreme Architect's family, our Brothers.

**Communicate**

Brothers, at every regular meeting it is asked, if anyone knows of anyone in need of our aid or sympathy. This question is to be answered by all of us and in turn to be brought before the remainder of our Masonic Fraternity. We, as a brotherhood of man under the Fatherhood of God, cannot help, aid or assist those we are unaware are in need unless we can communicate this need. Please keep R. W. Brother Robert Dagen informed, not only for sick or distressed Masons, but for all lawful occasions concerning the Brothers of the District.

**Degrees**

Several Lodges in the District are exemplifying Degrees and can use active participants and sideliners. This information and requests should also be given to R. W. Dagen and his Inter-Lodge Communication network.

**Molly**

During my recent visit to Constellation, I found Molly to be secure in her new home. With mainly 60 feet of steel chain and 8 padlocks, she is not harmed in any way and appears to be secure in her temporary home!

May the blessings of heaven rest upon you and yours and may brotherly love prevail.

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I thought the ground hog seeing his own shadow meant we were only to receive six more weeks of Winter. At times, I think it means we are going to receive six more months of Winter. It is hard to explain and endure the Winter that Western New York has experienced this year. I'm sitting at my computer typing this article in sub zero degree weather, when just yesterday it was sunny and almost 50 degrees. Hopefully, all fellow Masons and their families are still in good health and putting in an extra prayer for Spring to arrive.

By the time this article comes out, one of the most memorable events will have occurred since I became a Mason. I am talking about the Grand Master's One-Day Class. This Class of Masons should be very proud of the ceremonies and history they have embarked upon. This will truly be an event which they will remember for the rest of their lives. Just thinking of the event brings back the memories I have of becoming a Mason. Hopefully this event will give Masonry the boost in membership which has been on the decline over the past decade.

I would have included some of the new business which was discussed at our March 4th communication, but it was cancelled and rescheduled for March 18th.

Sorry, but I won't have any updates until the April issue.

Nothing has been reported to me about any Brothers who are in need of our aid or sympathy. I have heard that Brother Kemp is doing well and feeling better.

Hopefully all of our Southern-bound Brothers are enjoying their stay where it is warm and sunny and haven't started their voyage North too early. When, and if, they do decide to return North, we hope they all have a safe and enjoyable trip home. We've missed your participation and attendance at our communications.

Just a reminder that our next scheduled communication will be APRIL 1st. We still have a lot of work to do over the next couple of months before Summer recess.

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By R. W. Robert Dagen

"Spring has sprung - the grass has 'rized" - poor English, but traditional and seasonal fact at long last! I don't know how it is with everyone, but for me, I am truly thankful that the season has taken a change for the better.

Along with the foregoing, this same fact also relates to Batavia Lodge. By the time you have the opportunity to read this issue, we will have two new Brothers who were raised at the Grand Master's One-Day Class. More details about the Brothers will be provided in future issues.

In last month's issue, the topics may have appeared to be "a doom and gloom" situation. To clarify this, it was not intended as such, but rather to see if the subjects might stir some deep thinking, which can produce positive results. It did, in fact, and for that we are thankful. With the addition of the latest Brothers, more positive steps are also being put into action as relates to the Lodge and its membership.

I ask for your assistance, especially those of you who live out of the area, or who just cannot make it to Lodge meetings. Would you please contact me and let us know how and what you are presently doing? It is a terrible shame that, in many instances, we only find out about a Brother and his particular situation from the obituary column of the newspaper. I don't mean to be morbid but, unfortunately, this has been a reality too many times in the past.

So please, let your fellow Brethren know of your well-being by contacting the Master or me so that we can relate your good news to the rest of the Brethren. There are several ways to contact the foregoing: letter, telephone or via e-mail.

**Thinking of you**

I will pass along some information on W. Bob Clement. He is presently a resident at the LeRoy Village Green Nursing Home. I am sure he would love to have you visit with him or send him a greeting card. His mailing address is: LeRoy Village Green, 10 Munson street, LeRoy, 14482.

W. Bill Genagon continues to convalesce at home. We want to keep these Brothers in our thoughts and prayers.

**In memoriam**

Brother Marshall L. Betters

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**Thanks!**

In an earlier column, I alluded to the difficulty, often shared among authors of articles appearing in this publication, of getting started with a topic to share with one's readers. I commiserated with those stymied in this manner, and attempted to demonstrate a possible way to overcome a "writer's block."

Not usually one to proselytize, I am extremely proud to say that I certainly don't have that problem this month, as it was ameliorated last month by the Masters and/or Secretaries of seven-that's right, SEVEN Lodges in the District, who submitted articles. 70%, Wow! That's Great! My sincere thanks go out to each of you. I asked, and you responded. It's indeed an exhilarating feeling to know that the Lodges in my District care enough to try to work together to help achieve a goal which I have set for us. Thank you all again!

Now, if you can continue to submit, we'll work on the remaining three subscribing Lodges, and do you know what? I'll wager we can achieve my goal of all ten Lodges submitting an article in the same issue. Come on Nevin, Dave, and Ed-I know you've got

something to share with us. Nevin, why not tell us about that fascinating display of Masonic memorabilia on the table in the rear of the dining room? I never saw that before; was it donated, if so, by whom? Dave, I know although it is a Concordant Body, the Royal Arch Chapter, which meets in your Lodge, hosted some Degrees on March 10th, as I was present that evening. How many folks attended the breakfast you held on the 16th of March? Has anyone come forward yet to volunteer to man the booth at the Wyoming County Fair in Pike on August 9th as requested in my last article? Ed, you've contributed before during this Masonic Year; what's happening recently? Sometime ago, you alluded to "looking forward to the '03 Winter/Spring activities." What took place, and how did they make out? Please share with us! This is April-whatta ya say Brethren? Let's try for 100% representation in the May issue! Remember that advertisement for the *National Enquirer*, "Inquiring Minds Want To Know?" It's true!

**No Man Is an Island**

After much careful planning and preparation, the Road to the East Program took place at Drumlin Square Lodge in Palmyra, on Saturday, February 15th with 15 Brothers and a number of stellar presenters in attendance. My thanks to R. W. Derck Van Houten for being my chauffeur. It was a wonderful day well spent, and anyone not there definitely missed out, yet I can certainly empathize with Little Orphan Annie, Robinson Crusoe, and those on Gilligan's Island. Although there were at-

tendees from Livingston, Monroe, and Wayne Districts, imagine my chagrin upon learning I was the sole representative of Genesee-Wyoming. When the apparent apathy and absence of my constituents from the District was questioned, I deftly jumped to the defense, and unabashedly informed any skeptics, that despite the fact that a great deal of time and effort went into designing this Course for their benefit, in no way were those few who needed to take this Course recalcitrant nor derelict in their duty by not attending. Rather, I steadfastly maintained confidence that at that very instant, they were undoubtedly at their respective Master's homes, raptly engrossed in receiving instructions in the rudiments of article writing. Thus, when they reach the East, even though they missed an excellent opportunity to garner invaluable information to assist them during that year (their loss), they will hopefully, instead, at least have mastered the basics necessary to submit an article each month to inform the District of happenings in their Lodges. I can't imagine any other plausible explanation why no one else showed up.

On second thought, extending the benefit of the doubt, perhaps these same individuals were busily involved in some other activity at their Lodges, which precluded their attendance. I certainly hope so, as that would seem to indicate they will have a plethora of information on said events to share with us in the articles they submit, telling us all about the wonderful happenings taking place in their Lodges that

Saturday. Should this be the case, since no one else from the District attended the Road to the East but myself, I can only presume we may anticipate ten articles in the May issue of this publication, right? "Extra! Extra! Read all about it!" (I can't wait to read all ten of them!) Time will tell. Perhaps next year, we'll hold the Course closer to our District. Think it will help? I wonder.

Thanks to all who assisted in the Have-a-Heart Campaign; total proceeds were \$12,691.28. Nice job!

I recently received a packet of information from Grand Lodge on the new Masonic Development Course, which in the future may become mandatory, along with the Road to the East Course, for those aspiring to sitting in the East. More information on this Course will appear in a subsequent column.

Time is drawing closer for Grand Lodge, and before we know it, it will be May. Start planning now to avoid disappointment; I hope to see many of you there.

We extend warm wishes to R. W. Vern Goodrich, as he deals with health issues. We are also keeping in our thoughts, W. John Specht, as he begins recovery from surgery. Dolores Hargrave is home after surgery, and is coming along nicely. Merilee Holmes is also recovering from surgery. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Batavia No. 475**

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was a fifty year member of Batavia Lodge and has resided in Belleview, Florida. He left his earthly home on December 20, 2002. He is survived by his wife, Agnes. We offer sincere condolences to Agnes and the family.

**Reminder**

I have the applications for the Education Assistance Program. As in the past, all children, grandchildren and widows of Master Masons belonging to a Lodge in the Grand Jurisdiction of New York are eligible. If you know of an individual who meets the requirements and has plans to further their respective educations, please contact me for the 2003 Applications. Completed applications must be in the hands of the Committee on or before April 12th.

Finally, check your dues card in your pocket. Does it indicate current thru 2003? If not, please remit at your earliest convenience.

May God bless America! May God bless us all. Keep our troops abroad in the forefront of your thoughts and prayers. ☐

**Mount Vernon  
Lodge No. 263**

2nd & 4th  
Mondays  
Master  
W.: Kay  
Dilker  
716-537-9165  
Secretary  
W.: Jim Allan, 457-3079  
Main Street  
Java Village 14083

By W.: Jim Allan

It's exciting to think about Spring being just around the corner, and we have some great events coming up before the close of the year.

**Awards Night**

On April 28th, Mt. Vernon will be honoring those members eligible to receive a Service Award. Presenting the Awards that evening will be our DDGM, R.: W.: Robert Strang, during an open meeting. Please plan to bring your wife or significant other. Don't forget your camera to record this memorable and fun-filled evening.

There will be a catered Buffet Supper beginning at 7:00 p.m. sharp, with our open meeting beginning upstairs at 8:00 p.m. sharp. The menu will feature dinner rolls and butter, salad, mashed potatoes and vegetables. Your choices of meats are thick sliced holiday type Ham or a Chicken Breast. Coffee and tea will be available before and during supper. The cost is \$15.00 per couple, or \$7.50 each.

**RSVP**

For reservations, mail a check, payable to Mt. Vernon Lodge, to me at 4846 Michigan Road, Arcade, 14009, or call me at 457-3079. The cut-off date for dinner reservations is April 21st, as I have to notify the caterer of the number of people attending. I hope to see you there!

**District Blood Drive**

R.: W.: Raymond Barber and I are heading up the Blood Drive Campaign through the Red Cross for the District of Genesee/Wyoming County. After conferring with the Red Cross, we found they needed a sponsored location in the Java area. We plan, at this juncture, to fill that need by hosting the drives at Mt. Vernon Lodge.

We will not, in anyway, conflict with blood drives held by any

other organization or church. The first Blood Drive will be held at Mt. Vernon Lodge on May 3rd, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Though this is a District event, and R.: W.: Strang will be working with us to help drum up help from other Lodges in the District for future events, Ray and I wanted to work with Mt. Vernon members only on this first effort. This way, we'll be able to learn exactly how things work and the next Blood Drive should go even more smoothly.

This is not a labor-intensive project and we believe that six volunteers, each working only a four-hour stint, staggered early morning (7:30 a.m.) and late morning (10:30 a.m.) is all the manpower that should be required. We'll be in contact as the date grows near for your support.

**Strykersville Yard Sale days**

Last year, instead of selling flea market-type goods, we decided to sell grilled sausages, pop, etc., and it was a great success. This year, (our fourth year of setting up there, but our second of selling food only) we expect even bigger things! Again, nothing happens in your Lodge without some effort from you, so I'll be looking for more help than I've asked for in the past. This can turn into a real money-maker for us with the proper support, such as we've had for our Pancake Breakfasts. I'll be in contact with everyone as the year progresses.

**Secretary's Corner**

Dues. I've sent out a few reminders to those who I don't show as paid. If I'm in error, please let me know. Again, please take a minute to check your roster and let me know of any discrepancies in either your mailing address or telephone number. I'm in the process of computerizing all the Lodge records and would like to get this right the first time.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation. ☐

**Arcade  
Lodge No. 419**

7:30 p.m.  
2nd & 4th Tuesdays,  
Sept.-June  
4th Tuesdays, Jan., Feb.  
Master  
R.: W.: Leonard  
Mason  
492-1813  
Secretary  
R.: W.: Arthur Drew  
492-4860  
Main Street, Arcade 14009

The last article in this paper indicated there would be three new candidates in the One-Day March 29th Class, but that turned out to be incorrect. We had a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night with a Pot Luck Dinner, designed to enlighten the Brothers-to-be. It turned out that the friend brought by Brother Bob McElheny requested a petition and has returned it so that it may be balloted upon.

This evening also offered more good news. We all had an enjoyable get together and an opportunity to sit around and talk. The LSOME tape provided information not realized by some, and helped clear up questions.

Our Table Lodge had to be cancelled, but our Father and Child Night will take place.

This past year saw a couple of young people lost in our community which I wonder if we, as Masons, could have helped prevent. Our young people are our future as a Lodge, Country and way of life. If we don't support, encourage and show our love for them, we have missed the boat.

Masons don't only act like Masons at their meetings, but every day of their lives; from Sunday morning throughout the activities of the week.

Think about all the e-mails that come across the screen regarding "the good old days" and "remember when." This is when you were younger and not by relating, "When I was your age," but by just taking time to listen and offering some of the things you did when you were younger as a story rather than a comparison or requirement, you may give these young people time to think and digest what they do know. They have learned more history, science and professional skills than you had to or were available to you even though you wonder sometimes if maybe they forgot some of the basics they were taught. You can help, but you need to get involved whether you are 40, 50, 60, 70, 80 or whatever.

The presentation of Officer's Aprons by Craig Rejtmeier to the Officers of Arcade Lodge was very enjoyable. Cake and ice cream were enjoyed after the meeting. The Officers were all very impressed and appreciative of the beautiful Aprons. They were bright and cheery as compared to those which had always been respectable, but well used.

The last of our third Sunday Breakfasts will soon be over for this season. It has provided income to help offset our utilities costs, but more than that, it has provided fellowship amongst the workers and the customers.

We will have an Awards Night on April 8th. There will be a dinner with presentations to Service Award recipients, DeWitt Clinton Awards and others. Please support this night by being there. If you were receiving an award you would appreciate the recognition and support. If you need a ride, please contact the Master so that arrangements can be made.

**Happy Birthday**

Those having birthdays in April are: Herschel Aiken, Douglas Cronk, Raymond Garlapo and Douglas MacDonald. ☐

**Eagle Valley  
Lodge No. 1161**

2nd & 4th  
Thursdays  
Master  
W.: Edwin  
C. Law  
237-2579  
Secretary  
R.: W.: Sheldon Moden  
322-7343  
Liberty Street, Bliss, 14024

That we have taken a weather-beating, Brothers, there is no question. Winter '02-'03 has served to acquaint us with what our late Brother, George Washington, described as "the rigors of an inclement season!" Hopefully, this writing will find you all in the best possible state of physical well-being and psychologically not depressed. Spring will come. I have no "news" to report. There has been discussion of a general nature about Eagle Valley's Annual Chicken Bar-B-Que.

Preliminary activity has begun. Snow and ice surround our Temple as of the date of this writing.

I wish you all a warming, thawing month; at the same time cautioning that slippery walkways and possible flooding of highways may threaten your safety as we pass the vernal equinox. Please be safety conscious. "An ounce of prevention," I've heard say, "is worth a pound of cure!" ☐

**HESPERUS  
Lodge No. 837**

1st and 3rd  
Thursdays  
Master  
W.: Ralph  
Marsocci  
820-6355  
Secretary  
Lee Valnio, 548-2470  
12 Lake Avenue, Bergen 14416

Greetings Brothers. W.: John Specht is home and doing well. He has a long road to recovery and I am confident that he will succeed in his recovery process. He is very appreciative of all of greetings, cards, and gifts that he received while in the hospital.

Dolores Hargrave is doing great and my wife, Rosalie, is recovering from her knee surgery.

**Degrees**

Our 2nd Degree on March 6th was successful, and again, I thank Brother Ron Morris and the rest of the Degree Team, especially our newly raised Brothers, for doing such a fine job on the Ritual.

The 3rd Degree will take place on April 3rd with me in the East. Molly is still away from home, hopefully she'll be back soon.

Brother Don Mattice and I attended the Grand Master's DeMolay Class and Reception in Utica. We will soon be merging with Batavia to have DeMolay Chapter in Bergen. Anyone who is interested please feel free to call me.

I can't believe that it is April already and my term is almost over and again I thank in advance the people who have helped to make my year a success.

The Altar Cloth is finished. Come and see how great it looks in our Lodge. Thanks to W.: Bob Hebner, who donated the money for it.

On March 19 we went over to Caledonia Lodge and helped them confer a 3rd Degree.

If anyone is interested in going to Grand Lodge, please let me know. We already have nine Brothers going.

I wish all of you and your families a happy Easter. ☐

**Attica Lodge  
No. 462**

1st and 3rd  
Wednesdays  
(Jan-Feb-Mar  
3rd Wed. Only)  
Master  
W.: Bruce  
Anderson  
591-0190  
Secretary  
W.: Norman Steinbaugh  
591-2073  
39 Main Street, Attica 14011

Hopefully, you are reading this article on a beautiful Spring day. The Winter snows have ended and we have also served our last breakfast for the season. We plan to end our Sunday breakfasts with a brunch on April 6th, serving from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

By now we will have raised two new Brothers on March 29th. Please do all you can do to welcome and assist these Brothers at their first meetings, as it is in all our hands to make this a successful undertaking. I plan to officially welcome these Brothers and their ladies at our Annual Widows and Awards Night to be held April 16th, dinner at 7:00 p.m. Rich Luh has promised to provide us with the entertainment for the evening.

We also have two candidates who wish to take the Degrees in the traditional manner, which

means, gentlemen, I will need lots of help to confer these Degrees between now and our last meeting of the season, June 4th. The 1st Degree is set for April 2nd, the 2nd Degree will be May 7th, and the 3rd Degree will be June 4th.

Please give me a call at 591-0910 to let me know what parts you would like in the upcoming 2nd Degree and 3rd Degree.

**Upcoming dates**

Wednesday, May 21st, is Election of Officers for the next year. Be thinking about whom you want to lead us. Your campaign chest needs to be full to sustain the cost of the expensive politicking it takes in order to win one of these coveted offices.

Mother's Day weekend will see Attica's second annual Founders Day Weekend celebrated on Saturday, May 10th. We will again be doing our Chicken Bar-B-Que this year. This is by far our largest fundraiser of the year, and I need each of you to help out in whatever way possible. If every Brother can give some of his time on this day, it would be greatly appreciated.

**Signs of Spring**

We welcome back the Brothers who have been away to warmer climates or who have not been to Lodge for whatever reason. Once a Brother, always a Brother. Please stop in at a meeting or one of our functions. We would love to see you. ☐

**Grand Director  
of Ceremonies  
Livingston District**



R.: W.:  
C. Eugene  
Hill  
538-6581

The Road to the East Program was successful with fifteen Brothers participating. I would like to thank all of the Right Worshipful's and Brothers who served as Instructors. Drumlin Square Lodge was a very good host and our thanks go out to them!

Yours truly and his wife Linda, with R.: W.: Bob Fisher and his wife, Jean, attended the Mardi Gras in New Orleans on the first of March and we had a great time. It was our first for the Mardi Gras. We went with the Elder Hostel group and stayed at the Hotel International, right on St. Charles Street, where all of the "big parades" passed. We caught so many beads, etc., that we both had to buy an extra bag in order to bring them home. Needless to say we gorged ourselves on all of the excellent food presented to us. In short, we had an excellent time.

In Livingston District, under Sickness and Distress, we have three Brothers who are in need of our aid or sympathy:

1. W.: Doug Poole, of Olive Branch Lodge, has been diagnosed with hepatitis.

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2. W. Francis Stanley, of Mt. Morris Lodge, has been diagnosed with prostate cancer.

3. W. Mel Hussey lost his uncle, a Past Master.

The Brotherhood Fund is moving along slowly but steadily. If you have not participated yet, please do so; this is a very worthy cause. The annual Communion Service, Breakfast and James Lee Award Presentation is to be on May 18th at 7:30 AM at the United Church in Mt. Morris.

All Masters have tickets; please try to attend this very important function.

As education of the Brethren is one of my important duties, I want to pass on a bit of information that I received at the RTTE Program last month. A Brother who has been dropped for non-payment of dues, or one who demitted and has not affiliated with another Lodge, can be given a Masonic funeral if a request is made by the family! I was not aware of this.

I have been informed by R. W. Marino Cesarini that there is a new program, Masonic Development Course. This Course will eventually become part of the RTTE program. More information on this to follow.

**Assistant Grand Lecturer**  
Livingston District  
V. W. Mark G. Dibelka  
Lag11v (585) 230-0355

I have visited most of the Lodges in the District at this point (with just a few which have gone without because of scheduling snafus) and am I extremely happy with the state of Ritual in the Livingston District! At this same time last year, I was singing my laments and trying to figure out a way in which I could make it easier for the Lodges to get excited by the Ritual. I think the District has stepped up to the plate and accepted the challenge of bettering themselves in Masonry. Hopefully, I have been an inspiration or catalyst of some type, but more important than that is the fact that the District is showing how much they care.

I anticipate having all my visits completed by the end of April, and every Lodge is sent a copy of the report I intend to submit to the Grand Lecturer at the end of the year so they know exactly where they stand. If you have not heard my comments about your Lodge, please contact the Master and ask what it is I said; there are no secrets among us for this purpose.

Each year I plan four Schools of Ritual to go along with the Grand Lecturer's Convention. So far in my three years as your AGL, I have covered Degree work in only two of those Schools. This was in an effort to keep them exciting. I believe that anyone who has attended one will, at the very least, say they are enjoyable. Next year I do not plan to make the subjects known beforehand, but to make it a surprise for all attendees. Further, I plan on bringing guests to help us out as well as to bring topics to light which perhaps we have forgotten over time. Remember, Schools are held on the second Monday of every other month, and the schedule is printed in the Livingston District directory.

On May 12th, I will be conducting all the instruction at the School of Ritual (hosted by

Eunice Lodge), and I believe that the topic will be of interest to all Masons. I will be speaking on the possible (note I say possible, in no way am I presenting my topic as fact) origins of the Masonic Degrees. To give a little teaser, I will go so far as to say that in ancient Egypt there were two types of rulers - the pharaohs and the kings. Pharaoh was a man who was a god incarnate, while a king was a man who ruled because of the divine will of the gods (much like the European monarchs). It is interesting to note that there was a definite break between the rulings of the pharaohs and the beginning of the kings, almost like something was lost... I will leave the rest of it for that evening. I am hoping to see that Lodge room packed with Masons hungry for further light in Masonry.

It is almost time for election of Officers. Should your Lodge anticipate needing their incoming Master invested, please contact me. If we have need to carry out the ceremony, I would like to have it be a special day for the newly elected and set up a ceremony complete with a guest speaker from Grand Lodge. Remember, this is a special day and should be noted as a milestone within any Mason's career.

On a social level, I have been authorized by Livonia Lodge to open their annual "Spring Fling" to become a District event. Each year I chair this event for Livonia, and this year the Lodge thought it to be in the best interest of the District to make it a District event hosted by Livonia Lodge. This year's plans include a Table Lodge (in the manner of Masonic Lodges from the late 1700's to the early 1800's) where all are welcome, including spouses, children, siblings, significant others, worthy candidates (I think you get the idea). At this time, there is no particular date set, but to get around calendar problems it will be in early May.

As updates become available, I will pass them on.

Livingston District, keep up the good work, and continue to make me proud.

**Eunice Lodge**  
No. 830  
1st Thursdays  
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mhussay486@aol.com  
Secretary  
R. W. Francis E. Oberer  
9501 Ashbury Road, LeRoy 14482  
768-6698

These Spring days are certainly putting us through our paces. Our Masonic season started out like a lamb and is going out like a lion. In addition to more Degree work on yet two more candidates, we are looking at Eunice Lodge's annual fundraiser, the food tent at Old Fashioned Days, Estes Farm, Scottsville.

I think our distant Brothers are missing out on supporting their Lodge in this fashion. However, we do look forward to assistance given (freely, I might add) by our younger Brothers.

**The schedule for April**

April 3rd, Regular Communications, 1st Degree, 7:30 p.m.

April 26th, set up for Old Fashioned Days, at Eunice, 9:00 a.m.

April 27th, Old Fashioned Days, off South Road, Scottsville, 8:00 a.m.

April 28th, Livingston Association District Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Phoenix, Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

April 29th, Rehearsal, 2nd Degree, 7:00 p.m.

**April Fridays**

Temple Club Building, Caledonia, card parties, 7:30 p.m. Public invited.

**Livonia Lodge No. 778**  
1st & 3rd Wednesdays  
Master  
W. Charles Sawyer  
346-6398  
Sec. R. W. Richard Brown  
346-3618  
65 Big Tree Street, Livonia, 14487

Welcome to Spring in Livonia! On Friday, April 11th, we will host the Livonia Talent Show at the newly renovated Livonia Middle School at 7:00 p.m.

The Livingston District Talent Show will be on Friday, April 25th, at the Middle School, 7:00 p.m.

Our Lodge meetings will be held on April 2nd and 16th. Please, let's have a good turnout at both meetings.

**District Deputy Grand Master**  
Ontario/Seneca/Yates District  
R. W. Clayton R. Ruggles  
315-548-3573

By the time you read this, the Grand Master's One-Day Class will be a part of Masonic history. I wish to thank those Brothers who represented the District on the 1st Degree Team at Bath: Worshipful Master, Len Lisenbee (Rushville No. 377); Senior Warden, William Colin (Geneva No. 965); Junior Warden, Richard Bellows (Seneca No. 113); Senior Deacon, William Valois, and Junior Deacon, Frederick Newton (Pocahontas No. 211); Senior Master of Ceremony, Carl Carlson (Garoga/Sincerity No. 200); Junior Master of Ceremony, Michael Duffy, and Steward, George Myer, (Seneca No. 113); Steward and Charge, John Walti (Garoga/Sincerity No. 200). Marshal and Apron Presentation, Bruce Huic (Geneva No. 965); Chaplain, Anthony Khoury (Ark No. 33); Tiler, Jack Hilyer (Geneva No. 965); Bible Presentation, James Rice (Rushville No. 377), Lecture of Questions and Answers, Donald Dill (Farmerville/Union No. 183); and John Newvine (Milnor No. 139); Lecture of Reasons, Robert Bird and Ramon Howard (Garoga/Sincerity No. 200); Working Tools, Eldon White (Milnor No. 139); and Historical Lecture, Lowell Falkey (Garoga/Sincerity No. 200). As of this writing, 18 to 20 candidates from the District were also enrolled.

At the Deputy Grand Master's Chat Talk on March 1st, at John Hodge Lodge in Naples, the Trustee's Certification Program generated much discussion. All Lodges need to be registered under the "Benevolent Orders Law." This registration is vital to Lodge liability insurance coverage through Grand Lodge. Investigating the possibility of Real Estate Tax Exemption was also encour-

aged. Lodges not represented may get information from me.

As final plans are being made for the first OSY District Surviving Spouse Luncheon to be held on April 12th. It is imperative that Lodges contact either R. W. Eldon White at 924-1603, R. W. William Colin at (315)789-9534, or myself at (315) 548-3573 with reservations no later than April 7th.

All District Lodges are invited to participate in this first-time venue, but are reminded this is not meant to replace any like activity that individual Lodges may plan.

At the District Association meeting on March 8th, a number of topics were discussed. One involved having a District fundraiser for exposure and raising funds for a designated charity. Involvement of Lodges in community parades prompted the plan to have District Lodges represented in the Memorial Day Parade in Waterloo. A letter is forthcoming from Seneca Lodge No. 113 regarding this event. Lodges are reminded of the OSY Charities Golf Tournament to be held at Wing Pheasant Golf Course on August 10th and are encouraged to generate sponsors for this event. Ark Lodge No. 33 has moved to Border City Road across from the old Agway store. Meetings are on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

**Dates for your calendar**

April 10th will be the Table Lodge at Milnor No. 139 at 6:30 p.m. Reservations a must. The speaker will be R. W. Richard Friedman.

April 12th is the OSY District Surviving Spouse Luncheon at the Phelps Hotel.

The OSY Association Meeting is at Farmerville/Union Lodge at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast.

May 18th is the AMD Memorial Service, 2:00 p.m., Number Nine Church.

May 29th is the District Investiture Service at Garoga/Sincerity Lodge.

On June 7th, Seneca Lake Lodge No. 308 will celebrate their 150th Anniversary.

**PS**

On a personal note, my son's Army unit has been deployed to the Middle East. He is a Mason. I was wondering if any thought has been given to publishing mailing addresses for like situations, where fellow Masons could send letters of support to our Masonic servicemen. Could this be done through the veteran's group?

**Canandaigua Lodge No. 294**  
1st & 3rd Mon.  
Master  
W. Ed Hall  
289-3395  
Secretary  
R. W. George N. Stanton, Jr.  
394-6829  
Shortsville 14548

Happy Easter to all!

March was a good month. We conferred the 1st Degree on the 3rd, and we had three candidates for the Grand Master's One-Day Class on the 29th. Thanks to the Brothers who brought in these candidates and to those who helped with the 1st Degree.

**150th Anniversary**

Our 150th Anniversary and Lodge Dedication will be on May 24th.

**Sickness**

We have missed Brother Dave Mason. He had back surgery and was in a lot of pain. We hope you heal quickly, Dave.

**Garoga-Sincerity Lodge No. 200**  
1st & 3rd Tuesdays  
Master  
W. John Walti  
315-548-9670  
Secretary  
R. W. Clayton Ruggles  
315-548-3573  
67 Ontario Street, Phelps 14532

By Charles Ruggles, Secretary

**A word from the Master**

Just a short note to say thanks to the Brothers of the Lodge who helped with our recent Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. We had nine potential Craftsmen, along with their wives, in attendance. I might point out the Eastern Star Chapter also participated. All had a very good Spaghetti Dinner. Brother Paul Scherbyn did an excellent job chairing the event.

Thank you to Brother Donald Tiffany, Lodge Historian, who did an excellent job with an informative presentation on the history of Garoga Lodge at our last meeting, and to Brother Robert Bird for his added comments.

**Join us**

If you are looking for something to do and want to have a good time, mark your calendar for April 11th at 6:30 p.m. We will be hosting a Fun Night at the Lodge. All you need to do is bring a snack to pass and a favorite game, if you wish. Euchre tournaments are always included. We usually have these once a month and they have been very successful. Hope to see you there.

**Come early!**

The Lodge will be having a Pork Chop Dinner on May 12th, serving from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. If you haven't been to one of these dinners, you are truly missing out. Pork Chops cooked outside over an open flame have a special flavor to them. Come early, as this is usually a sellout.

We are still busy on a proposal to build an addition to the Lodge building. I will have another update shortly. This will be for added storage which we need.

**April Birthdays**

Happy birthday to the following Brothers:

- Bobby Dorgan (7th);
- Todd Ruggles (8th);
- Jay Ford, & John Roush (9th);
- Vincent Rozella II (12th);
- Norman Schafer (16th);
- David Mowers (19th);
- Howard Lester (20th);
- Paul Scherby (21st); and
- James Gostley (29th).

**Masonic Anniversaries**

Congratulations to those Brothers raised in April:

- Paul Adams (4/5/60);
- Clayton Barnard (4/8/65);
- Charles Bird (4/19/94);
- John Bowles (4/11/63);
- Charles Buisch (4/27/83);
- John Davis (4/9/64);
- Ernest Day (4/14/83);
- Aaron Dell (4/8/71);
- Dale Gelder (4/20/71);
- Curtis Givens (4/7/94);
- Elvin Grube (4/17/62);
- Isaac Hessney (4/8/65);
- Robert Hines (4/5/50);
- Ramon Howard (4/16/74);
- Michael Klimeczko (4/17/84);
- George Landstrom (4/17/51);
- John Leighton (4/26/57);
- Milton Lum (4/22/69);
- Donald Pulver (4/15/41);
- John Roush (4/13/67);
- Robert Spink (4/21/59);
- Dayne Tharrett (4/18/84);
- Kenneth Thomas, Jr. (4/17/62);
- Scott Upchurch (4/19/94);
- Ronald VanCamp (4/1/68); and
- Frederick Wheeler (4/21/59).



**Milnor**  
Lodge No. 139  
2nd & 4th  
Thursdays  
Master  
R.W. Eldon  
N. White  
924-1603  
Secretary  
R.W. Kenneth Hall  
259-3801  
21 Maple Avenue, Victor 14564

The 2nd Degree, on February 20th, was an unqualified success resulting in three Brother Fellowcrafts. The weather cooperated and all the Brothers participating in the Ritual did a super job.

#### Congratulations

Service Awards were presented to W. James Vanwyk for 30 years, Brother Terry Norsen for 25 years, and Brother Willard Bastion for 20 years, at our March 13th communication.

## Ontario/Seneca/Yates District Masonic Charities 11th ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT August 10th Winged Pheasant Golf Course Watch for Details

### District Deputy Grand Master Wayne District



R.W.  
Francis E.  
Powley, Jr.  
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Welcome to our new Brethren! You have joined Masonry at a time that we may look back and call our Renaissance. It is a time of renewed excitement and growth in our Fraternity. It's up to our Lodges to take your right hand in friendship and welcome you and your family into our Masonic family. Don't be shy about asking questions. Like any family, we have lots of history, traditions and stories to share with new family. We look forward to many times together with you.

#### Reminder

I wish to remind all Masters of the "Re-Member the Blue Lodge" Program and to fill out the form to entitle members of the Concordant Bodies to receive their beautiful medallion and bars for being the first line signers of new Brothers. This is an on-going program, not just for the current year.

#### Beacon Project

R.W. Cy White is looking for monthly reports from each Lodge on their volunteer hours for the Beacon Project. If you have a question whether your activity counts in this project, give Cy a

#### March 29th

The Lodge has five new candidates for the Grand Master's Class on March 29th in Bath. The Brothers who recruited these candidates are to be congratulated. An instructional meeting for all new Brothers will be held April 17th, 7:30 p.m. V.W. John Newvine and R.W. Eldon White will participate in the 1st Degree at Bath.

#### By-Law revisions

The first reading for amendments to the Lodge By-Laws was given at the March 13th meeting.

#### DeWitt Clinton Award

The Lodge will present the DeWitt Clinton Award to Michael Slusser of Bloomfield, for his volunteer activities with the fire department, ambulance corp and other community work.

This will take place at DiPacific's Restaurant in Farmington on April 11th at 6:30 p.m. Menu is Prime Rib, \$21.00; Broiled Haddock, \$17.00; or Chicken French, \$18.00, which

includes a 15% gratuity. Reservations and menu choice are due by April 6th and must be called in to Bob Meuler at 924-5806, Ken Hall at 289-3801, or John Newvine at 657-7509.

#### Thanks

Thank you, Brother John Newvine, for all the wall finishing, painting, and all the other work you have done in the Lodge. We all appreciate the super Apron case.

#### Volunteers needed

The Lodge will run our popcorn machine at the Angels Helping Angels benefit for Serenity House at Papa Jack's Ice Cream Parlor on Route 96 in Victor on April 26th. Volunteers are needed.

#### Calendar

April 10th - Table Lodge at 6:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be R.W. Richard Friedman, Past Junior Grand Warden. Reservations needed by April 7th.

April 11th - DeWitt Clinton Award at DiPacific's.

April 12th - OSY District Surviving Spouse Luncheon and Program at the Phelps Hotel, Phelps.

April 17th - Instruction night for new Brothers at 7:30 p.m.

April 24th - Move-Up Night with Brother Steven Harwood in the East at 7:30 p.m.

April 26th - Popcorn machine at Angels Helping Angels benefit for Serenity House at Papa Jack's Ice Cream Parlor.

Training Course, is finally available at the Grand Master's Class on March 29th. For those Brethren interested, the Course will be offered at 7 p.m. at ERAC Lodge in East Rochester on the first Monday of April, May, June, September, October, November and December. At this time, R.W. William Jones is most familiar with the Course and may be contacted if you have questions. Call him at (315)986-9150.

With Spring approaching, it's time for all Brethren to start thinking about sending a Lodge representative to Grand Lodge May 6th-7th. Be sure to support the person your Lodge sends. It's a responsibility of each Lodge to see that they are represented each year. And your representative should update your Lodge's folder in the Masonic Library, possibly by adding the trestle-board or programs from this year's events or a brief summary of the past year.

The Wayne District Masters and Wardens Association will hold its annual election of Officers at its April meeting. Nominations for President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer are open at this time.

Brother Marshall Francis is reminding all Brothers of our annual Golf Tournament the first Saturday in June. This year it will be at Big Oak Golf Course.

Brothers, in closing, I wish to remind you to think of our older members, widows, and the families of those serving in our armed forces. Several Brothers have been called to serve our Nation. Pray for their safe return.

**Drumlin Square**  
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R.W. William C. Jones  
315-986-9150  
Palmyra Masonic Hall  
161 E. Main St., Palmyra

The Widow's Night, held February 22nd, was a great success, attended by forty-five, twenty of whom were widows of our Lodge. It was requested that this event be continued, according to the widows able to attend, with the hopes in the future more will participate.

#### One-Day Class

By the time this article appears in the *Masonic Times*, the Grand Master's One-Day Class will be one of the most historical events in the annals of New York State Masonry. Hopefully, health and business permitting, our Lodge will have two new Brothers who have come into our Fraternity through this program. It's only sad we don't have more, but we can consider it a start in our rebuilding effort. It is up to us to make these new members feel at home.

With the education they are to receive during the Degrees and the follow-up classes, it is safe to say they will be afforded more education and have a better handle on all the aspects of the Fraternity than most of us "old-timers" who have taken a lifetime to acquire. Believe me, this follow-up education is extensive, and highly thought out. It would behoove any interested Brother, who wants to renew his dedication and be a better educated Mason, to attend. The Education Program was listed in the last edition of this paper, and I'm sure all will be welcome to attend. For more information on this program, contact the Secretary for dates and time.

#### Landmarks

On April 2nd, we will host a guest speaker on some very interesting and humorous landmarks in Wayne County. I will leave it at that; come and see for yourself. I am sure you will be entertained and leave with a richer history of the County. This will be an open meeting with a "pot luck" dinner, for all Brothers and their significant other halves, with supper starting at 6:30 p.m. Hopefully, we can encourage our new Brothers to attend so they can meet you in a more relaxed atmosphere, and they can become acquainted with all.

At the April 16th Communication we will welcome our newly raised Brothers into our Lodge to sign the By-Laws and to take part in the Walk-About Program. This has never been done in this Lodge and, to the best of my knowledge, in the Lodges before consolidation. This in itself will be a learning experience for all members.

An Ellis Island Medal of Honor recipient and successful entrepreneur, Nido Qubein, once said,

"No one can make you a leader by bestowing a title on you. Some of the most effective leaders have no titles as such. They are leaders simply because people are willing to follow them. They are good at helping their groups achieve consensus on common goals and at developing plans for achieving these goals."

Let us start to help our Fraternity to grow by being leaders in Wayne District.

### District Deputy Grand Master



Monroe  
District  
R.W.  
John E.  
Zabel  
223-3228

We are just into Spring, so it is time to start planning for the new Masonic year which starts right after the installation of new Officers in May and June. Derek and I are also starting to plan our Official Visits for next year. Therefore, it is time for the anticipated incoming Master of each Lodge in the Monroe District to plan for our Official Visit. There are several dates filled at this time, so we heartily suggest that you contact us for available dates. If we do not hear from a Lodge by the end of May, we will pick a date and expect the Lodge to honor it.

The Fall Program for the Lodges in the Monroe District should be the best that can be planned. Why? Because there are many new Brothers being created at the Grand Master's Class who will be looking for a good reason to attend Lodge meetings. The *24-Inch Gauge* is a good resource for program planning. The Masonic Service Association is another resource. They have many booklets, available at a nominal fee, which contain many interesting programs. Remember that Lodge programs are competing with many other events that can fill a Brother's time. Let us all strive to make our Lodge, and its programs, winners.

#### Grand Master's Class

This may reach you before the Grand Master's Class is held. I know that the event will be historic for the Monroe District. A similar event may not happen in my lifetime. I extend my heartiest congratulations to R.W. Richard Friedman, the site coordinator, and his very able team, for all the work they have done to prepare for and carry out the conferring of all three Degrees in one day. This task is monumental, but it is being accomplished.

I also thank Damascus Shrine for providing the book, *The Craft and Its Symbols*, by Allen Roberts, for each of the candidates at the Rochester venue and I thank the Valley of Rochester, AASR, for providing the Standard Work Ritual Book for each candidate. I thank the York Rite Bodies for their assistance in this event.

### Save the date!

May 24th

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These Concordant Bodies have done yeoman duty in helping make the Grand Master's Class a success.

This conferral could not have succeeded without the support of all the Brethren of the Craft. To those Brothers who brought in candidates, mentored, were in the Degree casts or just supported the event, I take my hat off to you. But let us not stop now. Let us keep bringing good men into our Fraternal fold and assist them in learning and applying the principles of our Craft.

**What is a Lodge?**

The question sounds easy to answer, but is it? Some may think that a Lodge is the building; some may think that it is the Brethren; and some may not have considered the question. The definition that I like to use is that a Lodge is a gathering of Brethren of the Craft who have joined together for several reasons.

One reason is mutual friendship. The Brethren of a Lodge enjoy each other's company and fellowship. The second reason is to bring like-minded individuals into their fold. Third is to confer the Degrees on candidates for membership in the Lodge. The place of meeting is not the Lodge.

In the early years of the Craft in this area, Lodges did not own buildings. The typical Lodge met in rooms rented for their use. The room could be in someone's home or the upper floor of a tavern. The place of meeting in the early years was not as important as the making of Masons, the assistance of Brothers in need and the fellowship of each other's company.

We, my Brothers, need to look at our own paradigm of what constitutes a Lodge. We need to evaluate the where and how we do the work of the Lodge. We need to look at the economics of our Lodge, where is the operating income coming from and where is it going. In some cases we may need to decide whether the building or the Brethren are our chief priority. In this vein, I, with the able assistance of R..W.. Derek VanHouten, will be putting together a team to look in the future and build a strategic plan for the Monroe District. I do not expect this activity to be completed in short order. This will be a continuing process of forward thinking and planning. The outcome of planning can be seen by looking at the Bodies who moved out of 875 Main Street East. There are lessons that every Lodge can learn from this experience. Of course, you will have to ask the Bodies about their experience and the lessons they can pass on to you.

2004

Derek and I will be leaving office in May of 2004. The process for finding our replacements will be starting soon. If you are interested in becoming a Grand Lodge Officer it is not too early to discuss the matter with either Derek or myself. We can give you a good idea of what the positions entail and the commitments that are required.

**Spring**

I am looking forward to a very nice Spring. I think that Winter has done its best to us and now it is time for some pampering. Spring, with new flowers, the return of the robin, and the disappearance of SNOW should lighten our hearts and prepare us for the pleasures of the Spring and Summer months. I know that

the skiers among us will be disappointed, but our snowbird friends will be returning to join us in Lodge. The seasons change, but return. The Craft changes, but stays the same.

Let us rededicate ourselves to our gentle Craft and its teachings, as Spring engulfs us.

**Grand Sword Bearer**



**Monroe**

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A hearty welcome to all new BROTHERS who took the time to attend the Grand Master's One-Day Class on March 29th. Whether you had taken one of the Degrees prior to the 29th or, because of time restraints in the past, you made the commitment to complete one of the most important decisions in your life...and that was to join us in the Fraternity of FREEMASONS.

We, the Brothers from the Monroe District, the Genesee/Wyoming District, the Ontario/Seneca/Yates District, the Livingston District, and the Wayne District, WELCOME you with a firm handshake and grip of a fellow Master Mason. As in any new venture there is much to learn and experience. Masonry is a worldwide Brotherhood; members can be found in almost every country and, as you have heard, we are the oldest Fraternity. In my travels, I have had the opportunity to meet Master Masons from the hills of Tennessee, across the seven seas to Europe and beyond. We all share, and are enlightened by, participation in the Fraternity.

In the booklet on Masonic Education it discusses the Duties, Privileges and Rights of a Master Mason. We won't explore everything that is covered there now. However, I wanted to quote the following: "there are many privileges which are also rights." They include having both a voice and a vote in the Lodges.

You also have the privilege of holding office in your Lodge and the right to apply for membership in several Masonic, or Masonic-related Bodies whose prerequisite for acceptance is that a petitioner must be a Master Mason in good standing.

There are many privileges that vary in detail, with availability, depending on local conditions and circumstances. A Lodge may do many things which are neither required nor prohibited, but are usually strongly encouraged. These include holding social affairs, providing special entertainment, offering special programs of one kind or another, involvement in community service projects, and so forth, according to its abilities and the desires of its membership. But, above all, your most important privilege, and the one that should always be in the forefront of your mind, is that Masonry in all its aspects, belongs to you to use and enjoy.

We are all here to enjoy each other's company; we stand ready to assist you on your journey as you discover the realms of our Masonic Fraternity. Please don't hesitate to ask for help or for an answer to a question. Hopefully, we can meet each of you and personally welcome you in the months ahead.

**RTTE**

On February 15th, we had a very successful Road to the East at Drumlin Square Lodge in Palmyra. Our thanks go out to the Brothers who made time in their busy schedules to attend or those who prepared presentations for the day. However, we were disappointed that more of the Senior Officers could not make it. Each year as this program is given, new opportunities for learning present themselves in this setting. It is important to prepare yourself by all means possible, to assure yourselves a smoother transition to when you are the Executive Officer of your Lodge and sit as Master.

I've rambled enough, but wanted to close with this: "Patriotism is standing firm and unselfish for the right, for the common good, for the peace and well-being of all; sacrificing self, if need be, and unafraid against all opposition." Til next time....

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As I write this, final preparations are underway for the March 29th One-Day Class. If any Master Masons would like to be spectators, it seems there will be seating available. Jacket and tie are the recommended attire.

From my point of view, the Ritual in our District has improved considerably and I commend the Lodges for the work they have done in this effort. It sure has made this job worthwhile.

**School of Ritual**

Please remember the next School of Ritual will be at Etolian Lodge on April 11th at 7:30 p.m. The work of the night will be "Masonic Jeopardy." Come on out and enjoy this format. It will be interesting and you will learn a lot while having a good time.

**My thanks to all**

This will be my last column as I have decided that, due to physical reasons, I can no longer perform to the degree which this position requires and I will relinquish my title as of the 1st of May. I'll still be around as a spectator, but not as a participant. My thanks to all my Brothers for their support these last three years. I hope I have served you well.

**Membership**

R..W.. Joseph Privitera  
Monroe District

**After March 29th**

What should happen when the Grand Master's Class is history? To begin with, I think a very large and special thanks should be given to our AGLs, R..W.. Keith Stambach, and V..W.. John Dyer, for all the work they did organizing this for the Rochester area.

Secondly, one can only hope that the Mentors live up to their duties and responsibilities. The job does not end on March 29th. It is one thing to get so many Brothers to join this Fraternity. The major task will be to retain these new Brothers in the Craft. This will be accomplished through instruction and training. It is not only the Mentor's responsibility, but all of our tasks, from

the Brother who is sitting in the East, his Officers, and those Brothers sitting on the sidelines. This is accomplished by demonstrating a good example, by being positive and constructive in our teachings and the way we treat others. It is also demonstrated in good Ritual, good programs and good social activities. For this effort, Brothers should put aside their own personal ambitions in the Craft and work for the benefit of this Fraternity.

**Widow's Luncheon**

I have been receiving inquiries on the Widow's Luncheon from several of the ladies. Not to worry. This activity is in good hands and I have been told that the Luncheon will be in May or June. Keep up the questioning. The squeaky wheel gets the grease! See you in Lodge.

**Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention**

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Brothers, there is much talk going around about marijuana and how it is harmless. BULL! Marijuana is, by far, the most popular drug among today's youth. Among kids 12 to 17 who use illicit drugs, approximately 60% use marijuana. While the average age of the first use has remained relatively steady, the number of eighth graders who have used the drug has doubled in the last decade. Despite popular belief, marijuana use can lead to dependency. In fact, marijuana sends more teens to treatment each year than any other illicit drug. Studies show that kids who use marijuana are more likely to get into trouble with the law, struggle in school, have delinquent friends, engage in unsafe sex, and end up in risky, dangerous situations. Here are some popular myths:

MYTH: Marijuana is harmless.  
MYTH: You can't get addicted to marijuana.  
MYTH: Marijuana won't hurt you, it's just a plant.

MYTH: Marijuana does not make you lose control, it just makes you mellow.


MYTH: Marijuana is not as popular as newer drugs, like ecstasy.

MYTH: There is not much parents, or anyone else, can do to stop kids from experimenting.

What do I say to all these myths? BULL!

**WEBSTER**

**Lodge No. 538**



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

Master  
W.. Brad Lewis  
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Secretary, Peter Bowers  
265-2526

30 Orchard St. Webster, 14580

As I am writing this article, the snow is melting and a weekend of warm temperatures is predicted. I hope this means Spring is coming; we'll find out.

**New Brothers**

I am very happy to welcome our newly raised Master Masons to Webster Lodge. Nicholas Watson and Bryan Ruppert are both tremendous additions to our Lodge.

Bernie Russell conferred the 3rd Degree for them, which was very well attended. Welcome, Bryan and Nick.

By the time you read this the One-Day Class will be history. At this time we have 13 candidates to receive the Degrees for this tremendous event. I am very excited about the renewal this could generate for our Lodge, and the benefits we can all receive from this many new members. I will always remember my Master's year as the year of the One-Day Class. Let's go out of our way to make these new Brothers feel welcome and included in Webster Lodge. I am very proud of the effort and enthusiasm we have shown so far - let's sustain it, Brothers.

**Condolences**

It is with sadness that I report the death of Mark Brook's father this past week. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Mark and his family at this difficult time.

**Orientation**

On April 3rd we will have an orientation walk-about and welcome to our new Brethren. Let's get a great turnout and show our newest members that Webster is a vibrant, active Lodge which they will be glad they have joined. Mentors should please try to make sure their candidates attend this meeting so they can sign the By-Laws.

April 17th will be our Awards Night where we recognize all those Masons who have reached milestones in their membership.

May 1st will be a speaker night. I am trying to line up a prominent Webster figure for that night. I will announce it as soon as that is finalized.

May 15th will be the Election of Officers, as well as, Move-Up Night.

I hope you all have a healthy, prosperous and joyful Spring.

**O-At-Ka**

**Lodge No. 759**

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

Master  
W.. Richard  
Fimbel  
494-1474

Secretary  
W.. Charles W. Crevison  
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5 Browns Avenue  
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Well, Spring is here, I think? **Grand Master's One-Day Class**

The Grand Master's One-Day Class was held March 29th. Several Brothers from Oatka attended along with two new Brothers. It was a big success, very interesting, and well done. Congratulations to the team of Brothers who worked so hard to make it a success.

**2nd Degree**

Our 2nd Degree was held on March 26th and went off without a hitch, thanks to brothers Charles Crevison and Chuck Piazza for their joint effort in conferring the Degree. Thanks to Brothers Chuck Piazza and Larry Blazey for another fine meal and the Brothers who participated.

**3rd Degree**

The 3rd Degree will be held on April 23rd and will be conferred by the Shrine Degree Team. Everyone should try to attend. The Shrine Degree Team puts on a first-rate Degree, and it is very enjoyable to see. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. Please call me at 494-1474 if you plan to attend dinner.

**Card Night**

Don't forget our monthly Game, the first Saturday of each month. 7:30 p.m. at the Lodge.



**CLIO**  
**LODGE No. 779**  
 1st & 3rd  
 Tuesdays  
 7:30 p.m.  
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 W. Gordon  
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 Secretary  
 W. Sean Noonan 392-8156  
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On Saturday, March 29th, our four candidates became Masons at the Grand Master's One-Day Class. Their Mentors, W. Stu Brickman, Brothers Scott Blystone, Sante Panella and I, along with all Clio Lodge Brothers and Officers, invite you to "WELCOME NEW BROTHERS NIGHT" on Tuesday, April 1st. The evening will start at 6:15 p.m. with a Ham Dinner by Leah Chapter No. 183, OES, followed by our regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. The program will be the Walk About Section of the LSome Program, preformed for our new Brothers in accordance with the Grand Master's Charge. W. Gordie Smith and W. David Upham will do a formal Bible and Apron Presentation, followed by the signing of Clio Lodge's By-Laws. Parts of this program will be conducted by our Past DDGM, Past Masters, Current DSAs and members.

#### Ox Roast

The annual Ox Roast will be held on Saturday, May 3rd, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. For tickets, please call Scott Brickman at 581-2941, Gordie Smith at 392-9261 or me at 392-8156.

#### Traveling Gavel

As of this writing, the Traveling Gavel still resides at Etolian

Lodge in South Hilton. W. Gordie Smith is putting together another raiding party and hopefully, as you read this, the Traveling Gavel will once again be displayed in the East at Clio Lodge.

#### Meetings

Regular meetings with the program for both being the LSome for our new Brothers are on April 1st and 15th.

Spaghetti Dinners are April 9th and 23rd. By the way, Brothers, at the March 12th Spaghetti Dinner, some commotion was heard behind the Lodge and upon investigation Brother Myron Waterman was found with his dogsled team fresh from the North country. Naturally he was put right to work by Master Sergeant Jones and Corporal Mitchell. How great it was to have fellowship with Brother Myron and the spaghetti benders.

#### Happy Birthday

April birthday wishes go out to Brothers Dana Aucter, David Benoit, Karl Brandt, Harry DeHollander, Jack Johnson, Maurice Northrup, Sante Panella, Dave Partiss, Dale Palmateer, David Seegar and Denny Wright.

In closing, I need to remind everyone that the *Masonic Times* articles are submitted on the 10th of the current month for publication in the following month's issue. Many times news, events, etc., which occur after the 10th and aren't made known to us, won't appear in the upcoming issue. Sometimes an event is known and written about but a change or addition occurs after the 10th. Please keep this in mind if your item is missing.

Again, Brothers, we hope to see a great turnout on April 1st, as we welcome our new Brothers.

Leon Randall, who was able to open early on opening day and made extra money. I also worked extra time, including a shift at Marketplace Mall.

#### Spring egg hunt

Etolian Lodge and the Lion's Club of Spencerport are conducting a Spring egg hunt for blind and visually impaired youth, ages 5 to 18, on April 19th at 2:00 p.m. It will be at Pineway Park, same building in which we have our picnic. If you would like to help out, come at noon. The event will end at 4:00 p.m.

#### Traveling Gavel

On February 18th, 11 Brothers from Etolian joined me to go to Clio Lodge and claim the Traveling Gavel. Thanks to Mike Edelman, Ed Gillott, Dan Homa, Ruel Lovett, Jan Lughart, Bill Mason, Art McMichael, Bill Miller, Jim Powell, Karl Reich and Chet Riley, and all who were there on prior attempts.

**Charlotte/Corinthian**  
**Lodge No. 1088**  
 1st & 3rd Tues.  
 7:30 p.m.  
 Master  
 R. W. Clifford  
 A. Short  
 225-0646  
 C. William Flemming, DSA  
 Secretary 723-0083  
 4650 Lake Avenue  
 Rochester, 14812

#### Condolences

It is with great sadness that I report that Brother Eino Laakso was called home by the Great Architect of the Universe on Sunday, March 2nd. Brother Eino was a longtime member of Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge, and a friend and Brother to all of us. He will be truly missed. A graveside Service for Brother Laakso was held on March 7th, and a Memorial Service will be held on April 13, at Bethany Presbyterian Church, at 1:45 p.m. Please join us on this day, in remembering Brother Laakso.

#### Busy time

It is hard for me to believe that my term is almost over as your Master. In one way, I look forward to passing the gavel to your next Master. In another way, I'm sure that for a period of time, I will feel sorry that it is almost over. I have been busier these last three years than even I could have imagined, but I would not have traded the friendships I have made, nor the Brotherhood that I have experienced for anything in this world. I have been truly blessed that I was chosen to represent the Brothers of Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge, both in the State of New York, and in the Monroe District. It is a time I will cherish for the rest of my life, and I thank each and every one of you for the trust you have shown in me, and for your guidance along my way.

However, my year has not ended quite yet; there is still much work to be accomplished. As you read this article, there are six Brothers from Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge diligently studying for the Grand Master's One-Day Degree Class on March 29th. Every Charlotte/Corinthian Brother should be proud of the fact that six of our Brothers were chosen, from the five surrounding Districts, and will be participating in the conferral of these Degrees. The Brothers who will have parts in the Degrees are: R. W. Dave Jones, V. W. John Dyer, W. Tom Grape, Brother Keith Freeman, Brother Mike Hueston, and myself. I do hope as many Brothers as possible will come on March 29th, to East Rochester High School Auditorium, to support our candidates and Brothers. This may be the only time any of us will get to witness this type of event, so you don't want to miss it. The 1st Degree will commence about 8:10 a.m., and the Degrees will continue throughout the day.

At our first meeting in April, the program for the evening will be a LSome presentation, coordinated by our Chaplain, R. W. Jim De Lorenzo. This will give our newly raised Brothers a great start on their Masonic journeys.

Friday, April 11th, at Etolian Lodge in Spencerport, is the date of the LAST School of Ritual for

this year. If Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge is to continue its tradition of winning the Attendance Banner, we will need the help of as many Brothers as can make it that evening. If rides are a concern, I'm sure they can be arranged. Call me, at 225-0464 (home), or on my cell phone at 746-1548, if you need a way to get to Spencerport.

Ben Franklin will be visiting Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge on April 15th. We will be suspending business that evening in favor of our distinguished guest. Senior Warden Andy Alvarez will be coordinating a Chicken and Dumping Dinner for those who would like to join us at 6:00 p.m. Please call our Junior Warden, Keith Freeman, for dinner reservations, at 544-1149, or me, at 225-0464. Our program will start promptly at 7:30 p.m. This program is open to Brothers, families, and friends. All we ask is a count by April 10th of how many will be attending. Please get your reservation in as early as possible.

I will see you in Lodge. □

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If there is still snow on the ground and the temperature hasn't gotten above 50 degrees by the time you get this...

If everything went according to plan, we should have two new members who have just come through the Grand Master's One-Day Class. This is a good start, but we need to keep working on bringing in new members. Other Lodges had five, eight and even eleven new members come in through this process. There are men out there who want to be Masons. Let's help them become Fame Brothers!

#### Milestones

Our first meeting in April is the 8th and it will be Awards Night. We will be recognizing our members who have reached significant milestones in their Masonic lives. The meeting will be preceded by a Buffet Dinner at 6:30 p.m., featuring Pepper Steak, potatoes, vegetable, salad, rolls and butter. The cost per person is \$7.00 and reservations are required.

The second meeting, on the 22nd, will be our Annual Memorial Service where we honor our Brothers who have gone before us and are with the Great Architect. As per custom, our ladies will be invited to join us for the Memorial Service part of the meeting. This meeting will be preceded by a Pot Luck Dinner, also at 6:30 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table service.

Don't forget, our ladies are encouraged to join us at our Pot Luck Dinners!

#### Share ideas

Normally we would be having an Officers' and Trustees' meeting on Tuesday the 15th, but due to unforeseen circumstances, that meeting will be rescheduled for Tuesday, April 29th at 7:00 p.m. Again, these meetings are not closed and any of you who would like to share ideas on how to make our Lodge better, are warmly welcome!

Brotherhood Chairman, Keith Moore, tells me that contributions have slowed to a trickle. If you haven't made your donation yet, please do so!

Just a reminder, dues are due! Please remit your dues to our Secretary, Leon VanHuben, as soon as possible. If you already have, thank you again!

#### Condolences

The Great Architect has summoned two more of our Brothers to their eternal rest. Sincere condolences are extended to the families and friends of Brother Chuck Miller and W. Robert Smith. They have laid aside the working tools of life.

If any of you know of any of our Brothers in sickness or distress, please call one of your Officers. I would rather hear any news from three to four or more people, than not hear from anyone.

Please let us know if there is something you would like to see as a program at Lodge. We'll see if we can accommodate it.

Last, but not least, happy birthday to all our Brothers with birthdays in April!

See you at Lodge. □

**ERAC**  
**Lodge No. 163**  
 2nd & 4th Mon.  
 7:30 p.m.  
 Master  
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 423-1965  
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 346-4380  
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It has been a long, very cold Winter, as well as a busy one. Our main activity, as we all know, has been preparation for the Grand Master's One-Day Class on March 29th.

At ERAC we must be happy that the severe Winter weather has not been able, so far, to make us cancel any of our stated communications. I'm proud to announce that we took a double-digit number of candidates to the Grand Master's Class.

#### Great job

I thank all ERAC's Brothers who have made our Lodge look great by bringing candidates to the Grand Master's Class. I'm also very proud to know that many of ERAC's Brothers have volunteered to be part of the Grand Master's Class Degree Team.

Thumbs up for my dear Brothers Rich Friedman, Lewis Perna, Steve Lysenco, James Jenerson and John Crough, for the excellent work they did hosting the mentoring training session in our Lodge on March 8th.

#### Helping our own

Brother Richard Schmanke will be undergoing arm surgery on March 21st. The nerve in his left arm has not recovered in the last nineteen-months, as the doctor had hoped. Rich will be out of work and alone for six weeks or more. Please volunteer to help him, or at least call him at (315) 524-2471. For those of you who don't know, Rich takes care of our Lodge building more than any of us do.

#### Important date

April 19th is our Holiday Brother Visitation Day, which we traditionally hold in December but were unable to do last year. This is a great opportunity to reconnect with our senior Brothers. Please put it down on your calendar. □

**ETOLIAN**  
**Lodge No. 479**  
 2nd & 4th  
 Mondays  
 7:30 p.m.  
 Master  
 W. James E.  
 Toogood  
 594-2189  
 Secretary  
 W. Michael Schwartz 352-4018  
 133 South Union Street, Spencerport 14559

#### April events

The School of Ritual will be Friday, April 11th at 7:30 p.m.  
 April 17th is the High Twelve Lunch.

#### Thanks

My thanks to all who helped on the Have-a-Heart Campaign. Special thanks to Karl-Heinz Reich and Art McMichael, who were there at opening and closing for all 14 days, to Dan Homa, who put in extra time, and to



At the Have-a-Heart booth at the Mall at Greece Ridge Center, Brothers David Horne, Arthur McMichael and James Toogood from Etolian Lodge assist unidentified donors. (Photo courtesy Karl-Heinz Reich)



### Churchville Lodge No. 667

2nd & 4th  
Weds. 7:30 p.m.  
Master  
W. Franklin  
D. Higgins  
544-1952  
Secretary  
W. George  
R. Burke,  
293-1629  
www.geocities.com/churchvillelodge667  
20 S. Main St. Churchville 14428

Hello, again, Brethren. I just have three things to report this month. The Table Lodge was a success, in spite of the attendance of the Brethren of Churchville Lodge. One individual has not claimed his sword from the Table Lodge. Brethren, I urge each and everyone of you to attend the Grand Master's One-Day Class, to be held at East Rochester High School, 200 Woodbine Avenue, East Rochester.

### Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154

2nd & 4th Mon.  
7:30 p.m.  
Master,  
W. Steven  
S. Xander  
223-7162  
Sec. W. Theodore  
J. Snyder, 467-0165  
Asst. W. Donald C. Bell, 334-7768  
1822 Penfield Road, Penfield 14626

**Have-a-Heart Campaign**  
Wakan/Hubbard Lodge again supported the District-wide charity effort, Have-a-Heart, to benefit the Ronald McDonald House of Rochester. The Masons of this region raised \$12,691.28 for this worthy cause. I thank those Brothers and their ladies for participating in this effort by working our two days at East View Mall. Those who joined me in manning our booth were Art Johnson, Paul Kober, Frank Rechlin, Angelo and Karen DiCataldo, Don McDill and Sherwin and Virginia Isaacs.

**One-Day Class**  
We had nine applicants scheduled to take their Degrees on March 29th. We also had one affiliation, making the total 10 new Brothers. Thanks to R. W. A. John Tijou and the Investigating Committee for the great effort put forth to get these candidates ready to take their Degrees. The legwork and paperwork were very substantial for this event.

We had to hold an emergency meeting to make the March 15th balloting deadline. I thank our Senior Warden, Joe Oelgoetz, for conducting that meeting. I also thank our mentors for instructing and guiding our new Brothers before, during and after the three Degrees. Thanks to the Brothers who submitted these petitions to the Lodge. Hopefully, this Class will help revitalize our Lodge!

**Sickness and distress**  
Dan Jones has had an extended illness and is in Rochester General Hospital.

Carl Busack is now in the Highlands in Brighton, 5901 Lac-DeVille Blvd., Rochester, 14618. Carl has had pneumonia and is still weak, but he is now able to

get around using a walker. He said he would like to get back to Lodge when he is feeling up to it. In the meantime, he would welcome visitors.

**Masonic Scholarships**  
Time is running out to register for the Grand Lodge Masonic Scholarship Program. The application package must be completed and postmarked no later than April 12th.

**April meetings**  
At our April 14th meeting, the new line of Officers will be in the stations and places they will occupy during the ensuing Masonic year. Please come out for this annual Move-Up Night. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Our April 28th meeting will be preceded by a Roast Beef Dinner, furnished by the Irondequoit Chapter of the Eastern Star. There will not be a Degree that night, but our new Brothers from the Grand Master's One-Day Class will be our guests for dinner. Please make every effort to come out to Lodge to meet and welcome these new Master Masons to Wakan/Hubbard Lodge.

### Union Star Lodge No. 320

3 North Main Street  
Honeoye Falls, 14472  
2nd Mon.  
7:30 p.m.  
Master  
W. Gary R.  
Sanford  
425-4248  
Sec. Robert Sweeney  
(h) 381-5286; (w) 464-6316  
38 Cullens Run, Pittsford, 14534

The Shriner's Past Masters' Degree Team conferred the 3rd Degree on our new Brothers, Scott May, Eugene Gordon and Keith Banister, on February 24th. Thanks for the fine work.

For the Grand Master's Class, we will be having another three, possibly four, candidates participating. This is good news and a positive move in increasing our membership in a great Fraternity.

**Sickness**  
As many of you have heard, Jerry Wiedemann is in Strong Hospital at the time of this writing. I know we all wish him a steady recovery.

**Condolences**  
We have lost one of our Brothers, Harwood Menz, who was called by the Supreme Architect of the Universe on February 12th. Harwood was a member with us for over 50 years. May the blessing of God be with his family and may he rest in Peace.

**Brotherhood Fund**  
There is still time to make your donation to the Brotherhood Fund. There are nine different categories for your selection this year.

**April Activities**  
Our regular meeting this month will consist of all the Officers moving up one station. Officers, please be prepared for this task. We will be having a regular Fellowcraft meeting on April 28th.

**May**  
It is that time of year when we will be electing our Officers for the next year. Please be sure to attend our meeting on May 12th. Our Fellowcraft will be meeting

on May 26th and will be looking for assistance from our Brothers for the yearly fundraiser "Festival on The Green." This will be held on Fathers' Day weekend, which is June 14th and 15th.

### Craftsman Robertson Lodge No. 969

1st & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Master  
W. Duane  
Smith  
473-6195  
Secretary  
W. Thomas W. Kendig  
1-315-524-4063  
979 Bay Road, Webster, 14580

By W. Skip Waterstreet  
Much nicer, albeit still Wintry, weather greeted us for our second meeting at the Damascus Shrine Center. We welcomed back to the East our Master, W. Duane Smith, who seems completely recovered from his mild stroke, and who reported the doctors were pleased with his recovery.

**Others in need**  
Brother Earl Pearce was back in Lodge for the first time since his knee replacement surgery and rehabilitation. His return was further complicated by a flu bug that raced through the facility where he was having his therapy. He chastised me for not reporting his status in my column last month, and rightly so. I apologize to you, Brother Earl...it was a Senior Moment! The next time it occurs, I won't let it happen again.

W. Volney Frankel, suffering from flu-like symptoms, stayed home rather than "share" any illness he might develop...and he did. He's feeling better now, but his wife, Dorothy, has been having a respiratory problem and spent a few days in the hospital. She should be home now, and feeling better.

Brother Bob Traub is still a little unsteady with his broken arm and opted to miss the meeting. He expected to be back in the swing of things by the dinner meeting on the 25th.

Still on the subject of sickness and distress, R. W. Vern Goodrich has had several tests to help establish his treatment program. While there are no decisions on what steps will be taken next, as I write this, he spent a few days in Florida so the warm weather would help defrost his brain cells and permit him to think more clearly. (Actually, he attended a Shrine function.)

Jayne Ogden, Brother Bob's wife, has made good recovery from her knee replacement surgery and rehabilitation and is back home. Brother Bob is making sure she doesn't exert herself too much and suffer a relapse.

The seriousness of W. Bill Hook's mother's illness was mentioned last month. Berea passed away on February 27th. The sympathy of the Lodge was extended to Brother Bill, Helen, and the Hook family.

**From the Master**  
I hope you all will make a special effort to attend our meeting on April 1st. We will welcome all of our newly raised Brothers...no foolin'! They will be asked to sign the By-Laws, consummating their membership in Craftsman Robertson Lodge. Other plans include disseminating some protocol information, Masonic Etiquette, and reinforcement of some of the material they received at the Grand Master's One-Day Class. If at all possible, please join us in the celebration.

The Lodge hosted a dessert and coffee mini-reception for the Candidates and their Mentors at The Nutcracker on Empire Boulevard on March 15th. This gave everyone a chance to meet everyone else, distribute some of the information the potential members needed to know, and to make arrangements for meeting and car pooling to the East Rochester venue to help reduce possible parking problems.

Candidates and their spouses were invited to our dinner meeting on the 25th, giving them a further opportunity to meet and be greeted by Lodge Brothers on a social basis.

**Job not done!**  
The unique circumstances under which our new Brothers have been admitted to the Fraternity, requires a greater participation from each of you in their Masonic lives than may normally be the case. It already has been promoted to them what a warm and friendly Lodge Craftsman Robertson is and how lucky they are to be joining the best Lodge in the Monroe District. All of you should be ready to assist our new members (any new members in-

cluded) with answers to questions they might have on the Fraternity, the Ritual, Concordant Bodies, or any other topic which they might want to learn on Masonry.

The Mentor to each of our new Brothers will do his best to provide the majority of this information. Your reinforcement is encouraged and solicited. The old adage, "Two heads are better than one," certainly could apply here. You may think of something to discuss that the Mentor might not; you may belong to allied Bodies which the Mentor does not. Feel free to help our Brothers, old and new, develop a comfort zone. It will aid them in their willingness to attend our meetings and functions and, in the long run, be building a stronger, more friendly Lodge.

**April Celebrations**  
The following Brothers share April birthdays: Glenwood Ide, Earl Lenhard, Earl Martin, Richard Militello, Arnold Raymond, Ronald Sterling, Charles Sutton, Robert Thompson, Derek Van Houten, David Ververs and Carmen Vitali. Happy Birthday to you from your Lodge Brothers. See you in Lodge.

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# Scottish Rite NEWS

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Lodge of Perfection



## Commander-in-Chief



Stephen R. Whittaker, 33°

## Get Ready for the April 26th Scottish Rite One-Day Class!

On April 26th, there will be another historic "first" in our organization. This is the One-Day conferral of the Scottish Rite Degrees on a Master Mason. This will take place at R.L. Thomas High School in Webster. For the Western New York venue, the Valleys of Buffalo, Corning, Jamestown and Rochester will be conducting the conferral. This is a unique opportunity to "Reach Out and Say Hello" and secure new members for the Valley. For further information or assistance, please call the Valley of Rochester Office at 264-1160. We look forward to having a large class of candidates!

### Our Most Senior Member

Please "Reach Out and Say Hello" to our oldest living member, Sublime Prince William Lennox, 32°. April 9th marks his 102nd birthday. Happy Birthday, Bill, and many more along the way. Bill served as the District Deputy Grand Master of the [former] First Monroe District, exactly fifty years before your Commander-in-Chief! It was a pleasure to see him and his daughter out for lunch a couple of weeks ago. Bill looks great!

### Welcome to our Community

We learned that ninety-six year old Ill. Howard Amos, 33°, recently moved to the Gables on South Clinton Avenue. His daughter moved him and her mother here from Hartford, CT,

to be closer to family members. Ill. Brother Amos was coroneted a 33rd Degree Mason in 1978 in the same class as Ill. Rodney R. Rittenhouse, 33°, and Ill. Lawrence Hood, 33°, of the Valley of Rochester.

### Feast of Adar Table Lodge

Special thanks to Sublime Princes Joseph Oelgoetz, 32°, Dr. George Nasra, 32°, and Norman P. Austin, 32°, for their leadership in providing an appropriate "Table Lodge" to observe this Supreme Council Obligatory Day. Most appropriate were the remarks delivered by Sublime Prince Richard C. Friedman, 32°, which focused on caring, sharing, growing, being positive and "Reaching Out and Saying Hello." As a Past Junior Grand Warden of our Grand Lodge of New York, he was the local organizer for the Grand Master's One-Day Class for the Rochester venue.

Thank you very kindly for your special dedication, commitment and support on behalf of the Valley of Rochester.

### Solemn Feast of the Paschal Lamb

Please make every effort to attend this year's observance on Thursday, April 3rd. There is a dinner at 6:00 p.m., followed by the observance beginning at 8:00 p.m. This year's Officers of the Chapter of Rose Croix look forward to hosting the guest speaker, Most Worshipful and Ill. Dr. Bruce W. Widger, 33°, Past Deputy for New York, Active Member Emeritus of Supreme Council and Past Grand Master of Masons in The State of New York. This celebration will be held at the Doud Post [Rick's Prime Rib] at 898 Buffalo Road. This new place will be an interesting approach to this traditional Observance. We look forward to having you attend!

### Valley Calendar

April 17th - 7:30 p.m., at Fairport Lodge. Meeting subject: Presentation of the Valley's Strategic Plan.

April 26th - 8:00 a.m. at RL Thomas High School. Meeting

subject: One-Day Conferral of Scottish Rite Degrees

May 10th - 6:00 p.m. at Party House, Beahan Road. Meeting subject: Annual Banquet.

May 15th - 7:30 p.m. at Damascus Shrine Center. Meeting subject: Annual Election and Installation of Officers.

June 19th - 7:30 p.m. at Wakan/Hubbard Lodge. Meeting subject: Officer Overview.

July 20th - 2:00 p.m. at Brighton High School [12 Corners], and the 32° Masonic Learning Center at 3300 Monroe Avenue. Event: Dedication of the Frank & Bette Paul Learning Center by Sovereign Grand Commander Ill. Robert O. Ralston, 33°.

Grand Master's One-Day Craft Lodge Class: Special thanks to all who participated in this effort. The Valley of Rochester was very privileged to have had the opportunity to present a Craft Lodge Ritual Book to all of the newly created Master Masons.

### Errata

Choir participants: for those who have expressed an interest in participation in reunions by singing, please call the office and let us know.

Weekly Coffee Hour at the Valley Office: for those who have mentioned they would like to visit the office once a week or so to assist, please call and let us know who you are. We can always use a helping hand!

Grand Lodge "Adopt a Veteran Program": if you know of a Brother who is on Active duty with the military, please let your Lodge know promptly so that he can be recognized and enable us to reach out to his family during this time of need.

Validation of Valley's Worker List: please return your form to Assistant Secretary Chuck Spiegel, so that he can complete this task.

### Fives Worksheet Simplified

List FIVE men whom you know would make a good Master Mason and invite them to join.

List FIVE Master Masons whom you know and invite them to become 32° Freemasons.

List FIVE 32° Freemasons who are not active and invite them to participate in our Valley's activities.

Special thanks to the Office Staff, Officers and Leadership of our Valley for their dedication, commitment and support of our Valley's activities.

Think out loud, stick to basics, be kind.

## 1st Lieutenant Commander

By Robert D. Pedersen

### Feast of the Pascal Lamb

The Chapter of Rose Croix will present this year's Feast. It is the only ceremony offered to the general public. Everyone is invited to observe this beautiful and symbolic celebration of the Feast, a Memorial Service, honoring our Brethren who have passed to their eternal reward during the preceding year. During this Mystic Banquet, we seem to sense their spirit as we strengthen the ties of Brotherly love which bind our hearts in holy remembrance. We meet to express our faith as we symbolically break the bread and drink the wine of fraternal love, while becoming aware that the only hope of a better world still abides in the simple command; "Love one another."

Join us on April 3rd for this Ceremony which will commence at 8:00 p.m., at Rick's Prime Rib, Buffalo Road. No reservations are necessary for the Ceremony.

## Valley of Rochester, A.A.S.R



## SOLEMN FEAST of the PASCHAL LAMB

Thursday, April 3, 2003

Rick's Prime Rib - 898 Buffalo Road

Dinner - 6:00 p.m. Observance - 8:00 p.m.

### Note

A dinner will be presented at 6:00 p.m. Dinner reservations a must; call the office 264-1160, or 1-800-858-2320, no later than Tuesday noon April 1st, for details.

### Welcome, new Master Masons

The Grand Lodge has just completed its largest endeavor, the Grand Master's One-Day Class, March 29th. As we welcome our newly raised Brothers, we must never forget the lessons taught; Friendship, Equality, and Brotherly Love. It is the responsibility of all Master Masons, their respective Symbolic Lodge(s), and all Concordant Bodies to continue to educate, and nurture these newly raised Brothers in these ideals.

### Continue the Good Work

Freemasonry has given to each of us, a vision and purpose: making good men better. We know this because we have a proven model which has withstood the test of time. Our Fraternity is based upon common elements which we all share, understand and appreciate. It is the responsibility of each of us, in whatever office or role, we have been assigned or given. It makes no difference whether you hold an elected or appointed office; whether it be the Potentate or Noble, Commander-in-Chief or Sublime Prince, High Priest, or Companion, Worshipful Master or Entered Apprentice. Offer your help; it is always needed. If you haven't asked to help, "shame on you." Maybe you asked, but were ignored, "shame on us" all. Offer again. Show your support. Always Re-Member the Blue Lodge. It is the foundation of Freemasonry, as it weakens, so do we. As it is strengthened, we make stronger our fraternal ties.

If any Brother, Officer, or Symbolic Lodge requires any assistance in this never-ending education, please contact your Scottish Rite Ambassador, or the Scottish Rite office.

### Join 32° Masonry

The Scottish Rite - New York State Council of Deliberation will present to any Master Mason the opportunity to join their ranks on Saturday, April 26th. There will be five (5) locations throughout the State; the closest venue will be in Webster.

Expand your knowledge of Freemasonry; apply those ideals which you have been taught, as we enhance the moral and ethical spirit. You will be among men who are committed to building a world that values the worth of an individual; a world that allows every child to reach his or her potential.

As Scottish Rite members, you will help support our National

Heritage Museum, the Abbott Scholarship Program, Schizophrenic Foundation, and our 32nd Degree Masonic Learning Centers for Children (the only one in New York State is located in Rochester).

Contact the office by phone at 264-1160, or 1-800-858-2320, or e-mail: [srmasons@rochester.rr.com](mailto:srmasons@rochester.rr.com).

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# York Rite NEWS

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## District Deputy Grand High Priest



27th  
District  
RAM

R.E. Benjamin P. Thorp, Jr.  
(585) 346-6542 ddgdp27

Grand Chapter is behind us and we can look forward to an exciting year with our new Grand High Priest, M.E. David F. Stoy. His theme for the year can be summarized by three letters, CPC. They stand for Communication, Program and Companionship. I will not go into detail here, as I will expound on these during my visits.

When this goes to press, I shall have already completed two of my visits; Dansville No. 91 and Hiram No. 62. I will be visiting 3X3 on April 8th.

On my Visits I will be accompanied by our new AGL, V.E. George R. Springett. He will be making an Official Visit to each Chapter in the Fall. Yes, you read that correctly, per the Grand High Priest, the AGLs will be making an Official Visit to all the Chapters. The Chapters will be expected to perform the Mark Master Mason Degree in its entirety, including the Questions and Answers. They will be evaluated and a report sent in to Grand Chapter. Hopefully, we can do this with candidates. I know our Grand Lecturer, R.E. William Zufall, will be communicating this to the Chapters, also.

I am planning to have a meeting in the Spring with the Council Officers of all the Chapters, and any Companions who would like to attend, for the purpose of exchanging ideas, etc., to better work together to improve our District. We will be having a District picnic/meeting at Bill Kuehne's Summer residence in Naples, but the date has not been firmed up yet.

I am looking forward to an exciting and productive year in the 27th District. We had a few bumps in the road for all the York Rite Bodies last year, so let's make this a banner year for all of us.

Before I close I express my thanks to Bob and Linda Zahn for all they do for us at Grand Chapter. Every year they set up our hospitality suite so we have a place for some rest and relaxation and plenty of snacks and beverages. They do a bang-up job and make it look so easy. But, as we all know, it takes a lot of work. Thank you both.

Well my Companions, that's all for now. I am looking forward to seeing you all soon.

## District Deputy Grand High Priest

29th District  
RAM



R.E. Leonard Mason  
492-1813

To some of you, this may sound like an echo from Grand Chap-

ter, which was held on March 7th and 8th. It was enjoyable and enlightening this year with our recent Past Grand High Priest and those following in line.

The Past Grand High Priest, M.E. Edmund "Ted" Harrison, has been a very dynamic and energetic individual and now he is followed by M.E. David Stoy, who will be an energetic and vigorous leader.

He has set as his acronym, CPC. Communication, Program and Companionship. I will be to every Chapter in the near future to expand on each of these. The newly appointed Assistant Grand Lecturer, V.E. Dennis Parmenter, will be with me. I am eager to get started on my term and I know from my past contact with the present Officers in each Chapter that they will succeed, but they will need the help of all the membership.

One very interesting note, while I was at Grand Chapter, the Grand Lecturer asked if I had seen his report. To make a long story short, he had the 29th Capitular District listed as one of the TOP 3 in the State, relative to the work exemplified last year at the Grand Lecturers Convention, held in Attica. He had rated each District in the State for the work done at the Convention and ours was at the top. I believe this shows that our District is capable of doing good work, true work, square work. This year at the Convention in LeRoy Chapter, to be held April 22nd, I would appreciate a good turnout for those taking part, as well as for you, to see that good work is being done. There will be information coming out as to the time for the dinner and events of the evening. Plan on being there; I am expecting the same recognition we received this past year.

## Assistant Grand Lecturer

27th  
Capitular  
District



V.E. George R. Springett

I express my sincere thanks to both R.E. William R. Zufall, Grand Lecturer, and R.E. Benjamin Thorp, District Deputy Grand High Priest, for my appointment as the District's Assistant Grand Lecturer. It will be a pleasure to assist you and your Chapter during this next year.

The proper presentation of the Ritual is foremost in having a successful Chapter and is a request of the Grand High Priest that it be given correctly. To properly recite the Ritual, you should use the red covered Ritual book, issued by Grand Chapter. The reason for not using the expanded English version is due to the numerous errors which it contains.

My other objective is to be able to explain the meaning of the Ritual and its symbolism. This is an area of knowledge we can help each other for the improvement of ourselves and Royal Arch Masonry overall. I look forward to hearing your comments and discussions as we learn together.

You may reach me either by phone at 247-3557, or e-mail at Grand\_Poohbaa@msn.com for further discussion or assistance.

See you in the quarries.  
Peace, love and unity.

## Hiram Chapter



No. 62  
2nd & 4th  
Thursdays  
7:30 p.m.

E. Charles M. Roberts, High Priest  
225-6533

E. Dennis K. Gelliasch, Secretary  
265-3993

17 Church Street, Pittsford 14634

You probably have wondered what has happened to Hiram Chapter since the last article in the *Masonic Times*. At our January 9th convocation we had the pleasure of receiving M.E. Edmund D. Harrison, our Grand High Priest, and his traveling companion, R.E. John Konvalin. At this convocation we installed the elected and appointed Officers for the Chapter, except for the High Priest and Secretary. Due to the trauma of our departure from the Downtown Masonic Temple and our relocation to Northfield, we had to elect a new High Priest at the next summoned convocation for that purpose.

During this convocation, we received an initial report from the appointed Committee of Grand Chapter. R.E. Thomas Paglia, R.E. William Zufall and myself, as Chairman, commented on the process to assist Hiram Chapter in rebuilding its peace, love and unity, and encouraging the Chapter to move forward.

M.E. Edmund Harrison gave an inspiring and tremendous talk on Hiram Chapter's strong historical journey by quoting from High Priests of the Chapter as far back as 1943. Following this presentation, R.E. John Konvalin did a marvelous presentation from memory of Rudyard Kipling's Masonic poem. The evening's work clarified, energized and gave hope to all who were present. From this sideline, I believe the Chapter made a positive turn toward the future and that the Companions present felt the same. Yes, this journey has been a tumultuous one, but it has not overtaken the Chapter.

Upon the close of the Chapter convocation, under my leadership as Grand Chaplain, we journeyed from Ionic Hall with all banners and holy vessels of the tabernacle, as our ancient Hebrew ancestors did while in the wilderness. We "packed up our tent," so to speak, and went on our journey to Northfield Lodge.

We arrived at Northfield Lodge and, after considerable unpacking, pitched our tent.

At our January 23rd convocation we were to elect a New High Priest. Due to the inclement weather that evening we were unable to open due to the insufficient constitutional number of Companions being present, so this action item was placed on the trestleboard for the February 13th convocation.

At our February 13th Convocation we opened the Chapter with twenty-three Companions present and upon a unanimous vote of the Chapter membership, I was elected High Priest for 2003. Under the direction of the Installing Team of R.E. Raymond Beard-

sley, R.E. Thomas Paglia and E. James Nersinger, both the High Priest Elect and Secretary-elect were installed into their respective offices. My thanks to the Installing Team for a job well done.

At this convocation, following a delicious Swiss Steak Dinner, we preceded with the conferral of both the Mark Master Mason Degree and the Past Master Degree upon two of our five candidates who could be present. I must congratulate the cast for a job well done, even with some last minute cast changes. I believe the membership of the Chapter again that evening expressed a positive, hope-filled forward vision. I know the two candidates were truly thankful.

Companions, that brings us to the convocation of February 27th. This convocation was summoned as required by Grand Chapter's dispensation. We had eighteen Companion members and one guest Companion present. This was my first convocation as Installed High Priest. We opened in due form, and I wish to say to the elected and appointed Officers congratulations for a nearly flawless opening. Thank you for your willingness to serve Hiram Chapter and I know we will strive together for excellence as we journey forward.

The Chapter was informed of my trestleboard, appointed committees, and aspirations for our future convocations and work together. The Chapter, on proper motion, adopted the proposed 2003 Budget. All of this information is available from the Chapter Secretary for any member of the Chapter. Upon a proper motion from the floor, the members of Hiram Chapter present approved Northfield Lodge to be its "permanent" home by a 2/3 majority of the members voting. This was another sign that the Chapter had turned toward a positive grace-filled future. Thank you Companions for your trust; together we move forward creating our new history, looking back for insight but trusting the Almighty God for the days ahead.

March was a very active month. The Grand Chapter convened March 7th - 8th in Albany. Most Excellent David F. Stoy was elected as the new Grand High Priest for the ensuing year. His theme for the year will be summarized as CPC. The letters stand for Communications, Programs and Companionship.

The Grand Lecturer's Convention for the 27th Capitular District was March 11th at Dansville Chapter. We had the Official Visit of the District Deputy Grand High Priest of the 27th Capitular District to Hiram Chapter on March 13th and, finally, on March 27th we conferred the Most Excellent Master Degree.

Come April we will have the Past High Priest Night on April 10th and, tentatively scheduled, for April 24th, is York Rite Unity Night, but details on this are still in the works.

Remember, Companions, all of our convocations for the rest of 2003 will be preceded by a dinner at 6:30 p.m. To those Companions who have not been able to be present at these most recent convocations for whatever reason, I do extend to each of you my prayers for good health, and invite you to

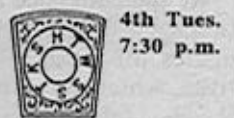
journey with your Companions at an upcoming convocation.

## March

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My Companions, I thank you, for placing your trust in me to lead the Chapter this coming year. Many exciting plans are in place to keep our beloved Hiram Chapter moving forward in a positive and healthy way, I pray that you will join us on our journey. I hope to see you all around the Altar at our next convocation. The Lord has been good to us.

## LeRoy Chapter No. 183 RAM



4th Tues.  
7:30 p.m.

HP.V.E. James R. MacConnell  
494-1815

Sec. E. Norman P. Austin  
494-2223

8 West Main St., LeRoy

Companions! Seems like Winter doesn't want to let go this year! I hope each of you has survived the bad weather and is looking anxiously for Spring, as am I.

At our last convocation, we voted on the petition of Dave Liles for affiliation and on Leo Vainio's petition for membership. We welcome both new members and look forward to seeing them in Chapter.

The Chapter is trying to do the Mark Master, Past Master, and Most Excellent Master Degrees in LeRoy, utilizing its own members. Anyone with interest in participating, give me a call. We hope to have more candidates as we go through the year, so there will be plenty of opportunities for parts in these Degrees. Come on out and have some fun. We did a walk-through for the Mark Master Degree. At our March 25th meeting, we did a walk-through for the Most Excellent Master Degree.

Five of us traveled to Grand Chapter March 6th-8th in Albany. We arrived on Thursday afternoon around 4:00 p.m., registered for Grand Chapter, and went to supper at the Greek Diner in front of the Holiday Inn. We then visited the hospitality rooms to converse with some Companions from around the State. We returned to our room around 11:00 p.m., but Norm kept me up until 1:30 a.m.! We arose at 6:30 p.m. (short night!) for breakfast at our favorite Greek Diner, and then off to Grand Chapter.

Friday morning's agenda consisted mostly of introductions of guests and recognition of Deputies and Staff Officers. We adjourned at noon to grab a quick bite at (where else?) our Greek Diner. We also attended the Thomas Smith Webb Research Chapter meeting.

This was the Chapter's organizational meeting, where M.E.

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## LeRoy Chapter

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Ted Harrison presented the Charter allowing the Chapter to conduct Chapter business with the exception of Degree conferral.

Membership in this unique Chapter is designed for people interested in Royal Arch history research. Dues are \$10.00 per year for full membership, or \$5.00 per year for access to the web page, which allows for the sharing and submission of research papers for publication. Our Secretary has applications if anyone is interested in becoming a member of this Chapter.

During this meeting, we were treated to a presentation of a paper written about Ezra Ames and Thomas Webb Smith and the start of Royal Arch Masonry in the late 1790s and early 1800s originating from two Chapters in Massachusetts and one from Albany, which was the beginning of Grand Chapter in America. Subsequently, other Grand Jurisdictions branched off from this initial Chapter. The next meeting of the Thomas Webb Smith Research Chapter will be convened on St. John's Day weekend at Utica, in June.

We then attended an informational meeting regarding prerequisites for Grand Representatives, which was presented by R.E. Jeff Williamson, and staffed by a panel of five past and present Grand Representatives. Later that evening, we attended the Grand High Priest's Dinner, featuring a Prime Rib entrée. This event concluded at 11:30 p.m., and since we had all previously attended the Old Saratoga Degree on previous visits to Grand Chapter, we opted to forego it this time (good thing, as it didn't conclude until 1:30 a.m.!).

Saturday morning, we enjoyed a delicious breakfast in the 27th Capitular District's Hospitality Room, compliments of Bob and Linda Zahn - very good! Our thanks to you both!

The morning session included a report by the Jurisprudence Committee, which centered upon a discussion regarding recognizing the Masons of Sweden, who have attained a Grade of Six or higher, and how the Swedish system of grades parallels our system of rank. This resolution was sent back to the Committee for discussion and consideration and tabled until next year's Grand Chapter meeting.

Following the committee reports, M.E. Ted Harrison was accorded Private Grand Honors, and the Election of Officers was conducted. The new Grand High Priest is M.E. David Stoy, whose message for the year is: CPC, which is an acronym for Communication, Programs and Companionship. What does this message mean to LeRoy Chapter?

### Communication

This year, we intend to organize a phone tree and e-mail list. We already use the *Masonic Times* for articles and upcoming dates. A quarterly trestle board will also be mailed to members.

### Programs

We intend to conduct the first three Degrees utilizing mostly members of our Chapter. We also intend to schedule a fundraiser for the Grand Chapter Scholarship Fund. Likewise, we plan to schedule a Guest Speaker Night in the Fall.

### Companionship

We will hold a Ladies' Night when nicer weather arrives. Additionally, we plan a Summer picnic at either the Bergen Park or

the Viking Valhalla Pavilion, and a Table Lodge this Fall, at our September 25th conclave.

We will be hosting the Grand Lecturer's Convention at our April 22nd meeting, in which we will be responsible for the Opening, Closing, and the Mark Master Degree from the Obligation to its conclusion.

In closing, we extend our thanks to R.E. Richard Anderson and V.E. Len Mason for all the help they have rendered in the last two years during their tenure in office. They attended several of our Chapter meetings and were often put to work! Your support and leadership did not go unnoticed in LeRoy, thanks, again!

We extend our congratulations to our new Grand High Priest, David Stoy, District Deputy Grand High Priest, Len Mason, and AGL, Dennis Parmerter. We look forward to a great year under your leadership!

## Palmyra/Eagle Chapter No. 79

1st Mon. 7:30 p.m.



High Priest  
Cyril White  
315-597-9546

Secretary  
R. Stuart  
Smith  
315-597-9763

161 East Main Street, Palmyra 14522

The next Stated Convocation will be held on Monday, April 7th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Palmyra Masonic Temple, 161 East Main St. This is the Official Visit of R.E. Steven E. Heald, District Deputy Grand High Priest of the 24th Capitular District, and he will be bringing to us the message of the M.E. David F. Stoy, Grand High Priest. Let us all show our support for the Grand Officers by our attendance.

There will be a dinner (optional) at the Yellow Mills Diner, 2534 Route 31, in Palmyra at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be a Dutch treat, off the menu, except for our honored guest. I encourage you to arrive at 5:30 p.m. and enjoy the fellowship of the Companions prior to dinner.

To our members who live within commuting distance and haven't been to the Chapter in a long time, please accept this as my personal invitation for you to come and hear our DDGHP. Have you forgotten the password,

etc? Don't let that stop you from attending. You will be among friends, all of whom will be glad to fill you in. I promise you, as a Son of the British Empire, that under no circumstances will there be anything said or done that will cause you any embarrassment. With this assurance, I hope you will come and join us. I'm looking forward to seeing YOU at the April Convocation.

The dress code for the evening is Officers: tux (if available). Companions: tux, business suit, or sports jacket with tie.

## 3x3 Chapter RAM

NO. 333 (Chartered in 1990)



2nd Tue.  
7:30 p.m.

High Priest  
E. George R.  
Springett  
247-3557

Secretary  
R.E.  
Karl-Heinz

Reich  
426-6836

133 S. Union Street  
Spencerport, 14559

Having an enlightening dinner conversation with M.E. Edmund D. Harrison, Grand High Priest, was a great pleasure for all. It was a pleasure to be able to open the February convocation with so many Companions on the sidelines. My thanks to the ability of Dansville Chapter for combining their regular convocation with ours. After the formal entrance of M.E. Harrison and the members of the Grand Line who were in attendance, he gave us a few words of encouragement about the growth of Royal Arch Masonry in the State of New York. He also gave us some suggested methods and encouragement for developing growth within our Chapter as we go forward. Many of these ideas will be incorporated in our drive to "Build for the Future."

In our "Build for the Future" Project, I am asking that each and every Companion seek at least one new member for our next class starting on May 13th. That 3rd Degree Mason in your Lodge has not successfully completed his Masonic education until he has taken the Holy Royal Arch Degree. Let him know that most of the elite and distinguished Masons are Royal Arch Masons and are the effective leaders in their Lodges.

This is also an excellent opportunity for him to expand the fellow-

ship and camaraderie he has found to be true within his own Lodge through applying for membership in our Royal Arch Chapter.

Please welcome our new Companion, Leon B. Randall, to the Chapter and say "Hello" when you see him.

### Future events

April 8th - District Deputy Grand High Priest's Official Visit.

May 13th - Mark Master and Past Master Degrees.

## Nundawaga

Council  
No. 92

4th Monday  
West Main Street  
LeRoy, 14482

Ill. Charles H. Lee  
Master - 343-2819  
Ill. Vernon Rupert  
Recorder - 343-8429

### Golden Anniversary

Nundawaga Council's Golden Anniversary Year moves on, approaching the Day of Rededication of the Council, Saturday afternoon, July 19th, at the LeRoy Masonic Temple. Grand Master, Reuben "Rex" Long, and the Grand Council Officers will be present for the festivities. The Anniversary celebration will begin with a lunch at the LeRoy Temple at 12:30 p.m., followed by the Rededication Ceremony at 2:30 p.m. More details will be announced in the next two editions of the *Masonic Times*.

### 8th Cryptic District Festival

As you are receiving this edition, our 8th District Cryptic Festival is now history, as is the Grand Master of Masons' One-Day Class. To all who were involved in both events - a great big thank you, Brothers and Companions, for a job well done.

As Master of Nundawaga Council, I salute each of you with a "tip of the Masonic top-hat." Six members of Nundawaga Council participated in the casts of the Royal and Select Master Degrees, and others were in attendance.

### Table Council

Our April 28th meeting, just a week after Easter, will be Nundawaga's Table Council meeting, with our ladies included this year. This festive board begins at 6:30 p.m. R.I. Daniel N. Evans and Companion Richard C. Anderson, our culinary master-chefs for the dinner, have announced en-

tree menu of Roast Beef with mashed potatoes and gravy, cheese and crackers, tomato juice, deviled eggs, fruit cocktail, tossed salad, and beverage, with brownies to top the feast as dessert for the meal.

The cost is \$10.00 per plate and the reservation deadline is April 16th. As Master, I will take your reservations, or contact our Recorder. Don't delay - make yours today! Our policy of "a reservation made is a reservation paid" guarantee will again be in force. Grand Master Long and our District Deputy, Cy White, have already made reservations and will be with us. Companions, I hope to see you there with your lady that evening.

## District Deputy Grand Master



8th  
Cryptic  
District

R.I.  
Cyril R. White  
315-597-9546

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I would just love to write that our Degree Festival in Hornell went off without a hitch, or to put it another way, ran flawlessly, but I can't! As I write this message, the Festival is yet to come. But I want you to know if the efforts of all the Companions involved is the price of flawlessness, surely the Companions of the 8th Cryptic District have paid in full. I know that without all the help of the District's Companions, my participation would not have amounted to a "pinch of snuff."

Thank you, Companions, for all your help.

### Coming Events

April 3rd - my Official Visit to Palmyra Council (more information in Palmyra Council's message located elsewhere in this publication)

April 12th - Dedication of Central City Council No. 13 and Central City Chapter No. 70, 108 Silver Street, East Syracuse. The illustrious Grand Master is scheduled to attend.

As always: "I'll see you, and I do mean you, around the Altar." □

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# Lalla Rookh GROTTO

## News

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Alfred Pulcino III, Monarch



"So that's the 'BACAHOUSE' the Monarch talks about!"

### Chief Justice

By Jerry Spero

We said our good-byes to the Masonic Temple at our final meeting there in January. We said good-bye at the February meeting to Past Monarch Robert Smith, who died a few days before this first meeting at the Shrine Center. Bob will be missed. He attended most Grotto meetings right to the end and always was available to lend a hand when it was needed. He was, indeed, a good friend and Prophet.

It took a few extra minutes to get started while we set up for our Lalla Rookh Grotto meeting for the first time in our new meeting room. Once started, the meeting proceeded as usual. There were a number of questions and concerns about how certain activities will be done at the Shrine Center, what the new addition will look like, and not about the current facilities. Personally, I felt welcomed there and believe that much effort has been made by the Shrine to attend to our needs.

One change for us was that the dinners are now provided by MGB Catering instead of Hilde and Joy, due to insurance concerns. We all thank Hilde and Joy for all the great meals at the Masonic Temple.

Finally, Rani Ghar Grotto's Sweetheart Weekend in Niagara Falls, Ontario, in February, was a fun weekend. It was a welcome break from the Winter doldrums. No meetings, no schedules, no nothing, but an opportunity to get together with other Prophets and their ladies and visit the casino, restaurants, and many other attractions in the area.

### Legion of Honor

By Jerry Spero, Commander

The Legion of Honor dinner which was held on February 17th at Bosdyk's Restaurant, showed what stuff our members are made of. The weather and the roads were wicked! I was so pleased to see everyone with reservations in attendance for the meeting. That was fantastic!

The new Officers went right to work in their new positions and the meeting seemed to go very smoothly. I'm sure we are going to have a great year.

I am working on programs for some of the meetings this year and we will be discussing this at the April 21st meeting, which will be held at Bosdyk's Restaurant. The social hour is at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. See you there.

### Membership

By Bill Fredenburg

Prophets, Master Mason Night is April 3rd. Who have you asked to join?? You still have time to ask a Brother Mason to be our guest at this important Membership Program. All Prophets and their guests will have a complimentary Steak Dinner with all the trimmings, provided by Lalla Rookh Grotto. We encourage all Prophets to attend this affair to support the Monarch and his Officers. Prophets attending without a guest will be required to pay for their meal.

Reservations are required. Call me at 334-4753 or Ron Morthorst at 334-4196. See the ad in this issue of the *Masonic Times* for special details regarding this event.

### Secretary's Column

By Ken Hutchinson

Lalla Rookh Grotto is again saddened by the death of one of its prominent members. Past Monarch, Robert F. Smith, Jr., passed away suddenly on February 15, 2003, at his home. He was initiated May 24, 1952, and served as Monarch in 1965. In the past few years, Bob has been very active, attending the Grotto meetings and serving as Trustee. He will certainly be sadly missed, but happily remembered by our Grotto members.

On February 9th, Amelia (Dolly) Ghyzel, beloved wife of Prophet Franklyn Ghyzel, passed away after a short illness.

### Historian's Corner

By Ken Hutchinson

It is greatly to be hoped that out of the studies pursued and the investigations made of the Minute Books and the Treasurer's records examined to date, that a written history will emerge.

The following Prophets have served the Grotto as Secretary:

- 1892-Charles R. Chesney;
- 1893-1895 - Robert W. West;
- 1895- H.B. Squier;
- 1896-1898 - Charles L. Hoyt;
- 1898-1901 - Morley B. Turpin;
- 1902-1949 - Charles M. Colton;
- 1949-1968 - Giles Allen Smith;
- 1968-1992 - Ernest E. Wilson;
- 1992-2002 - Kenneth R. Milner;

2003 - Kenneth V. Hutchinson. So far as I am acquainted with, Secretary G. Allen Smith started a listing of the Prophets obituaries from the newspaper in January, 1949. It was continued by Secretary Ernest E. Wilson until July, 1992.

One such listing was that of Lessairl W. Murat, who was initiated November 10, 1920, and served as Monarch in 1931. He retired from the Rochester Telephone Company after 43 years.

He was part of Rochester's "Royal Family." He was the great-great-grandnephew of Napoleon, and the great-great-grandson of Napoleon's brother-in-law and famed calvary commander, Joachim Murat, who at one time held the crown of the kingdom of Sicily, before he was deposed and put to death before a firing squad.

Lessairl was a Past Master of Rochester Lodge, a member of the Rochester Consistory, a member of Damascus Temple, and held the highest Degree in Masonry, the 33rd.

After he was Monarch, he served as Assistant Cast Director and, in 1937, he was ESGA President. In 1940 he was presented the Meritorious Service Award by the New York Council of Deliberation of the Scottish Rite.

He suffered a fatal heart attack on October 28, 1955, while driving his car on Otis Street, losing control and hitting a parked car.

This is just another story of Past Prophets lives, gleaned from the records of our Grotto.

To be continued.

### Caldron News

By Beverly Murray, MCO

All are welcome to join the Caldron on April 10th for Prophet's Night and a Ham Dinner. This event will take place at Charlotte/Corinthian Temple. For details and reservations, please call me at 865-8507.

April showers bring the May flowers - is an old saying, But it seems as though Winter is still delaying, With the cold and the snow still on the ground and staying.

Daughter Pearl Smith is at home and doing well - so I have heard tell, We are looking forward to seeing Pearl out and about very soon and walking swell. Please keep us informed of your adventures or your not so good adventures, as well.

Just to set the record straight, We are still meeting on our regular meeting night - the 2nd Thursday's at 7:30 p.m. - not eight. That is the 2nd Thursday of the month - time is 7:30 p.m. - so put it on your calendar so you are not late.

Now that we have a new meeting place, We are in hopes that maybe some of the inactive Daughters will join us - there is lots of space, And we would love to have you attend and become a familiar person and recognize each face.

This line in rhyme is for the Prophet's Ladies who are... The wives, daughters, granddaughters, sisters, female cousins, and on down the family vine, We invite you to become a member now or in the future some time. You are welcome to become a Caldron member - there is no waiting line.

Prophets and Daughters... Those of us who can, in September will journey to West Not the far West, but to Ohio for Supreme Session at its best, It's fun, it's good times and laughter and you get to see the Supreme Officers do the Ritualistic test.

While some of us are away, Some of you will stay, For the ESGA. Hope that you enjoy your day - each and every day!

Caring is everything

Brother Masons!!!  
Support the Youth Programs  
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### Attend Grotto Meetings

- Thurs., April 3rd - Master Mason Night - Henrietta Town Park
- Mon., April 7th - Board of Governor's Meeting Shrine Center, 7:00 p.m.
- Wed., April 9th - Caldron Meeting 7:30p.m. Charlotte/Corinthian
- Mon., April 21st - Legion of Honor Bosdyk's Social hour, 5:30 p.m., Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

Enjoy the Fellowship



### Lalla Rookh Grotto M.O.V.E.R.

Master Mason Night  
Henrietta Town Park, April 3rd,

Social Hour - 4:00 p.m. Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

Easter Ham Dinner  
April 16th, Shrine Center

Hospitality - 5:00 p.m. Dinner - 6:00 p.m.  
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.  
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# Damascus Shrine Center No. 2 Shrine News

Potentate - Kenneth E. Buckland



Phone - 671-7701  
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## From the Potentate



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It is again time to inform the Nobles of what has happened and what is on the agenda, and hopefully, to inspire you to come out and participate. I am PROUD TO BE A SHRINER and to be working for you at Damascus Shrine Center. We had very busy months, both February and March, and I am looking forward to the events in April.

### Fishing

Let me start with the trip South with Lady Mary. I went fishing with Lyle Maldoon, PP, Oscar Reber, PP, Art Hill, PP, Ken Polard and Ralph Hanson. We rocked and rolled most of the day and the sky was blue and sunny. It is true that the fish are scared of Lyle and Ralph, and they stayed away from them. I guess it took the Northerners to catch the fish! Good going, Ken! Thanks to Lyle for the good weather and setting up the charter.

### Picnic

What a day Noble Mac and Lady Dee had for all to enjoy. We had warm sun (still peeling from the sunburn) and a great time at the Elks Club in Punta Gorda. There were 99 present and several visiting Nobles and ladies. The food was excellent and the entertainment was enjoyed by all. A big THANK YOU to Mac and Dee for a job well done. Looks like the Picnic will again be on the West coast next year and the date has yet to be confirmed.

### Pancakes!

The Maple Tree Inn and pancakes were next on the agenda. The bus from Damascus arrived on time despite the weather and snow covered roads. There were plenty of pancakes for all to enjoy, and it looked like Harry DeHollander was going to be king of the pancakes, but Dick Snyder beat him out. Thanks to Vance Collom for coordinating the bus trip and filling in for Vern on short notice. They started to tap the trees for the sap that morn-

ing, so warm weather is not far off. Anyone getting tired of the snow this year?

### Bring-a-Friend Night

A Brother Bring-a-Friend Night was hosted by Damascus Shriners at the Center on February 21st. A Steak Dinner was prepared by our fine stewards, under the direction of Nobles Jim Pray and Bill Hook, with the support of eight others. I hear nothing but praise for the fine meal. Good job, and my thanks to all who helped. What an evening that was! Our Chairman, Chief Rabban Bruce Chilton, arranged for several excellent speakers and what an excellent program. The following Brothers spoke: Masonic History, Brother Richard C. Friedman; Community Service, Brother Arthur Mason III; Qualifications, Brother Robert Coleman; New Brothers' View, Brother Michael Grady; and wrap-up by Brother Friedman. The meeting room was FULL and a standing ovation for the event was given at the conclusion. What a proud day for the Damascus Shriners. We are COMMITTED TO MEMBERSHIP and, as a Brother and Noble, we stood tall that evening. All the Brothers and Nobles deserve a very big thank you and job well done.

### Hockey anyone?

Noble Marshal, Oscar Wilson (Roscoe), arranged for Damascus Shriners to attend the hockey game and set up informational tables in the lobby areas. There were three clowns present to make balloons and entertain the crowd coming in. Thanks to Roscoe, Windy and Couch for all your hard work. I even learned to make a poodle! Thanks also to Noble Oriental Guide, Lance Ward, and Noble Mark Ward, for manning the information table. I heard they were asked for petitions. Again, great job, Nobles.

### Another motor corps?

Yes, we have many Nobles who have ordered go-carts to be used in our parades. These are two seater Yarf Dogs, front suspension, roll bar cage, 6.0 HP Tecumseh engines, seat and shoulder belts, etc. The cost is \$918.00 including the tax, purchased from BJ's. If you are interested, please contact Noble Jim Kahn. We have one for you to inspect at our Shrine Center.

### Mark your calendars

Parades that are being called out for all of Damascus are: May 10th, Lilac Parade; June 6th, Nunda Fun Days; July 19th, Webster Parade;

fast and lunch for the Grand Master's Class in East Rochester on March 29th.

### Update - 2003 Charity Project

The Foot Light Players production of "The Sisters Rosensweig" by Wendy Wasserstein, will be presented May 4th at 2:00 p.m. It will be held at the Holy Family Church, 415 Ames Street, Rochester. The Foot Light Players are doing this special benefit performance for the local Chapter of the National AIDS Alliance. Tickets are \$15.00 per person. This includes a sandwich reception at 1:30 p.m., and gourmet desserts at intermission. Tickets will be available from Chapter Matrons or by calling Rt. Wthy. Barbara Spano at 244-1503.

Remember - a little too much chocolate is just about right. □

August 3rd, Erie Hospital Days 75th Anniversary; and October 4th, NYOSA Field Day Parade in Niagara Falls, Ontario. Please mark your calendars.

### Mothers Day

Flowers for Mothers Day anyone? Noble Jim Lynch is again chairing this fundraiser for Damascus Shriners. The order form is in the *Damascus News* and you have until April 25th to place your order. Please support this fundraiser and don't forget your special ladies.

### Great day!

March 29th, what a great day for all the Masons and our Grand Lodge in the State of New York. A special thank you to all the Brothers in our Districts for the hard work in organizing this One-Day Class at East Rochester High School and to all the Brothers who sponsored these newly raised Masons. Again, a special thank you to the Membership Team at Damascus for sponsoring the giving of the book, *The Craft and Its Symbols* by Allen E. Roberts, to all the new Brothers. Along with this book was an invitation to attend a dinner at Damascus Shrine Center to learn about the Shrine of North America and Damascus Shrine. We were very fortunate that special day to have with us Imperial Potentate, "Tad" Claypool and Lady Kay, and to have a dinner in their honor at our Shrine Center. Ill. Erwin Newell, PP, chaired this event and it was great to see the turnout of all our Nobles. Thank you, Erwin.

### Circus

Our Damascus Shrine Circus is now history for 2003, and what a success. Circus Chairman, Ill. Erwin Newell, PP, and his Vice-Chairman, Ill. Dayne Tharrett, PP, and Noble RJ Muto, did an outstanding job. Circus Daddies and Mommies Chairs, Pete Yendell and Vern Goodrich, packed the house for us and I thank all who supported this very important part of our Circus. Thanks also to all the Nobles, Ladies, Brothers and friends, who helped at the Circus. We could not have done it without you. You all make me proud to be a Shriner.

Now mark your calendar for the Circus Worker's Party at our Center on April 19th. Don't forget to call for your reservations.

### Upcoming events

Damascus Duffers Golf Tournament, June 13th, at Island Oaks Golf Course, as a benefit for our Hospital Transportation Fund.

Damascus Potentate's Reception, June 14th, at Canandaigua Inn on the Lake, being chaired by Chief Rabban, Bruce Chilton.

The 129th Imperial Council Session is in Minneapolis, MN., July 5th thru the 10th. Please make your reservations with Noble Bruce Chilton or call the office to reserve your spot. What a great trip is planned for all to enjoy.

### Special Lady

In closing, my prayers and remembrances of a very special lady, Dolly Ghysel, who has supported so many of us at Damascus throughout the years. You will always be in our thoughts. □

## From the Recorder's Desk

By Erwin Newell, PP

A "Tip of the Fez" to all the Nobles and Ladies who gave of their time at the 2003 Circus. It takes a year to put a Circus together and 3 days for it to be over. On behalf of our Ill. Potentate, Divan and myself, Thank You, Thank You, Thank You.

In February, I had the opportunity to attend the Recorder's Seminar in Tampa. As always, it is an experience that brings me back "charged." There are many issues that the Shrine of North America, the Nobility, and the Representatives to the Imperial Council at the Annual Convention in Minneapolis will be dealing with.

Number 1. It was discussed that it has been over 10 years since we have had an increase in the per capita tax. It is imperative that we have one now, due to inflation and membership. Therefore, the Imperial Council will be asking for an increase from \$6.00 per person to \$15.00 per person.

Number 2. The Imperial Recorder, Jack Jones, gave a complete Membership Report. He congratulated Kalurah Temple for having an increase in their Membership for 2002. They were one of 29 Temples which had an increase in membership for last year.

Number 3. Imperial Sir John D. Vermass, Chairman of the Board of Directors for Shriners Hospitals for Children, spoke about the possible closing of our Twin Cities Unit in Minneapolis. This will be on the Call to be considered and voted on at the 2003 Imperial Convention. There will be discussion concerning this at one of our meetings before we go to Imperial.

walking, but the sidewalks are sheets of ice. I look forward to April. As you read this I hope Spring will finally be in the air and we will be looking at warmer weather.

April 5th will be our Official Visit. Officers please remember, ladies, white gowns and gloves and gentlemen, tuxes. I hope as many Rochester members come out to Official Visit as possible. Let's support Rt. Wthy. Debbie. Another reminder; our May meeting will be Draping of the Altar. White gowns again, ladies.

### Sickness and distress

Rt. Wthy. Barbara Mertens is recovering from her broken shoulder. Her sister, Lois, who lives in Michigan, has some very serious heart problems. Lois is a member of a Chapter in the

Number 4. Our Imperial Potentate, Charles A. Claypool, spoke about the Shrine, our Hospitals, and Membership. Imperial Sir Tad stressed that we must work harder today to keep the Shrine of North America and our Hospitals Number 1 and to insure that there will be a Shrine in the next century.

### Are you paid up?

Dues bills have been sent to Nobles who have forgotten to pay their dues. Many have responded and I thank you. However, we still have Nobles who have not paid their dues. If you have a problem and need our help, please feel free to call me at 671-7701. Your conversation will be held in strict confidence. □

## Legion of Honor

By Fred Cornell, Commander

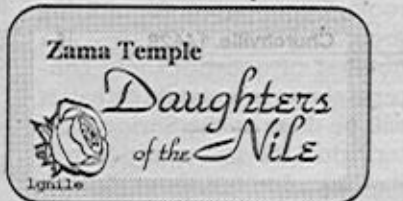
The Circus is completed for another year and our next meeting is April 9th. The meeting will be held at Valicia's Ristorante, which is on the North-West side of Long Pond Road and Route 31 (Spencerport Road).

### Welcome

We have two new members coming in at this meeting. Please come out and welcome them.

### Future plans

I have planned some fun outings with our Ladies this year. Please plan on taking part. Our first is a 3-hour cruise on the Spirit of Rochester, with a deluxe Dinner Buffet. This is scheduled for June 11th at 6:00 p.m. □



By Sharon Spencer

As I write this, it is 4 degrees outside. Hopefully, as you read this, the grass is green, the sun is shining and the birds are chirping. But let's not get too carried away. After all, this is Rochester.

March was a busy month for Zama Temple, with election and installation of Officers. Congratulations to all elected and appointed Officers for the ensuing year.

On behalf of Zama Temple, I extend my sincere thanks to Queen Kitty and all her Officers for an outstanding job. Kitty conducted our sessions with grace and elegance.

Our next session is April 12th. Please join us and wish our new Officers happy times for the coming year. □

## Monroe District HiLights, O.E.S.

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DGL Rt. Wthy. William Mattern 594-4449

The Amigos Game Day on March 8th was GREAT. The food and service were perfect. The door prizes were phenomenal and the letters and numbers games were a joy. Thanks to Rt. Wthy. Charlene Stankey and Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings and their Committee for a job well done.

Our April Amigos meeting will be in Churchville at 7:30 p.m.

A big, large, HUGE thank you to Wthy. Joy Woodley and her helpers for saying "yes" to coordinating and serving the break-

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Order of the Eastern Star

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The poet, T.S. Eliot, says, "April is the cruellest month," obviously he was never in Rochester in March. As I write this column I have just come in from skating the dog over the sidewalk. I would say

Binghamton area and a Past Matron there. Rt. Wthy. Jim Coleman, who is an Honorary Member of Rochester Chapter, is in Strong Memorial Hospital as I write this. Sister Susan Soricone is home and recovering from bypass surgery. I have not been informed of any other sickness or distress and I hope this finds everyone well. Please remember these Sisters and Brothers with prayers and cards.

### The Play's the thing

May 4th is The Benefit Performance of "The Sisters Rosensweig" by Wendy Wasserstein. Tickets are \$15.00. This will include the play, a reception before hand and gourmet desserts at intermission. Rochester Chapter has a real stake in this play, not only is it to benefit Rt. Wthy.



Debbie and Rt. Wthy. Bill's project for the year, the National AIDS Alliance, but this is my theater group and I am the Play's producer, so please come out and support this project. This is a great comedy. It is very funny, set in London in the early 1990s.

**Birthday Banquet**

May 18th is our Birthday Banquet. Information will be coming out soon from our Associate Matron as to location and cost. Please keep the date open.

**Camp Polly -Fill**

Camp is getting closer. June 15th to the 29th at the home of the Worthy Matron, with field Trips. The Theme is "Lights along the lake." The cost will still be \$5.00. Please send your stuffed animals to Camp.

**Garage Sale**

July 10th, 11th, and 12th will be our Garage Sale at the home of the Worthy Matron. Please bring your items to me or call me to pick them up. Remember one person's trash is another person's treasure. Rt. Wthy. Audrey Zufall will be contacting you to come and work.

Let's have a fun year. Live Long and Prosper.

**NOLATKA**  
**Chapter No. 320**  
*Order of the Eastern Star*  
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 Sec. **Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings**  
 594-4692  
 22 South Main Street,  
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By Wthy. Alice Hassett, Sec. Meetings

April 1st is the Official Visit, when we will honor our District Grand Officers. Although the meeting starts at 7:30 p.m., please be there by 7:00 p.m. in order to greet our guests; and be sure that all is in place for this special meeting. Rehearsal for Official Visit is on Sunday, March 30th at 2:30 p.m. in our Chapter rooms.

At our April 15th meeting, our Worthy Matron, Diane Maltese, will honor our Historian, Sister Joyce Hooker and our Musician, Wthy. Betty Reisinger. Also, there will be an Easter Egg Hunt, which sounds like a lot of fun. In addition, each member is to bring a decorated Easter basket, and we will vote for the best one.

**Other Activities**

News regarding the OES Road Signs: The two signs, made correctly this time, have arrived. We will display one at Official Visit.

**Adoptee at Oriskany**

Don't forget to send Easter cards to Max Smith. Max's address: Room 9, Eastern Star Campus, 8290 State Route 69, PO Box 959, Oriskany, NY 13424.

**Sunshine**

One of our older members, Sister June Hagen, in Mesa, AZ., is not doing well, according to her husband. He asks that the Chapter keep her in their prayers.

At our March 4 meeting, we all signed a St. Patrick's Day card for our Oriskany adoptee, Brother Max Smith.

Wthy. Edith Lewis has fallen and broken her wrist. We wish her a speedy recovery. She is with her daughter at the present time. Send cards to 6524 Townline Road, Williamson, NY 14589-9760.

Finally, our thoughts are with Rick Huff who, at the time of this article's submission, is not feeling well.

**Dues and Thank You**

The dues cards for 2003 are white with blue lettering. If you haven't paid yet, please send dues money to Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings (594-4692).

We still are collecting used postage stamps, Campbell's soup labels, and Boxtops for Education. Would you believe that Wthy. Cathy Thompson has again sent a packet of these? She is by far our most faithful member in forwarding such items. Thank you, Cathy.

While we are thanking people, special appreciation goes to Wthy. Florence Thayer and to Brother Roderick Meier for their monetary donations to our Chapter, which they included along with their dues. It warms our hearts when we see such fantastic support for our Nolatka Chapter.

**Birthdays**

Celebrating birthdays in April will be Sister Paula Crevison, Wthy. Robert Crystal, Rt. Wthy. Sue Goossens, Wthy. Vickie Gross, Sister June Lind, Wthy. E. Lucille Mason, Wthy. Sheila McDonald, Wthy. Cynthia Nielsen, Sister Charlotte Norton, Wthy. Susan Prevost, and Rt. Wthy. Wilda Robinson.

**Committee**

The Refreshment Committee for April's Official Visit is the Drake family: Wthy. Anita, Wthy. Sherre Albright, Wthy. Susan Drake-Mason, Wthy. Sheila McDonald, and Wthy. Sara Stephens.

For the April 15th meeting, the Committee consists of Sister Carol Pickworth, Chair, along with Wthy. Jean Stewart and Wthy. Doris Ray.

The Refreshment Committee is also responsible for cleaning the Chapter rooms.

first time Rt. Wthy. Audrey Fagner was present since her appointment as Grand Representative of Illinois. Since M. Wthy. Sandra Cleason had facial surgery the day before, she was unable to be with us. I'm sure we were in her thoughts. It was great to see our Chapter room so full.

There are three Official Visits scheduled for next month: April 15th in Lyons, April 23rd in Sodus, and April 28th in Williamson.

Three of our members are recuperating from hip replacements done in February: Brother Stu Warner, Sister Maxine Aikin, and Rt. Wthy. Robert Giles.

We will be holding our Easter meeting on April 1st, with members wearing short, colored dresses. Hopefully, the snow will be gone and early flowers will be blooming.

**Queen Christina**  
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**Donna Stalker,**  
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 Palmyra Masonic Hall  
 161 East Main Street

The April 19th meeting of the Court will begin at 2:00 p.m. at the Palmyra Masonic Hall. The Officers will be installed for the ensuing year.

Honorable Lady Bea Quinter has moved into Ferris Hills in Canandaigua for the time being. We pray for quick recovery and ability to be with us again. Honorable Lady Emily Whitney has been improving enough that she is expecting to return to her home soon. Prayer does work.

Reservations are due for those planning to attend Grand Court in Lake George, May 8th through the 11th. Transportation is available to anyone not prepared to drive.

Join us for good fellowship and beautiful Ritual.

**HiLights**  
**GENESEE-WYOMING**  
**DISTRICT O.E.S.**  
**DDGM**  
**Rt. Wthy. Shirley R. Church**  
**DGL**  
**Rt. Wthy. Ted LaWall**

The weather seems to be the main topic of conversation as I write this; we expect to see the Spring flowers and warm weather by the time you read it. Our District is off to a great start with the success of the Mardi Gras and Chinese Auction. Everyone had a great time. Rt. Wthy. Marilyn Liles and her Committee did an excellent job of coordinating this project.

A special thank you to the Chapters who contributed and worked; it was greatly appreciated. I personally thank the members of Constellation Lodge: Paul, John, Bud, and Jack, who supported us in this endeavor. Another "Star" of the Mardi Gras was Amy LaRocco of Olive Branch Chapter, who collected over twenty items and gifts. "Way to Go," Amy!

Our next Study Club will be held at Olive Branch Chapter on April 5th, at 10:00 a.m. Lunch will be served, followed by the Genesee/Wyoming District Membership meeting. All are invited.

**Official Visits**

Regretfully, we found it necessary to postpone Batavia Chapter's Official Visit until May 28th, as they are having plumbing problems in their building.

We have decided to combine the Official Visits of Arcade and Stebbins Chapters on May 1st, at Arcade Chapter. The April Official Visits include:

April 7th, Olive Branch Chapter, 7:00 p.m.

April 15th, Thorpe Chapter, 8:00 p.m.

Hope to see you there.

Wthy. Charlotte Hammond of Centennial Chapter states that the February George Washington Dinner Dance at Warsaw, was a success, and that a good time was had by all, from the kitchen to the dance floor. The event was well attended, despite the threat of stormy weather. A big "thank you" to all for the support and participation in the festivities.

Wthy. Sharon Morris, has a new project this year for Hesperus Chapter. They are selling tickets for a dinnerware set with salt and pepper shakers, six white candles, two candleholders, and a small silk floral centerpiece. The dish pattern is "Floral Garden." Be sure to buy your tickets early, to win this lovely dinnerware set.

**Good news!**

Rt. Wthy. John Specht, District Grand Lecturer in 1999, had surgery in March, and is recovering.

**Condolences**

Olive Branch Chapter regretfully announces the passing of Marjorie Peel, in March. Marjorie joined Eastern Star in 1937; she will be missed.

**Great idea!**

Wthy. Mary Alice Panek, Matron of Oliver Branch Chapter, has an extensive program planned for the coming year. Items are being purchased for gift bags, to be given to the YWCA of Batavia, for use in the Domestic Violence Program. Donations will include five each: adult bags, children's bags, and baby bags.

**Chapter events**

Perry Chapter is holding a social hour at the Masonic Temple on Sunday, April 6th from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. This event will be chaired by Doris Barrette and Charlotte Olsen, and is open to the public, as well as those interested in learning more about the Eastern Star. There will also be a tour of the facility, and the plans are for all to have a good time.

Amy Wing, of Stebbins Chapter, reports that the Tupperware Party she chaired was a very successful venture and more details will follow next month.

We all love and enjoy the Eastern Star, so don't forget to offer the gift of membership to your friends and relatives; they will love it too.

**Canandaigua/ Fenogowone**  
**Chap. No. 326 O.E.S.**  
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**Shortsville Temple**

This is the April newsletter, but it is still March and the wind is blowing and it is snowing. I hope that by the time you get this it will be more like Spring.

In the month of March, the District was very busy with School of Instruction. We had one District Official Visit. The most important thing was that our Chapter

had a Home Coming for our own Rt. Wthy. Shirley. We did something a little different. We had an Easter Party Open House. The Chapter room was set up with an Easter theme. What a great time we had.

Just to let everyone know, we will be having a yard, bake, and craft sale in June. So start saving all things that you would like to get rid of. More on this later.

I wish each and everyone a wonderful Easter. We will be spending that week with our daughter, son-in-law and granddaughters. I know that we will have a very enjoyable one.

**I want to leave you with this**

Jack Frost's icy fingers play havoc with Springs plans. Instead of "fragrant flowers," snow blankets the land. But snow won't last forever; one day soon we'll see the crocus and the lilies and leaves upon the tree.

Happy Easter.

**Webster**  
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 Webster, NY 14580

It sure has been a difficult Winter for Chapter meetings - snow, cold, sickness, (did I say snow?) and maybe because quite a few of our "snowbird" members are down South. As a result, we only had one meeting each in January, and February, and a partial meeting in March.

Please note that there will not be a meeting the first Tuesday in April (April 1st) but make sure you mark your calendar to attend the next meeting, April 15th. This will be a Pot Luck supper meeting, so bring a dish to pass and your own table service.

This is certain to be a special night. We'll have several of our Sisters bringing along their treasured remembrances to share with us. It sure was great to hear Kay and Ruth talk about their treasures, a Barbie Doll collection and a special baptismal bowl, at the January meeting. I wonder what keepsakes we will hear about this time?

**Great fellowship**

Please make sure you mark down the date of our next card party - May 12th. Get a group together and enjoy the great lunch and fellowship. Start gathering wrapped gifts for door prizes.

**Thanks**

Many thanks to all who helped on the Spaghetti Dinners. These fundraisers make it possible for us to support our OES charities.

Under sickness and distress Valerie Johnson's brother passed away.

Kay Kuehne has had some back problems.

Don Pinkney had carpal tunnel surgery.

Ruth Peck fell and Carl Peck has not been well.

Please remember these Sisters and Brothers and any others I do not know about with your cards, phone calls and assistance wherever you can.

I guess that's all for now. See you all on April 15th - if not before.

Just remember - True happiness is not in doing what we like to do, but liking what we have to do.






Sir Knights in attendance at the March 18th meeting included (left to right) Don Wright, Charles Roberts, Cy White, Doug Koenig, Ernie Stelianou, Skip Thorp, Don Brugger, Ron Edwards, George Bundoc, Ted Powley and Larry Dunn.



Carm Dunn, Barbara Goodrich and Don Wright socializing prior to the Cyrene/Monroe Commandery meeting.



Ted Powley and Cy White.



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I thank all of you who came out to volunteer your time for the Have-a-Heart Campaign on February 3rd and 4th. Thanks to Bud Golding, Lou Campanello, Fred Cornell, Vance Collom, Art Maupin, Stan Porterfield, Dennis Gellasch, Emil Schirano, and also coming to help was Glenn Hedges

from Northfield Lodge. You men have put in a lot of your time and effort and I thank you again from the bottom of my heart.

Our next meeting is April 24th, starting with a Roast Beef Dinner, at 6:30 p.m. The cost is still only \$7.50. This will be a special night with the Election of Officers for the Post. I hope you can attend, vote for and support your new Officers. If you have any new petitions please bring them to our next meeting.

Our condolences to the family of James P. Eksten, who passed away on March 5th. He was the great-grandson of Civil War Veteran James A. Hard.

To the members who have gone South, or live there, you missed a beautiful and cold Winter.

Thank you and please take time to stop and smell the roses. ☐

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**Palmyra Council**

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Recorder  
SK Lawrence W. Dunn  
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I thank Companion Bruce Horncastle for pulling together the cast for the Royal Master Degree for our February meeting. We now have one new Companion halfway through the Degree cycle. On March 19th, we used the meeting as a final prep for the Degree Fest, which was held at Hornell on Saturday, March 22nd. Our District Deputy, Cy White, was in charge of the Degree Fest at Hornellsville Council No. 35.

**Dues**

Our Treasurer has reported that 2/3 of the Companions have paid their 2003 dues. Thanks to those of you who have paid and a reminder to those that have put it aside until later.

**Table Council**

We are starting to work on the Table Council that will occur on April 16th. Past Grand High Priest, M.E., Ted Harrison, will be our guest speaker. ☐

The April 3rd assembly of the Council will be held in the Shortsville Temple of Canandaigua Lodge on State Route 21. The meeting will be at 8:00 p.m. with R.I. Companion Cyril R. White, DDGM, making his Official Visit. All are invited to meet at the Steak-Out Restaurant at 6:00 p.m. for dinner.

R.I. Cullen Henry continues to be grounded during the cold weather, but we hope he is able to get out as the temperature improves. Ill. Francis Daniels is confined to the house. A card to each Companion would be welcome.

We mourn the passing of Companion Donald Dudley.

The May 1st assembly will be the Annual Meeting with reports, election and installation of Officers for the ensuing year. ☐

Our Inspection will take place at the May 19th conclave. The In-

**Sagoyewatha  
Commandery No. 17**

3rd Sat., 9 a.m.

Commander  
SK Lawrence  
E. Hood  
(585) 396-9848

Rec. SK David Taber  
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Phelps, NY

First of all, I wish all of our Sir Knights, and especially their ladies, a belated Valentine's Day. I'm sure that the Sir Knights treated their ladies to something very special on that occasion.

Our February 15th conclave was our first rehearsal for our In-

specting Officer will be SK George Harrison, Grand Senior Warden. I know I can count on all of you to make this a great evening.

I had the pleasure of spending some time with our R.E. Grand Commander, SK M. Eugene Ellis, while I was at Grand Chapter in Albany. He inquired as to how we were doing and informed me that he would like to visit us again in the Spring. I would not be surprised to see him at our Inspection.

I anticipate having some extra meetings before May to prepare

for our Inspection. I am asking all Officers to please make the extra effort to attend these, and all regular meetings, to get ready.

Linda Zahn informed me the ladies plan to re-activate the Schicker Club. That is welcome news. Things are indeed looking up.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at our conclaves. ☐

**Support the  
Brotherhood  
Fund**

the month of February. We received a special thank you from the Dodge family for providing an Honor Guard for SK Dodge's funeral service. I thank the following Sir Knights for providing the Honor Guard: SK R. Stewart Smith, Jr., PC; SK William Jones, PC; SK David Taber, PC; SK William Whittaker, PC; and myself.

**Eye Foundation**

All Sir Knights have received my letter regarding the Templar Eye Foundation Fund Drive, and according to our Treasurer, the response has been very good so far. We are trying to increase our Life Membership of our Commandery to 100% participation. If you did not respond as yet, please consider making a donation to this worthy cause. ☐

spection since our November conclave. With the absence of a few of our Officers, due to previous commitments, we did struggle through it.

**Mark your calendars!**

Our Inspection will be April 12th. Please mark your calendars for this date! Our Inspecting Officer will be SK David Lathers, Eminent Grand Sword Bearer. This conclave will be held at 10:00 a.m., preceded by our usual breakfast at the Blue Ribbon Restaurant at 8:00 a.m. Let's have a good turnout for this.

**Condolences**

We express our deepest sympathy to the families of SK Austin E. Dodge, PC, and SK Donald P. Dudley, who passed away during

SK Christos Papadopoulos, Eminent Grand Warden, will be the Inspecting Officer at the April 24th conclave of Batavia Commandery. A dinner will precede the Inspection. The menu for the meal is being planned and letters will be forthcoming suggesting food to bring. Also taking place that evening is the Election of Officers for the coming Templar year. A Nominating Committee has been appointed and will make their report that evening.

The Annual Easter Sunrise Weekend will take place April

18th - 20th in Alexandria, Va. Information concerning this event is in the New York supplement of the February *Knights Templar Magazine*.

At the February 13th conclave, SK James MacConnell was presented a Warrant as the Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of the State of Missouri, by SK M. Eugene Ellis, Right Eminent Grand Commander. SK MacConnell, who had agreed to bring refreshments, had made tentative plans to be at another Masonic

function that evening. A conspiracy was quickly put in place. After numerous phone calls, Jim was persuaded to be present, since the Grand Commander was going to be in attendance. SK MacConnell thought that he might be getting a Service Award, so the Grand Representative Award was a complete surprise. Congratulations, Jim, on receiving a well-deserved Award.

Thanks Marcia, for the delicious refreshments, and for your assistance in getting Jim to the conclave! ☐

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Our last opportunity for a final rehearsal for Inspection will take place at the April 10th conclave.



# 3x3 Chapter February Convocation



M.E.- Edmund D. Harrison, Grand High Priest (fourth from left), with members of the Grand Line and Companions of Dansville and Three Times Three Chapters who attended the convocation in February. (Photo courtesy of Karl-Heinz Reich)

## Ask Angie

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Don Brugger, GTC  
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Donald C. Bell, Scribe

Our new JDGTC, Norm Austin, was installed at the February meeting and the Line is now complete. All we need now is a few sideliners and some Appointed Officers. If you can make it out to the meetings, please come. As I have offered in the past, rides are available for those who need them. Please give me a call if

transportation is a problem. Prior to the meetings, for those interested, we usually gather at 6:00 p.m. at a local restaurant to share a repast; in March we ate at The Humphrey House.

I thank the Woodsmen for their prompt payment of dues. Our Treasurer tells me that we have received 72% thus far. Keep up the good work.

We were informed, too late, that Tall Cedar Week was March 16th thru the 22nd. This year marks the 101st Anniversary of the formation of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon.

### Coming events

On April 23rd we are having another Pot Luck Dinner with the ladies, gather at 6:00 p.m., dinner about 6:30 p.m. Bring a dish to

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pass, the entree will be supplied. We will be having some kind of Chicken. We welcome your early comments and reservations for this event. A short program will follow dinner and perhaps a brief meeting for the men, if necessary.

The date of the May meeting will be moved up to the third Wednesday, May 21st, because of Memorial Day, and don't forget our Sausage Roast will be on June 25th at Camp Smile.

After the Summer break, we will have our usual Steak Roast on September 24th. There was some discussion on whether we should offer an alternative to Steak; perhaps Fish or Chicken. Let us hear from you on this, in person if possible, at one of our remaining Spring meetings.

We will have a regular meeting on October 22nd, or perhaps another Pot Luck Dinner with the Ladies; we are flexible. Our November meeting will be moved up to the 3rd Wednesday because of Thanksgiving. We will be communicating the Degrees at that time (an opportunity for those who have not received them) and electing Officers for 2004.

As I have said before, we are still looking for a few good Woodsmen to volunteer for the Communications and Logistics Committees. The Forest needs you for this important service.

Communications involves making sure that all the Woodsmen are informed of our events; only 3 to 5 calls, once a month.

### Sickness and Distress

Carl Busack is still in the Highlands of Brighton for rehabilitation; 5901 LacDeVille. He would welcome visits or cards. Lillian Rees seems to be doing well. She has a cast on her right arm and stabilizing bar attached to her left. We wish her Godspeed and hope John has learned to cook, wash the dishes and do the laundry.

We are still looking for the phone numbers for Frank Polchlopek (misspelled it last month) or Leroy Pusey, Clay, NY, and contact me (458-6125) or Paul Kober (381-1058) if you are interested in helping us out with the calls or logistics.

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**Taxes! Taxes! Taxes!**  
By Tom Michielsen

It's April, and you're once again burning the midnight oil, poring over stacks of paperwork or small pieces of paper with little or no explanation on them, trying to file your income tax return on time. If you're rushing to complete your return, you may be making costly mathematical errors, overlooking important deductions or missing tax credits you might qualify for. Yes, you might be one of those people in the TV ads who overpay their taxes each year. Why are we so stupid to subject ourselves to this torture year after year? Each year we tell ourselves and our spouses that next year will be different, but we do nothing to make our lives easier.

With increasing incidents of identity theft, more attention is being focused on the use of Social Security numbers. Many people do not realize the importance of Social Security numbers and what can happen when their number gets into the hands of the wrong people. Do you know when you are required to give someone your Social Security number? Here are a few guidelines to help you decide.

Your Social Security number is your personal property. If a friend asks to borrow your car, don't you want to know how it will be used? It's the same with your Social Security number. To begin with, giving your number is voluntary. Before you give your number, you should ask:

- Why your number is needed.
- If giving your number is mandatory or voluntary.
- How your number will be used.
- What happens if you refuse, and,
- What law requires you to give your number?

The answers to these questions can help you decide. The decision is yours.

One more thing, you also can keep your Social Security number safe by not carrying your Social Security card in your wallet or purse. Keeping your number safe and secure takes work, so no one else can get or use your number without your permission.

The IRS has certified two more hybrid gas-electric automobiles as being eligible for the clean-burning fuel deduction. Purchasers of a new Honda Insight for model years 2000, 2001 and 2002 and

purchasers of a Honda Civic Hybrid for model year 2003 will be able to claim a deduction of \$2,000 for the year that the vehicle was first put into use.

Domestic calendar year-end corporations seeking to dissolve should call 1-800-327-9688 to start the process of dissolution.

Until legally dissolved, corporations must continue to file returns and pay all taxes. Generally, a final return must be filed prior to dissolution and any outstanding taxes must be paid.

**Question:** Can a reservist called to active duty claim any deductions or get any income exclusion?

**Answer:** Those who are serving as Homeland Security (i.e. Airport Security) do not qualify for any special treatment. If the reservist has a regular place of employment, which he/she will return to after their tour of service, they are in travel status. If they pay for meals and lodging at their military post, they are entitled to deduct those expenses that exceed their nontaxable basic subsistence and quarters allowance. Those serving in a combat zone do qualify for relief.

**Question:** Can I claim the adoption credit for a failed adoption when I don't have a Social Security number or any other information on the child?

**Answer:** Yes. The instructions to Form 8839 tell you what to write on the form when you don't have all of the information.

**Question:** If I inherit a pension distribution from a decedent, can I claim a deduction for it on my New York State return?

**Answer:** If the decedent would have been 59-1/2 years old or older at the time of the distribution, then the beneficiary/beneficiaries can claim a deduction of up to \$20,000 on their return. If there is more than one beneficiary, then the \$20,000 must be divided proportionately among the beneficiaries.

**Upcoming calendar year taxpayer due dates:**

March 31st - Electronic W2s and 1099s must be forwarded

April 15th - March Payroll Taxes

Individual Tax Returns

Federal First Quarter Estimated Taxes for Corporations

Federal and State First Quarter Estimated Taxes for Individuals

April 30th - First Quarter Payroll Reports Due

May 15th - April Payroll Taxes

If you have any tax questions, please forward them to [tmichie1@rochester.rr.com](mailto:tmichie1@rochester.rr.com).

Other notable scores included Ken Masi - 267, Jeremy Fromm - 245, 227, and 225, Dave Horeth - 236, 225, and 221, Kevin Bird - 235 and 222, Scott Weis - 232, Mike Trafficante - 228, Norm Messerschmid - 227, Lee Olyer - 226 and 220, Derek Masi - 224, Ken Masi - 224, Phil Schultz - 224, Chris Masi - 223 and 219, Matt Dwyer - 219, Fred Bennett - 218, Craig Vangraafceland, Sr. - 218, Jeff Dangler - 203, Scott Kozlowski - 210, and Len Mack - 200.

The league bowls at Maiden Lanes on Wednesday nights at 8:30 p.m. Drop by and see us some time.

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I hope most of you are recovering from the extra work involved in preparation for the One-Day Class. Now we need to plan our activities with enough excitement to keep the new Brothers interested!

**Masters and Wardens**  
Bring your incoming Wardens to these meetings.

April 12th - Wakan/Hubbard, 9:00 a.m.

May 10th - Union Star (elections) 9:00 a.m.

June 14th - ERAC (1st meeting with new Officers) 9:00 a.m.

**Upcoming events**

April 11th - School of Ritual, 7:30 p.m., at Etolian Lodge in Spencerport. Bring your newer members, along with sideliners.

April 16th - LSOME, 7:00 p.m. at Fairport Lodge. Bring your newer members, and sideliners.

**Grand Lodge**

To All Masters of Lodges: We cancelled our last dinner because so many of us were overly busy or were ill at the time. We will be planning another dinner in the very near future. Call me at 663-4636 for more information.

Masters, bring your current Junior and Senior Wardens, and incoming Wardens, along with anyone else interested.

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It looks like Spring is trying to get here. I'm tired of this weather. Brrrrrr (you probably are too)! Happy Birthday to everyone born in April!

For informational purposes, I have my flight and hotel room booked, for Grand Lodge. More information will follow.

Our next social meeting with Craftsman Robertson Lodge will be April 22nd. I thank everyone who supports me in this effort.

**Membership**

We had one Brother affiliate with our Lodge, two members completed their Degrees in the One-Day Class, eight new Brothers being raised in the One-Day Class, and will have one candidate starting his Degree process soon. Great news, twelve new members total! Thanks to all who helped make this possible.

Let's keep the momentum going! Please remember - never let them feel alone.

**Our new home**  
We are settling into our new home very well. Our next meeting will be April 8th, at the Damascus Shrine Center at 979 Bay Road, Webster.

**Upcoming events**

April 1st - Officers Meeting at Country Village. Dinner, 6:00 p.m., meeting, 7:00 p.m.

April 8th - Regular meeting, 7:30 p.m., dinner, 6:30 p.m.

April 11th - School of Ritual, 7:30 p.m. at Etolian Lodge in

Spencerport (Officers, sideliners and new Brothers).

April 12th - Masters and Wardens meeting, 9:00 a.m., Wakan/Hubbard Lodge (include Wardens and Deacons).

April 16th - LSOME Class, 7:00 p.m. at Fairport Lodge - for Officers, sideliners and new Brothers.

April 22nd - Social Night with Craftsman Robertson. Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

May 6th - Officers Meeting at Country Village. Dinner, 6:00 p.m., meeting, 7:00 p.m.

May 10th - Masters and Wardens Meeting, 9:00 a.m., Union Star Lodge (include incoming Wardens and Deacons).

May 13th - Regular Meeting, dinner 6:30 p.m., meeting 7:30 p.m. □

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Daystar is a non-profit foster home for seriously ill or drug-addicted newborn babies, located at 47 Lochnavar Parkway in Pittsford. Its staff, consisting of both

professionals and volunteers, provide round-the-clock care for the special needs of infants referred to it by neo-natal units of Rochester-area hospitals. Some are born with drug or alcohol addictions requiring life support devices from the very beginning. Others may be in hospice care for AIDS or other terminal illnesses.

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For more information, to volunteer, or to make a donation to Daystar, contact the Director, Mary Erturk at 385-6287. □



Sisters Myra Monagan and Anne Maura Morris receive the DeWitt Clinton Award from R.W. Derek VanHouten at Northfield Lodge. (Photos courtesy of John Dudley)



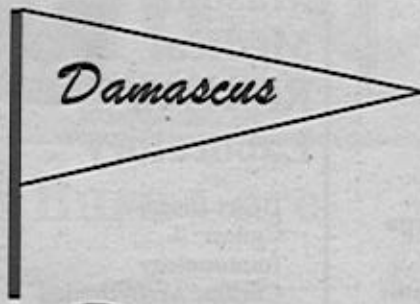
Sister Myra Monagan, R.W. Derek VanHouten, R.W. John Zabel and Sister Anne Maura Morris at the reception at Northfield Lodge following the Award presentation ceremony.

**Masonic Gothic Bowling League**  
Secretary  
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585-227-6106

Tom Ayers became the first league bowler to earn an ABC Award this season. His 710 (222, 252, 236) earned him a 700 Award Patch.

Over the last nine weeks there were nineteen 600 plus series and one hundred twenty-six 200 games rolled by league bowlers. 600 series were rolled by Tom Ayers - 677 (218, 244, 215) and 644 (253), Kevin Bird - 663 (224, 221, 218), Don Weis - 657 (215, 217, 225), 650 (226, 235), 624 (225), 607 (219) and 600 (225), Ken Masi - 652 (234) and 639 (237), John Flynn - 651 (224, 203, 224) and 627 (255), Rick Flanagan - 643 (221, 226) 635 (234, 244), 625 (215, 221) and 605 (246), Brendan Dady - 641 (247) and 632 (236).

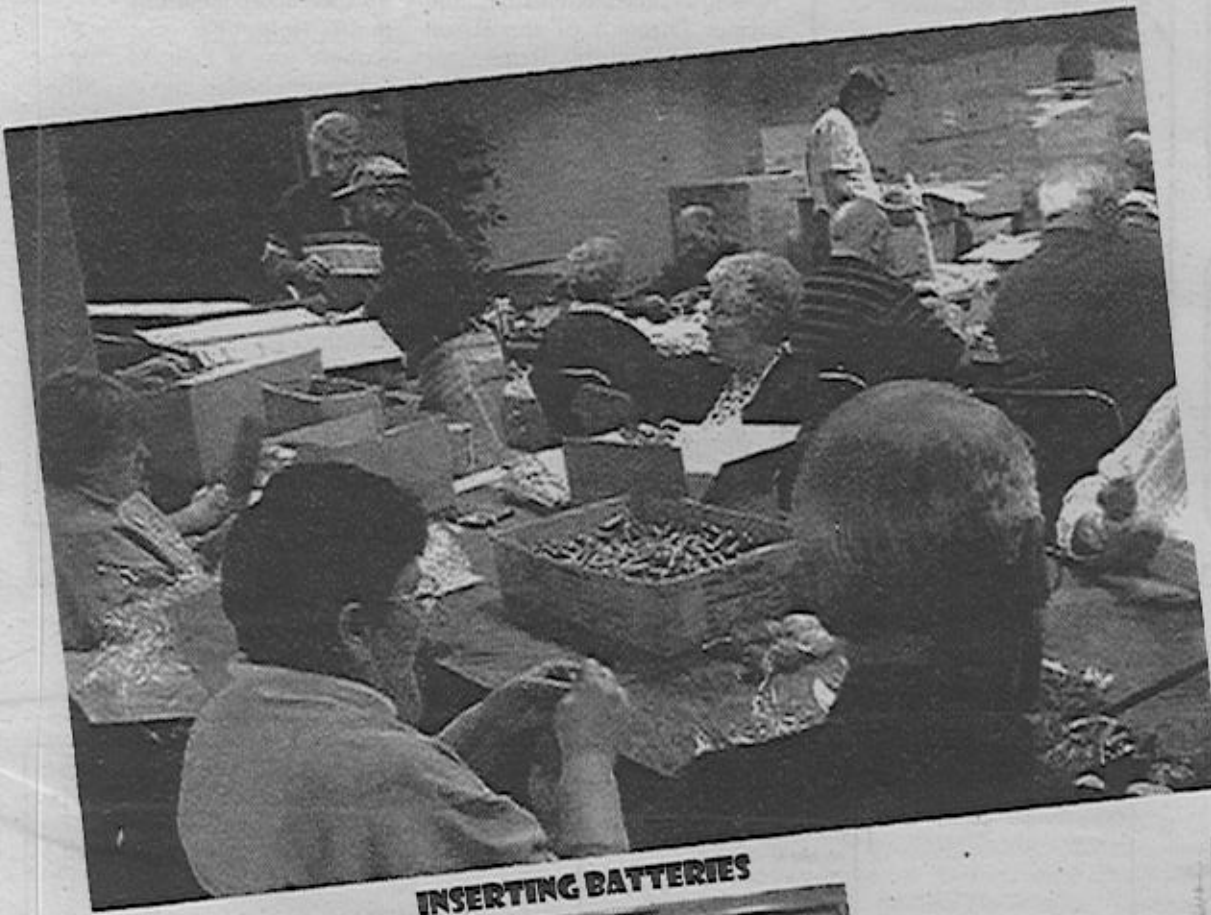




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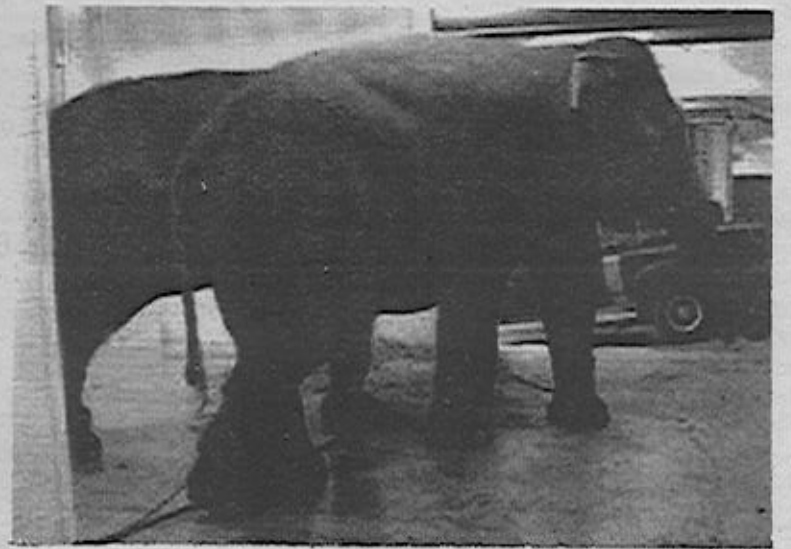
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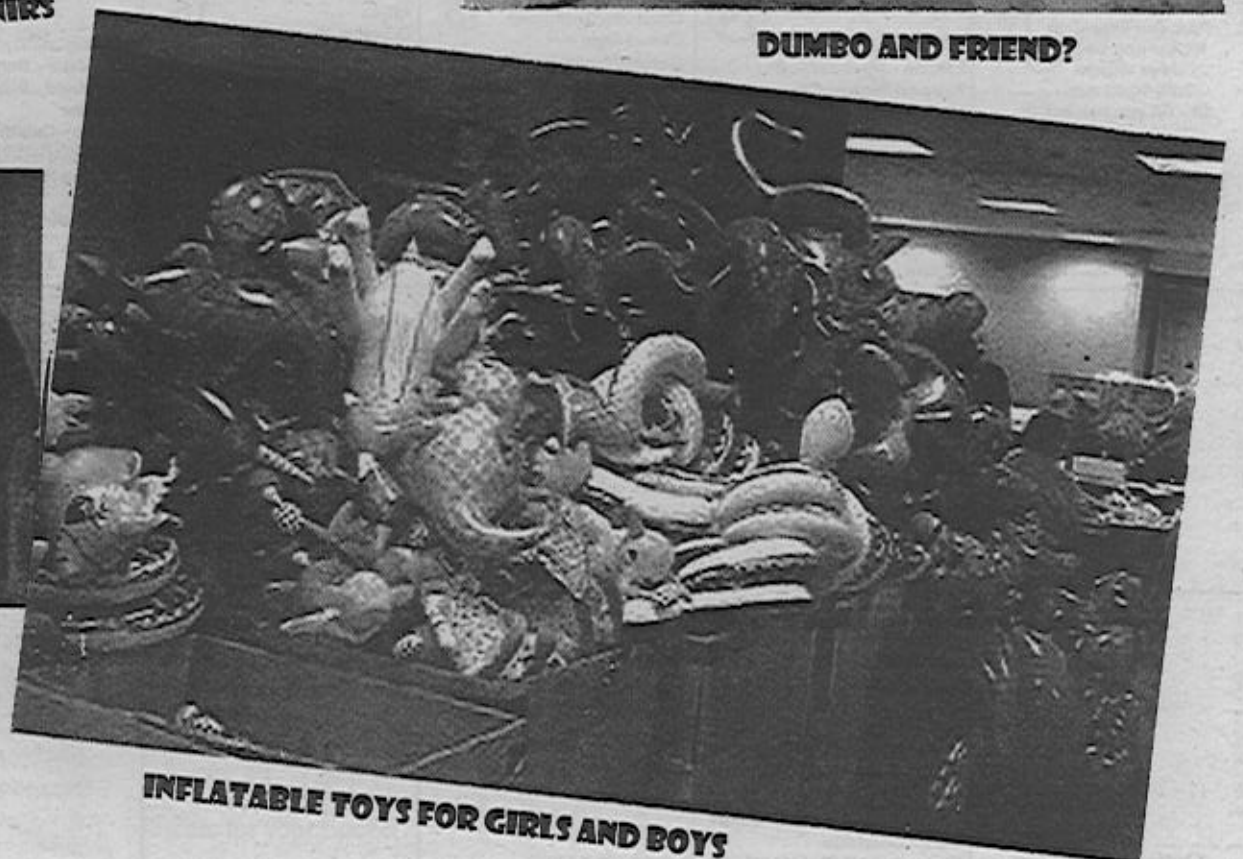
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- May 31- Jun. 4 Prince Hall OES Grand Sessions, Rochester
- Jun. 5-6 Prince Hall Grand Sessions, Rochester



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### Thank You

The *Masonic Times* wishes to thank Phil Hurwitz who, for many years, has contributed a column on your Legal Rights. He has decided, at least temporarily, to discontinue his articles. We look forward to publishing this material again in the future, should he resume writing. Thanks, Phil!

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## In Memoriam February

**Miller, Charles A. "Chuck"**  
A member of Fame Lodge and Charlotte Chapter No. 507, OES, Charles met his Maker on February 19th. He leaves his wife, Dorothy, four children and nine grandchildren.  
**Hanson, Bernard K.**  
Bernard passed away on February 23rd. He was a member of ERAC Lodge and leaves his wife, Violet, one son, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

## March

**Hill, James A., IV**  
The Lord called Jim Home on March 6th. He was a member of Seneca Lodge; Rochester Consistory; Cyrene/Monroe Commandery, KT; Hiram Chapter, RAM; Damascus Shrine, and former Director of the Royal Order of Jesters, Rochester Court No. 3. He is survived by his wife, Doris, two children, and two grandchildren.

**Scott, Roger**  
The Great Architect of the Universe embraced Roger on March 11th. He was a member of Fairport/Flower City Lodge and Rochester Consistory. He leaves his wife, Jessie, five children, ten grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

**Billings, Howard E.**  
Howard entered into rest on March 12th at the age of 88 years. He was a 61 year member of Drumlin Square Lodge and leaves his three children, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**Gold, Irving M.**  
Fairport/Flower City Lodge, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Shrine all lost a member with the death of Irving on March 16th. He is survived by his wife, Maxine, and one daughter.

The following was reported with no specific information.  
**Smith, Robert F.**  
Robert was a Past Master of Germania Lodge and was Monarch of Lalla Rookh Grotto in 1965. He died February 18th. □

## Card of Thanks

Please accept our sincere thanks for the cards and expressions of sympathy extended to our family following the death of Berea Hook. Words cannot fully convey our appreciation for your kindnesses. We are deeply grateful for your concern. Thank you.  
Bill and Helen Hook

# Big Calendar April 2003

Gem - Diamond  
Flower - Sweet Pea

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<p>1 Charlotte/Corinthian Clio - Hilton Craftsman/Robertson Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps Oakland - Castile Warsaw</p> <p>OES - Fairport, Nolatka - OV, Perry, Tri-Star - Palmyra</p> <p>April Fools Day</p>	<p>2 Attica Drumlin Square - Palmyra Olive Branch - LeRoy Livonia</p> <p>RSM - Doric Council - Pittsford</p> <p>OES - Henrietta</p>	<p>3 Constellation - Perry Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster Eunice - Caledonia - 1* RSM - Palmyra Council Lalla Rookh Grotto - Master Mason Night - Henrietta Town Park Scottish Rite - Feast of the Paschal Lamb, 898 Buffalo Road</p>	<p>4 Spaghetti Dinner Webster Lodge 5-7 p.m., \$6 Adult, \$3 Child 30 Orchard Street</p>	<p>5 OES - Rochester Chapter - East Rochester</p> <p>OES - Genesee/Wyoming Study Club - Olive Branch</p>
<p>6 Daylight Saving Time Begins</p>	<p>7 Canandaigua - Shortsville West Star - Varysburg</p> <p>OES - Etollan, Irondequoit, Germania, LeRoy</p> <p>RAM - Palmyra/Eagle - OV</p> <p>Masonic Education Course - ERAC, East Rochester</p> <p>Shrine Lunch Club</p>	<p>8 Arcade Batavia Craftsman/Robertson Fame - Irondequoit Seneca - Webster Valley/Simes</p> <p>RAM - 3x3 - OV, Dansville, Wyoming</p> <p>OES - Leah - Hilton</p>	<p>9 Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminal - Pike</p> <p>Masonic Service Bureau Monthly Luncheon Meeting</p> <p>Damascus Shrine</p> <p>OES - Batavia, Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville, Corinthian/Fellowship</p>	<p>10 Eagle Valley - Bliss Milnor - Victor</p> <p>RAM - Hiram</p> <p>KT - Batavia Commandery</p> <p>Lalla Rookh Caldron</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 KT - Sagoyewatha - Phelps</p> <p>Daughters of the Nile, Zama Temple - Fairport</p> <p>OSY - Surviving Spouse Luncheon, Phelps Hotel</p>
<p>13 Pancake Breakfast Mt. Vernon Lodge Java Village 7:30-10:00 a.m. \$5 - All you can eat</p> <p>Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinner Weds. April 9th &amp; 23rd East Avenue Hilton</p> <p>Palm Sunday</p>	<p>14 ERAC - East Rochester Etollan - Spencerport Fairport/Flower City Mt. Vernon - Java Village Union Star - Honeoye Falls Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield</p> <p>RAM - Excelsior</p> <p>Shrine Lunch Club</p>	<p>15 Charlotte/Corinthian Clio - Hilton Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps Oakland - Castile Warsaw</p> <p>OES - Fairport, Monroe, Nolatka, Perry, Tri-Star - Palmyra, Webster</p>	<p>16 Attica Drumlin Square - Palmyra</p> <p>Olive Branch - LeRoy Livonia</p> <p>Lalla Rookh Grotto</p> <p>RSM - Doric Council - Pittsford</p> <p>OES - Henrietta, Monroe</p>	<p>17 Constellation - Perry Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster Eunice - Caledonia</p> <p>Scottish Rite</p> <p>RAM - Western Star</p> <p>Passover</p>	<p>18 Good Friday</p>	<p>19 OES - Genesee/Wyoming Study Club</p> <p>Amaranth - Installation of Officers - Palmyra</p>
<p>20 Easter</p>	<p>21 Canandaigua - Shortsville</p> <p>Genesee/Wyoming School of Ritual</p> <p>Shrine Lunch Club</p>	<p>22 Arcade Batavia Craftsman/Robertson Fame - Irondequoit Valley/Simes</p> <p>RAM - 3x3, Dansville, Wyoming RAM - Grand Lecturer's Convention - LeRoy</p> <p>OES - Leah - Hilton</p>	<p>23 Churchville Oatka - Scottsville - 3* Triluminal - Pike</p> <p>OES - Batavia, Corinthian/ Fellowship</p> <p>Tall Cedars of Lebanon - Penfield</p>	<p>24 Eagle Valley - Bliss Milnor - Victor</p> <p>RAM - Hiram</p> <p>KT - Batavia Commandery</p> <p>James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post</p>	<p>25 Orthodox Holy Friday</p>	<p>26 Scottish Rite - One-Day Class, R.L. Thomas High School, Webster</p>
<p>27 Orthodox Easter</p>	<p>28 ERAC - East Rochester Etollan - Spencerport Fairport/Flower City Mt. Vernon - Java Village Union Star - Honeoye Falls Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield RSM - Nundawaga Council Livingston Assoc. District Meeting - Phoenix Lodge</p> <p>OES - Charlotte Shrine Lunch Club</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>			