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## R. W. Gerald Glaser 1918 - 2003



His involvement in the Concordant Bodies included the Scottish Rite in Utica and Rochester. Jerry received the Meritorious Service Award in 1974. He was also active in Hiram Chapter, RAM; Doric Council; Tall Cedars of Lebanon; Judas Maccabeus and DeMolay.

A Past President of the Masonic Service Bureau, Brother Gerald was also President of the Temple Civic Center and guided it through some changing times.

Jerry graduated from Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute with a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering. He worked on several space projects, including the lunar landing. Many of us knew Jerry as the owner and President of Money Managers and, at the time of his passing, he was still working at the Preferred Financial Group.

Brother Jerry is survived by his devoted wife, Betty, three children: Arthur, Gail Eskanos, Anne Scanlon, and eight grandchildren.

Jerry's strong leadership and warm smile will be missed by all.

Masonry lost a hard-working, dedicated member with the passing of Gerald J. Glaser on September 26th.

Jerry was born in Rochester in 1918, and became a Mason in 1958 when he joined Moriah Lodge No. 958 in Utica, where he served as Master in 1966. He affiliated with Flower City Lodge (now Fairport/Flower City Lodge) in 1967 and was Master in 1978. He went on to become District Deputy Grand Master of the 1st Monroe District in 1988.

*Memorial Service*  
Monday, November 17th, 7:30 p.m.  
Fairport/Flower City Lodge  
87 South Main Street, Fairport

## Strangers?...In Freemasonry?

A member of the Craft may be at fault if he is a stranger in his own Lodge. But, the Craft is at fault if that same Brother is allowed to be a stranger in another Lodge.

The probable reason for a member being somewhat of a stranger in his own Lodge is due to the fact that he has long been conspicuous by his absence at the Lodge meetings. The Officers have changed and new members having been initiated, he finds that he actually knows but a few.

Lodge attendance is voluntary, and if a member fails to attend Lodge, new friendships will be established and old friendships will be renewed.

When a Brother visits a Lodge, other than his own, the Officers and the members of the Lodge should make him feel welcome - a duty which is often times neglected.

It has been wisely stated that "Lodge visitors represent the strongest link in Freemasonry's chain of fraternal goodwill and amity that circles the globe. Their presence supplies the Lodge a rule with which to gauge its own hospitality, and furnishes it an insight into the character and integrity of the Fraternity in that Jurisdiction."

A Lodge that has many visitors can't help but be a better informed Lodge. It can't help but be a popular Lodge, a friendly Lodge and a Lodge that is ready at all times to accept responsibility and handle it with confidence and dignity.

It has been cited that nowhere is a visitor so welcomed, nowhere is he so entranced, nowhere is his visit so productive of joy and satisfaction to all concerned, as in a Lodge that understands the principles and purposes of the examination of a visitor, and the courtesies due a Brother who has proven himself worthy and well qualified. There is an Officer on hand to greet him. There is a seat in the Lodge within a circle of cheerful faces, wreathed in true smiles of Brotherly love and affection. There are always friendly hands waiting and willing to grasp his own.

Being a stranger in your own Lodge or allowing a visiting Brother Master Mason to remain a stranger in your Lodge, is not in keeping with the traditions of Freemasonry.

## 80-Year Service Award Presented to R. W. William Lennox

On September 22nd, ERAC Lodge's Annual Awards program was the setting for a most unusual award; R. W. William Lennox, received a Certificate acknowledging his continuing service to the Lodge and to the Craft for a total of four-score years. He was also presented with a similar Certificate from Damascus Shrine.

Brother Bill was raised in Ancient Craft Lodge No. 943 in November of 1923, and served as its Master in 1935. In 1940, he served as District Deputy Grand Master for the 1st Monroe District. In the ensuing years and; until recently, he remained active in his Lodge, guiding the young, mentoring Brothers going

through the line and modeling for others an authentic Ritual.

Brother Bill continues to be a role model for others as he demonstrates a health outlook, cheerful spirit, and an open mind to a world that has changed vastly in the century he has witnessed. He continues to live independently and keeps up with everyone.



R. W. William Lennox receiving his 80-Year Service Award Certificate from R. W. Richard Friedman (right) as W. Terry Wihlen, Jr. (left), Master of ERAC Lodge, observes.



Chief Rabban, Bruce Chilton (left), presented a Service Award to R. W. William Lennox on behalf of the Damascus Shriners, with the assistance of Richard Friedman, Treasurer.

## What is a Candidate?

- The Candidate is the most important person in our Organization.
- The Candidate is not dependent on us - we are dependent on him.
- The Candidate is not an interruption of our work - he is the purpose of it.
- The Candidate is a part of our Organization - not an outsider.
- The Candidate is not a cold statistic - he is a flesh and blood human being with feelings and emotions like our own.
- The Candidate is not just a name, a face or a number - he is an Individual.
- The Candidate is a person who brings us his wants - it is out job to fill those wants.
- The Candidate is the life blood of this Organization.



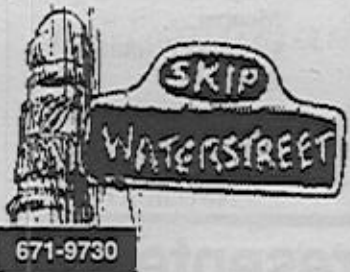
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**Editor's Corner**

Another issue is on the way to the membership and, once again, not without some trying times. You must be getting sick of me mentioning this, so I'll change the subject.

Our email address is changing. I hope you have noticed this announcement elsewhere in this issue. For the next couple of months, we will support our rmasons@juno.com address. However, we would prefer EVERYONE change their address book NOW...while you think of it. Our new address is:

**bmasonic@rochester.rr.com.** We'd like everyone to **Be Masonic!** Will that help you remember? Just don't spell it properly and you're all set. Also note that it is all lower case letters. If you capitalize it, we might not receive it.

The RoadRunner service is replacing our DSL line, as Frontier could not provide that service for us in our new location. It is working very fine, enables a lot quicker lookup of information online and allows us to transact some business electronically. It should be helpful to anyone submitting digital photos also...at least on our end.

Speaking of the Internet, have you checked out the Masonic Service Bureau website lately? If you've tried with the previously published address, I apologize. It was incorrect. Look up the site at **www.monroemasonic.com** and you will find us. The Masonic Service Bureau has a direct "quick link" from this site to information about us and the services we provide to you and the community. Information on the **Masonic Times** is available there, as well as other links to sites for Grand Lodge, Lodges, Frequently Asked Questions, Concordant Bodies and a calendar. It is "a website dedicated to providing our community and brethren with the working tools of life." Check it out, when you get a chance. Help the webmasters by contacting them with information you'd like to publicize or by correcting any errors you notice. I'm sure they will appreciate your help.

Thanks for reading.

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We are getting our new technology hardware and software working to our benefit. The newest addition is our email address. Effective immediately, anyone wishing to send a message to the Masonic Service Bureau should use: **bmasonic@rochester.rr.com.** We will continue to use the rmasons@juno.com account for the next few months, but plan to cancel it eventually.

Remember our new phone numbers - **671-9730** or fax - **671-8390.** Call us mornings.



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Masters, if we are going to meet the Grand Master's goal of 100,000 hours of volunteer time to the public schools of New York State, there are certain things we have to do. All Masters should appoint a "Beacon Project Lodge Coordinator." His name should be forwarded to the Beacon Project Area Coordinator.

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*Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells...*

*December is coming!!*

*And so is the  
Masonic Care Community's Annual  
"Winterfest"*

*Mark Your Calendar for Sunday, December 7, 2003  
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*Enjoy an Afternoon of  
Sleigh Rides... Carolers... Santa... Arts & Crafts  
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## Masonic Home Name Change

The Masonic Home has announced it has changed its name to **Masonic Care Community of New York**, to better reflect its mission of providing multiple levels of care in a community atmosphere. Also announced was the opening of a new, advanced-design skilled nursing complex and the construction of a new residential adult care facility, all located on the Bleecker Street campus.

Executive Director, William J. Luley stated, "Over the years, we have expanded our continuum of care approach to elder living with several facilities that offer the appropriate level of care in the cycle of life's transitions. The name **Masonic Care Community** describes that approach, as well as the community atmosphere shared by our staff and residents."

The **Masonic Care Community** is open to Masons and non-Masons alike and addresses multiple levels of need including: independent retirement living, assisted care, skilled nursing services, long- and short-term rehabilitation, respite care and palliative care for the terminally ill.

These levels exist in a series of facilities that are integrated into a carefully planned environment. Both the physical setting and delivery of service are designed to nurture interaction between staff, residents, and their families.

According to Luley, the **Masonic Care Community** is hard at work on one of the most ambitious and innovative chapters in their history. They will soon open the doors to one of the most advanced skilled nursing facilities in the region. The \$55-million facility includes 320 beds. Residents will be grouped into "neighborhoods" of 8 or 16 rooms, and each neighborhood will have shared living space where residents can gather to play cards, exercise, listen to music, or just visit with friends.

Both the neighborhood design and private rooms are designed to provide a true home-like atmosphere. Features include bay windows, hardwood floors and two atriums that have been named "Gathering Eden" and "Winter Garden."

The goal is to provide residents with the latest in technology, but still make it feel like they're at home. Associate Director, Keith W. Heinrich said, "Residents have the freedom to wake according to their own timetable, choose their own household grocery list, and entertain guests when they wish. It's a family-like atmosphere where residents can assume roles and responsibilities according to their individual likes, talents, and experiences." Plans call for the new nursing facility to open in the first quarter of 2004. Applications are now being accepted for new residents.

The year 2004 will also see the reconstruction of Wiley Hall, the **Masonic Care Community's** residential adult care facility. The existing building will be demolished and a completely new structure will take its place. Each room will have a private bathroom and there will be specially designed spaces for couples. The new Wiley Hall will have centrally designed common areas and individual lounge areas in each wing.

"The **Masonic Care Community's** priority is our residents," said Luley. "In recent years, there has been a national trend to change the culture of aging. People shouldn't have to give up their freedom and independence in order to receive the support and services they need. We are also pleased to have the opportunity to invest in our region, and bring an array of services that our community will need in the 21st century."

For over 100 years, the **Masonic Care Community** has demonstrated a tradition of compassion and service to humanity. The quality of care provided and the community setting has established the organization as a leader in the health care industry. The **Masonic Care Community** employs more than 650 full- and part-time people and provides independent retirement living, assisted care, skilled nursing, long- and short-term rehabilitation, respite and palliative care. Please visit [www.MasonicCommunity.org](http://www.MasonicCommunity.org) or call (315) 798-4800, for more information. ❦

## MMRL news

By Ronald P. Kamp

Dr. Pedro Brugada, Professor of Cardiology at the Cardiovascular Center OLV Hospital in Aalst, Belgium, will be honored as the Seventh Gordon K. Moe Visiting Professor at the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL). Dr. Brugada is one of the most prominent figures in the field of cardiac electrophysiology and arrhythmias and has received numerous international awards and recognition. The Professorship honors Gordon K. Moe, M.D., Ph.D., MMRL Director from 1959 to 1984, who left an indelible mark on the world of science and medicine and was recognized as a pillar of modern cardiology. Moe's contributions earned him the high esteem of scientists, physicians and scholars as one of the great men of science.

Dr. Brugada presented a lecture entitled, "Sudden Unexpected Death in the Young" to the Mohawk Valley medical and scientific community in the RAM auditorium of the Masonic Medical Research

Laboratory on September 9th at 5:00 p.m. Following the presentation, a dinner was held in his honor at the Yahnundasis Golf and Country Club.

Dr. Brugada and his brother, Dr. Josep Brugada, received international acclaim for their discovery and description of a new clinical entity of sudden death in 1992, now known as the Brugada syndrome. The Brugada syndrome is an inherited arrhythmia that tragically takes the lives of young adults. It can also lead to life-threatening ventricular fibrillation.

The Ramon Brugada, Senior Foundation was established, shortly thereafter to support clinical and basic research into the syndrome as well as taking a leadership role in raising awareness of the Brugada Syndrome among physicians, patients and public. The Masonic Medical Research Laboratory is the leading center of study of this disease in the United States.

The Masonic Medical Research Laboratory hosted a Brugada Syndrome Consensus Conference September 10th - 14th, at Lake Placid. Drs. Charles Antzelevitch, Executive Director of the MMRL and Pedro Brugada of Aalst, Belgium co-chaired the meeting. Participa-

tion was limited to 15 individuals from USA, Spain, Italy, The Netherlands, Brazil, Germany, Japan, Thailand and France who have demonstrated extensive expertise in clinical or basic aspects of the Brugada Syndrome.

The goal of the consensus conference was two-fold: 1) to generate a consensus document concerning diagnostic criteria and treatment of the Brugada Syndrome to be published in a prominent journal and, 2) to author a comprehensive book dealing with current knowledge of the molecular, cellular, genetic and clinical aspects of the syndrome.

Drs. Antzelevitch and Brugada and other members of the team have been at the forefront of this field for the past decade and have been invited to author many critical reviews and editorials on the Brugada Syndrome for prominent medical journals published worldwide.

Also participating will be Dr. Josep Brugada, co-founder of the new clinical entity and Dr. Ramon Brugada, the newly appointed Director of the Molecular Genetics Program at the MMRL. The three Brugada brothers, all originally from Spain, have been trained as cardiologists. ❦

## Answering the Call

By R.:W.:Cliff Short

It was Friday, August 29th, the last day before entering the busy Labor Day holiday weekend, when two of our Brothers were called to answer a call for help from someone in their community. Call it a coincidence or call it fate, but I believe it may have been something more.

V.:W.: John Dyer was taking a break from his duties at Eastman Kodak, stretching and getting some fresh air on Lake Avenue. Brother Mike Hueston was on his way home from work at the very same time. Both would meet together on this day for some strange reason.

John was approached by an

elderly man in a wheelchair, who asked him for help. He had just been hit by a passing truck while trying to cross the street at the crosswalk. The man was hurt and his leg was bleeding badly. John immediately reached for his cell phone to call 911 for help. As he made the call, a car stopped to make sure the elderly man had the help he needed. John looked up and saw the driver of the car was Brother Mike Hueston. Mike had been driving the car just behind the truck that had just hit the man, and had seen it all happen. After being assured that help was being given, Mike followed the driver of the truck to his home, and

called the police with the address of the driver. The driver was then arrested. This guy never even stopped to see if the elderly man was okay.

Without the help of these two Brothers, this elderly man could have suffered more serious injuries than he already had, and the driver may have gotten away, unpunished for his crime. Call it what you like, but the odds of two Brothers meeting in a situation such as this, to me, is much more than a coincidence. If you happen to see these Brothers out and about, please be sure to thank them for actions on this fateful day in August. I know that I will. ❦

## Final Round of Golf

By R.:W.: Ruel Lovett

The annual Columbus Day Final Round of Golf has taken place and is now history. Twenty-two Masons and players from the Lakeside Foundation enjoyed a great day at Twin Hills Golf Club on Ridge Road West. The weather man cooperated, and we enjoyed sunshine and all the colors of the rainbow.

Leaves are almost at their maximum color for Autumn. Sun reflecting off the water made it almost OK to get your ball wet. Well, almost!

The low gross winner this

year was Terry King. Second low gross was Ruel Lovett. Low net winner was Gary Cornelius. Second was Danny Brugger. Longest drive was won by Jim Powell, and it was a good one. No one hit the green for closest to the pin. That was a tough hole. There was one score card not turned in. It may well have changed the results.

The Lakeside Foundation, which gives help to outpatients, when there is a need, sponsors this annual Columbus Day event. Money is raised through the efforts of Masons and friends by giving money or getting sponsors.

The Masons became involved several years ago when Donald Brugger volunteered us to sponsor a tournament. I've enjoyed being a part of this undertaking, and expect to continue to do so.

Next year's tournament will be handled by Terry King. All e-mail and phone calls should be directed to him. As in the last two years, procurement of prizes will be handled by Dick Howard of Bergen. Dick has done an admirable job. Our thanks go to him for this service. Thanks also to Patti Lovett who was able to procure some prizes. Thanks to all who participated. ❦

## The Secrets of Masonry

The secrets of Masonry can be realized only in a man's own heart, and perfect realization is governed by his own conduct and habits of mind. The Mason who keeps the sacred fires of education burning on the altar of his heart will be inevitably drawn nearer to his God and also the meaning of life. Receiving the Degrees does not make a man a Mason. ❦

The various Degrees merely point the way, and provide a means for securing the most noble and valuable secrets of our Order.

In other words, they are the key to the Order, and the individual Mason must determine for himself whether or not he will seek more knowledge, using the little knowledge he already has to open up the vast stores of wisdom preserved for those who are diligent. ❦

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## District Deputy Grand Master

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October brings the hint of Winter, with less warm days and more cool nights, the harvest moon bespeaks of a good year, of planting and nourishing the seeds of Masonry, and now we hope to reap some of the benefits of our labors. As Masons, we work in the quarries of life and tend our hearts and consciences, to better fit them, as determined by the Divine plan of the Great Architect.

The Grand Master, having given us the tools, has provided each Lodge and individual member with the opportunity to harvest the fruits of our Masonic labors. These opportunities are in the form of Degree work being exemplified in the many Lodges throughout the District.

The Lodges are performing the standard work and some have shown initiative and exemplified Degrees in unique environments in the rustic space of a barn. The barn Degree was exciting to be part of and, hopefully, it will continue to add more interest to our Fraternity.

Brothers, we are on a path to bring more light to the world, we must continue this path and perhaps increase our efforts to improve ourselves in Masonry. Through these efforts we can regain the numbers and strengths that created and sustained this great Fraternity we enjoy.

Congratulations to all who participated in the recent Grand Lecturer's Convention. This arena also shows how our District is improving, not only from the quantity, but the quality of those Brothers in attendance. The effort put forth by all the Lodges is beginning to reap some of the bounty.

### Keep informed

Communication is still one of our strongest allies as we keep our Brothers abreast of what is happening in our Lodges, as well as District-wide. This sometimes includes good news as well as distressing news. Information exchange is managed by our use of the *Masonic Times* and everyone is to be commended on their participation in this publication.



### Please contribute

The Brotherhood Fund is again in full swing and information should have been received. If each contributor solicited one additional Brother to contribute to our greatest benevolence, great things can and will be achieved. Remember, Faith, Hope and Charity are our guiding virtues and the greatest of these is Charity.

May the blessing of Heaven rest upon us and all, may our Brotherly Love prevail. ❧

## Grand Sword Bearer

Genesee/Wyoming



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Fall is definitely upon us; as I look out the window, the trees are shedding their foliage and the ground has become a palette of variegated reds, yellows and oranges.

### Symbolic Lodge Awards

The Symbolic Lodge Awards ceremony is now history for another year, and Chairperson, G. Michael Morris and his committee, did a wonderful job organizing the event. Occasionally, a choice of a recipient emerges, as interesting to say the least. One wonders what criteria facilitate the nomination, or perhaps in at least one instance, what lapse precludes them not receiving it. Then again, upon due consideration, such an apparent enigma may not really be so surprising after all.

### Interfaith Service and Brunch

The Interfaith Service and Brunch was well attended, and Award recipient Tom Ferraro, a very articulate orator, enthralled his audience. Chairperson, Linda Zahn and her team, did a stellar job of organizing and presenting this event.

On the other side of the Masonic World, the annual Genesee/Wyoming Purple Apron Club's Ladies' Night at the Days Inn in Batavia was well attended and enjoyed by all. Thanks go out to Club President, R.:W.: Bob Seils, for arranging an enjoyable afternoon.

### Mea Culpa

In last month's issue, I erroneously reported in a separate article, that SK Jim MacConnell is employed as an Engineering Aide at Eastman Kodak Company. In actuality, he is an Electrical Engineer - I stand rightfully corrected, and my sincere apologies are extended for this oversight and any possible ramifications thereof - didn't mean to "demote" you, Jim!

### Fish Fry

The District Fish Fry, which was held at Attica Lodge last month, was a success, and all who attended went away well satisfied. The proceeds from this event benefit the Genesee/Wyoming Council of Masonic Activities.

### MDC Course

The first session of the MDC Course in the Genesee/Wyoming District has now been completed. R.:W.: Bill Lindsay did a stellar job of conducting this session for us, and we extend our gratitude to him. More on this Course will appear in next month's issue. I would like to have seen more participation from within the District, but there is always the next session. On a more positive note, I was pleased to see articles in last month's issue of the *Masonic Times* from eight of the participating ten Lodges in the District - keep up the good work, guys!

### Condolences

We extend our sympathies to the family of W.: Daniel

Kelsey, who went to be with the Great Architect on October 12th. Dan was a Past Master and longtime member of Attica Lodge. Also, Brother Ron Rich of Hesperus Lodge passed away in Florida last month, and we offer condolences to his family.

"We shall miss the hearty handshake, And the greeting known so well, But will strive to meet them yonder, Where all Masons hope to dwell."

### New Grand Officers

This month, the Genesee/Wyoming Purple Apron Club will meet to review applications for District Deputy Grand Master and Staff Officer nominations for the ensuing two-year tenure. Based upon my experience during the past eighteen-month period, I would like to offer a modicum of advice. If you contemplate what you are about to read following completion, I believe you will come to the realization that it applies not only to Grand Officers, or even Grand Line Officers, but also to any office accepted in a Blue Lodge or Concordant Body. To hold office in any of our Masonic Bodies requires personal sacrifice. There are, of course, Masons who have the itch to go through the chairs and to become past presiding officers. Many of these Brethren accept official positions with complete complacency. They want to hold office, but at the same time, they expect to do just as little as they can in order to avoid being eliminated. Some of these Brethren do not attend any more meetings than they have to and generally shirk a lot of the responsibility which belongs to them and which they should assume, but when election night comes around, they are always on hand to see that they are either reelected or advanced. Heavy responsibility rests upon each officer of our Masonic societies. Those who accept these honors must make up their minds that personal sacrifice is going to be necessary, and that they must bear their share of the burden of carrying on the office.

Some Brethren have been known to shirk their official duties and when election night came around they were dropped from official position, they became hostile and fraught with vengeance when the fault was all their own. If the responsibilities of an office are clearly understood beforehand, by both the potential candidate for office and those responsible for his election, a great deal of misunderstanding and hurt feelings can be circumvented.

In closing, I would like to extend to each of you and your families a truly blessed Thanksgiving filled with good thoughts and all that you wish for yourselves and others. ❧

## Assistant Grand Lecturer



V.:W.: George R. Springett  
247-3557  
Genesee/Wyoming District

A new experience, a 1st Degree presented in a barn! The

enclosure was completed with hay bales piled high over a dirt and gravel floor. The breezes blowing would surely extinguish the candles if they had not been electrified. Sideline seating was luxurious bales, as well. The Altar was a small table with a feed bag for kneeling. I must admit, though, the Officers did receive preferential treatment with the provision of folding chairs and a card table for the Secretary. With the dust stirring, the smell of freshly baled hay, and rain upon the shed roof, the Degree proceeded under trying, but proper, manner which any Masonic Lodge would be proud to present in a situation the likes of which I had never experienced before. Well done, Arcade Lodge.

### Reminder

Official Visits and Degree reviews continue as expected. I must remind those Lodges who have not demonstrated the Degree work for this year, that ALL components of the Degree are required. Each Lodge is required to have a Degree review prior to March 1, 2004, to insure that they receive the just credit due them in the Grand Master's report which will be given at the Grand Lodge Session in May.

Keep up the good work, my Brothers, for the better we know and understand our Ritual, the better we can share our knowledge of the true meaning of Free and Accepted Masonry.

### November schedule

- 3 - Official Visit, West Star Lodge.
  - 6 - 1st Degree, Hesperus Lodge.
  - 11 - RAM convocation.
  - 12 - 1st Degree, Triluminal Lodge.
  - 13 - Official Visit, Eagle Valley Lodge.
  - 19 - Cryptic Council No. 19 convocation.
  - 20 - Hesperus Lodge.
  - 21 - Masonic Development Course, Hesperus, 7:00 p.m.
  - 24 - Genesee/Wyoming School of Ritual, Mt. Vernon Lodge, 8:00 p.m.
  - 25 - Official Visit, Arcade Lodge.
- Plus any unscheduled Degree reviews. ❧

## West Star Lodge No. 413 F. & A. M.



1st & 3rd  
Mondays

Master  
W.: Paul  
Baetzold  
535-7533

W.: Kenneth Kohlhagen  
Secretary, 591-9598

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By W.: Stephen Licht

The Entered Apprentice Degree was conferred upon two candidates on October 20th and preparations are well underway for the Fellowcraft Degree, the most likely date being November 17th. Please greet these new Brethren with a strong grip and a hearty welcome. It is hoped that our new Brethren will have demonstrated suitable proficiency in the preceding Degree in that time frame.

Masonry is not just a collection of ceremonies to be witnessed, as we all have come to know. Freemasonry is a philosophy of morality that cannot be learned according to the dictates of a schedule. The wise and serious truths we impart to our Brethren deserve

to be given as much time and instruction as necessary to insure their thorough understanding. In fewer words, DON'T RUSH A GOOD THING.

### Oh, my goodness!

Our Junior Warden was unexpectedly called away prior to our last Communication, thus when called to refreshment, we were faced with the prospect of black coffee and some crumbs in an empty donut box. Masons, like an army, travel on their stomachs. That night, we barely made it from the West traveling East. Plans have been made to stockpile some emergency rations, MREs and C-rations, to prevent a calamity such as this from recurring.



This photo is a follow-up to last month's article on using short, stubby candles. In West Star when we send a Brother out to buy candles, he shops for the best deal, which is usually a larger size. He outdid himself! These candles will last throughout ALL three Degrees and Historical Lectures and have enough left over for a District Deputy's Official Visit.

### Lights

I forwarded a photo of our super, deluxe representatives of the three lesser lights, courtesy of Dennis Parmeter. Now, we can have a program of the evening where the District Deputy may expound for several hours and still have time for new business. The only problem was encountered with the Senior Deacon at the closing ceremony. It was necessary for him to have a boost to fulfill his Ritualistic duty. Where are the really tall Brethren when you need them?

Prior to our Annual Communication, discussions are being held on the topics of Lodge finances and the present structure of dues and fees. A committee is gathering information how we compare to other area Lodges. The anticipated increase in the Grand Lodge per capita will require that we take some definitive action. It seems that Freemasons and dairy farmers have a lot in common, their expenses have climbed annually but their basic income has been flat as a pancake.

Winter attendance at our communications was discussed. Due to the rigor of the season and the inclemencies of weather, attendance is less than encouraging and an amendment to reduce the frequency of these communications is being discussed. Additionally, opening the Lodge at 7:30 p.m., rather than 8:00 o'clock in the evening is under consideration. Getting home from work and having supper do not appear to be a difficulty. To top it off, the idea of having a hot meal prior to the opening of Lodge as an added inducement to attendance is on the drawing board as well. ❧



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By R.: W.: Robert Dagen

I begin this article with mixed feelings, but at the same time, have accepted those feelings with the facts of life. The Brethren of Batavia Lodge will be physically losing our newest member due to the fact that he is serving us and our country in the United States Navy. Navy Chief and Brother Alex Shaw, along with his family, will be transferring to Virginia Beach, VA, later this Fall. This is the down side. On the bright side, Brother Alex has become a first line signer of a petition. Obviously he has taken to heart the Grand Master's wish, "each of us should recommend a good man to replace ourselves." Although this move by Brother Alex is part of his responsibility in serving his country, he will always be a very integral part of Batavia Lodge and a very special individual to me.

The foregoing will hopefully make it possible for all of us, especially Brother Alex, to participate in the early stages of "making a man a Mason." He has stated that this will be a very important part of his Masonic life. Barring anything unforeseen, we should begin the process late in November, or the first communication of December. Watch for information concerning this event via email and any other means needed.

#### Help needed

The Master, W.: J. Michael Willwerth, along with all the Brethren of Batavia Lodge, have been "challenged" to abide by our commitment made by the Brethren when we sold our interest in the Lodge facilities as relates to the maintenance of the third and fourth floors of the building.

It has become necessary to perform some maintenance to be in compliance with the City of Batavia codes. Your participation and help will be needed in this undertaking. Personal contact will be made in the very near future. Please help us if you can!

#### Dues

I am in receipt of the dues cards for the ensuing year. You will be receiving your notice in the very near future; please respond as soon as possible after receiving your notice!

#### Keeping in touch

During the past Summer season, I had contact and personal visits with a couple Brethren of Batavia Lodge. Brother David Scharlau, a resident of Arizona contacted me, at which time he brought us up to date in his situation, along with some changes in his work. He also is experiencing some health-related problems.

W.: Richard Plue was in the area during the month of August for personal and Masonic commitments. It sure was a joy to visit with him. He appears to be in good health and also

enjoying the climate associated with Arizona.

I have nothing to report as relates to "sickness and distress" other than W.: Brother William Genagon, who has been undergoing a long period of rehabilitation for a shoulder problem, and myself, who is still on the mend from a broken hip. Time and much patience is a daily need. R.: W.: John Bater, of Hesperus Lodge, has had a fall which incapacitated him and curtailed his activities and has caused him to become a resident of a facility in Buffalo. The particulars are not known at the present time; as we receive more information we will pass the same onto you.

Again, as I have reminded each of you many times in the past, if you know of someone, yourself included, who may need and appreciate our thoughts and prayers, it should and can be mentioned through this medium. Let me know so that we can pass the information along to all the Brethren.

Finally Brothers, we continue to ask that all keep our troops, who are diligently performing their respective duties overseas and at home, our government and people throughout the world, in our thoughts and prayers.

"May God Bless America and may God Bless us all!"

**Oakland Lodge**  
No. 379, F. & A.M.  
1st and 3rd Tuesdays  
(Jan., Feb., Mar.: 1st Tuesday only)

Master  
W.: Henry Robinson  
322-7545

Secretary  
W.: Richard L. Smith  
493-5408  
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October has gotten off to a very successful month for Oakland Lodge. We conferred the 1st Degree upon our new candidate at our first communication of the month. A lot of help and hard work was performed by the members of Oakland Lodge and other fellow Masons throughout the District. I send out a huge thank you to Constellation Lodge, who supplied help in a number of crucial parts and sections of the Degree. I also applaud the work done by R.: W.: Robert Strang. He performed the Historical Lecture and Charge for the second section of the 1st Degree. As always, R.: W.: Strang's work was flawless and well done. For anybody who has not had the privilege to see him perform this Lecture, you are truly missing out on an exceptional performance and fellow Mason. This performance definitely will make this fellow Mason strive for perfection and flawless Masonic Ritual.

I also thank all Mason's throughout the District who came and filled the sidelines. There is nothing more rewarding than seeing the sidelines filled with members from other Lodges throughout the District.

#### Sickness

It saddens me to report that W.: Robin Bowles has gone to Strong Memorial Hospital for surgery on one of his lungs. Brother Bowles has done a lot of things for Oakland Lodge and the members there of, es-

pecially the one writing this article. Brother Bowles not only conducted me through my Degrees to become a Master Mason, but more importantly, has been a surrogate Uncle to me throughout my life. Ever since I can remember, he has always been Uncle Robin and not W.: or Brother Bowles to me. The last report I received, Brother Bowles was recovering in his room and should be released soon.

Hopefully this article finds all fellow Mason's and their families in good health and spirits. If time allows, please pass along a prayer for Brother Bowles, as he recovers from recent lung surgery.

#### October

October 15, was the date of the Grand Lecturer's Convention at Attica Lodge. It was time well spent to learn the proper way to perform our sacred work. This Convention is one of the most informative events a Mason can attend throughout the Masonic year.

Our second communication of the month (October 21st) was the Official Visit of our DDGM, R.: W.: Robert Strang. Hopefully all members enjoyed the message sent from the Grand Master of the State of New York.

#### November

The dates for our two regular communications in November are the 3rd and 17th. Oakland Lodge will be conferring the 2nd Degree upon its newly initiated Brother at one of these communications.

May the blessings of Heaven fall upon us and all regular Masons and their families everywhere.

**Eagle Valley Lodge No. 1161**  
2nd & 4th Thursdays  
Master  
W.: Edwin C. Law  
237-2579

Secretary  
R.: W.: Sheldon J. Moden  
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Liberty Street, Bliss 14024

That time of year is here again! Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas and New Year's Day are close at hand. Brothers, you have my warmest wishes for a blessed and joyous holiday season and a happy, prosperous 2004.

On November 1st, our event was held at Eagle Valley Lodge, as it has been for many years. Thanks to all who made it the very special event that it was.

#### Merger

Regarding our merger plans, we have shared them with Triluminal Lodge in Pike, and have taken other prescribed steps in the process. Doubtless, further information shall be forthcoming.

#### Official Visits

The District Deputy Grand Master's Official Visit to Eagle Valley Lodge happened October 9th. Many thanks to R.: W.: Strang, DDGM, for his help and guidance toward our prospective merger.

R.: W.: George Springett, Assistant Grand Lecturer, will make his Official Visit to our Lodge on November 13th.

Brothers, as we conclude 2003 and prepare for 2004, let us pray for liberty and justice, not just within our republic, but throughout the world.

Furthermore, we should pray for peace and the prevalence of good will everywhere. Amen.

**Attica Lodge No. 462**  
1st and 3rd Wednesdays  
(Jan-Feb-Mar 3rd Wed. Only)  
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591-1023  
Secretary  
W.: Norman Steinbaugh  
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#### Date change

Things are starting to kick into gear around here. Our 3rd Degree, which was to be held on October 29th, had to be moved to December 3rd. We will start at 6:30 p.m. and have a break for Pizza and Wings between parts. W.: Bruce Anderson will be in charge of the Degree work, so if anyone wants to help out, contact Bruce.

#### Stop by

The work on the outside of the Temple is moving along at a good pace. If you haven't been by the Temple lately, stop by to see what is happening.

#### Pancake Breakfasts

We are starting up our monthly breakfast on November 2nd, with a Brunch. We will start at 10:00 a.m., so mark your calendars and join us. The rest of the months will be a Pancake Breakfast running from 8:00 a.m. - 12 noon.

#### Sympathies

Our condolences to the family of W.: Dan Kelsey, who passed away recently. Brother Dan was a very active member of Attica Lodge and he will be sorely missed. Dan's son, Tom Kelsey, was raised this past March. We ask that all of you keep his family in your prayers.

**Grand Director of Ceremonies Livingston District**

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



Well, it is that time of the year when we must put the garden tools, and watering hoses away for the coming Winter. Winters can be real tough. Sometimes I believe that Winter exists in our Lodges, that is to say; some, are not responsive, as if they are frozen in time. For instance, the MDC. I mailed letters to all the Masters concerning the particulars of the upcoming MDC. I told them of the urgency relative to the time factor and yet I re-

ceived some very late responses due to the Masters not getting the word out.

Our District Deputy is experiencing another type of problem relating to the selection of the next Grand Lodge Officers. We have several well qualified Brothers, who for some reason do not respond to mailings or phone calls. Where are we going?

We all wish our new Masters the best and pray that they will give it their best while in the East.

I must commend W.: John Gallant, Master, Union Lodge No. 45, Lima. He has gotten off to a great start. He is a communicator and that is one of the great qualities of a leader. Union has also done Degree work; they have Brothers taking the MDC, and they have a new Newsletter.

#### Congratulations!

I wish to apologize to my Brothers for not being able to attend some of the DD's Official Visits. My problems with arthritis are the cause of my not being there with him.

Remember, our Fraternity needs good leaders. If you see leadership qualities in any young or older Brothers, please work with them and guide them in Masonry. Nurture those priceless individuals.

At the printing of this article, the MDC will be underway and I will report on the success in my next article.

May God Bless.

**Eunice Lodge No. 830**  
1st Thursdays  
7:30 p.m.  
Master  
W.: Steven Cross  
768-8027  
Secretary  
R.: W.: Francis E. Oberer  
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Eunice Lodge will have a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night October 30th. I hope ten new members join our Fraternity.

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## District Deputy Grand Master Ontario/Seneca/Yates District



R.:W.: Clayton R. Ruggles  
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The Annual District Apron Presentation was held on Friday, October 10th, at the Phelps Hotel. R.:W.: James Rice of Rushville Lodge No. 377 served as Master of Ceremonies. OSY District AGLs, V.:W.: John Newvine and V.:W.: William Valois, Staff Officer, R.:W.: William Colin, and DDGM, R.:W.: Clayton Ruggles, were acknowledged. W.: Samuel Sedam of Dundee Lodge No. 123 was presented the E. Platt Soper Award.

Ron Kamp, from the Masonic Medical Research Lab, gave an excellent overview of the MMRL work and the recognition received.

### Get involved!

Of interest to our traveling Brothers, Rushville Lodge has voted to meet only on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. The Traveling Gavel is at Geneva Lodge No. 965 and has been there for quite a while. I encourage a Lodge to retrieve it. Remember, you need seven Brothers to get it. I also understand that the Traveling Trowel was to be delivered to Ark Lodge. The intent of these tools is to have Brothers travel to other Lodges in the District. Keep these tools moving and get involved.

### Convention

The annual Grand Lecturer's Convention for the OSY District will be held on Friday, November 14th, at Pocahontas Lodge. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m., with the Convention to follow. Please contact William Valois at (315) 558-2000 for reservations. The District AGLs are sending further information regarding the program for the evening and Lodge responsibilities.

Plans are being made for the Masonic Development Course. Materials have been ordered from Grand Lodge and the Course will be scheduled as soon as they arrive. Any Brother may take the Course. Give it some thought and expand your Masonic knowledge.

### November dates

- 3rd - Canandaigua Lodge, 1st Degree
- 5th - Milo No. 108, Official Visit
- 7th - OSY Charities at the Redwood in Naples. Contact George Stanton at 394-6829 for reservations.
- 8th - OSY Association breakfast meeting, 8:00 a.m. at Pocahontas Lodge.
- 11th - Dundee No. 123, Staff Officer Visit

- 12th - Seneca No. 113, re-scheduled Official Visit
  - 13th - Milnor, 2nd Degree
  - 14th - Grand Lecturer's Convention
  - 16th - 100th Birthday Celebration for R.:W.: Kenneth Brush at Waterloo Holiday Inn. Contact Richard Bellows at (315) 539-8079 for reservations by November 11th.
  - 17th - John Hodge No. 815, Staff Officer Visit
  - 18th - Garoga/Sincerity, Official Visit
  - 20th - Seneca Lake No. 308, Staff Official Visit
  - 25th - Eagle, Staff Officer Visit
- As we approach the holiday season, let us first be thankful for our good fortunes and the blessings that have been bestowed upon us. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

## Canandaigua Lodge No. 294



1st & 3rd  
Mondays

Master  
W.: Richard  
A. Stanton  
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Secretary  
R.:W.: George N. Stanton, Jr.  
394-6829  
Shortsville 14548

Our October 6th communication was a Table Lodge with a 7-course Prime Rib Dinner, which was enjoyed by all. Of course, the toasts in between the courses, didn't hurt. I was asked several times when we would be having another one. A special thanks needs to go out to Charlotte Stanton, Angela Jones, Brothers David Mason, and George Stanton, Jr., Ashley Stanton and Nichole Stanton for putting on and serving this very tasty dinner for all who were in attendance.

Our October 20th communication was our annual Official Visit from the R.:W.: Clayton Ruggles, DDGM, with the Grand Master's message. This was preceded by a dinner at the Countryside Family Restaurant.

### November 3rd

We will be conferring a 1st Degree on three candidates. If you haven't seen a Degree in a while, this would be a good time to see one.

### November 17th

The program for this evening will be a discussion on the differences of opening Lodge and how the 1st Degree is conferred in Georgia and Scotland, as compared to ours. We have a couple of Brothers who were able to attend these communications last Spring and Summer and there is quite a difference.

### December 1st

We will be conferring a 2nd Degree on our new Brothers.

### December 15th

We will be having a Ladies Night (more information to follow).

Dues notices will be going out soon for next year and a few of

you have not paid your dues for this year yet. Please check your dues card and if you don't have a 2003 dues card try to catch your dues up as this is what keeps your Lodge going.

The Brotherhood Fund has also started for this year and your donations can be sent in with your dues. Any amount you are able to donate is greatly appreciated.

### Dates to remember

November 14th is the Grand Lecturer's Convention in Pocahontas Lodge, Seneca Falls.

December 20th will be our 3rd annual Breakfast with Santa.

I'm looking forward to meeting and greeting you at any or all of the above.

## Garoga-Sincerity Lodge No. 200



1st & 3rd  
Tuesdays

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Secretary  
R.:W.: Clayton Ruggles  
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As I was reading the last issue of the *Masonic Times*, I realized that there may be some Brothers out there who do not know who the Lodge Officers are for this year. Well, here they are:

Master **John Wahl**  
Sr. W. **William Sergeant**  
Jr. W. **George Landstrom**  
Treasurer **Paul Adams**  
Secretary **Clayton Ruggles**  
Sr. Deacon **Rodney Wolfe**  
Jr. Deacon **Ronald Galens**  
Sr. MC **Gordon Campbell**  
Jr. MC **Carl Carlson**  
Chaplain **Robert Bird**  
Marshal **Donald Tiffany**  
Musician **Robert Lash**  
Tiler **Win Abplanalp**

We are still busy with the plans for the foundation for the flag and sign. Anyone interested in helping, please get in touch with one of the Lodge Officers. We also removed some pine trees in our back lot and had some stumps ground. We will need a work detail to rake and fill in the ground where stumps were removed.

Thanks to all the Brothers who participated in our 2nd Degree. Everyone did an exceptional job. We should all be very proud of our Lodge and our Degree work. It is nice to know that we can perform all aspects of the Degree with no outside help.

Thanks to all who participated with the Pork Chop Bar-B-Que on October 11th. This was a joint effort with the Eastern Star. Proceeds will be going toward the foundation for the flagpole and sign.

### Dates to remember

Fun Night will start again soon. More to follow.

Grand Lecturer's Convention, Friday, November 14th. Please remember all your Brothers who are in sickness or distress and all the Brothers and others serving in the military.

### November Birthdays

Happy birthday to Brothers: Otis Davis, and Stephen Phillips (1st), William Sergeant (3rd), James D. Allen (8th), Donald Henning (10th), Richard Hamelinck (15th), and Robert Bird (30th).

Congratulations to these Brothers raised in November:

Ronald Galens	11/20/01
William Smith	11/20/01
Donald Romeiser	11/20/01
Paul McIntyre	11/20/90
Clayton Ruggles	11/20/90
Paul Scherbyn	11/20/90
Daniel Guth	11/03/81
Gary Yancey	11/03/81
William Peterson	11/12/81
Terrence Mays	11/13/75
Jack Resnik	11/14/74
Keith Andrews	11/09/72
Thomas Pardington	11/09/72
Elliott Schocken	11/09/72
Donald Fridley	11/15/55
Charles Romeiser	11/14/46

## Milnor Lodge No. 139

2nd & 4th  
Thursdays



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Harwood  
(315) 597-1177

Secretary  
W.: Philip A. Trautman  
394-6976

21 Maple Avenue, Victor 14564

### Job well done!

We just had our 1st Degree, conferred by Brother Randy Henry, who did a very good job. He also presented the Working Tools, the Questions and Answers by our District AGLs, V.:W.: John Newvine, who did the Answers, and V.:W.: William A. Valois, who did the Questions. The Apron Presentation was given by W.: Philip Troutman, the Charge by V.:W.: John Newvine, and the Historical Lecture was presented by W.: James VanWyk. I congratulate everyone involved on a job well done.

Our 2nd Degree will be Thursday, November 13th, with a dinner at 6:30 p.m. Brother Robert Roys will be in the East for this Degree and will have rehearsal times and dates at our next meeting. The Grand Lecturer's Convention will be Friday, November 14th, at Pocahontas Lodge in Waterloo, with a dinner at 6:30 p.m. Our Official Visit has been changed to a later date.

### Goals

I would like you to know that my goals as Master of this Lodge are to make it a more stable, growing and involved Lodge. To that end, my first steps were to try to bring back inactive members whom felt could do good things for the Lodge. I would also like to revamp the Temple Corporation to blend it more smoothly with the Lodge and make it easier to run and manage with the limited membership we have available. I am trying to bring in new members and encourage our existing members to be more active. Lastly, I want to address some budget issues. As the year progresses, I will need your cooperation and participation to realize these goals.

I would also like to add that we, as Masons, must remember that we are a brotherhood of men, held together by basic Masonic values. It is incumbent upon each of us to treat each other with respect and dignity. We, as a brotherhood of Masons, do not have to like every individual Mason, but we do have to be "kind and respectful of them." That is the base line where Masonry begins. It is the mortar that holds

us together. If we allow this mortar to crumble apart then, once piece or brick at a time, all of Freemasonry will fall apart as well. I will end with Matthew 5: 44 - 46: "But I say to you, love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for those which despitefully use you, and persecute you; that you may be children of your Father which is in heaven; For he made the sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sends the rain on the just and on the unjust. For if you love them which love you, what reward have you. For do not the evil people do the same."

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### More Light in Masonry!

Who needs it? Those of us who aren't proud to be called a Master Mason. Those of us who don't feel that "we" can identify with Freemasonry. Those of us who can't talk about the Masonic Order, not even to our families, because we don't know what to say. Those of us who asked questions about the Fraternity, but never received meaningful answers.

Why must a Lodge have a plan for action? For two reasons: because it is successful, or because it is unsuccessful! This sounds like a contradiction. Actually, it isn't. If the Lodge is successful, it must plan to keep its members from becoming overly content.

Contentment tends to breed acceptance of things as they are; happy and comfortable people prefer to stay in the "rut" they now enjoy. When this is permitted to take place, the rut can become so deep it will be difficult to get out of it. If the Lodge is not successful, effective planning can reverse the trend away from stagnation.

How do we achieve more light in Masonry? With meaningful, realistic goals that work. Unless the Lodge knows where it is going, its members are lost. They can't be expected to act if its leadership doesn't. If we will work (Brothers of Ark Lodge) together and participate together, we will set realistic goals and follow them through to completion, and thereby brighten the light of the lamp of Freemasonry.

What makes the Lodge different? A Team, properly balanced with Brothers of different opinions and knowledge, cannot be static. The Lodge must move forward. It should be dynamic and futuristic. It will set goals for itself (the 200th anniversary of Ark Lodge in 2007) that no Master, or any other Lodge leader, would dare. In our endeavor to reach these realistic goals, we will create an enthusiasm in the whole Lodge.

What must we have to bring more light in Masonry in our Lodge? Fun! That's what we need in our Fraternity and our Lodge. We have to make it

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something to enjoy. Now, I don't mean undignified foolishness! I mean sharing of the Masonic philosophical values in such a way that it leaves the Brothers with a sense of well-being and a joy of wisdom.

Why is communication a road to success for a Lodge? Leadership is an absolute necessity if Freemasonry is to grow and flourish. To obtain this leadership, education of the Brethren and dedication to the principles of Freemasonry are vital and necessary. Constructive leadership must be able to recognize the barriers to the communication that exist at the present time. The Lodge will then be able to grow Master Masons into the leaders Masonry must have in the future.

Tying it all together, what is it I'm trying to say? If we truly wish to be leaders instead of followers in our Masonic Lodges, and in Freemasonry, we must be united and espouse the universal hope and aspiration of the Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God, we must consciously and deliberately practice Brotherly love in our families, communities, State and nation. Brotherly love is made up of kindness, forbearance, forgiveness, patience, sympathy and much understanding.

A Masonic leader should truly inspire his Brothers to the successful accomplishment of the goals of the Lodges and the Fraternity. He will radiate through every thought and action the aura of sincere and confident Masonic love and fraternalism.

Ark Lodge Honor Roll (1807-1857) is so very unique and very uncommon in New York State Freemasonry, that these ten magnificent Ark Lodge Brothers kept the Lodge going through very hard times of the Morgan Affair and anti-Masonry (1825 - 1850). This information was taken from Brother Historian Dr. John Stelter's, newsletter.

1. Philetus Swift - Master of Ark Lodge and Grand Visitor (DDGM), 1808-1811.

2. Pearly Philips - a tanner who guided Ark Lodge in the early organizational years of 1805-1807.

3. Elias Beach - cabinet maker; served many years as the Senior Deacon.

4. Samuel Codington - operative Mason and builder of our first Ark Lodge Temple in 1825.

5. Elbridge Dakin - coal dealer who was Treasurer of Ark Lodge for 34 years.

6. Nathan Dasham - a baker who was the Ark Lodge Tiler for many years during this period.

7. Richard Hogarth - a tailor who was Master of Ark Lodge for 14 years. (I hope this will not be me!)

8. Luther Kelly - a druggist who was Grand Visitor (DDGM) from 1830-1840.

9. Samuel Morrison - an operative Mason who was one of the precious few of Ark Lodge for many years.

10. John S. Look - another operative Mason who was a faithful sideline who helped, aided and assisted Ark Lodge for years.

#### Thought for today

Lasting peace of mind is impossible apart from peace with God; yet enduring peace with God only comes when a man is ready to surrender his own

peace of mind. (W.: Lee Packard, Eagle Lodge).

#### Acacia - Symbolism

The acacia tree grew abundantly in the vicinity of Jerusalem, and in ancient Israel was considered a sacred wood. Out of it Moses constructed the Tabernacle, the Ark of the Covenant, and other sacred furniture. The sprig of evergreen was used in many parts of the world as a funeral symbol or as a tribute to the dead.

When the legend of Hiram Abif appeared in our Ritual (about 1730), our Brethren wanted something to symbolize immortality, it was quite natural for them to choose a sprig from the sacred tree of the days of Solomon, the acacia. (By R.:W.: Herman A. Sarachan, 33°).

#### Did you know?

Vignettes in Masonry - M.:W.: Harry S. Truman served as Master of the Missouri Lodge of Research while being President of the United States. He was also Grand Master of Masons in the State of Missouri in 1941.

M.:W.: John Hancock - a great American Patriot who was the first to sign the Declaration of Independence. He was a member of St. Andrew's Lodge in Boston and became Grand Master of Masons of Massachusetts. He was also a Past Master who never neglected his Lodge.

Brother Benjamin Franklin published the first Masonic book in America in 1734. It was an edition of Anderson's Constitution.

Brother Paul Revere allegedly led and participated with members of St. Andrew's Lodge of Boston, MA, who were disguised as Mohawk Indians, in the Boston Tea Party episode. They all repaired to their Lodge room in the Green Dragon Tavern.

Brother Marquis DeLafayette - was a great Revolutionary leader from France and became a Royal Arch Mason in Jerusalem Chapter No. 8 in New York City, September 12, 1824.

Brother Joseph Brant - the great Mohawk Indian Chief was made a Mason in London, England, on April 26, 1776. He rescued Brother John McKinstoy from being burned at the stake when Brother John gave the distress sign of a Mason.

Brother Robert Newman - a sexton of Christ Church at Boston, MA, hung the signal lanterns in the Church steeple and gave the signal for Brother Paul Revere to warn the Minutemen. Brother Newman was a member of St. John's Lodge in Boston.

Brother Lowell Thomas - was a well-known lecturer and radio commentator and was made a Master Mason in St. John's Lodge in Boston on February 7, 1927. This Lodge is America's oldest Masonic Lodge. Brother Thomas was also a dual member of Kane Lodge No. 454 of New York City.

Brother George Washington - was Master of his Lodge in Alexandria, Virginia at the time of his inauguration as President of the United States in 1789. Brother Washington said, "To be prepared for war is one of the most effectual means of preserving peace."

Brother David Crockett - Was a well-known backwoodsman and Freemason who was captured by the Mexican forces of General Santa Ana and was ordered executed by him in 1836. General Santa Ana was a Mexican Freemason.

#### Words of wisdom

I am an idealist. I don't know where I'm going, but I'm on my way! (Carl Sandburg)  
Crossing the streets in New York City keeps old people young, if they make it! (Andy Rooney)

#### Masonic principles

1. Absolute belief in the Fatherhood of God who is the creator and ruler of the Universe.

2. All Masonic Brothers are spiritual Brothers to one another.

3. Understanding that man is of supreme worth above the material things of life.

4. That humanity can reach a higher level of perfection through Masonic training on accumulation of Masonic knowledge.

5. Freemasonry provides accepted standards of proper conduct and Masons must live a moral and ethical life.

6. The Masons must have a positive conviction that God exists and we place our trust in Him.

7. That Masons who see a worthy man, should think how they are to emulate him. When you see someone unworthy, you should examine your own character.

8. To recognize what things you do know and what things you do not know. This is wisdom!

9. What you do not wish done to yourself, you do not do to others.

10. At the root of all liberty is the liberty to know right from wrong. For the mind is in chains when it is without opportunity to choose.

11. To help others help themselves and to find reward in seeing them do it.

12. To consider tolerance one of our greatest of virtues.

13. To give to all work entrusted to me the best that is in me and never to be quite satisfied with my own efforts.

14. To pin my faith to the Gospel of Human Service and to do my level best to be good for someone else.

15. To never forget my Brothers and friends, but to always forgive my enemies.

16. No matter how rich or poor, or how high or low, we as Masonic Brothers are on the same human level.

17. That dishonesty and falsehoods are brothers of the same coin.

One of the big concerns of Masonry today is the lack of attendance by members and

not taking part in the activities of their respective Lodges. We realize in this day and time there are many things that occupy our time, but we also seem to find the time to do the things we wish to do. Before the coming of TV, videos, night baseball and football, and other types of entertainment, you would find the Lodge rooms filled on meeting nights, because we enjoyed the good fellowship and taking part in the Degree work. Being a Master Mason was then a great honor and privilege. We should all be proud of wearing the Square and Compasses, and let the world know we cherish it.

Freemasonry will never change; only we, the members, change. The things that existed when you became a Master Mason were the opportunity to serve as an officer in your Lodge, to become a Master, to work in Degrees, and to serve on teams, to be in Masonic activities offered to you. If you have not been a regular attendant to your Lodge meetings, why not promise yourself that you will go at least occasionally? Those who live afar would love to come to Lodge. Why not those who are near come to Lodge? The work has to be done, the problem is who will do it? (*El Paso Scottish Rite Bulletin*)

#### Did you know?

In 1969 the Grand Lodge of Iran was formed from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, France and Germany. Thirty-eight Lodges, with 1,035 members, were very active in the quarries of Freemasonry.

Brother James Hoban, (1762 - 1831), a White House Architect, was also its designer and supervisor of the construction of the White House. Brother Hoban helped organize Federal Lodge No. 1, in Washington, DC, and became its first Master.

Brother George M. Cohan, (1878 - 1942), (Yankee Doodle Dandy), was an actor, playwright, comedian, composer and producer. He was a member of Pacific Lodge No. 233 in New York City. ✽

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#### November Official Visits

Our Official Visits for November will be Rose Lodge No. 590 on the 5th, Clyde Lodge No. 341 on the 10th and Wolcott Lodge No. 560 on the 12th. Savannah Lodge No. 746 has postponed their visit until December 15th. They realized that the November date was the first day of deer season. All plan to have dinners before the Lodge meeting. Rose Lodge will meet at Skipper's Landing Restaurant; Clyde will host the dinner at the Lodge; and Wolcott Lodge will have dinner at the Rose Diner in North Rose.

#### MDC Continues

The Masonic Development Course continues the third Monday of the month at the Shrine Center 979 Bay Road, Webster, from 7:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. Contact R.:W.: Derek VanHouten at 247-2920 if you have any questions.

#### Beacon Project

Light bulbs are going on this Fall, as we speak about the Grand Master's Beacon Project. Lodges are realizing that they do volunteer in our schools, do teach fire protection, and are involved in recreation and scholarship programs. Brothers, even the time that our family members contribute to these projects count. Sit down and report your good work to your Master. Contact R.:W.: Cy White at (315) 597-9546, or at [ukcy@juno.com](mailto:ukcy@juno.com), if you have any questions.

#### District Christmas Party

R.:W.: Edward Marriott started the annual Wayne District Christmas Party several years ago. I am happy to report that the tradition will continue this year. Watch our website at [www.waynedistrictnymasons.com](http://www.waynedistrictnymasons.com) for details as they are forthcoming. We're happy to report that Ed is home from the hospital.

#### AGL Visits

V.:W.: David Rising thanks everyone who attended the Grand Lecturer's Convention at Drumlin Square Lodge on October 29th. Masters, please make sure that you have scheduled your Degree for 2003 with V.:W.: Rising so that he can plan his calendar and make your Degree.

#### Golf Tournament

What a bunch of ardent golfers we have! Although it rained hard for about 5 holes on October 4th, the day was a success for the Ronald McDonald House. A Steak Dinner, cooked by Brother Mike McGarry, was enjoyed by all in the clubhouse. The group voted to golf a week earlier and an hour later in the day next Fall, but the tradition will continue.

#### Let's Chat Session Postponed

I have received word that the session with Deputy Grand Master R.:W.: Edward Trosin



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will have to be rescheduled as a conflict developed in his schedule. Stay tuned.

### Junior Grand Warden to Visit

R.:W.: James E. Sullivan, Junior Grand Warden, will visit the Wayne District on November 13th as the guest speaker for the Masters and Wardens meeting. A Prime Rib Dinner will be served at 6:45 p.m., meeting at 7:30 p.m. Make reservations through your Lodge Secretary.

Brethren, the work is on the trestleboard for the next few months. Let's get out and support our Lodges and our District. Communicate with one another. Lots of good things are in the works. Happy Thanksgiving to you and yours. We are blessed, it's right to give thanks. \*

### Assistant Grand Lecturer Wayne District



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Greetings Brothers of Wayne District. This will be my first attempt at writing a column for a newspaper and my first column as your new AGL. I am trying to fill some pretty big shoes in those of retiring AGL, R.:W.: R. Stuart Smith, Jr. I hope I can live up to the task.

By the time you read this, our annual Grand Lecturer's Convention will already have convened, under the leadership of R.:W.: Edward G. Gilbert, Grand Lecturer, at Drumlin Square Lodge in Palmyra. We had a question and answer session before dinner, followed by an evening session where we exemplified the 1st Section of the 3rd Degree. More about this next month.

This month I will begin my visitations to the Lodges to observe the exemplifications of the Degrees that will satisfy the Grand Master's Edict. I still do not have the forms from some of the Lodges listing the Officers who will perform the Degree and stating the date for the Degree. If there is a conflict with another Lodge, the Lodge sending in the conflicting date will be the one that will have to reschedule. Remember that these must be completed before March 1, 2004. You do not need a candidate to perform the Degree, an exemplar will do. Also, remember that the Degree that is conferred is at the discretion of the Master. If you would like me to attend a rehearsal of your Degree, let me know so that I may schedule the date. This year, I would also like to stress Balloting and the proper form for carrying out this extremely important task. Please remember that I am here to assist you.

Have a happy Thanksgiving.\*

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### Changes

Last month I made a note of the Let's Chat Program to be held on Saturday, December 13th. Unfortunately, the Deputy Grand Master has been called away on other Grand Lodge business that day, so the program has been postponed. I do not have a new date at this time. I will let everyone know the new date as soon as it is set. The Trustee Program, also scheduled for the same day, has been postponed. Again, I will keep the Lodges informed on the new date, when set.

### Balloting

At the first School of Instruction in August there was a discussion on balloting. Part of the discussion concerned how the Wardens and Master announced the ballot. After talking to knowledgeable Masons and reviewing the Constitutions and Masonic Law, I must change something I said. The Master makes the final declaration of the ballot, but he must reconcile any difference with the Wardens prior to announcing the ballot. Lack of reconciling the ballot makes the ballot void per section 5550 of the *Handbook of Masonic Law*. This points out one very important point. *The Constitutions and Handbook of Masonic Law* should always be reviewed if there are questions on procedure or actions. For questions which are not covered in either, then the Grand Master, and through him, the Judge Advocate, are to be consulted for a ruling. This is why Masters are charged with having the Constitutions read in Lodge and building their own understanding of their provisions and the interpretations contained in Masonic Law.

### Knowledge

The question on balloting brings up another point. The Master of a Lodge should be familiar with both the Grand Lodge Constitutions and his Lodge By-Laws. During my Official Visits I have found that some Masters are not as familiar with their Lodge By-Laws as they should be. The By-Laws of a Lodge define the Lodge and how it is to function within the rules, regulations and ancient landmarks of the Craft. Violation of the Lodge By-Laws could bring severe consequences.

Second, the By-Laws of a Lodge must also conform to the Constitutions. Therefore, when the Constitutions are changed the Lodge By-Laws should be reviewed to confirm compliance and amended as necessary. In any case, By-Laws should be periodically reviewed and updated as necessary to match the practices of the Lodge and conformance with the Constitutions.

### Finances

As the Brethren are aware, there will be a vote in Grand Lodge to raise the Grand Lodge assessment. I do not know

whether it will pass, but Lodges should be preparing for a raise in any case. As the Secretary of a Lodge knows, the assessment increase will be billed in the year that the Lodge should be collecting the increase from its members. The assessment bill is due in March of each year. This may leave the Lodge with insufficient funds to cover the assessment bill, as not all the Brethren will have paid their dues by then. Failure to pay assessments on time results in the Master of the Lodge being excluded from Grand Lodge sessions and possible revocation of the Lodge charter. As mentioned above, in many cases the Lodge By-Laws address Grand Lodge fees and assessments, but not necessarily in a manner that allows the Lodge to cover anticipated changes.

### Symbolic Lodge Awards

I congratulate the Lodges in the District for taking advantage of the Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Awards Night on Thursday, October 16th. It was gratifying to see that most of the Lodges presented a worthy Brother with this award.

This is the only event in the District where a Lodge can recognize the Brethren working hard for the Craft who have not been otherwise recognized. I am sure the Brethren honored felt pride for their Lodge and enjoyed being greeted and congratulated by the Grand Master for their efforts.

### End notes

Congratulations and my thanks go the R.:W.: Derek VanHouten for all his work in coordinating the presentation of the Masonic Development Course, first section on Monday, October 20th. I am sure that the participants had a great learning experience and gained more understanding of our Craft. Derek's next endeavors include completion of the MDC presentation and the Road to the East course for Brethren looking to become Master of their Lodge. Derek is working hard to help the Brethren learn more about our Craft and improve themselves in Masonry.

Finally, my Brethren, keep up all your good work for the Craft. With everyone's help, we can make this the best District in the State. \*

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In our travels for our Official Visits, it's always refreshing to witness good Ritual work and floor work when we come to your Lodge. I must commend the Senior Deacon from Churchville Lodge on the very precise and executed work at the Altar on closing during our recent journey to their Lodge.

You would think that out of a membership base of 2500+ men, that when a new learning venue presented itself, one could expect a large turnout for the presentations. I guess I had high hopes for the new

Masonic Development Course to be one of these. Sadly, I was mistaken. Even out of the class of 142 new Brothers, we missed the boat. For those 31 Brothers who search for "further light" in Masonry, the education that they are receiving will make them more knowledgeable than the average "new" member. Under the expertise of R.:W.: William Lindsay and the rest to the Educational Team, they are providing these Brothers from Craftsman Robertson, Valley/Simes, ERAC, Webster, Etolian, Union Star, Eunice, Drumlin Square, Union Lodge, and Red Jacket, a challenging and innovative course of instruction. Even the Junior Grand Warden will be taking the class and coming in from the Niagara/Orleans District. We commend these Brothers for their dedication and willingness to learn and, in some cases, of sacrifice in giving up a night with their families to attend.

I always enjoy reading the *Masonic Times* and the articles of the various Lodges. It keeps me abreast of the activities that lend themselves to the fabric of the Lodges. Also, since I enjoy visiting and breaking bread with you, I can inform my wife of my intentions of eating out on a regular basis. I commend the authors for their literary expertise in expressing the "feel" of their Lodges to others. Some are heard to ask, "what's happening at my Lodge?" I would encourage them to leave the *Masonic Times* in a convenient place and read it from cover to cover. I have many friends in far away places, and one always sends me a note from Tennessee that he receives and enjoys reading the various Lodge articles in the *Masonic Times*. I would imagine that this newsletter goes out to many who have moved to other States and locales who have good memories of home in the New York area.

I know it's almost Turkey time; time for families to gather around the tables to feast on the traditional foods of the season and greet each other for this day. We, as a Fraternity, have much to be thankful for: for our families who support us in our endeavors to make this world a better place through charities, our dedication to the family of man, to those in need, to our loved ones. We give thanks for our leaders who guide us in our daily lives, the leaders of the Grand Lodge who provide the programs to enable us to enrich our Masonic lives and to each other that we have come to know throughout the Monroe District and beyond. Thank you for your brotherly love and support. \*

### Membership

R.:W.: Joseph Privitera  
Monroe District

### Dues

It is that time of year when Secretaries send out that notice to Brothers that they are about to be dropped from membership for non-payment of dues. In some Lodges, the letter could be a concerned letter or a form letter. Whatever the letter looks like, if you are in danger of being dropped

for non-payment of dues because of a financial situation, or some other reason, I urge you to talk to someone. Call the Master or Secretary of your Lodge or you can call me. My number and all District Level numbers are listed on page 2, under "Hot Numbers" of this publication.

### Other things

We came back from the cottage the first week of October. It truly was a busy Summer. Much work, some fun and a great time with family and friends. Most especially, a three-week visit from our almost one-year old granddaughter (her parents were there also).

October started cold, rainy and ugly. Event the geese were leaving. We finished the construction, closed the cottage and headed home. Summer was good and bad. Our daughter married in July and a very close relative passed away in August. The Widows Luncheon in September was a good event. Attendance could have been better, but it was a good occasion...an event that I felt good about.

When I returned, I tried to catch up with what was going on in the District. I went over the deaths on the back page of the *Masonic Times* and found that one of my high school teachers, Mr. Harold Hershey, a member of ERAC Lodge, had passed away. His notice said that this death was reported with no specific information. Maybe I can fix that a little.

In the middle fifties, I was one of his students. He was one of those teachers you can never forget. He was good, but tough. Most of all, he was a teacher in every sense of the word. He taught lessons that could be used throughout life. When I was District Deputy, I visited Towpath Lodge to present awards. Much to my surprise, he was one of the sideliners. I introduced him not only as Brother Hershey, but as Mr. Hershey, because he would always be "Mr. Hershey" to me. That evening I had the privilege of presenting him with a 65-year Pin.

I hope you can attend a Lodge meeting. It's always good to see Brothers whom you haven't seen in awhile. If you need to know what is going on, just read the Master's letter in this publication. You can also call him or the Secretary. Phone numbers are located above the articles.

Remember to communicate. Hope to see you in Lodge. \*

### Monroe District Masters & Wardens Assoc.



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W.: James E. Toogood  
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October's meeting was hosted by ERAC. Many thanks for the incredible breakfast, cooked by ERAC's Junior Warden, Steve Lysenko.

After stuffing ourselves, we updated the status of three of the District programs.

### Have-a-Heart

Karl-Heinz Reich reported that even though some Lodges



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have already signed up for the Have-a-Heart Campaign, there are still a lot of open slots. Please contact Karl (Greece Mall), Mike McBride (Marketplace) or Dean Smith (Eastview) to get your Lodge signed up.

### Child ID

The latest Child ID event was held at the Hilton Apple Fest. As usual, Clio Lodge did an outstanding job taping 122 children between the two days. Great job Clio! As a reminder, every Lodge needs to appoint a Child ID chairman so I can schedule a training time.

### ElderWear

By the time you read this article, ElderWear will be starting up again. ERAC Lodge is now sponsoring this Program. Final plans for this year are not yet completed, so stay tuned as help may be needed for transportation of clothing items from the drop-off points.

### Grand Lodge

The last topic we discussed was the early stages of planning for the New York trip for Grand Lodge in May. This is everybody's trip, so it is very important to be at the meetings, so everybody can share their needs and ideas.

Our next meeting will be held at the Shrine Center on Saturday, November 15th, at 10:00 a.m., followed by a Loan Closet detail. After the move from the Downtown Temple, the loan equipment is in serious need of repair and inventory. Lunch will be provided. A lot of hands make light work, so if there are enough of us, we should be done relatively quickly.

I look forward to seeing all of you on the 15th. \*

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As I write this article, the days are getting shorter, there's a cool crispness to the night time air, the leaves are starting to turn a majestic shade of red, yellow, and orange, the pumpkins are out, and Thanksgiving is just around the corner. The essence of Fall is now upon us and the Masonic year is in full bloom.

Since my last article we have had our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night/Corn and Sausage Roast on September 18th and our Official Visit from the District Deputy Grand Master on October 2nd. At both nights we had a great turnout of Brothers and a wonderful time was had by all. I personally thank Brother Mike Nohle, our Junior Warden, for making sure we had great dinners for both events; also Brother Lew Wallace for his support of Brother Mike; the Fellowcraft Club for a wonderful Steak Dinner the night of the Official Visit; our Treasurer John Clapp who helped with the program for our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night, and all the other Brothers who made both of these nights joyful times for all.

For our Corn and Sausage Roast this year we actually had sausages; imagine that! Things are looking up all the time. The Corn and Sausage Roast was followed by the Brother Bring-a-Friend program. The speakers for the evening were as follows and all did an excellent job:

W.: Doug Koenig, Masonic History and Qualifications

Brother Nick Haldoupis, DSA, Lodge History

Brother Rich Collazo, Secretary, New Brother Viewpoint

Brother Ed Tousey, JMC, New Officer Viewpoint

W.: Moe Schirano, Community Services

Brother Mike Nohle, JW, The Three Degrees

We had two of three potential candidates show up for the festivities, the other had a schedule conflict and wasn't able to attend. Since then, we have had two more potential candidates inquire, one of whom petitioned the Lodge already and an Investigating Committee has been appointed; the second called the Lodge inquiring. Our Senior Trustee, Mark Fenton, returned the call and spoke with him. The report I received from Mark was that the individual sounded really interested in joining, so as I write this I have called on Brother Nick Haldoupis to talk with him and present him with a petition. That brings our total potential new members to five, with one affiliation.

Our first October meeting was a wonderful evening spent with our District Deputy Grand Master, R.:W.: John Zabel. It was preceded by a tremendous Steak Dinner, which was put on by the Fellowcraft Club, led by Wes Beard, DSA. Prior to the evening the DDGM inspected our books and gave us a passing grade. So John Clapp and Rich Collazo, my hats off to you for making the transition this Summer and keeping us one of the elite Lodges in the area. After dinner we proceeded with the meeting and received a petition from Brother Vance Collom, DSA, and assigned an Investigating Committee to chat with the potential candidate. As far as any unfinished business, W.: Brother and Trustee John Merz, made the final arrangements for the new tile floor to be installed in the Fellowcraft room. We next went on to new business, where I congratulated Wes Beard, DSA, for his hole-in-one this Summer and then W.: Moe Schirano was presented with his 25 year Pin from R.:W.: John Zabel, DDGM.

That left us with the main purpose of the evening, the Grand Master's Message brought to us by R.:W.: John Zabel, DDGM. The District Deputy started out his message by officially congratulating Webster Lodge for being the highest scoring Lodge (in our District) in the Grand Master's Benchmark Program. So gentleman, my hats off to you again, job well done.

The DDGM then summarized the Grand Master's Message by stating the three main points this year include 1) making sure each Lodge is self sufficient, proficient, and able to put on each of the three Degrees by themselves, 2) that we need to continue daily in making sure we are always

aware and on the lookout for new members and potential Brothers, and 3) reminding us of the Grand Master's Amnesty Program, which is a way for past Brothers who were released for non-payment of dues, to rejoin the Lodge.

### November trestleboard

November 6th, Masonic Education Night/Veterans Day Celebration. Come and meet Teddy Roosevelt - a historical portrayal by Brother Paul Stillman. I will also speak about The Flag - why 13 folds at a military funeral. The evening will start with dinner at 6:30 p.m.

November 7th, Spaghetti Dinner - 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

November 16th, 1st Degree Rehearsal

November 17th, Masonic Development Course, part 2 - 7:30 p.m. Damascus Shrine - Bay Road Webster.

November 20th, 1st Degree - 7:30 p.m. \*

**Fairport/Flower**  
**City Lodge No. 476**

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

Master  
W.: William V.  
Nardone  
458-7512

Secretary, W.: George R. Bracht  
383-1947

Fairport Masonic Temple  
87 South Main Street

### In Memoriam

I'm going to depart from my usual practice, and dedicate this month's column to our departed Brother, R.:W.: Gerald Glaser, who was my friend from the day I first became a Mason. I will miss you, our Lodge will miss you, and we're grateful for our memories of our times together.

### A Busy Month

Thank you to the many Brothers (including Entered Apprentices) who contributed their time and energy to staff our food booth at the Fairport Scarecrow Festival on Saturday October 11th, and especially to Brian Bills for organizing our participation.

Our meeting on October 13th was Past Masters' Recognition Night. We extend our appreciation to those Past Masters of Fairport and Flower City who shared their memories with us.

On October 27th, JW Bernie Lazerson rose to the occasion and led the 2nd Degree. Congratulations to Bernie on a job well done!

Last but not least, we were pleased to host the Grand Lecturer's Convention on October 28th, and we hope that all who attended from across the Monroe District enjoyed visiting Fairport.

### Upcoming Events

The month of November should give us a chance to catch our breath, before a busy December. Our regular meeting on Monday, November 10th, will be Veterans' Recognition Night, and we fraternally invite all of our Veterans to attend and be honored.

As of this writing, the 3rd Degree is scheduled for Monday November 24th. That takes us up to Thanksgiving, and I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone an enjoyable holiday! We're also planning another dinner night with the ladies, a Table Lodge, a visit to the Rochester Museum and

Planetarium, and the "Latke Hop" in December!

All members are cordially invited to participate, and to make suggestions for other social events or programs you would enjoy attending.

### Fellowcraft Club

All members who are interested in lending a hand are welcome to attend the next Fellowcraft Club meeting on Monday, December 1st, at 6:00 p.m., at the Lodge. Help us maintain our positive momentum into 2004! I welcome your participation, and give thanks for your support. \*

**ERAC**  
**Lodge No. 163**

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

Master  
W.: Terry W.  
Wihlen, Jr.  
377-4695

Secretary  
R.:W.: Terry  
W. Wihlen, Sr.  
346-4380

152 West Commercial Street  
East Rochester 14445

"Back to the Basics" continues and is growing stronger each month with your support. We kicked off October with our Table Lodge/Brother Bring-a-Friend Night on October 13th, and had over 65 people in attendance. Thanks to each Brother who brought a guest to experience the beauty of our great fraternal organization and our wonderful Lodge. More than 16 potential petitioners learned what we have to offer as Masons. Thanks to Brother Steven Lysenko, Kelly Lysenko, and all who participated in making a great night for everybody. Many Brothers contributed time, food and extra money which helped solidify this program to be a great success.

### Official Visit

Our Official Visit occurred on October 27th and was well attended. We learned about the Grand Master's Message conveyed by our District Deputy. Our Ritual for the night continues to be strong due to your Officer's hard work on the "Basics."

### Good work!

Many congratulations to Brother Richard Greenaway for receiving the Symbolic Lodge Award on October 16th. Brother Richard symbolizes all that is good in a man and a Mason. He has taken over our Lodge Have-a-Heart Program and contributes greatly to our Lodge in many different ways. We are proud of his current success in the Fraternity, and look forward to the future.

November and December will be our busiest months due

to both Lodge events and holidays. We need to plan now and I am asking all to do their part in signing up for both Holiday Visitation on December 12th, ElderWare Program and the Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive, December 13th.

R.:W.: Richard Friedman is in charge of the Red Kettle Drive and we have two locations to man at Pittsford Plaza from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Please email your 2-4 hour slots to R.:W.: Richard at: richddgm@frontiernet.net or call him at 377-6175. I will be taking over Holiday Visitations and encourage all who can attend to mark the date now and email me at twihlen@webbox.com or call 377-4695 if you can help. The day starts with breakfast at 8:00 a.m., followed by visits until noon.

W.: Lew Perna is in charge of ElderWear and the program starts in November. You will receive information from Lew regarding times that he will need your help. These programs are the "Basics" and we need to contribute time for their success.

Thanks again for your words of encouragement and your gentle hands of guidance as I continue my year. I always look forward to seeing you in Lodge. Do not hesitate to call or write if you need anything.

I would like to announce in the *Masonic Times* our DeWitt Clinton Award, which ERAC Lodge will present to Mr. Michael J. Mamo, Assistant Superintendent of Business of East Rochester School District on November 10th at 6:30 p.m. It is an open event. Reservations through Brother Steven Lysenko at: ukrainer1@yahoo.com or call 671-2606. \*

**ETOLIAN**  
**Lodge No. 479**

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

Master  
W.: Patrick M.  
Schwartz  
395-0874

Secretary  
W.: James E. Toogood, 594-2189  
133 South Union Street, Spencerport 14559

I can't believe that November is already here. It seems that just yesterday we were at the Table Lodge and Steak Roast for our first meeting.

Since we have gained so many new Brothers over the last couple of years, we had a program at our September 22nd meeting called "Get to Know You." After our business

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meeting, we retired to the kitchen, broke bread, and shared what we seek and what we have found in Masonry. Some great stories were told, and we all learned something new about our Brothers.

October started with our meeting on the 13th, preceded with a dinner given by the Etolian Chapter of O.E.S. The program for the evening was a mini-School of Instruction given by V.:W.: John Dyer covering Masonic Etiquette and Protocol. Our newer Brothers learned a lot and it was a great refresher for everybody else.

Our meeting on the 27th was a history night, telling and teaching about Masonry in the American Civil War. The talk was given by Brother Jeff VanSice. This was an incredible testimonial to the strength of the Craft which binds us together.

On Tuesday the 28th, our Officers did an excellent job of the Ritual at the Grand Lecturer's Convention held at Fairport.

In November, we will have a dinner hosted by Etolian Chapter, O.E.S., at 6:00 p.m. on the 10th before our meeting. On the 20th, at 7:00 p.m., we will have our first rehearsal for the 1st Degree. Monday, the 24th, is our Official Visit, so everybody mark your calendars to hear the Grand Master's word.

#### Sad News

Brother Bill Wing was called from labor in the first week in October with a Masonic Service held on Sunday, the 5th. Thanks to all who attended in respect for our Brother.

**FAME**  
Lodge No. 722  
4275 Culver Rd.  
2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.



Master  
W.: David  
Foster  
244-0194

Sec. W.: Leon  
VanHuben  
647-1391

Our first meeting this November is on the 11th, when we will be exemplifying the 1st Degree in compliance with the Grand Master's Edict requiring the same. I had hoped we would have candidates, but this has not come to pass. Please come out and support your Officers with your presence on the sidelines. They are working hard to provide the Lodge with Ritual work we can all be proud of. The meeting will be preceded by a Buffet Dinner at 6:30 p.m. featuring Baked Fish, potatoes, vegetable, salad, rolls and butter. The cost per person is \$8.00; reservations are required.

The second meeting, on the 25th, will be a regular business meeting, possibly with a Past Master, yet to be named, in the East. The 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! Trust me, they won't be bored while we're up in our meeting.

Speaking of our ladies, be sure to put our annual Christ-

mas Party meeting on your calendar right now. The date is December 9th and will feature a Steak Dinner. Last year's was a great party and I'm sure you won't want to miss this one!

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 or four or more people than not hear from anyone. Also, please let us know if there is something you would like to see as a program at Lodge and we'll see if we can accommodate it.

#### Reminder

2003 dues are past due! Please remit your dues to our Secretary, Leon VanHuben, as soon as possible. Don't take a chance on being unaffiliated. If you already have paid your dues, thank you again!

Last, but not least, happy birthday to all our Brothers with birthdays in November! See you at Lodge!

**CLIO**  
Lodge No. 779  
1st & 3rd  
Tuesdays  
7:30 p.m.  
Master  
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Brickman  
581-2841  
arodaidd@msn.com

Secretary  
W.: Sean Noonan, 392-8156  
snoonan@esl.org  
287 East Avenue, Hilton, 14468  
www.mastermason.com/clio779

October was an exciting time at Clio Lodge. We conferred a 1st Degree on October 7th for 3 men who wished to start their journey toward becoming Master Masons.

#### Sickness and Distress

We wish a speedy recovery to Brothers Lee Hendershot, and Bob Quackenbush.

#### Official Visit

Clio Lodge had its Official Visit on September 16th. Thanks to DDGM, R.:W.: John Zabel, and R.:W.: Derek VanHouten, Grand Sword Bearer, who passed along highlights from the Grand Master's message.

Any Brothers who are available, your help is greatly appreciated at any Spaghetti Dinners.

Any Brothers who need a ride to Lodge, please don't hesitate to call.

**Union Star**  
Lodge No. 320  
3 North Main Street  
Honeoye Falls 14472  
2nd Mondays  
7:30 p.m.  
Master  
W.: Kerry S.  
Ripley  
346-3124

Secretary, Robert Sweeney  
(h) 381-5286; (w) 464-6316  
38 Cullens Run, Pittsford 14534

I hope everyone is in good spirits as we brace ourselves for another Upstate Winter. It's time to turn in the rake for the snow shovel, and before we know it, we will be in the holiday season.

I thank all the Brothers who attended our last Fellowcraft meeting. We had a lot of good ideas for upcoming projects. If we all chip in this year, we can continue to improve our building, our Fraternity, and our community.

Thanks to Fairport/Flower City Lodge for hosting the Grand Lecturer's Convention.

As usual, the dinner was great. Webster and Etolian Lodges did an excellent job with the Ritual work for the evening. Congratulations to all Lodges who earned the Potts Award.

#### Condolences

It brings me great sadness to report the passing of three of our Brothers. Brother Richard Daley, Brother Franklin White and Brother Harvey Cross were called to the Great Architect. Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families and friends. Our sympathy and prayers also go to R.:W.: Rodney Rittenhouse and Brother Mike Weber, who recently lost family members.

#### November events

This will be a busy month, and I hope everyone will take note of these days and join us in our Lodge.

On November 3rd, we will be having our first rehearsal for the 1st Degree at 7:00 p.m. All Officers are required to attend, but we would welcome any other Brothers, in case we need "understudies" due to an unexpected illness.

On November 10th, on our regular meeting night, we will have our Official Visit by R.:W.: John Zabel, DDGM. We will welcome him with a dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. If you have not already signed up for the dinner, please contact Brother Rob Sweeney at 329-6563 or me by November 6th, for your reservation.

At 7:00 p.m. on November 10th, we will have our final rehearsal for the 1st Degree. Once again, all Officers are required to attend.

On Monday, November 24th, there will be a special communication to confer the 1st Degree on our new candidates. The evening will begin with a dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the 1st Degree will start at 7:30 p.m. I invite all Brothers to attend. Dinner reservations are a must before November 15th. If you have not already made your reservations, and wish to come to the dinner, please call Brother Rob Sweeney or me.

I have posted our Lodge cleaning schedule on the bulletin board for this year. Please take note of the month you are signed up and plan accordingly.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to invite any Brothers who have not been to a meeting this year to join us. If you are in need of a ride, please contact me and I will make sure we provide you with door to door service. I look forward to seeing all of you in the Lodge.

**Valley/Simes**  
Lodge No. 109  
2nd Tuesdays  
7:30 p.m.  
Master  
W.: David  
W. Mura  
637-8695  
bigdave@rochester.rr.com

Secretary  
W.: Edward J. Schmitt  
244-8459  
979 Bay Road, Webster 14580

It is a pleasure to greet all my Brethren at Valley/Simes Lodge. By the time you read this, we will have had two regular Lodge meetings and a 1st Degree. If you haven't made it to Lodge, your attendance will be greatly appreciated. On September 30th we conferred

a 1st Degree on one new Brother. This is the first Degree that we have staged in quite a while. The Degree was graded by V.:W.: John Dyer, AGL, and went quite well.

I thank R.:W.: Mathew Gingold for setting up the Degree and R.:W.: Richard Snyder for being Acting Master, as well as all of the other participants. The "Whys and Wherefores" were given by W.: Richard Van Zandt and W.: Irv Spalty. The Working Tools were presented by R.:W.: Mike Dox, the Lambskin by R.:W.: Mathew Gingold, the Charge by R.:W.: Herb Spencer, and the Questions and Answers by W.: Glenn Stahl and myself. I must admit that a few of us, especially me, could have used a bit more practice. It also would have been nice to have had a few more members present as observers. But, not being a normal Lodge night, I can understand the lack of attendance. Nevertheless, we survived and are expecting to do a better job for our 2nd Degree, which is currently scheduled for the 9th of December. This is a regular Lodge night, so I would hope to see much more participation.

#### Speaking of Lodge nights

Since we no longer have a caterer, we have been sampling various restaurants around Webster prior to our meetings. We have decided that Brothers who attend the dinners will be subsidized \$5 for dinners that total \$5 or more.

#### More Lodge news

As of today we still have the Traveling Gavel. I wish a Happy Birthday to all Brothers who have a Birthday in November.

#### Sickness and Distress

Brother Pat McBride recently had surgery on his ankle. We all wish him well and hope he will be well soon. If any Brother knows of any other member who may be sick or distressed, please let me know.

#### November Events

November 4th - Officers' Meeting

November 8th - Masters and Wardens

November 11th - Lodge of Remembrance (Widows and spouses invited). The previously scheduled "Awards" portion of this meeting will be delayed until Spring.

November 17th - Masonic Development Course No. 2

November 18th - 2nd Degree rehearsal.

November 25th - 2nd Degree rehearsal.

#### Future Events

We are planning a Past Masters' meeting this Spring. A Roll Call is planned.

**Wakan/Hubbard**  
Lodge No. 154  
2nd & 4th  
Mondays  
7:30 p.m.  
Master  
W.: Joseph F.  
Oelgoetz  
425-9969

Secretary  
W.: Theodore  
J. Snyder, 467-0165  
Asst. W.: Donald C. Bell, 334-7768  
1822 Penfield Road, Penfield 14526

#### Re-dedication Ceremony

Our first meeting of the year was a Ceremony of Re-dedication conducted by the three

principal Officers of the Lodge. I thank Brothers Bruce Horncastle (Senior Warden) and Hugh Woodside (Junior Warden) for an outstanding job in delivering their parts in the Ceremony. I believe that the recommitment of our Obligations and a deeper understanding of our three Degrees will bring us all to a closer relationship to the Craft that we all love so very much.

#### New Brethren

It is with a great deal of pride and honor that I welcome our two newest Brethren to our Lodge. They took their Entered Apprentice Degree on September 22nd. Welcome Brothers. Their next step - The Fellowcraft Degree - is scheduled for October 27th. So, Brethren, please plan to attend the Fellowcraft Degree on October 27th to assist us in bringing these new Brothers to further Light.

#### Octoberfest

Everyone who attended the Lodge's Octoberfest celebration on the evening of September 26th had good fellowship and good cheer. Thanks to Brother Hugh Woodside, our Junior Warden, for an outstanding festive board of traditional food and beer. I personally enjoyed the evening, how can I not with a name like Oelgoetz...wearing my lederhosen and dancing with Hilde DiJames to the polka. Fun was had by all!

#### Washington Trip

Though the Washington, DC, trip ended up being only myself, I had a wonderful time. Since I was alone, I was able to focus the trip on the places that were a part of Brother George Washington's life. I was able to visit Mount Vernon, George and Martha Washington's home just outside Alexandria, VA. This allowed me to pay my respects to this great man and Mason at his tomb, which is situated at a beautiful location on Mount Vernon. I attempted to go to the General's birthplace, but due to Hurricane Isabelle, it

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was closed. I did spend some time at the location of his boyhood home, "Ferry Farm," which is across the Rappahannock River from Fredericksburg, VA.

I spent much time within the city of Alexandria, where W.: Washington spent much of his time in his latter years. I had dinner at Gadsby's Tavern, where the General went to many social functions. The first public celebration of his birthday was held there in 1798 and he was in attendance. He conducted his last military review from the steps of Gadsby's in November, 1799, a month prior to his death. I attended church services at Christ Church - the church the Washingtons attended.

While in Alexandria, I visited the George Washington Masonic Memorial. Every Mason should attempt to visit this outstanding tribute to one of our greatest Brothers. The Memorial has several rooms - many set-up to highlight the different concordant Bodies of Masonry. The one room I enjoyed most was the reproduction of Alexandria - Washington Lodge No. 22. This was the Lodge which Brother Washington served as Master for two terms. In fact, he served as Master of this Lodge while he was the President of the United States.

Probably the crowning event of the trip was an invitation to attend a dinner at Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4. In attendance was M.: W.: Frederick Garrison Martin III, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia. It was a wonderful experience to meet Brethren from the great State of Virginia, especially in the Lodge where Brother Washington took his three Degrees. After dinner I was given a tour of the Lodge.



Worshipful Joseph F. Oelgoetz III, Master of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge, with The Most Worshipful Frederick Garrison Martin III, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

The current building was built in 1816 (so it was not the actual location of Brother Washington's obligations). However, they still have in their possession many of the Lodge elements of his day, specifically, the Holy Bible on which he took his Degrees and the minute book where he signed his name.

As a Mason, this was truly a very rewarding trip. I encourage all Masons to visit the Washington area and get to know our illustrious Brother - General George Washington - a little bit more.

**100th Anniversary**

On March 16, 1904, the Brethren of Penfield Union Lodge No. 154 bought the land on the Northeast corner of Penfield Road and Five Mile Line Road in Penfield. Soon after, the Penfield Masonic Temple was built (the same Temple that presently serves Wakan-Hubbard as its Lodge building). In celebration of the hundredth anniversary of our building we will be having a Re-dedication Ceremony on March 22, 2004. The Grand Master, Most Worshipful Carl J. Fitje, has agreed to preside over the festivities.

We plan to have a dinner that will immediately precede the formal Re-dedication. Make sure you mark your calendars, as seating for both the dinner and ceremony will be limited.

As the date approaches, we will provide more information.

**Upcoming events**

Our first meeting of November is scheduled for Monday evening, November 10th. It will be a Table Lodge consisting of a festive board and traditional toasts. It is in tribute of the many blessings that we as Masons and Americans can be thankful for. Our meeting on November 24th will be our Master Mason Degree. There will be a dinner prior to this meeting.

On December 8th we will have a "Toys for Tots" dinner. The cost of which will be a toy to donate to the Marine Corps program. We hope to have a representative from the Marine Corps to join us for that evening. Our Ladies are invited to this event.

The festivities will begin at 6:30 p.m. Please contact the Muddler (Brother Paul Kober at 381-1058 or via e-mail at muddler@rochester.rr.com) to make reservations for any of our events.

May God Bless you, and "So Mote it be."

**Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088**  
 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 7:30 p.m.  
 Master W.: William J. Mitchell 581-1806  
 C. William Flemming, DSA Secretary 723-0083  
 4550 Lake Avenue Rochester 14612

**Sickness and Distress**

Brother Don Freeman is in Hill Haven Nursing Home, and is very open to having visitors.

Brother Harold Bollotin has been on a surgical merry-go-round lately, and could really use our support.

Please keep these Brothers in your prayers, and don't be afraid to contact them. I'm sure they would appreciate it more than you will ever know.

**Widows' Luncheon**

On Saturday, September 6th, my wife and I had the pleasure of providing transportation for Jean Minster, who is one of our widows of Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge. I enjoyed a wonderful conversation with Jean on the way to the Luncheon. As it turned out, we were the first to arrive. It didn't take long for the place to fill up. It was a pleasant surprise to see so many in attendance. One hundred Ladies, forty-six Masons.

After a very sumptuous meal, Joe Privitera and I distributed Widows Pins to the following Ladies: Virginia Hinds, Sylvia Laakso, Freda Silver, and Effie Simpson. This was a memorable moment, to say the least.

The entertainment was superb. Twelve lovely ladies, blessed with heavenly voices, known as "Women of Note," delivered their vocal talent in a manner which I have never heard before. They were fantastic! I shall long remember them, because I truly enjoy close harmony singing.

**Daytime Lodge**

The second "Daytime Lodge" was held at Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge on Saturday, September 27th, and was really great. Although it was sparsely attended, spirits were high, and the anticipation of what we were about to witness was almost beyond description.

Our guests from Schenectady Lodge No. 1174 arrived on time, and enjoyed a wholesome and tasty repast. After a bit of conversation, getting acquainted and enjoying the comradeship of my former Lodge Brothers, we returned to the Lodge Room.

The skit, which our guests performed, is titled "The Rusty Brother." I believe we have something similar here in the Monroe District, although the title is different. The performance was truly superb. I am not a critic by any stretch of



Members of Schenectady Lodge No. 1174 who participated in "The Rusty Brother" Degree skit at Charlotte/Corinthian's Daytime Lodge in September. (Photo courtesy of Cliff Short)

the imagination, but one would have to search high and low to find this skit performed any better! For those of you who were not able to attend, you missed a truly enjoyable afternoon. One of our more enterprising Brothers traded a copy of our Table Lodge Program for a copy of their Rusty Brother skit. It's a very light-hearted program that could be performed by some interested Brothers from our District.

**A Wee Bit of Trivia**

It was the accepted practice

in Babylon 4,000 years ago that for a month after the wedding, the bride's father would supply his son-in-law with all the mead he could drink. Mead is a honey beer and because their calendar was lunar based, this period was called the honey month, which we know today as the "honeymoon."

As Bill Stearns, a sports writer of yesteryear, would say, "That's the -30- mark for now," be back for the next issue of the *Masonic Times*.

**Craftsman Robertson Lodge No. 969**  
 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
 Master W.: Charles E. Strickland (315) 947-5539  
 Secretary W.: Thomas W. Kendig (315) 524-4063  
 979 Bay Road, Webster 14580



W.: Tom Kendig (left) with W.: Chuck Strickland following presentation of a Past Master's Apron to W.: Duane Smith, Master for 2002-03.

**By W.: Skip Waterstreet Service Awards**

At our October dinner and social event, W.: Duane Smith received his Past Master's Apron. In addition, Service Awards were presented to several Brothers by W.: Chuck Strickland, Master, and W.: Tom Kendig. They were:

**25-Years**

Richard T. Smith, Beecher Jeffery, Larry Weekes and George Lloyd;

**50-Years**

Warren Doerrer, Kenneth Skidmore, Robert Freitag, Malcolm Nulton and Richard Howard;

**55-Years**

Donald DeBack and Albert J. Neracker, Jr.;

**60-Years**

John Smith, Joseph Roe and Edward Fulmer.

Eight of the above were able to attend and receive their Awards in person.

**Scottish Rite Award**

Brother Warren Doerrer received the Symbolic Blue Lodge Award at the Scottish Rite ceremony. I have already commented on the wonderful programs he has arranged for our social evenings. It is a honor richly deserved!

We hosted the Official Visit of the District Deputy, R.: W.: John Zabel, at our October business meeting. He was accompanied by R.: W.: Derek

VanHouten, Grand Sword Bearer, who is a member of our Lodge. It is always an honor to have them attend our Lodge meetings.

**Sickness and Distress**

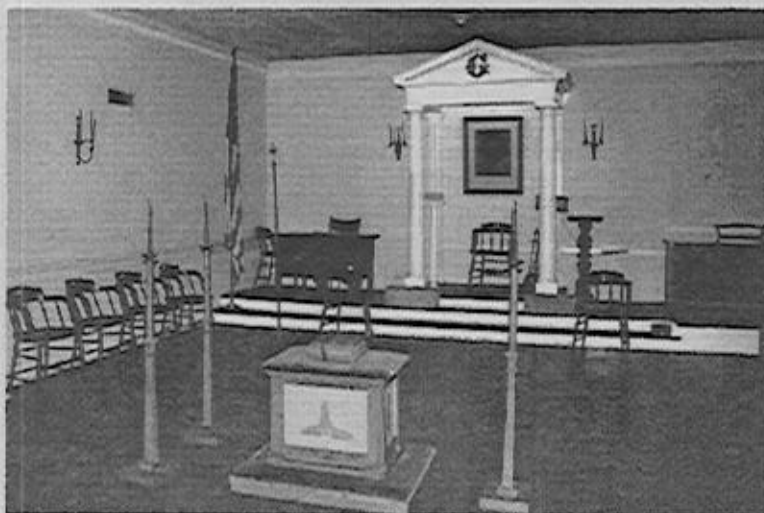
The sympathy of the Lodge has been extended to Brother Richard Smith, whose wife, Renee, passed away just after he received his 25-year Award.

Brother Roy Guess also lost his wife, Nancy, who had been ill for many years. Brothers, we share your sadness.

**Dinner**

Our November 4th dinner will once again be held at The Nutcracker on Empire Boulevard. Chicken Breast is the entree. The Calling Committee

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The 1816 Lodge Room of Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4, Fredericksburg, VA, Mother Lodge of Brother George Washington. (Photos courtesy of Joseph Oelgoetz)

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Northfield Master Pedro Ugalde with 1960 Past Master, George R. Morris, who just received his 55-Year Pin.





# Scottish Rite NEWS

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## Commander-in-Chief



Stephen R. Whittaker, 33°

### Fall Reunion

Special thanks to those Sublime Princes who participated in the 12th and 14th Degrees at the Shrine Center on Thursday, October 30th. It is always an inspiration to listen carefully to the messages communicated in our Lodge of Perfection! We look forward to the continuation of our Fall 2003 Degree Series on Saturday, November 8th, at the Webster Masonic Temple, when the 15th, 18th and 25th Degrees will be conferred.

The final Degree series will take place on Saturday, November 15th, when we will take our candidates to Buffalo for a co-Valley conferral of the 32nd Degree.

Thanks very kindly to all of our Marketing Team's efforts, our Degree Directors and Staff, our Wardrobe and Makeup Staff and, most of all, to those Sublime Princes who have participated, or will be participating, in these Degrees.

### Class Sponsor

It is with a great deal of pride that we recognize Ill.: and Honorable Frank J. Horton, 33°, as our Class Sponsor. As many of you are aware, he is a Past Master of Seneca Lodge, a Past Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ohio near the Grand Lodge of New York, the 1988 Grand Lodge Recipient of the Distinguished Achievement Medal, a retired member of the Congress of the United States, a Past President of the Masonic Service Bureau of Rochester, an Honorary Legion of Honor Recipient in the Order of DeMolay and a 33° Scottish Rite Mason.

Ill.: Brother Horton was coroneted on September 29, 1965 in Cleveland, Ohio. We are delighted to have him as this Class Sponsor and salute him for his many years of service to the Masonic Fraternity.

### Supreme Council

We salute and congratulate Ill.: Robert D. Pedersen, 33°, who was coroneted on September 23rd in St. Louis. Joining him from New York are newly coroneted Honorary Members of Supreme Council Ill.: Dr. Charles Antzelevitch, 33°, Ill.: Norman Moon, 33°, and Ill.: Robert Stack, 33°.

We welcome Ill.: Peter J. Samiec, 33°, as a newly created Active Member of Supreme Council, replacing Ill.: Rev. Richard Welkley, 33°, who has become an Emeritus member of Supreme Council. We also welcome and congratulate Ill.: Walter E. Webber, 33°, who was elected and installed as the new Sovereign Grand Commander for our Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.



Valley of Rochester's top three Officers at Supreme Council in St. Louis. (From left) Ill.: John Zabel, 33°, 2nd Lt. Commander; Ill.: Robert Pedersen, 33°, 1st Lt. Commander; and Ill.: Stephen Whittaker, 33°, Commander-in-Chief.

Special thanks to retiring Sovereign Grand Commander Ill.: Robert O. Ralston for his leadership and dedication over the last ten years.

Next year's honorees from New York are Sublime Prince Russell Diethrick, 32°, [Jamestown], Distinguished Brother R. Curtiss Montgomery, 32° MSA, [Buffalo] and Sublime Prince C. Richard Trust, 32°, [Syracuse]. Congratulations to these honorees on their election to receive this honor.

### DeMolay Legion of Honor

Congratulations to Ill.: Harold L. Aldrich, 33°, Active Member of Supreme Council and Deputy for New York and Ill.: Edward R. Trosin, 33°, Deputy Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, who were honored on October 10th in Buffalo, receiving the highest award that can be conferred by the Order of DeMolay International Supreme Council, the Legion of Honor.

### Place of meeting

Thank you for your patience over the last year as we experimented with our places of meeting. We will be meeting monthly at the Shrine Center on the third Thursday, as noted in our calendar. Special thanks to those who made these arrangements possible.

### Symbolic Lodge Awards

Congratulations to all recipients of the Valley's Symbolic Lodge Award. It was a thrill to have both our Most Worshipful Grand Master, Ill.: and Most Worshipful Carl J. Fitje, 33°, along with Ill.: Harold L. Aldrich, 33°, Active Member of Supreme Council and Deputy for New York, on hand to make these presentations. We reach out and thank those participating Craft Lodges for allowing the Valley the special privilege of making these presentations. Only by working together as one Masonic family can we continue to improve, grow and prosper!

### Special memories

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Distinguished Brother Gerald Glaser, 32°, MSA. It was a special privilege to have worked with him for ten years in our 18th Degree Cast as well as in many other special projects. We offer our thoughts and prayers in his memory and ask for comfort and care for the members of his family and his loved ones.

### Correction

Sublime Prince Rev. Charles Roberts, 32°, Senior Warden of the Rochester Chapter of Rose

Croix, was elected and installed recently as Grand Principal Conductor of the Work in Grand Council of Cryptic Masons for the State of New York.

### Masonic Service Bureau Staff

Special thanks to the very dedicated team of members who recently prepared and distributed the 2003-2004 "Masonic Directory for Monroe County." This is the same team who does an excellent job of publishing the *Masonic Times* each month.

Thanks to Norm Austin, Mat Gingold, Barbara Goodrich, Dave King and Skip Waterstreet for their dedication!

### The Day of Tebeth

This will be observed on Tuesday, December 9th at the Wakan/Hubbard Lodge building. More details to follow!

### Training and Leadership Development

Commitment, Competence and a Common Goal are the essentials of an effective team. Special thanks to the Officers and Leaders of our Valley for your dedication and care.

### Fives Worksheet

This is an "Outreach Tool" that asks each Officer to list FIVE men who would make good members of a Craft Lodge, FIVE Lodge Members who would make good 32° Masons and FIVE 32° Masons who need to be "reactivated." Let's see what happens...

### Supreme Council Builder's Council

What a thrill it was to see a young boy address the Supreme Council after having attended one of our Learning Centers. His mother thanked the Scottish Rite Masons who had made this tutoring possible and shared with us how her son's learning of new skills allowed their family to return to "normal." They both received a standing ovation from the 2000 plus members in the audience.

We will be introducing an endowment initiative within the Valley very soon in support of the Frank and Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center.

Think out loud...stick to basics...be kind.

## Sovereign Prince

By George S. Nasra

Our Masonic year is starting in full force. I was delighted to meet with the new Scottish Rite



Members of the 2003 Class at the St. Louis Supreme Council Sessions (from left): Ill.: Dr. Charles Antzelevitch, 33°; Ill.: Norman Moon, 33°; Ill.: Harold L. Aldrich, 33°, Active Member of Supreme Council and Deputy for New York; Ill.: and Most Worshipful Carl J. Fitje, 33°, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York; Ill.: Robert D. Pedersen, 33°; and Ill.: Robert Stack, 33°. (Photos courtesy Scottish Rite)



Honorary Members of the Supreme Council for the Valley of Rochester attending the Supreme Council sessions in St. Louis: (From left) Ill.: Arnold W. Frear, 33°; Ill.: Frederick A. Stahl, 33°; Ill.: John E. Zabel, 33°; Ill.: James B. Scobell, 33°; Ill.: Robert D. Pedersen, 33°; Ill.: Robert P. Zabel, 33°; Ill.: Charles O. Hancock, 33°; and Ill.: Stephen R. Whittaker, 33°.

Brothers and spouses on October 10th for a great dinner and informational program. We should all be proud of the caliber of Brothers and Officers this year. Your Valley is in good hands. Again, congratulations to Ill.: Robert Pedersen on receiving the honorary 33rd Degree.

I hope you will all support

your Valley by joining us on Thursday, October 30th, at the Shrine Center for the 12th and 14th Degrees, and on Saturday, November 8th, at Webster Lodge, for the 15th, 18th, and 25th Degrees. For more information, or if you are interested in participating, please contact the SR office at 264-1160.

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### Allegiance

The Bodies of the Scottish Rite, sitting in the Valley of Rochester, State of New York acknowledge and yield allegiance to the Supreme Council 33° Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, whose Grand East is in Lexington, Massachusetts and whose officers are:

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Ill.: Bruce Widger, 33°  
Ill.: Carlton A. Winchester, 33°  
Past Deputy for New York Ill.: Richard H. Welkley, 33°



The first of the Council's events for this year will be a Thanksgiving dinner on Tuesday, November 11th, at 7:00 p.m., to be held at ERAC Lodge in East Rochester. Look for your fliers in the mail and respond as soon as possible. I am hoping this will be a great opportunity for a nice family event for the Brothers to get together and share in an

evening of fun, fellowship and brotherhood.

The second event will be Toys for Tots to be held on December 5th at the Shrine Center. This, again, should be a nice family event for our children and grandchildren and to benefit those who are less fortunate during this upcoming holiday season.

The date for the Day of

Tebeth is changed to Tuesday evening, December 9th. We are trying to secure a location for this event and will be sending out the fliers very soon. This, together with the Day of Adar to be held on February 19th, is becoming a tradition of our Valley. Both events are Table Lodge events, a formal dinner with a series of toasts commemorating two signifi-

cant events in Masonry; the start of the building of the second temple in Jerusalem and the dedication of the temple respectively. We are trying to secure speakers for both events and we are hoping to present a nice program, which you will enjoy.

Please keep checking this corner for other Family Life Programs, which we will be

announcing soon. We are working on several family outings, as well as a Family Life Essay contest on the theme of the importance of family for our children. We are still looking for volunteers to help coordinate or be part of those events. If you are interested in participating in these programs, please contact me at 377-2832.

**Ark Lodge continuation held from October issue due to space constraints.**

**New Brothers**

The new Master Mason is a stranger to the Fraternity of Freemasonry. Freemasonry is a stranger to him. Over 2,000 new Master Masons joined the Masonic Fraternity March 29, 2003. These new Brothers need to be guided, to be made at home with Freemasonry, and to take their places in the Lodge (Ark in particular) with due credit to himself and honor to the Fraternal Brotherhood. As an Entered Apprentice, the new Brother takes his first steps from Masonic darkness into a new world of Masonic light, warmth and Brotherly Love. It is a unique world devoted to specific purposes with well-defined goals, aims, and ideals. It represents youth willing to submit to discipline, to seek knowledge, and to learn the great art of life in Masonry.

As a Fellowcraft, he becomes a full "fellow member of the Masonic Craft," no longer youthful, but becoming a man in the prime of his life through the experiences of his Brothers. He searches for the good life by trusting the Brothers of his Lodge and Fraternity and, learning Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love.

As a Master Mason, the new Brother is as much a Freemason as he can be. It is the "sublime Degree" because of its nature and purpose. He (new Brother) learns the Masonic life and how to deal judiciously with the suffering, pain, treachery, loss of friends, sorrow and death of family and Brothers. As a Master Mason, our spirit is in the Great Architect's hands and we are shown the immortality of the soul.

Also, in raising a new Master Mason, Ark Lodge is obligated to the new Brother. We must prepare him for his new Masonic duties and privileges. We must not fail in this endeavor! It is necessary that the new Brother becomes imbued with the spirit of Freemasonry. He must come to understand and to love Ark Lodge, to love Freemasonry and for all which it stands.

**Master Mason's Response**

As a Mason we have yet to reach the climax of our Masonic journey. We have discussed that Freemasonry has certain teachings of its own. We have discovered that Masonry's method of teaching is unlike that of other Fraternities or schools. Instead of employing teachers, textbooks and lessons, and instead of expounding and enforcing its teachings in plain words, it uses the method of Ritual, symbols, and emblems. This is sometimes not easy to follow, but it has one great advantage; it makes a Mason study and learn for himself, it forces him

to search out the truth, and compels him to take the initiative, as a grown man should, so that the very act of learning is, itself, a great educational value. The symbols and emblems do not conceal the Masonic teaching, they reveal it. But they reveal it in such a manner that a man must find it for himself. It is only when a man finds the truth for himself that it can be, or remain, a living and permanent possession.

By the exercise of Brotherly Love, we are taught to regard the human race as one family. The high, the low, the rich, the poor, who, created by one Almighty, should support and protect one another. On this principle, Masonry unites men of every country, sect and opinion, and promotes true friendship among those who might otherwise have remained perpetually at a distance.

To relieve the distress, to soothe the unhappy, to sympathize with those who have misfortune, to restore peace to troubled minds, is a duty on all men, particularly upon Masons. That is why Freemasonry's tenets, or great teachings, are Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. Truth is a divine attribute, and the foundation of every virtue. To be good and true is the first lesson we are taught in Masonry.

The motto of Masonry is "Let there be Light." There is a Masonry of the mind as well as of the heart. Hopefully, our Masonic journey will tie us all to a happy Masonic future.

**The Precious Few**

When the meetings are called to order and you look upon the Ark Lodge room, You're sure to find the same faces that from the shadows loom;

They are always at the meetings and they stay until its through,

The ones that I would mention are the always precious few. They fill the many Officers chairs, and they are always on the Masonic spot,

No matter what the weather, though it may be awfully hot:

It may be shining and it may be raining, but they are tried and true,

The ones you can rely on are always the precious few. If it were not for these faithful, whose shoulders are at the Ark Lodge wheel;

They keep our Masonic institution moving without halt or reel.

What would be the fate of our Ark Lodge meetings, where we claim to do so much good and be so true.

We surely would be failures, but for the always "Precious Few."

*Anonymous*

**Freemasonry is and means:**

I will give as much as I can to my worthy Brothers. If you will show me how to give more, then I will give more. I can

only give as much as you need to receive or allow me to give. If you receive all I can give, then my Masonic love is endless and fulfilled. If you receive a portion of my Masonic gifts, then I will give other Brothers the balance I am capable of giving. I must give all that I have, being what I am as a "Mason." It means the quality of our Masonic work in our Lodge and in our community. The extent of our personal Brotherly dedication to the constant self-improvement of oneself. It is also the measure of what it means to be a Freemason.

To those Brothers who are ill: Bill Kashouty, Dr. John Stelter, Harry George, Robert Inscho, John Warder, Arnie Schofield, Raymond Baroody - we pray for them.

"A child is a person who is going to carry out what you have started! He is going to sit where you are sitting and when you are gone, attend to those things which you think are important. You may adopt all the policies you please, but how they are carried out depends on him. He will assume control of your cities, states and nations. He is going to move in and take over your churches, schools, universities and corporations. The fate of humanity is in his hands." *Abraham Lincoln*

**Ark Lodge Highlights**

1990 - Frank M. Case - Ark 1954 - served as Master in 1962 and 1990. In each year he gave exceptional leadership, devoted his time, effort and energy to Ark Lodge. He is truly a dedicated Freemason. He celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary with his wife, Letti. God Bless.

We had a new Brother in Ark Lodge - Jed Brandow, grandson of R.:W.: Charles H. Brandow, Ark 1927.

Ark Lodge hosted six daughter Lodges - Milo No. 108; Seneca No. 113; Sincerity No. 200; Rushville No. 377; and Wolcott and Geneva No. 965.

For the first time ever, Ark Lodge held communications during July and August. The work on the trestleboard was considerable and the Brothers willing.

Brother John Kashouty (Ark 1916) observed his 74th year in Freemasonry and Ark Lodge.

Ark Lodge members attended the OSY District Memorial Service at Seneca Castle United Methodist Church. Grand Chaplain Emeritus, J. Richard Hart, of Ark Lodge, assisted.

Eagle Scout Masons recognized were Brothers Arnold Schofield and Joseph E. Micheals as a part of a national Boy Scout program.

Brother Fred Tryon was admitted to our Masonic Home in Utica.

Scottish Rite Award was given to W.: Jerard Marsh (Ark 1971) for his outstanding Masonic service.

Ark Lodge presented the DeWitt Clinton Award to Mr. Joe Palmer, pioneer in Geneva Little League Baseball.

**Low number 33**

How did Ark Lodge receive the low number? The original number on the Ark Lodge Charter (September 2, 1807) is 160. Due to the loss of many Lodges during the anti-Masonic period (1826-1845) the New York State Lodges were renumbered by Grand Lodge in 1839. Ark Lodge has the original Charter, hence is 25th in seniority in Grand Lodge of New York with the number 33. I am sure every Ark Lodge member is proud of our 196 years of continuous community service and activities.

**Ark Lodge History**

1977 - Brother Elmer Patrick received the 5th Hiram Award.

1978 - New York State Senator and Brother Fred L. Warder Night - raised in 1965. W.: Steve Goebert, Master.

1979 - Brother E. Platt Soper, PDDGM, became an honorary member of Ark Lodge. W.: William Hoefler (Ark 1927) given Dedicated Service Award. R.: W.: Anthony Khoury, DDGM, was 9th Ark Lodge DDGM with W.: Roger Haich presiding as Master.

1980 - Brother Fred Tryon was given the Grand Lodge Brotherhood Fund Achievement Award. R.: W.: John Stelter, MD, received an Ark Lodge recognition night. Over 100 Masons attended, including Past Grand Masters, M.: W.: Lloyd Cochran, and M.: W.: Calvin Bond. A banner evening. W.: Erwin Smith, Master.

1981 - Master's Pin given to W.: Tom Abraham by his father, W.: Mitchell Abraham. Brother John Koshouty was announced as the 9th Hiram Award winner.

1990 - Brother Michael Michaels received the Hiram Award.

1991 - W.: Charles A. Rouse (Ark 1976) acclaimed the Outstanding Conservation Alumnus by the College of the Finger Lakes. R.: W.: Harry George (Ark 1951) received the Scottish Rite Award in Rochester. 20 widows attended Ark Lodge Widows' Party, which was declared the best yet!

**We miss you!**

For inactive members, the Ark Lodge meeting will be Wednesday, October 15th.

Question: Do you need to be refreshed with signs and passwords? Are the meetings too long? Would you come if someone would pick you up and take you home? Your comments, suggestions and remarks are welcomed. Call me at 789-6420.

**From Alphonse Cerza, 33°, Masonic Service Association of the US.**

Fiction and fact: The famous Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor was designed by a Frenchman, Frederick A.

Bartholdi, a Freemason. The Grand Lodge of New York laid the cornerstone with full Masonic Ceremonies on August 5, 1885.

Anti-Masons run a Mason for President. In 1831 the national Anti-Masonic Party nominated William Wirt as a candidate for President of the US. Wirt had been a Mason and never during the anti-Masonic Convention did he renounce his membership or speak one word against the Masonic Craft. Vermont was the only State which gave him its electoral votes.

On his famous solo flight over the Atlantic Ocean in 1927, Col. Charles A. Lindbergh wore the Square and Compasses on his jacket as a good luck emblem. He was a Mason at the time.

Brothers Eddie Rickenbacker, WWI air ace, and astronauts Leroy Gordon Cooper, Virgil Grissom, Edwin E. Aldrin, Jr., and Thomas P. Stafford, were devoted Masons for many years.

When Hitler secured control of Germany and when Mussolini secured control of Italy before WW II, they closed all Masonic Lodges and ordered all Masonic property confiscated.

Freemasonry and the Republic of Texas - all three Presidents of the Republic of Texas were Freemasons: Brothers David G. Bresnelt, Sam Houston and Anson James.

Masonic meeting in the US Senate. In 1822, a Masonic conference was held in the US Senate Chamber in Washington, DC., the only time in US history this ever occurred. Brother Henry Clay introduced a resolution proposing the formation of a general Grand Lodge; the idea wasn't welcomed by most State Lodges at that time.

Wyoming Governors - Between 1890 (Wyoming became a State) to 1951, every Governor of the State was a Mason except one. Mrs. William A. Ross, was a wife of a Mason and a member of the Eastern Star as Governor.

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# York Rite NEWS

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## GRAND WARDER

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SK James R.  
MacConnell  
494-1815

Where do you start? I would like to thank all the Sir Knights of Batavia Commandery and Zone 12 for the support and encouragement to run for the Grand Warder's office of Grand Commandery of the State of New York. Marsha and I promise to do our best to represent the Sir Knights of Zone 12 and Batavia Commandery in the best possible light.

Next, I thank SK Steven Wing and his Lady Sally for getting me involved in Commandery way back in November, 1981, and being a great campaigner on my behalf. Over the years you have encouraged, supported and guided me through the various Bodies of York Rite and introducing me to so many great friends. I am certainly indebted to both of you! Thank you for the encouragement and timely arm-twisting and all the kind things you spoke about me at my Installation. I realized that you were very busy promoting my name during month of August and September prior to my election. For that I am eternally grateful and will do my best to promote Templary!

I would like to publicly thank SK Ruel Lovett for nominating me and SK William Jones for seconding the nomination. Your willingness to stand-up and support my nomination meant an awful lot to Marsha and me. Thank you both from the bottom of our hearts.

To the Eminent Commander, SK Garry Hutcherson, and Batavia Commandery, thank you so much for the reception and donation for the 2012 Grand Commandery Fund. A special thank you to Lady Helen Markham for the wonderful cake and pictures at my reception. You are a special lady and child of God and congratulations on being awarded Lady Companion of the Temple.

To my traveling buddies, Norm, Harry, Ruel, and Garry, I promise it's going to be a fun ride and a little bit of work. Thanks for the patience and support along the way.

To my fellow Fraters and Lady Templars from Batavia Commandery, this would not have happened without your support and guidance along the way. You have helped me learn the Ritual and grow Masonically. Marsha and I look forward to your support and continued friendship during our journey through the Grand Line. If we can be of any assistance, please give us a call. Thanks again!

To my fellow Fraters of Zone 12, I look forward to working with each of you over the next year in promoting our charities and working on projects together under the leadership of our R.:E.: Grand Commander, SK Paul Barrera, Jr. Please call or email me at JMAC13P@AOL.COM on projects in your Commanderies that I can help with or promote for you.

### Key dates

November 1st the reception of the Grand Commander, SK Paul Barrera, Jr., at the Adam's Mark Hotel in Buffalo.

November 13th - Batavia Commandery's Thanksgiving Feast at Attica Temple.

November 15th - Hornell's DeMolay Commandery will confer all the Orders

November 22nd - Western Regional Seminar Knights Templar at Bergen Masonic Temple 9:00 a.m.

December 5th - DeMolay Commandery's Christmas Toast

December 11th - Batavia Commandery's Christmas Toast

December 15th - Cyrene/Monroe Commandery's Christmas Toast

December 20th - Sagoyewatha Commandery's Christmas Toast

If you are looking to go with someone to any of these functions please give me a call at 494-1815.

have been canceled for 2003. There will not be enough time to hold all four before the annual meeting in December.

The Chapter recognized the loss of E.: Gerald Glaser. Gerry will surely be missed.

Our only meeting in November will be on the 13th. The program that evening will center on our Veterans and will be coordinated by E.: Dennis Gellash and R.:E.: Tom Paglia. No meeting on November 27th, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The last meeting for this capitular year is the December 11th Annual Meeting.

### Canadian Visit

Companions, don't forget the upcoming Canadian Visitation, November 8th - 9th. Get your reservations into our Scribe, Companion Joe Oelgoetz, pronto!

Well, that's the news. Hope to see you all very soon. Come out and support Capitular Masonry with your fellow Companions at Hiram Chapter.

### Excelsior

#### Chapter No. 164

2nd Mon.  
7:30 p.m.



High Priest  
E.: L. Ronald  
Edwards  
394-3205

Secretary  
R.:E.: George Stanton, Jr.  
394-6829  
Shortsville, NY

The Fall sessions of Royal Arch Masons are well under way. The parts are all assigned for the Mark Master Degree, and as I write this we have had one rehearsal. The 25th Capitular District plans to meet its objective by exemplifying the Mark Master Degree in each Chapter. The first exemplification took place October 21st at King David in Port Byron; on November 4th the Salem Town Chapter in Seneca Falls; next is Excelsior Chapter on November 10th in Shortsville; then Geneva Chapter on November 12th in Geneva will finish the job, if we stay on schedule and all goes well.

Excelsior Chapter will have a Nominating Committee formed at the November convocation and Election at the December convocation. There you see 2003 winding up with a clean slate and ready for the 2004 Officers to take the helm.

### October

On October 7th, the Grand Master of the Second Veil, R.:E.: Aldo A. Ghirarduzzi made his Official Visit to the 25th Capitular District. It started with a great dinner and ended with a lot of fellowship. We wish you were there to enjoy it with us.

### III

To all the Companions who are ill, we pray that God will touch you and heal you. May God bless you one and all.

### Enders

Each of our Chapters has at least one Chapter idol. They have been idle for years. There's no use in advertising our troubles. There's no market for them. It isn't necessary to fool all the people all the

time - only during elections. When the meek inherit the earth, you can be sure there will be a lawyer who will contest the will. You can't have everything. Where would you put it?

'Til we meet again. Cheerio

### LeRoy Chapter No. 183 RAM



4th Tues.  
7:30 p.m.

#### High Priest

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

#### Secretary

E.: Norman P. Austin  
494-2223

8 West Main St., LeRoy

Well, November is here and with it comes Thanksgiving. It is a time for each Companion to reflect and give thanks for all the wonderful things that have happened to us over the past year. Marsha and I wish each of you a very successful holiday season and, if we can assist you in any way, please give us a call.

On October 11th, E.: Norm and I attended the celebration of the 180th Anniversary of the October 8, 1823 Opening of the Champlain Canal. It was a re-enactment of the original ceremony performed by the Grand Chapter under the direction of DeWitt Clinton and M.:E.: Ezra Ames, by our Grand Line, with the M.: E.: David Stoy officiating.

### Exercise!

It was a long ride home and, when we got out of the car, Norm and I were discussing upcoming events and other thoughts preoccupied my mind as I walked into the house. I thought Norm went to his car and drove home.

I received an email later that evening that Norm had published exclaiming the long walk and something about blisters! I had forgotten that Linda dropped him off and he had no car. Norm was apparently in a lurch to get home so he decided to walk home without knocking on the door and saying, "Hey Jim, could you give me a ride home cause Linda needed the car?"

So we have prepared an emergency kit for Norm because such events seem to happen to him on a frequent ba-

sis. If any of you have any suggestions that would add to this kit, please get in touch with me ASAP, because we would like to present this to him before it happens again!

### Upcoming events

On October 25th, all the Cryptic Degrees, including the Super Excellent Degree, will be conferred in Utica. If you would like to take part in the Super Excellent Degree, show up by 1:30 p.m. with a current dues card from Council.

On November 8th, LeRoy will host a Royal Arch Leadership Seminar at 9:30 a.m.

Our November 25th meeting will be the Annual Election of Officers for next year.

Our December 23rd meeting will be the Installation of Officers for next year.

If any Lodge would like us to put on the Fervency and Zeal Program, give me a call. We would like to do another Festival sometime in January and confer all four Degrees, so get your candidates ready. We are hoping for at least four new Companions in LeRoy. I know two who are submitting petitions, so if you know somebody who might make a great Royal Arch Mason and need to get a petition, call me or Norm Austin and we will see that they get one.

If you would like to take part in the Degrees or want to take an Office, please call me. Come and enjoy the companionship!

### Nundawaga



#### Council No. 92

4th Monday  
West Main Street  
LeRoy 14482

I.: Edwin C. Law  
Master - 237-2579  
I.: Vernon G. Rupert  
Recorder - 343-8429

As I am writing this article for publication in the November issue of the *Masonic Times*, it occurs to me that this writing is being done prior to our September meeting, as well as our October meeting. Please know that it is impossible to report to you upon events which have not yet taken place.

### Dinner with our ladies

In November we will open at 6:00 p.m. It will be Past Masters' Night, with dinner with



Present at the visit of the AGL, V.:E.: Dennis Parmeter, to LeRoy Chapter No. 183, RAM, were: (front, l. to r.) R.:E.: Leonard Mason, DDGHP; Parmeter; V.:E.: James MacConnell, High Priest; Companion Art McMichael; R.:E.: Karl-Heinz Reich; (back, l. to r.) Companions Craig Mollon, Harry Tyson; E.: Garry Hutcherson; R.:E.: Ruel Lovett; and E.: Norm Austin. (Photo courtesy of Karl-Heinz Reich)

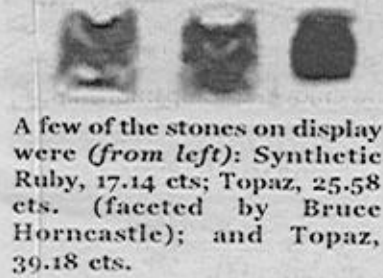


our ladies. You most likely will be conversant with details of our November meeting prior to the time that your November *Masonic Times* is delivered. With a little luck, I should have a trestleboard together for the rest of my year for your information by the November meeting.

Companions, it is my prayer that the Great Architect may grant us the good health and favorable regard that we might have a fine Cryptic year.

**Doric Council**  
**No. 19 Cryptic Masons**  
 (Chartered 1861)  
 3rd Wednesday  
  
 Ill. Master  
 Bruce  
 Horncastle  
 (607) 347-4680  
 Donald W. Wright, Recorder  
 621-5764  
 17 Church Street, Pittsford 14534

On our meeting of the 15th of October, the Program, which I presented, was titled The High Priest's Breastplate Gemstones. Examples of each of the stones of the Breastplate were exhibited and explanations of the lapidary methods of that era, along with interpretations of the names of each of the stones from several different bible translations. This lecture and display was well received by the Companions, followed by a series of questions and answers.



The Council noted the passing of two long-time members of Doric: Ill. Vernon L. Goodrich in July and Companion Gerald Glaser in September; both after battling long illnesses. Both have been called to be with the Great Architect. Our prayers go to them and their families.

The trestleboard for the events of the Council had been altered to meet the needs of the Companions and other events: if any Companion is in need of the "new & improved" trestleboard, please contact me or the Recorder, Don Wright, and you will receive one.

Until next month, take care. x

**Sagoyewatha**  
**Commandery No. 17**  
 3rd Saturday, 9 a.m.  
  
 Commander  
 SK F. Edward  
 Powley  
 (315) 483-2745  
 Recorder  
 SK David Taber  
 (585) 388-0629  
 Phelps, NY

**Important Change**  
 Our normal November convocation in Phelps is being replaced by the Orders in Hornell on November 15th, which is our normal meeting day. Registration and refreshments at 8:00 a.m., the Orders are to begin at 9:00 a.m. I am happy to announce that we have a candidate for the day's

work. So please plan to travel with us to Hornell on November 15th and participate in the conferral of these Orders. Call me at (315) 483-2745 if you would like to carpool or if you have any questions.

As I promised you last month, the Western Regional Seminar has been finalized. It will be held at the Bergen Masonic Lodge on Saturday, November 22nd. Sir Knight George Knorr, Deputy Grand Commander, will lead this educational program. All Sir Knights should attend to learn more about Knights Templary. Again, call me if you wish to carpool with us on this short trip to the West.

**Help needed**

On December 20th, we will celebrate our Christmas Observance at 10:00 a.m. I am looking for volunteers for the readings. Please call or e-mail me. Our ladies and friends are welcome to this public event. Please mark your calendars.

**Save aluminum**

In closing, I wish to remind everyone that Sir Knight Ronald Edwards is our Eye Foundation Chairman and he asks that you save aluminum again for fundraising.

**Florida bound!**

We wish Sir Knight Howard Lord a safe trip to Florida for the Winter. We will think of you often!

**Batavia Commandery**  
**No. 34**  
**Knights**  
**Templar**  
  
 2nd & 4th  
 Thursdays  
 Commander  
 SK Garry Hutcherson, 494-1395  
 Recorder  
 SK James MacConnell, 494-1815  
 39 Main Street, Attica 14011

The month of September went well with a Roast Beef Dinner and program at our September 25th meeting. We were blessed with a great program of Sword Instruction from the 14th century to now, by SK Bruce Horncastle and SK Craig Mollon. Both SKs have been involved with swords and fencing for many years and their expertise and knowledge really made for a wonderful night. Many, many thanks to both of them.

We also celebrated SK James MacConnell's election to the Grand Line. It is wonderful to have our Commandery blessed like this. We celebrated after the meeting with a wonderful cake, made by Lady Helen Markham, that was awesome! Thanks to all who helped out.

October 26th was Go-To-Church Sunday, at North Bergen Presbyterian Church.

Don't forget we have our annual Thanksgiving feast on November 13th. Come with your Lady and enjoy the fellowship.

We hear SK Horace Wilder is ill and wish him well.

Have a great November. x

**HAVE YOU**  
  
**OBTAINED A NEW MEMBER?**

**Utopia found?**

There is a place that you can find  
 Where everyone is always kind,  
 Where everything is harmony,  
 Where every man is always free.

No politics are spoken there,  
 No arguments to rend the air,  
 Where smiles glow bright on every face--  
 A joyful and a friendly place.

A place where men can do good deeds  
 And share their lot with those with needs,  
 But still have fun in all they do  
 While being good and firm and true.

A place where God is still revered  
 And tyranny is never feared,  
 A place where virtues still are taught,  
 Where goodness is not sold or bought.

A "Shangri La" you say to me,  
 "Why, such a place can never be!"  
 Untrue, my friend, there's one I know,  
 A place where good men often go.

And not just one, but many more,  
 Both here at home, on distant shore.  
 Thousands and thousands, I would guess;  
 There might be more, but never less.

They've been around hundreds of years,  
 These places where men need have no fears.  
 So now you ask, "Where do I go?"  
 All right, my friend, I'll let you know.

Look for a sign with compasses and square,  
 Easily found, they're most everywhere.

Just note the number and the street  
 To know where Masons go to meet.  
 (By Jarvis B. Moore) x

**DeMolay Looking for Governors**

The most successful DeMolay Chapters are lead by strong Advisory Councils. A key role in developing and maintaining strong Advisory Councils in New York DeMolay is that of the Governor. Although this is not the highest profile role, it is nonetheless one that is essential to an effective DeMolay program. Thus, New York DeMolay is always looking for leaders and advisors to fill this most important position.

Are you such a person? Can you work with Advisory Councils to help them become stronger in support of our DeMolay mission? If this sounds like something you could do well, no matter what your experience or background, I am interested in hearing from you.

The path to success is before us, are you interested in joining us in the vital role of Governor? If so, please contact me at: eo@nydemolay.org, or the Masonic Service Bureau Office for an application. Together we can make a difference!

(Courtesy of DeMolay New York) x

**Remember the Brotherhood Fund**

Grand Master's Allocation, Medical Research Lab, Masonic Home, Veteran's Service, Youth Organizations, adbrhdtd

**Maine Attorney to Head National Masonic Group**

Walter E. Webber of Yarmouth, Maine, was elected Sovereign Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States. He succeeds Robert O. Ralston of Cincinnati, Ohio, who retired after serving as the organization's Chief Executive Officer for the past ten years.

A graduate of Marietta College and Boston University School of Law, Webber was the senior director of the Portland law firm of Jensen Baird Gardner and Henry, and will continue to be "of counsel" to the firm.

Webber has been active in civic and fraternal affairs for many years. Within Freemasonry, Webber was Master of Casco Lodge No. 36, Yarmouth, in 1979, a District Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine in 1980-81, and a member of numerous Grand Lodge committees. He presided over several groups in the Scottish Rite Valley of Portland and was recognized for his service by receiving the 33rd Degree in 1987. He has been an Active Member of the Supreme Council since 1994 and Deputy for the State of Maine since 2001.

The change of command took place in St. Louis at the annual meeting of the Supreme Council. Replacing Webber as Deputy for Maine is Richard H. Winship of Bangor, Maine.

Other new State Deputies are Verdon R. Kipper for New Jersey; Terry D. Bentzel for Pennsylvania; and Albert R. Marshall for Delaware. At the meeting, Charles E. Ridlon of Yarmouth, Maine, was elected an Active Member of the Su-

preme Council. Ridlon is currently the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Maine.

Other newly elected active Members are Peter J. Samiec of Batavia, New York; Robert E. Godbout, Jr., of Whitman, Massachusetts; and Richard W. Elliot of Hampton, New Hampshire. Succeeding Webber as Grand Lieutenant Commander is Judge Lawrence D. Inglis of Illinois. Norman L. Christensen of Grafton, Wisconsin, was elected to the position of Grand Minister of State.

Retiring as Active Members, but becoming Emeriti Members, are Donald D. Miller of Moorestown, New Jersey and Richard H. Welkley of Clifton Park, New York.

During the course of the St. Louis meeting, 139 32nd Degree Masons received the 33rd Degree. At the conclusion of the meeting, the names of 137 nominees were announced to receive the 33rd Degree at next year's meeting. The National Heritage Museum in Lexington, Massachusetts, was built adjacent to the Supreme Council headquarters in 1975 to provide changing exhibits on American history.

The Supreme Council sponsors four major charities, which are supported by volunteer contributions from the 270,000 32nd Degree Masons throughout the 15-State jurisdiction.

Learning Centers for dyslexic children have been providing free one-on-one tutoring since 1994. Other charities include scholarships for college students and fellowships for schizophrenia research.

(Courtesy American Mason Magazine) x

**EVERYTIME A FLAG IS WAVED...WE REMEMBER**



November holds three special days that give us pause to remember that the rights and privileges we hold so dear are based upon the service and sacrifice of those who have gone before us.

Tuesday, November 4th - ELECTION DAY - reminds us of our responsibility as FREE citizens to

take the time to vote for the candidates of our choice. Americans have died to secure this special privilege for us and it should not be taken lightly.

Tuesday, November 11th - VETERANS DAY - reminds us of the sacrifices brave men and women in our armed forces have made... and continue to make... so that we can enjoy many freedoms including our right to vote.

And finally, Thursday, November 27th - THANKSGIVING DAY - reminds us of the many blessings we have as Americans. It is a time to reflect upon our responsibility to use these gifts wisely and share our bounty with those less fortunate.

What do these three days have to do with funeral service? Every funeral service you attend is a Celebration of a Life lived and sacrifices made. Those who have gone before us have left precious memories and an important legacy for us to build upon.

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# Lalla Rookh GROTTO

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Alfred Pulcino III, Monarch



hunting in the Adirondacks.

At one point, LeRoy shot at a squirrel and hit a curry-comb (a brush to comb horses). Sid Smith, to get even for some of the jokes played on him, in a roundabout way, caused the incident to be reported back home. Upon their return, Fairchild was arrested and brought before the "F.D.C."

The original seventeen of the F.D.C. should be listed: LeRoy Fairchild, George Beal, Sidney D. Smith, A. Milo Russell, John A. Holmgren, William M. West, Jay W. Clark, Uri C. VanVleck, B.J. Stimson, John F. Howe, G.S. Waldron, Adon N. Smith, H.S. Gardner, Robert Patterson and Edwin L. Peet.

The first two "accepted as members" to form the court were: Herb I. Tompkins, and R.R. Riddel. Other Masons were permitted to attend this mock trial by becoming members of the F.D.C. through initiation and a dollar fee.

The Mock Trial went on for three nights, after which Fairchild was found not guilty. The jury found Sid Smith guilty of stealing a horse though he was not a party to the trial.

The first ritual, which was written by George Beal and Adon N. Smith, became necessary. As its popularity and membership increased, the ritual was rewritten and the organization perfected.

Today, the Ceremonial is the same as it was back then.

To be continued...

### Secretary's Column

By Ken Hutchinson, PM

On November 1st, I will be mailing the 2004 Dues notices to you. There will be no suspension notices for nonpayment of 2002 dues, as all have been paid. A number of 2003 dues cards have not been picked up, which is a concern.

If you have signed petitions, forward them to the Grotto Office. If you need a petition, contact Prophet William Fredenburg, our Membership Chairman at 334-4753 or me at my Wayne County number, (315) 589-9021. We will be happy to mail them to you.

### Sickness and Distress

Our Monarch heads the list. Al has pneumonia and a sinus infection.

Howard Topel continues on the mend.

Don Freeman has entered a nursing home.

Bob Bueg was at the October Board Meeting and is feeling fine.

If you know of anyone in sickness or distress, or in need of our aid or sympathy, please let any one of your Officers know.

### Membership

By Bill Fredenburg

A big thank you to our wonderful cast and crew for their great performance for the new Prophets at the Ceremonial on October 15th. It was the second Ceremonial presented at the Shrine Center.

We are fast approaching the end of 2003. Let's finish the year by handing our petitions to several Brothers to help cre-



The Grand Monarch, Carl W. Landerholm, Jr., P.M.; 2004 ESGA President, Ward Peterson, P.M.; and 2003 President, Michael Bell, at the ESGA Fall Convention.



ESGA immediate Past President, Michael Bell, presents a check to Chris Knapp, representing SPEDAZLE, which will be used to continue their work in the schools.

(Photos courtesy of Ken Hutchinson)

### Chief Justice

By Jerry Spero

This is the time of year when those organizations which were created for Masons are gearing up to full speed now that Autumn has arrived. Lalla Rookh Grotto is no different. Our September meeting took care of the business of the Grotto, while trying not to outshine the Fall Convention which started that same day.

Those planning the Convention had not a worry in the world about being outdone. It was FUN from the word go! Mike Bell and his committee really outdid themselves starting with the Casino Night on Thursday evening. First off, there was free food and then there was free play money to play the games at the "professional-type" tables. To top off the evening, everyone adjourned to the hospitality room for great food and beverages. Mike and Doris then kicked things up a notch with more fun.

Friday's golf was interrupted by the storm passing through, but it sure did not put a damper on that evening's Red Tassel Party. It was a costume party with a circus theme that kept us entertained with challenges for us to do as well as the keyboard player who got everyone pumped up with familiar songs from yesteryear. Songbooks were handed out to everyone so we couldn't say we didn't know the words. Little necklaces were handed out if you met a challenge and toy silver dollars were handed out for winning costumes. Later, small prizes were set out on a table and the participants could exchange the necklaces and silver dollars for them. Again, we had a hospitality room after the party.

Doreen and Kenneth Rhodes really outdid themselves in hosting the hospitality room with such great refreshments.

Saturday, we had bowling during the afternoon and in the evening we held the Ball. Again, we had great food and a great program. We said our good-byes and congratulations to Michael Bell, as outgoing ESGA President, and welcomed Ward Peterson as

he stated his year as President of the ESGA. Michael and Doris Bell hosted the hospitality room later.

While all this great stuff was happening, there were meetings held, a ladies' breakfast served and other activities taking place. Leon Van Huben was voted to go through the ESGA line with the full support of Lalla Rookh Grotto. The Bells, Milners, and VanHubens did an excellent job with the Convention and Dick Topel did a fine job with the golf and bowling events.

Finally, I salute the Legion of Honor Color Guard for Presenting the Colors.

What an outstanding Fall Convention!

### Historian's Corner

By Ken Hutchinson, PM

Much has been written and handed down about the beginning of the Grotto. Much is now common knowledge. But what about the very beginning?

It all started very innocently enough, after a meeting of the Cyrus Chapter held in the early Fall of 1886. Seventeen members remained in the dining room for refreshments, and to plan for the conferring of the Royal Arch Degree.

For that purpose, the seventeen were appointed by their leader, LeRoy Fairchild, to a committee to complete the arrangements. They had no official Chapter standing, and called themselves "F.D.C.", which stood for Fairchild's Deviltry Committee.

There were many tales of jokes and high-jinks played upon each other. They were all lifetime residents of Hamilton, New York. This evolved into monthly meetings of the group. While they were all Hamilton Lodge members, they did not hold their meetings in the Lodge, but rather in various back rooms of stores in the village. There were minutes kept and the changing location was marked with a lighted red railroad lantern.

Three years later, in the early Fall of 1889, an incident occurred that would affect future generations of Masons in North America. LeRoy Fairchild, Charles J. Griswold, and Sidney D. Smith, went squirrel

ate new Prophets. If you need any information to give to a Brother Mason, please call me at 334-4753. I will send you whatever information you need. If all Prophets carried a petition with them, it would be a good way to start. Please see me for petitions.

We wish all of you a happy and healthy Thanksgiving. We thank all our Prophets for their continued support of membership in our great Fraternity.

**Attend Grotto Meetings**

**Mon., Nov. 3rd - Board Governor's Meeting, Shrine Center, 7:00 p.m.**

**Tues., Nov. 11th - Veterans Day Ceremony at the War Memorial, 11:00 a.m.**

**Wed., Nov. 19th - Grotto meeting, Shrine Center. Dinner at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7:30 p.m.**

*Enjoy the Fellowship*

### Craftsman Robertson

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will be in touch for your reservation(s).

November 18th will be a 1st Degree. Your Officers and several others have been studying very hard to do an outstanding job for our candidate. Please come and support their efforts. V.:W.: John Dyer, AGL, is expected to attend and critique our labor.

The Birthday boys for the month include: William Evert, Fouad Farah, Wayne Gundry, Beecher Jeffery, Gary LaShomb, George Lloyd, James Locklin, William Mallo, George Pasch, Jr., Charles Paul, James Spencer, Robert Traub, Clifford White and Frank Zaffino. We wish you many happy returns, Brothers. You know, birthdays are good for you! The more you have the longer you live.


### Military Outreach

The war in Iraq has been over for months, but the fighting continues as our troops attempt to put that country back together. The Grand Master established a Military Outreach Program and Brother Thomas Benson has volunteered to be the coordinator for our Lodge. To date, no one has contacted Brother Tom regarding this matter and he finds it difficult to believe that none of our members has a loved one - some relation - involved in the Military. If you have, please submit the name to him so appropriate action can be taken.

Happy Thanksgiving to all the Brothers and their families. See you in Lodge.

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Our first dinner meeting of the Fall was on September 25th. Twenty-two members came out and enjoyed a Ham Dinner before the meeting.

With these writings due before the events, some things change. My thanks to Dennis Gellasch, PC, who came out to see if his services were needed at the Widows' Luncheon on September 6th.

Friday, September 19th, was the National Day of Remembrance of Prisoner of War and Missing in Action. The event was at the Flag Pole of Charlotte Beach. It being a very rainy day, the event was held inside. The attendance was down from last year. First Lt. Commander Lou Campaniello and I presented the Post's Wreath at the Ceremony.

Our October 23rd meeting featured a Beef Bar-B-Que. After the meeting, Dean Marsaw gave an interesting talk on the Spanish-American War, along with a display of artifacts of that 1898 War. My thanks to Dean.

**Color Guard**

The Color Guard presented the Colors at the Scottish Rite Symbolic Awards Night on October 16th, and at the Interfaith Service on October 26th. Our thanks to all who came out on those dates.



**November 11th  
Veterans Day Dedication**

Let no Veterans Day ever find us too pleased with our present to remember our past: too busy, too content, too great in our prosperity to be grateful.

Brethren, we are asked again to attend the Ceremony at the War Memorial's Laying of the Wreaths, as we remember those who have gone before us. It begins at 11:00 a.m. The luncheon will be at the Beahan Party House at noon. Our ladies are invited.

Members of the Masonic War Veterans had their annual **Strawberry Social**, provided by Dick Topel, in May. Shown is Paul Esken, the Great-Grandson of James A. Hard, who entertained with memorabilia of the Civil War. (Photos courtesy of Ken Hutchinson)



This State Highway Marker stands at the birth site of James A. Hard on Strong Road in Victor.

**Christmas Party**

We have no meeting in November. Our next get together is with our ladies at the annual Christmas Party at Fame Lodge on December 20th.

This year the dinner will be Roast Beef with Chateau Briand Sauce.

**Behind the Scenes**

By R.:W.: Norman Austin

Those of you who are faithful readers of this publication are the mainstays of our efforts. I don't believe that anyone, who has not been involved in producing a publication such as the *Masonic Times* (indeed, any publication) and thus has not had the opportunity to garner a "behind the scenes" look at the preparation which is involved in proofreading, editing, rereading, cutting, pasting, working with photos and a myriad of other pre-publication tasks essential to compiling material for a first rate publication such as this, can conceptualize how many opportunities for potential errors exist.

However, many errors are recognized and corrected prior to going to press. Invariably, some errors do elude even the most astute scrutiny of our cooperative efforts to identify and correct them. Inevitably, someone will bring to my attention one of these errors, and I appreciate that - armchair editors are always an asset, it validates and provides evidence that the paper is being read. Constructive criticism is most certainly a basis for improvement. Therefore, it is my hope that you can appreciate and quite possible concur with the feeling which made me smile when I came across this anonymous little limerick that I share with you herein:

**My Goodness! A Mistake!**  
The typographical error is  
A slippery thing and shy;  
You can hunt 'til you're dizzy,  
But somehow it will get by.

'Til the forms are off the  
presses,  
It is strange how still it keeps,  
It shrinks into a corner  
And it never stirs or peeps.

That typographical error,  
Too small for human eyes,  
'Til the ink is on the paper,  
When it grows to mountain  
size.

The remainder of the issue  
May be as clean as clean can  
be,  
But the typographical error  
Is the only thing you see!"

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

The leaves are falling faster than we can rake them. The sweet smells of apple and pumpkin pies are in the air. Thanksgiving dinner will soon be cooking and we will overeat and be stuffed for days to come.

The Internal Revenue Service now allows businesses to obtain employer identification numbers directly from its website. New business owners or their tax professional representative can go to the Internal Revenue Service website to apply and obtain their employer identification number. No registration is required to use the system and the number is issued immediately.

The employer identification number online processing eliminates the need to send paperwork to the Internal Revenue Service. It also eliminates delays caused by incomplete application forms. Check out the employer identification number Online site at: <http://www.irs.gov/businesses/small/article/0,,id=102767,00.html>.

Some small corporations have been reporting and paying alternative minimum tax (AMT) for which they are not liable. AMT was repealed for qualifying small corporations for tax years beginning after December 31, 1997, but some of these businesses continue to compute and pay AMT on Form 1120, U.S. Corporation Income Tax Return.

A small corporation qualifies for the AMT exemption if: The current tax year is the corporation's first year of operation; or the corporation's average annual gross receipts for its first three years (or portion thereof during which the corporation was in existence) after 1993 and before the current year did not exceed \$5 million; and the corporation's average annual gross receipts for all subsequent three-year periods (or portion thereof which the corporation was in existence) did not exceed \$7.5 million.

The Internal Revenue Service announced July 21, 2003, that the Internet version of the Electronic Federal Tax Payment System (EFTPS), the EFTPS-Online website, has undergone

a major upgrade to include several new improvements to help taxpayers.

The changes will provide users with more than a half-dozen new features, ranging from more convenience for scheduling payments to expanded ability to track payment history. Taxpayers using the system will see many improvements for payments.

They will be able to:

- Schedule all four estimated tax payments, Form 1040ES, at once in one session without logging out.

- Access payment history for a 16-month period of time.
- Search, print or download payment history by date, tax type, amount, tax form and other factors.
- Change bank accounts by phone without completing a new enrollment.
- Select a PIN online when changing their bank account number and begin making payments from that account immediately, if electing to bypass bank account information verification by the bank.
- Access links to States with electronic tax payment systems directly from the EFTPS website.
- Use enhanced and updated glossary help and information.
- Take advantage of improved accessibility, if visually impaired.

Taxpayers can make payments 24 hours a day, 7 days a week from home or office; schedule payments up to 120 days in advance (for businesses) or 365 days in advance (for individuals); review the last 16 months of tax payment history online or by calling Customer Service. In addition, taxpayers receive an EFT Acknowledgement Number for every EFTPS transaction for easy record keeping and as proof of the transaction. EFTPS is ideal for all business taxpayers and for individual taxpayers who make Form 1040ES quarterly estimated payments.

Taxpayers can enroll in EFTPS by visiting the EFTPS-Online website, or by calling EFTPS Customer Service at 1-800-555-4477 or 1-800-945-8400.

October 31st - Payroll Reports Due  
November 15th - October Payroll Taxes Due

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

**Camp Turk**

What's new for 2004

We are very excited to introduce our new two-week program for Camp Turk. The Camp is on a first come, first served basis. All applications received after Camp is filled will be put on a waiting list. Remember to register early!

**Session I: Boys ages 13-16**

Arrival: Sunday, July 4, 2004, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Departure: Saturday, July 17th, 9:30 a.m. till noon.

**Session II: Boys ages 10-12**

Arrival: Sunday, July 18th, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Departure: Saturday, July 11th, 9:30 a.m. till noon.

**Session III: Girls ages 10-16**

Arrival: Sunday, August 1st, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Departure: Saturday, August 14th, 9:30 a.m. till noon.

**Cost for two week Session**

\$50.00 Registration fee.

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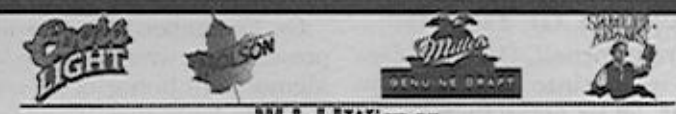
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**Note**

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Contact: Mollie Denslow at (315) 942-6716.

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# Damascus Shrine Center No. 2 Shrine News



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Potentate - Kenneth E. Buckland

## Illustrious Potentate



Shrine  
Office  
(585)  
671-7701

Kenneth E. Buckland  
(607) 545-8461

## Membership

Yes, we are having a ceremonial this November 5th. We need for all to get their petitions in. As it was announced at our October meeting, your Board of Directors has been working very hard with committees in rewriting our By-Laws. One of the proposed changes may be the fee for joining to be raised well above the current \$75.00. With that in mind, let's make this class a memorable one. The Directors Staff is planning for a fun evening. This is the year of the Shrine-Mason as proclaimed by Imperial. They have charged Damascus with making 45 new Shriners during this year. We are just short of this goal and need your help. **Membership** starts with ME. Everyone say that! Thank you.

A big thank you to all the clubs and units and Nobles who attended NYOSA this past month and participated in the parade. Along with the Divan, we had the Directors Staff Fire Truck and riders, the Wheelers motorcycles, the Legion of Honor and their golf cart, our Damascus Color Guards, Damascus Go-Carts, and we were led by Lt. Colonel of the units

## Legion of Honor

By Fred Cornell, Commander  
As we get into our Fall programs, let us never forget why we are in the Legion of Honor. We are a select group, who have served our country in one war or another.

As we approach November, it is a time we give honor to those who have made the Supreme Sacrifice, so we can enjoy the freedom we have.

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

DDGM Rt. Wthy. Debra Leipold 647-3550  
DGL Rt. Wthy. William Mattern 594-4449

Rt. Wthy. William Mattern and I wish to thank everyone for all their help and support for making 2003 special. More was expected of you this year because of M. Wthy. Neil Laundry's position and you rose to the occasion with willing enthusiasm.

I commend my fellow 2003 Grand Officers for doing everything expected of them and more - miles, files and smiles.

The Line Officers this year showed that they could cope with anything and everything that was thrown their way, and had a good time doing it. In everything they did there was always hard work and lots of

and his golf cart. A special member in the parade for Damascus was FEZZY. He was on loan to us from Imperial and was worn by Ill.: Dale W. Stauss, PP, candidate for Imperial Outer Guard. Many thanks, Dale.

We almost had the Trolly there, too. It broke down on the Lewiston Bridge. A big thanks to Noble Don Rose for all his efforts and patience and dedication and also to Bill Hook for driving to Niagara Falls to help Don and Damascus out.

Damascus was also well represented in the Necrology Service by the NYOSA Legions of Honor by Past Commanders Don McDill and James Slocum.

What else happened in October? The Clowns Spaghetti Dinner to benefit the Boston Shriners Burns Center for Children. What a great event and success. The Damascus Clown Unit is to be commended for their effort in sponsoring and carrying out this wonderful event. Great job!

This was followed by a Harvest Dinner Dance on the 18th. It was great to see so many there to participate and to enjoy the warmth and fellowship of the evening. A big thanks to our Chairman, Ill.: Erwin, for a job well done.

## What's ahead?

How about a **Pig Roast** this November 8th? \$35.00 per couple. Music provided by "Against the Wind" (country). Also the Damascus Wheelers will be putting on a **Hog Degree** for willing participants. Please get your reservations in early for this catered event.

I'm looking forward to seeing you in November.

On November 11th, we will be presenting a wreath at the War Memorial in honor of all veterans who have given their lives. If you are unable to attend, take a few minutes to remember.

On November 12th, we have our regular meeting at the 40 and 8 Club on University Avenue. I hope to see many Nobles and Past Commanders out for these functions, if you are able.

laughter.

Our Community Service Project for the National AIDS Alliance was very successful. Thank you to everyone who contributed in every way.

Congratulations and best wishes to Wthy. Sula and Rt. Wthy. William Baxter and all the 2004 Grand Officers of Monroe District. We know they will do a fine job and will have the enthusiastic support we were privileged to enjoy.

## Fidelity Triangle No. 4

### INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Saturday, November 8th  
7:00 p.m.

Charlotte/Corinthian Temple  
4550 Lake Avenue

All are welcome

## From the Recorder



Shrine  
Office  
(585)  
671-7701

Erwin Newell  
544-2242

At tip of the Fez to our Shrine Clowns. On Sunday, October 12th, our Clowns held a very successful Kids Fest/Spaghetti Dinner. All the profits from this event were earmarked for the Shriners Hospital for Children, Boston Burns Unit.

## Ceremonial

Our next Ceremonial will be held on November 5th. It is not too late to bring in a new member for this year. Nobles, this is the last time we will be able to offer the \$75.00 initiation. So, if you know of a Brother whom you think may enjoy being a Shriner, bring him to this meeting with his petition, so that we may ballot upon and initiate him. Of course, he will be our guest for dinner.

## Dues

By now, many of you have received your new dues bill. Note, we did not raise the Temple Dues. However, at the Imperial Convention this past Summer, your delegates voted to raise the per capita from \$6.00 to \$15.00.

## Reservations

Reservations for the November 5th meeting are a must. When you call and leave a message, please spell your name and the names of the people who you are also making reservations for. Sometimes it is difficult to understand voice mail messages. Thank you for your cooperation. The number to call for reservations is 671-3565.

## Canandaigua/ Fenogowone

Chap. No. 326 O.E.S.  
2nd & 4th Weds.

Mat: Wthy. Leslie Smirk  
554-6715

Sec: Wthy. Shirley Wells  
394-2778

Shortsville Temple

The Homecoming for our 2003 District Grand Officers, Rt. Why. Joan Sewert, DDGM, Rt. Why. David Taber, DGL, and Rt. Why. Gale Cooper, Grand Representative of Nova Scotia, was a big success. There were about 80 attending, including our Grand Patron, M. Wthy. Neil Laundry. A good time was had by all.

We will not be meeting on November 4th, as we will be serving our annual Election Day Roast Beef Dinner from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. This is one of our fundraisers for the year. All are welcome.

At our November 18th meeting we will be Draping the Altar. We will also have our Thanksgiving Program.



Saturday, Nov. 8th

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Music by

"Against the Wind"

Cost \$35.00 per  
couple

Time: 3:00 to  
7:00

Reservations required



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## Zama Temple Daughters of the Nile

By Jean R. Friedrich, PQ

Our October 11th Next-to-New Sale was a great success. Thanks to all of you who worked so hard and contributed so much. It was a venture worth repeating.

## Springfield Hospital

In September several of our members traveled to the Springfield, MA, Shriners Hospital to tour the facility with Supreme Queen Barbara Womack. We were there to dedicate a Plaque denoting the gift of the second million dollars given to the hospital by the Daughters of the Nile.

The Springfield unit is a state-of-the-art, 40 bed orthopedic facility with a friendly and dedicated staff. This unit treats children with bone, muscle and joint conditions. The hospital combines quality medical care, progressive research, and innovative teaching.

Our visit was during a Clinic day, which is a very busy time for all our hospitals. This unit treats approximately 1700 patients per year.

The Springfield unit, just as the other 21 units, is always looking for additional patients to keep the facility at maximum usage. If you know of a child in need, be sure to call the Damascus office for details. Be sure to visit a Shriners Hospital when you have an opportunity. It is a truly inspiring experience.

## NOLATKA Chapter No. 320

Order of the Eastern Star  
1st & 3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m.

Matron Wthy. Diane Maltese  
345-1029

Patron Wthy. William Baxter  
225-5284

Sec. Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings  
594-4692

22 South Main Street,  
Churchville, 14428

By Wthy. Alice Hassett

## Items of Interest

How many of you have noticed the beautiful paintings in the lounge area of Churchville's Masonic rooms? I always accepted them as wall decorations and never really examined them. How surprised I was to learn that three of these were painted by Wthy. Avis Theis's and Sister Kathleen Skelton's mother (and Rt. Why. Susan Huff's grandmother), Sister Elsie Whitney, a member of Nolatka Chapter. Isn't that neat?

## News Note

N. J. Spitz Florists, owned and managed by our own Sister Susan Whalen, has closed. Susan has retired. The floral

shop was first owned by her parents, then by Susan and her sister Stephanie, and finally, after Stephanie's passing in 1992, by Susan herself. The shop will be sorely missed in the community. We have appreciated the flowers that Susan has provided for numerous special events. When Nolatka Chapter had our Wedding Gown Fashion Show last year, the centerpiece was provided by Spitz Florists. Spitz Florists could always be counted on for their excellent taste in design as well as long-lasting arrangements. Susan, also, was the Star Point of Martha in Oatka Chapter for several years, and volunteered for countless activities. Thank you, Susan, for your contributions to Oatka and then to Nolatka Chapters, and our very best wishes for happiness in your retirement.

## Events

It is with great pride that we announce that Nolatka Chapter has nominated Rt. Wthy. Judy Lenzi as 3rd Vice President of the Monroe District Past Matrons' Association. She was voted in at the October



2nd meeting. This means that Judy is going through the line and will become President of that Association in four years.

Several of our Chapter members attended Grand Sessions in Lake Placid, from October 14th - 16th.

Don't forget the Monroe District Banquet at the Party House on Beahan Road, scheduled for October 30th, when Wthy. Sula Baxter and Rt. Wthy. William Baxter will take office as Monroe District Grand Matron and District Grand Lecturer. Gathering at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Grand Sessions reports will be delivered at our November 4th meeting.

At our November 18th meeting, our Worthy Matron, Diane, will honor our Chaplain, Sister Jane LaPree, for the outstanding work she has done in her term of office. Nominations will be made for next year's Officers, with election to be held next month.

The Draping of the Altar will pay tribute to those Sisters (or Brothers) who have passed away during the past year. Finally, we will have a modest Thanksgiving Celebration, with a turkey available to go home with some lucky person.

**Sunshine**

On September 29th, Sister Doris Ray had knee surgery and is doing well in her recovery.

We were all shocked to learn that Rt. Wthy. William Baxter has been diagnosed with leukemia. May our prayers sustain Bill and Wthy. Sula as they deal with this latest change in their lives.

**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.

**Birthdays**

Celebrating birthdays in November will be Sister Joan Alexander, Rt. Wthy. William Baxter, Wthy. Charles Daycock, and Sisters Ethel Hall and Elizabeth Morris.

**Committee**


The Chair of the Refreshment Committee for November 4th is Rt. Wthy. Martha Loomis. Her Committee includes Sisters Lee VanGrol and Wthy. Avis Theis.

The Chair for the November 18th meeting is Wthy. Felicia (Bo) Clark. Her Committee in-

cludes Wthy. Robert Crystal and Sister Joan Bright.

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

**Webster Chapter No. 171**  
Order of the Eastern Star  
1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Matron  
Rt. Wthy. Marjorie Fenton,  
217-8904  
Secretary  
Wthy. Faythe Mattern  
594-4449  
30 Orchard Street  
Webster 14580



Our suitcases are packed and we are off to Lake Placid for the 134th Grand Chapter Sessions.

We had Master Masons' Night at the last meeting - had a fashion show with W.: Doug Koenig modeling aprons. He really looked great, especially in the frilly purple model. I wonder if he will wear his new apron in Lodge. We didn't have a musician for this meeting, but thanks to pro-tem Marie Knittle's beautiful voice, we were all able to sing acappella. Many thanks, Marie.

During the meeting, a little boy, with his baseball bat and glove, turned up looking for his father and mother. It seems they had joined the Masons and the Eastern Star and were always at meetings. He said he planned to join the Masons when he got old enough. (Joy is a natural actress - many thanks).

**Sickness and distress**

Carl Peck fell and had some stitches in his forehead. Bob Zahn is still having difficulties. Bill Mattern's father passed away. Please remember these Brothers and our shut-ins with phone calls and cards.

**Card Party**

The Card Party and Luncheon will be Monday, November 10th at 10:00 a.m.. Please call Ruth Beard at (315) 524-3815 or Linda Zahn at 381-4241 for tickets or reservations. (Reservations are a must for this fun day.) We still need door prizes. Please wrap them and bring them to the next meeting.

**Thought for the day**

When we get too busy to think of others, we are too busy. Farewell. \*

**Webster Chapter No. 171 OES**  
**CARD PARTY AND LUNCHEON**  
**Monday November 10th**  
**10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**  
**Webster Masonic Temple**  
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**Tri-Star Chapter No. 209 O.E.S.**  
1st & 3rd Tuesdays 7:30 p.m.  
Matron  
Rt. Wthy. Eleanor VanDelinder (315) 597-9558  
Patron  
Rt. Wthy. Robert Giles (315) 597-5061  
Secretary  
Rt. Wthy. Helga Haak (315) 597-4105  
Palmyra Masonic Hall  
161 East Main Street

Well, Fall is in the making. We have had some cold weather and we have had some real nice weather. This is what our Fall is all about.

For our meeting for the month of November, we are planning a Bring-a-Friend Night, and the Draping of the Altar. So come join us and if you have a friend or neighbor who might like to join us, please bring them along. It should be a great night. If you are planning to come, please let Shirley Wells or Nancy Trickey know, so we can plan refreshments.


I will have information on Grand Chapter in the next newsletter. This will be a little different, as we have two potential candidates for Associate Grand Conductress, and we will have to vote on each one. This is the first time I have seen anything like this.

I hope each and everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving; don't eat too much turkey! Enjoy the time with family and friends.

I am going to enclose a note with your notices. It will have a question in it, so please respond. Thanks.

I leave you with this:  
Let us celebrate together. Lift our voices in one accord. Singing of God's grace and mercy and the goodness of the Lord. Each new day gives us new reasons to sing God's praises. \*

**Irondequoit Chapter No. 572, OES**  
**ROAST PORK AND SAUERKRAUT HARVEST DINNER**  
**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2003**  
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**Looking Ahead**  
**December**  
December 6th - Annual District-wide Children's Christmas Party Shrine Center  
December 13th - Let's Chat with the Grand Master. Genesee/Wyoming District  
December 15th - Masonic Development Course. Monroe and Livingston Districts Shrine Center  
December 19th - Masonic Development Course. Genesee/Wyoming District, Attica  
**Co-Op Reunion**  
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# In Memoriam

## September

### Nesbitt, Stanley J.

Stanley was 74 years old when he met his Maker on September 20th. He was a member of Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge and is survived by his two daughters, four grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

### Schwappacher, C. Robert

A member of Valley/Simes Lodge; Cyrene/Monroe Commandery, KT; Hiram Chapter, RAM; and Damascus Shrine, Robert passed away September 23rd. He is survived by many family members.

### Closs, Harvey F.

Harvey entered into eternal rest on September 25th at the age of 88 years. He was a member of Union Star and Canandaigua Lodges. He leaves his wife, Katherine, four children and seven grandchildren.

## October

### Wing, William F., Jr.

Etolian Lodge lost a member with the passing of William on October 3rd. He is survived by his wife, Beverly, one son, one grandson and one great-grandson.

### Windle, Myrle E.

Myrle was a member of Tri-Star Chapter, OES, at the time of her passing on October 4th. She leaves her husband, William, two daughters and six grandchildren.

### Schlegel, Richard M.

The Great Architect claimed Richard on October 6th. He was 86-years-old and was a member of Drumlin Square Lodge. He leaves his two daughters, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

### Hendershot, Leland B.

Leland passed away peacefully on October 20th at the age of 84 years. He was a member and Past Master of Clio Lodge and leaves his wife, Margaret, two daughters, four grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

### Fuhrmann, William G.


A Mason for over 60 years and a member of Northfield Lodge, William departed this world on October 21st. He leaves one son and two grandsons.

This death was reported with no specific information.

### Kelsey, Daniel

Daniel was a member of Attica Lodge when he passed away in October.

**Rochester Forest**  
No. 133  
Tall Cedars of Lebanon  
of North America  
4th Wed. - 7:30 p.m.  
Penfield, New York 14526



Don Brugger, GTC  
(h) 458-6125, (w) 473-4351  
Donald C. Bell, Scribe

The Pot Luck Dinner at our October 22nd meeting was successful. More importantly, we initiated a candidate. Our new member is Donald Wright. As a result of the good turnout, a sizable contribution was collected for the Tall Cedars Foundation.

### Coming Events

Remember, we will be communicating the Prologue and Royal Court Degrees at our November 19th meeting; that will be the third Wednesday, because of the Thanksgiving Holiday. This will be an opportunity for those who have not received the Degrees to hear them. It will also be an opportunity for the obligating of any other proposed new members. So get out there and beat the bushes for Rochester Forest, and remember to mention our philanthropy in your discussions with prospective members. If you need petitions, please contact me; I will get them to you.

### Christmas Party

The date for our Annual Christmas Party at Valicia's Restaurant (Long Pond Road and Route 31) is December 6th. We will be dining at 6:30 p.m. The choices for the entrees will be announced at this month's meeting.

### Sickness and Distress

It is with sadness that we report the passing of Brother Bob Nichols after a long illness. Bob was a Past Grand Tall Cedar and served as Preceptor for many years. He was a strong supporter of Rochester Forest.

We were also saddened by the passing of Brother Jerry Glaser this Fall. Brother Glaser worked hard to secure the Forest's investments and was always willing to share his financial knowledge with his Brothers. He will be missed.

Our prayers are with the families of these departed Brothers.

Last month I reported that our Canadian Brother, Doug Draker, was moved to a hospital in Hamilton, Ontario. Unfortunately, I have not been able to establish direct contact and all the news is third or fourth hand. I will continue trying to make contact and keep you advised of his progress. The address for Doug is: F. Doug Draker, c/o Henderson General Hospital, 711 Concession Street, Hamilton, Ontario Canada L8V1C3.

I'm sure Doug would appreciate your well wishes and cards.

### Important details

If you have not responded with your 2003 dues payment, please take care of this ASAP.

We need the money! We are looking for a few good Woodsmen to volunteer for the Communications and Logistics Committees (to help out at our social events and make sure that all the Woodsmen are informed of the details of our events). Keeping your Brothers informed would only involve 3 or 4 calls, once a month. If you would like to assist, just call Paul or me and we will take it from there. We would appreciate any help you care to give.

If you know of any Mason who would like to join the friendliest Masonic organization in the State, why not ask him to join us this Fall? We need candidates!

### Attention Masters

If there is any Master out there who needs a program, I would be happy to accommodate him with a presentation about our history, philanthropy and membership. Please let me know whom to contact. You can call me any time. Leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as possible, 458-6125.

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Deadline for the Masonic Times

# BIG CALENDAR NOVEMBER 2003

Gem - Topaz  
Flower - Chrysanthemum

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<b>1</b> OES - Rochester Chapter - East Rochester Grotto - Monarch's Ball, Days Inn - Batavia
Attica - Brunch, 10:00 a.m. <b>2</b>	Canandaigua - Shortsville, 1* West Star - Varysburg, OV RAM - Palmyra/Eagle KT - Batavia Commandery Shrine Lunch Club <b>3</b>	Charlotte/Corinthian Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps Oakland - Castile Eagle - Honeoye RAM - Excelsior Tri-Star - Palmyra, Roast Beef Dinner OES - Fairport, Nolatka, Webster <b>Election Day</b> <b>4</b>	Attica Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Milo - OV (OSY) Olive Branch - LeRoy Damascus Shrine - Ceremonial OES - Henrietta, Monroe <b>5</b>	Constellation - Perry Eunice - Caledonia Hesperus - Bergen, 1* Northfield - Pittsford Webster RSM - Palmyra Council <b>6</b>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m. \$6 adult; \$3 Child 30 Orchard Street</div> OES - Irondequoit Chapter - Roast Pork & Sauerkraut Harvest Dinner <b>7</b>	RAM - Hiram Chapter - Canadian visit <b>8</b> Scottish Rite - Fall Reunion, 15th*, 18th*, 25th* - Webster Lodge Damascus Shriners - Pig Roast Triangle, Installation - Charlotte-Corinthian Royal Arch Leadership Seminar - LeRoy <b>8</b>
RAM - Hiram Chapter - Canadian visit <b>9</b> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; width: 80%;">Mt. Vernon Lodge Pancake Breakfast 7:30 to 10:00 a.m.</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block; width: 80%;">Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinner Weds. Nov 12th &amp; 26th East Avenue, Hilton</div>	OES - Webster Chapter Card Party, 10:00 a.m. ERAC - East Rochester, DeWitt Clinton Award Etolian - Spencerport Fairport/Flower City Mt. Vernon - Java Village Union Star - Honeoye Falls, OV Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield RAM - Excelsior - Shortsville, MM* <b>10</b> Shrine Lunch Club	James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post Ceremony Arcade Batavia Dundee, S.O. OV (OSY) Fame - Irondequoit, 1* Seneca - Webster Valley-Simes RAM - 3x3, Dansville, LeRoy OES - Leah - Hilton <b>Veterans Day</b> <b>11</b>	Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Seneca - OV (OSY) Triluminar - Pike, 1* Masonic Service Bureau Monthly Luncheon Meeting OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville, Corinthian Fellowship <b>12</b>	Eagle Valley - Bliss, AGL Milnor - Victor, 2* WYN - Masters & Wardens RAM - Hiram - Pittsford KT - Batavia Commandery, Thanksgiving Feast Lalla Rookh Caldron <b>13</b>	OSY Grand Lecturer's Convention - Waterloo <b>14</b>	Masters and Wardens, Monroe <b>15</b> KT - Sagoyewatha - Hornell Amaranth, Queen Christina Court - Palmyra Scottish Rite, 32* - Buffalo <b>15</b>
OSY - 100th Birthday Celebration for R.:W.: Kenneth Brush, Waterloo Holiday Inn <b>16</b>	Canandaigua - Shortsville John Hodge, S.O. OV (OSY) West Star - Varysburg, 2* MDC Session 2, Damascus Shrine Center KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford Shrine Lunch Club - Ladies Day <b>17</b>	Charlotte/Corinthian Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps, OV Oakland - Castile OES - Fairport, Nolatka, Tri-Star - Palmyra, Webster <b>18</b>	Attica Ark - Geneva Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy Lalla Rookh Grotto RSM - Doric Council, Pittsford Tall Cedars - Prologue and Royal Court Degrees OES - Henrietta <b>19</b>	Constellation - Perry Eunice - Caledonia Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford OSY - Seneca Lake, S.O. OV Webster, 1* Scottish Rite RAM - Western Star LIV - Grand Lecturer's Convention, Caledonia <b>20</b>	Masonic Development Course - Hesperus, 7:00 p.m. <b>21</b>	KT - Western Regional Seminar - Bergen <b>22</b>
<b>23</b> <b>30</b>	ERAC - East Rochester Etolian - Spencerport, OV Fairport/Flower City, 3* Mt. Vernon - Java Village, G/W School of Ritual Union Star-Honeoye Falls, 1* Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield, 3* RSM - Nundawaga Council Shrine Lunch Club <b>24</b> Shrine Lunch Club <b>31</b>	Arcade, OV Batavia Eagle - Honeoye, S.O. OV (OSY) Fame - Irondequoit Valley-Simes RAM - 3x3, Dansville, LeRoy, Wyoming <b>25</b>	Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville, Corinthian Fellowship <b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>28</b> <b>29</b>	<b>28</b> <b>29</b>	<b>29</b>
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