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Distinguished Community Service Award to FOODLINK's Tom Ferraro

By Skip Waterstreet

For over twenty-five years, Tom Ferraro has been rescuing and redistributing surplus food to those in need in our community. For his dedication, he has been named the 2003 recipient of the Distinguished Community Service Award, sponsored by the Masonic Service Bureau. The Award will be presented at the Masonic Interfaith Service and Brunch on October 26th.

In 1976, while working at Action for a Better Community's Model Cities Program, Tom went on a local television program and made a public request for food donations for the holidays. The response started the ball rolling.

Seeing a need for an organization to be a link between the food manufacturing industry and the growing numbers of needy families, he formed the Genesee Valley Food Clearinghouse in 1978 in a church basement. In the early 1990's, the GVFC was renamed FOODLINK, and is currently located in a 120,000-square-foot warehouse on Exchange Street.

FOODLINK was one of the first dozen food banks in the country to start in the late 70's, where now over 200 exist, covering different territories. Tom Ferraro was instrumental in the creation of the New York State Food Bank Federation, New York Hunger Action Network, New York State Nutrition Consortium, the National Hunger Relief Organization, America's Second Harvest, and countless other community-based efforts to fight local hunger.

More than Food

In addition to the food bank, Tom has pioneered several community programs which target the cause of hunger, not just the symptoms. FOODLINK now oversees 17 Kids Cafe hot after-school meal programs, serving over 60,000 meals to



low-income children during the school year. At Kids Cafe, FOODLINK's own Community Kitchen prepares nutritious foods that raise the bar on institutional meals for kids. The children receive mostly fresh fruits and vegetables in their meals, plus the opportunity to connect with wonderful volunteers for homework and mentoring help.

This Summer, FOODLINK's Community Kitchen provided 2,000 meals to kids who might otherwise be left to fend for themselves when school is not in session. In an expansion of the summer meals program, Tom has now included English Village in Greece and Pines of Perinton to correct possible neglect of children in suburban low-income housing.

The Welfare-to-Work program offers participants training in warehousing skills, and provides opportunities for employment in the warehouse. This is part of the human service mission of the organization, which Tom hosts. The trainees must work a certain number of hours to receive their food stamp benefits.

Farmers' Market

For more than eleven years, FOODLINK has sponsored a Farmers' Market near the 19th Ward to bring affordable and fresh produce to urban areas.

It was also instrumental in a pilot program to accept food stamps electronically in open-air markets.

In the mid-1990s, Tom worked with Partners Through Food to secure a new supermarket, Tops Food Markets, in an inner-city neighborhood.

New Project

The latest venture for Tom is the acquisition of a hydroponics greenhouse in Penfield. Through the pesticide-free greens, Freshlink Farms will be able to distribute fresh and healthy greens throughout our region. This for-profit venture will help secure ongoing funding to the great work of FOODLINK during times of decreased government support.

Worthy Recipient

As you can see, Tom has been a consistent advocate for the low-income and the voiceless of our region. His tireless energy continues to push boundaries and portray good stewardship for all to follow.

The Masonic Service Bureau's Interfaith Service is at 10:00 a.m., October 26th at Logan's Party House on Scottsville Road. The Brunch and Award presentation is immediately following the Service. Tickets are \$10.00 per person, and the public is invited.

Becoming a Grand Lodge Officer: Dispelling the Myth

By R.:W.: Cliff Short

Every successful business needs strong leaders to provide direction and purpose to its employees. Masonry, in that respect, is no different than any other organization.

Our Grand Lodge leadership has given us specific projects and goals on which it believes we should be focusing on to be successful. What we need at the District level is leadership who understand the direction that Grand Lodge is taking us, and who are willing to provide our Brethren with that insight and purpose.

There is a great deal of misinformation disseminated about the requirements and job descriptions of Grand Lodge Officers. The Monroe District Purple Club is sponsoring and informational meeting of potential Grand Lodge Officers and their ladies. This meeting will touch on:

Time Commitment

Masonic Educational requirements

Monetary Commitment Duties and role of a Grand Lodge Officer

Extended Q&A for candidates and ladies.

This is an informational meeting only. In order to become a Grand Lodge Officer, the proper application form must be submitted. Your Secretary and Master have the proper forms for submission. There will also be forms available at this session.

This meeting is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, October 15th, starting at 7:00 p.m. We will be meeting at Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge, 4550 Lake Avenue, Rochester. Any other questions can be answered by calling me at 225-0464.

If you would like to consider filling one of these positions, the deadline for applications has been extended until Monday, October 20th.

62nd Interfaith Service & Brunch

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Masonic Service Bureau of Rochester

October 26, 2003

SERVICE 10:00 a.m.

BRUNCH 11:00 a.m.

Logan's Party House

1420 Scottsville Road

Donation

\$10/person

Interfaith Service and Brunch

Interfaith Service - 10:00 a.m.

Meditation - Father Otto Vogt

R.:W.: and Reverend Paul R. Gleason and a representative of the Jewish Community assisting

Brunch - 11:00 a.m.

Master of Ceremonies - R.:W.: F. Jay McCullough
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DeMolay Legion of Honor

By Gary Burke

The conferral of the Legion of Honor upon R.:W.: Edward R. Trosin, Deputy Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, and the Ill.: Harold L. Aldrich, 33° Active, Member of Supreme Council and Deputy for New York State, will be at a ceremony on Friday, October 10th. The Investiture Ceremony will be held at the 32° Masonic Center, 2379 Union Road, Cheektowaga, (Valley of Buffalo) with a dinner at 6:29 p.m., followed by the Ceremony. For dinner reservations, please call (716) 668-2755.

Please join in celebrating this event with these two outstanding Masons as they receive this prestigious honor from DeMolay.



"Last Round of Golf" Time is Here!

By Ruel Lovett

On Monday, October 13th, the Lakeside Foundation, representing Lakeside Hospital, will again host unlimited rounds of golf at Twin Hills Golf Course on West Ridge Road. Play commences at 8:00 a.m. and lasts as long as the golfer wishes to play or until dusk, whichever comes first. There was a group last year who played over 54 holes before throwing in the towel (or so they claimed).

You just can't beat the cost! There is a nominal \$5 fee which covers motorized cart, golf and lunch at the turn, all contributed by Twin Hills. There is a catch, although again it's nominal: each player must make a minimum \$30 donation to the hospital's associa-

tion and, preferably, engage sponsors to pledge a quarter, half-dollar, or more, for each hole the individual plays.

Masonic association with this tourney was initiated by R.:W.: Don Brugger several years ago and the hospital has graciously invited us to continue our involvement each year. Your spouse and/or other family members, friends and neighbors may be included and invited to share this outing with you.

Please contact me at 494-2546 so I can send an application to you to enter as an individual or to enter your foursome. You have until October 8th to enter, so please be prompt. I'll look forward to greeting you at Twin Hills.

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Editor's Corner

We are off to a great start with the new Masters supplying much information to pass along to their Lodge Brothers. I hope it is an indication of enthusiasm anew in the Fraternity. Our numbers continue to decline but, should this infection take hold, that trend could be reversed. Wouldn't that be wonderful!

The staff and I are working our way through the continuing problems. Each month we hope the situation is better than the last and, for the most part, it is. There are still frustrations. Some of you may notice the logo atop your organizations column isn't quite the same. Well, I still can't access those original fonts. They are in the computer...I can find them. I just can't tell them to head for the laser printer and show up on the page!

The motherboard, in the computer Barbara uses, died. This was virtually a brand-new unit. Fortunately, it crashed before she had all the articles for this issue stored on the machine, and we were able to shift to backup equipment. However, it was touch and go as to whether those articles already on her machine would be retrieved in time for this issue. We are on a server system, but that also is malfunctioning at the moment. Once we get all these kinks ironed out, we will have the articles stored on the server and accessible from any computer in our office. That will relieve some nervous stomachs.

Personal Thanks

Kudos to Barbara Goodrich, Dave King, Norm Austin, and Mat Gingold for keeping the information flow under control while your editor played hooky for a few days. Everything went smoothly in my absence and this issue went to the printer on schedule. If everything else worked right, you should have received it before the first.

Now if we can keep on our schedule, everyone will be happy. Thanks for reading. ✕

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Widows' Luncheon

Logan's Party House was, once again, the setting for the Widows' Luncheon, sponsored by the Masonic Service Bureau. Vice Chair Linda Zahn picked up some loose pieces and put together an outstanding program for the ladies and their escorts. Over 130 people were in attendance.

Other members of the committee included: Ramona Dimino, who made the reservation at Logan's; R.: W.: Joe Privitera, who coordinated ticket sales; Joy Woodley, who arranged for corsages; Gordon Ball and Donald Bell, who were greeting people as they arrived at a front table; and Roger Lynch, who assisted people exiting from their automobiles at the entrance.

The Chairman of the Board, Angelo DeCataldo, welcomed the crowd to this annual event. The invocation was given by Charles Waterstreet. Following a scrumptious Buffet, Widow's Pins were presented by each Lodge attending.

Entertainment was provided by "Women of Note," an organization formed in 1996. These women, who just plain enjoy singing, provided a variety of music, which included some humorous numbers as well as old standards. Funds earned from fees charged for their performances are used to support projects like Refugee Resettlement, and have been contributed to such worthy causes as Breast Cancer Research and Alternatives for Battered Women. It was a heartwarming experience.

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Native American/ Masonic Heritage Celebration October 18

Valley-Simes Lodge No. 109 will be celebrating Native American/Masonic Heritage again this year complete with an adoption ceremony conducted by a Faith-Keeper of the Iroquois Nation of New York State. Last year, Past Grand Master, M.: W.: Carl Smith, was adopted into the "Turtle" Clan of the Iroquois Nation. Previously, M.: W.: Bruce Widger, Past Grand Master, had been adopted by the Iroquois Nation.

This is an invitation to all Masons, their families, friends and other interested parties (especially Boy Scouts and DeMolay) to come to learn of the rich heritage of Masonry among the Native Americans.

Join the Brothers of Valley-Simes Lodge on Saturday, October 18th, at the Damascus Shrine Center, 979 Bay Road in Webster, for this celebration. The ceremony will commence at 1:00 p.m., with refreshments to follow. Please contact W.: Bob Hill at 264-1295 with any questions or to make reservations. ✕



Photos of Widows' Luncheon showing several tables of attendees (above) and the "Women of Note" (below) during their performance.



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In my Masonic travels it has become apparent that many of our Brothers (old and new) are still unfamiliar with the Beacon Project. The Beacon Project is one of the most ambitious volunteer efforts in the history of Masonry in New York and the largest gift of its kind in the State. Our Grand Master, M.:W.: Carl J. Fitje, has asked Masons to contribute 100,000 volunteer hours in New York public schools over a two-year period (commencing in September 2002). It is our way of saying and demonstrating that we care about children.

While this gift is quite large, the effort for the individual Mason is quite modest. If only 10% of the Fraternity - active and inactive - each contributed only 2 hours a day, 10 days a year, this will meet and exceed the Grand Master's goal. In addition to the Masons in a Lodge, affiliated Masonic organizations (Eastern Star, Royal Arch Chapters, Cryptic Councils, etc.) plus family and friends, are encouraged to help in this volunteer effort.

The Grand Master wants every Mason to understand that this is a gift that goes two ways. Kids in the public schools in our State grow because of the efforts of Masons. Masons grow because of their interaction with children. What a gift! As a result of the promise fulfilled, Masons in New York can expect to be front-page news. More than that, they will be front and center in their communities, in their schools, and among the families they hope will be interested in Freema-

sony and this initiative. The Beacon Project is a school volunteer program, and each Lodge and Brother (old and new) can and should be a part in its success.

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tember 6th.
October 23rd
Our October meeting will be preceded by a Beef Bar-B-Que Dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Featured will be a short talk on the Spanish-American War of 1898. There will also be artifacts from that War.
October 26th
The Color Guard has again been asked to Present the Colors at the Annual Interfaith Breakfast. All members and their ladies are invited. The Service is at 10:00 a.m. and the Brunch at 11:00 a.m. at Logan's Party House.
At the Post Picnic on August 20th, John Tijou and his lady, Etta, were guests of Don and Winnie McDill. They joined in the day's events and he asked to be reinstated. My association with John goes back to 1973, as Lodge Officers. We welcome John back.



He wasn't drafted, he volunteered. One of our newest members, Brian Bills, cooks steaks at the Post Picnic.



Thirty-four members and their ladies attended the Post Picnic at Don and Winnie McDill's cottage at Conesus Lake. (Photos courtesy Ken Hutchinson)

MASONIC DEVELOPMENT COURSE

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979 Bay Road, Webster

Monday, October 20th
Monday, November 17th
Monday, December 15th

Fee: \$20.00

All those seeking further "light" in Masonry

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Let's Chat Program

This is early notification to Masons in the Monroe and surrounding Districts. On Saturday, December 13th, the Deputy Grand Master, R.:W.: Edward Trosin, Jr., will be holding a Let's Chat session at Union Star Lodge in Honeoye Falls. The specific details will be forthcoming and every Lodge Master and Warden should be receiving information about the program. The idea is for the Deputy Grand Master to talk with the leaders of the local Lodges to find out what is happening in every region of the State. Included with this program is usually a Lodge Trustee Certification and Training Program. Lodge Trustees do have specific legal responsibilities, which this program will help them to understand. The time for the day's events has not yet been set, but keep the day free.

I encourage all Masters and Wardens to plan to attend this program. There are many changes coming in our Grand Lodge. As one of the Constitutionally elected Officers of the Lodge, the Master or one of the Wardens has the responsibility to represent the Lodge at Grand Lodge sessions and vote on all propositions. Meeting with the Deputy Grand Master you will be able to ask questions of what's coming and air your views on any topic related to the Craft.

Benchmarking

All Masters are aware of the Benchmark Program of Grand Lodge. The Program is where the Master, in concert with the immediate Past Master and other Lodge Officers, rate their Lodge in five different areas. The areas rated are New Brothers, Brother Development, Public Involvement, Fellowship and Family Involvement, and Lodge Administration. The results from the Lodges was collated by me and forwarded to the Junior Grand Warden.

The rating is based on an optimal score of 100. The Monroe District average for the program was 71. The rating shows that the District is in good shape, but has several areas for improvement. Two areas the many Lodges need to look at improving are member development, e.g. shepherding, Officer training, communicating with all the Brethren of the Lodge, and public awareness and involvement, e.g., Child ID programs, DeWitt Clinton Awards, etc. During the Official Visit I will be addressing each Lodge's strengths and opportunities for improvement.

Miscellany

With the passing of R.:W.: Vern Goodrich, there is an opening for a President and COO of the Masonic Service Bureau. If you are interested in the job and would like more informa-

tion, contact the Bureau or R.:W.: Jay McCullough.

The selection process for Grand Lodge Officers for the 2004-2006 term starts this Fall. The application for a Grand Lodge office can be obtained from your Lodge secretary or R.:W.: Cliff Short. The Grand Lodge positions of District Deputy or Staff Officer can lead to better understanding of the Craft and building of friendships across the State. I encourage any past or current Master who may be interested to submit his application. R.:W.: Derek VanHouten or I will be more than willing to discuss the duties and responsibilities of our current positions with anyone. Don't hesitate to give us a call.

Masters, don't forget the Symbolic Lodge Awards Night sponsored by the Valley of Rochester, AASR. The event is scheduled for Thursday, October 16th. This is a great event where you can honor a member of your Lodge for service in the quarries who has not been previously recognized. Your secretary has the paperwork and information about the event. I am looking forward to seeing every Lodge in the Monroe District present at this event.

Until next month, keep up the work of helping your Lodge improve. ✕

Grand Sword Bearer



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The colors of the season should be near their peak and the proverbial chill is on the pumpkins in the Rochester area and most places, including such interesting places as Briar Hollow. Even as we labor in our Lodges, we have already visited four Lodges to break bread with you and pass the message that the Grand Master has given us to carry to you. As you settle into your favorite chairs to read this month's article in the *Masonic Times*, important educational opportunities await you.

On March 29, 2003, the class of 142 new Masonic Brothers received more than just the three Degrees. In their packets they received a copy of the MDC (Masonic Development Course). Part of their fee went to cover the \$20.00 payment for enrollment. For the rest of the Brothers in the District, the Course will be \$20.00 up front and for both groups the monies cover the Course materials and the Certificates and Pins you will receive after the completion of the class.

One important item: it is IMPERATIVE that I have, by October 4th, your names and, except for our new Brothers (March 29th class), \$20.00. Don't blame the leadership if you can't take the class for failing to respond. Any questions on this, call me at 247-2920. Attendance is strictly up to each Brother. However, if you thirst for "further light" and knowledge, this is the way to go.

Sometimes we in the Craft wait until the last minute to make reservations and then there is confusion. BOTTOM LINE is that I need two weeks notice to Grand Lodge with names and monies for you to take the MDC. Please don't miss out on this opportunity.

In the past I have heard Brothers ask, "what does Grand Lodge do for me?" Well, here is one prime example of an educational opportunity for all interested Brothers.

A lot of talent and work went into this, by such gifted Brothers as R.:W.: John Zabel, R.:W.: Jim De Lorenzo, R.:W.: William Lindsay and other members of the Grand Lodge Educational Committee. For those Brothers wanting to be Grand Lodge Officers for 2004-2006, it is a requirement that you take the Masonic Development Course and the *Road to the East Course*.

Again, the dates are October 20th, November 17th, and December 15th at the Shrine Center, 979 Bay Road, Webster.

It always interests me when I see or read historical tidbits of Masonic related material. I found this article in a 1963 publication of one of our Lodges.

"Many Masons, no doubt, are puzzled why some of our Grand Lodges designate themselves, A. F. & A. M. (Ancient Free and Accepted Masons), and others, F. & A. M. (Free and Accepted Masons).

Before the United Grand Lodge of England was formed in 1813, there were two English Grand Lodges in existence: one was known as the "Ancients;" and the other as the "Moderns." Both of these Grand Lodges issued charters to Lodges in the United States. Those Lodges chartered by the "Moderns," which was the older Grand Lodge in England, used the title F. & A. M., and those chartered by the "Ancients," used A. F. & A. M. As for principles and rituals of Grand Lodges using either of those titles, there is practically no difference except such as Grand Lodges legislate.

There are, in the United States, forty-nine Grand Jurisdictions, of which twenty-five use A. F. & A. M., and twenty-three F. & A. M., and one in South Carolina using A. F. M. (Ancient Free Masons)."

Hope to see you and break bread with you all..... ✕

Membership

**R.:W.: Joseph Privitera
Monroe District**

Communication and the Widows' Luncheon

I cannot remember the times I have written about the subject of communication. Every once in a while I have to bring out the topic and dust it off because we have a tendency to forget what it means. The recent Widows' Luncheon, on September 6th, is an excellent example of this. We repeat the same mistakes we made for this event as well as others. We communicate to the persons invited and then we fail to follow-up. Yes, I heard the excuses. It was so close to the beginning of the Lodge year, it was right after the Labor Day Weekend, we have a new secretary, and the one that my kids used to use, "I forgot." The

years pass and we still use the old lame reasons for not doing the responsible thing.

Let's review some of the things which happened. Two Lodges had zero attendance, another Lodge had four ladies attending and no Lodge representative. Some Lodges had two to four ladies and I know that they have more out there. On a positive note, we have Lodges such as Wakan/Hubbard, Craftsman Robertson, Charlotte/Corinthian and others who do a great job with this event.

Okay, let's not dwell too much on the past. Let's look forward and see what we can learn from our mistakes. It is time for each Lodge to build a data base of its widows. When we have a Lodge event and the ladies are invited, the Lodge writes a letter to the lady, waits a few weeks, and then calls every widow who has not responded.

Do not wait for them to call because many of them will not. Be prepared to offer transportation. Many of them do not drive, especially at night. If you need assistance in setting up any aspect of a widows' program or data base, all you have to do is call. Look under the list of numbers on page 2 of this publication for my contact numbers.

Finally, I wish to thank all those who worked on the Widows' Luncheon, especially Linda Zahn and Joy Woodley. These two ladies rescued this event and prevented it from being forgotten.

See you in Lodge. ✕

Monroe District Masters & Wardens Assoc.



President
W.: Patrick M. Schwartz
395-0874

Secretary
W.: James E. Toogood
594-2189

I hope everybody had a great Summer and is looking forward to a new Masonic year. By the time this article is printed, we will have had our first meeting, which was held at Etolian on the 13th. We still have to firm up and finalize our meeting schedule, so any input would be greatly appreciated. Our main goal this year is to improve upon the great District programs which are already in place, these being Have-a-Heart, Child ID, Elderwear, and the Beacon Project. These programs have been in place and working well for some time now, and I would like to see them taken to the next level.

Participation in Masters and Wardens is a great place to start. This is where idea sharing, resource finding and planning for these programs usually start. So please, having every Lodge represented is not only a great way to improve our programs, but also to get to know each other as we work on them. Also, to all of you Deacons out there, you are always welcome, too.

We have set up a new forum for all of us to communicate with each other in between meetings. Masters and Wardens now has a chat group on

yahoo.com which operates through your regular e-mail. If you are not already in this group, please e-mail me at partsguy@frontiernet.net and I will get it set up. I hope to see all of you at our next meeting. ✕

Seneca Lodge No. 797



2nd Tuesday
7:30 p.m.

Master
**W.: Raymond
G. Glegg**
266-8652

Secretary
Robert C. Green, Jr., 223-5953
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Webster 14580

I hope you are all well. We held our Annual Seneca Tea on September 27th and all had a wonderful time. We honored immediate Past Master, W.: Stuart Walthour, for his service to Seneca over the past year and also recognized W.: Robert C. Green Jr. for his numerous contributions over the years. Many thanks to both men for all their efforts. Thanks also, to Jr. Warden, Bob Kimmel, for organizing this event. Great job!

Canada

This issue of the *Masonic Times* should be reaching you just before our quadrennial visit to St. Andrew's Lodge in Toronto. The dates for this trip are Saturday and Sunday, October 17th & 18th. These visits are a wonderful and fun-filled tradition between our two Lodges and I encourage you to attend if you are able. Please contact W.: Mike Ferguson, W.: Bob Green or me, if you will be attending. We'll give you directions for travel as well as other details for the two-day event.

Mark your calendars

For those of you who like to plan ahead, we will be having "Breakfast With Santa" on Saturday, December 13th. Santa will be arriving at the Webster Temple about 9:00 a.m., so please mark your calendars.

Name tags

A number of our fellow Brothers and their ladies have mentioned that it would be nice for the ladies to have permanent name tags which they could wear when attending Lodge events. I think this is a great idea which will help promote even greater camaraderie for all. The name tags will be magnetic so as not to ruin any fabric and the cost is \$5.00. Therefore, if you would like to have a name tag made up for your lady, please contact W.: Stu Walthour who has volunteered to organize this for us.

That's all for now. See you next month. ✕

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Fairport Masonic Temple 87 South Main Street

O-At-Ka Lodge No. 759

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

Master W.: Charles A. Piazza 247-5032

Secretary W.: Charles W. Crevison 889-6414

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held at Logan's Party House. I would like to thank R.:W.: James Powell, W.: Jim Toogood and Brother Jan Lughart, for contacting and escorting five of our Ladies to this event.

Sad News

We had two Brothers called to the Great Architect in September: Brothers Donald Hoppe and Kenneth Kier. Thanks to all who attended in respect for our fallen Brothers.

Upcoming Events

October is a busy month for Etolian. There are some great programs to write on your calendars so they won't be missed! On our regular meeting night, October 13th, V.:W.: John Dyer will be doing a mini School of Ritual covering Masonic Etiquette and Protocol.

The High Twelve Lunch is on Thursday, the 16th. Our very own OES Chapter has invited us to a Master Mason Night on Monday, the 20th, in the Etolian Lodge room. On Monday the 27th, we will have a history night, covering Masonry in the Civil War.

Lastly, the Grand Lecturer's Convention is at Fairport Lodge on Tuesday, the 28th. Remember Officers, Etolian is responsible for the Ritual work for this, so strong attendance and crisp Ritual work are essential.

Good news!

Congratulations to Brother David Vance and his wife, Ann Marie, on the birth of their new son, Patrick David, on August 25th. All are doing well.

In closing, thank you again for all of your hard work in making all of our endeavors successful. I look forward to a fruitful year and to seeing all of you in Lodge.

History Lecture

Our October 22nd meeting will involve a history lecture orated by our own Craig Mollon. Craig will be covering a variety of Masonic topics from a unique perspective. Refreshments will immediately follow.

Edict

As you already know, the Grand Master has directed each and every Lodge in the State to confer at least one new Degree this year. Our 1st Degree, to be held on November 12th at 7:30 p.m., will be observed by DDGM, R.:W.: John Zabel. If any Brother is willing to help, please contact me. As always, your assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Interfaith Service

The 62nd Annual Interfaith Service and Brunch will be held on Sunday, October 26th, at Logan's Party House on Scottsville Road. Service will begin at 10:00 a.m., with Brunch to follow at 11:00 a.m. Any Brother interested in attending, I have tickets for sale at \$10 per person. This will be a great opportunity to meet the Grand Master and converse with Brothers from other Lodges across the District.

Mark your Calendars

There will be a School of Ritual on Monday, September 29th at Webster Lodge. The topic of the night will be 1st Degree Round Robin. Any Line Officer is strongly encouraged to attend.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me at 293-2538 or e-mail me at edwardkelley@netzero.net. I hope to see you all in Lodge!

Child ID Program

We held our first ever Child ID Program on Sunday, August 24th, at the Lodge. I want to thank Brother Hugh Woodside for Chairing this event. For those of us who participated, it was worthwhile and enjoyable. We took advantage of the Penfield Days Festival which was occurring right outside the Lodge. This helped us to provide 18 children with ID videos. Those who assisted in the event were: Hugh Woodside, Bill Woodside (Hugh's Father), Don Bell, Roger Lynch, Don Osbourne, Gordon Ball, Mike Haselkorn, Joe McGinnis, Angelo Di-Cataldo, Joe Oelgoetz, Vicki Ball and Karen Oelgoetz.

Widows' Luncheon

Due to the outstanding Chairmanship of W.: Gordon Ball, Wakan/Hubbard had a good turnout at the annual Widows' Luncheon held on Saturday, September 6th, at Logan's Party House. There was a total of thirteen widows in attendance. Five of these lovely ladies received their "Widow's Pin" as their husbands passed to the Celestial Lodge above in the past year. These five ladies are: Mrs. Mary Doescher (Reginald), Mrs. Bernice Nielson (Fred), Mrs. Joyce Calkins (Donald), Mrs. Phyllis Shaw (Eugene) and Mrs. Kate Willis (David). In support of our widows, there were several Brethren in attendance: W.: Gordon Ball, W.: Don Bell, Roger Lynch, Bruce Horncastle, and myself. The Lodge was also honored by having our very own W.: Angelo Di-Cataldo who, as Chairman of the Board of the Masonic Service Bureau, was acting as the Master of Ceremonies for the event. We all were treated to a sumptuous feast and delightful entertainment via the "Women of Note" singing group.

Annual Clambake

Thanks to our Senior Deacon, Brother Michael Di-Cataldo, for putting on the Lodge's Annual Clambake on September 6th. It was held at the Kiwanis Shelter in Webster Park. The clams were superb, thanks to the King of the Clams, Brother Paul Kober. With the weather cooperating, fun was had by all with good food and good fellowship.

100th Anniversary

On March 16, 1904 the Brethren of Penfield Union Lodge 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 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, M.:W.: Carl J. Fitje, has agreed to pre-

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Thank you to everyone who attended our first meeting of the new year on September 8th, which included the Official Visit of DDGM, R.:W.: John Zabel, and special thanks to all who participated in the 1st Degree on September 22nd. We're off to a good start! Our success depends on your participation, so I hope to see even more of our Brothers in October and throughout the year.

Upcoming Events

October and November are going to be busy. On Saturday, October 11th, we will setup our food booth to provide refreshments at the Fairport Scarecrow Festival.

October 13th is Past Masters' Recognition Night, so I would especially invite all Past Masters of Fairport and Flower City Lodges to be present to be recognized.

Our October 27th meeting is the 2nd Degree, all members are urged to attend, and all participants are requested to appear at the rehearsals. Closing out the month of October, our Lodge is hosting the Grand Lecturer's Convention on October 28th.

Looking ahead, November 10th will be Veterans' Recognition Night. Of course, all of our Veterans are invited to be honored. The 3rd Degree is November 24th. We're busy all the way to Thanksgiving!

Monthly Socials

We are starting a program of monthly dinners, which will be open to all family members and special friends. Please respond promptly when you are asked for reservations, so that we can provide an accurate count. The October dinner is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, October 23rd, at the Olive Garden.

Tell me about your favorite restaurants, as I'm open to suggestions!

In addition to monthly dinners, we are also planning a number of parties and events. Activities will include trips to the Museum and Planetarium, Amerks and Red Wings games, a Euchre Night, and the return of the Latke Hop. We are looking for more ideas, so your input is requested! Tell me what sort of events you would enjoy, and let's continue to improve our social calendar.

Fellowcraft Club

I am asking every Brother to do what he can to help us in the leadership and revitalization of our Lodge. All members are requested to contact me with any ideas they may have. There will be a monthly committee meeting on the first Mondays at 6:00 p.m. to discuss future programs. We're calling it a Fellowcraft Club and opening it to all interested members. We welcome anyone who wants to share his knowledge and lend a hand. Thank you all for your input and support.

I hope everyone had a long and enjoyable Summer and is in good health. I don't know if everyone knows, but our Lodge was painted this Summer and I send out thanks to Keith Dustin, Richard Fimbel, Richard Fimbel, Jr., Don Tubman, Larry Blazey, and especially Kevin Fisher, for the time and work they put in this Summer for our Lodge. It looks beautiful, Brothers! I also thank Bert Brown for trimming the bushes...they look great!

Brothers, we have a lot of things to do this year, including preparing for a Degree. I hope all Brothers can step up and help out. September 6th was our Widows' Luncheon and it turned out great. We had four widows attend. I would like a list of all the widows, please, so that next year can be even better.

Reminders

Dues are owed. Please remit your dues to our Secretary, Charles Crevison. Please, every little bit helps.

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

Welcome back to the new Masonic year in the quarries. I would first like to apologize for not making the deadline for the September issue of the *Masonic Times*. There is much that has happened since we saw each other last June at our picnic. Our annual Pancake Breakfast at the Canal Days festival was a huge success, and I would like to thank W.: Jim Toogood for his efforts in making sure that all went smoothly, as well as all of the Brothers who turned out in force to help.

In the month of August, we had an Officers' meeting and a School of Ritual which were both well attended. All in all, I believe that we are starting the year off in a very positive direction.

Our first meeting in September was our annual Table Lodge and Steak Roast. Over 35 Brothers turned out for this greatly anticipated event! This evening was made possible by our Junior Warden, Brother David Sylvester, and our Stewards, Brothers Michael Edelman and Matthew Westphal. Brother Michael Edelman did a phenomenal job cooking the steaks. Many thanks from myself, and the other Brothers present for a wonderful evening.

Widows' Luncheon

On September 6th, the annual Widows' Luncheon was

Churchville Lodge No. 667

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

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I hope this article reaches all of you in good health and spirits. I strongly urge each and every Brother to take time to visit his Lodge as often as possible. I believe the Officers of the Lodge have planned an exciting year. I know our lives can get a bit hectic at times, but always take time to see your Brothers in Lodge. With that being said, here are some upcoming events of interest.

Past Masters' Night

On September 24th we honored our Past Masters' contributions to the time-honored traditions of Churchville Lodge.

Brother Bring-a-Friend Night

Our annual Brother Bring-a-Friend Night will be on October 8th. If you know of anyone who is interested in the Craft, this is a perfect opportunity to expose them to the foundations of our great Fraternity. Our Junior Warden, Jesse Noble, will be putting together one of his culinary masterpieces. The menu for the dinner will be Chicken and Ribs with all the fixings. My Brothers, this is one dinner you will not want to miss. For reservations, please call me at 293-2538.

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

First Annual Golf Outing

Wakan/Hubbard Lodge had its first, hopefully, annual golf outing on August 9th at Eagle Vale Golf Club in Perinton. Although the turnout was slim (three Brothers and two friends), I think I can speak for the others, it was a lot of fun. It was overcast and rainy when we arrived at the course and while we had lunch together at the Argyle Café. Brother Don Osborne joined us for lunch, but could not join us on the links. The weather changed just prior to our drive on the first hole. It was an enjoyable afternoon with Brethren and friends.

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side over the festivities. We plan to have a dinner which 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 be providing additional information.

Upcoming events

Our first meeting of October is scheduled for Monday evening, October 13th. It will be our Official Visit of the District Deputy Grand Master, Wakan/Hubbard's very own R.:W.: John Zabel. A stag dinner is planned to begin at 6:30 p.m., prior to the meeting.

Our meeting on October 27th will be our Fellowcraft Degree. There will not be a dinner prior to this meeting.

On October 28th the Grand Lecturer's Convention will be held at Fairport/Flower City Lodge. A Steak Dinner will be offered prior to the Convention. It would be wonderful if Wakan/Hubbard has a strong turnout at the Convention.

On November 4th, we will be conducting our Lodge System of Masonic Education covering the Fellowcraft Degree for our newly made Fellowcraft Brethren. The meeting will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m.

On November 10th we will be having our Table Lodge to celebrate and give thanks for our blessings. The festivities will begin at 6:30 p.m. Please contact the Muddler, Brother Paul Kober, at: muddler@rochester.rr.com, or 381-1058, for reservations for any of our events.

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

Valley/Simes
Lodge No. 109

2nd Tuesdays
7:30 p.m.

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This will be a short article. With no meetings yet, I have little to say. By the time you read this we should have had our Official Visit by the DDGM, a quest for the Traveling Gavel, two practices for the 1st Degree, and conferral of the 1st Degree. Quite a lot of work in such a short time, but I am confident that we have done well. If you haven't heard, we no longer have the caterer from late last year. We are in the process of finding another source for food. In the interim, we are having our meals at local restaurants; we hope this temporary inconvenience is minor.

October Activities

Although not nearly as busy as September, we have a num-

ber of fun activities coming your way in October. First is the "Crazy Shirt & Stinky Cheese Night." This will be held at our regularly scheduled meeting time on the 14th. We have a "Native American Heritage Celebration" scheduled for Saturday the 18th. Lastly, an exciting presentation being finalized for "Fellowcraft Night" later in the month.

The Widows' Luncheon

We had a wonderful event at the Widows' Luncheon on September 6th. I thank all the widows who attended, and would like to send my condolences to those who couldn't. The food was great, the conversations were interesting, and the entertainment was wonderful.

October Dates

7th - Officers Meeting - Business, 6:00 p.m.

11th - Masters and Wardens, place TBA, 9:00 a.m.

14th - Lodge Night - "Crazy Shirt & Stinky Cheese" Night

18th - Native American Masonic Heritage Celebration (Robert Hill), 11:00 a.m.

20th - Masonic Development Course No.1 at the Shrine Center, 7:30 p.m.

21st - 2nd Degree rehearsal (if needed)

26th - 62nd Interfaith Service and Brunch, 10:00 a.m.

28th - 2nd Degree (if needed)

29th - Symbolic Lodge Awards TBA

Grand Lecturer's Convention (Fairport Lodge)

ERAC
Lodge No. 163

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

Master
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W. Wihlen, Sr.
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"Back to the basics" is our motto for this year and was explained in our opening meeting on September 8th. It means working on what we feel helps our Lodge grow and supports our belief in Free Masonry. ERAC has a great group of Brothers who like and expect good Ritual and programs. Our "basics" and plans to improve are as follows:

- Good Ritual provides a strong backbone to our Lodge and I plan to strengthen and improve on our Ritual work.

- ERAC is fortunate to have dinners/fellowship before and after our meetings and I plan to strengthen our post meeting fellowship.

- This year we are combining our great Table Lodge program with Brother Bring-a-Friend Night on October 13th. These two programs have always been well attended and I hope by combining we can maximize our efforts and produce a great single prosperous

program. Every Brother should be thinking of potential petitioners and invite them to join our thriving Masonic Lodge.

- We need to improve our attendance and efforts in a few Lodge/District programs. Holiday Visitation, Salvation Army Red Kettle Drive, Have-a-Heart and ElderWear programs need more help and support from everyone.

Our Ritual and programs are the "basics" which separates what we want to do and the things which, as a Lodge, we do well. We will be implementing our Officer staff to promote our "basics" and if you wish to do more, please call me as everyone can play a role in our great Lodge.

R.:W.: Paul Gleason also helped kick off our year and, as always, he delivered a great speech which was enjoyed by all who attended. We also discussed our Lodge building and, by now, it is listed with a realtor. We will vote when the time comes on our new meeting location. The Lodge Building Committee has recommended the Shrine Center for many good reasons and, pending final vote, will likely be our new meeting home.

Special night

Awards Night on September 22nd was a special evening for many Brothers who received their Certificates/Pins for their years of Masonic service. It was very special for me because I pinned both my father, R.:W.: Terry W. Wihlen Sr. (20 years) and my uncle, John Wihlen (40 years)

Fall events

Important events in October/November include Table Lodge/Brother Bring-a-Friend Night on October 13th; Official Visit October 27th, and DeWitt Clinton Award, November 10th. If you wish to be added to our e-mail list, please contact our Junior Warden at ukrainesl@yahoo.com.

I thank you for your support and again appreciate your comments and ideas regarding our wonderful Lodge.

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It was great to see our Brothers at our first meeting. We practiced our Ritual, had pizza, and shot some darts. Brothers Michael Zona and Glen Schaefer won and took home their prizes.

Good time

On Saturday, September 6th, W.: Fred Hull arranged for seven of our widows to go to the Widows' Luncheon. W.: John Dudley and W.: Bill Spillane drove the ladies to Logan's, where they had a very good time, great music, great food, but especially, great company.

October

For our first meeting, we will have a Masonic talk, and the subjects will include the Year of Light, and more. After the second meeting, we will go to support our Symbolic

Lodge Award recipient at the Scottish Rite meeting.

Degree

To fulfill the Grand Master's recent Edict, we will present the 2nd Degree at our first meeting in February. This Degree has to be portrayed in its entirety by members of Northfield, so this is a great time to do it. If there is a particular part that you want to portray, contact me.

Charlotte/Corinthian
Lodge No. 1088

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

Master
W.: William J.
Mitchell
581-1806

C. William Flemming, DSA
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It feels good to get back into the quarries. There are many projects to keep us busy this time of year, and we can use all the help we can muster. So when projects and ideas for projects come up in the Lodge, don't hesitate to volunteer. You will find that working with your Brethren on any programs is well worth the effort the project may take.

There are many things which you can do to help your Lodge. Being observant is one of them. It is my desire to have some worthy citizen receive the DeWitt Clinton Award during my term as Worshipful Master. This is but one way for us, the Masonic Brotherhood, to advertise and tell the community what we are all about, as well as to praise our neighbors for being "Great Citizens." The first meeting of the season was a discussion with reference to the future of our Lodge. We reassessed the Lodge's goals and the methods of achieving them. I feel the evening proved to be quite productive.

This past Summer has not been an idle one for me. In my preparations for the approaching Masonic season, many hours were spent researching some of the things I did when I was Master in the Albany and Rensselaer-Schenectady Districts. My intent is to reuse some of the ideas this year.

I came across the following poem, which was written by a Priest in the Schenectady area, whose name shall remain unknown. That date in infamy is rapidly approaching. Lest we forget.

National Prayer

"Lord, we come to You on bended knee, heads bowed and our hearts filled to overflowing with so much grief for the many people who have been injured and killed in our National crisis.

We ask you, Lord, to give courage and strength to those who so bravely go to their aid.

And though their hearts will be heavy and filled with sorrow, we ask, Lord, that You give them the endurance needed

To help them through this difficult task.

Please give us the strength, Lord, to get through each difficult and devastating

day that faces each of us and our country.

Protect and guide our military who are now being called to duty.

We ask, Lord, that You guide the leaders

Of our great country in their hour of decision.

The burden that has been placed on their shoulders during this crisis is overwhelming.

We ask that with Your infinite wisdom, You guide them gently to the right decisions.

And lastly, Lord, we ask that You allow us all to come together as a Nation, to stand tall and united, so that we might help each other in our hour of need." Amen

Our Officers for the upcoming year have been elected, appointed, and installed. They are:

Master **William J. Mitchell**
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Marshal **Joseph J. Privitera**
Organist **Warren D. Alhart**

Upcoming event

October 28th - Grand Lecturer's Convention

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7:30 p.m.

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Well, Brothers, it's that annual time of year again and school has started, football season is now upon us (whether that be high school, college, or pro), and the World Series is just around the corner. What that also means, is that work has begun again in the quarries and the Masonic year is now upon us.

Before I go any further, let me take a minute to pass along my condolences to Brother Bill Kuehne, whose wife, Kay, passed away this past August. Kay was a beloved member of the Eastern Star and loyal member of Webster Chapter 171. We will all miss her and I am thankful for all the help she provided me with the Spaghetti Dinners over the years.

The month of September saw our opening night on the 4th; a very good job done by all the Officers with the opening Ritual. We also received an excellent report from Brother Lew Wallace and the Investigating Committee on Brother Norm Howard's petition for affiliation. Brother Norm is a past Secretary and current member of Drumlin Square Lodge in Palmyra and also brings many valuable talents to the Lodge. Most noteworthy are his many years of community service.

Official Visit

Coming up this month on the trestleboard, we will have the District Deputy Grand

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Master, R.:W.: John Zabel, here for his annual visit on Thursday, the 2nd. He will be here to inspect the books and to share dinner with us. I would like to personally invite all those who haven't been to Lodge for a while, to come and break some bread with us. Dress for the evening will be Tuxedos for Officers.

On Friday the 3rd, the Spaghetti Dinners start again for the year and Thursday the 16th, the Scottish Rite will be hosting their annual Symbolic Lodge Awards (site to be determined).

What's happening

Our Trustees Mark, Wes, & John, are hard at work attempting to provide ERAC Lodge with a new home. For those who don't know, or haven't heard, ERAC Lodge lost their lease and are now in the search for a new home. We have an excellent Lodge for them and have the available nights on our Lodge calendar to provide them with a needed home.

The added money which will be brought to the budget, if they accept our offer, will help with some of the hefty repairs and upgrades we needed this past Spring and Summer.

One of these was the excellent job Brother Mike Nohle did in installing the new air conditioning system in the Lodge room. Another project on the horizon is the Fellowcraft Club's installation of a new carpet in the Fellowcraft room by Brother Ed Malchoff. It will also help us to reduce rentals of our Lodge facilities to outside sources as a means of revenue.

October events

October 2nd, DDGM Visit - Formal/Officers in Tuxedos (Dinner)

October 3rd, Spaghetti Dinner

October 16th, Symbolic Lodge Award Night

anyway, this gives us a great opportunity to not only garner a Howard Potts Award, but also win the Attendance Banner. The Convention is usually very interesting, as well as informative. Plus, it gives you the chance to meet some of the Brothers from the other Lodges. Consequently, as we will not be meeting at Fame Temple, there **will not be** a Pot Luck Dinner this night. There is a dinner at Fairport Lodge preceding the Convention, if you should still care to eat out. We normally have quite a few of our Brothers who partake, so you might want to, also. Check out the *Masonic Times* article on the Grand Lecturer's Convention to see about the menu and how to make reservations.

Anyone aware of a Brother in sickness or distress, please call one of our 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.

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

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

See you at Lodge!

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
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Well, Brothers, the days are getting shorter, the nights are getting colder, and all the kids are back in school. I hope everyone is making the Summer to Fall transition easily. This is a beautiful time of year to live in Upstate New York, and I encourage everyone to get out and enjoy the change of season.

Looking back

I thank the V.:W.: John E. Dyer and Churchville Lodge for an excellent School of Ritual which was held at the Wakan/Hubbard Lodge in Penfield. We learned the proper Ritual for Opening, Closing and Balloting.

I also thank R.:W.: John E. Zabel, DDGM, and R.:W.: Derek VanHouten, Grand Sword Bearer, for introducing the leadership of the Lodges to the Monroe District Leadership Team. We met again at Wakan/Hubbard Lodge, where the Rochester Consistory served a fabulous meal, free of charge. The meeting was very informative, and I was impressed with all of the resources that are available to our Lodges in this District. There are many wonderful programs being planned for this year, and we should all be proud of the charity work and services that our local Brothers are involved in within our communities.

Good time

On September 6th, R.:W.: Robert Sanford, W.: Gary Sanford, myself, and several of

Union Star's widows, attended the Widows' Luncheon at Logan's Party House. It was great to see all of the ladies enjoy the company of their friends whom they hadn't seen in a while. We had a great buffet, and a good time was had by all.

Informative meeting

We had our first Lodge meeting on September 8th, and I was proud of the Officers, and their proficiency in the Ritual. I would especially like to thank R.:W.: Robert Sanford for his excellent talk on Masonic Etiquette. It was not only informative for our newest Brothers, but it was a great way for all of us to start the year.

September 22nd was our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. I would like to thank my wife, Joyce, my mother, Shirley, and my sister, Linda, for the great dinner they served. The evening went well, and we hope to have those gentlemen become part of our Fraternity.

On September 29th we attended the 2nd School of Ritual, where we learned the proper Ritual for the 1st Degree in "Round Robin" form. Thanks to Webster Lodge for hosting the evening. It was very informative and provided great tips for all of us.

Condolences

It brings us great sadness to announce the passing of Brother Robert O. Harnish on August 9th. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends. W.: Richard Bull performed the Masonic Funeral Service by candlelight on the night the Northeast lost electrical power.

October events

Our meeting on October 13th will be our Recognition Night, which will be preceded by a dinner at 6:30 p.m. Please contact me or our Secretary, Rob Sweeney at 329-6365, before October 6th to make reservations.

Our next Fellowcraft meeting will be Monday, October 27th. We hope to see as many of you there as possible so we can talk about which Lodge improvements we can tackle this year.

On October 28th, the Grand Lecturer's Convention will be held at the Fairport/Flower City Lodge in Fairport. There will be a dinner at 6:30 p.m. We will be learning the proper Ritual for the 2nd Degree. I hope to see all of you there.

On a final note, I would like to give special thanks to our Secretary, Robert Sweeney. Rob is not only on top of all of his own duties, but is always eager to assist me in any questions or concerns that I might have. He is a good friend and an asset the Fraternity.

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October will be an exciting time at Clio Lodge. We will have a 1st Degree on October 7th for three men who wish to start their journey toward becoming a Master Mason.

Sickness and Distress

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

Official Visit

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

Important Dates

October 7th - 1st Degree Dinner
 October 8th - Spaghetti Dinner

October 21st - General Business Meeting

October 22nd - Spaghetti Dinner

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

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

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

By W.: Skip Waterstreet

It was refreshing to see the crowd in attendance at our dinner meeting the day after the Labor Day Holiday. Everyone seemed ready to settle in to the programs for the new Masonic year. Brother Warren Doerrer, chair of the Entertainment Committee, did it again! What a spectacular presentation from Kittelberger Florist & Gifts' Michael Moore. By the end of the evening he even had me, not known as a flower lover (allergies!), believing I could make some pretty amazing floral arrangements to grace our dinner table. Five ladies went home with the fruits of his labor.

This was our first dinner in a restaurant, in place of the caterers we have used in the past. Part of the change is due to poor acoustics in the dining room at the Shrine Center; part is because we are unable to continue using the services of Hilde and Joy. This experiment will continue for a few months to see if our Brothers and their ladies enjoy this arrangement, or if there are other alternatives.

Our first meeting of the season was dampened by the remembrance of members no longer with us, since our summer break. W.: Chuck Strickland and I exchanged special memories of those departed Brothers with the attendees. It was a rough Summer!

Let me remind you once again, my Brothers. The first Tuesday of the month is our dinner and social programs, with our ladies or significant others as our special guests. The third Tuesday of each month is our regularly scheduled business meeting at the Damascus Shrine Center. If you have the original trestleboard, the information is reversed in several cases.

Our Official Visit by the DDGM, R.:W.: John E. Zabel, will be on October 21st. We are grateful to him for accommodating our change request. Accompanying him will be our own R.:W.: Derek VanHouten, Grand Sword Bearer. Both will highlight information from the Grand Master's message. W.: Chuck Strickland respectfully requests you attend this meeting to show our Lodge's support for these hard-working Grand Lodge Officers.

From the Secretary's Desk

Several of our Brothers are still behind in their dues. If you do not have your current dues card, please send your check to W.: Thomas Kendig right now. He soon will be distributing the notices for 2004 dues, and would like to have a clean slate when he does.

The Worshipful Master has established Thursday, October 9th as a rehearsal for the 1st Degree. Parts have been assigned to various Officers, whose presence at this rehearsal is mandatory, and individuals who have volunteered to assist. This is scheduled for the Masonic Service Bureau at the Shrine Center at 7:00 p.m. SHARP! Please feel free to attend and offer your services, if you have not been assigned a task, as those participating will appreciate your support. Plus, there may be a need for last-minute fill-ins.

Sickness and Distress

W.: Ken Skidmore and W.: Duane Smith are doing quite well following their knee replacement operations. Sue Kendig is in the hospital, as I write this column, undergoing hip replacement surgery. As you read this, we hope she is moving around much better.

Birthdays

My list may not be quite up-to-date, as I was not able to reach W.: Tom to see if any of our newest Brothers were October celebrants, so if your name should be and is not here, Happy Birthday to you and to the following Brothers: Victor Anderson, Phillip Cissell, Kevin Hook, Conrad May, Gabriel Milonni, Joseph Roe, Raymond Ross, Charles Rupert, and Richard Smith.

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 October is on the 14th. It will be the Official Visit of our District Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: John Zabel. He will be bringing the Grand Master's Message, along with some thoughts of his own. This is a very important meeting, and I hope you will make every effort to be at Lodge to hear the "State of The Craft" message that affects us all. The meeting will be preceded by a Buffet Dinner at 6:30 p.m. featuring Fresh Ham, potatoes, vegetable, salad, rolls and butter. The cost per person is \$8.00 and reservations are required.

The second meeting, on the 28th, will be a horse of a different color. As this night is also the Grand Lecturer's Convention, our meeting **will not be** as usual. We will meet at the Convention at Fairport Lodge. As this is our regular meeting night, and since you were all planning to come out to Lodge

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District Deputy Grand Master Genesee/Wyoming



R.:W.:
Robert W.
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On August 29th, a stalwart group, representing the Genesee/Wyoming District, journeyed into the middle region of the State to participate in a Grand Lodge challenge. This undaunted group of individuals faced dangers and unforeseen difficulties to uphold the reputation of the Junior Grand Warden and his representative Districts, in response to the Senior Grand Warden's challenge to "present Masonry and its virtues to the general public." These protectors of Masonic ideology facilitated the video taping of 300 children at the New York State Fair. By this unselfish act, they brought honor, and distinction (not to mention bragging rights) to our District and its Grand Lodge representative. For this, the Junior Grand Warden sent his personal thanks. Throughout the week, thousands of children were able to experience this special part of Masonry. Thank you, again.

Brothers, in response to the Grand Master's Edict, many Lodges throughout the District are planning and producing Degree work; please plan to attend these to show off Masonry to our new members. In order that we better understand our great Fraternity, we should learn all that we can. This can be accomplished by making plans to attend the Masonic Development Course being organized by Staff Officer, R.: W.: Norm Austin.

Remember that a Cabletow has two ends; if it binds a Mason to the Fraternity, by that same fact, it binds the Fraternity to each man.

Dates for the near future

October 9th - Official Visit, Eagle Valley Lodge, Bliss.

October 14th - Official Visit, Arcade Lodge

October 15th - Grand Lecturer's Convention, Attica Lodge, Dinner, RSVP

October 17th - District Fish Fry

October 19th - Council of Masonic Activities.

More dates next time. Remember our Armed Forces and that the price of freedom is not free. May the Blessing of Heaven rest upon us all. *

Grand Sword Bearer Genesee/Wyoming



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Happy Halloween!

Couldn't resist using this old photo from the early '70s. It's hard to believe this was my every-day look for a few years. I don't believe my hair would grow that long today, and it certainly wouldn't be that dark anymore!

Coming events

As the Masonic year continues to progress, Official Visits are underway, and the Sunday breakfasts have begun anew. In addition, the Council of Masonic Activities will be holding a District Fish Fry at Attica Lodge on Friday, the 17th, from 4:30 p.m. until sell out. The cost is \$6.00, and help is needed both in the form of workers and consumers. Hope to see you there!

On Sunday, October 12th, the Genesee/Wyoming Purple Apron Club will hold its Ladies' Night at the Days Inn in Batavia. For reservations, contact: Bob Seils at 494-1723.

Forms have been sent to Lodges for candidates for the Symbolic Lodge Awards Ceremony, sponsored by the Valley of Rochester, AASR, and to be held at the Damascus Shrine Center on the evening of the 16th, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Hopefully, each Lodge has submitted its form.

Practices continue to be held by the Genesee/Wyoming Scottish Rite Club, who have been rehearsing for a presentation of the 11th Degree. A couple of parts are still open for anyone interested; contact me at the number or e-mail in the heading of this article.

Don't forget October 26th is the date of the Annual Interfaith Service and Brunch at Logan's. The Service begins at 10:00 a.m., and Brunch will follow at 11:00 a.m. This year's recipient of the Distinguished Community Service Award is Thomas Ferraro, founder and Executive Director of FOOD-LINK. This is always a very enjoyable and rewarding event.

In the September, 2002, issue of the *Masonic Times*, four Lodges of the participating ten in the District submitted articles for publication, while six did not. In the September issue this year, we had the opposite ratio of six submitting and four not. I guess that's an encouraging improvement - I hope it continues to increase. I wonder what took place last month in the four Lodges not submitting?

Condolences

Our sympathies are extended to the family of Ellsworth Walbridge of Constellation Lodge. He passed to the Great Architect on September 16th.

Masonic Development Course

The Masonic Development Course still has room for more students. An excess of e-mails has not overloaded my computer, nor has my telephone been ringing non-stop with reservations for seats in the Course. I can therefore only assume that those actually intending to enroll are waiting until the last moment to do so. The District's deepest gratitude is extended to R.: W.: Bill Lindsay of the Leadership and Education Committee, who helped to devise the Course and is therefore a certified instructor, for his kind offer to conduct this course for us. Remember, Brethren, completion of this Course is now a requirement for anyone aspiring to a Grand Office, so if such

attainment is on your agenda, now is the time to satisfy that requirement.

Even if you do not entertain such attainment, I've seen the Course materials and, believe me, you will not regret taking this Course. The potential for understanding symbolism and the true meaning behind much of the Ritual we practice is phenomenal. So com'on, gimme a call; even if I'm not home, "operators are standing by" (one of whom is named Miss Linda!).

To reiterate, in the Genesee/Wyoming District, Session I will be held at Arcade Lodge on Friday, October 24th, at 7:00 p.m. Session II will be at Hesperus Lodge in Bergen on Friday, November 21st, at 7:00 p.m., and Session III will take place Friday, December 19th at Attica Lodge at 7:00 p.m.

Congratulations

The Genesee/Wyoming District extends its heartiest congratulations to Knight Companion Ken Kohlhausen, who received the Order of the Purple Cross in Indianapolis, on August 12th and to SK Jim MacConnell, on his recent election as Grand Warden of Knights Templar, at its conclave last month at Alexandria Bay.

This month is also the time for the election of Grand Officers of the Order of the Eastern Star, at Grand Chapter, at Lake Placid. Best wishes for a successful year are extended to Genesee/Wyoming's Wthy. Joyce Sands, as District Deputy Grand Matron, and Wthy. Ron Morris, as District Grand Lecturer. Thanks for all they did for the District last year goes out to Rt. Why. Shirley Church and Rt. Wthy. Ted LaWall.

Genesee/Wyoming's new Assistant Grand Lecturer, V.: W.: George Springett, received his Apron in ceremonies held last month. All good wishes are extended to V.: W.: George as he assumes his new position and its inherent responsibilities. *

Visit a Masonic War Veteran



October 16th - Hesperus Lodge Symbolic Lodge Awards by AASR*

October 17th - Genesee/Wyoming Fish Fry - Attica, 4:30 p.m.

October 19th - Council of Masonic Activities - Arcade, 2:00 p.m.

October 20th - West Star, 1st Degree, 8:00 p.m.

October 24th - Masonic Development Course - Arcade, 7:00 p.m.

October 27th - Mt. Vernon, 1st Degree, 8:00 p.m.

This scheduled location may be changed as required.

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The worst errors we all share in Masonry are the lack of good planning and the ability to do the Ritual as it must be done. Excellently delivered Masonic Ritual is what separates us from other fraternities and is one reason why our Fraternity has survived for so many years.

Do not wait for a candidate before scheduling a 1st Degree. Without a scheduled date, one of the reasons for obtaining a candidate can become obscure and a missed opportunity for growth weakens the future of Masonry. Your trestleboard should include a complete set of Degrees.

By the time you read this article, you should have a schedule for the 1st Degree as stated in the Grand Master's Edict. In

order to be compliant with his Edict, it is not necessary for your Lodge to have a candidate, but only that your Lodge do the work using a substitute candidate (one of your own members). It would be excellent if you did have a candidate, but as you can see, one is not mandatory.

Back in the beginning of August you received notification of this edict and included with this notice was a form requesting who will confer and when this Degree will be done. This completed form should be in my hands, as I am required to observe your compliance to the edict. A Degree of the Master's choice must be completed before March 1, 2004, so that your Lodge gets its proper credit in the report to be given by the Grand Lecturer at the 2003 Grand Lodge session. With over 600 Lodges statewide, I think you can see why the planning of the work should be completed immediately, if you have not done so already.

During my Official Visit to your Lodge, I will be asking about the existence of this

form and rest assured, if this form has not been submitted yet, your Lodge is FIRST on my visitation list.

The Grand Lecturer's Convention is scheduled for October 15th at Attica Lodge commencing at 7:30 p.m., following the 6:30 p.m. dinner at the Lodge. This is where your Lodge qualifies for the Potts Award given to your Master at Grand Lodge by the Grand Master himself and before all the Lodge representatives present at this next Grand Lodge session. It is quite an honor for the Master of your Lodge to receive this Award and it shows the fact that your Lodge cares about Masonry. I'll see you there.

My schedule

October 1st - LeRoy Rehearsal, 1st Degree

October 2nd - Hesperus Lodge*

October 14th - Dansville Chapter RAM Grand Line Visit

October 15th - Genesee/Wyoming District Grand Lecturer's Convention - Attica, 7:30 p.m., dinner available

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

1st & 3rd
Mondays
Master
W.: Dennis
Parrmoter
786-3544

W.: Stephen Licht
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By W.: Stephen Licht

After a lapse in my attendance at West Star Lodge, I was pleasantly surprised at our first communication; not only by the precision of the Ritual, but rather by the reports of the flurry of activity the Brethren had been involved in during the Summer and what was in store for the "Fall season."

Three Scholarships were presented to local high school students by the Lodge. The annual Chicken Bar-B-Que was the best attended yet, but due to rising costs, we need to increase attendance to generate sufficient monies for scholarships. In other words, we need to sell more chickens!

Good shopping!

W.: Bill Geitner had been cruising the auctions and came home with a supply of like-new candidate suits and several costumes for the 3rd Degree, all in great shape. The only drawback I can see, is that several of the Brethren are a bit rotund in the belly to accommodate the costumes' size. I am certain that in days gone by Masons were skinnier!

Official Visit

Our District Deputy Grand Master made his Official Visit, and was received with not only the dignity and honor due the office, but with brotherly love. The Grand Sword Bearer presented information about the Beacon Project and the upcoming Masonic Development Course that he is presenting to the District.

Degrees

On October 20th, the Entered Apprentice Degree will be conferred upon several candidates. Brethren have been assigned parts, rehearsals are planned and we are diligently refreshing our memories. The Assistant Grand Lecturer will be visiting that evening. Please check with either the Master or Secretary, as the Lodge may be opened earlier to accommodate the Degree.

November is scheduled for the conferral of the Fellowcraft Degree by West Star. Brethren, speak up now for the part you want in the Degree, as the choice roles are rapidly being filled - HONESTLY!

Long ago, I was privy to a subtle means of controlling the length of the District Deputy's speech in Lodge during his Official Visit. Some of these distinguished Brethren have had messages that rivaled in length with the Buffalo phone book! The Senior Deacon has this control, and I once again witnessed it being exercised. Prior to the opening of Lodge, the Senior Deacon replaced the new, full length tapers with LITTLE, SHORT, STUBBY CANDLES. Think about it, it does work.

Any Brother aware of another Brother or his family member in sickness or distress, please attend to their relief and communicate this situation to either the Secretary or Master. *

Eagle Valley Lodge No. 1161
 2nd & 4th Thursdays
 Master W.: Edwin C. Law 237-2579
 Secretary R.: W.: Sheldon J. Moden 322-7343
 Liberty Street, Bliss 14024

Labor Day has come and gone. By the time you receive your *Masonic Times* October issue, Eagle Valley Lodge will have had two meetings. Hopefully, someone (or more than one) among the Eagle Valley Brothers will have submitted a petition (or petitions) for membership in our Fraternity. Also, hopefully, we will have mapped out some Degree work so as to be in conformance with the Grand Master's edict.

Fun time

Eagle Valley Lodge's annual sale is now scheduled for Saturday evening, November 1st, at the Lodge on Liberty Street in Bliss. All Brothers are encouraged to provide sellable items. Our sale is a fun event with sweet cider, coffee and donuts provided. Come on down and enjoy yourselves!

Merger

Eagle Valley's proposed merger with Triluminar Lodge in Pike, will have been further discussed and perhaps acted upon by the time you have read this issue. Response to your Worshipful Master's request for your input as to what should be done has been, at best, disappointing.

Eagle Valley Lodge was represented at the Masonic Child ID Program at the New York State Fair in Syracuse, on Friday, August 29th. My lady and I participated. Turnout was good. The State Fair was most enjoyable.

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
 134 South Main Street, Castile 14427

I can't speak for every Mason, but it sure felt good to get back into Lodge and perform our Ritual. It was great to see that Don Robinson and Layton Vogel were both in good health and able to attend our first communication of the year. It was also great to see Layton perform the Chaplain duties once again.

Good news

This is a very exciting time for Oakland Lodge. As I reported in last month's article, Oakland Lodge has a candidate to join our Worshipful Lodge. We received a petition at our first communication of the year and our Investigating Committee is in the process of investigating the candidate.

The 1st Degree has been scheduled to take place on October 7th. I personally feel this is the greatest part of Masonry. What is more fun and rewarding than performing the

sacred Ritual of our time honored Fraternity?

I hope all Masons took me up on my suggestion in last month's article when I asked each of you to think about when you went through your Degrees and how astonished and excited you were upon being brought to light. To this day, these are some of the best memories I not only have Masonically, but in my life. Hopefully, your time spent reminiscing has brought about these same feelings. I'm asking that each member from Oakland Lodge come and help in conferring the Degree work. We will need the help of each member to give this candidate the true experience and meaning of becoming a Mason.

Brotherhood Fund

With the beginning of a new Masonic year, it's also the beginning of a new Brotherhood Fund Drive. I will once again be the Brotherhood Chairman for Oakland Lodge. The best place to make your donations is at our regular communications. For those Brothers who are unable to attend our communications, you may send your donations to: Kenneth E. Smith, 8562 E. Main Road, Le Roy, NY 14482. If you are sending your donations by mail, please indicate to which program you would like your donation designated.

At this time, the only Official Visit scheduled is October 21st. This will be the Official Visit of R.: W.: Robert Strang, the District Deputy Grand Master for the Genesee/Wyoming District. Hopefully, all members of Oakland Lodge will mark this date upon their calendars so that we can have a great turnout for this communication and support for the Grand Master's message.

Once again, I hope this article finds all fellow Masons and their families in good health and spirits.

Batavia Lodge No. 475
 2nd & 4th Tuesdays
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I have just a couple of coming events to pass on to each of you due to the fact that we have just convened our Fall session, and are in process of making our plans for our Lodge for the ensuing season.

Our Official Visit by the District Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: Robert Strang, was held on September 23rd. We began the evening with a period of fellowship at a local eatery after which we retired to the Lodge for the presentation of the Grand Master's Message. It described various undertakings which are currently taking place. The Grand Master, through our District Deputy, has announced his plans for next year including many topics such as community involvement, etc.

Degree work

January 27th, 2004, will be the evening set aside for the exemplification of the full En-

tered Apprentice Degree, to include all three sections. Our Assistant Grand Lecturer, V.: W.: George Springett, will be making his Official Visit according to the edict put out last year from the office of our Grand Master. This edict stated that each and every Lodge within the Grand Jurisdiction of the State of New York will exemplify one of the three Degrees each calendar year. This will necessitate all of our Brethren to become involved to make this undertaking a success. More information will be forthcoming in the next few months.

I have nothing to report as relates to sickness and distress. As I have reminded each of you many times in the past, if you know of someone, yourself included, to mention through this medium, let the Secretary know, so that we can pass the information along to all the Brethren.

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

May God bless America and may God bless us all.

Mount Vernon Lodge No. 263
 2nd & 4th Mondays
 Master W.: Bernard Whaley 457-9905
 Secretary W.: Jim Allan, 457-3079
 Main Street Java Village 14083

By W.: Jim Allan

Our first Lodge meeting took place on September 9th. We are alive and well and looking forward to an exciting year. Here are some of the highlights of the meeting.

A sad remembrance

Our Brother Hollis Thomson passed away while on vacation in Vermont on August 19th. Cards can be sent to his home address in Arcade.

You are receiving this information late as I was not informed of this sad event personally, but heard about it from someone who heard about it from someone else!

Please! If any of you have information of a Brother who is sick, in need of our help and support in any fashion or whom, God forbid, passes on, let me know so that the word may be spread and we can offer whatever comfort we may to wives and family!

Improvements

The Master recognized the hard work R.: W.: Mark Hopkins put in getting the bids for and overseeing the installation of our new hot water heater and furnace.

Thanks

A special thank you was sent out to the OES of our Lodge for the excellent work they did over the Summer in painting and reworking the kitchen countertops and backsplashes. It really looks fantastic.

Degree

A reminder was given by the Master about the 1st Degree rehearsal to be held on October 13th, with the actual Degree to

be held on October 27th. As before, he expects that every standing Officer will be able to perform his part of the Ritual and you must let him know if you have any scheduling conflicts or can use extra help and practice with your work.

A special welcome

We welcome our newly affiliated Brother, Carl Kopp, who now resides in East Aurora, having moved up from Florida. We look forward to seeing you at future Lodge meetings and events.

Pancake Breakfasts

Our first Pancake Breakfast will be October 12th, open to the public during the hours of 7:30-10:00 a.m. The Master asked me during the Summer if I would oversee these events and I agreed.

While I am a firm believer in the old adage, "if it's not broke, don't fix it!", I also believe in a fair division of labor! I've said time and again over the years that we've been putting on this event to make money for our Lodge, that it would be nice to have some extra help; unfortunately, it rarely materializes.

I plan to begin the Breakfasts by asking the same cadre to help me get them off the ground for this new season. I will contact and work out scheduling with other folks. I'll be in touch.

Have a great October and I look forward to seeing you in Lodge!

Arcade Lodge No. 419
 7:30 p.m.
 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, September-June;
 4th Tuesdays, January & February
 Master W.: Craig A. Roberts 353-9610
 Secretary R.: W.: Arthur E. Drew 492-4860
 Main Street, Arcade 14009

The Barn Degree was a success and a lot of work. Getting ready for this event was more than I originally thought it would be. Bales of hay had to be removed from the barn and more of the smaller bales had to be acquired to provide seating. We used lights found at the Lodge building which were evidently the original lights used when they were using electric bulbs in place of candles. This had to be in the '30s. The work took time, but it was enjoyable.

This year is new to me in that I run my own logging business and it seems to be routine after these many years, but being Master has taken on more and different obligations and requirements. I find that planning my work and planning

Lodge work are decidedly different. I'm sure they will come together, though.

I wanted to try something a little different this year and, at our first meeting in September, it was voted to make all Masters in the District, members of Arcade Lodge. The purpose of this was to try to solidify the efforts of the District by becoming closer as individuals and Brothers in our Masonic goals. It also recognized the position of each Master and what he had done over the years to attain his place as a Master in his Lodge. Hopefully, this will help us work together to complete our objectives. Certificates will be presented to those present on October 14th.

We will have the Official Visit of the District Deputy Grand Master on October 14th with a Pot Luck Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Plan on attending and having a good meal.

Triluminar Lodge No. 543
 2nd & 4th Wednesdays
 Master R.: W.: Keith Granger 493-2908
 Secretary W.: Richard Anderson 493-2203
 Main Street, Pike 14130

New Year

We have a new year ahead of us and our trestleboard is full. I hope everyone had a great Summer and you are in good health. I thank W.: David Mayer for mowing the Temple lawn this Summer, and R.: W.: Richard Anderson for fixing the front porch roof.

Turkey Party

The Annual Turkey Party will be November 1st this year. We need to get out and sell tickets to make a profit. They will be available at the September 24th meeting. Anyone who cannot make the meeting can get tickets from me by calling 493-2908. I would like everyone who belongs to this Lodge to sell or buy 10 tickets.

We need to canvas for some new candidates for our 1st Degree.

Ladies Night

I would like to have a few ladies nights this year. The first one we will plan is October 18th. Brothers, you don't need a partner to attend. Anyone who wants to attend dinner is invited, Mason or not.

Basketball Tournament

Brothers from Oakland Lodge, Eagle Valley, Triluminar, and Arcade Chapter: I

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need to know by October 15th if we are going to sponsor the Basketball Tournament at Letchworth Central School this year.

The Soccer Tournament at Letchworth Central School, which we sponsored this year, was a success.

Ice cream Stand

This year, again, we had the Ice Cream Stand at the Wyoming County Fair. I don't know the final figure, but I do know we had a rough year. Last I knew, we were hoping to make enough to cover the payment on the ice cream machines. The good news is that this is the last year for paying on the ice cream machines.

We had two days of rain and one day with the major blackout. Not every year can be a good year. We will just have to pull the belt a little tighter on the money.

Golf Tournament

We had a great time at the Golf Tournament this year. The Tournament was a success. I thank all the Brothers who helped out and to Barb Moore, owner of Rolling Acres, for letting us have the Tournament there. We had 86 golfers and I look forward to having it again next year.

**Attica Lodge
No. 462**
1st and 3rd
Wednesdays
(Jan-Feb-Mar
3rd Wed. Only)



Master
W.: Keith
Counterline
591-1023

Secretary
W.: Norman Steinbaugh
591-2073
39 Main Street, Attica 14011

First, I thank the Brethren of Attica Lodge for putting their trust in me and the other elected Officers for the coming year. Hopefully, we will all live up to your expectations.

2003-2004 Officers

Master	Keith Counterline
Sr. Warden	Paul McCullough
Jr. Warden	Bruce Anderson
Sec.	Norman Steinbaugh
Treas.	William Walters
Sr. Deacon	Robert Kelsey
Jr. Deacon	Charles Lapp
Chaplain	Donald Wagner
M of C	William Starr
M of C	Donald Strang, Jr.
Stewards	George Diehl, Jr. Andrew Snyder
Marshal	Daniel Kelsey
Tiler	Jerry Brade

A big round of thanks to W.: Bruce Anderson for bringing in five new Brothers this past year. Good job!

Pancake Breakfasts
Starting November 2nd, the Lodge will begin our monthly Pancake Breakfasts. There will be a brunch on November 2nd at 11:00 a.m. On December 7th, January 4th, February 1st, March 7th and April 4th, there will be regular Pancake Breakfasts starting at 8:00 a.m. We will end the year on May 2nd with another brunch at 11:00 a.m. Please mark your calendars with these dates and stop in for some good food and great conversation.

Our meetings are still on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 8:00 p.m., so if any Brothers are in the neighborhood these days, feel free to stop in and join us.

Attica Lodge will be conferring a 3rd Degree on October 29th, starting at 6:30 p.m.


My thanks to Brother Donald Strang, Sr., and R.: W.: Robert Strang, for working the Child ID Booth at the State Fair on August 29th.

We held our annual Summer Picnic at Kelsey's pond again on August 23rd. Thank you to R.: W.: Jerry Brade for arranging all the food, and thanks to Brothers Dan and Robert Kelsey for the use of their pond.

Now, a personal note to all Brethren of Attica Lodge: we would like to see more of you attend the meetings this year.

9th - Geneva
14th - Dundee
15th - Ark
20th - Canandaigua
21st - Farmerville-Union
22nd - Seneca
23rd - Milnor
28th - Eagle.

**Ark Lodge
No. 33, F. & A.M.**
3rd Wednesday



Master
R.: W.: Anthony
Khoury
(315) 789-6420

Secretary
V.: W.: Lance R.
Ward
(315) 789-4411

3394 Sutton Road
Geneva 14456

People, places, things

I received a little note from Elaine Morgan, Guidance Secretary of DeSales High School. "Dear members of Ark Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons. On behalf of the graduates of the DeSales Class of 2003 and the DeSales High School, I want to express our thank you for your kind contribution (Bond) to Laura Dean for her History Award and towards your Graduation Awards for many years. These Awards are greatly appreciated, this year and in the years past. God bless you all."

A wonderful OSY Picnic at Canandaigua Lodge on July 11th. Brother Tom Bryon and wife and my wife and I attended.

I received a card from DeSales student Laura S. Dean in appreciation for her \$100 Bond she received on her graduation day for her History Award.

A Masonic Prayer Service was held for Brother James N. Peters, raised in Ark Lodge on April 15, 1959. He died August 7, 2003, 67 years old, and is survived by his son, Robert. Brothers Howard Colegrove, Robert Matlick, Lance Ward and I were at the Prayer Service at the funeral home in East Rochester. James Peters was also a member of Geneva Royal Arch and Skoi-yose Council, Waterloo. He was a retired linotype operator for Gannett Rochester newspapers for 30 years. God bless!

It's hard to believe I received a call from Brother Robert F. Tabor of Pasadena, MD, whom I haven't heard from since 1975. Brother Bob came to my house, talked about old times (Brother Bob was at the Army Base at Romulus), working at the Police Department in Pasadena. He was raised at Ark Lodge, June 6, 1973. He demitted from Ark and has pleasant memories of the Brothers.


(Editor's Note: Much historical information supplied in this article was cut due to space limitations. It has been kept on file and will be used later as space allows.)

**Canandiagua Lodge
Chicken
Bar-B-Que**

**October 25th
11:30 a.m.-'til?
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Shortsville Fire
Department**

**Canandaigua
Lodge No. 294**
1st & 3rd
Mondays



Master
W.: Richard
A. Stanton
394-1438

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

It's now October and I guess the Internet gremlins got my September letter.

Welcome

Congratulations to our new Brothers: Richard VanWinkile, Roger Simmons, and Paul Newhook, who were raised on March 29th and Malcolm Halliday, Robert Morales, and Joshua Goetz, who were raised on June 12th.

September

Our first communication was Monday, September 15th, which was preceded by a picnic. The program for the evening was a talk to the newly raised Brethren about the workings of the Lodge.

On September 20th we sponsored a Chicken Bar-B-Que at the 2003 Twin Cities Family Fest in Shortsville. This was a very successful event.

October 6th

The program will be a Table Lodge, which consists of dinner with toasts offered by the Officers throughout the dinner. This will be held at the Lodge at 7:00 p.m. Reservations to George Stanton, Jr., at 394-6829 by October 4th.

October 20th

The Official Visit of R.: W.: Clayton Ruggles, DDGM, will be this evening. We will meet for dinner at the Steak Out Restaurant in Manchester at 6:00 p.m., prior to our meeting.

November 3rd

We will be conferring the 1st Degree.

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 this Spring and Summer and there is quite a difference.

If you missed the September Communication, come to the Table Lodge Communication to enjoy the fellowship and meet your new Officers:

Master	Richard Stanton
Sr. Warden	Donald Gehrig
Jr. Warden	David Mason, Jr.
Treasurer	Paul Malcolm
Sec.	George Stanton, Jr.
Sr. Dea.	James Herrmann
Jr. Dea.	Richard VanWinkle
S.M.C.	Roger Simmons, Jr.
J.M.C.	Paul Newhook
Stewards	George Stanton, III Mike Taylor

**Grand Director
of Ceremonies
Livingston District**



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

I have been trying to put together an Association Directory for Livingston District and I'll tell you, one would think I was asking for the world. We do this once a year, so it is not something new nor strange. So why do I have to make special requests to most of the Lodge Secretaries and Masters in order to get the information needed?

This problem seems to be inherent in our Fraternity and I wonder why. Is our Grand Master correct stating that we (the Lodges) must raise our initiation fees, our dues, and eventually Grand Lodge fees in order to obtain better leaders? The Grand Master says that we must get better leaders if we wish to survive as a Fraternity! Now this is a topic for further discussion.

The MDC Program

This course is for the one-day Masons, for any newly raised Brothers AND for any Brother who has not had the RTTE Course and wishes to become a Grand Lodge Officer in the future. One must have taken one of these courses in order to qualify for leadership in Masonry. Eventually the MDC may replace the RTTE program.

I attended the Grand Lecturer's meeting, August 30th, with the regional AGLs and was very impressed with their enthusiasm and sincerity. This meeting was at Union Lodge in Lima. I always learn something at these meetings and, of course, I like the coffee and doughnuts.

The Grand Lecturer's Convention will be October 16th at Eunice Lodge in Caledonia.

The Convention begins at 3:00 p.m., and the dinner is at 6:30 p.m.; please attempt to attend, remember the Lodges pay for this dinner so there is no out of pocket cost to you. You will probably get a good Roast Beef Dinner!

I hope that we all enjoy the Fall weather and enjoy good health. God Bless our country and all of us.

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



R.: W.: Clayton R. Ruggles
315-548-3573

I am pleased to see the Child ID efforts underway. Garoga/Sincerity held a session on July 31st, Milnor had a successful program on September 6th, and Eagle has scheduled one for October 7th. This is an extremely important project that I encourage all of the District Lodges to include in their trestleboards. The District has materials and equipment for you to use.


The Annual District Apron Presentation is scheduled for Friday, October 10th, at the Phelps Hotel, with dinner at 7:00 p.m. Presentation of the E. Platt Soper Award will be made. Ron Camp, of the Masonic Medical Research Lab, will be our speaker. Dinner choices include NY Strip Steak (\$22), Stuffed Chicken Breast (\$21), and Fresh Whitefish (\$21). Reservations should be made with George Stanton at 394-6829 no later than the 6th of October.

On a general note, some Lodges have informed me that they are scheduling special programs. By the way, where, oh where, are the Traveling Gavel and the Traveling Trowel?

As a reminder, the Valley of Rochester is having their 18th Annual Symbolic Lodge Awards Program on Thursday, October 16th. Support your Lodge recipient with your presence. This is an opportunity to recognize a Brother who has served well.

October Official Visits
1st - Rushville
6th - John Hodge

**Livonia
Lodge No. 778**
1st & 3rd
Wednesdays



Master
W.: Charles
Sawyer
346-6398

Sec. R.: W.:
Richard
Brown
346-3618

65 Big Tree Street, Livonia 14487

October's meetings will be the 1st and 15th, and I hope all of my Lodge Brothers will be able to attend.

Our "Charlie's Chicken" Bar-B-Que on September 14th during Livonia Days, was successful. The Livingston Masonic District Dinner and meeting on September 22nd was also a success.

Degree

I hope all who are involved in the 1st Degree work are preparing and studying their parts. The conferral will be November 19th.

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Dates to remember

December 1st, 2nd Degree
 December 20th, 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

 Master W.: John Walti 315-548-9670
 Secretary R.: W.: Clayton Ruggles 315-548-3573
 67 Ontario Street, Phelps 14532

I trust everyone had an enjoyable Summer. I thought that it went rather fast. It was nice to see all the regulars at our first meeting in September. I know there are some who have other commitments and are unable to attend, but if you have the opportunity, it would be nice to see you there. Attendance at our regular business meetings is crucial to the existence of our Fraternity and our Lodge, as well. If fewer and fewer continue to show up, it will only be a few years before we are unable to continue. We must all make an effort to change things around and try to get to our meetings.

Upcoming events

On a brighter note, we will be conferring a 2nd Degree on October 7th. We will schedule a few practices a couple of weeks in advance, so to all participants: it is time to learn your parts. We owe it to our new Brother to conduct a Degree of professional quality.

Another date to remember is October 11th. We will be sponsoring a Pork Chop Bar-B-Que along with our local Eastern Star Chapter. Please make it a priority to attend, as these dinners have a tendency to sell out fast. We will also be sending out letters for pie requests to our inactive Brothers. Please show your support by baking a pie or two if you receive one of these letters.

We have other dinners and activities planned and I will have more on this in future columns.

Lastly, I would like to comment on an article that I read in the last issue of the *Masonic Times* and can be found on page 15 under Commandery No. 17. It states that the Trustees of the Phelps Masonic Lodge have decided not to add to our present Lodge building. It also goes on to state that this was decided back in late Spring. I can assure you that, at this point in time, no such thing has been decided. We have received an estimate on the cost of this addition, which will be read at the next meeting. We have had many aspects to consider and a lot of work has gone into the planning of this project.

We will inform the Commandery when a decision has been made and what the next step will be. I have no idea where that information was received, but I can assure you that it is not true.

We note with sorrow the deaths of Brothers Loran Massecar and John Leighton. Brother Massecar was raised

on June 16, 1948 and died June 17, 2003. He leaves his wife, Betty, and two daughters. Brother Massecar resided in Davenport, FL., at the time of his death.

Brother Leighton was raised April 26, 1957 and died in July, 2003.

Happy October birthdays to: Craig Andrews (3rd) Robert Patrick, Jr. (5th), William Peterson (6th), Willard Hamelinck (8th), Clayton Barnard (24th.)

Congratulations to these Brothers raised in October: Jesse Gillespie (May 20, 1975) and Earl Dewey, (October 15, 1946.)

In closing, I would like to add that the first meeting of every month is our Pot Luck Supper. Bring a dish to pass: suppers start at 6:30 p.m. We will also be continuing our Friday night Euchre Tournaments shortly. I will have more on that as the time approaches. Other Lodges are invited; just bring a snack to pass. I will keep everyone posted as to when the first card night is.

Milnor Lodge No. 139
 2nd & 4th Thursdays

 Master W.: Steven L. Harwood (315) 597-1177
 Secretary W.: Philip A. Trautman 394-6976
 21 Maple Avenue, Victor 14564


This October we will start our Degree work, as October 9th, will be our 1st Degree. In the East for the 1st Degree, will be our Junior Warden, Randy Henry. Rehearsals will be Thursday, October 2nd and Tuesday, October 7th. Please try to attend the rehearsals, as they always are more rewarding with all the key people there, and I am sure we could all use the practice.

The first meeting of the year was our Steak Roast Dinner and it was great! We had 29 Master Masons present with plenty of good food and fellowship to be had by all. I thank everyone who helped with the dinner. You all did an excellent job.

At the first meeting, we got our Temple Corporation back on track and talked about our Pancake Breakfast and Child ID Program at "Hang Around Victor Day." Both were very successful this year. Each year more and more people are attending both of these events. I would also like to note that our Lodge participation in both regular meetings and special events has been steadily increasing, with new members attending and becoming involved, as well as "old" members returning to Lodge and becoming active. I have many programs slated for the year. It is an ambitious schedule which I hope will bring more enjoyment, attendance and participation.

Sickness and distress
 We had another Brother who passed to the Great Architect, W.: Duane Benson on September 7th. He was a Past Master of our Lodge. W.: Bob Meuler is back to work part time and doing better. It was also good to see Brother Willard Bastian back in Lodge and doing well. In closing, the 1st Degree is

October 9th, and October 23rd is our Official Visit by the District Deputy Grand Master. I look forward to seeing you in Lodge and may God bless and guide us.

District Deputy Grand Master Wayne District

 R.: W.: Francis E. Powley, Jr. (315) 483-2745

Official Visits Underway

Our 2003 Official Visits kicked off with our first visit to Wayne Lodge on September 24th. Wayne Lodge's tradition of a great Steak Dinner continued! I introduced R.: W.: Jim Frind, Grand Steward and the Wayne District Committee Chairmen. I then highlighted M.: W.: Carl J. Fitje's St. John's Day speech and his goals for his second year as Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York. The best news is that I have learned to SUMMARIZE the Grand Master much better than last year!

October Visits are Pultneyville Lodge on October 6th, Humanity Lodge on October 8th, Drumlin Square on October 15th, Newark on October 20th, and Marion on October 28th.

I expect there will be dinners before the Official Visit, but all have not been confirmed as I write this, so please call the Lodge Master or myself as the date approaches.

All Lodges should have appointed Lodge chairmen for the Beacon Project. This is volunteer service to our local schools. Marion Lodge has developed a novel idea. The Lodge is purchasing school supplies and the members are assembling packets for individual students of the Marion School District. Each packet will contain a slip of paper identifying Marion Lodge. W.: David Sewert identified this need after reading of similar needs in a newspaper article. Great idea, David.

Any lodge chairman with questions should contact our District and Area Beacon Chairman, R.: W.: Cy White at (315) 597-9546 or by e-mail, ukey@juno.com.

The Chairmen of all Lodge Brotherhood Fund campaigns should have received their 2003-4 kits by now. If you don't have it, it was mailed to your Lodge secretary. Remember that the address is changed every year for audit purposes so be sure to use the new envelopes in the kit. Don't use OLD envelopes to mail in new contributions. Brothers, this charity slipped badly last year. Please contribute this year as your means permit.

Grand Lecturer's Convention

The Grand Lecturer's Convention will be held on Wednesday, October 29th at the Palmyra Masonic Temple. V.: W.: David Rising is looking forward to his first convention as our AGL. The afternoon question and answer session with the Grand Lecturer will kick off at 4 o'clock. A "free" dinner will be served at 6:30

p.m., and the evening session will start promptly at 7:30 p.m. How many Lodges will win the Howard Potts Award this year for having all their officers present as Drumlin Square did last year? Mark your calendar and plan to car pool with your Lodge Brothers to Palmyra on the 29th.

Scouting Award Presented

Clyde Lodge honored one of their own for his long time support of Boy Scouting. Brother Douglas G. Luke was honored with the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scout Award on September 22nd. A dinner shared with friends and family preceded the Award Presentation. A similar ceremony was held in July to honor four Eagle Scouts whom Scout Master Luke mentored to the highest Award in Scouting. Congratulations, again, Brother Doug.

2004-06 Officer Deadlines

When you receive this issue, the deadline for DDGM and Staff Officer for 2004-06 will be fast approaching. The application needs to reach R.: W.: William R. DuBois by October 10th. Interviews will be conducted on October 16th. Applications are available from all Lodge Masters, Secretaries, or myself.

Masonic Education


The Masonic Development Course (MDC) is being offered for the first time this Fall. The classes will be held the 3rd Monday of October, November, and December at the Shrine Center, 979 Bay Rd., Webster, starting at 7:30 p.m. and ending at 9 p.m. The cost of the Course is twenty dollars and you will receive a Grand Lodge Certificate upon completion of the Course. Contact R.: W.: Bill Lindsay at 621-3573 or R.: W.: Bill Jones at (315) 986-9150 if you have any questions.

In closing, a thank you letter was received from the Ronald McDonald House, thanking all the golfers who supported our Spring golf outing. Our Fall outing is the first Saturday of October. Brother Marshall Francis of Rose Lodge is chairing this project again. He can be contacted at (315) 587-9618 for reservations and details.

Child ID Program

Thank you to the Brothers and Wives of the Wayne District for manning the Child ID booth at the New York State Fair on Friday, August 29th. 228 children were videotaped that day alone. We met some great kids and families; a very positive day. Thank you, Drumlin Square, for outstanding support at the Fair.

Brothers, please remember that R.: W.: Jim Frind and I are here to help you in any way we can. Give us a call or e-mail us. There's lots going on, hope to see you often.

Drumlin Square Lodge No. 1180
 1st & 3rd Wednesdays

 Master R.: W.: R. Stuart Smith, Jr. (315) 597-9763
 Secretary R.: W.: William C. Jones (315) 986-9150
 Palmyra Masonic Temple 161 East Main Street 14522

Our Stated Communications for October will consist of the Brother Bring-a-Friend Night on Wednesday, the 1st, and the Official Visit of R.: W.: Ted Powley on Wednesday, the 15th. As you can see, the Brother Bring-a-Friend program originally planned for the 2nd meeting in September has been moved to its new date. I hope this has not caused anyone any problems. We really needed more time to prepare the program AND to identify and invite prospective petitioners.

New petitioners

Let me, again, ask that each of you think about young men you know in your family, neighborhood, church, local government, service clubs, veterans clubs, business establishments, your own place of work, etc. Please give me the names and addresses of any whom you believe would enjoy Masonry and who would be good for Masonry.

I will write each of them a personal letter inviting them to our open Lodge meeting on October 1st when we will present a program explaining the history, traditions, current programs and what is expected of each member of the fraternity. For too many years, we have not put time and effort into telling young men about our Fraternity. As a result, we have actually cheated one, and maybe two, generations out of the enjoyment, pride and good fellowship that all of us have enjoyed. Let's put a stop to it and give new membership the top priority it should have.

Official Visit

Our District Deputy Grand Master's Official Visit on the 15th will present the opportunity for us to hear what Grand Lodge programs are being pursued and what parts we are expected to have in them. Many good things are happening and R.: W.: Powley does an excellent job of describing them. Please attend that evening and give him your support.

American Flag

Just before the Summer recess, I was approached by a Past Commander of the American Legion who asked if our Masonic Lodge would consider providing an American flag and installed flagpole for

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Stephen R. Whittaker, 33°

Our Beloved Tradition!

Thank you very kindly for your many communications during the last several months. It is with honor that this thought be passed along to all of our Scottish Rite Masons: "Very sincerely, this is our plea. Be present at the meetings of your Scottish Rite Valley as often as you possibly can; strive to bring in new members; help by your presence with a warm handclasp and friendly word; be active in sharing in Scottish Rite activities to make this year one of usefulness, service and joy. And we promise to do our best to give you a mind that thinks, hands that work and a heart that loves." This quotation is from our Past Commander in Chief Ill.: Roy Smith Dementint, 33°, in his 1966 message to our members as the then new Commander-in-Chief of the Valley. That was on the eve of the Valley's 100th Anniversary when there were 3000 members. Our 2003 census is at 942 members.

New Membership Award

It is with the deepest of sincerity and care that the Ill.: Roy Smith Dementint, 33°, Membership Award has been established. It is a medallion that he wore that will be presented to the Scottish Rite Valley member who signs the most petitions in a given year. This award is for one year only after which the Medallion will be returned [or retained!] and presented again. It was our pleasure to have this award presented by Mrs. Doris C. Dementint at the Summer Outing to Distinguished Brother Charles C. Spiegel, Jr., 32° MSA, for having been the first line signer on four petitions during the last year. Congratulations, Chuck, and thank you for your special efforts!

DeMolay Award

Congratulations to Sublime Prince Gary L. Burke, 32°, Thrice Potent Master of the Rochester Lodge of Perfection [for a second term] who was recently recognized by the Executive Officer of New York DeMolay with the "Guild of the Leather Apron Award." This Award is in recognition of his leadership as "Advisor of The Year." Gary is also organizing training sessions for the reactivation of Rochester Chapter, Order Of DeMolay. The Valley of Rochester is the official sponsor of record for this youth group.

PGA Volunteers

Special "Tip of the Hat" to Ill.: Charles O. Hancock, 33°, and Sublime Prince Robert D. Pedersen, for their many hours as volunteers during the recent 85th PGA Championship at Oak Hill. Charlie spent

many long hours in the concession building while Bob roamed as a team leader of 120 volunteers who were part of the security operation. If there are others who volunteered, please let us know!

Past Presiding Officers for 2002-2003

Special thanks to Sublime Prince Gary L. Burke, who served as Thrice Potent Master for the Rochester Lodge of Perfection, Sublime Prince Joseph F. Oelgoetz III, who served as Sovereign Prince of the Rochester Council of Princes of Jerusalem and Distinguished Brother Craig T. Mollon, 32° MSA, who served as the Most Wise Master of the Rochester Chapter of Rose Croix. They were presented with their Past Presiding Officer Jewel at our Annual Outing in August. Special thanks to each of you for your commitment, care, leadership, dedication and support of the Valley of Rochester.

Annual Outing

Special thanks to Sublime Prince "Jack" Van Elzacker for his special efforts as the event Chair. We also extend our special thanks to the Wildwood Country Club and their Staff who hosted this event.

Annual Family Night at Frontier Field

Special thanks to the Lodge of Perfection for hosting this "Family Life" event. There were sixty-two people who enjoyed a great Summer cook-out and outstanding seats behind home plate!

ROASH

"Reach Out and Say Hello" to one of your Lodge Brothers and invite him to become a 32° Mason...four out of five of your Lodge Brothers are not members yet!

First Line Signers for the Last Five Years

Robert Anderson	1
Philip Averbach	1
Thomas Badger	2
Gordon Ball	1
Stuart Brickman	1
Lawrence Bright	2
Donald Brugger	3
Ronald Bryant	1
John Bryce	1
Kenneth Buckland	4
Richard Budgeon	1
Thomas Burrall	1
Bruce Chilton	2
Walter Cone	1
Robert Curtis	1
Harry Dainty	1
Harry DeHollander	6
James DeMarco	1
Lawrence Dunn	3
Lawrence Edwards	2
Paul Farnung	3
Eugene Flint	1
John Foster	1
Donald Freeman	1
Richard Friedman	3
Dennis Gellasch	1
Mathew Gingold	2
Thomas Grape	1
Niketas Haldoupis	1
Charles Hancock	4
Donald Heath	1
Vernon Henderson	1
Lawrence Hood	2
William Hook	5
Bruce Horncastle	1
Walter Howe	1
Garry Hutchurson	10
Frank Jansson	1
James Jenerson	1
Ronald LaDue	1
David Larson	1
Stuart Lewis	3

Roland Maracle	2
Richard Marchner	1
Paul McIntyre	1
Patrick J. S. McNenny	1
Roy Merrit	1
Alfred Miller	2
Craig Mollon	1
George Nasra	2
Thomas Pack	1
Robert Pedersen	2
Kenneth Pollard	6
Dale Polmateer	1
Leon Randall	2
William Reynolds	1
Allen Roggen	1
Robert Roys	1
Louis SanFilippo	1
Robert Sanford	1
Michael Schum	1
Lee Shanks	2
George Simon	1
James Slocum	3
James Spencer	1
Charles C. Spiegel Jr.	4
Charles Strickland	1
Lawrence Thibault	2
Pedro Ugalde	2
Peter J. Van Elzacker	2
Derek Van Houten	2
Lance Ward	1
Ronald Weber	1
Eldon White	2
Stephen R. Whittaker	4
John Williams	4
Robert P. Zabel	2

Thank you for your special efforts...keep up the good work!

Blue Envelope Contributions to Supreme Council

Last year, there were 100 replies for \$2933. Thanks very kindly for your charity!

Order of the Purple Cross

Congratulations to Sublime Prince Kenneth Kohlhagen, 32°, a member of the Valley of Buffalo, who recently received this honor in Indianapolis. Ken continues to be one the organizers and promoters of the Genesee/Wyoming Scottish Rite Club that is sponsored by the Valley of Rochester.

Masonic War Veterans

If you are a military Veteran and have not yet become a Masonic War Veteran, please reach out and contact Sublime Prince Vance Collom. He will be glad to get you signed up!

Grand Council Line

Congratulations to Sublime Prince Rev. Charles Roberts, 32°, who was recently elected and installed as the First Principal Conductor of the Work at Grand Council. Chuck serves the Valley of Rochester as the Senior Warden of the Chapter of Rose Croix.

Critical Mass

Your Officers and leaders are in the process of field testing the "Fives Worksheet" which asks each Officer to identify five men of good character who could be invited to join a Blue Lodge; identify five Lodge members and invite them to become 32° Masons and to identify five 32° Masons who are not active in the Valley and invite them to participate. If you are called and asked to help, a positive response would be greatly appreciated.

Making reservations

When a team commits itself to organizing an event, it has made a commitment to those who are subsequently invited to ensure that proper quality criteria are met to ensure success. What is expected in return is that any reservations be submitted in a timely manner [as clearly indicated on all

flyers] to ensure proper reservations. Please keep this in mind for future events. Please accept our apologies if there has been some disappointment recently.

BBB Program

Can you identify at least one Mason in your Lodge who you can invite to a "Brother Bring a Brother Night" to learn about 32° Freemasonry? We look forward to seeing many of you on October 3rd!

New Calendar

The new Valley Calendar has been mailed to all members. We hope it will assist in keeping things organized! Thanks to the team of Officers and Office Staff who worked very diligently in preparing this calendar!

Symbolic Lodge Awards Night

On Thursday, October 16th, M.: W.: and Ill.: Carl J. Fitje, 33°, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, will again be present to assist in the presentation of awards to members of area Symbolic Lodges. Please make sure that your Lodge has sent the name of a nominee to the Scottish Rite Office in a timely manner.

It will be another great event to recognize those Craft Lodge Brothers who labor so diligently on behalf of our Fraternity!

Thoughts and Prayers

We extend our deepest sympathies to the Goodrich family on Vern's passing, to the Hager family on C. Raymond's passing and to those who are in need of our thoughts and prayers for other special situations.

Supreme Council Builder's Award

The Supreme Council's "Builder's Award" brochure describes how you can become a member by making a financial commitment in one of many different forms. We

need to begin to build future reserves for the operation of our Learning Centers.

Please contact Sublime Prince Joseph Oelgoetz III for more information.

Congratulations

On Tuesday, September 23, Sublime Prince Robert D. Pedersen, 32°, was created an Honorary Member of Supreme Council in St. Louis. Congratulations Ill.: Robert D. Pedersen, 33°!

Scholarship Information

Applications for scholarships are available in the early part of the year. Please call the office and a form can be mailed to you for completion. There are both Abbott and NY Council of Deliberation Scholarships available. There were three \$1000 scholarships granted to related members of the Valley of Rochester this past August.

Think out Loud. Stick to Basics. Be kind.

1st Lieutenant Commander

By Robert D. Pedersen

Symbolic Lodge Awards

Each of the surrounding Craft Lodges has been asked to submit the name of a member of their Lodge who has, for various reasons, been named a vital Brother. Support your Lodge, its Master, and that chosen Brother as we convene on October 18th to recognize each and every Brother. If your Lodge has not yet responded with a name, call your Master or Secretary. They have the details. They can contact the Scottish Rite office 264-1160 before it's too late. See you at the Damascus Shrine Center on Bay Road.

Although National Funeral Service Education Week took place in September, we will continue to provide and distribute materials throughout 2004 to help the public gain a better understanding about the value of funeral service.

This important NFDA consumer education and information program is called, "For a LIFE Worth Celebrating." It will provide the public with an opportunity to gain a better understanding of their options related to funeral planning. It will also help consumers make wise, informed, and timely choices when making funeral related decisions. In coming months this column will provide additional information and literature on topics such as creating a ceremony that celebrates life, cremation, pre-planning, and grief & bereavement, among other things.

We were pleased to send out FREE copies of the CONSUMERS PRENEED BILL OF RIGHTS to all who requested them last month.

Copies are still available and we welcome your call at (585) 482-0400 or by writing to us at PO Box 10280, Rochester, NY 14610.

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(Between Browncroft & Humboldt)

ROASH
(Reach Out And Say Hello)

Do you know someone in your Symbolic Lodge who wishes more Light? A Brother who has that character? Someone who has the desire to educate himself in the beliefs of our Craft? Someone you would hand a petition to? If you said yes, we are sponsoring two Brother Bring-a-Brother Dinners in the month of October.

Friday, October 3rd
The Phelps Hotel
90 Main Street, Phelps
Deadline is September 30th.

Thursday, October 23rd
Burgundy Basin Inn
1361 Marsh Road, Pittsford
Deadline is October 20th.

Fall Reunion Begins

We will begin our Fall Reunion on October 30th, with the 11th and 14th Degrees. The Degree Directors will be looking for those interested to partake in the Fall Degree Series. If you wish to take part, call the office. They will direct you on whom to contact.

A Simple question - Why do things change?

Sit back and ask why did that simple automobile evolve into those luxury chariots we drive today - because of someone's foresight for the need for change. After the automobile sped by the horse-drawn carriage, along came the airplane. This was a faster mode of transportation, which was developed due to the changing needs of the many; to get from point A to point B - faster and safer. My Brothers, the Model "T" wasn't broke. We only made it better.

Be open to change, you don't know where it may take you, your family, or your Fraternity. So Mote It Be.

Sovereign Prince

By George S. Nasra

It is with great enthusiasm that the Officers line for the Council of Princes of Jerusalem were installed and appointed on May 15th at the Shrine Center. The new Officers are as follows:

- Sov. Prince George Nasra
- High Priest Norman Austin
- Sr. Warden James Jenerson
- Jr. Warden Harry Tyson
- MC John Fulmore, Jr.
- M of E Reginald Reed

I thank Brother Joe Oelgoetz for his mentorship and support during this past year, and for the wonderful job he did as Sovereign Prince.

The Council has traditionally been involved in establishing a family oriented program within the Valley of Rochester and providing opportunities for community outreach centered on family. This tradition will continue. The 2003 Family Life Campaign will be a major focus of the Council's work this year.

This year's theme is: "Family: The Tree of Life." This theme says so much about the role of the family, not only within the family structure, but in our communities, as well. It reflects the central role of the

family in nurturing all generations and strengthening all communities. As the Chairman of the Family Life Program Committee this year, I hope we can count on your support as we plan and implement our activities. As we begin planning for the year's activities, I will be looking for your ideas and your involvement. Our success is totally dependent upon the dedication of our fellow Brothers. If you want to become involved in the planning of our program, please give me a call at 377-2832.

We kicked off the year with our first family event, which took place on Saturday, August 30th. Over 58 Scottish Rite members, family and friends, met at Frontier Field for a picnic, followed by a Red Wings vs. Syracuse baseball game. I thank all who provided feedback and encouragement. I know my family and I enjoyed the premium seating behind home plate and we spent a wonderful evening.

Again, I look forward to this upcoming year and to working with all of you in implementing our Masonic ideals in the service of our family, our community, and our Valley.

May the Great Architect of the Universe bless you all.

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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.: Walter E. Webber, 33°
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Ill.: Robert Clark, 33°
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Ill.: Harold L. Aldrich, 33°
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Ill.: Richard H. Welkley, 33°
Ill.: Gary A. Henningsen, 33°
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Ill.: David P. Spencer, 33°
Active Emeritus Members
Ill.: James F. Nichoff, 33°
Ill.: Carlton A. Winchester, 33°
Past Deputy for New York
Ill.: Bruce Widger, 33°
Past Deputy for New York
Deputy's Representative
Ill.: Rodney R. Rittenhouse, 33°

Symbolic Lodge Awards Night

Presented by the Valley of Rochester
Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite

October 16, 2003

7:30 p.m. at

Damascus Shrine Center
979 Bay Road, Webster

Please join us as M.: W.: and Illustrious Carl J. Fitje, 33°, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York and the Scottish Rite will honor those Brothers who work so hard in the Quarries of your Blue Lodge.

This is open to all Symbolic Lodges in the Monroe and surrounding counties. Call the Scottish Rite Office at (585) 264-1160 or 1-800-858-2320 to submit your nominee.

Brother Bring-a-Brother Night

Please choose the one most convenient for you

Friday, October 3rd or Thursday, October 23rd

Friday October 3rd
The Phelps Hotel
90 Main Street
Phelps, NY
Deadline - September 30th

Thursday, October 23rd
Burgundy Basin Inn
1361 Marsh Road
Pittsford, NY
Deadline - October 20th

6:30 p.m. - Social Hour
7:00 p.m. - Buffet Dinner

All guests, sponsors and their ladies will be guests of the Scottish Rite. (If you do not bring a potential candidate, the cost for each dinner will be \$10.00.)

Please contact the Scottish Rite Office:
(585) 264-1160 or 1-800-858-2320
with your name, your guest's name, and the location of choice

The Deadlines for each are listed above

WEBSTER FOREST OF TALL CEDARS
YELLOW DOG

WEBSTER MASONIC LODGE NO. 538
30 ORCHARD STREET
WEBSTER

Saturday, October 25th 5:30 p.m.
Roast Beef Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
\$9.00

WEBSTER FOREST of TALL CEDARS
8:00 P.M.
YELLOW DOG CEREMONIAL
9:00 P.M.

Dinner reservations to Nick at 872-3910
or e-mail FRANICKI@JUNO.COM
No later than October 20th

"BRING A SAPLING"

Rochester Forest
No. 133

Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America
4th Wed. - 7:30 p.m.
Penfield, New York 14526



Coming Events

The Pot Luck Dinner at our October 22nd meeting is a go. Ladies invited, of course. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service. If there are no suggestions for an alternative, we will be having a Chicken

Breast entree; cost to be determined. Excess monies over cost (collected or contributed) will go toward the Tall Cedar Foundation Fund which supports Muscular Dystrophy research. Since we don't have the resources to mount any fundraising effort for this cause, we rely on our "dog-house," individual contributions and surpluses generated from our social events to fund this effort. Anyone who has a suggestion for a program or who would like to put on a presentation for the ladies during our short business meeting that night, please contact me.

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 proposed new members.

I have had a positive response from at least one Brother. It was not our social events or Ritual that attracted him, but our commitment to Muscular Dystrophy research. 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.

Our Annual Christmas Party will be at Valicia's Restaurant, Long Pond Road and Route 31. I will be trying to fix the date for the first or second Saturday in December. More to come.

Other things

There are still some Woodsmen who have not responded with their 2003 dues payment. If you are one of these, please take care of this A.S.A.P. We need the money!

If any Lodge would like to have me put on a program about our history, philanthropy and membership, please let me know whom to contact. This is part of our new membership enhancement effort. If anyone would care to accompany me on these visits, I would be glad to have you.

Sickness and Distress

Brother Jerry Glaser is at home at present and would appreciate cards and/or calls. If you would like to visit him, please call first. At this writing Bob Nichols is in the hospital in ICU with pneumonia. We wish both of these Brothers well.

Last month I reported that our Canadian Brother, Doug Draker, was seriously injured in an auto accident and was in critical care in an Ottawa hospital. Since then he has been moved to a hospital in Hamilton, Ontario, closer to his home in Burlington. Unfortunately, I understand that his arm could not be saved. I will keep you advised about his condition. Doug is receiving his mail through his home address, which is: Doug Draker, 1560 Kurns Road., Burlington, Ontario, Canada L7P3A7. Remember these Brothers in your prayers.

More things

We are still (yes we are!) looking for a few good Woodsmen to volunteer for the Communications and Logistics Committees. The Forest needs you for these important services, helping out at our social events and making sure that all the Woodsmen are informed of our events. It involves only 3 or 4 calls, once a month. If you would like to assist, just call Paul or me at least one week prior to any event. 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!

Remember
The Brotherhood
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24th, 25th, 27th & 29th Dists. - RAM
8th Cryptic District - R&SM
Zone 11 & 12 - Knights Templar

York Rite NEWS

York Rite College
Judas Maccabeus

District Deputy Grand High Priest



27th
District
RAM

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

I am writing this before any of the Chapters have had their first meetings in September. I would, therefore, like to remind everyone about our two dates this month.

The first is Saturday, October 11th. The Grand Chapter will be taking part in the Rededication of the Champlain Canal in Albany. Your High Priest has the information and hopefully presented it at your first meeting in September.

The second is Tuesday, October 14th. This will be our District's Grand Line visit from the Grand King, R.:E.: James W. Hemstrought, Jr. Dansville Chapter will be the host. There will be a dinner at 6:15 p.m. at the Sunrise Restaurant in Dansville.

Please call R.:E.: David Whiteman at 335-8369 or me with your head count no later than Friday the 10th, so he can inform the restaurant. I would like to have a good showing from all the Chapters.

Please make every effort to attend. If you can't make dinner, please try to make the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Also, it is not too early to start thinking about going to Grand Chapter. As soon as I have the information I will pass it on. I would like to have the hotel reservations in early so I can get a block of rooms near each other.

Hiram Chapter



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

E.: Charles M. Roberts, High Priest
225-6533
E.: Dennis K. Gelasch, Secretary
265-3993
17 Church Street, Pittsford 14534

Well, Summer is fading quickly and Fall is fast approaching. I hope your Summer and Fall so far has been an enjoyable one. It has been for me! The Chapter concluded its Spring session with its Annual Picnic and Scholarship Program held on June 5th at Henrietta Town Park. Thirty-five were in attendance. Great food and fellowship were enjoyed by all, even amidst the rain. The Roberts' shelter (no, not named after my family) was a great asset. Hope more will attend this annual event in 2004. Thanks to all who made this event a great success. Three \$500 Hiram Chapter Educational Scholarships were awarded. A photo of recipients was in the September issue of the *Masonic Times*.

Our first convocation of the Fall was September 11th. There was a delicious Stuffed Pork Chop Dinner beforehand, and the meeting started at 7:30 p.m. at Northfield Lodge. Remember, Companions, there is a dinner before each meeting for the rest of this year. Reservations to Joe Oelgoetz, 425-9969. Dinner is only \$8.00.

The Chapter opened in due form, caught up on all the business of the Summer, held its memorial and farewell for those Companions who have joined the Eternal Tabernacle over the Summer and began to fine tune the Fall trestleboard. I presented the program for the evening, which a memorable tribute to those fallen on 9/11, entitled "For Whom The Bell Tolls".

The next three convocations have been scheduled for Degree work. The Mark Master Mason and Past Master on September 25th, Most Excellent Master on October 9th, and the Holy Royal Arch on October 23rd. Dinner before each of these Degree convocations will be at 5:45 p.m. These nights may be changed: we are waiting to hear from three candidates whether they will be present. If not, then there will be a change in the program.

The Grand Chapter's special 180th Anniversary Re-dedication Ceremony of the Champ-

lain Canal in Albany will be on October 11th. Get details from either the Chapter Secretary, Dennis Gelasch, or me. R.:E.: James W. Hemstrought, Jr., Grand King, will make his Official Visit to the 27th Capitular District on October 14th at Dansville Chapter. Dinner will be at the Sunrise Restaurant at 6:15 p.m. For reservations, please contact R.:E.: David Whiteman at 335-8369. All Royal Arch Companions are welcome to attend.

The District Deputy Grand High Priest, Benjamin Thorp, is planning to hold a District-wide gathering sometime really soon, watch for a mailing with more details.

Finally, my Companions, remember to get your reservations in for the upcoming Canadian Visit, November 7th - 9th. You all should have received notice of this by mail during the Summer. The hotel for stay and hospitality will be the Brookwood Inn in Pittsford. Special convocation of Hiram Chapter for fellowship on Saturday, November 8th and Banquet at Brookwood Inn at 6:30 p.m. Dinner cost is \$26.00 per person. We hope many Companions and ladies of the 27th Capitular District will attend this event. With that, I wish you all well and hope to see you around the Altar real soon.

each of the four Chapters this October and November. We could use your help.

October 7th will be the District Official Visit of the Grand Master of the 2nd Veil, with a 6:00 p.m. dinner at Abigail's Restaurant and a 7:30 p.m. meeting in the Temple at Seneca Falls. Let's have a great turnout for him.

October 8th, the next night, we will be in Geneva at their RAM convocation, or it might be our first night of the Mark Master Degree to be done in our round robin of Degree work.

October 13th, the second Monday of the month, we will be in Shortsville Temple and plan to confer the Mark Master Degree with lots of help, so we need you, and I mean YOU.

October 21st is the date the last Chapter in the District will hold its convocation in Port Byron and they may opt to do the Mark Master Degree that night.

This completes our District plans for October, but, out of District, namely Wayne, the 24th Capitular District, will have a Grand Representative Apron Presentation on Saturday, October 4th. There will be a 6:00 p.m. social and 7:00 p.m. dinner, with the program to follow for Companion Harvey DeHone at the Steger Haus Restaurant, 7171 N. Geneva Road, Sodus.

Distress

E.: Vern Trickey is down with a stomach virus. We pray you are well and going again by the time you read this, Vern. Our prayers go out to all the Companions and their families who are ill. May God touch and heal you.

Enders

The trouble with being a leader is you can't be sure if people are following you or chasing you.

The world would be a better place if there were more open minds and fewer open mouths.

There would be a lot less obesity in this country if we only fed our stomach as much as we feed our minds.

"Til November, may God bless you. Cheerio.

Palmyra/Eagle Chapter No. 79

1st Mon. 7:30 p.m.



High Priest
Cyril White
315-597-9546
Secretary
R. Stuart
Smith
315-597-9763

161 East Main Street, Palmyra 14522

In my haste to get an article into the September edition of this publication I used the October news. So here is the October news!

The first Stated Convocation after the Summer recess will be held on Monday, October 6th, at 7:30 p.m., in the Palmyra Masonic Temple, 161 East Main Street, Palmyra.

In keeping with last year's theme of "meals from around the world" I will be preparing Hungarian Goulash with an ice cream dessert. If you are not a regular participant at these "meals from around the world" dinners, please give me a call at (315) 597-9546 or e-mail me at ukcy@juno.com. I want to be sure there is enough for all! Are you wondering what the difference is between Hungarian Goulash and any other goulash? The answer to this tantalizing question will be given at the meeting.

The Grand High Priest has directed each Chapter, within his jurisdiction, to confer or exemplify the Mark Master Degree. At our October Convocation, the AGL, R.:E.: Lloyd VanDeViver, will be there to assist us in getting started. Don't get nervous. We are not expecting anybody to do a part of the Degree this evening.

So come and join us at our October Convocation, and enjoy the camaraderie and Brotherly love for which Royal Arch Masonry, and especially Palmyra Eagle Chapter, is famous.

I hope to see you, and I do mean YOU, around the Altar.

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

Companions, welcome back to the Fall session of Royal Arch Masons. I am sorry I didn't get the September news in last month. Vacation and a computer problem are the reasons and not an excuse. Let's start with Summer. Our Chapter tried Summer convocations. We had a free supper in June and only four companions showed up; maybe we did not get the word out loud enough. July found us with the same results, so we did not try in August. We will talk about this off and on at our convocations to see if we should try it again in the Summer of 2004. Come out and give us some input.

At the writing of this article, we have had two convocations in September and two more to come in our 25th Capitular District, with plans being made for the remainder of our term in office.

October

Now, looking forward, the District is planning to confer the Mark Master Degree in

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

Companions, before the weather changes for the worse, how about coming to a Chapter meeting, and joining in some good fellowship? Bring your wife, friend, or neighbor to our October 28th meeting, as it will be a fundraiser Table Chapter meeting with a seven course meal, along with a program to raise money for the RAM Scholarship Fund. All profits will be donated as part of the Irene McMichael Memorial Scholarship Fund, to which

over \$800 has already been donated as part of the Grand Chapter Scholarship Fund. Tickets will be available from any Chapter Officer.

Our November 25th meeting will be the Annual Election of Officers for the coming year. Our December 23rd meeting will be the Installation of Officers.

On October 11th, at noon, at the Albany Masonic Temple, the Grand Chapter of RAM will celebrate the 180th anniversary of the original ceremony, which was performed by the Grand Chapter, under the direction of DeWitt Clinton and M.:E.: Ezra Ames. Anyone interested in wearing the circa 1823 period costumes to the re-enactment is encouraged to do so. There will be a luncheon, at a cost of \$15.00, with RSVP to R.:E.: Alan Lewis, 73 Harvest Ridge Road, Selkirk, NY, 12158, (518) 439-3931. Hope to see you there.

District Deputy Grand Master



8th
Cryptic
District

R.:L.:
Cyril R. White
315-597-9546

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Yes, I've been appointed for another year. I will do my best to be the best darn DDGM in Cryptic Masonry. Well, better than I was last year anyway!

All Masters should be thinking about Official Visits and when would be the most appropriate time for their Council. I will make every effort to attend your Council at your convenience.

On a more arbitrary point, I will be announcing the date and location of the Grand Lecturer's Convention.

The Grand Council Officer who will be visiting this District will be the R.: Ill.: and Reverend Charles M. Roberts, Grand Principal Conductor of the Work. As of this writing, I do not have his schedule. As soon as it's available, I will publish it in this column.

Upcoming events

October 18th: Reception for the Grand Master, Ill.: Donald Harrison, at Ronkonkoma Holiday Inn, Ronkonkoma.

October 25th: Northeast Festival at the Masonic Home in Utica. The Super Excellent Master Degree will be conferred at this Festival.

I hope to see you all around the Cryptic Altar this 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

Grand Council, 2003, was held in Owego on August 15th and 16th. Despite the typical

October 2003

formalities and business as would normally be expected at such a conclave, a good time was had by the members of the Council who attended. Among these were M.:I.: Raymond Beardsley, M.:I.: E. William Whittaker, and myself. A good attendance was experienced by Companions from all over the State, plus numerous dignitaries from around the country and Canada.

My heartfelt thanks and best wishes are extended to our outgoing M.:I.: Master, and my friend, Rueben "Rex" Long. He has had a busy year serving us as our chief officer of the Grand Council. Our new Grand Illustrious Master, M.:I.: Donald Harrison, sends his wishes to Doric Council's Companions and hopes to visit us during his term. On behalf of the Companions of Doric Council, I would like to provide him all of the best wishes in his endeavors for the year to come.

The first meeting of the year for the Council was on September 15th. We had a dinner and it was a good way to kick off the year and move toward a fun and enlightening time in the Council.

Degree Fest

The Grand Council of Cryptic Masons in New York State will host a Degree Fest at the Administration Building, Masonic Home in Utica on Saturday, October 25th. The Royal Master Degree will start at 9:00 a.m., followed by the Select Master Degree at 10:30 a.m. The not often seen or experienced Super Excellent Degree will be conferred to all Select Masters who desire it and to those who wish to see it, again. This Degree will begin at 1:30 p.m.

Lunch will be served for the Companions at noon: cost is \$15.00. The Ladies Luncheon is also at noon at a cost of \$11.00. Reservations must be made for these, prepaid, and received no later than October 15th.

Companions and their ladies wishing to attend either of these luncheons can call me, toll-free, at (866) 277-4676 to receive a registration form or call Companion Joseph Foglietti at (315) 676-2442.

I will be providing a program for the October 15th meeting, which I am sure will be of interest to all the Companions. ✕


ary 26, 2004. R.:I.: Roberts promised he'd have more information on his visit sent to me. Hopefully, that forthcoming information will have been discussed with you at our September meeting.

Looking back a little, I did indeed, attend the 180th Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York in Owego, on August 16th. I now have the proper "credentials" authorizing me to preside at our meetings. The Assembly was indeed grand. My lady and I were well pleased with the Assembly and accommodations. ✕

Palmyra Council
No. 26
Cryptic Masons
1st Thursday, 8:00 p.m.
Master
L. Lee L. Collier, Sr.
(315) 589-8146
Secretary
David W. Taber
388-0629
Palmyra Masonic Hall
161 East Main Street

Our October 2nd Assembly will be our first meeting of the new year. As usual, we will open at 8:00 p.m. The Illustrious Master will report on the Annual Assembly of Grand Council. The calendar of events for the ensuing year will be presented and plans made to carry out a successful year. ✕

Cyrene-Monroe
Commandery No. 12
Chartered 1993
3rd Monday
Commander
SK Benjamin P. Thorp, Jr.
346-6542
Recorder
SK Lawrence W. Dunn
594-8033
17 Church Street, Pittsford 14534




I am writing this before our first meeting in September, so there is little to report.

I do want to remind everyone that we will be hosting the Zone 11 School of Instruction on Monday, October 20th. The Order of the Red Cross will be the subject for the evening. There will be a dinner preceding the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Please let me know if you plan to attend the dinner, so I can let the ladies know.

I have been in contact with SK Ron Brown concerning our Re-dedication. He is assisting me in setting it up. More details to follow.
That's all for now. ✕

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



Sir Knights, attention

Our October conclave will be on the 18th, opening at 9 a.m. I am happy to announce that we have a petition to vote on for membership. Looking forward to favorable results, this means that Sagoyewatha Commandery will have a candidate

for the Orders to be conferred in Hornell on November 15th. The Orders will take the place of our regular November conclave as it is on our normal meeting day, so please plan to travel with us to Hornell on November 15th!


Now back to the month of October. On October 20th, our Zone School of Instruction will be held at Cyrene Monroe Commandery (17 Church Street, Pittsford) at 7:30 p.m. Work for the evening will be the Order of the Red Cross, so please mark your calendars.

The date of the 2003 Western Regional Seminar has been moved to the month of November. As plans are finalized, I will announce time and place next month.

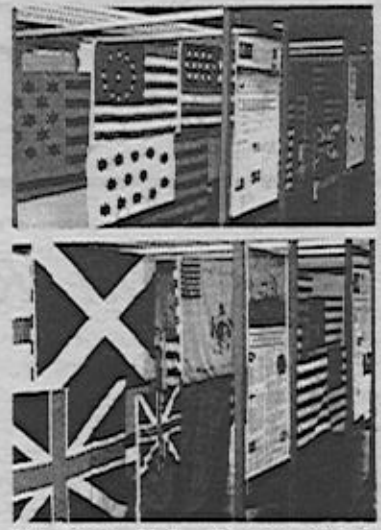
Please review your part in our opening so that we can improve our proficiency each meeting. It appears to be the number one order for all branches of Masonry this year to improve our Ritual work. Did you catch that last word? WORK. We won't improve by wishing for it. No matter what our skill level, we all need to put effort into the Ritual to do it better than we do it now. Very few of us find it easy to learn, so we must work at it. Work takes effort. We must all do our part to improve together.

I look forward to seeing you all for breakfast at the Blue Ribbon Restaurant at 7:29 a.m. on October 18th! ✕

Genesee
York Rite
College No. 25
(Chartered July 14, 1962)
Pre-Eminent Governor
William C. Jones
(315) 986-9150
Secretary
Charles M. Roberts
225-6533



On Saturday, September 13th, ten members of the College, along with their ladies, were present at a ceremony titled, "Long May It Wave - The Story of the Star Spangled Banner." The ceremony took place on the front steps of the Town Hall at the Genesee Country Museum. Upon completion of the events we were invited for refreshments and a tour of the flag display. Thus, a culmination of a two and one-half year



Various U.S. Flags which Genesee York Rite College was instrumental in donating to the Genesee Country Museum.

project in which the College was a contributor to the purchase of many US flags representing the various eras and stages of the symbol of our country. Thanks go out to Past Governor Donald J. Brugger, with Past Governor and Rev. Charles M. Roberts, OPC, Secretary, who followed up on this project once the request was made. It was through their efforts this became a reality.

At 3:15 p.m., the same afternoon, the College held its first Assembly for the coming year in Olive Branch Masonic Hall, LeRoy.

Upon completion of a lengthy business agenda for the afternoon, two guests were received. The Right Eminent Distinguished Brother Edward S. Newsham, OPC, and Grand Governor of the State of New York, who in turn, announced



The Eminent Treasurer of Genesee York Rite College No. 25, Past Governor Raymond R. Beardsley, OPC, presenting The Most Pre-eminently Distinguished Brother Roy E. Vandelinder, Jr., OPC, KCPC, KGCY, Treasurer General of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America, with the College's Outstanding York Rite Mason of the Year Award. Looking on is the Right Eminent Distinguished Brother Edward S. Newsham, OPC, the Grand Governor of the State of New York. (Photos courtesy Bill Jones)

the Most Pre-eminently Distinguished Brother Roy E. Vandelinder, Jr., OPC, K.C.P.C., K.G.C.Y.


M.P.E.D.B. VanDelinder is a Past Governor General of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America, and presently the Treasurer General. He was presented with the Genesee York Rite College's Outstanding York Rite Mason Award for the year 2002-2003. Past Governor Raymond R. Beardsley, OPC, and Treasurer of the College, originally planned for May, made this presentation.

For those unaware of some facts: Roy is a Charter member of York Rite College, (since 1962), and has been very active in the York Rite Bodies.

To complete a long and busy day we journeyed down the street, after closing the Assembly, and dined in fine style at the L.B. Grand Restaurant, for which we thank our Noble Primate, Norman P. Austin, for making the arrangements. ✕

Order of the
Purple Cross
By Norman Austin
On Saturday August 8th, Companion Knight Kenneth E. Kohlhausen was presented the coveted Order of the Purple Cross at ceremonies held in Indianapolis. When you see Companion Knight Ken out and about, be sure to congratulate him on this most noteworthy attainment. ✕

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4th Monday
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Master - 237-2579
I.: Vernon G. Rupert
Recorder - 343-8429



Companions, Autumn is in the air in Western New York as we return to our labors. When you read this, our September meeting will be a matter of record, even though at the time of this writing, it is more than two weeks away.

Today (September 6th), I was on the phone with our R.:I.: Grand Conductor of the Work, Charles M. Roberts, who informed that his Official Visitation to Nundawaga Council is scheduled for Janu-



Genesee York Rite College members who attended the Donors Recognition Ceremony on September 13th were (left to right): Rev. Charles M. Roberts, OPC, Secretary of the College; Past Governor Steven L. Wing, OPC; Past Governor Donald J. Brugger; Companion Knight F. Edward (Ted) Powley; Dan Barber, Curator of Collections, Genesee Country Museum; Past Governor Vernon G. Rupert, OPC; Betsy W. Harrison, President and CEO, Genesee Country Museum; Past Governor Lee L. Collier, Sr.; Eminent Deputy Governor Cyril R. White; Past Governor Kenneth E. Kohlhausen, OPC. Missing from photo, but present for the Ceremony, were Eminent Chancellor Jim MacConnell, and Noble Primate Norm Austin.



Alfred Pulcino III, Monarch

**M.O.V.P.E.R.
Monarch**

 Alfred
Pulcino III
Monarch

Monarch's Message

Prophets, I must start by saying as the leaves are turning in New York State, Shirley and I are in Aruba. We have a time-sharing plan and are gone the month of September, returning on September 28th.

I have a regimented schedule: up at 5:30 a.m., with a quick trip to the Bacahouse and back to bed by 5:35 a.m. Up at 10:00 a.m. for breakfast, and out on the beach 'til dinner time. The evenings are spent visiting with our friends from New York City.

September 17th was Move-Up Night with our Chief Justice, Jerry Spero, in charge. He did a great job. The members of the ESGA were in Rochester for their Fall Convention, September 18th - 20th, hosted by Lalla Rookh Grotto. President, Mike Bell, and Ken Milner, spent many man-hours together making this event the success it was. I personally thank them both, and my very best wishes to Ward Peterson, the newly elected President of the ESGA, for a very successful year.

For those of you who may have missed the Board of Governors meeting of August 25th, we voted to abolish the Reimbursement Fund as of October 1st, 2003. With losses in investments and the ESGA reimbursement cost, at the time, it seemed the right thing to do.

Get your Petitions in

Future events include the Ceremonial on October 15th, so get your petitions in. If you need a petition, our Secretary or Membership Committee have them for you and will mail them out upon request.

Christmas Party

It's never too early to mention the Grotto/Shrine Christmas Party on December 6th from 11:00 a.m. 'til 1:00 p.m. This year the Shrine has asked to join in the fun, and we welcome all to an event for all children. This will now be an annual event at the Shrine Center, 979 Bay Road. More information will be available as the event gets closer.

I hope to see you all at the next Board Meeting on October 6th.

Chief Justice

By Jerry Spero

October is right around the corner. This is the busiest time of the year for most Masonic organizations and that certainly includes the Grotto. A reminder that there is an Officers' rehearsal at 7:00 p.m. at the Shrine Center on September 30th.

Outing

The Grotto Cast Club outing is scheduled for October 10th

at 4:00 p.m. in the Bushman Cabin in Henrietta Town Park. The outing is open to guests and is \$5.00 per person.

Meeting

The Grotto meeting is scheduled for October 15th in the Shrine Center. Refreshments will be offered starting at 5:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. The Fall Ceremonial is the program for the evening. A few Prophets will be out of town, so please be there to be a part of our special program for our newest Prophets.

Reservations needed

The combined Monarchs' Ball will be on November 1st at the Days Inn in Batavia. First floor rooms are only \$45.00 and must be reserved by calling the Days Inn at 343-1440. Dinner will be \$30.00 per person and you need to contact me at 334-7616 for your reservations. The dinner choices will be Roast Loin of Pork, Stuffed Chicken Breast and Broiled Haddock. Dress is either formal or costume. Come to honor the Monarchs from Buffalo's Zuleika Grotto and Lalla Rookh Grotto.

One final note

The combined Christmas Party for all Masonic groups will be on December 6th at the Shrine Center. Save the date. More information in the next issue of the *Masonic Times*.

Secretary's Column

By Ken Hutchinson

October 15th is the date of our Fall Ceremonial and we do have candidates. 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 one to you.

Sickness and distress

Prophet Don Freeman is in Hill Haven with a bladder infection.

Prophet Bob Bueg was in Strong Memorial Hospital, but is now recuperating at home.

Prophet Howard Topel continues on the road to recovery.

Prophet William J. Kuehne's beloved wife, Marian Kay, passed away August 21st.

Prophet James Pray's mother passed away September 1st.

Our thoughts and prayers

are with these Prophets.

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

Membership

By Bill Fredenburg

Wednesday, October 15th, is the Fall Ceremonial for our new Prophets. You still have time to get any outstanding petitions into the office for processing for this Ceremonial. It will be the second time that it has been performed at our new location, the Shrine Center on Bay Road in Webster.

Please make every effort to bring a Brother Mason into the Lalla Rookh Grotto Fraternity. Let's have a good turnout of veteran Prophets to show our new Prophets why we are proud to be members of Lalla Rookh Grotto.

Legion of Honor

By Jerry Spero, Commander

The October meeting will again be at Bosdyk's Restaurant on October 20th. Dinner will start at 6:15 p.m. and the meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m. This will be a planning meeting for the new season. Try to get there a little early for some refreshments.

An agenda item to discuss will be if we should send letters to our senators and members of Congress regarding the possible closing of the Canandaigua Veterans' facility.

See you at Bosdyk's.

Historian's Corner

By Ken Hutchinson

At the Grotto Dinner in May a Prophet I have known many

years asked a question about a recent article I wrote. He wanted to know more about the phrase, "the Grotto is the poor man's Shrine."

The Grotto was given the breath of life by far-seeing Brethren who realized the necessity of good fellowship among Master Masons. Masonry - the Blue Lodge - from which we derive our right for existence, teaches all men are equal.

Yet all men do not have the money to take up the so called higher Degrees in Masonry, and therefore many feel that equality is only for those who have money. No Degree in Masonry is higher than the Blue Lodge, that is the true apex of Masonry. All others are added Degrees by right of the Blue Lodge.

The average man may not be able to afford to go through the other Bodies. He must maintain his dues alive in all subordinate Bodies, or he is out in all, and it costs a good sum in initiation fees to get there.

In the 1920s and 1930s, many a good man had lost his Masonic standing because he could not keep his dues up in those trying years. Rather than giving up his "higher" Degrees temporarily, he let it all lapse entirely, and was, therefore, a total loss to Masonry.

I do not want you to think I have strayed from what I intended to write about...far from it. The Grotto was organized to give the working man, the office worker, and persons

in lower pay scale, who are truly honorable men and Masons, an affordable place to go where they would find Masons of all kinds, rich and poor alike, seeking to find good fellowship and Masonic companionship.

One finds in the Grotto a true servant of the Blue Lodge, a place of contentment to the average Blue Lodge Mason who wants the dignity of a ceremony, the beauty of those lessons and then the riot of fun, good fellowship and Masonic companionship. Here he finds a gathering once a month with a Ceremony twice a year, to give him that much needed Masonic recreation, all within the reach of the ordinary man's wallet.

The Grotto has always done humanitarian work, within its means, because we must (lest we burden or bar some worthy Mason). We have always kept our initiation fee and dues low.

So, my dear old friend and Prophet, I hope this has answered your question, and cleared up the meaning of the phrase, used for many years, "The Grotto is the poor man's Shrine."

Caldron News

By Beverly Murray, MCO
Well, this year is coming to a close,

It is with mixed feeling of joy and a little sadness - I suppose,

But, on the other hand, this newsletter I will no longer have to compose.

Lalla Rookh Grotto and Zuleika Grotto Joint Monarch's Ball

Days Inn, Batavia

November 1, 2003

1st floor rooms are only \$44.95 - Call (585) 343-1440

Dinner will be \$30.00 per person

Contact Jerry Spero at (585) 334-7616

For dinner reservations by October 22, 2003

Lalla Rookh Grotto
Fall Ceremonial
Cornish Game Hen
Dinner

Wednesday, October 15th
Shrine Center
Hospitality - 5:00 p.m.
Dinner - 6:30 p.m.
Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

Master of Ceremonies
Kenneth Rhodes
For reservations call
Ken at 621-6051 by
October 1st

WINE TASTING



"WHO DO YOU THINK WILL DRINK THAT?"

Our thoughts, love and prayers,
Go out to Daughters who are under the weather - be assured that HE cares,
Along with Howie and Don - just take one day at a time
Until you are able to navigate just fine.

Seven of us are getting ready for the journey West - Akron, Ohio.
Where fun and friendship are at their best,
A time for a navigational test.

The Convention Committee has been working behind the scenes,
There are center pieces and table favors to go along with the luncheon and banquet themes,
For September 2006 is becoming more real and less dreams.

Our next Caldron meeting is October 9th.
This meeting is yearly reports and elections.

Our Executive Banquet is set for October 24th
It will be at Rick's Prime Rib on Buffalo Road (old Doud Post)
Meet at 5:30 p.m. and eat at 6:00 p.m.
Call Annie at 865-3713 for reservations.

Yes, there will be a rehearsal, Wednesday, October 22nd at 7:00 p.m.

Please mark your calendars for this date,
Public Installation, Saturday, October 25th at 2:00 p.m.
I hope that all of you will be able to attend - even if you are always there

Since this is my last newsletter as MCO,
There are some thank yous that I need to bestow,
And I just wanted you all to know.

Thank you
To all of my Officers - you are always there,
To all of my protom Officers - you only ask - where,
To all of the sideliners - we love to see you there,
To all Lalla Rookh members - because you care.
To the members of Lalla Rookh Grotto - thank you for your support,
The Caldron members look forward to the future to continue working together.
To my family for your love and support - I love you and thank you.
Lalla Rookh Caldron looks forward to working with the members of Charlotte/ Corinthian Lodge.
May God bless and keep each of you under His gentle care. x

Attend Grotto Meetings

Mon., Oct. 6th - Board Governor's Meeting, Shrine Center, 7:00p.m.

Thur., Oct. 9th - Caldron Meeting 7:30p.m. Charlotte/ Corinthian

Wed., Oct. 10th - Cast members and ladies, Bushman Cabin, Henrietta Park. Social 4:00 p.m., Dinner 5:30 p.m.

Mon., Oct. 15th - Grotto Ceremonial, 7:30 p.m. Dinner, 6:30 p.m.,

Sat., Oct. 20th - Legion of Honor, Dinner/meeting 6:00p.m./ 7:00 p.m.

Thur., Oct. 25th - Caldron Public Installation, 2:00 p.m.

Enjoy the Fellowship



The award for outstanding single flower goes to Edna Hutchinson for her sunflower. It measured 10-foot tall with 19-inch leaves.

Drumlin Square

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the day care center on the Southwest corner of the Canandaigua Street-Jackson Street intersection in Palmyra. I've thought about it quite a bit and I believe that anything our Lodge can do to provide opportunity for young people to participate in patriotic acts will be very worthwhile.

Rather than ask the Lodge to spend its funds on this, I decided to buy the material on my own and to ask for donations in the Master's Hat at the next few stated communications of our Lodge. If you feel this worthwhile, I will welcome your participation.

Degrees

I remind you, again, that we will be starting the conferring of Degrees this Fall. Officers, start learning your parts. Brothers, offer to learn and give any lecture that is part of any of the Degrees. As you know, the new Assistant Grand Lecturer for Wayne District is our own Brother Dave Rising. Let's make him proud of his home Lodge.

I also remind you that the Grand Lecturer's Convention for this District will be on Wednesday, October 29th at the Palmyra Masonic Temple. Grand Lecturer Edward G. Gilbert will conduct an informal question and answer session starting at 4:00 p.m. Dinner will be served (no charge to the attending Brothers) at 6:30 p.m. and the Convention will be called to order at 7:30 p.m. by our own District Deputy Grand Master. I strongly urge you to attend. These sessions are informative, entertaining and thoroughly enjoyable because of the knowledge and great ability to give explanations of our Grand Lecturer.

Put all of these dates on your calendar. Come out and enjoy the Masonic good fellowship of our rural Lodge here in Southwest Wayne County. x

Taxes! Taxes! Taxes!
By Tom Michielsen

The leaves are turning bright colors and soon will be falling faster than we can rake them. The sweet smells of apple and pumpkin pies are in the air. Autumn must be here again. That means Winter is coming soon, right after Halloween and Thanksgiving.

The IRS announced August 7th that it will launch the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) Certification Pilot Program in early 2004. The new program replaces the EITC pre-certification program that the IRS announced earlier this year.

The new pilot program will allow the IRS to use an integrated approach to address potential erroneous claims by identifying cases that have the highest likelihood of error before they are accepted for processing and before any EITC benefits are paid. The General Accounting Office has identified EITC as a "high risk" area for the government because of the high rate of erroneous payments.

The IRS will ask 25,000 EITC claimants to certify when they file that the eligible child claimed for EITC purposes resided with them for more than half a year as required by law. Under the old program, claimants would have been required to supply personal information regarding their eligibility for the credit. The pilot program will place fewer burdens on the taxpayer and their tax professional.

In 2004 small businesses will not be required to make quarterly deposits of FUTA tax until they accumulate \$2,500. The threshold for 2003 was \$100.00.

Check your refund

There are now three ways to check the status of your federal refund. You can call the

IRS Tele-Tax System at 1-800-829-4477 or call the IRS Refund Hotline at 1-800-829-1954. This year, a new option has been added to the IRS website (<http://www.irs.gov>) that allows taxpayers to check their refund status online.

When checking the status of a refund, there are several pieces of information the taxpayer must have:

- The Social Security Number of the primary taxpayer.
- The filing status of the return.
- The exact amount of the refund.

Once this information has been processed, the taxpayer will be shown one of three things:

1. Their return has not been received (verify the above information.)
2. Their return has been received and is currently being processed. The date which the refund can be expected will also be indicated.
3. Their refund has already been mailed or deposited and the date it was mailed or deposited. It will also inform the taxpayer if their refund was mailed but could not be delivered and was returned to the IRS.

Depreciation

The special first-year depreciation allowance has been increased from 30% to 50% for qualified property acquired after May 5, 2003 (except for property acquired under a binding written contract in effect before May 6, 2003). Instead of claiming the 50% allowance, taxpayers may elect to claim the 30% allowance or elect not to claim any special allowance.

The limit on the Section 179 expense deduction is increased to \$100,000 for qualified property. This limit is reduced by the amount by which the cost of Section 179 property placed in service during the year exceeds \$400,000. Also, the definition of Section 179 property has been expanded to include off-the-shelf computer software.

Due date

October 15th - September Payroll Taxes due. x

CAMP DEMOLAY NEEDS PAINTERS

Camp DeMolay needs volunteers to help spruce up the facilities with some fresh paint prior to the Camp being shut down for the Winter.

Response to previous requests for assistance seem to be more readily answered by volunteers from outside our Monroe District. A crew from Syracuse helped restore a bungalow which was damaged by a Winter storm. We encourage the Brothers of the Monroe District to rise to this occasion. Paint supplies and materials will be furnished. Richard Snyder is coordinating the work party, so give him a call at 342-2419 for the dates and times. x

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The Garden Committee: This year's award for a well-attended garden goes to Prophet Charles White of Kims Road in Victor. Monarch Alfred Pulcino III presents the Trophy to Sue and Phil Caffare, who had cared for the garden, in Chuck's absence, with Secretary, Ken Hutchinson, PM, observing the proceedings. (Photos courtesy Ken Hutchinson)

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Damascus Shrine Center No. 2 Shrine News

Potentate - Kenneth E. Buckland



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Illustrious Potentate



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It's hard to believe that the year has been moving along so fast for us all. But, we have many events scheduled for you this Fall and, hopefully, you will be able to participate.

The New York Ontario Shrine Association Fall Convention will be held October 2nd thru 5th, Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada. There is a large parade scheduled for Saturday, 11:00a.m. is the time for parade formation and the parade will begin at 12:00 noon. The parade ends at the Niagara Shrine Club parking lot and hospitality will be provided. This will be followed by a Shriners' Celebration where the units perform. I am requesting that all the Clubs and Units participate in this parade and thereby show your Damascus pride. Imperial Potentate, M. Burt Oien, will be in attendance.

Last year's HARVEST DINNER DANCE was such a great success that we are again having one this October 18th. Please fill out the reservation form in the *Damascus News* and send it in to the office with your payment. We have the same caterer as last year, so I know that it will again be great. Let us know if you want to reserve tables of eight.

With this being the year of the Shrine Mason, do not forget the Interfaith Breakfast and Service, which is being held at Logan's Party House this October 26th.

Oh yes, the Damascus Clowns are sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser for the Shrine Boston Hospital Burn Center. It will be a fun-filled day for the whole family, October 12th, starting at 12:00 noon. What a great event and cause to support. Again, get your tickets early.

I have asked this question before, but do you know a Mason whom you would like to see become a Shriner? It is important for all of us to be active in bringing in new members. Fill out a petition and get it in to the office for our Fall Ceremonial this November.

Congratulations to our newly elected Officers, Assistant Rabban, Bob Anderson, and Treasurer, Rich Friedman. Many thanks to all Nobles who came out to our September meeting and supported this.

In closing, I am looking forward to seeing you this Fall and a special thank you for your support. Oh yes, please do not forget to contact those whom you haven't seen in awhile and to send greetings to those who are in sickness or distress.

From the Recorder



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Erwin Newell
544-2242

It is unbelievable how fast this month is going by. Don't forget New York Ontario Shrine Association's Parade and Fun Days October 2nd-5th, Niagara Falls, Ontario, Canada.

There have been some changes to our Center during September. The chairs in the Lodge Room have been refinished and recovered, and new carpeting has been installed in the dining hall and lounge areas.

The most exciting part of the renovations is the addition of a corner fireplace in the lounge area. Past Potentate S. Charles Lewis and Lady Gloria of Fireplace Fashions in Irondequoit, donated this gorgeous fireplace and its installation. This is a gas log unit and can be turned on with the flick of a switch. So come down and see our newly decorated Center, and if you see Chuck and Gloria remember to thank them.

Nobles, during the Summer you were sent a questionnaire asking you to update your information which needs to be on file in our office. If you have not completed it, please do so as soon as possible. If you have misplaced the questionnaire, let the office know, and we will send you another one.

This is the time of the year when we are starting to prepare your 2004 dues notices. If you have not paid your current dues, please do so as soon as possible. Again, if there is any reason that you cannot pay your dues, please call me at the Shrine Office, so we can discuss the matter.

At the 2003 Imperial Shrine Convention, the Representatives voted to increase the per capita to the Imperial Shrine to \$15.00. Your new dues bill will reflect the increase.

Last, but not least, the October Harvest Dinner Dance is October 18th. Reservations are a must.

Legion of Honor

As we approach the Fall, a fine, well-attended meeting with our ladies was held at the Red Osier Restaurant in Stafford, NY. A great meal was enjoyed by all.

Our first business meeting will be October 8th at the Green Lantern Inn in Fairport.

Our Stag Steak Roast in August was well attended. We had a nice New York Strip Steak, sweet corn, and salt potatoes, all prepared by our gracious hosts, Don and Winnie McDill.

November will be Veterans' Recognition Month, with a wreath presentation at the War Memorial on Veterans Day. Our meeting is November 12th at the 40 and 8 Club.

Zama Temple Daughters of the Nile

By Jean R. Friedrich, PQ

We have had some interesting events this Summer. It all began with the delightful Official Visit of our Supreme Queen, Barbara Womack on July 28th. We traveled by bus to the Shriners' Erie Hospital Dedication on August 3rd. On August 5th we had our own golf outing at Shore Acres Golf Club, and then our first August Stated Session on the 16th.

We are trying something different this year. We will have a Giant Next-to-New Sale at Fairport Lodge on Saturday, October 11th - the same day as our Stated Session and the same day as Fairport's Harvest Festival. Delivery and set-up day will be Friday, October 10th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. So while you are busy cleaning out your closets, garages and basements, be sure to set aside your good clean clothing (on hangers, if possible) and working appliances, household items and knick knacks for our Sale. Call Chairman, PSQ Betty Nohle at 482-5259 or Princess Recorder, Eleanor Canfield, PQ, at 315-524-8729, for pick-up if you need help. This is our first Sale in a couple of years, so we know you will all have lots of items ready to go!

Giant Next-to-New Sale

Saturday, October 11th
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Fairport Masonic Lodge
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Friday, October 10th
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What a great time we had at the District Picnic. The many hats that showed up for the contest were superb. We learned how creative our Grand Patron can be by starting with a baseball cap. Of course, we had food, food, food, but we are good at that. We have all been practicing for years!

I think all Eastern Star members have learned that the words MAKING PLANS are used at least once every day. For the month of October,

there are plans to be made for Grand Chapter Sessions, the District Banquet and, of course, Halloween. Along with these events are Chapters, Deputies Clubs, Grands Association, Past Matrons Association and District Clubs MAKING PLANS of things to do in October. The most important subject of all of the above is food - what to order? - what to serve? - what will we have for dessert?

Keep your calendars handy.

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



Mark and I had a great Summer - busy, where did it go, but enjoyable. We hope everyone had a good Summer and is looking forward, like us, to our first meeting and an exciting year to follow.

Condolences

I am sure you all were saddened to learn of the passing of our dear Sister Kay Kuehne, on the 24th of August. We will all miss her beautiful smile, the many beautiful Degrees she prepared for us, her wonderful presentation of Esther, but most of all, the friendship she shared with all of us. Please hold Brother Bill in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Unfortunately, Mark and I were out of town at the time of the Eastern Star Service. I know it was performed beautifully. Many thanks to all who attended and participated. Special thanks to Linda and Bob for organizing the Service and taking our places.

Thinking of you

Please also hold Bob Zahn, Carl Peck and their families in your thoughts and prayers and send them your greetings.

Meals!

The Annual Chicken Bar-B-Que was a success this year, thanks to the many members of the Monroe District. Special thanks to Wanda and David Williams for all of their planning, organizing and just plain hard work.

Our first Spaghetti Dinner will be October 3rd. We will be doing it all over again the first Friday of each month through June. We will need help each time. So please call me, 217-8904, if you can help. This, as you know, is our major fundraiser. The proceeds are what makes it possible for us to support the many worthwhile projects of the Chapter, District, and Grand Chapter.

I'm sure you know that several of our Sisters in the Monroe District receive assistance from Grand Chapter when they are in need. It's up to each of us to support this project, either by helping with the preparation, and serving or by enjoying the meal - and it is always a

good one - for a very reasonable price.

Grand Chapter

On October 14th, Mark and I will be going to Lake Placid for Grand Sessions. I am looking forward to representing our Chapter, seeing old friends and making new, and witnessing the Election and Installation of the 2004 Grand Officers.

Card Party

Save the date of November 10th for the Chapter's annual Fall Card Party and Luncheon. Tickets will be available by October 7th. Gather up those door prizes. I know I have a few gifts that I am looking forward to passing on for someone else to enjoy. How about you? Please wrap your gifts and bring them to Chapter.

Take a lesson from the clock. It passes the time by keeping its hands busy.

Rochester Chapter No. 314

Order of the Eastern Star

First Saturday, 8:00 p.m.

Matron

Wthy. Diane Johnson
352-5092

Patron

Wthy. William Zufall
271-0795

Secretary

Rt. Wthy. Barbara Meriens
452-0994

152 West Commercial Street
East Rochester 14445



Summer

I hope you had a wonderful Summer. I had such a good Summer that I missed the deadline for the September Column. Such is life.

The Garage Sale was a great success, so was camp Poly-Fil. The only problem we had with Camp was the video camera's battery would not hold a charge. So there is no video. Hopefully, we can resolve that problem before next year.

Sickness and Distress

Please keep Wthy. Bob Zahn in your prayers and Sister Gail Caraballo and Rt. Wthy. Barbara Mertens as they continue to deal with health issues. If there is any other sickness or distress, please let me know.

100th Birthday in 2004

Please remember the plans for the 100th Birthday next year. Rt. Wthy. Barbara Spano would like any old pictures you have. Just put your name on them and mail or give them to her. She will be sure they are returned.

Meeting changes.

Our October meeting will be Initiation. November is Draping of the Altar and Master Mason Night.

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Chapter No. 320
Order of the Eastern Star
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 345-1029
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 225-5284
 Sec. **Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings**
 594-4692
 22 South Main Street,
 Churchville, 14428

By Wthy. Alice Hassett
Events
 "All is well with Nolatka!", reports our Matron, Rt. Wthy. Diane Maltese. She was very pleased with the turnout at our September 16th meeting. After a delicious and varied Pot Luck Supper, we proceeded with our meeting. We had five sideliners, some of whom celebrated birthdays during the Summer and therefore received floral bouquets from our Worthy Matron. Of course, they had to "Pay Miss Piggy", our birthday pig.
 Rt. Wthy. Susan Huff displayed our new Nolatka Bible, with the Eastern Star symbol on its cover. Rt. Wthy. Susan has been tasked with making sure that each of the Matrons and Patrons, beginning in the year 2000, will be listed on the pages designated, to bring those pages up to date. She will also ascertain that the old Nola and Oatka Bibles have records of all Matrons and Patrons, and their dates of service, up to the year 2000, when the two Chapters merged.

Fellowship
 On September 24, our Chapter, under the chairmanship of Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings, prepared and served Corinthian-Fellowship's Birthday Banquet. This is one of those occasional fundraising events which not only add to the chapter's financial coffers, but which also promote fellowship among the workers and with the celebrating Chapter.

October
 At our October 7th meeting, Advancement Night will offer practice for next year's Chapter Officers. Associate Matron, Wthy. Cynthia Nielsen, and Associate Patron, Wthy. Robert Crystal, will be honored.

Grand Chapter
 Grand Sessions will take place at Lake Placid from October 14th - 16th, with the Testimonial Dinner, October 13th.

Our October 21 meeting will feature a Halloween Candy Sale, and our Rt. Wthy. Matron, Diane Maltese, will be honoring Trustees Wthy. Alice Hassett, Rt. Wthy. Sue Goossens, and Wthy. MaryAnne Sovocool.

Reminder
 Don't forget the Monroe District Banquet at the Party House on Beahan Road, scheduled for October 30th. Wthy. Sula Baxter and Rt. Wthy. William Baxter will take office as Monroe District Grand Matron and District Grand Lecturer at this time.

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

Concern
 We, at Nolatka Chapter, are concerned with the diminishing number of active Sisters in our Chapter and in others throughout the State. As our Sisters grow older, and as fewer young women join our Order of the Eastern Star, we must examine where we are going and what we can offer to increase our membership.

Tea time
 Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings hosted an afternoon Tea at her home on Sunday, September 14th, hoping to encourage members who work during the day or who can't drive at night, to enjoy some fun and fellowship during the midday. Those who attended enjoyed the afternoon, but we were hoping for a wider turnout.

What can we do to encourage active membership? If someone needs a ride, please phone Rt. Wthy. Diane Maltese or me, and we'll try to set that up.

If you need other assistance, or if you have ideas on what we can do to encourage active membership, please write or phone. We are truly concerned!

Sunshine
 On September 29th, Sister Doris Ray will be having knee surgery. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery. Sister Carol Pickworth is continuing her recovery from back surgery. She relies on a walker at the time that this article goes to press, but looks forward to attending meetings again, in her Star chair of Martha.

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 October will be Sister Joan Fingar, Wthy. Eleanor Gascon, Sisters Joyce Hooker, Dawn Direland-Monsees, Rt. Wthy. Brother John Lenzi, Wthy. Edith Lewis, Sister Carol Pickworth, Wthy. MaryAnne Sovocool, and Rt. Wthy. Jean Webb.

Committee
 The Chair of the Refreshment Committee for October 7th is Sister Joyce Hooker. Her Committee includes Sisters Linton Warner and Dawn Ireland-Monsees.

The Chair for the October 21st meeting is Wthy. Antoinette Jeerings. Her Committee includes Wthy. Sue Goossens and Wthy. Susan Prevost.

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

Tri-Star
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 (315) 597-5061
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 Palmyra Masonic Hall
 161 East Main Street

Fall is here and we've resumed our busy schedules. Our first meeting on September 16th started with a Pot Luck Dinner. We honored our Past Matrons, Past Patrons and Past Grands at the meeting.

On September 25th we had our Homecoming Dinner and Reception for Rt. Wthy. Joan Sewert, DDGM, and Rt. Wthy. David Taber, DGL. We're glad to have them home.

On October 5th, the Wayne Willing Workers will be serving a Roast Beef Dinner to the public from 11:30 a.m. 'til 2:00 p.m. All are welcome to join us for a delicious meal.

Grand Chapter meets at Lake Placid, October 14th to 16th. Hope to see you there.

We'll be celebrating Halloween at our October 21st meeting, so everyone come in costume. It should be a fun-night.

On November 4th, Election Day, we will be serving another

Roast Beef Dinner to the public from 4:00 p.m. 'til 7:00 p.m. Again, all are welcome.

We also have plans for attracting new members. I'll let you know the results. x

Queen
Christina
 Court No. 13
Order of Amaranth
 3rd Saturday - 2 p.m.
 Royal Matron **Audrey Curtis**
 442-5860
 Secretary **Donna Stalker**
 (315) 986-1570
 Palmyra Masonic Hall
 161 East Main Street

By David Taber
 The October meeting will be on the 18th at 2:00 p.m. Plans will be made for those attending the Annual Retreat of Grand Court in November at Lake George.

We welcome Sir Knight Horace Riddy as a new member. A Degree Team, including members from Courts in Syracuse and Cortland, conferred the Degree at a special meeting of the Court held on September 5th.

Sir Knight Horace has already been busy attending receptions and Official Visits. There have been five new members within the last year and are actively taking part. x

Looking Ahead

November
 November 17th - Masonic Development Course. Monroe and Livingston Districts Shrine Center

November 21st - Masonic Development Course. Genesee/Wyoming District Hesperus

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

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In Memoriam

July

Pusey, Leroy "Jim"

A member of Rochester Forest, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Jim passed away July 31st at the age of 67 years. He is survived by his wife, Betty.

August

Kuehne, Marian Kay

The loving arms of the Lord embraced Kay on August 21st. Her lovely smile hid the fact of her physical adversities. She was a member of Webster Chapter, OES and is survived by her husband, Bill.

Fix, Meyer

Fairport/Flower City Lodge, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Shrine, all lost a member with the passing of Meyer on August 23rd. He is survived by two children.

Spinelli, Vesta

Vesta was called Home on August 25th. She was a member of Rochester Chapter, OES and leaves her husband, Bernard, one daughter and one granddaughter.

Hoppe, Donald A.

Donald was 76 years old when he passed away suddenly as a result of a boating accident on August 29th. He was a mem-

ber of Etolian Lodge and leaves his wife, Elizabeth, four children, ten grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Williams, Johnnie

Johnnie was in the March 29th Class and was a member of Craftsman Robertson Lodge. He passed away August 28th at the age of 44 years. He is survived by his wife, Mabis, and six children.

September

Keir, Kenneth

Etolian Lodge lost another member with the passing of Kenneth on September 1st. He was 81 years old and is survived by his wife, Connie, two children, five grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Koepke, Robert J.

September 5th was the day Robert met his Maker. He was a member of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge and leaves many family members.

Ferris, James E., Sr.

James was called Home on September 6th at the age of 81 years. He was a member of ERAC Lodge and is survived by his wife, Beatrice, five children, fifteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mattern, Thomas S.

The Great Architect of the Universe claimed Thomas on September 10th at the age of 81

years. He was a member of Etolian Lodge and is survived by three children, seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Daley, Richard J.

Death claimed Richard on September 13th. He was a member of Union Star Lodge and a Past Master of Henrietta Lodge. Survivors include his wife, Roseann, three children, and eight grandchildren.

Nichols, Robert I.

A 1984 Master of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge, Bob joined his Maker on September 19th at the age of 84 years. He was also a member of Rochester Consistory, Damascus Shrine, and Rochester Forest, Tall Cedars of Lebanon. He is survived by his longtime companion, Laura, three children and two grandchildren.

Hershey, Harold W.

September 21st was the date of Harold's passing at the age of 93 years. He was a member of ERAC Lodge, Rochester Consistory, and Damascus Shrine. Surviving him are his three children, and four grandchildren.

This death was reported with no specific information.

White, Franklin

Franklin was a member of Union Star Lodge and resided in Florida at the time of his passing.

James R. MacConnell Elected Grand Warder, Knights Templar



By Norman Austin

At the Grand Commandery Conclave last month, in Alexandria Bay, SK James R. MacConnell was elected Grand Warder of Knights Templar.

MacConnell was raised in Hesperus Lodge in 1973, and served as Worshipful Master in 1979. In 1981, he became a member of LeRoy Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, of which he is presently a repeating Excellent High Priest; Nundawaga Chapter, Cryptic Masons; and Batavia Commandery, Knights Templar, of which he is a Past Commander and Past Deputy Zone Commander. He was also a Charter member of 3 X 3 Chapter, RAM in Spencerport. In addition, Jim served as Patron of Hesperus Chapter No. 823, Order of the Eastern Star, from 1980 to 1983, and again in 1996.

In 1999 he was elected to Genesee York Rite Sovereign College, and currently holds the office of Chancellor.

In May of 2003, came his appointment as Grand Representative to Missouri for Knights Templar.

MacConnell holds an Associates Degree in Electrical Engineering from Rochester Institute of Technology, and has been employed as an Engineering Aide at Eastman Kodak Company since 1969.

Also active outside Masonry, Jim served as Mayor of the Village of Bergen from 1989 to 2002. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the New York State School for the Blind in Batavia, is active with the Gillam-Grant Center in Bergen, and serves as a Deacon at the North Bergen Presbyterian Church.

An avid golfer, MacConnell is a member of Stafford Country Club and the former Batavia Club. In addition to golfing, he enjoys flying, and holds a private pilots license.

A native of Bergen, Jim resides there with his wife, Marsha, who teaches kindergarten at Byron-Bergen Central School. They have two sons, Terry, a Tech Sergeant in the United States Air Force, and Chris, an accountant in Batavia.

When you see SK Jim, why not extend him heartiest congratulations as he embarks upon this new phase of his Masonic career?

Deadline for the Masonic Times

BIG CALENDAR OCTOBER 2003

Gem - Opal
Flower - Calendula

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Attica Drumlin Square, BBF - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy Rushville, OV (OSY) Damascus Shrine OES - Henrietta, Monroe	2 Constellation - Perry Eunice - Caledonia Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster, OV RSM - Palmyra Council New York/Ontario Shrine Assoc. Fall Convention	3 Scottish Rite, Brother Bring-a-Brother Night Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m. \$6 adult; \$3 Child 30 Orchard Street New York/Ontario Shrine Assoc. Fall Convention	4 OES - Rochester Chapter - East Rochester New York/Ontario Shrine Assoc. Fall Convention
5 Tri-Star, Roast Beef Dinner, 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Palmyra New York/Ontario Shrine Assoc. Fall Convention	6 Canandaigua - Shortsville West Star - Varysburg Pultneyville, OV (WYN) RAM - Palmyra/Eagle KT - Batavia Commandery John Hodge, OV (OSY) Shrine Lunch Club Yom Kippur	7 Charlotte/Corinthian Clio - Hilton, 1* Craftsman Robertson Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps, 2* Oakland - Castile, 1* Eagle - Honeoye, Child ID RAM - Excelsior, OV OES - Fairport, Nolatka, Tri-Star - Palmyra, Webster	8 Churchville, BBF Humanity, OV (WYN) Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike Masonic Service Bureau Monthly Luncheon Meeting RAM - Geneva, MM* OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville, Corinthian Fellowship	9 Eagle Valley - Bliss, OV Geneva, OV (OSY) Milnor - Victor, 1* RAM - Hiram - Pittsford, MEM* KT - Batavia Commandery Lalla Rookh Caldron	10 OSY - Apron Presentation, Phelps Hotel, 7:00 p.m.	11 Masters and Wardens, Monroe Daughters of the Nile, Zama Temple - Fairport, Next-to- new sale Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps, Pork BBQ
12 Mt. Vernon Lodge Pancake Breakfast 7:30 to 10:00 a.m. Shrine Clowns, Spaghetti Dinner, Damascus Shrine Center G/W Purple Club, Ladies Night	13 ERAC - East Rochester Table Lodge & BBF Etolian - Spencerport Fairport/Flower City Mt. Vernon - Java Village Union Star - Honeoye Falls Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield, OV RAM - Excelsior - Shortsville, MM* Last Round of Golf - Twin Hills Golf Course Shrine Lunch Club Columbus Day	14 Arcade, OV Batavia Dundee, OV (OSY) Fame - Irondequoit, OV Seneca - Webster Valley-Simes RAM - 3x3, Dansville, LeRoy OES - Leah - Hilton	15 Ark - Geneva, OV (OSY) Drumlin Square - Palmyra, OV (WYN) Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy Lalla Rookh Grotto RSM - Doric Council, Pittsford OES - Henrietta G/W - Grand Lecturer's Convention, Attica	16 Constellation - Perry Eunice - Caledonia Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster Scottish Rite - Symbolic Blue Lodge Awards, Shrine Center. RAM - Western Star LIV - Grand Lecturer's Convention, Caledonia	17 G/W District Fish Fry - Attica, 4:30 p.m. Council of Masonic Activities, G/W	18 Valley/Simes, Native American/Masonic Heritage Program, Damascus Shrine Center KT - Sagoyewatha - Phelps Amaranth, Queen Christina Court - Palmyra Triluminar - Pike, Ladies Night Shrine - Harvest Dinner Dance
19 Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinner Weds. Oct 8th & 22nd East Avenue, Hilton	20 Canandaigua - Shortsville, OV (OSY) Newark, OV (WYN) West Star - Varysburg, 1* MDC Session 1, Damascus Shrine Center KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford, School of Instruction Shrine Lunch Club - Ladies Day	21 Charlotte/Corinthian Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson Farmerville-Union, OV (OSY) Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps Oakland - Castile, OV RAM - Port Byron, MM* OES - Fairport, Nolatka, Tri-Star - Palmyra, Webster	22 Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Seneca, OV (OSY) Triluminar - Pike Tall Cedars of Lebanon - Webster Rotary Camp OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville, Corinthian Fellowship	23 Eagle Valley - Bliss Milnor - Victor, OV (OSY) RAM - Hiram KT - Batavia Commandery James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post	24 G/W - MDC Session 1, Arcade, 7:00 p.m. United Nations Day	25 Canandaigua - Shortsville, Chicken Bar-B-Que Lalla Rookh Caldron - Public Installation
26 Interfaith Service and Brunch, Logan's, 10:00 a.m. Daylight Saving Time Ends	27 ERAC - East Rochester, OV Etolian - Spencerport Fairport/Flower City, 2* Mt. Vernon - Java Village, 1* Union Star - Honeoye Falls Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield, 2* RSM - Nundawaga Council Shrine Lunch Club Ramadan Begins	28 Arcade Batavia Eagle - Honeoye, OV (OSY) Fame - Irondequoit Marion, OV (WYN) Valley-Simes RAM - 3x3, Dansville, LeRoy, Wyoming MON - Grand Lecturer's Convention - Fairport	29 Attica, 3* WYN - Grand Lecturer's Convention, Palmyra	30 Scottish Rite - Fall Reunion OES - Monroe District Banquet, Party House	31 Halloween	