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## 4TH ANNUAL HAGGAI CHAPTER'S COMMUNITY AWARDS

Saturday, May 8th, Haggai Chapter No. 41 will hold its Fourth Annual Social and Community Awards Dinner at the historic Carriage House, 525 Paul Road. Everyone is welcome to attend. Recipients of the Awards this year are Carol H. Adams, Dean of Interdisciplinary Programs at Monroe Community College, and Essie L. Calhoun, Vice-President, Chief Diversity Officer and Director, Community Affairs, Eastman Kodak Company. Ms. Calhoun will also be the keynote speaker.

Also in attendance will be M.: E.: James A. Lathen, Sr., Grand High Priest of the M.: E.: Prince Hall Grand Chapter, Holy Royal Arch Masons, State of New York.



Essie L. Calhoun



Carol Haskins Adams

Essie Calhoun began her Eastman Kodak Company career as a sales representative in 1982 and has held several positions within the company which led to her election as a Corporate Vice-President by the Kodak Board of Directors in July, 2000. In her current role, she is dedicated to strengthening the company's diversity and inclusion activities among employees, customers, and suppliers. She continues to oversee millions of dollars of Kodak contributions, as well as the company's community involvement worldwide.

Her responsibilities include working to broaden the environment which fosters inclusion and understanding wherever Kodak conducts business, as well as to craft strategies to enable all constituents to participate in the company's diversity programs.

Ms. Calhoun has founded several organizations which focus upon leadership development. Additionally, she has served on the Boards and Committees of numerous organizations. She has received many honors and awards and has a reputation for leadership, organization, strategy and successful implementation that delivers results.

Carol Haskins Adams began her career at Monroe Community College in 1977 as an Assistant Professor in the Developmental Studies Program, where she taught reading, writing, math and study skills. She was appointed Coordinator of the program in 1985 and was also promoted to Associate Professor. She was appointed by the President and Board of Trustees to the position of Dean of the Division of Developmental Education in 1990. That Division is now known as the Division of Interdisciplinary Programs.

Ms. Adams has served as a mentor to many of the College's faculty, staff and students, and has developed numerous programs for students and faculty at both Brighton and Damon City Campuses. Additionally, she conducts courses centering upon Community College teaching. She has also been involved in grant writing and has received many awards and honors during her tenure at the College.

Very active in the Rochester community as a member of numerous local associations and organizations, Ms. Adams has also become well known in the academic community.

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### Grand Lodge of the State of New York Website

Please check this website for additional information regarding the tragedy which occurred last month on Long Island. Since the Grand Master's message was to be read in every Lodge, it was not published in the *Masonic Times* even though it was received in time for this issue. Information published here would be two to three weeks old by the time it arrived in your hands. Check the website for news of current and future Grand Lodge events.

## \$14,200 net for Ronald McDonald House

Thanks to the generosity of the greater Rochester community and the efforts of Masonic Organizations from around the area, the Masters and Wardens Association of the Monroe District presented a check to the Ronald McDonald House for \$14,201.53. This is the highest donation from the Fraternity since 1990, according to information obtained from Ronald McDonald House personnel, and exceeded last year's total by more than \$1,500.

With the new House going up inside the Golisano Children's Hospital at Strong, only the fourth facility of its kind in the country, the extra money will come in very handy.

The Masons are one of the charter fundraising organizations for the Ronald McDonald House in Rochester. The first campaign was held in 1988, a year before construction took place. By the time M.: W.: Roswell T. Swits, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, officiated at the laying of the cornerstone on October 29, 1989, the Masons had helped raise nearly \$50,000 toward the building of and operating expenses for this facility. The amount added this year brings the total donations to over \$170,000 in the seventeen years of Masonic participation.

Without the wonderful cooperation of Willmorite Inc., who donates the space at Eastview,



Sharon Levine (left), Executive Director of the Ronald McDonald House, accepts the symbolic check representing the proceeds from the 2004 Have-a-Heart Campaign from W.: Patrick Schwartz, president of the Monroe Masters and Wardens Association. (Photos courtesy of John Zabel)

The Mall at Greece Ridge Center and Marketplace Malls, the event could not take place. Label World Inc. has provided the popular heart-shaped stickers for many years. Canfield & Tack has supplied the paper signature hearts. Thank you, and to everyone whose contributions helped make this another successful event.

All members of the Fraternity, their family members and many friends, who spent time at the booth in one of the three

malls or contributed financially are to be commended.

The booth at Eastview Mall was under the direction of W.: Michael McBride; W.: Karl-Heinz Reich coordinated assignments at The Mall at Greece Ridge Center and W.: Dean Smith handled arrangements for Marketplace Mall. \*



Ronald McDonald House personnel and members of the Monroe District Masters and Wardens Association gathered for the check presentation at the Westmoreland Drive facility.

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We welcome our newest subscribing Lodge, Union Lodge in Lima. Look for their article on Page 5 in this issue.

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**Editor's Corner**

I was asked by R. W.: Derek VanHouten to make a presentation about the *Masonic Times* at the Road to the East Program in February. With some apprehension, I agreed. I also decided to be a participant and attend the two sessions. There are many aspects of Masonry that have changed in the nearly forty years I have been a member. I thought this would be one opportunity to update my personal information base...and, I did!

In my bio write-up in the January issue, you may recall, it was mentioned that I enjoy amateur sports officiating. Each year, rule changes would be received from our governing body and we would hold clinics to inform officials on the changes. Many times I felt the changes were made strictly to give the rules committee something to do. The majority of the times, however, you realize they are made to modernize the game and keep ahead of those who, with a win-at-all-costs attitude, find the little loophole to circumvent the existing statute.

Sometimes I think the same of the Custodians of the Work of Grand Lodge. I now own four Ritual Books. Three of them are obsolete. The newest edition, purchased late last year, gives more useful descriptions of our floor work than some previous ones. It also has some tweaks in the language that, even though I find it difficult to change in my old memory banks, I will strive to learn. Some of these changes were addressed at the RTTE.

Wardens, looking for program ideas for their trestleboard, might want to consider inviting the Assistant Grand Lecturer of their District to speak at a meeting. You can find his name and phone number in the *Hot Numbers* to the right of this column. Not that he needs another night out; but he is equipped to inform your Brothers of some subtle changes they might not pick up on their own and answer any questions some of us old-timers might raise. It is imperative we not lose the beauty of our Ritual and such a program could be very beneficial to ALL members of the Fraternity. Thanks for reading.

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By Linda Zahn

I'm asking all of you to promote the work of the Masonic Service Bureau. Let people outside our organization know the things we do. Make them aware of the Loan Closet, that we loan, free of charge, home care equipment to any person in need. We have crutches, canes, walkers, commodes, etc. We have over one thousand items in stock and we handle over 2,000 loan requests each year. The exception is wheelchairs, where a \$25.00 deposit is required, which is refunded when the wheelchair is returned.

Let your local volunteer ambulance company know of this service, so if they get a request they can't fulfill, they can refer the person to the Masonic Service Bureau. Give them the telephone number and hours of operation.

Invite friends to the Interfaith Service and Brunch.

Think on this: "The best way to succeed in life is to act on the advice we give to others."  
*Author unknown*

**Interfaith Sunday  
October 24th**

**Camp DeMolay**

By R. W.: Richard Snyder

The "First Annual Cleanup" of Camp DeMolay by the Masonic Community is just a few short weeks away. Scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, April 24th, and 25th, the weekend will provide area Lodges and Masons an opportunity to join together in a joint effort of fellowship and teamwork.

This Winter has been unusually harsh and, as of this writing, no assessment of the Camp has been made, but it is expected that many branches, and perhaps some trees will have fallen. This will require the need for chainsaws, rakes, trimmers, etc. Please bring anything you think will help get the job done, and a good pair of work gloves. Rain will not cancel the cleanup. So if it looks like it might, bring a raincoat and appropriate clothing.

**Work times**

On Saturday we will work from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Sunday will be from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Hot dogs, and some beverages, will be provided each day. Two days for the cleanup were chosen for those who can help on either day or both. Any time that can be given will be appreciated.

**Directions**

The Camp is located on Lake Road about a mile from Sodus Point. Coming from the West on Route 104, turn north on Old Ridge Road. After a short distance make a left turn on Geneva Road continuing to Lake Road. Turn right and head East for about a quarter mile. The Camp will be on the lakeside.

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**Hot Dog & Beverage at turn**  
**Steak Dinner**  
**\$75 per person**

Proceeds benefit New York DeMolay, Inc.

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**ALASKA CRUISE**  
**INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

**Masonic Service Bureau**  
will host an informational meeting for persons interested in the Alaska Cruise and Motorcoach Tour of the Pacific Northwest, August 24th.

**Sunday, April 4th**  
**3:00 p.m.**  
**Damascus Shrine Center**  
979 Bay Road, Webster

A videotape will be shown. Questions will be answered. Reservations, while not required, would be appreciated. Please call 671-9730 with the number of people planning to attend so we can arrange for some light refreshments.

There has been some interest shown. This will be the last opportunity you will have to indicate your support of the trip. A \$50 deposit per person is required to save a spot. Payment of the balance would be due May 25th.

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**Your Legal Rights FYI**



By Bro. Phillip Hurwitz, Esq.

### Traffic stop

In my last article, I gave an overview of the legal consequences of driving while impaired. In this month's article, I'll cover how the police can tell if you are intoxicated, and what happens during the traffic stop.

Driving while intoxicated begins with you driving your car while impaired. So let's say you are driving along 490, or along Ridge Road. An officer can legally pull you over if he has probable cause to believe you are impaired. How can a police officer tell if you are impaired? Some of the classic tell-tale signs are: weaving your car; drifting; straddling the lane; failing to obey traffic controls; driving unusually slow; driving without your headlights on (if nighttime); abrupt or aggressive traffic maneuvers.

The fact of being pulled over by the police does not require the officer to advise you of your right to remain silent or to the assistance of an attorney. Anything you voluntarily say or voluntarily admit to at this time will be used against you. After pulling you over, the officer will be making a mental note of your appearance and demeanor. Are you slurring your words? Are your eyes glassy in appearance? Does the officer detect alcohol on your breath? Do you ramble? Are you defensive? Do you fumble while retrieving your license and registration? If the officer's suspicions about your impairment warrant further confirmation, he

will ask you to step out of the your car. Are you steady as you exit from the car? Do you stumble? Are you leaning on the car for support? Can you stand still? The officer will then conduct a field sobriety check. Essentially the officer wants to check both your hand/eye coordination, your abilities to remain balanced on your feet, concentrate and follow directions.

This test serves to confirm the officer's suspicions if you are impaired. By cooperating, you are essentially providing evidence that will be used against you. You do have the right to refuse the officer's request to participate in this field sobriety test, but as a practical matter, your refusal may result in a night in jail. Your refusal will be used against you at trial. If convicted, the judge will probably take note of your refusal to cooperate. The decision to cooperate is a judgement call on the driver's part. There may be very good reasons to cooperate or not to cooperate. For instance, the driver may be reacting to medication, thereby giving the appearance on intoxication. Divulging this information to the officer at the earliest opportunity can rebut any argument later on that you are raising a sham defense. On the other hand, someone may have been seriously hurt or killed as a result of your involvement in an accident. Your cooperation may supply evidence that will be used against you, which may be a reason not to cooperate.

If the officer reasonably believes that you are intoxicated or impaired, you will be formally arrested at this point, and charged with either driving while impaired or driving while intoxicated. This decision is based solely on the

officer's judgment, which itself can be attacked if found to be unreasonable. For example, how many of you have accidentally weaved in your lane, or accidentally drifted over a yellow line, without having anything to drink? The officer may want you to give a breath sample in order to obtain a blood alcohol reading. This blood alcohol reading, if high enough, will sustain an impaired or intoxicated conviction, even if the officer's own belief as to intoxication, is subject to reasonable doubt. You have the right to refuse to take this test. The reasons for doing so are to prevent the police from gathering evidence to be used against you. The officer is required to advise you that: (a) your license to operate a car will be immediately suspended, and later revoked, regardless whether or not you are convicted, and (b) the fact of your refusal may be used against you at a trial.

Whether or not you should refuse to take the test is dependent on the circumstances that led to your arrest. The law requires the police to take a breath sample within two hours of your arrest. You have the right to confer with an attorney before deciding whether or not to take this test. The police are not required to honor this request if more than two hours have passed since your arrest. Failure to reach an attorney cannot be used as a reason to avoid taking this test. In other words, if you refuse to take the test because you cannot reach an attorney, then the law will treat this as a refusal. Under certain circumstances, the police, despite a lack of consent, can obtain a court order allowing them to draw blood in order to test it to determine levels of intoxication. An example is where

you are found unconscious at an accident scene - obviously you are in no position to consent or not to consent.

If you do consent to give a breath sample, then the officer will have you blow into a machine, which measures blood alcohol level (BAC). As with any machine, operator error or poor maintenance of the machine can undermine the accuracy of any BAC reading. The consequence of this should result in suppression of any test results. That means these results from the breath testing machine cannot be used as evidence against you.

Being pulled over by the police tests everybody's nerves, no matter how calm one may appear. Whatever information you volunteer, even if seemingly innocent, can appear incriminating when read in isolation in a police report. You still retain some control over the situation, even though you

must submit to the authority of the badge, when pulled over. Your control is what you choose to say or not say; what you choose to do or choose not to do. What you decide has both short-term and long-term consequences. The easy answer is to say, "don't drink," but that ignores what really goes on. Drinking alcohol isn't illegal. Operating a vehicle after having consumed alcohol isn't illegal. It's the operation of a vehicle while impaired or intoxicated, that is illegal.

The best advice if you are going to drink is to pace yourself. If you feel the slightest "buzz," then chances are, your ability to operate a vehicle is becoming impaired. Is the chance you will make it back home worth the risk of conviction; or worse yet, the maiming or taking of human life?

In my next article, I will cover what happens the first time you are brought before a judge.

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## District Deputy Grand Master Genesee/Wyoming



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Brothers, I would like you to consider two questions: first, what does a new member hope to gain by joining our Fraternity? Second, what have we older members found in an Order that has stood the test of time?

Let us look at our new Mason. Does he think that Masonry will open doors for him? Is he hoping that by wearing the square and compasses on his finger or tie pin, instant success will be his, and fortune for the asking? Should these be his thoughts? What a disillusioned man he will be. The imitation Mason, the one who knows all the signs, grips and words, who delights in letting everyone know that he is a Mason, is the most dangerous enemy we have.

We, the older members, have found satisfaction in being Masons by regular attendance, and are we better men because of it? Have we found that, by holding office in our Lodge, we have become figures of importance in our community? Have we, in fact, sought and found a new meaning to life? The answers to these questions have been handed down to us by our ancient Brethren, in the lessons taught in our Degrees. "Seek and ye shall find," the sacred writings tell us. Not passively sit and wait, but actively participate; go out, enter Freemasonry "of your own free will and accord uninfluenced by other unworthy motives."

Let us look again at our new Mason. Most of us know that by maintaining an awareness of the words spoken to us at our initiation and by using these words to direct lives and actions, that doors will be, indeed, opened. Not necessarily to material success, but certainly to fortunes of friendship and a rewarding depth of Fraternity with our fellow man. Our new Brother should be encouraged to take a responsible interest in the affairs of the community and country. Whatever his walk of life, by living the virtues of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, he will find there is no need for a ring or tie pin to advertise he is a Mason.

Perhaps we older members should now look at ourselves and decide whether we have become, through the years "the ideal of a Freemason." As we instruct and guide our Brethren through our Rituals of the Fraternity, may they be assured that we HAVE found new meaning to life. If we have not let each re-dedicate himself to the search. "Seek and ye shall find" is an ongoing activity and only through participation can we find fulfillment in our Fraternity.

Have you made your contribution to the Brotherhood Fund, and made plans for the upcoming CHIP Day on May

22nd? If these things are not part of your agenda, perhaps they should be.

May the blessing of Heaven rest upon you and yours and may God hold you in the palm of his hand...

## Grand Sword Bearer Genesee/Wyoming



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Spring is now here and Easter is not far away. Hopefully, the snow will soon be but a memory. The Shrine Circus proved to be every bit as enjoyable as it was last year. The next major event will be Grand Lodge, which this year will involve some important issues upon which to vote, for all Masons throughout the State. The dues structure will have a major impact upon each of us, so make sure your vote is counted. Plans are under way to possibly "hook up" with either Allegheny or Niagara/Oreans Districts to travel to Grand Lodge together. More information will follow as it becomes available.

Things are still slow within the Genesee/Wyoming District, and as the weather improves, so will Lodge activity. Lodge breakfasts continue to be offered Sundays throughout the District.

A few readers who were kind enough to let me know they enjoyed reading my articles have approached me. After such compliments, I feel these thoughtful individuals should also receive recognition. Therefore: "Hi, Hilde! Hi, Marie! Hi, Sue!"

In closing, I will leave you with a seasonal message.

### Easter and Springtime

Easter and Springtime go hand in hand

At this happiest time of the year,

Both bring a welcome to bright, pleasant days  
Where flowers and blossoms appear.

Winter may linger, but try as he will,

He finds he no longer can stay—

For Springtime is tripping o'er valley and hill

And Winter is running away.

Easter is smiling and Spring time is gay,

Those March winds are blowing their last;

Soft April showers are busy at play,

And snowtime and Winter are past.

Springtime is greeting the first little birds

And driving the chill from the air,

The leaves bursting wide and the grass sparkling green

And ever so precious and fair.

Easter and Springtime have so much to give...

New life and new hope do they bring.

Smiles are abundant wherever you go,

For it's Easter, and Easter means Spring!

By Garnett Ann Schultz

Happy Easter to each of you, and may you enjoy the advent of Spring.

## Assistant Grand Lecturer



V.: W.: George R. Springett  
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Genesee/Wyoming District

Fraternal greetings to all the Brothers whom I have had the pleasure to be with over the last several months. I must say that I have enjoyed the visits to your Lodges and that all of you have made it easy for me to complete the task of being your AGL.

I have always thought that the Genesee/Wyoming District was a really great District with which to be associated and the Masons of the District are true Masons in every sense of the meaning of a man in Masonry. I cannot thoroughly express the thoughts and joys I share with you as there would be insufficient space in this paper to print all of them. Thank you all for making this such an enjoyable year and I look forward to serving as your AGL during the ensuing year with honor and pleasure.

I would be remiss if I did not conclude this year without commenting on the Ritual I observed. For the most part, the Ritual we have shared was beyond my expectation and well presented. There is just one thing I must say, though, we do meet, act, and part upon the square. The act and parting is self-evident in its conformity, but the meet has some difficulties. When I observe a Lodge's meeting room, I find the lack of conformity among the Lodges. We are to meet upon the square and I have not found all the Lodges I have visited on the square. Why do I say that? Well, in order to meet upon the square, all the furnishings within the room should be square with each other. Observe the position of the chairs used by the Senior Deacon and the Marshal. Are they facing the West as prescribed in your Ritual book? If your Lodge room is lacking this distinction, it is nonconforming with our Ritual, I will ask that the Master stop and make the correction prior to opening the Lodge when observed. In doing thus, our Lodges will then be on the square and in conformity with our Ritual.

The School of Ritual is open for any questions that you or any member of your Lodge may have even though a session you attend may have a scheduled theme. The School of Ritual is for every Mason regardless of his station or place in Lodge. Please join with us as we all grow as Masons together. See if your Lodge can take home the R.: W.: Jack Stockholm Memorial Gavel for having the largest number of Masons in attendance at the School of Ritual and, sorry, the hosting Lodge is ineligible.

School of Ritual for 2004  
May 20th - Hesperus Lodge,  
District leadership

September 23rd - Eagle Valley Lodge, Lodge business. Location pending.

November 16th - Oakland Lodge, Quiz Night.

## Oakland Lodge

No. 379, F. & A.M.  
1st and 3rd Tuesdays  
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By Kenneth Smith

Hopefully, by the time this information gets to my fellow Brothers, we will be enjoying some Spring-like weather. It almost scares me to think that the beginning of March has been very pleasant. All know the old saying that if March comes in like a lamb, it will leave like a lion. March got off to a slow start for Oakland Lodge. We only had a small turnout for our first communication and not much was accomplished. This was due to other commitments by yours truly and half of our Officers enjoying vacation time in the South.

### Sickness and distress

I reported last month that Brother Fred Hance had a pacemaker installed while in Florida. All reports are that Fred is doing well and has been able to get out and play some golf. Brother Robin Bowels is recovering from a couple of broken ribs. All reports are that Robin is home and taking it easy.

### Brotherhood Fund

The Brotherhood Campaign is off and running for another year. I am the Brotherhood Fund Chairman for Oakland Lodge. The best place to make your contributions is at our monthly communications. For those Brothers who are unable to make our communications, your contributions can be sent directly to me at: 8562 East Main Street, LeRoy, NY 14482. Any member who is making a contribution through the mail, please indicate toward which category you would like your contribution allocated.

### Lodge dues

Each member should have received his dues notice from the secretary by now. Please help facilitate this process by submitting your dues to the secretary as soon as possible. This will allow the Lodge to concentrate its efforts toward other areas and prevent you from falling behind a year.

May the blessings of Heaven rest upon all Masons and their families everywhere.

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### From the East

The Entered Apprentice Degree was held on the 24th of February as planned with an evening of pure pleasure and fellowship. An initiate from Attica Lodge and one from Olive Branch joined our new Brother. There were seven Lodges from our District represented, along with several Brothers from the Erie District, which made for a number of "sideliners" in attendance.

The Fellowcraft Degree was tentatively planned for Saturday, March 27th at Olive Branch Lodge in LeRoy. This should have been an evening that provided the best of all occasions, as the Temple at LeRoy provides the amenities required for the best exemplification of the Degree.

Another point of interest and enjoyment for all was the conferral of the 1st Degree at West Star Lodge, held on Monday, March 1st. This allowed our new Brother to get a first hand look at the full Degree, which he had just undergone the previous week. It should be mentioned that eleven Lodges were represented at that occasion, with more than fifty Brothers in attendance.

Work has begun on the fix up of the fourth floor of our Lodge. Your help will be greatly appreciated. Due to time constraints, the use of telephone and/or email will come into play at anytime in order to make this happen.

As was stated in last month's article, I am looking forward to traveling throughout the District and I would greatly appreciate your company in this endeavor. This allows for a means of renewing friendships and acquaintances!

### Sickness and distress

I would ask that you continue to remember with your thoughts and prayers: Brother Ralph Goodberlet; Maude Wilder, wife of Horace Wilder; Bobbi Dagen, wife of the Secretary; and Sister Margaret Nugent of our local Chapter No. 267, OES. Give them a call, or even visit with them as you can. I'm sure they would be receptive and appreciative of your concern.

Finally, Brothers, we continue to ask that you keep our troops in your thoughts and prayers. They are giving of their time while diligently performing their respective duties overseas and at home while we enjoy the comfort of our families and homes.

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

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Spring is in the air throughout the Eagle Valley area as I pen these words. Hopefully, Winter will not return and the Equinoxes can proceed without obstruction.

Illness continues to keep many of our number out of action. No news is heard of our prospective merger. Keep the faith that better times will come. May Heaven's blessings rest upon us! Amen.

**Attica Lodge No. 462**  
 1st and 3rd Wednesdays (Jan-Feb-Mar 3rd Wed. Only)  
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The life of Molly has been a busy one. She has traveled more this past month than all of last year. Molly has found her way back to Attica Lodge for the second time this month, having to leave West Star Lodge for the second time. It was a tough battle taking thirteen Brothers to win the prize. Hesperus gave us a run for our money, bringing twelve Brothers.

Congratulations to both Batavia and West Star Lodges for conferring the 1st Degree this past month. This means that the Craft is still alive and growing. Rumor is that the 2nd Degree might be at Olive Branch sometime in April.

Attica Lodge has been busy working in the community. We joined forces with the Attica Lion's Club and on March 1st manned the street corners of Attica to sell Kid's Day newspapers for The Women and Children's Hospital in Buffalo. Again, on March 6th, the Lodge and the Lion's Club traveled to Cheektowaga to work at the Variety Club Telethon answering the telephones and taking pledges. We worked the 12:00 to 3:00 a.m. shift. This is the second year for the Lodge to help raise funds for the Hospital. We look forward to being there to help for many years to come.

Welcome to our new Entered Apprentice, who seems very interested and should be an asset to our Lodge.

April 21st will be our Widows and Awards Night, and April 4th will be another breakfast. Please plan on attending both events.

Please keep in mind that our doors are always open and everybody is invited to join us on meeting nights.

**April calendar**  
 4th - Breakfast  
 7th - Lodge meeting  
 21st - Widows and Awards Night



Members of Attica Lodge displaying the Traveling Trophy, "Molly", captured from West Star Lodge. (Photo courtesy R.: W.: Dennis Turton, Sr.)

By R.: W.: Dennis Turton, Sr.

On Monday, March 1st, thirteen members of Attica Lodge attended a 1st Degree at West Star Lodge in Varysburg. While they were there, they claimed the rights to Molly, the Genesee/Wyoming Traveling Trophy. There were eleven of the twelve Lodges represented that evening and close to fifty in attendance, proving that Molly is doing her job!

**REMINDER**  
 Please submit the name of your nominee for the  
**Distinguished Community Service Award**  
 by May 1st

**Grand Director of Ceremonies Livingston District**  
  
 R.: W.: C. Eugene Hill  
 538-6581

Since this is my last article, I thank all for their support and I am amazed at how quickly the two years have gone.

I missed last month's issue because of my ill health and

several Association meetings. Since Christmas I have had a very bad cold, then Bronchitis and now my arthritis medicine has damaged my lungs. I have had a CAT scan, but the results were not definite, so I must have another in two months. I can only hope for the best. I cannot speak for the other Officers in the Livingston District who have not submitted their articles to the **Masonic Times**.

**Important issues**  
 Grand Lodge will be in session on May 3rd and May 4th. These meetings have several items slated for approval or

rejection. One is to raise the per capita dues \$9.50 commencing in the Lodges 2005 billing cycle. This will be followed by another increase of \$3.00 commencing in 2007. The per capita at present \$17.50 and the increase will bring it to \$30.00 per year. To me something doesn't sound right! I would like to know if all avenues of reducing Grand Lodge's expenditures have been examined. Why do Grand Lodge Officers have to have two or three new vans to carry them from place to place with personalized license plates to boot? There will be more items

brought up for balloting so our Lodge representatives better be awake and alert!

**Congratulations**  
 The DDGM, Livingston District, has informed me that the Officers will be flying to New York City on the Saturday prior to May 3rd and 4th in order to give all an extra day in the city. I take this opportunity to congratulate our new Grand Lodge Officers and wish them all the best for the ensuing two years.  
 Thank you all again for the great support which I have experienced. God Bless.

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This is our first column in the **Masonic Times** and, on behalf of the Brothers of Union Lodge No. 45, I would like to say "Hello" to the Brethren of the Lodges in the many Districts served by the **Masonic Times**. We extend to you an open invitation to come to

Lima and join us for an evening of fellowship. Our meeting nights are the second and fourth Thursdays of the month and the meetings start at 7:30 p.m. The Lodge is located at the crossroads of Rts. 15A and 5 & 20 and situated in the Northwest corner.

As our Brothers may have realized, by reading this column, we have begun the **Masonic Times** subscription. I hope that you enjoy reading about the various Masonic activities from around our area. I am also looking forward to our continued presence here as a member of the **Masonic Times** community from the Livingston District.

At our second meeting this month, on the 25th, R.: E.:

Skip Thorp and I will be presenting the Royal Arch Mason Fervency and Zeal Program for Symbolic Lodges. This Program is presented to show the relationship of the Holy Royal Arch as the Historical completion of the Symbolic Lodge's 3rd Degree. Our plans for the month of April include conferring the Entered Apprentice Degree, running through the Degree rehearsals and our after-meeting fellowship social gathering where we like to discuss, and maybe solve, some of the world's ills.

**Great visit**  
 A contingent of Brothers from Union Lodge had a wonderful time visiting Mt. Morris Lodge last month. The Broth-

ers there made us feel right at home, and even offered to teach us a thing or two about some unusual card games they know! I extend my thanks to the Brothers of Mt. Morris Lodge for taking such good care of the Livingston District's Traveling Gavel for this last year. I am proud to say that we were successful in bringing the Traveling Gavel back to Lima. We will be hanging it in a place of prominence and will keep it safe for future travels.

We wish Ms. Cheri Bearce and her brother good luck with a speedy recovery. Ms. Bearce donated one of her kidneys to her brother on February 18th and things are reported to be going well.

**Drumlin Square Lodge No. 1180**  
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By the time you read this, our Lodge should have raised two new Brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. The date was March 17th and the Damascus Shrine Degree Team performed the Degree

work. We all owe them our thanks for this effort. Also in March, we received another new petition for initiation and advancement and we will be processing it in the days to come.

**April**  
 In April, our Stated Communications will be on Wednesdays, the 7th and 21st at 7:30 p.m. We will continue our use of the Lodge System of Masonic Education (LSOME) to further educate our new Brothers about the Fraternity. This is excellent information and well presented. I encourage all members to attend and to partake of these offerings of information useful and interesting to all of us.

On Tuesday, April 20th at

Order of the Eastern Star, will honor Master Masons at the Palmyra Masonic Temple at 7:30 p.m. I urge our Brothers to attend and enjoy this effort and program, prepared and presented by the Officers of that Chapter.

**Enjoyable evening**  
 On February 21st, Drumlin Square Lodge entertained 15 widows of deceased Brothers at a dinner at the Garlock House in Palmyra. It was really an enjoyable evening. The importance of widows and our obligations to be available for them was explained. The ladies were lavish in their praise and thanks for this evening.

**Grand Lodge**  
 Brother Bill Jones, our

Lodge Secretary and Past District Deputy Grand Master, will represent our Lodge at Grand Lodge in May. Upon his return, we can look forward to his report of the business of that Grand Communication.

Also, in May, our Lodge must elect and appoint Officers for the ensuing 12 months. Brethren, we have accomplished some good things this year and acquiring new members is one of them. In the year to come, we will need leadership by a few and participation by many to rebuild Masonry and its influence in our Southwest corner of Wayne County. Please give serious thought to offering yourself to this effort for the year to come.

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



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Well, my Brothers, here I find myself writing my next-to-last article as District Deputy. My successor will have attended his initial training session in Utica preparing for his term by the time you read this. I share with you some reflections of my two terms as District Deputy.

In the area of membership growth and development, there has been improvement. In my initial term (2000-2002), information was shared regarding the long-term impact of our aging membership and anticipated losses due to death. We had lost 40-45 Brothers per year since 2000, plus NPDs, without significant growth in membership. As Lodges, we must work diligently at no less than maintaining our current numbers. Much has been said, both from Grand Lodge and within the District, about the economic impact of decreasing numbers of members. In this regard, 2003 was one of our better years in recent memory. With the One-Day Class and diligent efforts by some of our Lodges, our losses were reduced. Still, for 2003, we had a net loss of 24 Brothers in the OSY District. It behooves us, as Brothers and Lodges, to continually work at "bringing in our replacements" if we are to stem the losses we can realistically expect. We can do better!

Our efforts with the Brotherhood Fund are improving. As a District, we rank 23rd of the 65 in number of members. Our contributions rank us 29th and our percentage of giving rank is 15th, as of December 31, 2003. In my travels, I hear of the success some of our Lodges are having with contributions. I commend you. Again, we need to continue to work on improving in this area. We can do better!

The District efforts in the Child ID (CHIP) Program are improving. About one third of our Lodges have regularly scheduled sessions on an annual basis. I have been contacted by a couple of others wishing to get involved. This is truly one of the more important areas where we need to do more. We can do better!

Brothers should look to being more involved in District activities. The attendance at our bi-monthly meetings of the OSY Association varies significantly. It is important for each Lodge to be represented at these meetings to be aware of what is happening throughout the District and have a part in the planning of future activities. Our monthly meetings of the OSY Charities organization need better representation from our Lodges. Knowledge is a valuable tool and knowing what your District is doing and what you can do for your District is vital. We can do better!

As our trip to Grand Lodge approaches, I am pleased to report that at least eleven of our Lodges will be represented. With spouses and significant others, over 30 will be traveling to NYC on May 1st. Not only do we look forward to the business of Grand Lodge, but also to the opportunities for camaraderie and genuine fellowship among members of our District, along with Wayne and Chemung/Schuyler/Tioga Districts.

With this Masonic year drawing to a close, the District calendar decreases in size. I do encourage Lodges to keep us abreast of any special program (awards, etc.) that are in the works. R.-W.- William Colin, Staff Officer, and I will continue to visit Lodges in the District and are ready and willing to offer whatever support and assistance we can.

### April dates

2nd - OSY Charities at Waterloo Holiday Inn, 6:30 p.m. Contact George Stanton.

3rd - Second Annual OSY District Surviving Spouses Luncheon

26th - District 3rd Degree - TBA

### Ark Lodge No. 33, F. & A.M.

3rd Wednesday  
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Secretary  
V.-W.- Lance R.  
Ward  
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### Goals

The beauties and virtues of Freemasonry have many facets, while I, as Master of Ark Lodge, believe that our Fraternity, and Ark Lodge in particular, have two goals:

1. The development of Brotherhood within the Lodge.
2. Making manifest the spirit of Masonic Brotherhood outside the Lodge.

Great is the opportunity and great is the responsibility of the Lodge Master who sets his leadership toward these goals.

What makes a good Master? Is it his intellect? Is it his moral character, his inner heart and soul? His wonderful personality? His unique nature and the sincere quality of the man? Or, do we really know? How can we mold a real Master of the Lodge from the many Brothers of the Lodge? Must he be a good person and Brother, loyal and true to the Fraternity? Must he have the knowledge (Masonic) or must he want to really be Master of the Lodge?

I (Anthony Khoury) believe we are what we really are by the people, the experiences, things, and the interests with which we identify ourselves. The one common denominator which brings us all together (Ark Lodge and our 197 years in Geneva) is the fact that we have identified ourselves with the largest, strongest, oldest Fraternity of Freemasonry! To my way of thinking, Freemasonry really stands for something special in our lives: that Brotherhood is telling the truth and charity really means something to us; that we just don't give lip service or pretend, but we are

deeply committed to the principles of our Masonic Craft; that Freemasonry is truly a way of life and giving; that we stand for the high road, better and more kindly way of Masonic life; that we enrich all those we touch.

Great is our desire to raise our Lodge and our Masonic standards, great is our desire to spread our Masonic virtues in our family, community and nation. Nothing less can be accepted as our aim in life! I, as Master of Ark Lodge, invite all my Brothers to seriously contemplate being Master of Ark Lodge and give the type of leadership it needs for our future growth and our 200th Ark Lodge Anniversary in September, 2007.

The greatest depression of our modern time is not financial or economic, but the lack of ideals and integrity to stand up for what is fine and true. We, as real Master Masons of Ark Lodge and I, as Master, must be truly dedicated unselfishly to Ark Lodge, to other Masonic Lodges and Brothers, to our community and our worldly society and, most of all, to our families. This is what I believe a Master should know and what a Master should stand-up for. The choice rests with each of us in Ark Lodge.

### Definition of a Freemason

By Bruce D. Hunt, PGM, Missouri

The real Freemason is distinguished from the rest of mankind by the uniform, unrestrained rectitude of his conduct. A Freemason would be just, even if there were no laws, human or divine, except those written in his heart by the glory of the Creator. In every climate, under every system of a religion, he is always the same. He kneels before the universal throne of God in gratitude for the blessings he has received. He venerates the good men of all religions and disturbs not the religion of others. He restrains his passions, he gives no offense because he does not choose to be offended. He contracts no debts which he is not certain that he can discharge, because he is honest upon his Masonic principle.

### How to increase your life-span

Constant cheerfulness; learn something new each and every day; positive thinking; good heredity; at least one grandparent who reaches the age of 80; keep physically active; keep weight down; walk continuously; get much sleep; few medicines; no cigarettes; much discipline; light eater; keep in control; take things as they come; be calm, patient, and have lots of poise.

### Daniel Webster

"Let our object be our country, our whole country and nothing but our country. And by the blessings of God, may that country itself become a vast and splendid monument, not of oppression, terror or imperialistic, but of wisdom, peace and liberty, upon which the whole world admires forever."

These are the words of a great Mason, a great senator, orator and statesman. These words capture the quality of a Freemason and the patriotism of our great Masonic Craft and the dedication of our nation's

ideals of freedom and excellence. Freemasonry is America and America is Freemasonry. The two are inseparable and shaped our nation.

### Dr. Norman V. Peale

"In my travels at home and abroad, a goodly number of Freemasons noticed my Masonic ring, which I always wear. With great pride they say, 'I too, am a Freemason'."

"To me, a Freemason is one who is dedicated to God and service to humanity. I am proud to have Masonry in my heart and to be involved in its fraternal fellowship and to walk with my Brethren.

Why am I a Mason? Simply because I am proud to be a man who wants to keep the moral standards of high at its highest level and leave something behind so others will benefit."

### Rev. Dr. George Oliver

"Be very cautious whom you recommend as a candidate; one false step on this point may be fatal! If you introduce a disputatious person, confusion in the Craft will be produced, which may end in the dissolution of the Lodge. If you have a good Lodge, keep it very select. Great numbers are not always beneficial!"

### Brotherhood Fund

Please send your Masonic Brotherhood Fund donation to Brother Robert Mattick, 233 High Street, Geneva, 14456. Only four months left!

### Reminder

The original number of Ark Lodge Charter (September 2, 1807) was 160. Due to the closing of many Lodges during the anti-Masonic period (1826 - 1845) the New York Lodges were renumbered in 1839. Ark Lodge has its original Charter (come and see it in our Temple), hence Ark Lodge is 25th in seniority in the Grand Lodge of New York, with Lodge number 33. I am sure every Ark Lodge Brother is proud of our history and heritage of 197 years of continuous service and activity in our Geneva community. St. John's Lodge number one is in Manhattan.

### Grand Lodge of New York

Grand Lodge is responsible for the formation of three daughter Grand Lodges: New Jersey, 1786; Connecticut, 1789; and Michigan, 1844. From these three came California, 1850; Oregon, 1851; Washington, 1858; Nevada, 1865; Idaho, 1867, and Arizona, 1882.

### In our prayers

Please pray for: Dr. John Stelter, Harry George, Tom Bryan, Robert Inscho, Bill Kashouty, Horace Riddle, Arnie Schofield, and John Warder.

## Milnor Lodge No. 139

2nd & 4th  
Thursdays  
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Harwood  
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Secretary  
W.- Philip A. Trautman  
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Well, it seems as though Spring may really be here a little early this year, as the robins, geese, and red wing blackbirds are all back. After the Winter that we have had, Spring would truly be nice. I am writing this before our first meeting in March, which was to be our Family Day with our guests, the Shrine Clowns. I do hope that the meeting was well attended and if you didn't go, then I know you missed a very worthwhile and entertaining event. Our other meeting in March, on the 25th, was an Awards Night. I hope all of you who came out to honor our fellow Brothers enjoyed the evening.

### April

Our first meeting in April is on the 8th and will be our Ladies Night. We will have a dinner at 6:30 p.m., with entertainment to follow. This will be a night where we can bring our wives and get to know our Brothers' significant others a little bit.

The second meeting in April is Move-Up Night, so be ready. Study your new part and make it look like you have been there for the year. Taking pride in Ritual work well done shows that you care about yourself and about setting a good example for others in your Lodge to follow.

### Sickness

Keep Brother John Newvine in your prayers as he recovers from his illness.

### Grand Lodge

The trip to Grand Lodge is coming up very soon. I will be discussing in Lodge about the issues and looking for input as to how you would like me to vote. I am looking forward to going to Grand Lodge for the first time, as well as seeing some of New York City. I thank the Brothers of Milnor Lodge for assisting me in going. Without their assistance I would not be able to attend.

### Widows Luncheon

I would also like to add that the second annual OSY Widows Luncheon will be on April 3rd at noon at the Phelps Hotel. Reservations requested to Clayton R. Ruggles, (315) 548-3573. Cost is \$14.00.

May God bless and keep you in his care.



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 R.: Clayton Ruggles  
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It's hard to believe that as I write this article the month of February is behind us, and what a busy February it was. I thank all the Brothers who helped make our Pork Roast Dinner such a success. I think all will agree that it takes quite a bit of effort on everyone's part to make these events successful. Again Brothers, thanks to all who helped.

**February**

At our last meeting in February, we held a 1st Degree Historical Lecture. Thanks to V.: W.: Lowell Falkey for doing such a fine job on this most important Lecture. I received many compliments from

Brothers from other Lodges saying how impressed they were with this Lecture. I know our new Brothers were equally impressed. Also at our last meeting, we were graced with the presence of one of our Brothers who had just returned from Iraq. It was a pleasure to have Brother Staff Sergeant Todd Ruggles sitting on the sidelines. Thanks, Todd, for doing such a fine job keeping all of us safe and also for representing our Lodge, and all Brother Masons, in such a patriotic manner. Your presence at our last meeting touched all of us and, again, thanks from all of us on a job well done.

Our last Card Night was another successful event. We had 18 people there who enjoyed a night of Euchre, other games and good snacks. Everyone is welcome at these game nights. We start at 6:30 p.m. and you just need to bring a snack to pass. See me as to when the next Card Night is.

**March**

The month of March was equally busy, as we prepared for the arrival of Spring. We

had many projects that required good weather. I know I'm ready for Spring and some warmer weather!

**Degree work**

I would like to take a minute to say what a fine job Seneca Lodge No. 308 did on their 1st Degree held in February. Brother William Sergeant and I had the pleasure of witnessing this event and it's good to see such fine Ritual work while visiting other Lodges.

**Blood Drive**

I would also like to mention our annual Red Cross Blood Drive, which is currently scheduled for May 10th from 2-7 p.m. and will again be held at the Phelps Fire Hall, adjacent to the Lodge. There is more room there and access is much easier. I know that this is still some time away, but please keep this very important date in mind. I will be asking for volunteers very soon.

A few Brothers will be receiving an awards letter in the mail very shortly. There are quite a few Service Awards Pins that need to be presented. We have decided to present these Awards at our last meet-

ing of the year in June, which is our annual Steak Roast. We will look forward to seeing you there. I will have more on this as the time approaches.

**April**

On April 3rd, the OSY District will be holding its 2nd Annual Surviving Spouses Luncheon. Your Lodge has contacted twenty-eight surviving spouses in the area and invited them to attend as our guests. Lodge members have volunteered to offset the cost of the meals by contributing toward the expense. Any of our Brothers who do not regularly attend Lodge, and would like to assist with this cost, may send a donation to Clayton Ruggles, 1348 Griffith Road, Phelps, NY 14532.

In closing, please remember our servicemen and women and our Brothers in sickness and distress. Keep in mind that our first meeting of every month is a Pot Luck Supper Night. Just bring a dish to pass and supper starts at 6:30 p.m. Hope to see you at Lodge.

**April birthdays**


Happy birthday to Brothers:  
 Bobby Dorgan 7th

Todd Ruggles	8th
Jay Ford	9th
John Roush	9th
Vincent Rozella II	12th
Norman Schafer	16th
David Mowers	19th
Howard Lester	20th
Paul Scherbyn	21st
James Gostley	29th

**Raised in April**

Congratulations to these Brothers raised in April:

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

**District Deputy Grand Master**  
  
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**What's Happened**

The Have-a-Heart Campaign was extremely successful this year. You, my Brothers, raised over \$14,000 dollars during the Campaign. The check was given to the Ronald McDonald House on Saturday morning, March 13th. All the Brethren present at the ceremony should be proud of the work they did to make the campaign a success. I thank W.: Karl-Heinz Reich, W.: Dean Smith and W.: Michael McBride for all the work they did in chairing the Campaign and coordinating the staffing of all the booths. Yes, there were challenges, but these three Brothers did more than their share in making the Have-a-Heart Campaign a success again.

By the time you read this, the new Grand Lodge appointees will have completed their first round of training for the coming two years. Derek and I have been working with the new appointees to make the transition seamless to you, the Brethren of Monroe District.

I would like to thank R.: W.: Derek VanHouten for all his work in planning and coordinating the presentation of the Road to the East training program. The attendance was very good and the presenters did an excellent job. I hope the attendees will use the information imparted. The information presented should help the attendees plan and carry out a successful master-ship.


**What's coming**

April leads to the end of the term for many of the District's Masters. In an effort to put an

exclamation point on the Master's year, the Rochester Consistory will be holding a Worshipful Master Recognition Ceremony on Thursday, April 29th. I recommend that all Masters plan to attend this event. It is open to the public, so bring your friends and family. What is more fitting towards the end of your term as Master than a public recognition ceremony for all your hard work.

The Grand Lodge Convention will be held on Monday, May 3rd through Tuesday, May 4th. Every Lodge needs to arrange to be represented at the Convention. It is usual for the Master of the Lodge to attend the sessions and voice the Lodge's opinions on the resolutions brought before Grand Lodge. If the Master is unable to attend, one of the Wardens can represent the Lodge, or a duly appointed Past Master can represent the Lodge. This year there are several important resolutions upon which to be voted, one of which is the increase in the Grand Lodge per capita fees. The Masters and secretaries should be receiving more information on the resolutions and elections to be held. The current issue of *The Empire State Mason* has some information on the business to be conducted at Grand Lodge. It is in the interest of all Masons in the Monroe District that they be properly represented at Grand Lodge.

According to the information received from the Lodges in the District, the Monroe District lost a total of 11 Brothers this past year. The change was due to a combination of new Brothers being raised by both the One-Day Class and the traditional method and to death, demit and NPD. The Lodges and you, the members, have worked to improve the membership of the District. There is still more work to be done. I am looking forward to seeing this District start to grow. We are, and should continue to be, an example for the rest of the State of what Freemasonry is all about.

**Grand Sword Bearer**  
  
 Monroe  
 R.: W.:  
 Derek E. VanHouten  
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What do two years equate to when one develops a passion for the work in which one is involved? What does time matter? As I've said on many occasions, "who's counting?"

We could count the ways: two years = 730 days, which equals 17,520 hours, which breaks down to 1,051,200 minutes or 63,072,000 seconds but, again, who's counting? The District Deputy and I are now in the twilight of our term and the grains of sand continue to slide away, but we are too busy to notice. As each grain falls away, a memory, an experience, a clasp of the hand, a time spent with each of you in the District at a Lodge function, a Lodge meeting at a Table Lodge, at a Lodge meeting on an Official Visit, or from Labor to Refreshment, have occupied our thoughts and days over these past two years. As the sand in the glass diminishes, we offer our heart-felt thanks to each of you for the experiences which we have shared together. It's been, at times, frustrating, but I wouldn't have traded it for anything easier. We have both grown and have been enriched by the experience. We have witnessed the growth of men's intellect as they have led their Lodges as they have searched out and found "further light" in Masonry. We have met many of you and your families and enjoyed, more than you will ever know, our partnership with you.

We wish the new District leaders the very best in the tasks which lie ahead, and ask that you get to know them as you have grown to know us.



Brothers fixing their plates for the lunch, put on by Hilde and Joy (above), between speakers at the RTTE Course. Discussions of several of the topics were carried on (below) during the break from the presentations.  
 (Photos courtesy John Zabel)



Participants and presenters at the Monroe District's Road to the East Program celebrate the successful completion of their Course with a group photo.

Now, before I get too emotional, we'll move right along to other topics.

**RTTE**

Twenty-one Brothers attended the recent Road to the East Program and, as the Education Programs of the District fall on the shoulders of the Staff Officer, I was very pleased at the turn-out and the caliber of the Instructors. Thanks also must go to Hilde DiJames and Joy Woodley for their gastro-

mic enrichments of which we partook on February 28th at Wakan/Hubbard Lodge.

**Have-a-Heart**

The Masons of Monroe District can pat themselves on the back for the great job they did on the recent Have-a-Heart Campaign and the public's generosity in raising over \$14,000 dollars for the Ronald McDonald House. To the Committee, which con-



## Grand Sword Bearer

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sisted of W.: Mike McBride, W.: Dean Smith and W.: Karl-Heinz Reich, a "JOB WELL DONE."

Over the months, I have closed my ramblings with works which I have found in various publications. I wished to impart some thought-provoking message to you and this month is no exception. Carved in the heavy oaken doors of the Roycroft Inn in East Aurora, New York, are these words of wisdom, "The Love you liberate in your work is the love you keep."

To do great work one must fall in love with his task. You have seen the designer of a piece of machinery pat it with pride as he might pat the head of his son. It is part of him. He has built his personality into it. That is why it's such a fine machine. Work that is done in the spirit of love glows with a mystic quality that no one can explain. The worker feels as did Robert Louis Stevenson who said, "I know what happiness is, for I have done good work." From the *Kleinknecht Gems of Thought Encyclopedia*.

Until next time, when I'll talk about SWANS.....



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The next School of Ritual will be at Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge on April 21st at 7:30 p.m. The work for the evening will be the Public Installation.

### School of Ritual Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge April 21st 7:30 p.m.

I hope to have a copy of the new booklet for each Lodge by then. As of the time I am writing this article, the booklets are still not available from Grand Lodge. This will be the last SOR for the year and the last chance to get the SOR Attendance Banner. I hope to see all of your Officers there.

As the end of the Master's year nears, it is time for the Senior Warden to get ready for his year. With that in mind, the Joint Investiture Service will be May 21st at Fairport/Flower City Lodge.

### Joint Investiture Service May 21st Fairport/Flower City Lodge

All first time Masters are required to be invested with the secrets of the chair. This can be done by the Past Masters of the Lodge or as a Joint Service. As many of you PMs may remember, this is a very special occasion for the Master-elect. During April, I will send every sitting Master a letter with the specific details, as well as a dinner reservation form. This event is open to all Past Masters. Be sure to come out to show your support for your Master-elect, and give him a good start for his year.

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## Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109

2nd Tuesdays  
7:30 p.m.



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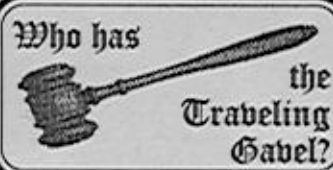
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Greetings again, from Valley/Simes Lodge. It has been a quiet month. The weather has been good; a great departure over January's weather. Since most of our activities occurred earlier in the month, and were in last month's paper, there is little to report. However, we aren't about to slow down our activities. By the time you read this we will have had "Officer's Move-up Night," a "Ladies Night! Comedy Dinner Theater!" and the "Shrine Circus." I will report on these great events in our next news article.

### Thank you!

I just arrived home from a 3rd Degree at Etolian Lodge. Originally, we were to bring a Brother to Etolian Lodge for his 3rd Degree. Unfortunately, we weren't ready. We will try to get him prepared by the time another Lodge schedules their 3rd Degree. Going back to the 3rd Degree at Etolian Lodge, I would like to thank both Etolian and Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge Brothers for getting together and offering their services to bring our Brother up to the 3rd Degree. Although we couldn't provide a Brother for this event, they did the 3rd Degree for their Brothers brought in during the One-Day Class. The performance of the Degree was exemplary and dinner was great.



### Who has the Traveling Gavel?

We still have the Traveling Gavel. I sent out a verbal challenge tonight to all Brothers present at Etolian Lodge. I would be highly surprised if we have it much longer.

### Sickness and distress

I have not received any sickness or distress notices for this month. Contact us if you are in a sickness or distress situation, or if you know of a Brother who is.

### Lodge Dues

There are still some Brothers who haven't paid their dues. If you forgot to pay your dues, or are encountering financial difficulties which keep you from paying, please contact the Secretary as soon as possible.

### April events

13th - "Awards Night" and "Ben Franklin Presentation"  
27th - Fellowcraft

### May events

11th - "Past Masters Night" - Election of Officer's and Annual Reports  
25th - Fellowcraft at Paul Gleason's house

## ERAC Lodge No. 163

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



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

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

152 West Commercial Street  
East Rochester 14445

"March Madness" is the term to describe college basketball championships that are held every March. It's a time for the best of the best to push themselves to the top. I believe "March Madness" was also true this year for ERAC Lodge. It was a very busy month for the Lodge, where we were challenged to perform our best and we succeeded.

A Summoned Meeting occurred on March 1st, where a unanimous vote approved the motion to sell our Lodge building and move our meeting place to the Shrine Center. For some people this was a great night to see our Lodge take on the responsibility of realizing its fate. For others, it was an uncomfortable feeling that we were changing the history of a Lodge where Masonry did its hard work for over 50 years in that community. W.: Phil Hurwitz proclaimed a "bitter sweet" vote and there is no other better way to describe the feeling of that night. A Lodge is not a building nor its belongings. A Lodge is all of its members trying to do what we do best: exhibit Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love. The principals of Masonry will help guide our Lodge in this transition and make us stronger. There are great people surrounding this Lodge and this decision has strengthened its vision for the future.

March continued with two great events. On March 22nd we had many Brothers from Eureka Lodge join us for dinner and a meeting. R.: W.: Rich Friedman gave a great talk that evening and it was again wonderful to see the Lodge room full. Many thanks to all who volunteered on March 27th for the Shrine Circus. We all had a great time and hopefully can continue this every year.

Congratulations to Mike Knolla who was nominated this year to receive the Royal Arch Award. Brother Mike is relatively new to our Lodge and exemplified both a great steward and Brother.

April is here and our last meeting in East Rochester will be the 3rd Degree on April 12th. Our Lodge Officers are working hard on the Degree, and this year ERAC's Past Masters are performing the Drama section. Please come out for the special evening and our

## ERAC Lodge No. 163

**Moves to**

**The Shrine Center  
979 Bay Road  
Webster  
April 26th**

last night in East Rochester. On April 26th we will meet at the Shrine Center, located at 979 Bay Road in Webster. Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. and dinner (reservation needed with Junior Warden) at 6:30 p.m.

"March Madness" will be over soon and as a Lodge, we came out on top. We are grateful for the hard work and decision making by many of your Brothers; without them watching and caring, our history could have been a lot different. Whatever your feelings were regarding the sale of the building, please come out to celebrate ERAC's future. Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love are what we promote and what we will always strive to offer to all.

## Union Star Lodge No. 320

3 North Main Street  
Honeoye Falls 14472

2nd Mondays  
7:30 p.m.



Master  
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Ripley  
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Secretary, Robert Sweeney  
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I hope everyone is in good health and spirits as we move into Spring. It sure is nice to get outside and enjoy the fresh air without a chill in the bones.

First, I thank R.: W.: William Zufall for giving our Lodge an inspiring talk on "The Morgan Affair." It was a very interesting program, and we appreciated him sharing with us.

It's been a busy couple of months, and I thank all of my Officers for all of their hard work throughout the Degree, and School of Ritual work.

Well, Brother Rob Sweeney has done it again! Rob donated two very nice library desk lamps for the Secretary and Treasurer desks in our Lodge. Not only will our Lodge room look better, but it will sound better now that Rob had our piano tuned, which he also donated. Thank you for your generosity, Rob.

### Looking back

Our new members, Brothers Glenn Clark, Robert Volzer, and William Buckland, had an

opportunity to participate in the "Walk About" Program at our March meeting. As always, R.: W.: Robert Sanford did an outstanding job presenting this program.

Our dinner preceding the meeting was Omaha Beef Pot Roast, served by Brother Rob Sweeney.

We covered a lot of ground at our March Fellowcraft meeting. Now that the weather is getting better, we can start with our Spring cleaning, inside and outside the building.

### April

Our April 12th meeting will be "Move Up Night." I encourage all of the Officers to brush up on their appropriate Ritual work. There will be no dinner for this meeting.

April 21st will be the 4th School of Ritual at Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge. The work for the evening will be "New Installation," and will begin at 7:30 p.m.

On April 26th we will have our Fellowcraft meeting at 7:00 p.m. I hope everyone can attend, as we have a lot to discuss.

### Looking ahead

On Saturday, May 22nd, our Lodge will celebrate its Sesquicentennial (1854-2004). The Grand Master, along with the Grand Marshal of the State of New York, have graciously accepted our invitation.

We will begin with a Re-dedication Ceremony in our Lodge at 3 North Main Street in Honeoye Falls at 4:30 p.m. After the Re-dedication, we will move up the street to the Norton Grill (formerly Sherwood Manor and Portico South) at 60 West Main Street. There will be music provided for your listening pleasure. Cocktails start at 6:00 p.m. (cash bar) and the buffet dinner will begin at 7:00 p.m. The cost of the dinner will be \$25.00 per person and seating capacity is limited. If you wish to come join us, please make your check payable to "Union Star Lodge," and send it to Jim Nersinger at 33 Park Meadow Drive, Pittsford, NY 14534 by May 8th. You can also call Jim at 334-9057 for more information. This is a very proud time for our Lodge and we hope to see you there.

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**From the Master**

Just a wee bit of news, not trivia or rumor! Whatever you have heard via the "grape vine" is nothing more than rumor or supposition. In other words, "Sour Grapes."

The process of consolidation between Charlotte-Corinthian and Etolian Lodges is going very smoothly. We have not sold anything to anyone, regardless of what you may have heard.

If anyone is anxious to know the latest news with reference to the status of the consolidation, call either Cliff Short or myself. This way, you can be assured that what you hear from us is fact, not fiction.

**Lodge Activities**

By Cliff Short

As you can see from the pictures, our Table Lodge on February 17th was a celebration that all who attended enjoyed. Forty-two Brothers, representing nine of the fifteen Lodges in the Monroe District, came together to participate in what might be Charlotte-Corinthian's last Table Lodge. It was an evening of great food, sharing thoughts, experiences,

opinions, and Brotherhood. It was a night to reunite with old friends, and to forge new bonds of Brotherhood that will last for many years to come.

The meal, from the shrimp/crab cocktail and garlic potato soup, to the roast beef, to the Black Forest cake dessert, was delicious enough to grace the table of an Eastern potentate. Our heartfelt compliments and gratitude go out to Hilde, Jan, and Joy for our scrumptious meal. You Ladies are really fantastic.

**Consolidation Update**

The second set of questionnaires have been filled out, in entirety, by both Lodges, and then submitted. We are waiting for the third set from the Grand Lodge Committee on Charters. All seems to be proceeding smoothly, and as we have planned.

The Temple, in Charlotte, is NOT for sale as of this writing. We will not put the building on the market until the consolidation agreement is accepted and ratified by both Lodges. By the tentative schedule of the Consolidation Committees, that should hopefully come sometime in the mid-to-late April time frame.

**Timeline update**

We believe that we are on a schedule that will lead to the consummation of our consolidation by the end of our Summer recess, if not earlier.

**Information/Rumors/Facts**

If anyone would like the latest, correct, up to the minute, information concerning the upcoming consolidation, call



Brothers enjoying the Table Lodge at Charlotte/Corinthian



W.: William Mitchell thanks Hilde and Jan (above), and Joy (not pictured) for preparing and serving the delicious meal for the Table Lodge. (left) W.: William Mitchell greets all the Brothers in attendance for the feast.

me, please at 225-0464. An alternative way to get the information you may want is by email. I do send out email updates as they happen. This is probably the best and easiest

way to stay well informed on what is happening. If you would like to be added to this list, send me your request through the internet, and I will be very happy to add your

name to my list. My address is: short4us@frontiernet.net. This way, you will get the exact same information at the same time as everyone else. ✕

**Craftsman Robertson Lodge No. 969**  
 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
  
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By W.: Skip Waterstreet

I received a letter in the mail from Grand Lodge and wondered what was wrong with the check and/or invoices I had just sent to them to clear our Per Capita Dues account and our Lodge Sales statement. Then I noticed it was from the Executive Office. What a surprise! It was from the Grand Master, M.: W.: Carl J. Fitje, congratulating me on receiving the Dedicated Service Award. Secretary Tom received a copy, too, so he knew it was a secret no longer...the cat was out of the bag! Then he asked me for the check to pay the bill. I told him I thought he should pay it as he (and others) were responsible for the expense. Tom didn't buy that idea. Seriously, thank you to all for considering me worthy of this prestigious award. I'm in some mighty fine company!

**Here comes the Judge!**

Brighton Town Justice Karen Morris was our speaker at the March dinner. What a charming and delightful lady...at least out of the courtroom. She gave an interesting overview of the duties of a Town Justice, which is a part-time job, and some specific details on unusual situations

she has encountered. Full-time, she is a professor in the Criminal Justice Program at MCC. Then she entertained questions. (She looked very suspiciously at W.: Clyde Siverd as he raised a query. But, I'm sure it was just my imagination.) Brother Warren Doerrer did it again!

**Dinner "fowled" up!**

I apologize for those who were expecting a Turkey Dinner (like me!). I don't know what happened. I was told when I got there we were having Chicken. Next month I asked for Turkey again. We'll have to see what happens. I'm carrying on like this because I have heard the comments that some people don't like meatloaf; others, beef; and so on. My friends, we are in a restaurant and there are other selections available. You are not locked into the menu of the evening. The first dinner we had at the Nutcracker was a bit strenuous, with the three selections available. By switching to only one entree, we have eliminated much of the bottleneck. That doesn't mean you can't ask for and obtain something different.

I would hate to find out that members and their wives were not coming to dinner because they didn't like the menu. Please remember that we have asked Bill, the owner of the Nutcracker, to provide us with a cost-conscious variety. We established Beef, Chicken, Meatloaf, and Turkey as the four items we would rotate around. If you'd like something different, or have any other suggestions, please let me know. I told Hilde and Joy how much we miss them, when I saw the ladies at a function last month.

**April Dinners**

Tuesday, April 6th, will be our regular Dinner and Social evening with our ladies. As stated above, we are planning on Turkey, and the calling committee will be seeking your reservation.

The following week is the annual Fellowship Club meeting at Rick's Prime Rib on Buffalo Road. Once again you should receive a call if you haven't made your reservation at our Lodge meeting.

If for some reason you are not on a calling committee list, be sure to call Brothers Jack Grover (247-3007), Bob Ogden (385-1422) or Ed Walker (647-2382) to make a reservation for any of our functions. They will see your name is properly recorded for the event.

**Annual Meeting**

Next month is our Annual Meeting. Our Officers will meet the 11th, at a time and place to be determined. Reports will be given on May 18th at our regular Lodge meeting. Also on that date will be the election of Officers for the ensuing year.

**Picnic**


It isn't too early to mark your calendar for our fabulous picnic. This year it will be on Saturday, August 14th. The location is the same, but it is now called Channing H. Philbrick Park. Festivities will get under way about 2:00 p.m., with the main dishes (Steak, Chicken, Hamburgs or Hot Dogs) being served about 4:00 p.m. Come out for a good time with your Lodge family.

**April Birthdays**

Happy Birthday to Glenwood Ide, Mark Jacobs, Earl Martin, Richard Militello, Arnold Raymond, Ronald Sterling, Charles Sutton, Robert Thompson, Derek VanHouten, David Ververs

and Carmen Vitali. We wish you all many more.

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead on Sunday, April 4th, when Daylight Saving Time begins. May the blessings of the season, Passover or Easter -- whichever you observe -- be yours. See you in Lodge. ✕

**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

Congratulations to the Past Masters of our Lodge for finally beating the Officers' line and Brothers in our Masonic Jeopardy Night at our meeting on February 23rd. This was the fourth such match up in six years and, up until this year, the Past Masters have been soundly beaten every time. We had a great time with a lot of laughs, and learned a lot about some lesser known Masonic facts and trivia.

Our next meeting was on March 8th, with the exemplification of the 3rd Degree. We opened Lodge at 5:30 p.m., completed the first section and retired from work to refreshment with a spectacular Ham Dinner prepared and served by our Sisters and Brothers from our Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. We returned to our labors to exemplify the raising of and instructions to the new Brother. I would like to especially thank

our Brothers from Charlotte/Corinthian for the extra help, some of it on short notice.

Mark your calendars, Brothers, as we have some special programs coming up in April. Our first meeting, on April 12th, will be preceded by a dinner starting at 6:00 p.m.

The menu is unknown yet, but I assure you Brothers, the Ladies from the Eastern Star have taken VERY good care of us this year. If you plan to attend dinner, please contact Tom Michielsen or me to make reservations by Friday, April 9th. After business, we will retire to the hall for some live Bluegrass, performed by some of our Brothers.

**Guest speaker**

At the second meeting on the 26th, we will be visited by a guest speaker. R.: W.: Rich Friedman, who will be giving a presentation on a historical topic. I don't know what the topic is, but it will be very interesting and informative.

**Consolidation**

The last topic I would like to cover is the consolidation efforts with Charlotte/Corinthian. For the last three meetings, the topic has come up in Lodge, but not many questions have been asked. I can't stress this enough, if you have any questions at all, I don't care how minor it may seem, I would really like to hear them. At this time, we are at an early stage in the paperwork proceedings. If there are any reservations, concerns, ideas, etc., now is the time to have them addressed. There is still a lot of time to incorporate your ideas, or answer your questions. I look forward to hearing from you, and will see you on the 12th. ✕



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Well, it's that time of month again to sit back down, rack my brain, and try to come up with a little something that's either new and/or interesting to you Brothers. As I write this, we (Western New Yorkers) have just had a little taste of Spring, with temps in the high 50s/low 60s for the tail end of February beginning of March, and what a delight it was. Hopefully, it is a sign of things to come and not just a tease or Mother Nature playing a mean trick on us. I can remember years past where the same happened and then somewhere in the last two weeks of March we were blasted with snow (shush, knocking on wood to not jinx us) or a dose of nasty weather. Hopefully this year Spring is here to stay.

Since my last article we had our 2nd Degree on February 5th, with an excellent job done by Mike Nohle as Senior Deacon for the Middle Chamber Lecture and Bernie Russell as Master of the Degree. I would also like to thank Bryan Rupert for stepping in and filling a hole for us for the first time. Bryan, well done.

We had another installment of Masonic Education Night on February 19th where I presented Masonic Presidents and Famous Masons in history. Here is the link to both, for those of you not on the 538 list, or if you missed the post: **Masonic Presidents** - [http://www.4masonry.com/education/files/artocto2/our\\_masonic\\_presidents\\_short.htm](http://www.4masonry.com/education/files/artocto2/our_masonic_presidents_short.htm) **Famous Masons** - <http://www.hoffmanlodge412.org/famous.htm>

As you read this, it's now April and the month of Easter and that little bunny with candy (mmmmm, chocolate) and those little colored eggs. It doesn't matter whether you're a Christian or not, or even if you believe in Christ, April is a month dedicated to the Great Architect of the Universe because of Spring, resurrection, rebirth, and new beginnings. Everyone of the ancient cultures, whether they be the Sumerians, Egyptians, Akkadians, Minoans, Babylonians, Assyrians, Chinese or Hindus, Myceneans, Hittites,

Greeks, or the Romans, as well as the Incas, Mayans, and the Aztecs, all believed in the rebirth of Springtime and that's why all the ancient calendars began in April. So let April be a month of rebirth and new beginnings for you and may the Great Architect shine down His providence and guiding light upon you. Easter is a time of rebirth, resurrection, and new beginnings and we as Christians symbolize this with the butterfly. The American Indian religions symbolize Springtime and rebirth with the butterfly, as well.

Before I go, let me take a moment to pass along some brief insight as to what the Knights Templar means to, and has done for, Masonry. As well as Christians, Jews, and all the other Supreme Beings-based religions celebrate April as the month of rebirth, resurrection, and new beginnings, because of the Templars. We, as Christians wouldn't be celebrating Easter without them.

#### Knights Templar origins

There are many historical accounts of the poor fellow-soldiers of Jesus Christ, or Knights of the Temple, more commonly referred to as Knights Templar. They were formed as a result of the Crusades, doing battle with the Moslems and capturing Jerusalem around 1099. Jerusalem fell and the Holy City belonged to the Crusaders and all Christendom rejoiced. Men, women and children pressed forward on their pilgrimage to the sacred city, only to find that although Jerusalem was in Christian hands, the Moslems still controlled Palestine. The highways and byways leading to Jerusalem were unprotected. The ferocity of the Moslems seemed to increase with the fall of the city, and mutilated bodies and the bleached bones of pilgrims soon became a common sight along the roadways. To add to the vulnerability of the pilgrims, thousands of the Crusaders with their primary objective accomplished, returned to their own lands leaving the countryside to the Moslems uncontested.

This was the circumstance that set the stage for Templary. A small band of Crusaders, remaining after the conquest, recognized the plight of the pilgrims and bound themselves in a holy Brotherhood in arms. They entered into a solemn agreement to aid one another in clearing the highways, and in protecting the pilgrims through the passes and defiles of the mountains to the Holy City. In short, the Knights Templars were laymen who protected and defended Christians traveling to Jerusalem. These men took vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, and were renowned for their fierceness and courage in battle.

In 1118 AD, nineteen years after the successful Crusade, these poor fellow soldiers of Jesus Christ, as they termed themselves, were officially recognized and sanctioned and were given for their headquarters, a building on Mount Moriah, the site of the former Temple of King Solomon. Consequently, they became known as the Knights of the Temple, or Knights Templar. This was the era of chivalric ascendancy. Much as outstanding athletes receive the hero worship and admiration of the public today, so did those Knights of old capture the hearts and the wealth of the public of their period.

Their fame spread like wildfire. Rulers hastened to be identified with Knights Templar and to present gold and property to the Order. It is a matter of history that the warriors who fought for Christianity as Knights Templar had their vicissitudes with more downs than ups on the battlefield through the centuries. However, their wealth and their prestige remained undiminished. On the contrary, their treasury became too large to escape the notice of some financially embarrassed rulers, especially Philip the Fair, King of France.

Philip the Fair, with Pope Clement, who Philip pretty well influenced, arranged for Convocation of the Grand Master of the Knights Templar, Jacques DeMolay, and his Officers at Paris. The Convocation was held, but Grand Master DeMolay and his Officers never left, at least not with their lives. In 1314 Jacques DeMolay was burned at the stake for alleged heresy and dozens of other accusations; all Knights Templar wealth was seized and Templary "moved underground."

Some have written that after the death of Grand Master DeMolay there was an unbroken succession of the Grand Masters and a constant Templar organization without a lapse. To simplify the story without attempting to elaborate or quote various researchers, all we know is that when Templary emerged in the early 1700's it was a part of Freemasonry and The Order of Knights Templar today exists as the top ranking Masonic organization in the York Rite of Freemasonry. It is to these Knights Templar and their Crusade against religious persecution that we celebrate the religious freedoms we enjoy today, whatever your denomination or belief system is. It doesn't matter whether you're Christian and celebrate Easter, you're Jewish and celebrate Passover, you're Islamic, you're Oriental, or your Meso-American, we all start the rebirth and resurrection of our Calendar and the beginning of our Astrological phases

with the Month of April. Going back 11,000 plus years, including every one of the ancient kingdoms of history, they all started their calendar and their rebirth with the month of April.

#### Upcoming events

April 1st - Role Call Night/Masonic Education Night. A Masonic Poem by Rudyard Kipling

April 2nd - Spaghetti Dinner

April 8th - Fellowcraft Club

April 15th - 3rd Degree - Formal/Officers in Tuxedos. Dinner.

April 22nd - Fellowcraft Club

#### Euchre Tournament

By Fred Cornell

Come one, come all, to Webster on May 1st for our 1st Annual Fellowcraft Club Euchre Tournament.

Bring your partner for eight games of Euchre at \$5.00 per person. We are located at 30 Orchard Street in the Village of Webster. Be there by 6 p.m. as we plan to start by 6:30 p.m. sharp!

Refreshments will be available. We'll see you there!

For reservations, please call: Hank Libera at 872-5427 or Fred Cornell at 352-6477.

**Wakan/Hubbard  
Lodge No. 154**

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Can you believe that it is April already?! My year as your Master at Wakan/Hubbard Lodge is fast approaching its end. I have had a wonderful, educational and enjoyable year thus far! Thank you all for your support.

Fun was had by all during the joint Table Lodge we had with ERAC Lodge. I thank W.: Terry Wihlen, Jr., along with his line and the Brethren of ERAC Lodge for such a wonderful evening. I especially want to thank the Brethren of the "Column of the Center" for providing such a fun atmosphere. The event (which I hope becomes an annual affair) was in dedication of Brother and General George Washington. R.: W.: John Zabel, as our keynote speaker, gave us a wonderful dissertation on Brother Washington. Thank you, John! I would be remiss if I did not thank both Steve Lysenko and Hugh Woodside, the Junior Wardens of both ERAC and Wakan/Hubbard respectively, for their planning and execution of such a great event. It was truly an enjoyable evening.

#### 1st Degree

We conducted our "Spring" Entered Apprentice Degree on February 23rd. It turned out to be a multi-Lodge event. We were honored by visits from members of both Webster

Lodge and Oatka Lodge. Our Junior Warden, Hugh Woodside, presided in the East and did an outstanding job. We were also honored by the presence of Hugh's Father, W.: William Woodside, who made the trip all the way from New Jersey to observe his son in action. Brother Bill had a lot to be proud of that evening. Welcome to our newest Entered Apprentice.

#### Wine tasting

Our first meeting of the month of April (the 12th) will be preceded by a dinner. Our ladies are invited. Business during the closed meeting will be a review of the Grand Lodge agenda. I plan to have a healthy discussion amongst the Brethren concerning the issues I will face at Grand Lodge, as your representative. Afterwards, we are planning to put on a Wine Tasting Program.

#### Adopt-a-Highway

It is Springtime and it is time to clean up our highway (Whitney Road between Linden and Route 250.) Therefore, I will be asking for volunteers to help me in doing our Spring clean up on Saturday, April 24th. As we have done in the past, we will meet for breakfast at Perkins at the corner of Routes 441 and 250, after which we will retire to our highway and complete the clean up. It is a great way to "give" to the local community. Please consider volunteering.

#### Master Mason Degree

On Monday, April 26th, we will finalize our Spring Degrees with the Master Mason Degree. We will have our traditional Roast Beef Dinner preceding the meeting. Please, consider coming out to the Lodge to support the Degree Team, as well as our newest member.

#### Grand Lodge Report

At our first meeting on May 10th, I plan to report to the Lodge the events and work done at Grand Lodge, which will be happening from May 2nd - 4th in New York City. Additionally, we will be holding elections for the 2004 - 2005 Masonic year. This is a meeting that I encourage you to attend.

#### Annual Banquet

Finally, we are planning to hold our annual banquet on Saturday, May 15th. It will be held at the Country Party House in East Rochester. Cost is \$20.00 per person and includes a dinner buffet with all of the trimmings. We will be giving out several Lodge awards, such as "The Mason of the Year;" "Master's Award;" Camp Turk scholarships, etc. Importantly, it will be capped with the awarding of the DeWitt Clinton Award for Community Service to Ms. Lauren Dixon. Ms. Dixon is currently the President of Dixon-Schwabl Advertising. She is extremely active in several charities in the Rochester area such as The ARC of Monroe County, Kidney Foundation and was the driving force behind "Horses on Parade" which supported

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**Claude H. Wright**  
President



Camp Good Days and Special Times, The Arts Council of Rochester and The Children's Hospital at Strong. I think you will agree that Ms. Dixon is a deserving recipient of this prestigious Award. With that said, let's make a good impression on Ms. Dixon and her family by having a strong showing for this last event of the 2003 - 2004 Masonic year.

For this, or any of the events listed, we need your reservation. Please contact our Junior Warden, Hugh Woodside, at 248-2106 or via email at: hwoodside@empireval.com.

Did you know what the word "Wakan" means? It is a word in Iroquois that means "Sacred." The Three Great Lights, our belief in God, the brotherhood and fellowship we share, and our belief in the immortality of the soul are all elements of our Craft that are Sacred. The next time you think of "Wakan," as in Wakan/Hubbard Lodge, think of "sacred" things in your life, such as Faith, Hope and Charity.

May the Great Architect of the Universe bless you and yours!

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I'm reporting from my post just South of the East, the Secretary's chair. Last week our Master, W.: Scott Brickman, had a family medical emergency when his son was rushed to the hospital. Thankfully, with everyone's prayers, Master Brickman is home, doing well. The Brothers sent a nice get well card which, I'm sure, helped his spirits.

Last month, Senior Warden, Dave Goodrich, and I attended the School of Ritual, held at Etolian Lodge. The first section of the 3rd Degree was presented, and many questions were answered.

Our four new Candidates received the 1st Degree in Janu-

ary. Harry DeHollander, Junior Warden, was in the East. The Degree was excellent and many of our new Brothers participated, which is always very encouraging.

The 2nd Degree was held in February, with a dinner and information seminar put on by the Sisters of Leah Chapter No. 183, OES. As a result, five petitions for membership in the OES have been presented. Our thanks to our Sisters for a great time.

The Degree was conferred by W.: Scott Brickman and again, many new Brothers took parts.

The 3rd Degree was held in March, preceded by another wonderful dinner by our Sisters of Leah Chapter. Yours truly was in the East for this memorable event. Four new Master Masons were raised with personal ties to many of our Brothers. Brother Frank Sassone, who I've known for many years, and raised with much love and memories of his late mom and dad, also dear friends of mine. W.: Gary Thompson, a Past Master of Clio Lodge, raised his son, Brother Nathan Thompson. Brother Jeffrey Robinson was raised by his brother-in-law, Brother Bill Hunn, our Junior Deacon. Brother Joshua Harmon was raised by his dear friend, Brother Thomas Kasper. Our thanks to all who participated in the Degree.

More good news, Brothers. Last month Brother Denny Wright opened a letter from our Grand Master to learn he was honored with the Dedicated Service Award. Please join us for the formal presentation on May 18th, at our Annual Meeting.

Our annual Ox Roast will be held Saturday, May 1st. Tickets are available now. Call 392-8156.

Speaking of dinners, I'm happy to report the Spaghetti Dinners are going well. Many thanks to all the Brothers for their continued support.

**Sickness and distress**

It is my sad duty to report the passing of a member of Clio Lodge since 1956, Brother Terry Traugh. A Masonic Service was conducted by his Brothers at Thomas E. Burger Funeral Home.

Brother Nick Panarites is hospitalized in Brockport. Brother Denny Wright visited with Brother Nick and reports he is suffering from Alzheimer's. A card was sent.


Have you forgotten to send in your dues? Is there a problem? Please let us know. We have 17 outstanding for 2004, 9 for 2003 and 2004, and 5 for 02 - 03 and 04.

**Upcoming April dates**

Our regular meetings are the 6th and the 20th. Spaghetti dinners are on the 14th and the 28th.

**Email**

Brothers, send me your e-mail addresses at: snoonan@esl.org. We'll add you to our email list. You will get the latest Lodge news almost as soon as it happens.

**FAME**  
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Our first meeting this April is on the 13th and will be a 3rd Degree. The Shrine Degree Team will be conferring the Degree, which will allow both the Officers and sideliners to enjoy the evening. The meeting will be preceded by a buffet dinner at 6:30 p.m., featuring Ham and scalloped potatoes, vegetable, salad, rolls and butter. The cost per person is \$8.00 and reservations are required.

Due to our Degrees this Winter/Spring, our second meeting on the 27th will combine our annual Awards Night with our annual Memorial Service for our Brothers who have joined the Great Architect this past year. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m., and we WILL be having a Pot Luck dinner that night. I hope we will have a big turnout to honor both our active and departed Brothers. We are inviting our Ladies to join us during the ceremonies, so be sure to get this on their calendars too!

**Reminders**

Brotherhood Fund Chairman Keith Moore tells me that contributions are coming in slow but sure. If you haven't made your donation yet, please do!

Just a reminder, dues are due! Please remit your dues to our Acting Secretary, John Foster (97 Owaissa Drive, 14622) as soon as possible. If you already have, thank you again!!

**Sickness**


Brother Leon VanHuben continues to improve, but still has a way to go. I'm sure he would appreciate a card.

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

I'm not sure if this will be my last article as Master for this year, but just in case, I would like to extend my thanks to all my Officers who have helped run your Lodge this past year. I wish Frank Churnetski the best as he takes over the reins as Master and also to all his Officers. I hope you will support Frank and his line as you have supported me. There are still many issues which face the Lodge and they will need your help. We are all in this together, and together Fame Lodge will continue to be an excellent example for Masonry. Thank you, again, for allowing me the honor of being your Master.

Last, but not least, Happy Birthday to all our Brothers with birthdays in April!

See you at Lodge!

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Our Spaghetti Dinner was great. For our entertainment, we had karaoke, a different kind of music from contemporary to classical, even back-

ground video that went from peaceful mountains during dinner to Christina Aguilera's newest during the cocktail hour. I thank all the Brethren and their wives who were present for their support. Special thanks to W.: Jim Weick and W.: Glenn Hedges for their help in the kitchen.

**Upcoming**

April is going to be a month to test our knowledge in Masonry in Lodge trivia (What's wrong with the Lodge?).

April 18th is Masonic Quiz Battle with prizes to the top team.

Remember in May is the Rusty Nail Degree.

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**Widows Luncheon  
 September 11th**

Logan's Party House has been reserved once again for the Widows Luncheon. This event is to pay tribute to the women who supported their husbands during their Masonic endeavors. Doors will open at 11:30 a.m. The Luncheon will begin at noon and will include entertainment.

**Plan now!**

Please note the date and make your plans now to attend. With Lodges taking their Summer recess, it is not too early to contact the Master of your Lodge or Lodge Chairman to obtain additional information and tickets.

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# Scottish Rite NEWS

Consistory  
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Lodge of Perfection

## Commander-in-Chief



Stephen R. Whittaker, 33°

### And Crown Thy Good With Brotherhood from Sea to Shining Sea!

At a recent Table Council event (the Day of Adar Festivities) it was a thrill to listen to these words being sung by our 32nd Degree Masons! It was a warming sensation to listen and know that they exemplify another of our Scottish Rite teachings: Love of Country. Special thanks and congratulations to Sovereign Prince George Nasra, and his line of Council Officers, for an excellent program. It was interesting to listen as well to the fine message that was delivered by our Active Member liaison, Ill.: David P. Spencer, 33°. Of special significance, were several items of Ill.: John Zabel's "Masonic Trivia"...especially the ones about The Grand Lodge of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations!

### One of many reasons...

It was interesting to read a Philalethes article recently that highlighted several of the reasons why men are attracted to our Craft. As a social group...as a community service group...or as a teaching institution, were among the topics reviewed. Each of us has his own reason or reasons for belonging. It's possible that your reason may be a blend of all three of these...or something else altogether different. It's an interesting point of conversation that seems to never quite fully be answered or understood. One reason for this commentary is that it is important that we understand why we belong...so that we can share this joy and good fortune with others who do not belong! As our Sovereign Grand Commander mentioned in his recent article in the *Northern Light*, we need to learn to be better salespeople about discussing the many positive things about our organizations. Think about the special reasons that you have for belonging...and practice sharing them with non-members...brotherly love, relief and truth...faith, hope and charity...fortitude, prudence, temperance and justice...and perhaps others! A great beginning to share your story is to "Reach Out and Say Hello" to one of your Craft Lodge Brothers and invite him to become a candidate in our Spring 2004 Class on April 23rd and 24th! Please contact our Office at 264-1160 for a petition and other information!

### Our 137 years of Heritage

It is interesting to note that this marks the beginning of the Valley's 137 year of service to area Freemasons. In keeping with change, Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill.: Walter E.

Webber, 33°, also notes that "we must be prepared to accept the challenges that await us." After having spent the last several years meeting the many challenges that were put before us, we sincerely hope you will join your Valley in its new challenges of increasing involvement of the critical mass and securing members.

### Continuing on with our "Special Privilege"...

A recent issue of the *Philalethes Magazine* mentioned some more privileges. The right to petition a Lodge...benefit of improving one's memory...benefit of becoming involved in the activities of a Lodge and its Grand Lodge...and Concordant Bodies...the right to vote...the right of visitation...the right to be elected or appointed to office...the right to Light. It's certainly a very special privilege to be part of this ancient educational system!

### The Order of DeMolay

Our very loyal and dedicated DeMolay leader, Sublime Prince Gary L. Burke, has been very diligent in his crusade to recruit new advisors for the re-institution of Rochester Chapter, Order of DeMolay. Several new Advisors attended training last Fall. If you are interested in serving DeMolay as an Advisor, please contact Gary so that he can set up the proper training initiatives. The Valley of Rochester will soon be signing formal documents to become the official sponsor of this Chapter.

### Passing the Baton

Please plan to join us on May 20th when new Officers for the Lodge, Council, Chapter and Consistory will be elected and installed. This will be at our regular May meeting...should be a lot warmer by then! It is a pleasure to pass the leadership baton to those next in line in all four Bodies. Personal best wishes are extended as these new leaders begin the process of planning, organizing, developing and presenting their team trestleboard for the coming year!

We are privileged to have men with vision, intellect, dedication, enthusiasm, care and leadership skills as our upcoming leaders. Congratulations to those who are about to be nominated and elected into these roles.

### Thank you very kindly

We extend our special thanks to the Officers of our Valley, Trustees, General Committee members, Office Staff members and other Committee Chairs who continue with their dedication and commitment to ensure that our projects are completed properly in a timely manner. Thanks very kindly.

### Ill.: and Honorable Frank J. Horton Class

During our Spring Reunion on Saturday, April 24th, we will be sharing some special highlights about the Masonic and Government Career of Ill.: and Honorable Frank J. Horton, 33°, retired member of the Congress of the United States, Past Master of Seneca Lodge, Past Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of

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### Allegiance

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

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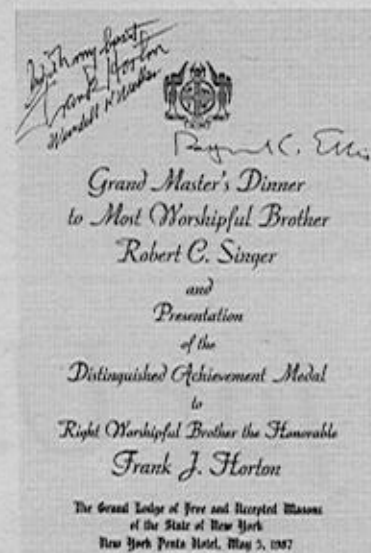
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Ill.: Richard H. Welkley, 33°

Ohio and a recipient of the Grand Lodge Distinguished Achievement Medal.



We consider it an honor and special privilege to have this upcoming Class named in honor of this great Mason! Please also plan to be with us on Friday, April 23rd and Saturday, April 24th, to witness another series of Reunion Degrees. Saturday's conferral of the 32nd Degree will again be a combined effort with The Valley of Buffalo.

### Customer value

Dues back in activities fees as long as you participate! It was quite interesting to talk with one of our long-time members who has not been able to attend a social event for quite some time. It was interesting to share with him that he could recover the cost

of his dues (and more) by simply attending and taking part in many of our annual events. That's a fine claim for value added that is indeed an excellent benefit of membership in our Valley!

### Salute

It was a special thrill to read the February 20, 2004 *Rochester Business Journal* and note that our Most Wise Master, Sublime Prince Michael Morris, was again featured for his pioneering work with

Apollo Optical and PRC Photonics Inc. His quote in this story was very interesting: "Basically you go and try one approach, you run into a wall and then you back up...time, patience and perseverance can accomplish all things." Congratulations to Michael on his many achievements in the optical engineering industry.

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Rochester Museum and Science Center) and share with Michael and the Chapter of Rose Croix this new and exciting opportunity to present this service in yet another new environment! A special mailing has been made to all members for this April 15th event. It is the only event that is a public ceremony and will honor those who have departed during the last year.

**Membership Retention**

There have been a number of requests for demits that have appeared recently. We will be working very diligently to establish personal contact and attempt to discuss what might be done in order that membership in our Valley can be continued and enjoyed. Special thanks to the several members who have accepted the challenge to reach out and have individual discussions. There have also been a number of potential situations involving discontinuing membership as a result of past dues not having been paid. There is also due diligence being applied to these situations.

**Masonic Matinee**

Sublime Prince, Michael Knolla, 32°, conceived the idea of preparing a series of dramas (plays) that could be presented to children in an attempt to share with them many of the lessons that are portrayed in our Rituals. "Opening Night" was March 21st. Special thanks to Sublime Prince, Michael Knolla, 32°, for his efforts and dedication that have made this a reality!

Think out loud; stick to basics; be kind.

**1st Lieutenant Commander**

By Robert D. Pedersen

**ROASH**

(Reach Out And Say Hello)  
As a member of the Valley of Rochester, or another Concordant Body, it is your obligation to "Reach Out and Say Hello" to all Master Masons. Whether you greet them in your Blue Lodge, or during another Concordant Body function, you should meet them on the Level, with a true understanding of our Fraternity, while promoting the values of Friendship, Morality, and Brotherly Love. As we greet our Brothers, while walking and talking as an Upright Man in Masonry, do you extend to them, the opportunity to continue their Masonic education in Freemasonry, by joining the Rite?

As a Sublime Prince, I would ask that during your Symbolic Lodge meetings or other functions, you announce the Valley's upcoming functions, whether it be our Reunions, Family Life Programs, or other information to the members of your Lodge. If this is done, with the Worshipful Masters' permission, it would not only inform our Valley members in attendance, but it may grab the interest of possible candidates, for future membership.

Do you know a Master Mason who would benefit from joining The Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite?

Did you know that only one in seven Master Masons is a member of the Rite? It is not

just the duty of our Membership Committee or Ambassadors to promote the Scottish Rite, it is yours as well. Membership itself is not the chief reason for the existence of the Symbolic Lodge, the Scottish Rite and other Concordant Bodies. It is our duty and our goal, to take a good man and make him better.

**Mark your calendars**

Our Reunion will be Friday, April 23rd, and Saturday, April 24th. It is tentatively scheduled to be held at the Rush-Henrietta High School. Details will be made available through mailings, the *Masonic Times*, or for further details; call the office at 264-1160 or 1-800-858-2320. We can always use your help or assistance, whether it be as a cast member, or assisting "behind the scenes" for a few hours.

Our Annual Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, May 8th, at the Burgundy Basin Inn. Details will be mailed shortly. Please join us, as we welcome our new Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret.

Our Annual Nomination, Election and Installation of Officers will be at our Regular Stated Communication, Thursday May 20th. Please join us to show your support for those Officers who have completed their Term, and for those newly elected Officers, as we begin a new year.

**Can you help?**

As I close, we must take a deep breath, and pause to think of what is ahead for the Craft. We are living in the most complex times of our lives. Advances in science, medicine, industrial technology,

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and communications have been immeasurable. Each of us must always look to improve our relationships with our fellow man. Here is our opportunity. Step forward. Our Fraternity can always use your help. Whether it be in minutes or hours, there are many tasks to be completed. If you care for the ideals, and wish to be a part in change and the growth of Freemasonry, call the office, our DDGM, or me. Just call someone you know and offer your help.

So Mote It Be.

**2nd Lieutenant Commander**

By John E. Zabel

**The Spring Reunion**

Through the work of Distinguished Brother Glenn Stahl, 32° MSA, the Spring Reunion will be held at the Rush-

Henrietta High School. The Reunion will start on Friday evening April 23rd when the 11th and 14th Degrees will be conferred in full form. On Saturday April 24th, the 16th, 18th, 27th, and 32nd Degrees will be conferred in full form. The Degrees will start at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday. The 32nd Degree will be conferred in conjunction with the Valley of Buffalo. Plan to attend this Reunion to witness the Degrees you have not witnessed before, and don't forget to bring your Passport.

There is a lot of work involved in presenting these Degrees. Therefore, it is up to each of us to bring in petitions of worthy Brother Masons for the Scottish Rite Degrees. The lessons imparted in the Degrees are important to the growth of men, and the drama of the Degrees is impressive.

**Haggai Chapter**

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Also scheduled to be in attendance that evening is M.:E.: James A. Lathen, Sr., Grand High Priest, M.:E.: Prince Hall Grand Chapter, Holy Royal Arch Masons, State of New York.



M.:E.: James A. Lathen, Sr. M.:E.: Lathen is a certified X-Ray Technician, receiving his training from the Manhattan School of Medical and Dental Technology. He also attended Julliard School of Music on a scholarship as a percussionist, while still attending the High School of Music and Arts.

He was honorably discharged from the United States Army Special Forces as a First Lieutenant, after serving from 1958 to 1961.

Brother Lathen is a 32° Mason, Past President of the North Eastern Circuit, Past Master of Euclid Lodge No. 70, Past High Priest of Rising Sun Chapter No. 4, Royal Arch Masons and Past Potentate of Medina Temple No. 19 A.E.A.O.N.M.S., Inc.

(Information furnished by Dr. James Ghent)

**Taxes! Taxes! Taxes!**

By Tom Michielsen

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

The Internal Revenue Service reminds taxpayers claiming the Child Tax Credit that they cannot get the full \$1,000 per child if they received an advance payment check last year. When figuring the credit, they must subtract the amount they received in advance. Failure to do so will reduce and could delay their tax refunds.

You can find the amount of last year's Child Tax Credit payment check by visiting: <http://www.irs.gov/individuals/article/0,id=11546,00.html>.

NYS Commissioner of Taxation and Finance, Andrew S. Eristoff, and NYS Consumer Protection Board Chairperson, Teresa A. Santiago, cautioned taxpayers to think carefully before opting for one of the "refund anticipation loans" offered by some tax preparers.

"Most refund anticipation loans are nothing more than massive rip-off schemes designed to whittle away taxpayers' refunds," said Commissioner Eristoff. "Before accepting one of these loans, taxpayers should calculate the effective interest rate and any associated fees. These costs often eat away refunds at rates that would normally be considered criminal usury if from a traditional lending institution. New York State offers ways to expedite your refund which will not cost you your hard earned money."

"Don't make an instant decision about an instant refund. Paying hundreds of dollars out of your tax refund doesn't make sense," said Chairperson Santiago. "Some people need money right away, and offers for a fast tax refund can be very attractive. What people don't think about are the costs, which can be substantial after you pay a processing fee and interest on this short-term loan. You could wind up paying a lot more just to get a refund a few days earlier."

Rather than accepting a refund anticipation loan, taxpayers should strongly consider filing their tax return electronically and authorizing direct deposit of their refund into their bank accounts. By combining the power of electronic filing and direct deposit, taxpayers may see their refund in a matter of days rather than weeks or months. The cost of e-filing is minimal, and free for many. The option to have a taxpayer's refund directly deposited into their bank account costs the taxpayer nothing.

ing. These two options provide a comparable benefit to refund anticipation loans without sky-high fees and interest.

**Taxpayer due dates**

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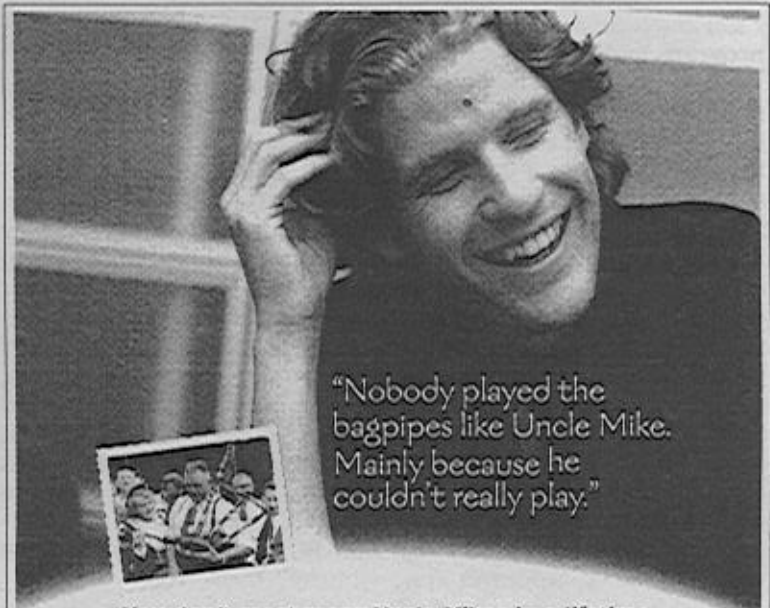
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**April 30th** - 1st Quarter Payroll Reports Due

**May 15th** - April Payroll Taxes

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# Shrine News

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## From the Potentate



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It seems as if I just wrote the March article and I am being asked when I am going to have this one!! Time flies when you're getting something done.

I am sure those who were at the March meeting will agree it was one for the books. We had over 140 people in attendance, the dinner was great, and our speaker, Scott O'Donnell, who is our Circus Promoter, exceeded any expectations we could have had in regards to his speaking ability. We are in Scott's debt for a superb evening.

By the time you get this we will either be just getting ready or just getting over the Circus. We will have put our hearts and souls into it, with the extra incentive this year of giving more to our hospitals.

We are now looking ahead to the fun and important events we have coming up. You have all received mailings asking for your help in our continuing Membership Drive. We have the Noble Bring - a - Friend Program scheduled for 4:30 p.m. on the 24th of April with Imperial Sir Ralph Semb as our featured guest speaker. Add to that, the fact that we have our own R.: W.: Richard C. Friedman, Past Junior Grand Warden of the State of New York, as the organizer of this event. I am confident this will be a program to remember.

I have had many Nobles approach me and put their hand on my back and say to me "If there is any thing I can do to support you this year just let me know." Well, there is, Noble. On May 5th we will be having a "Hot Sands" and we need Master Masons to join the Shrine. We had a good year last year and there is no reason that it can't continue. The fun that we have had at the meetings and the Circus alone is reason enough to join Damascus, but once you tell the story of the Hospitals, I can't think of any reason that one wouldn't join. I am asking all of you who read this, Nobles and ladies, will you please help me and the Membership Team of Damascus keep the Damascus Shrine a viable entity by asking a Master Mason to join us?

In April our main focus will be on the 24th and the full-page ads are in the *Damascus News*. The meeting in April will be an unveiling of two programs. We will present to you our new web site and also the new Public Relations Program. The website will be shown on the big screen and you will be given instructions for its use. You are going to be thrilled

with it and all it will offer you. The PR Campaign, under the competent management of High Priest and Prophet, Bill Lozon, will also give you one more thing to be proud of your Shrine Center.

In May we have a busy month, also. On the 5th of May we will be having our Hot Sands and the appeal for help has been issued.

On the 15th we will find ourselves out in the morning at the Lilac Parade. This is a CALL OUT PARADE, Nobles. That means that the Potentate is officially asking the Clubs and Units to participate. Your Colonel of the Units, Carl Mason, can answer any of your questions.

I am pleased with the direction we, as a Shrine Center, have taken so far in 2004. We are on the verge of taking some great steps forward with regards to the website and attracting children from the Damascus geographic area to our hospitals. This will certainly pay off with the sense of pride that will be shared by all of us. That sense of pride will give us a reason to talk about our Center to non-members and that is the beginning of getting the ball rolling.

I thank you in advance for putting your all into bringing in new members and, until we see each other in the quarries, be safe and God Bless.

## From the Recorder



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Hopefully, by the time you read this article, Spring will have finally arrived in Rochester. It's been a tough Winter, the snow and cold has worn us all out. I have been told by some snowbirds that running away to miss the Winter weather is great, but by the time March rolls around, they are looking forward to coming home to their family and friends. This gives me a warm feeling that someone cares about the "poor folk" who are left behind. To all you snowbirds, may you have a safe journey back North.

By the time you read this article, our 2004 Circus should be history. My crystal ball tells me that we had a successful Circus. A Tip of the Fez to the Nobles and Ladies who have given of their time to make the Circus a success.

Brenda and I went to Tampa for the Recorder's Seminar in early March. Once again it was a very enlightening experience. I came back charged with new ideas to make the Recorder's Office run more smoothly.

I have finally received a letter from the Imperial Jurisprudence and Law Committee

that our new By-Laws have been approved. I will ask our Editor, Bill Kuehne, and Assistant Editor, Andy Rueby, to publish the New and Amended By-Laws in the *Damascus News* in the very near future.

Have a Happy Easter and a Happy Passover.

## Shrine Lunch Club

President  
**Jan Lughart**  
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All Masons, Shriners and friends, are invited to the Shrine Lunch Club which meets at 12 noon every Monday. The cost of the lunch is \$5.00 (\$6.00 on Ladies' Day) for all you can eat and all profits go to the Shrine Hospitals. Ladies' Day is the 3rd Monday of the month which will be April 19th. We always try to have a special meal and entertainment on Ladies' Day.

Everyone please come out and enjoy the Spring weather, good food and fellowship and play some Euchre after lunch if you have the time.

## Zama Temple Daughters of the Nile

By Elaine B. Spiegel, PQ

It was wonderful to once again meet for our March 13th Session and to see everyone and catch up after a long, hard Winter. It felt like Spring had finally arrived with all the warm smiles and good cheer exchanged.

We had election of Officers and our Queen-elect, Sharon Spencer, is busy making plans for the installation of our new Officers on April 3rd at Damascus Shrine Center at 2:30 p.m. We extend a warm invitation to all of you to attend our Open Installation of Officers. It will be a festive occasion and a fine way to begin our new Nile year.

### Share your recipes!

We are working on a cookbook and we need recipes now! This is a money-making project for the general fund for Zama Temple. We need all kinds of recipes. Anyone can submit them for this cookbook. Mail your recipes now to Garda Houston, 590 Marsh Road, Pittsford, NY 14534, by our deadline of April 5th.

In April there will be a silent card party and more information will be coming soon.

We hope you will support all these coming events.

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Royal Matron  
**Audrey Curtis**  
442-5860  
Secretary  
**Donna Stalker**  
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Palmyra Masonic Temple  
161 East Main Street

Our next stated meeting will be Saturday, April 17th at 2:00 p.m. in Palmyra. The ceremony of uncrowning the Royal Matron and installing the new Officers for the ensuing year will take place. We look forward to a goodly number out for the meeting.

Grand Court is scheduled for mid-May at Lake George. A number of our members are planning to attend.

### Condolences

We regret the passing of Honored Lady Beatrice Quinter and Honored Lady Anna Young, since the last article. Our sympathy to the families of these departed Sisters.

## Monroe District HiLights, OES

DDGM Rt. Wthy. Sula Baxter 225-5284  
DGL Rt. Wthy. William Baxter 225-5284

Greetings to all, and happy Spring. It is so nice to see new life in the trees and in the garden. The geese have been flying over going to the ponds by the lake and it has been so nice to watch and hear them flying by. The Line Officers are working hard putting their programs together for the year. We were delighted to hear about the appointment of our new Grand Officer. Congratulations to Rt. Wthy. Evelyn Heller, Grand Representative of Utah from Rochester Chapter. Rt. Wthy. Bill and I are so happy to have her on the team.

Many of our Officers will be back from Florida and we are looking forward to seeing everyone and to continue our fellowship with them.

### April meeting dates

- 3rd - Line Officers' Meeting 9:30 a.m., Churchville Lodge - Rochester Chapter, Official Visit - 8:00 p.m.
- 5th - Neighbor Night, Irondequoit Chapter - 8:00 p.m.
- 19th - Irondequoit Chapter Official Visit - 8:00 p.m.
- 20th - Nolatka Chapter, Official Visit - 7:30 p.m.
- 26th - Charlotte Chapter, Official Visit - 7:30 p.m.

28th - Corinthian/Fellowship Chapter, Official Visit 7:30 p.m.

Rt. Wthy. Bill and I hope that the weather will permit members to come to these meetings and say "hi" to us. We are looking forward to wonderful evenings at these Chapters.

### Did you know?

I thought you would be interested in a bit of history of "school and public health nursing" as it relates to the suffragist movement.

Rochester, NY, was, in fact, home to another pioneer! Born on March 10, 1867, almost exactly 137 years ago, Lillian Wald, a suffragist along with Susan B. Anthony, also pioneered both School Health Nursing and Public Health Nursing. Ms. Wald believed in civil rights. She believed that regardless of socioeconomic status, race, or gender, not only did the individual have the right to vote, but also the right to have their most basic health care needs met.

For more information, go to: www.jwa.org; click on JWA - Lillian Wald - introduction.

"There's nothing wrong with the younger generation that the older generation didn't outgrow."

Peace be with you until next month.

## NOLATKA Chapter No. 320

Order of the Eastern Star  
1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Matron Wthy. Cynthia Nielsen 889-4207  
Patron Wthy. Robert Cyrstal 473-0279  
Sec. Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings 594-4692  
22 South Main Street  
Churchville 14428

By Wthy. Alice Hassett  
**Meetings**

At our April 6th meeting, we will have an Easter theme. Activities will be announced at the March 16th meeting.

April 20th is our Social Visit with the District Deputy Grand Matron and District Grand Lecturer. We will present the Floral Ceremony, page 141 in your Ritual, in lieu of the normal Installation Ceremony. The Associate Conductress,

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Conductress, Star Points, and Chaplain will have roles, in addition to the Matron and Patron. Dress is formal, with Star Points wearing white. Other female Chapter members will wear colored gowns, and, of course, men will wear tuxes.

**Anniversary**

Moving way ahead, and giving you plenty of advance notice, we will celebrate our 4th Anniversary as Nolatka Chapter on September 21st. Each member is asked to bring a new teddy bear (appropriate for a three-year old) to be donated to a charity. So look for the right bear at the right price.

**Reminders and Thanks**

Please send 2004 dues to Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings. We want to extend special thanks to both Wthy. Florence Thayer and Brother Gilbert Ralston, who made donations to Chapter in addition to their dues. We sincerely appreciate the loyalty and support of these members who contribute beyond the required amount. Don't forget to forward your used postage stamps, Boxtops for Education, Tops grocery receipts, and Campbell's Soup labels to Chapter.

**Fund-Raising Projects**

Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings is chairing the preparation and serving of several dinners, as fundraisers for Chapter. If you can work, or donate food/money, for the following dates, please phone her: April 14th (Wednesday dinner), May 1st (Saturday luncheon), and May 20th (Thursday dinner). Donations of food or money will be greatly appreciated, as they help to defray the cost of the groceries and increase the total fundraising profit.

Also, don't forget to send donations for the Bakeless Food Sale to Sister Jane LaPree. Last year's bakeless bake sale was a phenomenal success. Fancy baked goods are expensive to make, and take significant time and effort. We hope that our members will be generous in their contributions, again, this year.

**Lost and found**

Found: Women's khaki jacket with navy patches on the sleeves and red-lined hood at our Chapter rooms last Spring/Summer, possibly from the Progressive Dinner when we also had guests from Caledonia and LeRoy. Please phone Kim Robinson, 293-3298, to identify it and make arrangements to pick it up.

**Sickness and distress**

We hear that Sister Dorothy Estes, formerly of Oatka Chapter, and now living in Poughkeepsie, had a recent stay in the hospital. She is home and is doing as well as can be expected. Please remember our Sisters and Brothers who are unable to be actively involved in Chapter.

Sympathies from our Chapter have been extended to two of our Sisters. Sister Carol Pickworth's sister passed away and Wthy. Vickie Gross' grandson died in an Avon car accident. Please keep these Sisters in your thoughts and prayers who are unable to attend our Chapter.

**Birthdays**

Belated birthday greetings to Lepha Kretchmer, the mother of our Musician, Wthy. Betty Reisinger. Lepha was 100 years old on March 13th.

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

**Wisdom**

Our Worthy Patron, Brother Robert Crystal, shares inspiring words of wisdom at each of our meetings. I quote part of one of his readings (author unknown): "People come into your life for a Reason, a Season, or a Lifetime....When someone is in your life for a REASON, it is usually to meet a need you have expressed. They have come to assist you through a difficulty, to provide you with guidance and support, to aid you physically, emotionally, or spiritually. They may seem like a God-send, and they are!..."

How many of us have experienced a special person's showing up to aid us at a special time. And perhaps there was someone who needed us, and we were there for them. \*

**Tri-Star Chapter**  
**No. 209 OES**  
 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.

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**Secretary**  
 Rt. Wthy. Helga Haak  
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Palmyra Masonic Temple  
 161 East Main Street

Well, hopefully Spring has arrived. I have seen many geese flying overhead. This Winter was especially hard for our Sisters and Brothers living in Sodus and points East. It is great to see them back in our midst. I'm getting around better, but still have a ways to go after injuring my left ankle/foot in January. At least I'm off the crutches! Thanks for all the cards.

**April**

Our April 6th meeting will be dark so that we may travel to Humanity Chapter in Lyons for the Official Visit of Rt. Wthy. Melody Collier and Staff of Grand Officers at 7:30 p.m. If anyone would like to go, please give me a call. We usually have a large turnout from our Chapter since it's our regular meeting night.

On April 20th we will be celebrating Easter and honoring our Master Masons, plus our very own Rt. Wthy. Helga Haak, as Secretary. We will be having our Annual Pie/Food event during refreshments. We always have a great assortment of pies. All Master Masons are invited to join us for a fun-filled evening.

Our Starlighters group will meet on Monday, April 26th, at 7:30 p.m.

If anyone wants to come to a meeting, but needs a ride, please feel free to give me a call at anytime. We would love to see everyone who wants to be there. We always have a great turnout and good time.

Wayne District Study Club will meet in Lyons on Saturday, April 17th, at 10 a.m. Lunch will follow at noon.

There will be a Pancake Breakfast in Williamson on Sunday, April 18th, from 7:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

On Sunday, May 2nd, a Pork Chop Bar-B-Que will take place in Lyons from 11:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. Give me a call if you need more information on either event.

**Official Visits**

Other April Wayne District Official Visits include:

14th - Sodus Chapter, 7:30 p.m.  
 21st - Richards Chapter in Marion, 7:30 p.m.

A Reception for Rt. Wthy. Shirley Burlee, Grand Representative to Delaware, will be held on Wednesday, April 28th, in Sodus. There will be a dinner before the meeting. Call me for more information or if you would like to attend. \*

**Canandaigua/Fenogowone**  
**Chap. No. 326 O.E.S.**  
 2nd & 4th Weds.

Mat: Wthy. Leslie Smith  
 554-6715

Sec: Wthy. Shirley Wells  
 394-2778

Shortsville Temple

Spring is coming, I can feel it because it is April and so what can I say? It has to be right around the corner.

Our Official Visit went very well. It was a wonderful evening. We had the first Official Visit in the District, so we tried to make it special. We were wearing Green in celebration of St. Pat's Day.

Very BIG, BIG thanks go out to Rt. Wthy. Nancy Trickey for filling in as Secretary for Rt. Wthy. Shirley Wells, who was in Florida. Also another BIG thanks to Nancy Beecher and her cast for the wonderful Degree. It was great, and I know everyone enjoyed it. I could not do this job without the help of all my Officers. You are the best.

I thank Rt. Wthy. Nancy Trickey again, going from Secretary to Matron, as she will be filling in for me so I can enjoy a cruise to the Panama Canal. This is our Worthy Patron's retirement gift from me and him, to him. Rt. Wthy. Wayne retired on April 2nd, after 42 years with the VA Hospital. That is a long time to spend in one place of employment. The guys with whom he worked gave him a big send off with a surprise retirement party on March 20th. Boy, it was hard for me to keep my mouth closed for over three months!

**Happy birthday**

My April birthday ladies are:  
 Dorothy Guy 6th  
 Roberta Rex 10th  
 Leslie Smith 23rd  
 Eleanor Rouse 25th

Anniversaries are:  
 Margaret Crane April 4, 1970  
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 383-1947

Fairport Masonic Temple  
 87 South Main Street

I'm pleased to report that our Dinner Night program continues to grow stronger with each passing month. The event at Clemente's in Fairport on March 18th was our best-attended so far! Thanks to all the Brothers and widows who came out to enjoy an evening of fellowship, and to Brian Bills for organizing the event. Our next dinner will be at Rund's on the Ridge, 2833 West Ridge Road, on Thursday, April 22nd, at 6:30 p.m. If you don't hear from a member of our telephone tree by the weekend before this, or any other Lodge event, please call me.

**Upcoming meetings**

The next meeting of our Steering Committee, which is open to all members who want to assist in running the Lodge and its programs, will be held Thursday, April 1st at 6 p.m., at the Lodge. Because we postponed our 2nd Degree from March 8th to March 22nd, our Junior Warden's Program Night has been rescheduled for April 12th. The title of his program is, "All Things Masonic" and, knowing our Junior Warden, I'm sure it will be

both educational and enjoyable! With the change in the Degree schedule, we now plan to join Wakan/Hubbard Lodge in a joint 3rd Degree on Monday, April 26th. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m.; Degree at 7:30 p.m.

**Make it better**

Among the ways to improve any organization is to develop better communication and closer relationships among the members. Never make negative assumptions about one another, for many good friendships have been destroyed by simple misunderstandings. Don't assign each other the worst of motivations without regard to reason or common sense. Where offense is taken, consider that perhaps none was intended. We must work to improve our own Temples, which is to save ourselves, to be more open with, and tolerant of, one another, for only then, can we spread the mortar of true Masonic brotherhood, until it unites us in friendships which cannot be injured by petty disagreements. I believe that for Freemasonry to prosper in the new millennium, we must put behind us any former divisions, and work together to make a brighter Masonic future. To do this, we must accord one another our renewed respect and brotherly commitment.

My thanks to all the Brothers for your participation in our Lodge and its programs this year. Please feel free to contact me if you have any suggestions for new programs or activities which will benefit our membership. \*

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# York Rite NEWS

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## District Deputy Grand High Priest



27th  
District  
RAM

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Companions, as I start my year as District Deputy, I am sorry to say that a case of walking pneumonia kept me from attending Grand Chapter. The year of out-going Grand High Priest, M.:E.: David F. Stoy, was acknowledged and the new incoming Grand High Priest, M.:E.: James W. Hemstrought Jr., was installed during a very impressive program. It is also a time to get together for special social events. The installation of new members into the Order of the Old Saratoga is an event that I most enjoy, especially since the monies collected go to support charities.

By attending the local training program for District Deputies on February 14th, I learned the major points that were to be presented in Albany. I have been asked to bring the Grand High Priest, M.:E.: James W. Hemstrought Jr.'s words to you. He wishes to build on our successes and "Accentuate the Positive and Eliminate the Negative." I will bring the Grand High Priest's words with me at the time of my Official Visits. The Grand High Priest's Reception will be Saturday, April 24th, at the Chestnut Inn in Deposit, NY. Deposit is about 20 miles east of Binghamton. If you wish to attend, please contact me prior to April 19th.

### District change

A major change this year is the combining of Districts 26 and 27 into one (District 27). District 27 now includes four Chapters: Bath 95, Dansville 91, Hiram 62 and Steuben 101. Three Times Three Chapter has surrendered their warrant and the Companions have two years to join other Chapters.

### Trestleboards needed

Chapter High Priests, please send me a copy of your trestleboard so I can plan my Official Visit.

### Building Membership

Presenting the Fervency and Zeal Program to the local Lodges is an ideal method of spreading the word about Royal Arch Masons and gaining some new Companions. If you need a copy, I can send copies of the program by either US mail or email. High

Priests should appoint a team of five Companions to present the program in area Lodges. Now is the time for Chapters to send letters to area Lodges as Senior Wardens are building their trestleboards for next year.

### Traveling Scepter

The Grand Chapter of Quebec, Canada, presented a Traveling Scepter to our Grand Chapter in March, 2003. The Scepter will be moved from Chapter to Chapter throughout the next two years to promote unity and fellowship. A tentative schedule has been developed which indicates it will be some time before it travels through District 27.

### Traveling Plaque

When the Companions from Hiram were packing for the move out of the Downtown Temple in Rochester, they came across a Traveling Plaque. The Plaque is similar to the Traveling Gavel in the Blue Lodge Monroe District. I would like to reinstitute the Traveling Plaque and am requesting any information that Companions may have on its history. I will dust off the old Plaque and try to find the rules and regulations on its move from Chapter to Chapter. \*

## LeRoy Chapter No. 183 RAM



4th  
Tuesday  
7:30 p.m.

### High Priest

E.: Harry Tyson  
494-1137

### Secretary

E.: Norman P. Austin  
494-2223

8 West Main Street, LeRoy

### Congratulations

Congratulations to M.:E.: James W. Hemstrought, Jr., our new Grand High Priest, and to his line of Officers for the year 2004.

You could feel the excitement in the air at the 207th Annual Convocation of the Royal Arch Masons. The completion of a dynamic year with M.:E.: David F. Stoy and the passing of the scepter to M.:E.: James W. Hemstrought, Jr., who will bring Royal Arch Masons to an even higher level of accomplishments in the year ahead. The Convocation was well attended. The meeting rooms and reception halls were packed with Companions and their ladies from all over the world. Special recognition was given to the AGLs, DDGHPs, and to the Grand Representatives in attendance.

The Order of High Priesthood was conferred upon to 15 new High Priests. Presentations and the annual address

were, for the most part, short and to the point.

There were several hospitality suites, each offering a wide and varied selection of refreshments and munchies. We extend many thanks to the Companions and ladies who hosted the suites.

The high point of the Convocation was the awarding of the Bronze Medal to companion R.:E.: Jerold A. Brade of Western Star Chapter No. 35. The Distinguished Service Medal is only presented once a year to a Companion who has demonstrated outstanding service and devotion to the Fraternity.

### Dates

We have some special events coming up in April and May, so get your pencils and calendars out. April 27th is the Official Visit of the DDGHP, R.:E.: Leonard Mason. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. at the L. B. Grand Restaurant, with the meeting following at LeRoy Chapter at 7:30 p.m.

On May 25th, we will be hosting the Official Visit from the Grand High Priest M.:E.: James W. Hemstrought, Jr., to the 29th Capitular District. A dinner is being planned at LeRoy Chapter prior to the 7:30 meeting. Watch for the dinner details in the next issues of the *Masonic Times*. \*

## District Deputy Grand Master



8th  
Cryptic  
District

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The address has changed for the Grand Council's website: [www.nycryptic.org](http://www.nycryptic.org)

The Grand Council's website is a fountain of information with listings on education, calendar of events, and even a copy of the Constitution and General Regulations (revised August 16, 2003), just to list a few. Be informed; visit the Grand Council's website!

### Grand Line Officer's Visitations

The R.:I.: and Reverend Charles M. Roberts will make his Official Visit to Doric Council (located at Northfield Lodge, 17 Church Street, Pittsford), on Wednesday, April 21, at 7:30 p.m. Let us, as a District, support this Visitation with our presence. It will be an informative and entertaining evening. Check this paper under Doric Council's banner for information regarding time and place of meal.

### Grand Lecturer's Convention

The Grand Lecturer's Convention will be held at Nundawaga Council in the LeRoy Masonic Temple, 8 Main Street, LeRoy, on Monday, April 26th, at 7:30 p.m. Originally the plan was to go "South" to Hornellsville or Bath Council, but our Grand Lecturer has a medical problem that limits his amount of driving, and to make it as easy for him as possible with the

least amount of travelling, Nundawaga was chosen. The Grand Lecturer has told me he is covering the Royal Master Degree minus Lectures. He would prefer that the cast be made up of Companions who are not familiar with the parts rather than the "old stand-bys," so that this would be a real learning experience. I will contact the District Council's for participants.

The I.:M.: Ed Law has indicated there would be an "off the menu" dinner at the L.B. Grand Restaurant, 39 Main Street, LeRoy, at 6:00 p.m. sharp.

I'm looking forward to seeing you, and I do mean you, around the Altar of Cryptic Masonry. \*

## Hiram Chapter

No. 62

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

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Well, it's that time of month again to sit back down, rack my brain, and try to come up with a little something that's either new and/or interesting to you Companions. As I write this, we (Western New Yorkers) have just had a little taste of Spring, with temps in the high 50s/low 60s for the tail end of February beginning of March, and what a delight it was. Hopefully, it is a sign of things to come and not just a tease or Mother Nature playing a mean trick on us. I can remember years past where the same happened and then somewhere in the last two weeks of March we were blasted with snow (shush, knocking on wood to not jinx us) or a dose of nasty weather. Hopefully this year, Spring is here to stay.

Since my last article, we celebrated Ladies' Night on February 12th, with a wonderful time had by all as we met for dinner at Romano's Macaroni Grill in celebration of Valentines Day. We had 16 Companions and ladies who came out for dinner with another nine who had planned on coming, but who couldn't make it. We all enjoyed good company, good food, and good fellowship as we made new friends, or became reacquainted with old ones, which was the whole purpose of the evening.

February 26th was our Companion Bring-a-Brother Night, of which no one took advantage. I was a little disappointed, because with numbers dwindling in all Masonic Bodies, we need to keep recruiting and passing the message and knowledge onto other Brother Masons who would

make worthy candidates and Companions. Companion Joe Oelgoetz, R.:E.: Mike Adamus, E.: Jim Nersinger, and myself, did enjoy a nice dinner though, over at the Coal Tower Restaurant.

In lieu of potential candidates, we had a short business meeting and fine-tuned the upcoming events on the trestleboard and coordinated items for Grand Chapter, which was held this year on March 5th and 6th. It was my first time to attend Grand Chapter and I had a wonderful time. I made some new friends, reacquainted with old ones, and finally got the chance to meet some of the people I talk with on the phone and correspond with through email. The theme for the Grand High Priest's message this year is, "Accentuate the Positive and Eliminate the Negative," which our District Deputy Grand High Priest, R.:E.: John Dudley, will go into on his visit this coming year.

Below, you will find the two links I used to research another of my Masonic Education Nights at Webster Lodge on February 19th, where I presented Masonic Presidents and Famous Masons in history.

As you read this, it's now April and the month of Easter and that little bunny with candy (mmmmm, chocolate) and those little colored eggs. It doesn't matter whether you're a Christian or not, or even if you believe in Christ, April is a month dedicated to the Supreme Architect of the Universe because of Spring, resurrection, rebirth, and new beginnings. Everyone of the ancient cultures, whether they be the Sumerians, Egyptians, Akkadians, Minoans, Babylonians, Assyrians, Chinese or Hindus, Mycenaeans, Hittites, Greeks, or the Romans, as well as the Incas, Mayans, and the Aztecs, all believed in the rebirth of Springtime and that's why all the ancient calendars began in April. So let April be a month of rebirth and new beginnings for you and may the Supreme Architect shine down his providence and guiding light upon you.

Easter is a time of rebirth, resurrection, and new beginnings, and we as Christians symbolize this with the butterfly. The American Indian religions symbolize Springtime and rebirth with the butterfly, as well.

Before I go, let me take a moment to pass along some brief insight as to what the Knights Templar means to, and has done for, Masonry. Christians, Jews, and all the other Supreme Being-based religions celebrate the month of April as the month of rebirth, resurrection, and new beginnings, because of the Templars. We as Christians wouldn't be celebrating Easter without them.

### Masonic Presidents

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**Knights Templar origins**

There are many historical accounts of the poor fellow-soldiers of Jesus Christ, or Knights of the Temple, more commonly referred to as Knights Templar. They were formed as a result of the Crusades, doing battle with the Moslems and the capture of Jerusalem around 1099. Jerusalem fell and the Holy City belonged to the Crusaders and all Christendom rejoiced. Men, women and children pressed forward on their pilgrimage to the sacred city, only to find that although Jerusalem was in Christian hands, the Moslems still controlled Palestine. The highways and byways leading to Jerusalem were unprotected. The ferocity of the Moslems seemed to increase with the fall of the city, and mutilated bodies and the bleached bones of pilgrims soon became a common sight along the roadways. To add to the vulnerability of the pilgrims, thousands of the Crusaders with their primary objective accomplished, returned to their own lands leaving the countryside to the Moslems uncontested.

This was the circumstance which set the stage for Templary. A small band of Crusaders, remaining after the conquest, recognized the plight of the pilgrims and bound themselves in a holy Brotherhood in arms. They entered into a solemn agreement to aid one another in clearing the highways, and in protecting the pilgrims through the passes and defiles of the mountains to the Holy City. In short, the Knights Templars were laymen who protected and defended Christians traveling to Jerusalem. These men took vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, and were renowned for their fierceness and courage in battle.

In 1118, nineteen years after the successful Crusade, these poor fellow soldiers of Jesus Christ, as they termed themselves, were officially recognized and sanctioned and were given for their headquarters, a building on Mount Moriah, the site of the former Temple of King Solomon. Consequently, they became known as the Knights of the Temple, or Knights Templar. This was the era of chivalric ascendancy. Much as outstanding athletes receive the hero worship and admiration of the public today, so did those Knights of old capture the hearts and the wealth of the public of their period.

Their fame spread like wildfire. Rulers hastened to be identified with Knights Templar and to present gold and property to the Order. It is a matter of history that the warriors who fought for Christianity as Knights Templar had their vicissitudes with more downs than ups on the battlefield through the centuries. However, their wealth and their prestige remained undiminished. On the contrary, their treasury became too large to escape the notice of some financially embarrassed rulers, especially Philip the Fair, King of France.

Philip the Fair, with Pope Clement (who Philip pretty well influenced) arranged for Convocation of the Grand Master of the Knights Templar, Jacques DeMolay, and his of-

ficers at Paris. The Convocation was held, but Grand Master DeMolay and his Officers never left, at least not with their lives. In 1314 Jacques DeMolay was burned at the stake for alleged heresy and dozens of other accusations; all Knights Templar wealth was seized and Templary "moved underground."

Some have written that, after the death of Grand Master DeMolay, there was an unbroken succession of the Grand Masters and a constant Templar organization without a lapse. To simplify the story without attempting to elaborate or quote various researchers, all we know is that when Templary emerged in the early 1700's it was a part of Freemasonry and The Order of Knights Templar today exists as the top ranking Masonic organization in the York Rite of Freemasonry. It is to these Knights Templar and their Crusade against religious persecution that we celebrate the religious freedoms we enjoy today, whatever your denomination or belief system is. It doesn't matter whether you're Christian and celebrate Easter, you're Jewish and celebrate Passover, you're Islamic, you're Oriental, or your Meso-American, we all start the rebirth and resurrection of our Calendar and the beginning of our Astrological phases with the Month of April. Going back 11,000 plus years, including every one of the ancient kingdoms of history, they all started their calendar and their rebirth with the month of April.

**Upcoming April Events**  
8th - Table Lodge/Unity Night/Easter Celebration with dinner.  
22nd - Business Meeting

**Doric Council**  
No. 19 Cryptic Masons  
(Chartered 1861)  
3rd Wednesday



III. Master  
Bruce  
Horncastle  
(607) 347-4680

Donald W. Wright, Recorder  
621-5764  
17 Church Street, Pittsford 14534

At the February meeting, the Council successfully performed the Royal Master Degree again, not only for the edification of the Council members and to give the Degree Team further practice, but for the candidate, who shall at this time remain nameless until he has been greeted as a Select Master. The Ritual went well and a good turnout for the meeting was had: I truly believe that the pre-meeting dinner has something to do with that. Indeed, this Fraternity travels on its stomach.

The Select Master Degree was conferred at the meeting on March 17th, and guess what the dinner entree was - Corned Beef and Cabbage!

**Degree Fest**

A Cryptic Masons Degree Fest is being held at the Lackawanna Masonic Hall, 692 Ridge Road, Lackawanna, on April 3rd and is being hosted by Hamburg Council No. 91.

The Royal Master Degree, Select Master Degree and the rarely-performed Super Excellent Degree, will all be conferred there. If you have not seen and received the Super

Excellent Degree, this is one time you will not want to miss it, as it not only requires over 30 Companions to do the Ritual, it is almost never done in Western New York State.

Please feel free to contact me or the Deputy Master, Douglas Koenig, for further details. Douglas' telephone number is 223-6638, or email him at: quequesquared@yahoo.com. He is planning on attending, so make car-pooling arrangements through him.

Wishing Spring will arrive soon for all Companions, wherever situated, and wishing you all the best, I'll catch you all next month.

**Palmyra Council**  
No. 26  
Cryptic Masons  
1st Thursday, 8:00 p.m.

Master  
I.: Lee L. Collier, Sr.  
(315) 589-8146


Secretary  
David W. Taber  
388-0629

Palmyra Masonic Temple  
161 East Main Street

Our next stated Assembly will be April 1st at 8:00 p.m. in Palmyra. This will be an open meeting. Changes to the By-Laws will be the topic of the evening. Good refreshments and conversation will follow.

The May meeting will be the Election and Installation of Officers for the ensuing year. Approval of minor By-Laws changes will be voted on. The proposal will be mailed with the meeting Summons.

**Nundawaga**  
Council  
No. 92




4th Monday  
West Main Street  
LeRoy 14482

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

It was wonderful to greet everyone at the February meeting. This "edition" was in your hands quite probably before the March meeting occurred. Recall that March 22nd was Companion Bring-a-Companion Night.

Remember, too, that in April, is the Grand Lecturer's Convention. Plans for that event are being made and all Nundawaga Companions are most cordially invited to attend. The date is Monday, April 26th, at LeRoy Masonic Temple at 7:30 p.m.

**Palmyra/Eagle**  
Chapter No. 79  
1st Mon. 7:30 p.m.



High Priest  
Cyril White  
315-597-9546

Secretary  
R. Stuart  
Smith  
315-597-9763

161 East Main Street, Palmyra 14522

The next stated Convocation of Palmyra Eagle Chapter will be held on Monday, April 5th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Palmyra Masonic Temple, 161 East Main Street, Palmyra.

I will be reporting on the happenings at Grand Chapter. There will also be an explanation of the item in parentheses noted in the next paragraph.

All Companions of Palmyra Eagle and Royal Arch Masons from around the world (with some exceptions) are welcome to join with us in an evening of Royal Arch Masonic Light, good fellowship, and brotherly love around the sacred Altar of Royal Arch Masonry. There will be no meal scheduled before the meeting, but there will be refreshments afterwards.

As always, I'm looking forward to seeing you, and I do mean you, around the Holy Altar of Royal Arch Masonry.

**Batavia Commandery**  
No. 34  
Knights  
Templar



2nd & 4th  
Thursdays


Commander  
SK Garry Hutchurson, 494-1395  
Recorder  
SK James MacConnell, 494-1815  
39 Main Street, Attica 14011

The month of February has been quiet with not much going on, but that is going to change. March 27th is the Orders of the Temple as a Degree Fest. We are going to spend all day conferring the three Degrees with lunch as a fundraiser for our Grand Warder, SK Jim MacConnell. We hear he made it safely to China and hope he makes it home soon.


We wish Maude Wilder well as she has been sick and in Strong Hospital. We also hope Gordon Reeves is doing better. He still has not recovered from his accident.

My Lady, Wendy, and I wish you a happy Easter and hope to see you in April.

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**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

April 5th will be our Easter Observance. I hope as many of you who can will attend this, one of our most important celebrations as Knights Templar. As you are aware, we will be having our annual Inspection on April 19th. There will be a dinner beforehand and those who are planning to attend should let our Recorder know ASAP so we can let the restaurant know how many to expect. Also, be at the Lodge building no later than 5:45 p.m. so we can car pool over to the restaurant as we will be eating at 6:00 p.m.

Hope to see all of you at these two most important events. Remember this is your Commandery, and it can't function without your participation.

**CAMP TURK**

**2004 Camper enrollment**

The sessions are as follows:  
Session 1 - Boys ages 13-16  
July 4th - July 17th  
Session 2 - Boys ages 9-12  
July 18th - July 31st  
Session 3 - Girls ages 9-16  
August 1st - August 14th

For more information call either: Mollie Denslow at (315) 942-6716 or FAX at the same number. CampTurk@aol.com is the email address.

Dennis Rundle at (315) 866-8770 or FAX at same number. Email: gandalfleo@msn.com.

May 23rd is Open House from noon until 3:00 p.m.

July 24th is Grand Master's Day/Family Day. Everyone welcome, noon 'til 5:00 p.m.

Camp Turk clean-up will be May 21st - 23rd. For more information, call Dennis Breheny at (315) 724-2226, or email: dennisbreh@hotmail.com.

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# Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

Legion  
Clowns  
Caldron  
Historian

Jerry Spero, Monarch



"I've got an easy job for you. One with a title...  
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## Grand Historian

Home phone  
(315) 589-9021  
Grotto office  
671-6320  
**Kenneth Hutchinson, PM**  
hutchkv@netscape.net

**The Founders**  
We will always remember LeRoy Fairchild and the other founders of the Grotto in a very special way. It's that awareness that continues to define who they were.

LeRoy was born on January 2, 1847. For his entire life he lived opposite the Hamilton Masonic Temple, on Broad Street, in the center of town. When he married Adon and Sidney Smith's sister, they moved in next door. That house is a landmark; the house that was his birthplace is gone. "Roy" was perhaps the originator of the concept which evolved into the Grotto, though he was certainly surrounded by competent and enthusiastic assistants. In physical appearance, he was somewhat below medium height, weighing not over 140 pounds. He was packed full of zest for life and bubbling over with cordial good fellowship and friendly impulses.

His business letterhead read, "Dealer in Clothing, Furniture Goods, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps, Traveling Bags, etc."

The first recorded visit to Lalla Rookh was written in the minute book on January 26, 1894. "The Grotto was open without form." The bills for the evening included \$4.00 for cigars and \$20.00 for refreshments. "After the reading of petitions, it was announced that Deputy Imperial Monarch, LeRoy Fairchild, was in waiting. He was duly received and introduced by our Potent Monarch, George F. Loder. After a few well-chosen remarks, Prophet Fairchild took over as Acting Potent Monarch and initiated six candidates. After the meeting there was a banquet at which the Deputy Imperial Monarch and several

others spoke." LeRoy was the King Devil of the Fairchild Deviltry Committee, and chief founder of the Order. He held the office of Potent Monarch of Mokanna Grotto from 1890-1896; Deputy Grand Monarch from 1890-1896. He also was a member of Hamilton Masonic Lodge No. 120; Cyrus Chapter No. 50; Norwich Committee No. 46; and Ziyara Temple.

He was one of the original members of the Fountain Fire Company, and was first of the group to pass away, at the age of fifty, on January 23, 1897. His passing brought an occasion of mourning throughout the village.

Next month: The Founders, Adon and Sidney Smith. ✕

### Secretary's Corner

By Ken Hutchinson

**Welcome**  
Before the February 18th meeting, the Monarch and I had the pleasure to obligate John Merz of Webster Lodge. John was Master in 2001 and his signer, Moe Schirano, is also from Webster Lodge. Congratulations, John, on being the first new Prophet of 2004! We will take in candidates before any meeting. They must attend the Spring Ceremonial on May 19th or the Fall Ceremonial on October 20th.

You may obtain petitions at the Grotto Office or I will be happy to mail one to you upon request. ✕

### Legion of Honor

By Fred Cornell, Commander

First and foremost, I wish to thank all my Brothers, their wives, and fellow Legion members for making my Installation a memorable experience. As your Commander, our first meeting was March 15th at Bosdyk's. We discussed the plans for the year, which include at least two functions with the ladies. One idea is an evening cruise on the "Spirit of Rochester," with a dinner buffet on board. We also discussed a picnic in the Summer, possibly in July or August. I'm asking for your help this year with our functions, so bring your suggestions to our April meeting. ✕

## MOVPER

**Jerry Spero**  
Monarch  
334-7616

Can you believe that it's almost April already? I sure hope most of the snow is behind us.

There will be a special meeting of the Officers after the Lalla Rookh Grotto regular business meeting on April 5th. At this time, we will be discussing the Ritual for the Ceremonial being presented at our May meeting.

I welcome John Merz from Webster Lodge, who is our newest Prophet. If you would like to be next, and you are a Mason in good standing, contact any Grotto member. You

### Master of Ceremonies

By Norm Austin

A big "Thanks!" to Mike Bell and the other Prophets whose assistance last month made our dinner the success it was. This month, our dinner will consist of Spaghetti and Meatballs and, as usual, Chicken will be available. Come early for snacks and drinks. The bar opens at 5:30 p.m., and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Reservations are a must, and they can be made by telephone at: 234-0296, and leaving a message. See you there! ✕

### Attend Grotto Meetings

**Mon., April 5th - Board of Governors Meeting, Shrine Center 7:00 p.m.**

**Sat., April 3rd - Easter Egg Hunt Henrietta Town Park**

**Thurs., April 8th - Caldron Meeting 8:00 p.m. Charlotte/ Corinthian**

**Wed., April 21st - Grotto Awards Night Shrine Center**

*Enjoy the Fellowship*

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Monarch Jerry Spero with our new Prophet, John Merz, and Secretary Ken Hutchinson, PM  
won't have to miss out on all the fun and activities any longer.

**Reminder**  
We will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 3rd, at Henrietta Town Park in the Robert's cabin. The event is for all children or grandchildren, up to age 10, of Masons. In addition to the Egg Hunt, there will be a program that involves the children. Prizes will be in abundance and refreshments will be available for all. There is still time to contact Leon Randall at 638-2194

for reservations. We are filling a bus for a day trip to Turning Stone Casino on Saturday, May 8th. The trip is open to anyone on a first come, first serve basis. The cost is only \$25.00 per person and there are generally perks to get you started at the Casino. You may contact me, at 334-7616 for your reservations.  
**Make reservations**  
The April 21st meeting of Lalla Rookh Grotto will be an Awards Night. Remember to contact Norm Austin at 234-0296 for dinner reservations. ✕

**James A. Hard/ Wayne Charler Post No. 12**

**Commander Kenneth V. Hutchinson**  
(315) 589-9021

**Adjutant Vance R. Collom, Jr.**  
217-9817

At our February 26th meeting, Area Representative Alfred Pulcino III introduced the guest speaker, Barbara J. Cowen, of the Veterans Outreach Center. She spoke on their programs to veterans and the Flag Store. Her presentation was well received.

**Welcome**  
We also obligated our newest members, Heinz Gunkel and Cy White. We welcome them into our ranks. Before the dinner, Don Mc-

Dill set up a MIA/POW Table with an empty chair. Moe Schirano, PC, gave an explanation of each item on the table. It was a very meaningful presentation. I have asked Don and Moe to do the same presentation before our April dinner.

**April 22nd**  
Looking ahead, our April 22nd meeting will be the "Lodge of Remembrance." We will have the nomination and election of our 2004-2005 Officers and will be acting on two additional petitions.

**April 29th**  
Our Color Guard has been asked to Present the Colors at the Scottish Rite Worshipful Master Recognition Ceremony at the Shrine Center on Bay Road.

**Condolences**  
The Post extends its sympathy to Frank Jansson and his family on the passing of his daughter, Gail A. Caraballo, on February 21st. May will be a busy month. ✕



(above) Ken Hutchinson with speaker, Barbara J. Cowen, and Alfred Pulcino III  
(below) Ken Hutchinson and Luigi Campaniello, with our newest members, Heinz Gunkel and Cy White.





**Historic Building  
Lost by Fire**

Submitted by Tom Paglia

On January 15th, the Bangor Masonic Temple Association's 136-year old building was destroyed by fire. This historic building was home to two Masonic Lodges, the York Rite Bodies, and the Scottish Rite Learning Center. All of the

paraphernalia, jewels, aprons, furniture, files, records, artifacts, costumes and garments were lost. Firemen stated that they saw file cabinets and safes falling from the fifth floor to the cellar.

No one was hurt. Should anyone wish to assist in the recovery, please send your gift to: Harold E. McKenney, Jr., Grand Treasurer, Grand Lodge of Maine, 415 Congress Street, Portland, ME

04101. Make checks payable to: Grand Lodge of Maine and earmark them for the Bangor Masonic Temple Association No. 136 to help rebuild the Temple.

If you wish, send them to me and I will mail them in with any other donations received: Tom Paglia, 64 Grand View Lane, Rochester, NY 14612. Thanks for your assistance. *Courtesy Emessay Notes* \*

**Rochester Forest  
No. 133**

*Tall Cedars of Lebanon  
of North America*

4th Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.  
Penfield, New York 14526



Angelo DiCataldo, GTC  
738-9709  
Donald C. Bell, Scribe  
334-7768

By Don Brugger  
On February 25th, we successfully installed the Officers for 2004. The MD Program was very informative with Nancy Wright explaining some of the characteristics of different forms of MD and, in particular, the Duchenne-type of Muscular Dystrophy with which her grandson is afflicted. The program was further enhanced by the presence of the parents of the boy who both spoke about the difficulties of dealing with the disease and its impact on the family.

We had, at this writing, sent invitations to seven Brothers for our "Woodsmen Bring-a-Brother Night." We hope that more potential candidates will be invited and attend. More about that in the next issue. If you know of a Brother whom you think would enjoy the fun and fellowship of our organization, even if it were too late to invite him to our "Woodsmen Bring-a-Brother Night," please contact me.

Remember that in June we will be having our Annual Sausage Roast. This event would be an excellent opportunity for he and his wife to experience our fellowship and learn about the mystique of the Tall Cedars.

**Coming events**

We will again be hosting the ladies at our April Meeting for a Pot Luck Dinner. These dinners have become a popular gathering time for those who are unable to attend our regular meetings. We have, in the past, used these dinners to enhance our annual contributions to the Muscular Dystrophy Foundation Fund. Come on out and join us for the fun and fellowship. At present the program for the evening has not been established. You will be personally notified about the program when you are called for your reservation.

**Sickness and distress**

Brother Paul Kober is experiencing a slow recovery after hip surgery. After a disappointing setback, he continues to receive therapy at home to regain his mobility. Paul will soon be entering an outpatient program to continue his rehabilitation, so if you plan to visit, give him a call first. I have not been in contact with Doug Draker since my last report and there is still no change in Don Freeman's condition. Keep all these Brothers

in your prayers.

**Please read with an  
open mind**

Our activities and communications efforts are still in need of assistants (notice the personal pronoun.) As I said in my last article, with Brother Paul Kober temporarily out of commission, we really need some help in contacting the Brothers and supporting our activities. We must make sure that all the Woodsmen are informed of our coming events and that we have help setting them up. Why not try it, you might like it. This is your Forest. If you want it to survive, we need your support! Please call me at 458-6125 if you can help. \*

**Goodwill Ambassador**

By Albert H. Hensinger, PGTC

The Goodwill Ambassador for the year 2004 is Zachary Ondechek. Zachary was born on January 26, 1993 and was diagnosed with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy at the age of four. St. Georges, Delaware, is home to Zachary, his parents Kenneth and Mary Agnes, his older brother, Kenneth, Jr., and his younger sister, Rachael.



Zachary Ondechek with  
Ralph H. Horlbeck, STC

A third grader at Southern Elementary School, he enjoys being outdoors, playing on the computer and video games. A Special Olympian, he participates in soccer, basketball and bowling. Another involvement of his is the Challenger Baseball League.

Zachary has been actively involved with the Muscular Dystrophy Association, attending such events as Area Lockups, Harley Davidson functions and the Black and Blue Ball. He loves to attend the MDA Summer Camp where he enjoys swimming, arts and crafts, and the various sports.

The Discovery Channel and Animal Planet are his favorite television channels.

The Tall Cedars of Lebanon is a Masonic affiliated organization with over 16,000 members in 102 Chapters, called Forests, throughout the United States and Canada. Since 1951, the Tall Cedars have provided continuous financial support to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, contributing over fourteen and one half million dollars to the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon, and have the distinction of being the first organization to provide financial support to the Muscular Dystrophy Association. \*

**Caldron**

By Doris Bell, MCO

With the vicissitudes of the weather, our schedule has been tossed around and upside down. On February 7th, we had a very lovely Birthday Banquet, thanks to the efforts of Daughter Marcia Morrison.

Our next major event is Prophets' Night on April 8th. A letter has gone out to the Prophets, inviting them to join us for dinner and for a guest speaker. Mr. Benjamin Bruce, of the New York State Attorney General's Office, will be speaking about Identity Theft.

The Daughters of the Caldron will be hosting a Tea on Saturday, April 17th, from 1 to 3 p.m. Anyone interested in meeting the Daughters and learning more about the Daughters of Mokanna are welcome to attend. The RSVP number is 244-2895.

Safe travels and beautiful daffodils to all. \*

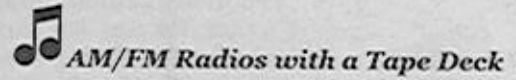


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**What is a Cat A Veteran?**

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- A veteran who is in receipt of a non-service connected VA pension
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- Purple Heart recipients and former Prisoners of War (POW)
- A veteran who has been rated by the VA with a service connected disability of 10% or higher

**What is a Cat "C" Veteran?**

- Category "C" means test co-pay required
- Veteran pays a co-pay for health care visits
- VA does not receive reimbursement for services provided

**Who qualifies?**

- A non-service connected veteran (not rated as having a service related disability or condition)
- A veteran whose income and assets are above established financial thresholds

Effective 1-17-03, Secretary Principi placed a suspension on VHA enrollment or priority groups 8c and 8g veterans

For more information contact:  
Canandaigua Veteran Service Center

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Brother Ira Cooperman, Director of Development, or Brother Robert Lauducci, Director of Volunteers, will gladly arrange to come and talk about the exciting developments at the Masonic Care Community.

For further information please contact:  
Ira B. Cooperman, CFRE  
Masonic Care Community of New York  
2150 Bleecker Street  
Utica, NY 13501-1788  
Tel.: (315) 798-4703  
Toll-free: (800) 322-8826

# Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

May 3 - 5	Grand Lodge New York City
May 8	Haggai Chapter Community Awards and Dinner
May 21	Joint Installation Fairport/Flower City Lodge
May 22	Sesquicentennial Re-dedication Celebration Union Star Lodge
May 27	OES Grand Matron's and Grand Patron's Official Visit Beahan Road Party House
June 28	Grand Officers' Apron Presentation Shrine Center
July 3 - 8	Shrine Imperial Sessions Denver, Colorado
September 11	Widows' Luncheon Logan's Party House
October 24	Interfaith Service and Brunch Logan's Party House

## In Memoriam

### February

**Caraballo, Gail**  
The loving arms of the Lord embraced Gail on February 21st. She was a member of Rochester Chapter, OES and the Daughters of the Nile. Survivors include her father, Frank Jansson, two children, and four grandchildren.

**Marinelli, Nicholas**  
Canandaigua Lodge lost a member with the passing of Nicholas on February 23rd at the age of 63 years. Three children and two grandchildren survive him.

**Impson, Harold R.**  
The Great Architect of the Universe claimed Harold on February 24th at the age of 91 years. He was well known as the leader of the Gene Harold Orchestra. Harold was a member of Craftsman Robertson Lodge where he served as Tiler for many years. He was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award in 1999. Survivors include his wife, Arlene, one son and one grandson.

### March

**Traugh, C. Terry**  
Death claimed Terry suddenly on March 4th while in Las Vegas. He was a member of Clio Lodge and leaves his wife, Nancy, six children, eleven grandchildren and one great-grandson.

**Eleoff, Samuel**  
A member of Craftsman Robertson Lodge; Hiram Chapter, RAM; and Cyrene Monore Commandery, KT, Samuel passed away on March 6th. His wife, Doris, two children and two grandchildren, survive him.

**We received no specific information on the following death.**

**Lyon, Harold K.**  
A member of Garoga/Sincerity Lodge, Harold died on February 21st.

**REMINDER**  
Please submit the name of your nominee for the **Distinguished Community Service Award** by May 1st

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# BIG CALENDAR APRIL 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Constellation - Perry Eunice - Caledonia Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster  RSM - Palmyra Council	1 2 Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m. \$6 adult; \$3 Child 30 Orchard Street  Wayne Lodge Fish Fry 5-7 p.m.	OES - Rochester Chapter - 3 East Rochester (OV) OES - Nolatka Chapter - Installation OSY - Surviving Spouses Luncheon, Phelps Hotel Nile - Installation Cryptic Mason Degree Fest - Lackawana
Attica Lodge Pancake Breakfast 8:00 a.m. to Noon  Alaska Cruise Informational Meeting Damascus Shrine Center 3:00 p.m.  Palm Sunday Daylight Saving Time Begins	4 Canandaigua - Shortsville West Star - Varysburg  RAM - Palmyra/Eagle OES - Irondequoit  KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford  Shrine Lunch Club	5 Charlotte/Corinthian Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps (SOV) Oakland - Castile Eagle - Honeoye  Tri-Star - Palmyra, visiting Humanity Chapter at Lyons (OV) OES - Fairport, Webster Passover	6 Attica Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy  Damascus Shrine  OES - Henrietta, Monroe	7 Eagle Valley - Bliss Milnor - Victor Union - Lima  RAM - Hiram - Pittsford  KT - Batavia Commandery  Lalla Rookh Caldron	8 9 Wayne Lodge Fish Fry 5-7 p.m.  Good Friday	10 OES - Rochester Chapter - 3 East Rochester (OV) OES - Nolatka Chapter - Installation OSY - Surviving Spouses Luncheon, Phelps Hotel Nile - Installation Cryptic Mason Degree Fest - Lackawana
Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinners Weds. April 14th & 28th East Avenue, Hilton  Easter	11 ERAC - East Rochester Etolian - Spencerport Fairport/Flower City Mt. Vernon - Java Village Union Star - Honeoye Falls Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield  Excelsior Chapter - Shortsville  Shrine Lunch Club	12 Arcade Batavia Fame - Irondequoit, 3* Seneca - Webster Valley-Simes  RAM - Dansville, LeRoy  OES - Leah - Hilton	13 Churchville Oatka - Scottsville  Triluminar - Pike  Masonic Service Bureau Monthly Luncheon Meeting  OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville, Corinthian Fellowship	14 Constellation - Perry Eunice - Caledonia Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster, 3*  Scottish Rite, Solemn Feast of the Paschal Lamb, Eisenhardt Auditorium  RAM - Western Star	15 16 Wayne Lodge Fish Fry 5-7 p.m.  Good Friday	17 KT - Sagoyewatha OES - Rochester Chapter - East Rochester OES - Wayne District West Study Club, Lyons Amaranth, (I) Caldron, Tea - Charlotte/ Corinthian
Tri-Star Chapter Pancake Breakfast Williamson 7:30 a.m.	18 Canandaigua - Shortsville West Star - Varysburg  KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford  Lalla Rookh Grotto Legion of Honor  Irondequoit Chapter (OV)  Shrine Lunch Club - Ladies Day	19 Charlotte/Corinthian Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps Oakland - Castile  OES - Tri-Star - Palmyra, Nolatka (OV)	20 Attica Ark - Geneva Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy  RSM - Doric Council, Pittsford (OV)  Lalla Rookh Grotto Board of Governors School of Ritual - Charlotte/ Corinthian	21 Eagle Valley - Bliss Milnor - Victor Union - Lima  RAM - Hiram - Pittsford  KT - Batavia Commandery  James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post	22 23 Scottish Rite, Spring Reunion 11* & 14* - Rush Henrietta High School, 7:30 p.m.	24 Damascus Shrine, Noble- Bring-a-Friend Night  Scottish Rite, Spring Reunion 16*, 18*, 27* & 32* - Rush Henrietta High School, 9:00 a.m.
	25 ERAC - East Rochester Etolian - Spencerport Fairport/Flower City Mt. Vernon - Java Village Union Star-Honeoye Falls Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield, 3* RSM - Nundawaga, Grand Lecturer's Convention, Cryptic - LeRoy, 7:30 p.m. OSY District 3* Shrine Lunch Club  Israel Independence Day	26 Arcade Batavia Fame - Irondequoit Valley-Simes  RAM - Dansville, LeRoy (OV), Wyoming  OES - Leah - Hilton	27 Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike Tall Cedars of Lebanon  OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville, Corinthian Fellowship (OV)  OES - Tri-Star, Reception for Grand Representative to Delaware - Sodus	28 Scottish Rite, Worshipful Master Recognition Night, Shrine Center	29 30 Scottish Rite, Spring Reunion 11* & 14* - Rush Henrietta High School, 7:30 p.m.	31

Gem - Diamond  
Flower - Sweet Pea