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## 223<sup>RD</sup> GRAND LODGE ELECTS 2004-2006 GRAND LINE

### M.:W.: EDWARD R. TROSIN GRAND MASTER

M.:W.: Edward R. Trosin is a member of Tonawanda Lodge No. 247 where he served as Master in 1981. He was appointed Junior Grand Deacon, 1993-1995 and Senior Grand Deacon, 1995-1998. He has also served as Deputy Grand Marshal and Grand Marshal, 1998-2002. He was elected Deputy Grand Master for the 2002-2004 term.

M.:W.: Trosin is very active on many Grand Lodge Committees, including serving as Chairman of the Grand Master's Advisory Committee. He is also a member of several Concordant Bodies.

He graduated from Syracuse University with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. His business career was focused on the data processing industry. He is retired from Bell Aerospace Textron.

Edward and Barbara were married in 1964. They have two married daughters: Rhonda, married to Chris Brown; Heather to Aaron Marshal. They have three grandchildren.



### R.:W.: NEAL I. BIDNICK DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

R.:W.: Bidnick was elected Grand Treasurer for the 2002-2004 term. He was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the Sixth Manhattan District, 1986-1987. He has served on several local, District and Grand Lodge Committees. He was a member of the Grand Master's One-Day Class Coordinating Committee and Chairman of the Grand Lodge Committee on Lodges and Buildings from 2000-2003.

He was a Director of the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory in Utica from 1990-1999 and served as the Treasurer from 1996-1999.

Neal I. Bidnick is married to Joyce. They have one son, Brian.

*(Editor's note: He will be the speaker at the Apron Presentation Dinner on June 28th.)*

R.:W.: Neal I. Bidnick was raised in Bredablick Lodge No. 880 in 1975 and was the 1982-1983 Master. He is also a member of Justice Lodge No. 750, as well as an honorary member of four other Lodges. He is also a member of several Concordant Bodies.

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### R.:W.: JAMES E. SULLIVAN SENIOR GRAND WARDEN

R.:W.: James E. Sullivan was raised in Red Jacket Lodge No. 646 in 1979. He served as Master in 1985 and as Secretary of the Lodge from 2000 to the present. He was Junior Grand Warden, 2002-2004.

R.:W.: Sullivan was appointed District Deputy Grand Master for the Niagara/Orleans District from 1992 to 1994, and has also served on several local, District and Grand Lodge Committees, including acting as Chairman of



### R.:W.: DENNIS A. BREHENY JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN

R.:W.: Dennis A. Breheny was raised in 1980 in Carducci Lodge No. 924. He served as Master from 1985-1987 and again in 1989. He is a Charter Member Past Master of Infinity Lodge; member and Past Master of Sauquoit Lodge, where, during his term, his Lodge raised over 75 members; member of Utica Lodge No. 47; member of Nortrip Lodge No. 998.

R.:W.: Breheny was the District Deputy Grand Master



### R.:W.: GILBERT SAVITZKY GRAND SECRETARY

R.:W.: Gilbert Savitzky was raised in John Hancock Lodge No. 70 and was Master in 1974. He was appointed the 1979-1980 District Deputy Grand Master of the First Manhattan District.

He was elected Grand Treasurer for 1989-1990; and Trustee to the Masonic Hall and Home from 1985 to 1989. He served on many committees and was elected Treasurer of the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Home. He was also appointed Grand Representative



### R.:W.: VINCENT LIBONE GRAND TREASURER

R.:W.: Vincent Libone was raised in Garibaldi Lodge No. 542 in 1973 and served as Master in 1980. Grand Master Robert Singer appointed him the 1987-88 District Deputy of the Tenth Manhattan District.

He was appointed Deputy Grand Marshal, 1995-1998, and Grand Marshal, 1998-2000. He has served on several District and Grand Lodge Committees, including the Grand Lodge Convention Committee, of which he was Vice-Chairman, 2002-2004. He also served on the Grand Master's and Deputy Grand Master's Advisory Board from 2002-2004. M.:W.: Earle J. Hino presented R.:W.: Libone with the Livingston

These four biographical sketches are continued on page 3



### Editor's Corner

With this issue, we complete our 15th edition. David and I have experimented with different approaches. At least some of you are pleased with our efforts and have told us so. We appreciate the compliments and suggestions you have made. We hope our new look is encouraging you to read more than just your Lodge.

I've worked Dave King pretty hard a few times over the last several months. He must really like the results, because he doesn't complain.

Mat Gingold has been a loyal and faithful assistant. I've asked him to expand his help by coming in to help proofread some articles on several occasions, which he does willingly.

The newest addition to the staff, Norm Austin, brings an expertise and command of the English language like no one else I can think of off hand. You'd be surprised how many times we discuss the exact meaning a contributor is trying to convey. With all this help, it is really a simple task.

Then there is Barbara. She tolerates us all as she plugs away on the computer (when it works!) composing your articles. While more and more come in electronically, which makes it easier, there are still many articles received as hard copy...some hand written, which pose interesting challenges. Through the two "tough newspaper weeks" she handles the regular tasks of the Service Bureau without complaint, while Dave and I continually ask for corrections.

We can't thank enough our correspondents from the organizations who toil on your behalf, and ours, for without their information, there would be nothing to publish and no *Masonic Times*. We appreciate all the effort expended on our behalf. We hope the new crop of Masters will jump right in, or appoint someone to keep their Lodge information flowing.

Thank you...to my staff, our contributors, our advertisers and our readers. Have a great Summer! We'll back with our next issue in September. Thanks for reading.

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Congratulations from the Masonic Service Bureau, and me personally, to all the new Grand Lodge Officers and newly elected Masters. Feel free to call on us anytime if there's anything we can do for you.

Please mark the following very important dates on the calendar of events you present to your Lodge.

June 23rd - Charities and Scholarship Presentations at the Shrine Center. Refreshments will be served beginning at 7:00 p.m., with the Program beginning at 7:30 p.m.

June 28th - Apron Presentation Dinner. I also urge the ladies to attend this event. I have always found it very enjoyable. We've been without it for a few years and I thank those responsible for restarting the event once again. Ladies, if we want the men to come and give us support at our dinners, then we should do the same for them.

September 11th - Widows' Luncheon at Logan's.

October 24th - Interfaith Service and Brunch at Logan's.

Encourage your members to attend these events. We need your support.

Thank you, and have a safe and enjoyable Summer.

**Custodians Corner**



R. W. Maurice Solomon  
271-5435

By R. W. Maurice Solomon  
Q. I understand you are associated with a group called the Tartan Square Club. Can you tell me who they are and what they do?

A. The Tartan Square Club is a group of Master Masons, primarily from Scotland, who must be in good standing, and whose main raison d'être, is to exemplify the Ritual as practised in Scotland. They are not empowered to confer Degrees; their work is strictly for information and, we hope, instruction.

This Club will visit a Lodge by invitation only, in writing, either from the Master of the Lodge, or from the Senior Warden, arranging a program for his Lodge.

Since its inception, the Tartan Square Club has visited over 50 Lodges in the Monroe and adjacent Districts, have always been well received and, we trust, have provided useful information and instruction for the Brethren attending the exemplifications.

My association with the Club consists of being the Secretary and, generally speaking, Ritual advisor.

Thank you for your interest.

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**Your Legal Rights FYI**



By Bro. Phillip Hurwitz, Esq.

In my last article, I covered what happens if an officer suspects you of drunk driving. In this month's article, I'll cover what happens if the officer places you under arrest.

If the officer suspects your ability to drive is impaired, he can do one of two things. He can take you into custody, or issue an appearance ticket.

If taken into custody, the officer will take you to a police station for processing, for later appearance before a judge, for arraignment. Alternatively, the police officer may decide not to take you into custody, and instead, can issue you an appearance ticket. The appearance ticket will note the date you are to appear in court for an arraignment itself.

There are a number of fac-

tors that influence officer's decision whether to take you into custody, or let you go with an appearance ticket. The most obvious factor is whether there is someone who can drive you home. Another factor is how intoxicated you are. Cooperation is another factor, but this is a tricky area.

It's understandable to believe that if you are cooperative with the police, they will "go easy on you." In some cases, that belief is valid. A cooperative attitude can change a suspicious attitude on the part of the officer. All too often, I have seen a cooperative attitude be used against a client. Why? Anything you say can be used against you in Court. It's easy to lose sight of the fact that it is not the police officer who will be prosecuting you, but an assistant district attorney. The assistant usually doesn't get

involved in your case until after the arrest. Therefore, any promises the officer made to you (or promises you think he made to you) do not bind the prosecutor, unless the prosecutor agreed beforehand.

The only other way to make any such promises "stick," is to convince the judge that you made these incriminating statements because of certain promises made to you by the officer. That is a difficult proposition to prove to a judge. The judge has to be convinced that these promises on the officer's part, "coerced" you into making statements that could hurt you. The point is simply this: be careful of what you say - in fact - other than your name, birthdate, and address, the best advice is to say nothing before speaking to an attorney.

In my next article, I'll cover the arraignment.

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the Educational Assistance Program from 1996 to 2003. He has seen the program grow from 135 recipients in 1996 to 937 recipients in 2002. He is also a member of several Concordant Bodies.

In 1969, R.:W.: Sullivan married his wife, Gail, and they have two children, Michael and Lynn, and a granddaughter. R.:W.: Sullivan taught mathematics and computers in the Lockport City School system for 34 years, retiring in June, 2000.

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of the First Oneida District. He is active in many Grand Lodge Committees, including the Camp Turk Committee, of which he is Chairman, and the Grand Master's and Deputy Grand Master's Advisory Board. He is very active in several Concordant Bodies.

Dennis Breheny and Judy were married in 1970. They have two daughters, Jennifer and Erin. He is a licensed electrician and has been a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers for over 35 years.

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of the Grand Lodge to Israel, 2003 to the present. He has served on several local, District and Grand Lodge Committees. He was a Founder and State Chairman of the Grand Lodge "Masonic Toys for Tots."

Gilbert Savitzky and his wife, Barbara, have two daughters, Margie and Lisa. He is a New York State Licensed Real Estate salesperson.

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Medal in 1998.

Vincent and Virginia were married in 1968 and have two daughters, Nicole and Daria. They have one granddaughter, Miranda. He is the President of Enobil Partition, Inc.

**CAMP DEMOLAY ANNUAL CLEANUP**



Anderson Hall (above) rear entrance; (below) east side.



By R.:W.: Richard Snyder

The 2nd Annual Cleanup Weekend at Camp DeMolay was a flop on one hand, and a success on the other. A flop because the usual workers who maintain the Camp during the summer, Rene Van DeVeire, Ron Weber, Richard Snyder, and Bill Hook, showed up, and a success because we had one new Brother in attendance, Jim Weick, from Northfield Lodge. Thank you, Jim, for making sure the weekend was not a total failure.

Work was started at the entrance to the Camp by removing dead wood and overgrowth.

Ladies in attendance were: Linda Zahn, President of the Masonic Service Bureau, Barbara Goodrich, Service Bureau Secretary, Rita Snyder and Helen Hook, who volunteered to cook the hot dogs and prepare the dishes for serving everyone who showed up. Needless to say those in attendance can only eat so much, thus making the cooks efforts needless. The ladies also swept and dusted the main building.

Next year we will try again and hope that more than one Brother can find it in their hearts to come out and give a days work for youth, and our Masonic Community.

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**Tartan Square Club**

By R.:W.: Maurice Solomon



The Past Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, M.:W.: Carl J. Fitje, proudly wearing a Tartan Sash over his shoulders, joined members of the Tartan Square Club of Rochester at the Re-Dedication Ceremony of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge. The occasion was their 100th Anniversary and Re-dedication of their Lodge building.

The Grand Master, who was accompanied by members of the Grand Line, used the occasion to honor one of the long-time members of the Tartan

Square Club, Brother Sydney Curran. He presented him with two Diplomas, one from the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, and one from the Grand Lodge of Scotland, both of them in honor of Brother Curran's 50-year membership in Freemasonry. Brother Curran, holding one of his Diplomas, and accompanied by fellow members of the Tartan Square Club, is standing at the right of the Grand Master.

Brother Curran was accorded a standing ovation, to which he made a suitable reply.



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By the time you read this, we will be at our camp enjoying the wonderful view of the lake and doing nothing. We will need the rest to get ready for the next wave of activities that are developing for the months of June and July. We hope that everyone is enjoying their Summer and doing the same, or working in the garden they love.

Everything is going so fast, I just cannot believe that we have just a couple of Official Visits left, then we have the Lilac Luncheon. We thank everyone for your support and the love you have shown to us. We hope to see you all at the following:

### June

June 1st - Official Visit at Fairport Chapter - 8:00 p.m.  
June 2nd - Official Visit at Monroe Chapter - 7:30 p.m.  
June 8th - Official Visit at Mary Jane Holmes Chapter - 7:30 p.m.  
June 10th - Lilac Luncheon  
June 15th - Official Visit at Webster Chapter - 7:30 p.m.  
June 24th - Monroe District Grand Officers Homecoming, Webster Lodge - 7:30 p.m.

### July

July 18th - District Summer Picnic at Parma Town Hall Park. We will start gathering at 3:00 p.m., to have some fellowship, and eat around 4:30 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs, cool drinks, dish to pass and let's have fun by renewing old and making new friendships.

July 24th - Pilgrimage Day at Oriskany  
Have a great SUMMER. Peace be with you. \*

## 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 Crystal 473-0279  
Sec. Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings 594-4692  
22 South Main Street  
Churchville 14428

### By Wthy. Alice Hassett Meetings

At our June 1st meeting, we will be tying up loose ends before our Summer recess. The Refreshment Committee is Wthy. Jean Stewart, Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings, and Wthy. Alice Hassett.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday evening, September 21st, featuring a Pot Luck Dinner at 6:30 p.m., and an open meeting at 7:30 p.m.

### Reminder

Everyone is asked to bring a teddy bear suitable for a three-year old. Local Triangle girls are being invited to attend, since their Statewide project is the collection of teddy bears for distribution to hospitalized or needy children.

### Congratulations

This will also be the 4th birthday celebration for Nolotka Chapter. Special guests of the Chapter, that evening, will be members who have celebrated 50 years or more in OES (Order of the Eastern Star).

### New addresses

You probably have my address: 249 Arlidge Drive, Rochester, NY 14616-4446, and Kim (Morici) Robinson's at 18 S. Main St., P.O. Box 203, Churchville, NY 14428-0203. An additional new address is Rt. Wthy. Diane Maltese, who now resides at Apt. 12, 1200 Wind Willow Way, Rochester, NY 14624.

### Thanks and appreciation

To all of our Sisters and Brothers who attended Neighborhood Night on May 18th. We had a wonderful time.

To those who helped Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings, as she put on three dinners during these last couple of months.

ceive your paper. Then we will be closed for the Summer, but we do have a busy time planned, as we have a yard sale in June and a Chicken Bar-B-Que in July.

### May and June birthdays

Happy birthday to: Frances Mann, 5/3; Jane Stanton, 5/28; Wayne Smith, 6/4; Jay Clark, 6/9; and Ruth Ledgerwood, 6/15.

### Anniversaries

Esther Lippencott 5/22/40  
Mary M. Hillenbrand 5/14/46  
Marilyn McElwee 5/12/54  
Dorothy Guy 5/8/58  
Wayne Smith 5/10/72  
Katherine Gorton 5/26/76  
Eva L. Holcomb 5/11/77  
Jay Clark 5/27/81  
Juanita Gorton 6/10/70

I hope that each and every one had a great birthday.

I also hope that each and every one will have a great Summer and I'm looking forward to seeing you in September.

### Congratulations, Ron

We are very pleased to have a Grand Officer for the year of 2005, as Rt. Wthy. Ronald Edwards has been appointed an Associate Grand Sentinel. Good luck to you, Ron. \*

## 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

I apologize for not having an article in the May issue of the *Masonic Times*. Time got away from me with Rt. Wthy. Wayne retiring and then we went on our cruise. Sometimes there aren't enough hours in the day.

Things should settle down now. Wayne is getting used to retirement. He can't remember which day of the week it is! The good thing is, he has a part-time job for the Summer.

I again, thank Rt. Wthy. Nancy Trickey for filling in for me at our April meeting. I understand she had a Master Mason Night and everyone enjoyed it. Thanks, Nancy.

We will have only one more meeting by the time you re-

## Taxes! Taxes! Taxes!

By Tom Michielsen

Well, Summer is about to begin. Most of us have turned our thoughts to golf, fishing, yard work and vacations. The governments have not stopped working and the tax laws continue to evolve. Therefore, I will continue to monitor them and publish, as much as space allows, those changes which might be of use to most of you.

The Internal Revenue Service recently provided tips to businesses, individuals and tax professionals to avoid errors on Schedules K-1. The Schedule K-1 is used to report income from partnerships, S corporations and some trusts. Accurate filing of the forms is important because the IRS continues to match income from Schedules K-1 to other tax returns.

Additional reminders to individuals and tax professionals include:

For recipients of Schedules K-1:

• Report income in the proper location on individual

returns as instructed on Schedule K-1, column C.

• Avoid netting or combining income against losses or expenses. Gross income should be reported separately from other related deductions, such as unreimbursed partnership expenses or Section 179 expenses. Refer to the Schedule E instructions for information on properly accounting for deductions related to Schedule K-1 income.

• Report deductible "At Risk" or Basis Limitation losses carried forward from prior years on a separate line from current year transactions. Do not combine (net) them with any current year amounts. Refer to Form 8582, Passive Activity Loss Limitation, for instructions on properly deducting passive activity losses. Beginning with tax year 2002, Form 8582 worksheets are required to be attached to the return.

• Identify "estimated" K-1 income. When the Schedule K-1 has not been received at the time the Form 1040 is filed, the income should be estimated.

Form 8082, Notice of Incon-

sistent Treatment or Amended Return, should be used to identify estimated K-1 income or when the investor disagrees with the amounts reported on the K-1.

• Report elections authorized by Rev. Proc. 2003-79 properly. This revenue procedure allows partners and shareholders impacted by a partnership or S corporation's election to change to an annual accounting period to apply a four-year ratable spread to the portion of the income attributable to the short tax year. Section 6 of the revenue procedure provides specific instructions that should be followed to ensure the ratable portion of the income is properly reported on the partner or shareholder's individual tax return.

The IRS also implemented this year two initiatives that will have a positive impact on the transcription quality of paper forms K-1. While electronic filing is the preferred method of filing, two-dimensional (2-D) barcoding and Optical Character Recognition (OCR) scanning have both

To all who made the Grand Matron's and Patron's Visit on May 27th, including luncheon and dinner, so enjoyable.

To Sister DeMaris Uttrich, who once more sent a donation, along with her dues in memory of her mother, Rt. Wthy. DeMaris Girven.

### Sickness and distress

At the time of the writing of this article, I am scheduled for a June 2nd hip replacement.

### Birthdays

Celebrating birthdays in June will be Wthy. Sherre Albright, Wthy. Felicia Clark, Sister Mabel Gruendike, Wthy. Dean Hiler, Wthy. Joan Jacobs, Sisters Marion Johnson, Helen Linney, Anne Mollon and Mary Weinreber.

July birthdays: Sister Jerri Fimbel, Wthy. Antoinette Jeerings, Sisters Jane LaPree, Doris Ray, Wthy. Jeanne Spaulding, Wthy. Sara Stephens, and Sister Susan Whalen.

August birthdays: Sisters Joan Bright, Phyllis Boughner, Wthy. Anita Drake, Sister Marjorie Laydon, Wthy. Leroy Lester, Brothers Craig Mollon, Robert Murphy, Sister Florence Smith and Wthy. Lee VanGrol.

### Thought for the Summer

Our Worthy Matron, Cynthia Nielsen, has as her motto this year, "Seek those things which raise your spirits." In this time of world turmoil, let us raise our spirits—with church inspiration, with family closeness, with community activities, and with the sisterhood and brotherhood of the Order of the Eastern Star. \*

## Webster Chapter No. 171

Order of the Eastern Star  
1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
Matron  
Rt. Wthy. Marjorie Fenton,  
217-8904  
Secretary  
Wthy. Faythe Mattern  
594-4449  
30 Orchard Street  
Webster 14580

It sure was great to see all our Sisters and Brothers at the Pot Luck Supper meeting in April; to hear all the news, see

the tans of our returning "snow birds" and the smiles (?) of those who braved the snows of the North.

### Good news!

I am pleased to report that there is no sickness. Whee!! Good news - Wanda and Dave Williams just celebrated their 50th anniversary. Dinner at the Rio Bamba with the kids. Great!! Faythe and Bill just celebrated their 10th. Wow! How time flies.

If you see an extra bright smile on Ruth and Wes Beard's faces maybe it is because they have bought a home in Florida and plan to spend more time there in the future. They promise to be with us in the warm weather months.

### Moving

Valerie Johnson will be moving in June to Texas to live close to her son and his family. While we are happy for her, we'll sure miss her smiling face, her willingness to help wherever she can and, most of all, the friendship we have all enjoyed with her for so many years.

### Successful event

The May Card Party and Luncheon was a real success and will provide us with funds to carry on the work of our Chapter. Many thanks to all who helped.

Webster Chapter's Official Visit of Grand Officers of Monroe District will be June 15th at 7:30 p.m. It sure would be nice to have many of our members, whom we have not seen in some time, come to join us. It's sure to be an enjoyable meeting.

A thought: "Even those with nothing else to give, can give encouragement." \*

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May 31st - Exempt Organization Returns Due

June 15th - May Payroll Taxes Due

Second Quarter Estimated Taxes Due

June 20th - Sales Tax Due

If you have any tax questions, please forward them to tmichie1@rochester.rr.com \*

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As I begin my term as District Deputy Grand Master for the Ontario/Seneca/Yates District, I reflect on those who preceded me. From my very great friends, R.: W.: Clayton (Bob) Ruggles who served two terms and R.: W.: Don Dill, to our eldest DDGM, R.: W.: Peter King, who served from 1942 to 1944. The leadership they provided has been second to none. We have been blessed to have these great men as our leaders. One thing is certain, we can count on all the Past DDGMs and Staff Officers to assist when needed. I am truly looking forward to working with our new Grand Steward, R.: W.: Herb Goodman.

I am happy to report V.: W.: William Valois and V.: W.: John Newvine will continue as AGLs. They do an excellent job and are always ready to help with all Ritual matters.

**Working together**

In the past few years we have had many successes, as several of our Lodges have had Child ID tapings. This is often accomplished with a cooperative effort of Brothers from various Lodges pitching in. Some of our Lodges find it difficult to confer the three Degrees, especially the 3rd Degree. In the last four years, multiple Lodge 3rd Degrees, with as many as eight Brothers from five Lodges, have been conferred.

**Important function**

April, 2003, we had the first "Surviving Spouses Luncheon" at the Phelps Hotel. The second annual event was even better. The widows from OSY had great time. This is one of our most important District functions and it will continue.

**Join us**

The OSY Masonic Charities continues to be a strong force in our communities. Over \$5500 has been contributed to needy families and worthwhile causes. The Annual Golf Tournament is our principal fundraiser. It will be held August 22nd, at Silver Creek Golf Course, East River Road, Waterloo, NY.

Five Saturdays each year, the CSY Association meets for breakfast and District issues are discussed. The organization is open to any Mason in the District and is always a fun event.

R.: W.: James Rice is our Education Leader. A Masonic Discussion group is in the planning stage. Any Brother, in or out of the District, is welcome. Please contact Jim at 554-6032. The goal is to create Masons who truly understand the Craft.

Soon, osydirictict.org, the website, will be up and running. R.: W.: Ken Hall is our Webmaster. You will enjoy this site; it will be one more way for us to communicate with our Brothers.


Masters in the District are encouraged to contact me as soon as possible if they have not given me their trestleboards. If you are still looking for programs let me know, as we have Brothers willing and able to help. Programs are available on the Scottish and York Rites, the Shrine and Masonic Etiquette. They will be interesting and will teach you more about Masonry.

As our membership ages, many may not be able or comfortable driving to Lodge meetings. Brothers, please make sure you are not driving by the home of a Brother who would enjoy your company as you take him to meetings.

**Sickness and distress**

Keep V.: W.: John Newvine and R.: W.: Norman Holcomb in your prayers as they recover from serious illnesses. \*

**Garoga-Sincerity Lodge No. 200**  
 1st & 3rd Tuesdays



Master  
 W.: John Walti  
 315-548-9670

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

**From the Master**

As this is the last article that I'll be writing, I would like to take a minute to thank all of the Officers and Brethren of Garoga/Sincerity for their support, hard work, and dedication during my term as Master of the Lodge. I have truly enjoyed the last two years and working with all of you. I will continue to support and look forward to working with our new Master, W.: William Sergeant. I know Bill will do a fine job. May I also take a minute to thank W.: Sergeant for his support and help during my term. Brother Sergeant had his own problems to contend with and still took the time to help me on some very important issues. Again, Bill, thanks for your help and support. I would also like to congratulate all of the Officers of Garoga/Sincerity on their new positions.

Thanks to all who helped with our recent Pork Chop Bar-B-Que. It was again a sellout, with the proceeds going to fire victim, William Sergeant. A check for \$1,000 was presented to Bill. Thanks, Brethren, on a job well done.

On May 10th, we held our annual Blood Drive. Again, thanks to all who made this event a success.

Our last meeting in June is our Annual Steak Roast and Awards Presentation. Please RSVP to either myself at (315) 548-9670 or Secretary Bob Ruggles at (315) 548-3573, no later than the first week of June if you plan on attending, so the proper number of steaks can be ordered.

On closing, remember our Brothers in sickness and distress and our servicemen and women in and around the world.

See you in Lodge.

**Happy Birthday in June to Brothers:**

Ranse Brooks	1st
John Sherman	7th
Dan Guth	11th
Paul McIntyre	11th
Thomas Pardington	16th
Aaron Dell	19th

George Landstrom	22nd
Isaac Hessney	23rd
William Goodman	24th
Barney Wandell	29th

**Happy Birthday in July to:**

Rodney Wolfe	2nd
Ronald Van Camp	9th
Ernest Bishop	12th
Chris Howard	17th
Ronald Rudio	23rd
Richard Kauder	30th

**Happy August Birthday:**

Kevin Fisher	3rd
Kenneth Overslaugh	3rd
Frederick Wheeler	3rd
David Roll	8th
Gary Curtiss	19th
John Carney	23rd
Keith Andrews	26th
David Williams	26th


**Congratulations to Brothers raised in June:**

Winfred Abplanalp	6/7/47
Lloyd Akin	6/3/58
Harold Blosser	6/16/48
Peter Cheney	6/18/96
Lowell Falkey	6/1/76
Roy Farnsworth	6/5/59
Larry Gelder	6/6/72
David Retchless	6/18/53
David Sainsbury	6/10/69
Elmer Smith	6/5/59

**Brother raised in July:**

David Williams 7/26/58\*

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



Master  
 W.: Richard A. Stanton  
 394-1438

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

**June**

Well, I'm back from Grand Lodge and we have a new Grand Master, M.: W.: Edward R. Trosin. I'm not going into a lot about Grand Lodge, as I'm sure that most of it will be discussed elsewhere in the *Masonic Times*.

We will be having a Public Installation of Officers on June 7th. I will be Master again next year, so newer Officers will not have to skip any offices. Come on out that night and meet the new Officers and each other. The Installation will be at our regular time of 7:30 p.m., and will be followed by some special refreshments.

On June 21st we will be having our Family Picnic at the Lodge in Shortsville at 6:30 p.m. Just bring a dish to pass and your family. Meat, rolls and beverage will be furnished. We had a great turnout last year, so let's have a better turnout this year.


**Summer communications**

This Summer we will be trying something new. We will be having communications on July 19th, August 2nd and August 16th. Final plans for these communications are not yet complete, but one of them will probably be a 1st Degree and one will be a Table Lodge. There will be a letter out about our Summer communications with final plans. Mark your calendar now for these dates and watch for the letter.

ANY BROTHER who would like to attend a meeting this Summer is welcome. Our regular communications start at 7:30 p.m., and the Table Lodge will start at 6:30 p.m. If you have never been to a Table Lodge, try one. We did one last Fall and everyone there has been waiting for another one.

**Dates to remember**  
 June 7th - Public Installation of Officers 7:30 p.m.  
 June 21st - Annual Family Picnic 6:30 p.m.  
 July 19th - Summer Communication  
 August 2nd - Summer Communication  
 August 16th - Summer Communication  
 Check DDGM's message for other dates of importance.  
 I'm looking forward to meeting and greeting you at any or all of the above. \*

**Milnor Lodge No. 139**  
 2nd & 4th Thursdays



Master  
 W.: Robert N. Hall  
 924-1603

Secretary  
 R.: W.: Kenneth R. Hall  
 289-3801  
 21 Maple Avenue  
 Victor 14564

As the incoming Master, I thank the outgoing Master, Steve Harwood, for a very enjoyable and successful year. As his successor, I will try my best to carry on the good work that has been done by Milnor Lodge.

I thank and welcome all my upcoming Officers, who stepped up to fill the Chairs.

My intention this coming year is to work with, and help as much as possible, with Eastern Star activities. Helping each other will make this a much stronger Lodge. Bake sales and Spaghetti Dinners will be the upcoming thing to help each other's finances.

I will also start a Telephone Tree to check on our inactive Brothers, thus letting them know of our meetings and activities. A lot of our Brothers, who are older senior citizens, may need a ride to our Lodge. I will try to make accommodations for them to attend our meetings and functions.

One of our activities will be a Fun Night: card games and a Euchre tournament.

The Family Night that was started this year will be continued. The Shrine clowns will perform, followed by refreshments (rather than dinner).

**Sickness**


On a serious note, I ask my Brothers to keep John Newvine and Norman Holcomb in their prayers. They are both recovering from serious operations.

Brother Nathan Dolce is in Iraq with our fighting forces.

Shawn Mahoney, a Green Beret, and the son of Larry Mahoney, is in Afghanistan. Please keep them in your prayers.

I am honored to be the Master for Milnor Lodge for the 2004-2005 year. \*

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



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

Secretary  
 V.: W.: Lance R. Ward  
 (315) 789-4411  
 3394 Sutton Road  
 Geneva 14456

**We Know the Difference!**

As Americans, we like to think of ourselves as moral and ethical human beings. Yet, across our great land, a growing sense of cynicism is coming to the front of our thoughts and thinking. Dishonesty is everywhere; lying politicians, and self-serving people of all types, are growing faster than our minds can comprehend. Maybe that's the real issue when it comes to morality. "Who will know the difference as to what is really going on in America?" As Free and Accepted Masons, "we know the difference," among lying, cheating and defrauding the public. We know the truths that are so self-evident.

If Freemasonry has a real meaning for us and for future generations of mankind, it is simply that you and I cannot claim ignorance when it comes to what is expected of us. We, as Freemasons, know the difference between a rough Ashler and a smooth Ashler. We know the moral and ethical code that men should choose for their road to travel on their way of life and truth. We try to treat our Brothers and neighbors with kindness, so that we can count on ourselves to think, behave and act in a fair, honest and consistent way at all times. If we don't have that confidence in our actions, who will ever trust us as Freemasons?

It is not that we (Freemasons) are to be perfect, as nobody is perfect (except God). The genius of a Free Mason rests in the picture he paints of future greater possibilities by his actions and performances. Freemasonry constantly confronts us with the demands for self-improvement in our families, Lodge and communities. It tells us to stop making excuses for ourselves and to get busy raising our own moral and ethical standards. That's the unceasing message of Freemasonry.

This is our Masonic message for our society, our families and our community. The real problem today is not a decline in morality; it's a failure to realize that we, as human beings, can walk a more nobler path and live by a higher standard.

Why is Freemasonry so important today? Because it gives us a vision and knowledge of good ethics and good

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## Ark Lodge

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morality. It forces us to face the fact that we have not reached our full Masonic potential and that "we can know the difference" if we really work hard to become the true Masonic Brother that Freemasonry cherishes.

### In retrospect

My year has come to an end, and my reflections of the past year come and go by so quickly. The Election of Officers in May; Investiture Service; Installation of Officers in June and the Summer recess in July and August; trying to write my Ark Lodge message for the *Masonic Times*, (Dr. Stelter, our Lodge Historian, says I put in too much information); the calling upon my Past Masters for help, aid and assistance; looking at the strengths of Ark Lodge (new Temple - thanks to Brothers Funk and Colegrove); the individual Brothers who give so much; our many, many weaknesses (those Brothers who give so little to our great Ark Lodge); Grand Lodge Communication in May in New York City, where confusion and greatness of New York state Masons cannot be matched; the wonderful visit of the District Deputy Grand Master and his Staff Officer; our Ark Lodge Geneva Community Blood Drive, where 85 people gave blood; our delivery of 75 Christmas food packages to our senior citizens in their apartments; the magnificent 1st Degree conferred by W.: Tom Abraham; the fascinating fellowship with Brothers of our Masonic Fraternity who are the finest people in the world; talking with the Brothers, finding out what their thoughts are of Freemasonry and our many problems and our many contributions to all mankind; the constant calling to my Officers and Brothers of Ark Lodge; visiting the ill (Dr. Stelter every week, Harry George, Tom Bryan, Robert Inscko, Bill Kashouty, and Raymond Barroody; await anxiously for a Brother's contribution to Ark Lodge's 197 years of tradition and history; most of all, I cherish the fine Officers who have done so much to make this year so wonderful (Tom Abraham, Bob Mattick, Charles Rouse, Terry Trenchard, Lance Ward, Jed Brandow, Tom Bryan, Howard Colegrove, Roger Haich, Peter Einset, John Keeton, and Steve Goebert), thank you all.

I sometimes feel that I have failed as Master of Ark Lodge as I see our 200th Anniversary coming (2007) so fast. Please, my Brothers, come and join us for this great celebration. The Master's gavel is sometimes very heavy and I will pass it on to my successor, if he is so elected. I trust that those who have seen me in action as Master of Ark Lodge will record, in a spirit of kindness, "A job well done in the East."

This, indeed, has been a wonderful year; one I will not forget. It was a year I long sought, a year I will remember. Thank you so much, Ark Lodge, for so much you have given to me.

### Masons meet, act and part

Pride, enthusiasm, discipline, where art thou, Ark Lodge? When did the Brothers of Ark Lodge use the exclamation,

tion, Ark Lodge is my Lodge, with vigor? Where is our personal touch of really belonging to a strong Masonic fraternal heritage of 197 years of service to improve ourselves and our community of Geneva? The Masons of Ark Lodge have been, and are, builders of men. To make them improve themselves, to solve problems and become leaders of Ark Lodge and our community, means we must abandon our personal apathy and seek men of character, who would benefit Ark Lodge and give them a petition to make good men better. What is your opinion, my Brothers of Ark Lodge?

### A Testimonial

By the late Brother Charles E. Ringer

In my opinion, Masonry is the tie that binds men. For eleven years, I never missed a meeting from the time I was Junior Master of Ceremonies. Freemasonry has been a great inspiration to me in my 53 years in Masonry.

### Iran and Freemasonry

1980 - Iran's Freemasons are executed! Perhaps because the Grand Lodge of Iran belongs to the Scottish Rite family of Freemasons, the revolutionaries on Ayatollah Khomeini's Council associated its members with Scottish and English Masons. The conclusion was that the Masons of Iran were British spies. A list of Iranian Masons was extracted and they were tortured and tried for treason. When it was published in Teheran newspapers, the public learned that high officials of the Masonic Lodges were already executed. The Masonic Temple in Teheran was destroyed by order of the Ayatollah, who declared the Freemasons as British agents and spies.

(From the "Review of the News," January 30, 1980, Belmont, MA)  
Question: What is "Skunk Hollow Lodge No.99.5, West Pork Chop, NY?" - A unique group of fraternal Brothers 1952 of Ark Lodge (George and Howard Reynolds) created by father and son. It was a comic, hillbilly show performed at Ark and other Lodges. All cast members were Past Masters of Ark Lodge (Roy Whitaker, Pat Arquitt, Bob Reifsteck, Albert Pollen, Bill Gilbert, Barney Geobert and Charles Rouse, Sr.)

We have Masonic principles - friendship, morality and brotherly love. The world needs the Masonic fraternity more than ever. Maybe we can get some help, aid and assistance from our neighbors, people in our community, business associates, bowling partners or golf buddies. Why don't you inquire whether he might like to belong to the oldest, strongest and largest Fraternal organization that is known as the Freemasons? Our Lodges are always open to qualified men of all ages.

America needs Masonry to change things (drug, crime, unemployment, civil disobedience, etc.) around with the Masons leading the way.

### Washington Monument

What is it? A national memorial in Alexandria, Virginia, to brother George Washington, built between 1848 - 1885, at a cost of \$1,187,000. The height is 555 feet, weight is 90,054 tons. The Cornerstone was laid by the Grand Lodge of

the District of Columbia in 1848, with the same trowel used by President Washington for the National Capital in 1793. The monument was dedicated in 1884 and has had 70 million visitors so far. How about you, have you been there?

### Brotherhood Fund

We are down to the wire, please send in your donations as soon as possible. The biggest need is for the Medical Research Laboratory in Utica. Make a note for your donation to Brother Robert Mattick, 233 High Street, Geneva, NY. Thank you so much for your kind and considerate support!

### Think about it

There seems to be a feeling within many organizations, including Freemasonry, that we have come upon hard times, that young people are not interested in becoming members. Did you ask them? Some feel declining memberships have led to financial difficulties and an apathy among our members. It has ever been, since the creation of time, that life has never been a bed of roses, that we have had ups and downs since mortal existence! Is that not true?

### God Bless!

Our departed Brothers and their initiation dates are:  
Charles McKoy 1/20/54  
Nicholas Moses 5/2/51  
Arthur Nelson 10/5/60  
James Peters 3/18/69

All will be honored at the OSY Memorial Service at the Presbyterian Church, 28 Cayuga Street (Routes 5 & 20), Seneca Falls, on May 16th.

The Widows' Luncheon was held at the Phelps Hotel on April 3rd. Margaret Crane, Anne Taylor and daughter Nancy, and Anthony and Clara Khoury enjoyed a wonderful buffet, a program of Frank Sinatra songs, sung by Brother Gordy Osburn, many laughs and fellowship. Fifty people enjoyed the magnificent ceremony for our OSY widows.

From Dr. Stelter's last visit:  
Take time to work, it is the price of success;

Take time to think, it is the source of power;

Take time to play, it is the secret of youth;

Take time to read, it is the foundation of wisdom;

Take time to worship, it is the highway to God;

Take time to be friendly, it is the road to happiness;

Take time to dream, it is hitching our wagon to a star;

Take time to love and be loved, it is God's privilege.

### Dates to remember

June 25th, 26th - St. John's Day, Utica.

September 15th - Ark Lodge Communication

I thank Brothers: Peter Einset, Howard Colegrove, George Gordon, Joseph Hessney, Sr., Howard Johnson, Lloyd Johnson, John Keeton, Anthony Khoury, John Malyj, Robert Meeks, John Nicholas, Horace Riddle, Edward Leo, Charles Rouse, Jr., Arnold Schofield, George VanSickle, Lance Ward, John Warder, Edwin Watling, Kenneth Colegrove, James Hart, and Lloyd Hilimire for their donations to the Brotherhood Fund. Ark Lodge was eighth of the fifteen OSY Lodges which gave \$9,644. Ark Lodge gave \$713. Hopefully, next year we will donate much more as the

Fund received \$964,709.69 from 13,975 contributors.

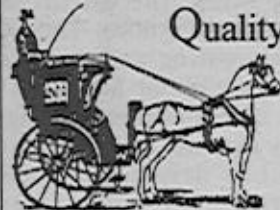
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**Monroe District**

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Leadership is a very courageous thing. A leader has to be willing to stand before his Brothers and take on all the necessary responsibilities to get the job done. I am willing to take on those responsibilities and I expect the same from each of you. I am counting on the fact that men of your abilities have the intellect to draw upon your experiences, and assist me in mobilizing the untapped Masonic spirit within the Monroe District. I fully intend to convert this spirit into energy and increase the amount of activity within the District. My Brothers, I trust you implicitly. Never have I belonged to an organization where trust was so consistently exemplified. I ask that you trust me to lead you to a place where Masonry is much more active and vital. I believe Masons take their responsibilities seriously, and it's only for the support and flexibility of each of you, that we are able to pursue our important missions, which are to help others and to make ourselves better men. Therefore, give your Master and his Officers all the respect they deserve. Assist them in carrying out their Masonic mission. Celebrate their new adventure towards achieving goals of higher thoughts and of greater achievements, never before attained in your Lodge. With that, I will assure you that your pride as a Mason will increase exponentially.

The next several months will be characterized by change, which has already begun with a new Officer line in every Lodge, along with new District leadership teams. Change can be unsettling, but I assure you that the foundation of our Fraternity will hold. I also assure you that new vision will only bring about positive change.

The Installation of your Lodge Officers will be one of the most important events in your Lodge. Attend your Lodge on the date of the Installation to honor and support the steps these Brothers have taken. Let them know that you truly care and are grateful for the work they are about to undertake.

### June events

Wednesday, June 16th, is the date of the Masters and Wardens Association first meeting of the newly installed Masters and Wardens. This is one event where I expect that the Master of each Lodge will be in attendance. At a minimum, I expect at least one of the senior Officers in attendance. Optimally, I would like to have all three senior Officers in attendance. The meeting will be held at Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge at 7:00 p.m. I promise you this meeting will last no longer than 8:30 p.m. An agenda will be prepared in advance.

Wednesday, June 23rd, is the date of Masonic Service Bureau's Scholarships and Charities Awards Night, at the Damascus Shrine Center. This is an evening affair, which will celebrate the accomplishments of many. Please consider donating a couple of hours of your time towards recognizing the recipients. Help them celebrate their actions by your presence. Reinforce their accomplishments so that we can be assured of more of the same.

Saturday, June 26th, is St. John's Weekend. This is a very big weekend for Masons in the State of New York. It is the one weekend a year when the Masonic Care Community (Masonic Home) is open for you to see. Among the sites are the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory, Acacia Village, the Chapel, and the newly renovated Wiley Hall. My Brothers, this is an opportunity to bring yourselves and your families to a place which epitomizes Masonry. This is a day full of festivities with food and activities for the children. It is the day your District Deputy Grand Master and Grand Lodge Staff Officers receive their commissions.

Monday, June 28th, will be the Grand Officers' Apron Presentation. You no doubt have been made aware of this event and, hopefully, have made a reservation. This is an open event, which will be held at the Damascus Shrine Center. At that time, R. W. John Zabel, Past District Deputy Grand Master, and R. W. Derek Van Houten, Past Grand Sword Bearer, will be recognized for the hard work, dedication and heart, they put out for you for the past two years. It will also be the night when your District Deputy Grand Master and Grand Lodge Staff Officers, R. W. William "Bill" Kuehne, and R. W. Donald "Don" A. Tubman, receive their Grand Lodge Aprons. R. W. Neal Bidnick, newly elected Deputy Grand Master, will be the speaker for the evening and we are promised an impressive presentation.

As you can see, there are many functions to attend, and for very good reasons. I would love to see each of you at every one of these events. However, I also know that the length of a cabletow can be limited at times. I only ask that you do what you can. Consider the magnitude of your effort in all your Masonic dealings. Do not doubt that every contact you make is something positive for another.

## Grand Director of Ceremonies Monroe

**R. W. William J. Kuehne**  
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I send you greetings as one of your new Staff Officers. As one of my duties is to keep you informed of happenings and events, either within the District or Grand Lodge, my articles in the *Masonic Times* will be focused on those items.

These articles will include those either planned for the future, or a short synopsis of what transpired at a past event.

I thank each and every one for your cards and calls to me during my recent illness. I am happy to report that I am well on the way to recovery from surgery and look forward to supporting your Lodge, our DDGM, and my counterpart during the next two years.

I will be attending as many of your Lodge installations as possible, and look forward to meeting many new Brothers and renewing old friendships. As we get into the programs for the next two years, I will be working hard on Masonic education. These programs are designed to help your Lodge Officers and Brethren become better Masonic leaders, and are provided at a minimal cost.

We encourage you to make plans to attend, either the LSOME Program or the Masonic Development Course.

## Grand Sword Bearer

**Monroe**



**R. W. Donald A. Tubman**  
889-4725

datubman@yahoo.com

An exciting time was had by all on April 28th at Oatka Lodge when R. W. John Zabel presented my father, Donald F. Tubman, his 50-Year Pin on behalf of St. Andrew's Lodge No. 39 in Rhode Island, and a veterans medal from the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island for his service in the US Navy in WWII. Father Tubman was very surprised and pleased. I am very proud. My father was raised in St. Andrew's Lodge in 1954 and moved to Scottsville shortly after. He became an honorary member of Oatka Lodge in 1998, where he has attended regularly since June, 1956. Many of the members thought he was a regular member as he participated in all Lodge activities through the years, which was the reason in making him "official."

On May 4th I had the pleasure of assisting R. W. Lew Perna and W. Bill Mitchell in presenting three fifty-year pins and two fifty-five year pins to Charlotte/Corinthian members. I was also honored to present Brother Warren Alhart his DSA Apron; what a wonderful time. I know of no other Brother who is as deserving. He also provides the music at no less than three Lodges on a regular basis. Warren provides music at most Lodge functions and continuity to the conferring of Degrees. (Please see Cliff Short's article for the details.)

On May 8th, Lew and I met with the Masters and Wardens Association at Wakan/Hubbard Lodge. We discussed the reorganization of the group, as well as the Masonic Development Course and LSOME educational program.

This has been a short month and I hope to make many of your elections and installa-

tions. I believe our official duties are about to increase and we will be visiting your Lodge on a frequent basis to enjoy the brotherhood and be of help. As I urged last month, please keep us informed of what is happening in your Lodge regarding special events, presentations, Degrees, or just programs of interest. Drop me a note and I'll do my best to ensure that we're there. My home telephone number is 889-4725 or datubman@yahoo.com, for my email address.

## Membership

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

### Change and retention

Well, another Lodge year ends. From what I have seen and heard it has, for the most part, been a very good year. Lodges have been moving, consolidating, and one Lodge turned in its Charter. No matter in what circumstance you find yourself, I would urge you to maintain your membership in the Craft. If you wish to change to another Lodge, that's OK. In some cases, it is a very difficult thing to do. You may want to discuss it with others, such as the Master or Secretary, or with members of the Lodge to which you are considering moving. In the case where your Lodge turned in its Charter, you should receive a demit indicating that

you are clear on the Lodge's books. An effort is being made to contact all Brothers affected by the closing of this Lodge. The important thing is that you maintain your membership in the Fraternity.

You have probably heard the saying that, "when one door closes another door opens." For some of us, a door is closing, yet we should be optimistic and get on with the future. It is pleasant to look back and remember the past, but we shouldn't dwell upon it.

### New year

By the time you read this, new Masters and other Officers will have been elected and appointed and we will have new Grand Lodge Officers. It is our responsibility, as members of our respective Lodges, to support our new Officers. This will be the responsibility of your Master and his time to communicate to its members through every means possible. He should have his trestleboard ready to go. Most new Masters are prepared for the new Lodge year. It will be the responsibility of the members of the Lodge, to support the Master's programs for the new year.

### Thanks

Finally, I thank all the Brothers and ladies for their cards and calls. I had the other knee replaced and things are going well.

I hope to see you in Lodge in September, Have a good, safe Summer.

## Craftsman Robertson

**Lodge No. 969**

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



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473-6195

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**W. Thomas W. Kendig**  
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By W. Skip Waterstreet

It was a pleasure to represent Craftsman Robertson Lodge at the Grand Lodge sessions. On my first visit, in 1976, the 2nd Monroe District was seated in the balcony; this time the Monroe District was on the main floor in the Northwest corner. The proceedings have not changed that much over the years...just the issues we were voting upon. Another article in this issue of the *Masonic Times* gives more details on what transpired, if you are interested.

The trip caused me to miss yet another outstanding speaker, I am told. Nita Allen's presentation on Pearl Harbor was very well received. I hope I have an opportunity again to hear what she had to say. We have con-



**Brother Robert Ogden, DSA, (right) with Lodge Master, W. Charles Strickland offering congratulations, holds Gold Honor Award Certificate presented by Norman Austin, Primate, representing Genesee York Rite College No. 25.**

cluded our dinner/social evenings for this Masonic year. We are indebted to Brother Warren Doerrer for his diligence in procuring the variety of humorous, interesting and entertaining programs for these gatherings.

We held a productive Officers' meeting to review annual reports and discuss next year's activities. As with all organizations, we are in need of more and younger members to fill our ranks and allow us to look more positively into the future. Now is the time, as M. W. Carl Fitje said in his farewell address, to "replace yourself."

Installation is next up. June 1st our newly-elected Officers will be invested with the badges of their office. R. W. Derek VanHouten is scheduled to preside, with R. W. Paul Robertson as Installing Marshal.

This event is open to all family and friends and will be preceded by a catered buffet dinner at 6:30 p.m. Reservations were required...I hope the calling committee reached you to make yours. This event is at the Shrine Center on Bay Road, and I thank the Damascus Shrine Clowns for relocating their meeting so there would be no conflicts.

Our traditional "Wild Shirt" night follows on June 18th. It is a time to relax and extend good wishes to your Brothers for an enjoyable Summer, as we put away our working tools.

### Dues are Due

W. Tom Kendig reports that several members are still in arrears from 2003 and this year. If you are in that category, he'd be delighted to receive your check and send you your card.

### Sickness and Distress

I'd be remiss if I didn't mourn the loss of our Brother Harold Impson, whose death was reported last month. Most of you, I'm sure, know that the Gene Harold Orchestra performed for

many years for Lodge and other Masonic functions. In addition, Harold was the Tiler of our Lodge since the merger, and for several years before that in Craftsman Lodge. He participated in many of our activities. Ever faithful in his duties, he will be missed. Our sympathies again to Arlene and the family.

Brother Jack Grover, DSA, is recovering nicely from his recent surgery. It's nice to see him back in action.

Anyone else in need of our aid or sympathy, please let one of the Officers know. If you don't tell us, we may never know your infirmity(ies) exist(s)!

**Mark your calendar!**

August 14th is our annual picnic. It is still in the same location, but the name of the park has been changed to honor Channing Philbrick, immediate past Supervisor for the Town of Penfield. As usual, come anytime after 1:00 p.m. for socializing and games. Dinner should be ready about 4:00 p.m. I plan to send out a flyer again this Summer, but it isn't too early to make note of the date.

Another event, which comes up right after Labor Day is the Widows' Luncheon. Logan's Party House will again be the site and the date is September 11th. We'd like to see more of our members there to escort the widows. If you can help, please let one of the Officers know.

**Summer Celebrations**


Happy Birthday to the following Brothers...**June**

Paul Abbey, Thomas Benson, John Brown, Edward Fulmer, Alan Goodrich, Ralph Jurgens, Fredrick Lang, Phillip McCaskill, John Gordon Meier, Kenneth Mertz, George Reiber, David Rogachefsky, Leonard Schmeer, Mike Schum, Charles Strickland and Charles Walker.  
**July...**Celebrants include: William Adams, Barry Chermis, Donald Dewitt, Arnold Ford, Volney Frankel, William Hook, Sidney Horton, Thomas Kendig, David King, David Lerner, Robert Lindeman, Paul Lockhart, Russell Rimes, Franklyn Suhr, Wesley Trendell, Rene VanDe Veire, Charles Waterstreet and Eugene White.

**August...**Best wishes go to: James Causey, Warren Doerrer, Nicholas Eull, Terry King, Chester Kowalski, Lester Nelson, Albert Neracker, Malcolm Nulton, Kenneth Pearce, Kenneth Schumacher, William Shelby, Duane Smith, Barry Traub and Herbert Young. See you soon. x

**FAME**  
**Lodge No. 722**

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



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 671-7551

**Secretary**  
 W.: Michael Bell  
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As many of us at Lodge prepare to enjoy the Summer, I take this opportunity to thank all for their participation at Lodge. Many thanks to all the Officers. Congratulations to all of our Brothers who received Award Pins for their years of membership. I thank W.: Glenn Campbell and W.: Michael Bell for their work in putting together the Memorial

Service, remembering our two Brothers who were called Home this year by the Great Architect.

**May**

Our first meeting in May was the Election of Officers. At our second Lodge meeting, we discussed some of our future plans at Lodge and the upcoming year. I know that we are all looking forward to the coming year after the Summer break.

**June**

Remember our Lodge meeting in June, the second Tuesday of the month, will be our Strawberry Social. There will be no dinner. Hopefully, we will have a short business meeting and then we will join the ladies for our Social. It's also crazy shirt night.

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers, our Brothers and their families who find themselves in sickness or distress.

I hope everyone has a happy and healthy Summer. Watch for a flyer on details of our Summer Corn and Sausage Roasts. Last, but not least, happy birthday to all of you who have birthdays during June and the rest of the Summer months. x

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

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



**Master**  
 W.: William V. Nardone  
 458-7512

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

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**Recent activities**

On April 26th, we were pleased to join Wakan/Hubbard Lodge for the 3rd Degree of Masonry. I thank Worshipful Master Joe Oelgoetz and Senior Warden Bruce Horncastle for allowing our newest Brother to participate, for their help in making the arrangements, and especially for their fine hospitality. Thanks, Brothers!

We concluded this year's monthly dinner night program with a visit to the Fairport Village Inn on May 20th. I'm pleased to report that the program was a great success! We had dinner at a different restaurant each time, and it was good to enjoy fellowship with our Brothers and ladies in a purely social context. Special thanks to Brian Bills, Bernie Lazerson, Dwight Turner, and Sy Kopen, who helped us to make the reservations and served on the Telephone Tree this year.

I should have mentioned in last month's article that Fairport/Flower City would be hosting the Joint Investiture on May 21st. Our thanks to AGL John Dyer, and all the Masters-elect and Past Masters from across the District who joined us for dinner and the ceremonies. We were glad to offer the use of our Lodge, and we were pleased to welcome such a fine turnout for this event.

**Upcoming events**

Come out to Fairport the first weekend in June, the 5th and 6th, and visit our food booth at the Canal Days celebration! We hope to make this our most successful fundraiser ever. Stop by first thing in the morn-

**Fairport/Flower**  
**City Lodge**  
**Fairport Canal Days**

**June 5th and 6th**

**Stop by our food booth for a "Mason Muffin"**

ing, and you may get to enjoy our newest menu item, the "Mason Muffin!"

**Installation**

We will hold a Public Installation of Officers and Annual Awards Presentation on Monday, June 14 at 7:30 p.m. Spouses, family and friends are welcome to attend, to applaud the presentation of certificates to our Brothers with 50 years (and more) of service to the Fraternity, and to see our incoming Officers receive their titles. We encourage all our members to attend and show your appreciation, for our long-time Brethren and for our incoming team of Officers for 2004-2005.

We're planning a Masons Night in June or July for the Little League team we sponsor each year. We will invite the youngsters and their parents to the Lodge for a pizza party and Masonic presentation, followed by a trip to attend the game and cheer on our team! The date has not yet been set, so be listening for a call from our Telephone Tree, and come on out to the ballgame.

**Making it better**

"Whatever you want, give it away." Leading by example means we have to illuminate the path for others. If we want a Lodge that's enjoyable, it's up to us to make it fun. If we want good programs, we should present one and show how it's done. If we want more participation, we should ask others to come with us. If we want more members, we should give our friends the opportunity to join. But when we argue over trivialities instead of moving forward together, if we allow petulance or past grievances to influence our actions, that is also leading by example, and the results can include reduced attendance, dissension, and difficulty filling the chairs. Consensus and cooperation are key to establishing harmony, and Masonry is all about "who best can work, and best agree." Let's agree to work as Brothers to overcome differences and build our Lodge together. Decide what you want, give it away, and lead by example!


**Thank you**

Brothers, it has been my great pleasure to serve you as Master of Fairport/Flower City Lodge this year. We've kept the best traditions from both Lodges, restoring some old ones and starting some new ones, and we had a lot of fun doing it. Change isn't always easy, but it's important, to maintain the vitality and relevance of the Lodge in a changing world. Thank you all for your support and participation, and for giving me the opportunity to serve. Our Lodge is stronger today than it was a year ago, and will be even stronger a year from now, under the capable leadership of our new Master, Bernie Lazerson. Congratulations to Bernie, and to all of our elected

and appointed Officers, and best wishes from the East for a successful year! x

**Churchville**  
**Lodge No. 667**

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



**Master**  
 W.: Jesse Noble  
 321-1995

**Secretary**  
 W.: George R. Burke  
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**Dues**

At the April 28th meeting, the members present unanimously approved to raise the yearly dues to an even \$50. This increase will take effect in 2005. Again, the reason for this increase was explained to all at various meetings and in the letter that George Burke and I sent to you. We feel the increase is vital to the Lodge's future financial stability.

**Sickness and distress**

Brother Henry "Hank" Aradine was called to the Great Architect on May 11th. Hank faithfully served Churchville Lodge and the Brotherhood for over 50 years. Our prayers and thoughts go out to Hank's loved ones in their time of mourning. He will be truly missed.

**Grand Lodge**

I have just returned from the 223rd Grand Lodge Communication and have a few items of interest to report. M.: W.: Edward R. Trosin was installed as your new Grand Master. R.: W.: Neal Bidnick was elected Deputy Grand Master. After many hours of debate, the increase in annual per capita dues was voted into effect. The issue went back and forth and was ultimately decided by ballot. Beginning in 2004 (billed in 2005) the per capita dues will increase from its current \$17.50 to \$27. In 2006 (billed 2007) the per capita dues will increase another \$3 to an even \$30. With that being said, Grand Lodge has turned in the right direction financially and will continue to make itself more efficient by streamlining operations and implementing new technologies.

**Election of Officers**

Congratulations to our newly elected Officers for the upcoming year. They are as follows:

- Master **Jesse Noble**
- Senior Warden **Ed Kelley**
- Junior Warden **John Lont**
- Secretary **George Burke**
- Treasurer **Craig Mollon**
- Sr. Deacon **John Hennessey**
- Jr. Warden **Stephen Donato**
- Marshal **Garry Hutchurson**
- Chaplain **Frank Higgins**

For those of you who are looking to be more active in the Lodge, there are plenty of opportunities. For more information, call Jesse Noble at 321-1995.

**Summer Picnic**


On Saturday, June 12th, the Lodge will hold it's annual Summer Picnic in Churchville Park. Attendees are encouraged to bring a dish to pass. The main course will be hamburgers and hot dogs. For more information, call Ed Kelley at 615-9505 or visit the website: www.geocities.com/churchvillelodge667.

In closing, as Summer quickly approaches, it signals the end of my term as Master. I take the opportunity to thank you for your support throughout the year. I enjoyed every second while sitting in the East. It is something I will never forget. Again, thanks. x

**Union Star**  
**Lodge No. 320**

3 North Main Street  
 Honeoye Falls 14472

2nd Mondays  
 7:30 p.m.



**Master**  
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**Secretary**  
 Robert Sweeney  
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I hope everyone is in good health and spirits, as we head into Summer. May was a busy month for our Lodge. In early May, I had the privilege of representing Union Star Lodge at Grand Lodge in New York City. It was the first time I had ever been to Grand Lodge, and I was very impressed with the architecture, and all the beautiful rooms. I had the opportunity to see the Bible upon which some of the Presidents had taken their Oath. We should all be proud of such a wonderful building that is our Grand Lodge.

**Election of Officers**

We had Election of Officers at our May 10th meeting. There is a fine Officers line, and I'm sure much will be accomplished next year.

**Thanks**

I thank all the Brothers who worked so hard scraping, painting, repairing, and cleaning our Lodge building, so that it would look nice for our 150th year Re-dedication. The Re-dedication Ceremony, along with the dinner that evening, went very well. It was an honor to have Grand Master, M.: W.: Edward R. Trosin Jr., and his Officers at our celebration. Many thanks to the Brothers who served on the 150-year committee for the countless hours they put in, to ensure that day would be a success.

**Mason of the Year**

It was an honor to present the "Mason of the Year" award to W.: Terry Hatch at the Re-dedication Ceremony. Terry represents what Masonry is all about. He has been our Treasurer for a number of years, and has always done an outstanding job. Whenever there is a work party, or a committee position in need, Terry is there to give of his time and knowledge. Congratulations Terry, and thank you.

**Fundraiser**

We have some preparation to do before our annual fundraiser, "Village on the Green." On Friday, June 18th, we will meet in the kitchen of our Lodge at 10:00 a.m. to cut up peppers and onions, and then set up our food booth. The Festival will be Saturday and Sunday (June 19th and 20th) at Harry Allan Park in the Village of Honeoye Falls. There will be arts and crafts booths, food vendors, live music under the gazebo, and let's not forget the "pie eating" contest. Our Lodge will be running the Child ID Program, and we hope to sur-



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pass the number of videos we did last year. We will also run a booth selling Italian sausages, hamburgers, and cold beverages. We are praying for a sunny weekend and invite all of you to come out and join us.

**Steak Roast**

As always, our Fellowship Steak Roast will be the last event on the trestleboard. This is always a great evening to get out with the guys, have a good meal, and enjoy each others' company.

In closing, I would like to say that it has truly been an honor to serve as Master of Union Star Lodge this past year. I have learned so much, and have made a lot of new friends along the way. Thanks to all of my Officers and Brothers of the Lodge for your support, and my father, W.: Bud Ripley, for his guidance and knowledge of the Craft. Last, but certainly not least, thanks to my secretary, Brother Rob Sweeney, for his devotion to the Lodge, and the Fraternity as a whole.

Enjoy your Summer, be safe and have fun. We will see you in September.

**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

As I sit down to write this column, all I can think is that I can't believe that the year has passed already. It seems like just yesterday that we were all in the Lodge room for installation, melting from the June heat.

A lot has happened since I last wrote copy for the *Masonic Times*. The biggest news is in regards to our Summoned Meeting held on April 26th. As you all know, the purpose of that meeting was to ratify the consolidation agreement between our Lodge and Charlotte/Corinthian. We started by handing out copies of the By-Laws for the new Lodge, and then went through the agreement itself. After some very productive question and answer time, the agreement went to the vote. It passed. Congratulations, Brothers, for we all shall be known as Unity Lodge No. 479 as soon as Grand Lodge approves.

Speaking of Grand Lodge, I was in New York from Sunday, May 2nd, through Tuesday, May 4th. While I was there, Brother Mike Hueston and I checked in with the Assistant Grand Secretary, to make sure that they received our consolidation papers. He said that he, in fact, did get them, and everything should be done by the end of June.

This leads me to our Summoned Meeting that was on May 10th. Since we will not be officially Unity Lodge until our Charter comes back from Grand Lodge, we had to elect an interim Officers' line to satisfy the constitution. The results of this election were:

Master **Chet Riley**  
Sr. Warden **David Sylvester**  
Jr. Warden **Jay McCullough**  
Treasurer **Tom Michielsen**  
Secretary **Jim Toogood**  
Trustee **Dick Kessler**

The reason these positions are interim is that once the Charter for Unity Lodge comes from Grand Lodge, the Officers' line listed in the consolidation agreement takes effect. Before the elections took place, we had yet another Brother recognized for exemplary service to the Fraternity. R.: W.: Norm Austin came to present the York Rite College award to W.: Karl-

Heinz Reich for his work on the Have-a-Heart Campaign, and with the Ladies Night Out. Congratulations, Karl!

While ballots were being tallied for the elections, I gave my report of Grand Lodge Business. The big news there is that our Grand Lodge dues go up \$9.50 next year, and another \$3.00 the year after. We finished out our night with the Lodge Historian's report given by our Historian, Brother David Hagmier.

Even though Summer is upon us, we do have some important dates and facts to keep on our minds and calendars. First, we still have seven Brothers owing 2003 dues and twenty-three Brothers owing for 2004.

Secondly, our Master-elect has chosen Sunday, June 6th, at 1:00 p.m. for the Installation of Officers. This is an open installation, so bring your families.

Next, our last meeting before the Summer break is on June 14th. It is a sport shirt night, so wear that shirt your family won't let you wear out in public.

Our Annual Picnic is the week after, on June 21st. The Games Committee has games starting around 5:00 p.m., and dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. As a reminder, bring a dish to pass and your place settings. The Lodge will provide the meat and beverages.

Now we jump to the last weekend in July. We will have our Annual Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, July 24th and Sunday, July 25th. To make this another success, we need a lot of help. If you can help with this, please contact W.: Jim Toogood. Two days later, on July 27th, Brother Ray Mandeville needs help with the Blood Drive at the Ogden Center. The Drive itself goes from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., but setup begins at noon, and tear down will be from 7:00 p.m. to about 8:00 p.m. The last Blood Drive produced 63 units, let's see if we can increase that number to 70.

In closing my Brothers, I think we had a great year. I thank each and every one of you for making this year such a success. I really look forward to Unity Lodge and all of the great things that will come from it. It was an honor, a privilege, and a pleasure serving you this year.

you, THANKS from the bottom of my heart for being there.

Since my last article, we have had two very important meetings. The first, on April 15th saw the annual conferral of the 3rd Degree at Webster Lodge with an exemplary job done by all those who participated. This was especially true for our Junior Warden, Mike Nohle, who portrayed King Solomon, in the second section of the Degree and our Senior Warden, Bernie Russell, who portrayed Hiram, King of Tyre. Mike also did a wonderful and beautiful rendition of the Historical Lecture in long form. We raised Brother Norris Shapiro, to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

Our second meeting, on May 6th, was Awards Night at Webster Lodge. That evening, I had the pleasure of presenting 14 of the 33 Brothers with their Certificates and Pins for various years of service to the Craft. We also had present that night two other guests of honor. Our first was the immediate past Grand Sword Bearer of the Monroe District, R.: W.: Derek E. VanHouten, who presented a Certificate and Pin to R.: W.: William J. Kuehne, for completing the Masonic Development Course and the Grand Lodge Officers' Training Seminars. Bill was required to take these courses in order to be installed our next Grand Director of Ceremonies.

Our second guest of honor that evening was Sir Knight and R.: W.: Norman P. Austin, who came representing Genesee York Rite College, to present W.: John Merz a Certificate and Pin as one of this year's Gold Honor Award recipients. The Gold Honor Award is presented to area Masons for their distinguished service to the Craft above and beyond the regular call of duty. When I had a opening in my line of Officers at the beginning of the year and needed a Trustee, John agreed to fill the position. When our Chaplain, Brad Lewis, was unable to come to Lodge this year due to a conflict with his school schedule, John sat in for him and filled the chair. When the other two Trustees went to Florida for their annual Winter sabbatical, John was there making sure our Lodge was in good hands. John has also been there the past few years every first Friday of the month to assist with the Spaghetti Dinners, the major fundraiser for our Lodge. So to me, the choice was quite clear. John, thanks for setting the example of what Masonry is all about and thanks for being there this year to help, aid, and support us all.

In conclusion, let me leave you with a final lesson, The Lambskin Apron.

In Masonic symbolism, the Lambskin Apron holds precedence. It is the initial gift of Freemasonry to a candidate, and at the end of life's pilgrimage it is reverently placed on his mortal remains and buried with his body in the grave. Above all other symbols, the Lambskin Apron is the distinguishing badge of a Mason. It is celebrated in poetry and prose and has been the subject of much fanciful speculation. Some Masonic writers have contended that initiation is analogous to birth, or our advent from prenatal darkness

into the light of human fellowship, moral truth and spiritual faith. Much ancient lore has been adduced in an effort to show that the Lambskin Apron typifies regeneration, or a new life, and this thought of resurrection may be the cause of its interment with the body of a deceased Brother. At least it will serve until a better reason is advanced for this peculiar custom in the Masonic burial service. The association of the lamb with redemption and being born again is expressed by John, the Apocalyptic Seer, who had a vision on the Isle of Patmos, and beheld the purified and redeemed "of all nations, and kindred, and people and tongues." Of them it was said, "These are they, which came out of great tribulation and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." By many it has been regarded as a great religious symbol.

In our present conception there are three parts of man: body, soul and spirit. What the body is to the soul, the soul is to the spirit, namely, a house or habitation, but in oriental thought there were seven parts of man, four earthly and three heavenly, four physical and three spiritual. The four sides of the square symbolized the four physical and the three sides of the flap, or triangle, symbolized the three spiritual parts of man. The apex of the triangle or point of the flap stood for the seventh part of man which was called Atma and which means the eternal spark, the divine flame, the indestructible spirit of the living God in every human being. In this aspect it means that... God is not a looker-on At the life of anyone; God is under every man, God is part of every man.

Upon presentation of the Apron, a Master Mason is told that it is an emblem of innocence, and the Badge of a Mason; that it is his, to be worn upon all proper occasions throughout an honorable life. The Masonic Apron, when properly worn, shall be completely visible at all times. While wearing a coat as part of your dress, whether in a public meeting or within the tiled recesses of your Lodge, the Masonic Apron is correctly worn outside the coat. The apron has always been associated with work. "Except a man be working, he would have no need for an apron." When the Mason puts on his Apron, he is signifying to the world his willingness to work at his accepted responsibility. Further, he is signifying the dedication of himself to a life of purity before God and man, because the material of the Masonic Apron is lambskin, it is associated with innocence.

It's time for me to put down the baton and pass the reins to the new Master, Bernie Russell. In doing so, I'd like to start his year out with my blessing and prayers for a fruitful year. Bernie, may fortune be on your side, may the angels of the Lord bless and watch over you, and may you have good luck in all your endeavors this coming year.

**Upcoming events**

June 3rd - Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. Dinner 6:30 p.m.

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**NORTHFIELD**  
Lodge No. 426  
Instituted March 1857  
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We had the pleasure of recognizing several Brothers who had put their time in the Lodge and Fraternity. Brother Merritt Sweet, 55 years; and Brother Richard Trolley, 50 years. We also gave the Mason of the Year Award to Brother Glenn Schaefer, as he excelled in his duty to our Lodge.

To continue with good news, we welcome Victor Simon Muto. He is a gift from the Great Architect of the Universe to his proud father, Brother R.J. Way to go, R.J! We hope to see him in our ranks in 21 or so years.

**Best wishes**

Not all is good news. R.: W.: Raymond Beardsley had surgery and he missed receiving his 50 year recognition. Our prayers are with you. Get well soon.

By the time this article is in print, the new Officers of Northfield Lodge will have been elected. Congratulations to all!

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As my year comes to a close, I'd just like to take a minute to thank all those who have helped, guided, and supported me along the way. This includes my Officers, the Past Masters, the ladies of the Eastern Star, the sideliners, the wives/girlfriends, or Joy Woodley and her helpers, who were a tremendous and wonderful aid in getting me through my year. So to all of


**Webster Lodge**

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- June 10th - Fellowcraft meeting
- June 17th - open
- June 20th - Fathers Day
- June 24th - Fellowcraft meeting
- June 26th - Saint John's Day Masonic Care Community, Utica.

**ERAC**  
Lodge No. 163

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



**Master**  
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377-4695

**Secretary**  
R.: W.: Terry W. Wihlen, Sr.  
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979 Bay Road, Webster 14580

May was another great month for ERAC Lodge. As I write my last article, I still can't believe that this Masonic year is almost over. Time "flew by" because we were very hard at work. This year changed ERAC Lodge for the better and it will continue to thrive in the future because of your decisions and support.

My trip to New York City and Grand Lodge went well. I was not as anxious as expected while in that crowded city. The sessions of Grand Lodge went well and I'm sure the event is well recorded in the *Masonic Times*. Grand Lodge Temple is beautiful and very impressive. The Library has archives of ERAC Lodge and its makings, which provided insight to how we developed into such a great Lodge.

My highlight of Grand Lodge was receiving the Howard Potts Award for perfect attendance for ERAC's Lodge Officers at the Grand Lecturer's Convention. This Award was given by the Grand Master. Your Officer team did a fantastic job this year and I'm glad they were recognized in Grand Lodge for the hard work.

**Annual meeting**

Our annual meeting was held on May 10th, and we accomplished election of Officers, year-end reports, Grand Lodge report and Lodge of Remembrance. The room was filled with many Brothers and the discussions were good.

Lodge of Remembrance was a beautiful tribute to our Brothers who have passed in the last year. Their names are:

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|------------------|---------|
| Paul Bird        | 1/17/04 |
| Elwyn Brown      | 5/7/03  |
| Raymond Dold     | 4/29/04 |
| Edwin Dudley     | 7/20/03 |
| Walter Ellis     | 2/3/04  |
| James Ferris Sr. | 9/6/03  |
| Alton Foster     | 11/8/03 |
| Harold Hershey   | 9/21/03 |
| Raymond Lauth    | 5/9/04  |
| William Lennox   | 5/2/04  |
| Keith Stambach   | 7/8/03  |
| George Wetzell   | 1/24/04 |
| Carl White       | 7/30/03 |
| David Zegas      | 6/24/03 |

**Eureka Lodge visit**

Our visit to Eureka Lodge No. 36 (Prince Hall Affiliated) occurred on May 15th, and was a huge success. We had over 25 Brothers from our Lodge and were treated like family. We presented paraphernalia from our old building in East Rochester to them as a gift. We provided the ped-

estals for the Master/Wardens stations, staves and a Tiler's sword. I hope this friendship continues to grow each year.

**Congratulations, George**  
The Joint Investiture Ceremony on May 21st was well attended by eight Past Masters from ERAC Lodge to support our incoming Master-elect George Nasra. Congratulations to George for his hard work and this great accomplishment. We are fortunate to have him taking over for the next year and he would appreciate your support in Lodge.

Public Installation will occur on June 14th at 7:30 p.m. for the main program. We will have light snacks/drinks starting at 6:30 p.m. and cake after the Installation. This event is open to family and friends. Please come out to support your new Master and his line.

**Apron Presentation**

Mark your calendar and send your reservations for the June 28th Apron Presentation to celebrate and support our current Grand Lodge Officers for Monroe District and our incoming line. We have two Brothers who need our support and we need to show them our appreciation for their dedication to the Craft. W.: Lew Perna (incoming District Deputy) and W.: Bill Keuhne (incoming Grand Director of Ceremonies) are members of this Lodge and your support in their term is needed. Sign up early (see *Masonic Times* article) as space will be limited for this special night.

"Back to the Basics" was my motto and I'm proud to say that, as a Lodge, we succeeded in my Lodge work plan. This task was accomplished by many hard working Brothers and supported by my family and friends. I could not have accomplished this without your support and guidance. I hope in the coming years we build on our "Basics" and all support our Masonic Creed of Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

**William C. Lennox  
1902-2004**



Sadly, we report R.: W.: William C. Lennox died on May 2nd at the age of 102 years. Raised in Ancient Craft Lodge No. 943 in the early 1920s, Brother Bill served as Master in 1935. He was appointed District Deputy Grand Master of the 1st Monroe District in 1940 and was the senior DDGM in the Monroe Purple Club at the time of his death.

With great command of the Ritual and mentor to legions of men, he was continuously active in ERAC Lodge up until about a year ago. In addition, he was a member of Rochester Consistory; Hiram Chapter, RAM; and Damascus Shrine. He will truly be missed.

Survivors include four children, nine grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren.

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LODGE No. 779

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

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By David Goodrich,  
Master-Elect

I thank you for the honor you have given me by electing me to serve as your Worshipful Master. I hope I can meet your expectations and provide proper and positive leadership.

I wish to acknowledge the service W.: Scott Brickman has given our Lodge this past year. During his term we have raised five new Brothers. They are Brothers Jeffrey Robinson, Frank "Sonny" Sassone, Joshua Harman, Lt. Nathan Thompson, US Army, and Sgt. Thomas Kasper Jr., US Army. I thank the Installation team of W.: Robert Pedersen, W.: Gerald Jones, and Brother Richard Caupp, DSA.

**Congratulations!**

We all should congratulate Brother Denny Wright for receiving the well deserved Dedicated Service Award (DSA). Over the years he has unselfishly served our Lodge and Brotherhood.

**Trestleboard**

By this time you should have received a copy of the Trestleboard. If you have not, please call me at 392-3384, and I will see that you get one.

I hope you will have an enjoyable Summer and will be ready to take an active part in the Lodge activities in the Fall. It starts September 21st with our first meeting, followed by our first Spaghetti Dinner on September 29th.

**Charlotte/Corinthian**  
Lodge No. 1088

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

**Master**  
W.: William J.  
Mitchell  
581-1806

**C. William Flemming, DSA**  
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Rochester 14612

**From the Master**

Hello again, my Brothers. Another issue of the *Masonic Times*; another column to prepare. Perhaps this could be my last! Golly, so soon already! At last, finally! That about covers the way I feel, I guess. So, with all that done, I shall treat this as my last communication to you by way of the *Masonic Times*.

Although we are approaching the demise of Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge, we are also approaching the birth of a new Lodge, Unity No. 479. This gives us the opportunity to create a new beginning; the start of the history of Unity Lodge! This does not mean that we have, nor ever will, forget our ties to Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088.

**Past events**

On May 4th, the Lodge celebrated several anniversaries.



Waiting for their first escorted "official entrance" as GLOs. Escorts W.: Tom Grape and V.: W.: John Dyer flank R.: W.: Don Tubman and R.: W.: Lew Perna.



(l to r) Brother John Bennett, R.: W.: Lew Perna, Brother Ed Rupp, W.: William Mitchell, W.: Harry Ellender, and Brother Warren Alhart following presentations of their awards. (Photos courtesy of Cliff Short)



Warren Alhart receives his DSA from (l to r) W.: William Mitchell, R.: W.: Don Tubman, Alhart, and R.: W.: Lew Perna.

Three of our Brothers received certificates from the Lodge and these were presented by R.: W.: Lewis Perna and R.: W.: Donald Tubman, our new District Deputy Grand Master and Grand Sword Bearer.

The highlight of the program was the presentation of a Dedicated Service Award to our Lodge Musician, Brother Warren Alhart. The meeting was preceded by a dinner prepared by Cliff Short and his able assistants, Brothers Andy Alvarez, Jim De Lorenzo, Frank Jansson, and Tom Grape. These Brothers did a fantastic job, and I thank them with all my soul and being.

**Officers Farewell**

Now, my Brothers and friends, a few words to my Line Officers. Before I vacate the station of Worshipful Master, I say "Thank you."

To the Senior Warden Pro-Tempore - for your willingness to serve, I am indebted to you.

To the Junior Warden - your eagerness to learn is truly commendable.

To the Senior Deacon - you did it all! No task too great, and none too small. R.: W.: is a title you bear; ready and willing to all who care!

To the Junior Deacon - your help was greatly appreciated. You proved that even a veteran could do the job assigned to you.

To the Stewards - you did a fabulous job in providing the

refreshments, with delicious, delightful, delectable delicacies, designed to tantalize a Potentate's palate. (Also Frank, thanks for the job you did as "Alpha").

To the Masters of Ceremony - you did not have much to do this year, but I feel safe in saying you batted .500 all the same.

To the Lodge Secretary - my sincere thanks for your help and wise counsel. It has been a pleasure working with you.

To the "Keeper of the Keys," better known as our Treasurer - your diligence to duty is enviable and so is that "foxy" tie. Also, thanks for your work as Chaplain Pro Tempore, aka "Omega."

To the Musician - your digital dexterity is to be applauded and appreciated. Yes, my Brother, you really earned and deserved that DSA.

To the Marshal - how do I thank you? For which job? Marshal...Committee of one with reference to the Widows of our Lodge...Finances

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To my Tiler - W.: Don Freeman: while you were here, rest assured the doors were "truly secure."

To the sideliners - more than just numbers, they are always welcome. They are, believe it or not, the base upon which we build. They are the foundation of the Lodge. It is extremely difficult to do without them. Thank you.

To our AGL - I owe him a lot. When a chair was vacant, he filled that spot. He's a rare breed - more than able to fill any need.

That about covers the lot, with the exception of our visitors. It is always a welcome treat to meet new Brothers and create new friendships. To them, I say thank you from the core of my being.

I thank Cliff Short for his able assistance in writing this column. He has been a great asset to me, and to the Lodge, during my term as Master of the Lodge.

Good luck and God bless you and yours always.

**Lodge activities**

By R.: W.: Cliff Short

On April 24th, the Lodge set up our video equipment to run a Child ID Program at the Ira Jacobsen VFW Post. From noon until almost 5:00 p.m., the line of parents and kids was pretty steady. We finished up by taping 34 kids. It did get a little hectic for a while. Our thanks go out to W.: Bill Mitchell, Brother Mike Hueston, V.: W.: John Dyer, and Officer Ron Chabot of the RPD.

May 4th was the date of our Awards Dinner and Ceremony. Brother Ed Rupp and W.: Harry Ellender received their 55-Year Pins and Certificates, while Brother John Bennett received his 50-Year Certificate and Pin. Brother Warren Alhart received a well deserved DSA Apron, which was presented to him by our Master, W.: William Mitchell, with

the assistance of our newly appointed Grand Lodge Officers, District Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: Lew Perna, and the Grand Sword Bearer, R.: W.: Don Tubman. We entertained 34 Brothers and friends for dinner preceding the Awards Ceremony.

**Honored guests**

Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge had the distinguished honor of being the inaugural event for our new District Officers. They had only been officially appointed at about 3:00 p.m. that very afternoon. We wish all of the best to RWs Lew Perna, Bill Kuehne, and Don Tubman. May you have the direction, strength and wisdom to lead our Monroe District during these next two years.

**Consolidation update**

The Consolidation Committees from both Charlotte/Corinthian and Etolian Lodges believe that all the necessary paperwork has been submitted to Grand Lodge. We have verified that the paperwork was received by the Grand Secretary's Office, and have been assured that we should be wrapping up the last details of our consolidation by the middle of June, at the latest. As always, any comments, questions, or requests for clarifications are welcomed from all Brethren. You can direct them to me at 225-0464, or Joe Privitera at 392-5583. It does appear that this Summer is going to be a very busy one for the Lodges. This will truly be a Summer in the trenches for many of us.

**O-At-Ka Lodge No. 759**  
 2nd & 4th Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.  
 Master W.: Charles A. Piazza 247-5032  
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to witness the presentation of a 50-year Service Award and Pin to his father, Brother Donald F. Tubman, R.: W.: John E. Zabel, District Deputy Grand Master for the Monroe District, did the honors.

It was a very proud moment for the newly appointed Grand Sword Bearer, R.: W.: Donald A. Tubman,



**District Deputy Grand Master Genesee/Wyoming**

R.: W.: Robert W. Strang, Jr. 591-2888

Masonry, a 600-year-old Fraternity with a 2000-year-old tradition, in that time, has overcome many and varied obstacles. During the last two years, it has been my great pleasure to serve the Genesee/Wyoming District and Masonry, and of that service I pray that I have not been in any way an obstacle to the continued success of our beloved Fraternity. Masonry stands during this time as a beacon, to those of the Craft who see it as it truly is; not merely social or Ritualistic, but a vibrant moving and growing society of friends and Brothers who assume leadership roles in society with a view toward compassion, morality and charity to all mankind. Although some, by their na-

ture, cause disorder, these basic strengths of the Craft continue to be the foundation of our Fraternity. With this foundation, Masonry will continue on it's unwavering path. Masons overlook shortcomings, not only in their own character, but in those who by necessity must serve the Fraternity in many ways, and continue to offer the olive branch of peace to enable the unity necessary to propel our Fraternity to greater thoughts and nobler achievements.

Great praise and thanks must go to everyone who has supported the District, these past two years. Attempts to point out individuals would detract from the strides made toward bringing this District together, and is limited due to space permitted for this article. Therefore, it is only right and proper that I take this opportunity to thank every Mason in the Genesee/Wyoming District for his support, great understanding and tolerance. The District has tried to keep the Fraternity what it should be, a society of friends and brothers among whom no contention should exist, except that noble contention of who best can work and best agree. The combined Degree work of late, the interaction of all the

Brothers and the coming together of ALL the Lodges in the District, has given me, as District Deputy, tremendous satisfaction, and it is my continuing hope that this harmony will prevail and continue under the new leadership set in place.

To the new District leaders, I offer my support and wishes for every success in their future Masonic endeavors, and I pledge my support in what ever I may do to be of assistance to strengthen the District further.

My first article for this publication came on the heels of my being in New York City for Grand Lodge Communication, therefore it is only fitting that I give you a brief description of what took place on my last trip to the Big Apple. Grand Lodge session can be found in many publications and I hope you take the time to look into what transpired, as it is truly your Grand Lodge.

Now for the gossip of the trip, mind you, these are highlights and are slanted by those who beheld them firsthand. My recollection of the first trip to Grand Lodge holds dear memories such as the taxi kicking incident and the use of luggage carts as a mode of transportation. In keeping

**Seneca Lodge No. 797**  
 2nd Tuesday 7:30 p.m.  
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 30 Orchard Street Webster 14580

As our new year began in May with a change in leadership, may we, as Brothers of Seneca Lodge, remember the cement which binds us into one common brotherhood. May our strict attention to work procure for us a plenty of the joy of our Fraternity.

Your new Officers have been planning for the year ahead with tradition and past successes in mind. We hope to bring these ideas forward in ways that will apply to today's life styles. Our Trestleboard is full, yet somewhat flexible. Please read it closely and contribute as your cabletow allows you to do so.

The social functions of Seneca Lodge require your participation to be successful by both attending the event and helping those in charge. Without the support of our members, we cannot pleasure and profit there by. When called on to participate in an event this year, I urge you to look favorably to the East.

The June meeting will again celebrate our annual Lodge of Remembrance and Awards Night. This is an open meeting and all are more than welcome to attend. Please be present as we honor those who have labored long in the quarries of Freemasonry.

This year we have planned a Brother Volunteer Day to support the Ronald McDonald House. The details of this will be discussed and worked out at our September meeting. Plan on attending to share your

ideas and input. Final details will be printed in the October Trestleboard.

Your Lodge calendar will be printed in each Trestleboard and will be updated as necessary. Pay strict attention to any possible changes, for were you to under go questions about upcoming events, the answers would be yours.

Your Officers and I thank you for your confidence in electing us to lead Seneca Lodge this year. With your enthusiasm and support it will be a year of good fellowship and real growth.

**Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109**  
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By Joseph Gingold, Master-elect

It was my honor and privilege to be elected as the Master of Valley/Simes Lodge for this ensuing year at our Past Masters' Night, May 5th. I thank our out-going Master, Dave Mura, and R.: W.: Richard Snyder for their contributions in ensuring the success of the evening. I especially thank R.: W.: Snyder for his efforts in the East and filling all the chairs with Past Masters and many of the sideline chairs, as well.

**Trestleboard**

In the coming Masonic year, my trestleboard will focus on five areas:

1. The development and support of our Masonic family within Valley/Simes Lodge, such as charity to our members in need, and furthering our moral support to them,

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with the traditions established by the Genesee/Wyoming District, you should be made aware of an attempt by someone to bring contraband upon the aircraft before takeoff. This, my Brothers, set the pace for upcoming adventures in New York City.

The second evening was the Grand Master's Dinner and several Brothers of this District, in an attempt to extort from your District Deputy his dignity, attempted to ply him with adult beverages, but as always, right prevailed, or in this case lasted longer.

Traveling around the city after Grand Lodge closed, it became evident that this would be a trip for only the stout-hearted, as we attempted to traverse marathon distances on foot. Obviously, to you it should be noted that everyone returned to his hotel no worse for the wear, only to find out later that some of the areas encountered were not the sort that people travel through any time soon. This year, we were led by a very competent map-reader, so not much time was spent in the abyss of the New York subway system.

The return trip to home was filled with anticipation, as

news bulletins were sent to us, and we could not wait to get home to learn what new and exciting things were happening in our District.

Thank you for your support and guidance throughout my term as District Deputy. May brotherly love prevail and may the blessings of Heaven rest upon you and yours.

**Grand Director of Ceremonies Genesee/Wyoming**

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**Nervous excitement**

As I embark on this new journey, like any new undertaking, I'm a little nervous but, at the same time, excited to get started. I feel I am setting some pretty high goals for myself for, in the end, my hope is to have a meaningful term for myself and the District. To ac-

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**Willwerth**

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comply my goal, I will need input from all the Masters and Wardens in the District. From that input, I hope to put together the type of training our Brothers would want to attend, and encourage others to take, if they had the opportunity.

I look forward to the next two years, so I can work with old friends and make new ones. I plan to travel with the Purple Apron Club to help with installations. I hope you will take the opportunity to talk with me and, if I don't know you, to introduce yourself. I am also looking forward to working and traveling with R.: W.: Norm Steinbaugh, our new DDGM. Part of my goal is to give him the support he needs so that he enjoys his term, also. Norm has some big shoes to fill (have you seen the feet on R.: W.: Bob Strang?). Bob has done a great job for the past two years, and I know Norm will continue to do so.

Last, but not least, I thank the Purple Apron Club for choosing me for the Staff Officer position. I am honored, and hope to meet all expectations.

**Attica Lodge**  
**No. 462**

1st and 3rd  
Wednesdays  
(Jan-Feb-Mar  
3rd Wed. Only)



**Master**  
W.: Keith  
Counterline  
591-1023

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

With the year coming to an end, Attica Lodge held its annual elections and the following were voted into office for the 2004-2005 year:

**Master Keith Counterline**  
Sr. Warden **Richard Luh**  
Jr. Warden **Paul McCullough**  
Secretary

**Norman Steinbaugh**  
Treasurer **William Walters**

Congratulations to R.: W.: Norm Steinbaugh for being appointed to the position of District Deputy Grand Master. We are sure he will give the job his usual 110%.

A big thank you to R.: W.: Robert Strang for a terrific job these last two years as District Deputy Grand Master. I feel that he has brought the District closer together and there wasn't any place that he didn't travel. Thanks again, Bob.

Our Annual Chicken Bar-B-Que was held May 9th, and seemed pretty busy. Thanks to all who showed up to help out and to W.: Bruce Anderson for chairing the dinner.

**Congratulations**

We held our Widows and Awards Night on April 21st and found out that one of our widows will become 100 years young this June. Congratulations to Mrs. Corliss.

Congratulations to our newest Brother, Dave Hodgkins, who was raised a Master Mason on May 1st.

**Eastern Star sadness**

Caledonia and Batavia Chapters, OES, lost a member with the passing of Margaret (Maggie) Nugent on March 24th. She was a Grand Representative to North Carolina in 2001-2002. Maggie passed

away after a short battle with cancer and will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

As we all prepare for the upcoming Summer, keep in mind that Masonry does not take a vacation and we should practice Masonic teachings all year long.

Please keep our men and women who are serving our country overseas in your everyday prayers. The war is far from over.

God bless all of our Brothers and families.

**Oakland Lodge**  
**No. 379, F. & A.M.**

1st and 3rd Tuesdays  
(Jan., Feb., Mar.: 1st Tuesday only)



**Master**  
W.: Henry  
Robinson  
322-7545

**Secretary**  
W.: Richard L. Smith  
493-5408  
134 South Main Street, Castile 14427

It appears as though Spring has finally arrived, and that Summer is just around the corner. This is a sign that the Masonic year is coming to an end and we will soon be taking our Summer recess from monthly communications. It has been a very good year for Oakland Lodge. We welcomed Brother Arthur Robinson as a new Brother into our time-honored organization. This allowed us to smack the dust and rust out of our brains as we performed the Degree Ritual work which makes this organization so great. We also experienced the brotherhood and fellowship which comes with being a Mason by all the help and support which was offered by fellow Lodges throughout the District in performing the three Degrees.

Oakland Lodge thanks all our fellow Brothers for their help and support in all the Degree work which we performed this past year. Without your help, the task of bringing in a new Brother would not have been accomplished.

**Bowling Tournament**

Oakland Lodge was once again well represented at the State Bowling Tournament this year, held in Newark. The team from Oakland Lodge placed fourth in the tournament, with some great bowling by all and the aid of a 736 scratch series by our Master-elect, Henry Robinson. The doubles team of Fred Hance and Dave Kazmerzak came in first place with the aid of a 768 scratch series by Dave. Henry also met Doug Kent, who is the owner of the lanes where the tournament was held and is currently a bowler on the Professional Bowlers' Tour. Doug has made many television appearances and has won numerous tournaments on the PBA Tour.

**Bingo Night**

Oakland Lodge will be traveling to Batavia on June 22nd for our annual Bingo Night at the Veterans Hospital. This is one of the more rewarding activities in which I have participated since becoming a Mason. This is just one of the ways in which we can show our thanks and appreciation for the men and women who have fought to keep our country free. All members should plan to meet in the recreation room at 6:30 p.m. I thank all the

members who help make this such an enjoyable night for the Veterans.

**Ladies' Night**

Oakland Lodge will be hosting a Ladies' Night at Hawley's Lumber Yard Restaurant in Perry, on June 15th. The evening will begin at 6:30 p.m. Please contact Henry Robinson, if you plan to attend this event at 322-7545. This will allow Henry to give the restaurant an approximate number of people attending.

**Installation**

Oakland Lodge will once again pair up with Warsaw Lodge for a joint Installation for the new Officers for the ensuing year. It will take place on June 1st and will be held at the Warsaw Lodge Masonic Temple. The Installation will begin at 8:00 p.m. The following list of Officers will be installed for Oakland Lodge for the ensuing year:

**Master Henry Robinson**  
Senior Warden

**Kenneth Smith**  
Junior Warden

**Robert Kemp**  
Treasurer **Frederick Hance**

Secretary **Richard Smith**

Chaplain **David J. Beardsley**

Senior Deacon

**Gerald Hoffmeister**

Junior Deacon

**Arthur Robinson**

Senior Master of Ceremony

**Thomas Scott**

Junior Master of Ceremony

**Daniel Hamilton**

Marshal **Robin Bowles**

Tiler **Raymond Wood**


**Thank you**

I thank all the Brothers from Oakland Lodge who contributed to the Brotherhood Fund this year. This was the most successful campaign Oakland Lodge has had since I became the Brotherhood Chairman. It just goes to show the extraordinary group of people who call themselves Masons. Even though the economy has seen some turbulent times the past couple years, many of our members have still found some funds they could set aside for the less fortunate, the sick, and future generations.

May the blessings of Heaven rest upon all Masons and their families wherever they may be. Hopefully, all my fellow Brothers and their families will have a happy, safe and enjoyable Summer.

**Batavia**  
**Lodge No. 475**

2nd & 4th  
Tuesdays



**Master**  
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Willwerth  
344-8443

**Sec. R.: W.: Robert F. Dagon**  
548-7148  
rdagon@rochester.rr.com

200 East Main Street  
Batavia 14020

The culmination of raising our Brother James Rosenbeck to the sublime Degree of Master Mason became a reality May 1st. It was a distinct privilege to witness the raising of four Brothers in our District at Attica Lodge. Once again, the record number of Brethren attending grew even larger than the past two degrees; there were 65 Brethren from our District and visiting Brethren. A special word of thanks and congratulations is in order to those who participated in the

conferral of this Degree. It was without exception, exemplified with dignity and respect to our Brothers being raised and to those who witnessed the Degree.

As mentioned in the past couple of months, work continues with the fix-up of the fourth floor of our Lodge. The stove which we were required to remove or spend a considerable amount of money bringing the hood up to "fire standards," has become the property of a church kitchen in Perry. Your help will still be needed to complete the fourth floor project.

**Sickness and distress**

It's my hope that all are well within our organization. I have nothing to report at this time. As a reminder, please, if you know someone of whom we should be thinking or visiting, let the Secretary know so this information can be passed along to all the Brethren.


As a final note, I take this opportunity to thank each of you who gave me his support during the past couple of years while I had the privilege of presiding in the East. I would like to ask now that I retain your support as my personal endeavors continue in the "new office" to which I have been appointed, that being one of the Director of Ceremonies of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

Finally Brothers, we continue to ask that everyone keep our troops in his thoughts and prayers. They are giving of their time while diligently performing their respective duties overseas and at home, especially now with all the negativity being relayed to us each and every day, as we enjoy the comfort of our families and homes.

May God bless America and may God bless us all!

**Eunice Lodge**  
**No. 830**

1st Thursdays  
7:30 p.m.



**Master**  
W.: Steven  
Cross  
768-8027

**Secretary**  
R.: W.: Francis E. Oberer  
9501 Asbury Road, LeRoy 14482  
768-6698

By David Howlett, Master-elect

Another month puts us closer to the Summer and, hopefully, towards some very exciting work in preparation for next year.

**Sickness and distress**

R.: W.: Allan Roggen had some very minor work done at the doctor's office, but it wasn't enough to keep him away from our regular communication. It was also nice to see R.: W.: Gene Hill sitting in as Chaplain. He looked as if he was getting around a little better. As for any other Brother, if you are in need, or know someone who is in need, of our aid or sympathy; or if we can do something for you, please do not hesitate to contact me at home, 671-4277.

**Old business**

The results of "Old Fashioned Days" were presented. Unfortunately, the weather did not create the best atmosphere for fundraising. Business was sporadic, and due to

the cold, coffee might have been our best seller. Thanks to all the Brothers who helped set-up, work, and tear-down. There was a lot of work to do, but it was brought up by several Brothers present that we did have a very good time together. W.: Lynn Pease did suggest that we investigate having hats and/or shirts made (we nicknamed it "Eunice-Wear") to make our association to the Craft more easily recognized.

Three of us attended the 1st Degree at Geneseo Lodge on April 22nd. It was my first visit to another Lodge and thanks to Brother Derek Howlett and W.: Steve Cross for attending with me. It was nice to work through the Degree, but we also got to talk some history with several of our more experienced Brothers afterwards. Thank you to Geneseo for their hospitality.

**New business**

A report was made by W.: Mel Hussey on this year's Grand Lodge proceedings. Brother Mel gave his take on the procedures and events which took place. There was also some candid discussion on the part of the Brothers present on the increased per capita (+\$9.50) as well as the proposal to raise initiation fees. Brother Hussey also told us of the nonbusiness portion of his trip. After Lodge, Mel handed out some small gifts for the newly-elected Officers. Thank you for taking the time to represent us, giving such a detailed report, as well as for the gifts.

Worthy Matron Patricia Roggen sent a nice card offering the new Officers her support for the coming year. She invited us to an OES event at Lodge in May, where they had a character artist present and ice-cream sundae making.

I was also given permission to investigate the cost of T-shirts which we would like to donate to the New York State Championship football team from Cal-Mum. Any ideas as to vendors to contact, as well as design ideas for the shirts, are welcome (dmhow@aol.com).

**New Officers**

Next year's Officers were elected and are as follows:  
Master **David Howlett**  
Sr. Warden **Derek Howlett**  
Jr. Warden **Richard Lafave**  
Secretary **Francis Oberer**  
Treasurer **Andy Reid**  
Trustee **Steve Cross**

By next month's communication, committees will be set and appointed Officers shall be set. Any Brother interested in joining or chairing a committee, we invite your help.

In closing, this last week I had the opportunity to view the Memorial Service for Pat Tillman, the professional football player who gave up a multimillion dollar contract to fight in the war against terror with his brother. Many people eulogized Mr. Tillman and called to our attention the many other men and women who either have died or are still in harm's way. One speaker touched me more than the others. Maria Shriver, wife of Arnold Schwarzenegger, read a letter from the Governor and one from her about how they viewed the sacrifice Mr. Tillman made. The part that struck me the most, was how

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# Scottish Rite NEWS

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Lodge of Perfection

## Commander-in-Chief



Robert D. Pedersen, 33°

### Thank You!

As we begin the new term of Officers, we must give thanks to those who have served. Many thanks to outgoing Officers: Thrice Potent Master Gary Burke, for his continual efforts in promoting Freemasonry, especially during our Symbolic Lodge Recognition Programs; Sovereign Prince, George Nasra, for his leadership in our Family Life Programs and the Table Lodges; Most Wise Master, G. Michael Morris, for his involvement in the Rose Croix line, and his leadership in our 32° Learning Center Fundraising Initiative; Commander-In-Chief, Ill.: Stephen R. Whittaker, 33°, for his continued guidance, support and leadership during his tenure. The last few years have brought tremendous change, and would not have been possible without his vision.

The caring these Brothers have exhibited, lead the Rite and our Fraternity to much closer ties. We thank you, and look forward to your continued assistance.

### New Officers

It is with great pleasure that we introduce the new Valley of Rochester Presiding Officers: Thrice Potent Master, Michael McBride; Sovereign Prince, Norman Austin; and Most Wise Master, Charles Roberts. They have been serving your Valley for the past few years, in different capacities, and are ready to take on their new roles. Also, I congratulate R.:W.: and Ill.: John Zabel, 33°, your 1st Lt. Commander, as he steps aside from his recent term as DDGM for the Monroe District. Joseph Oelgoetz III, will serve as your 2nd Lt. Commander.

As a team, we look forward to a great year in both the Valley functions and in supporting our Fraternity. I congratulate Donald Rose, 32° MSA, Treasurer; Charles Spiegel, 32° MSA, as the new Valley Secretary; and thank Ill.: Charles O. Hancock, 33°, as Secretary Emeritus, who, with determination, have written, rewritten, and updated our By-Laws, which are more consistent with the NYCOD and NMJ Constitutions. They have served our Valley, and we are proud to retain their services, as we move forward.

### New Valley members

During our Reunion in April, we presented our Ritual Degrees to the following new Brothers of the Ill.: Frank Horton, 33°, Class: James Deasey, was elected President; Clifford Dennie, Secretary/Treasurer; Jeffrey Amering, Orator; and Kenneth Pearce. Welcome them when you see them, as we mentor them in the upcoming years.

### Award Recognition

It was a pleasure to attend our Annual Banquet, at the Burgundy Basin Inn, May 8th. Ill.: Rodney R. Rittenhouse, 33°, did his usual commendable job as MC. Ill.: Rod lightened the evening with his story telling, at the most opportune times. It was also good to listen to Ill.: David Spencer, 33° Active, on his remarks, as we move forward.

The recipients of the Ill.: John B. Mullan, 33°, Dedicated Service Award were announced. Please welcome and greet: Sublime Prince Raymond R. Beardsley, 32° DSA, Sublime Prince David P. Crawford, 32° DSA, and Sublime Prince Gregory W. Ludwig, 32° DSA. This Award is given as recognition of their service to 32° Masonry in the Valley of Rochester and the area that it serves. They will be formally presented their "Blue" Caps at our Annual outing in August. We extend our congratulations.

It was also a pleasure to welcome Ann Kaczka, 32° Learning Center Director. Without Ms. Kaczka's leadership, and the tutors, our children in the 32° Masonic Learning Center would not have been able to progress 2 to 2.5 grade levels in advancement in word attack and passage comprehension. The Director, Board of Governors, office staff and tutors are to be commended for their continued efforts. Ms. Kaczka had the pleasure of introducing Jake Roth, a student, and his mother, Karen Roth. It was a delight to listen to Mrs. Roth as she told her story of Jake, having been diagnosed with Dyslexia. Jake's advancement through the two years of one-on-one tutoring, has given him the opportunity to advance to a reading comprehension of his current age 10 level.



Karen and Jack Roth and sons, Jake and Patrick (front), shown with Ann Kaczka, Director of the 32° Learning Center. (Photo courtesy R. Pedersen)

To those in the audience, we felt proud to assist in this wonderful gift which we can provide.

### Mark your calendars

Veterans Recognition - June 17th: please join us at Damascus Shrine Center, Bay Road, as we salute those who have served our Country. All are invited, whether a Mason or non-Mason. This will be an open ceremony, with the assistance of R.:W.: Thomas Paglia, Grand Lodge Veterans Recognition Chairman. We will begin our program at 8:00 p.m., as we encircle our Colors outside, weather permitting, for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of our country. We will then continue the program inside, as we recognize those who have served, and those who are actively

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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:

#### Sovereign Grand Commander

Ill.: Walter E. Webber, 33°

#### Grand Minister of State

Ill.: Norman L. Christensen, 33°

#### Active Members for New York

Ill.: Gary A. Henningsen, 33°

Ill.: Frederick D. Greene, 33°

#### Active Emeriti Members

Ill.: James F. Nichoff, 33°

Ill.: Carlton A. Winchester, 33°,

Past Deputy for New York

#### Grand Lieutenant Commander

Ill.: Lawrence D. Inglis, 33°

#### Deputy for the State of New York

Ill.: Harold L. Aldrich, 33°

Ill.: David P. Spencer, 33°

Ill.: Peter J. Samiec, 33°

Ill.: Bruce Widger, 33°

Past Deputy for New York

Ill.: Richard H. Welkley, 33°

serving to protecting our Freedom. If you have served, please call the office 264-1160, before June 7th, in order to be properly acknowledged.

October 17th - Learning Center Walk-A-Thon, under the direction of Joe Oelgoetz III, also State Chairman. This is a large undertaking, and we are looking for those who can volunteer if time permits.

Please call the office at 264-1160, 1-800-858-2320, or srochest@rochester.rr.com, email, or contact Derek VanHouten 247-2920, e-mail hooter95@rochester.rr.com. Your help and assistance is required to continue to support this high impact Learning Center, in your area.

### Degree Club formation

Our Degree series and Reunions are some of the most important days in which we can provide "more light" to our members, and new classmates. While we have attempted to portray these lessons, sometimes with less than desirable results, we welcome Michael Knolla's insight and ability to assist in this endeavor. Under Michael's direction, we have begun a Degree Club. It is the intention of the club to coordinate the non-repetitious Degrees with audio, visual, stage crews, properties, and costumes. All are welcome to join, and partake. If you are interested, please contact the Office, so they can forward your name

to Mike. This will begin in June, for the Fall Degree series.

### AASR

One of the many items this writer would like to present, will be to bring to "light" information regarding the Scottish Rite. Subsequent publications will continue the story, beginning with the Lodge of Perfection, 4° through the 14° and concluding with the Consistory 32°, Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret.

Excerpts from the writings of A. G. Mackey

While many believe the Scottish Rite, began in Scotland, it was actually formed in France, by those Scottish Masonic emigrants, who traveled to France to evade persecution from their motherland, and continue their Masonic interests. It was believed that this influence contributed to the use of the word Ecosais, translated means "Scottish." It was originally called the "An-

cient and Accepted Rite," but the Latin Constitutions of the Order designated it as the "Antiquus Scoticus Ritus Acceptus," or the "Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite."

In 1732, the first Scottish Lodge (Ecosais) was organized in Bordeaux, France, one of the most influential Masonic regions. In 1761 French Masonic authorities, granted a patent to Stephen Morin of Bordeaux, to carry these advanced Degrees to the French possessions in the West Indies. The initial Degrees consisted of a system of 25 "higher" Degrees, known as the "Rite of Perfection." A few years later, other Degrees were added, until the Rite had a Ritual structure of 33 Degrees, the first three being exemplified in a Symbolic Lodge, if a Grand Lodge with subordinate Lodges existed in the area.

In 1797, in Albany, New York, Henry Francken, orga-

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

### SALUTES OUR VETERANS

June 17th, 8:00 p.m.

### DAMASCUS SHRINE CENTER

Weather permitting, we will begin outside, encircling the Flag of our Country and continue inside under the direction of R.:W.: Thomas M. Paglia

Program is open to all Veterans (uniform is your option)

Please contact the Scottish Rite Office, for proper recognition, with Rank/Service, no later than June 16th.

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nized a Lodge of Perfection. This Lodge was the forerunner of what has become the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite in the United States. During the Colonial Period, other deputies, appointed by Morin, organized Masonic groups which conferred the advanced Degrees along the Atlantic seaboard. These groups were independent and without centralized control. On May 31, 1801, the Supreme Council of the 33° for the United States of America, the first Scottish Rite Supreme Council in the world, was founded in Charleston, South Carolina, unifying these competing Masonic groups.

In 1813, Emauel De La Motta, 33°, a distinguished Jewish merchant and philanthropist, organized in New

York City, the Supreme Council of the Thirty-third Degree for the Northern District. The first Sovereign Grand Commander was Ill. Daniel D. Thompkins, 33°. He filled the office from 1813-1825, at the same time he was Vice-President of the United States, under President Monroe.

Both the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions made slow progress in unifying the scattered Degree-conferring groups. Handicapped by the pride of local organizations, leadership jealousies, anti-Masonic disturbances, and by the War between the States, the unification process however, was completed in 1867. From this troubled period arose what is the present day Northern Masonic Jurisdiction (NMJ) of the United States of America. The NMJ covers

the 15 states East of the Mississippi River, and North of the Mason-Dixon Line, and the Ohio River, including Delaware. The headquarters are located in Lexington, Massachusetts. The Southern Masonic Jurisdiction (SMJ), is headquartered in Washington DC., and covers the remaining 35 States. While there is disparity among the number of States between the two Jurisdictions, the membership of the two Jurisdictions are approximately equal.

The four main Charities which we support are:

- Schizophrenia Research, founded in 1935,
- Abbott Scholarship, founded in 1951
- National Heritage Museum, located in Lexington, Massachusetts, and

• 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children established in 1994. With the only Learning Center in New York State, located in our very own Rochester, and established in 1997.

Enjoy the Summer, and see you in September.  
So Mote It Be. ✽

**Sovereign Prince**

By Norman Austin

This is my first message to you, Brethren, as Sovereign Prince. I express my gratitude and appreciation to each of you for the confidence you have demonstrated by electing me to this esteemed office. I assure you, I will do my utmost to live up to your expectations as I lead the Council of Princes of Jerusalem through the coming Masonic year. We,

as a Body, have some interesting programs planned, and look forward collectively, to having you join us, as we gather together to enjoy family outings, take part in special observances, and with the aid of the Grand Architect of the Universe, to assist the Scottish Rite in the Valley of Rochester in continuing to progress into the twenty-first century.

In my monthly articles, I plan not only to bring you news and information regarding upcoming events, but to supply you with some information regarding various aspects of the Scottish Rite, some little known, which will hopefully, prove to be informative, educational, and in general, enlightening. I am eagerly anticipating serving the Valley, and you, as together, we move forward through an exciting period in our Fraternity. ✽

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her uncle, John F. Kennedy, had challenged the nation to "...ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country." I feel that holds true, especially for our Craft. How important is it for us to continue to help not only our fellow Masons, but our community as well. I can tell you that we at Eunice Lodge are going to try to involve ourselves more in our community; to build those relationships up, and provide ourselves as examples to the community. I'm excited for next year, and hopefully you are also. My goal is to get some new members, as well as renew some old relationships, and make Eunice Lodge not only a place for "more light" but more fellowship, as well.

You will be receiving a survey in the mail soon. Please take the time to fill it out, so it can help us build those relationships. ✽

Debbie was also surprised with a birthday card, which was signed by everyone at the dinner, along with the signatures of Grand Master Fitje and Grand Master-elect Trosin. I thank the Brothers who made the extra effort to get those signatures without my realizing it.

**Table Lodge**

Our Table Lodge last month was a huge success and I hope our visiting Brethren had as much fun that night as I did! I thank the Planning Committee and the kitchen crew for all their time and hard work. We would not have had the wonderful time we did, if not for them. We will be looking to schedule our next Table Lodge in the Fall instead of this late in the Spring. We will be making sure that the Brothers in the area know about the schedule and, hopefully, we can have even more there to enjoy the festivities.

**Election of Officers**

Our elections were held on the thirteenth and I thank all the Brothers in Union Lodge for putting their trust in me for another year. I am truly humbled by their desire to allow me another opportunity to sit in the East. I extend my appreciation to the Brothers who have so graciously agreed to be my Officers as we look forward to this upcoming year. I know that our two Wardens, Kevin and Skip, and I, will do

our best to insure that things are well planned, organized and in general just plain "go well." I extend my gratitude to the Brothers who worked with me last year. You were there to support me whenever needed, and I appreciate it.

**Installation**

Union Lodge had an open installation at our meeting on May 27th. My wife and I sponsored a small dinner buffet that evening before the Installation. We extended a personal invitation to all our Brethren in the area to come and celebrate with all of us as we prepared for another year.

**June**

Our last meeting in June will be our Awards meeting. We will be sending out invitations to our members who will be receiving certificates. I hope to see all those Brothers there who represent all the many years of Masonic service.

We will be holding our annual Steak roast on the 17th at the Kirkwood Estate in Lima. If you are interested in joining us, please let us know, we will need a valid head count for the feast.

I am looking forward to a lazy Summer. It has been a very busy and enjoyable Masonic year and now that it is starting to wind down I can take the time for a reflective look back. I can honestly say that I have had a wonderful

year and the support of all my Brothers has been outstanding! I hope my Brothers feel

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our widows, as well as shut-ins. Additionally, will be the recognition, help and/or aid to Brethren and their families in their respective pursuits toward improving themselves via schooling and their volunteer endeavors.

2. The next area is our Lodge charity and service to individuals who are not within our Masonic family. In this area, we will reach out to the community with our time, labor and financial resources. We will continue to solicit private contributions for the Brotherhood Fund and distribute Lodge donations which support many charities that we have felt were deserving, as in the past. However, we will also contribute our time to raising funds for the Have-a-Heart Campaign, contributing time and labor to maintaining Camp DeMolay, which can be used by Masons, their children and youths in organizations such as scouting. Additionally, we will contribute our time and efforts at the Child ID events and will labor for a day at a Habitat for Humanity home.

3. Professional development is a key component to our commitment to ourselves as

the same as we look forward to Union Lodge's continued success in Livingston District. ✽

Masons. This is critical both in the development of our personal careers and in our growth as Masons. There will be presentations, during Lodge meetings, which will enable us to enhance our knowledge base for business concerns and Masonic endeavors.

4. Ritual work is an area which is key to our identity as Masons. Many fraternities exist, but only our Brotherhood has our history and rich tradition of allegory. Although perfection is sought we, more importantly, owe ourselves the opportunity to learn and be mentored by our fellow Brethren in these teachings of the Fraternity.

5. Social events are the foundation for building our Brotherhood and fraternalism. There will be Summer events, great presentations, guest speakers, theater nights and formal black-tie dinners.


**All welcome**

The first of four of these black-tie evenings will be my Public Installation on June 8th at the Damascus Shrine Center, beginning at 6:00 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres. Please mark your calendars and join my Officers and me to initiate our new Masonic year. ✽

**Union Lodge**  
2nd & 4th Thursdays  
7:30 p.m. **No. 45**

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Lima Masonic Temple  
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My wife, Debbie, and I had a wonderful time going to New York City for the Grand Lodge Communication. I got the chance to watch Grand Lodge in action and Debbie got the chance to tour New York City. The only regret I have is the one of "lack of time." I never did get the chance to really tour the Grand Lodge Building. The Great Hall, where the session was held, is truly awe-inspiring. Our delegation from Livingston District was located up in the balcony this year; we were seated to the right of the huge pipe organ and the ornate artwork and rich colors were spectacular. I do hope that sometime in the near future I can visit and be able to take more time to really poke around to see all there is to see. A number of us did get the chance to celebrate my wife's birthday, with a dinner at the Waldorf Astoria, which was truly a unique experience.

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**From the Potentate**



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**Bruce D. Chilton**  
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2004 is turning out to be as much as we could have hoped for and if it continues, we will accomplish many of our goals. The May meeting saw 125 Nobles watch 19 NEW Nobles created in the Ceremonial and Hot Sands. We welcomed sons, grandsons, cousins, nephews, and brothers-in-law. It was heartwarming to see relatives proudly placing the Fez of Damascus Shrine on their relative's head. During the Hot Sands there was a lot of laughter, which is what the Shrine is all about.

I have to acknowledge the efforts of our Membership Chairman for 2004, Rich Friedman, for a job well done. Rich would be the first to tell you that what we are accomplishing is because we are developing a culture. That culture is that as Shriners, we are dispelling the old myth that Shriners steal Masons. We are helping the Lodges in many ways by offering them our resources to assist in their efforts to strengthen their Lodge.

Our Degree Team is visiting Lodges and portraying the Hiram legend with no payback. They no longer hand to the newly raised Master Mason a pamphlet loaded with information about the Shrine along with a petition to Damascus. The thought process is that generally, there are between three and five new Masons at the Altar and there are anywhere from 30 to 50 sideliners. We are encouraging those just raised to become familiar with Masonry and let some time go by before joining Shrinedom. We do this, because I truly believe this is what a newly raised Mason should do. It is also our hope that this philosophy will appeal to those 30 to 50 sideliners and they will realize that we are NOT trying to steal the new Mason and take him from the Blue Lodge. We also know that there are some who join the Fraternity for the sole purpose of becoming a Shriner and I wouldn't stand in the way of that, either. Masonry benefits in either case. Our goal is not to hurt Freemasonry by portraying a false picture that we are trying to help, but to actually walk the walk, by doing the 3rd Degree portrayal, and to give each new Master Mason the book written by Allen Roberts entitled *The Craft and its Symbols*.

We offer our facility free of charge for any District Masonic education program, and our Clubs and Units stand by to answer a call for any Lodge

which needs a program. We have everything from a program put on for the family by our clowns, to an informational program about our hospital system. We have a "Speakers Bureau" which is educated and well equipped to come to your Lodge upon request made to R.: W.: Larry Canfield, head of that committee. We are Shrine Masons, and we know that this attitude is the only way we will make Damascus grow.

Our June 2nd meeting will be a celebration of the newly made Shriners. We want to show them and their families (spouses and children are welcome) that the Shrine is a fun place to be and let them meet many of Nobles with the hope that they will partake in some of the Summer activities. The meeting will require casual attire and the Divan will dress in their casual Divan outfit. We will be serving hots and hamburgs with all the trimmings and I suspect details can be found elsewhere in this publication.

We will be having two programs that evening. In the dining room we will introduce Jane Millimum, who is the publisher of the *Upstate Gardeners Journal*, and she will give a slide presentation on her vocation. In the meeting room, we will introduce Sean Hanna, an attorney and past County Legislator from Webster. Currently Sean is the Regional Director for the Department of Environmental Conservation. Sean will give a talk and then open the discussion for questions and answers. Sean can tell us the facts relating to our waterfront possibilities and I look forward to his visit.

I know the Summer will be a busy one, and I look forward to parking that Big Black Harley Davidson in many different spots this year. Participation is the key, Nobles.

[www.damascusshriners.org](http://www.damascusshriners.org) is our website. I remind you to visit and refresh your memory of upcoming events. It is updated continuously and to me, has become an invaluable source of information.

Until we see each other again, ride safely and God bless.

**From the Recorder**



Shrine Office  
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**Erwin Newell**  
544-2242

I can't believe that the warm weather is finally here. It's been a long, dreary, cold Winter.

These last months have been very busy, and the month of June will be highlighted by the Second Annual Golf Tournament, and the Potentate's Reception. Last but not least, is the Imperial Convention in Denver in July. Every month I think about my column and

**Potentate - Bruce D. Chilton**

sometimes ask myself what would I like to read?

This month I would like to talk about our Shrine Hospitals. As you all know, it takes a whole lot of dollars to run our hospitals. Endowments, wills and gifts are the key to perpetuating our financial support of our Hospitals. I am very proud to inform you of recent donations to our Hospital system. The largest being a donation of almost \$600,000 came from the Estate of Leona Leshorne. The following donations were also received:

\$38,388.69 from the Estate of Frances Arline Kenyon.

\$1,000 from the Estate of Joseph Deklerow.

\$3,000 from Noble Ralph Kellogg.

All these dollars have been generated in the Damascus area. We should be extremely proud to be able to say that, without our existence as Damascus Shriners, these donations may not have been given to the Shrine Hospitals.

Just a reminder, that for \$150.00 you can purchase a PCM (Permanent Contributing Member) to Shriners Hospital for Children. This money is invested through our EWG and frees you from the \$5.00 annual Hospital Assessment. A contribution of \$100.00 can also be made to the \$100 Million Dollar Club. This contribution has been made by many Nobles and Ladies in the name of a Noble, family member or friend. A certificate is mailed to the recipient and a copy to the person making the donation. This money also is invested through EWG.

Nobles, most of all, be proud of our work as Shriners and our ability to help children through our great hospitals.

Congratulations to our new Nobles who joined Damascus on May 5th.

If you have not paid your dues, please do so as soon as possible. If there is a reason that you are not paying your dues, please call me at 544-2242 and we can discuss it.

Have a great Summer.

**Shrine Director's Staff**

By Vance Collom

The next meeting will be June 23rd, and our guest will be from RG & E, speaking about wind power in a speech entitled, "Catch the Wind." All Nobles, wives and friends, are welcome to come out to DiPacific's Restaurant (corner of Routes 96 and 332 in Farmington). We are looking for new members, and encourage those new Nobles who just joined to come check out the Club. Call in a reservation to one of the Officers: Carl Mason, Vice-President at 657-4474; Ron Edwards, President at 394-3205 or myself at 217-9817, and join us for dinner.

We had a great turnout for our April meeting with 27 Nobles and family members in attendance. Our Divan Representative, Oscar Wilson, did a great job presenting the Shrine Clown Family Program. We

hope the Masons present will take the information back to their Blue Lodges and call Oscar to schedule the same program for one of their own family programs.

At our last meeting, we voted to have each person order their meal from the menu to avoid having only three choices from which to select. Paul Adams made a motion which was approved, to change our dinner starting time to 6:30 p.m. and happy hour will start at 5 or 5:30 p.m. Until next time, God bless.

**SPEAKERS BUREAU**

By Larry Canfield

By Larry Canfield, Chairman  
The Damascus Shrine Center has formed a Speakers Bureau. The purpose is to provide Masonic and non-Masonic organizations and groups with information about the Shriners Hospitals, as part of a total Public Relations Program.

Our research has shown that, over all, little is known about the Hospitals and what services they provide. We have found that groups and organizations, when contacted, are not familiar with the hospitals. Our goal is to speak to Masonic and non-Masonic groups and organizations. We feel this direct contact will further enhance our public relations effort.

The talks are generally 30-45 minutes, followed by a question and answer session. If a group or organization, Masonic or non-Masonic, would like to schedule a talk, please contact me at - (315) 524-2037, between 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday, or [FURNCLI@AOL.COM](mailto:FURNCLI@AOL.COM).

Our hope is that many groups will be interested in our story and what the Hospitals offer children.

**Shrine Lunch Club**

By Vance Collom

Come out and have fun at the Shrine Lunch Club. June 21st is Ladies' Day, and The Magic Guy (Chris Wilkinson) will be here to mystify and entertain you. This will be our last Lunch Club meeting until September. Noble Rene VanDeVeire, Chief Chef, will begin serving lunch again on September 13th. Ladies' Day will be September 20th and the RG&E Band will be back by popular demand, to entertain us with a concert performance of the '50s Big Band sounds.

All are invited to come out and enjoy the fellowship and fun. The Lunch Club opens at 11:00 a.m. and lunch is served

at 12 noon. The cost is \$5.00 and \$6.00 on Ladies Day. All are invited. Bring a friend. See you at the Lunch Club.

**Zama Temple Daughters of the Nile**

By Jean R. Friedrich, PQ

Keystone, Colorado, (near Denver) June 13th - 17th, will be the site of our 88th Annual Supreme Session this year. Some 2000 members, from all over the US and Canada, will gather in this mountain resort (9,000 ft.) for a week of daily business meetings, evening dinners and performances by our units. It concludes with the installation of the new Supreme Queen and her slate of Officers. It is a busy week, packed with legislative and social activities. There are even interesting outside excursions planned for husbands while their wives are in Session. A number of Nobles from Damascus will be attending.

Rochester was host to two of these Supreme Sessions - in 1969, installing Supreme Queen Dorothy S. Fisher, and in 1992, installing Supreme Queen Betty Nohle. Our present Queen of Zama Temple, Sharon Spencer, will always remember this outstanding event in her year. She will meet Queens from other Temples and form lifelong friendships.

Preparing for this convention begins 4-5 years in advance and eventually involves every member of the host Temple, plus assistance from nearby Temples and city officials. It is an exhilarating experience which made our Temple stronger and more vibrant. We are reminded that all the work we do is in support of the children in the Shriners Hospitals.

We look forward to attending this event each year where we discuss ways to improve our organization and, at the same time, have fun!

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# York Rite NEWS

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## District Deputy Grand High Priest

24th  
District  
RAM



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As you read this newsletter, the Chapters within the 24th Capitular District will be in Summer recess, but as I promised there will be a newsletter in each and every **Masonic Times** publication! So here goes.

### Summer and Fall happenings

I urge all Companions of the 24th Capitular District (and all other Districts) to attend Saint John's Day at Utica and join in the festivities of the day.

I urge (there I go again! I should purchase a Thesaurus) all Chapter Companions and their ladies to attend the Annual Outdoor M.:E.: Osco W. Peterson Memorial Degrees at Lake Osco in Montour Falls, on Saturday, August 28th. The gates open at 11:00 a.m. The Mark Master Degree will be at 1:00 p.m., followed by the Past

Master Degree. A picnic lunch of Steak Barbecue or Marinated Chicken Breast with corn, salt potatoes, salad, and ALL liquid refreshments will be served for a donation of \$15.00 per prepaid reservation. Please note that these Degrees benefit the Royal Arch Scholarship Fund.

Reservations may be made by contacting David H. Raymond, PGM2V, 4399 Seneca Road, Trumansburg, NY 14886-9318. E-mail information: dhr@fltg.net

There are two events presented by the Special Events Committee:

1. July 10th, a lunch and ride on the historic Erie Canal.

2. A parade at 11:00 a.m., lunch at noon, and a historic Chapter opening at 2:00 p.m.

Both events to be held in Canajoharie. For more information, contact the Special Events Committee.

### Convention schedule

The Grand Lecturer, R.:E.: William R. Zufall, gave out his list of Conventions for the year 2004-2005. The Convention for the 24th Capitular District will be held at Newark Chapter No. 117 on October 11th. The topic for the evening will be the Past Master Degree.

I look forward to seeing you, and I do mean you, around the Altar of Royal Arch Masonry. "

within and outside of the Chapter, I opened the Table Chapter to the ladies, as well, and was very pleased to have Cora Paglia, Nancy Wright, and Bruce Horncastle's lady, Janet Gee, join us.

A Table Chapter Program is something through all my research, I wasn't able to find. I've seen programs for Table Lodge and Table Council, but never a Table Chapter, so I had the daunting duty of writing the program for the evening. If you've never had to do something like this, let me tell you now, that it takes forever to do, and DON'T wait until the night before as I did, to start it; you'll never get to sleep. I thank all those who gave their remarks at dinner and a special thanks to Joe Oelgoetz for making copies of the program. If any one would like a copy, I have a few left, as well as having it on my computer.

Our second night, on April 22nd, was a Business Meeting. I don't particularly like them, but every now and then one is necessary to make sure all the official and financial matters have been attended to. I'm happy to report that the books are in order, the bills are paid, all the committees have done their jobs.

We also had the distinct pleasure that evening of having our Assistant Grand Lecturer, George Springett, in attendance. He presented us with the Traveling Keystone. The purpose of the Traveling Keystone, is to promote unity among the Chapters within the District and it must be presented by 3 Companions to another Chapter within 60 days. The wood of the Keystone is Purple Heart, which is purple in its natural state. This was chosen as purple is the color of Unity in Royal Arch.

The June picnic is scheduled for Mendon Ponds Park and the planning is underway for our trip to Toronto this year.

### Links for our June meeting

The Kirkwall Scroll  
<http://www.robert-lomas.com/Orkney/scroll.html>

Carbon Dating of Scroll  
<http://www.robert-lomas.com/Orkney/kath1.html>

Detailed Drawing of Scroll  
<http://www.robert-lomas.com/Orkney/scroll2i.html>

Books by Robert Lomas  
<http://www.robert-lomas.com/Books/Introduction.html>

In conclusion, I hope all can join us in June for the picnic. If you are going to attend, please get your reservations in to our Scribe, Ed Walker, so he can plan how much food, drinks, and supplies to buy. I chose Mendon Ponds Park this year for a couple of reasons. One, to change things a little. In my opinion, that Henrietta Town Park was getting just a little too passe and drab with nothing to do, whether it's for us guys, the ladies, or the kids. Secondly, not only does Mendon Ponds Park offer swimming and boating, but it

also has trails to walk, and the Nature Center for all to enjoy.

### Upcoming events

June 10th - Masonic Education Night. The Kirkwall Scroll

June 20th - Fathers Day

June 24th - Hiram's Picnic, Mendon Ponds Park - East Lodge

June 26th - St. John's Day, Masonic Care Community - Utica.

## 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 first Stated Convocation after the Summer recess will be Monday, October 4th, at 7:30 p.m., in the Palmyra Masonic Temple, 161 East Main Street, Palmyra.

The DDGHP has listed some of the happenings in Royal Arch Masonry elsewhere in this publication. I think it's worth a look!

On a personal note, I thank you, the Companions of Palmyra Eagle, for your help and encouragement. It is truly appreciated.

All that remains for me to do is wish you and your family a safe and happy Summer and may God bless you all.

I hope to see you, and I do mean you, around the Holy Altar of Royal Arch Masonry in friendship and brotherly love.

## Excelsior Chapter No. 164

2nd Mon.  
7:30 p.m.



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

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

Companions, June is here and we can look forward to a nice Summer vacation after we complete the Round Robin. We are all that is left of the active Royal Arch Masons in the 25th Capitular District. We need each other's support and in turn, we need your support. If you have not been active in your Royal Arch Chapter, now is the time to come out and support one or more of these last four RAM convocations this month. The daylight is long and the weather is warm, so come and join us for one of these evenings.

June 1st, 7:30 p.m., Salem Town No. 173 will meet in Seneca Falls.

June 9th, 8:00 p.m., Geneva No. 36 will meet in Geneva.

June 14th, 7:30 p.m., Excelsior No. 164 will meet in Shortsville.

June 15th, 7:30 p.m., King David No. 34 will meet in Port Byron.

Refreshments will follow each convocation.

Each Chapter will resume Labor in September.

Salem Town Chapter will have a Steak Roast Picnic at the Seneca Falls Masonic Temple at 6:00 p.m. on August 31st. \$10.00 each; for reservations, call Sam Clark at (315) 539-8959. The Mark Master and Past Master Degrees are scheduled for August at the Oscar Peterson Estates in Montour Falls.

Cheerio. Stay well and enjoy your Summer. God bless you. "

## District Deputy Grand Master

8th  
Cryptic  
District

R.:I.:  
Cyril R. White  
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This is my last article as the DDGM for the Eighth Cryptic District, a time to reflect on the last two years.

I thank M.:I.: Rex Long for my appointment, without which this exciting journey never could have started and to M.:I.: Donald Harrison, for my reappointment allowing me to keep on the path that the first year had established. I would be remiss if I didn't give tip of the tither (cockney rhyming slang for hat) to the Grand Line Officers for their support, encouragement, and guidance. Without this help, it would have been a very lonely journey indeed. And last, but not least, a special and heartfelt thank you to the Companions of the Eighth Cryptic District, without whose warm support this assignment would have been a long and difficult chore. I will always be grateful for this opportunity to serve. To the incoming DDGM, R.:I.: John Dudley, I offer my pledge of cooperation and wish him the best of British luck for a successful and rewarding term.

The M.:E.: James W. Hemstrought, Jr., Grand High Priest, has a slogan for his incoming year, "Accentuate the positive, eliminate the negative." I have a slogan to wrap up my term; it is Bob Hope's

## LeRoy Chapter No. 183 RAM



4th  
Tuesday  
7:30 p.m.

High Priest  
E.: Harry Tyson  
494-1137  
Secretary  
E.: Garry R. Hutchurson  
494-1395  
8 West Main Street, LeRoy

The long Summer days are fast approaching and with them come the awaited vacation plans and family picnics. Don't forget to add St. John's Day in June at the Masonic Care Community in Utica to your calendar events.

The Official Visit by Grand High Priest, M.:E.: James W. Hemstrought, Jr., to the 29th Capitular District was well attended. The Grand High Priest was presented a check from the Companions of LeRoy Chapter to support the Royal Arch Masons Scholarship Fund. E.: Garry Hutchurson and his committee did an outstanding job in preparing a delicious dinner.

Preparations are underway to perform the Past Master Degree at the upcoming September meeting. The Degree night will be our first Fall meeting, which should get the Chapter up and running after a long, hot Summer vacation.

### Dates

June 15th is the annual LeRoy Chapter Picnic at Bergen Park. The picnic will begin at 6:00 p.m. with live music provided by E.: Karl-Heinz Reich. Please bring a dish to share and your own table setting. Hamburgers, hots and beverages will be provided.

The September 28th meeting is the Official Visit of V.:E.: Dennis Parmerter and the Past Master Degree. "

## Hiram Chapter No. 62



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

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E.: Charles M. Roberts, Secretary  
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I hope each of you is enjoying the warm weather. It's that time of year where we FINALLY get more sunny days than cloudy ones and, at least for me, it's a very welcome and enjoyable pleasure. The April showers have brought out the May flowers and there is life all around. As I write this, it's Mothers Day weekend, the flowers are blooming, the birds are chirping, the squirrels and chipmunks are scurrying all around, and the Lilac Festival is about to start.

Since my last article, we have had our Table Chapter/Unity Night on April 8th and we received the Traveling Keystone from our AGL, George Springett, at our business meeting on April 22nd.

Our Table Chapter went very well. Joy Woodley provided us with a wonderful array of food, and the camaraderie of the night was excellent. Even though the attendance was only about half of what it should have been, due to Easter weekend, the fellowship was lovely. In order to promote the fellowship both



signature tune "Thanks for the memories."

**As a last reminder**


Monday, July 12th, at 6:00 p.m. 'til dark, a Steak Roast Picnic at Kiwanis Park, West Main Street Road, Batavia (for more information, contact R.:I.: Stephen Licht at: slicht@2ki.net).

August 20th-21st, will be the Annual Assembly at the Ronkonkoma Holiday Inn, Ronkonkoma.

October 16th, is the reception for M.:I.: Stephen Licht, at the Batavia Holiday Inn, Batavia.

Reservation forms for both of these activities can be downloaded from the Grand Council's website. The Address of the website is: www.nycryptic.org

I'm looking forward to seeing you, and you know I do mean YOU, around the Holy Altar of Cryptic Masonry.

**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**

By R.: I.: Charles H. Lee  
 Correspondent

Companions and Brothers, the 181st Annual Assembly, Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York, is August 20-21, in Ronkonkoma at the Holiday Inn. This will be a very memorable assembly for Cryptic Masons of Nundawaga Council and those of the Western New York Districts 8 and 9.

Nundawaga Council highly anticipates the election of R.: I.: Stephen A. Licht, presently Deputy Grand Master, to the office of Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons, State of New York.

This is an honor only once previously held by a Nundawaga Council member.

**Reception**

Nundawaga Council, in anticipation of Companion Licht's election, announces a Reception for the 2004-2005 Grand Master, M.:I.: Stephen A. Licht, to be held on Saturday, October 16th at the Holiday Inn, Batavia. Banquet menu choices are Prime Rib au jus (\$30.00), Grilled Salmon (\$30.00), or Chicken Wellington (\$25.00) Banquet Reservations should be directed to Vernon G. Rupert, P.O. Box 122, Alexander, NY 14005-0122. Phone 343-8429 or vgrupert@geneseeit.com.

**Summer events**

Nundawaga Council will hold a Special Assembly, Friday evening, June 4th, at 7:30 p.m., for the conferral of the Select Master Degree at the LeRoy Masonic Temple. Refreshments will follow the Degree conferral.

A Steak Roast has been planned for Monday, July 12th at 6:00 p.m. at Kiwanis Park, Batavia. Cost is \$10.00 for "Steak, grilled to your liking," salt potatoes, salad and dessert. Adult beverages will also be available for those desiring them. Proceeds will be directed toward the GRAND MASTER 2005 FUND in support of M.: I.: Licht and his Reception in October.

**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**

Batavia Commandery had its annual Inspection on April 22nd, with the Grand Generalissimo, SK Harrison, visiting us with his lovely wife. We enjoyed a delicious Chicken Dinner, with thanks to the women for all their help. After dinner we conferred the Order of the

Red Cross on two candidates and had our Inspection. Overall, a very special evening for which we received an excellent review.

On May 13th we had an Election of Officers. They are:  
 Commander

**Norm Steinbaugh**  
 Generalissimo **Harry Tyson**  
 Captain General

**Garry Hutchurson**  
 Recorder

**James MacConnell**  
 Treasurer **Richard Rung**  
 Trustee **Steven Licht**

SK Norm Steinbaugh invites all ladies to attend Commandery Ladies' Night, June 10th, at the new Apple Grove Inn in Medina. It should be a great evening at the newly remodeled restaurant.

**Installation**

May 27th was the Installation of Officers for the ensuing year. We enjoyed a Pot Luck Supper. Many thanks to SK Norm, SK Steve Wing and his team for their help.

This is my last article as Commander. I thank all those who made this year a wonderful success, who mentored me and were there to help me when I needed it. I especially thank my wife, Lady Wendy, who was always there for me.

I wish SK Norm much success and hope he enjoys his year as much as I did mine.

Thank you, once again, for a great year. God bless.

**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, PGTC

Our April meeting was preceded by a Pot Luck Dinner with the ladies. We had little business to conduct. The Muscular Dystrophy Program for the evening was enhanced by the presence of John and Martha Sempowski, who like Don and Nancy Wright, are grandparents of a boy who has Duchenne-type MD. This couple works as volunteers for the local MD Association. The Sempowski's shared their experiences and told us of the various volunteer opportunities here in Rochester to assist families who are struggling with this disease. This program was a follow-up to our February MD presentation.

**Coming events**

Our Sausage Roast will be at the Rotary Camp in Webster (Camp Smile, end of Shangrila Lane) on June 23rd. Brother Paul Kober will not be able to do his usual exemplary job for us and Ted Snyder has graciously consented to fill in. We are looking for a few Brothers to pitch in and assist. If you are willing and available, please let me or the GTC, Angelo DiCataldo, know. Any help would be appreciated. As usual, Angelo will be grilling the sausages to perfection. Bring a dish to pass, your table setting and tablecloth. If you have not been contacted by June 16th for your reservation, please call.

After Summer break we will have our Annual Steak Roast on September 22nd (same location). The assistance of a few Brothers will also be needed for this event.

The October 22nd meeting will be preceded by a Pot Luck Dinner with the ladies; more on that later. Remember, we will be performing the Degrees at our November 17th (third Wednesday) meeting. This will be an opportunity for those who have not received them to see our impressive Ritual.

Our Annual Election of Officers will also be on that night.

**Sickness and distress**

We are saddened to report the passing of Lew Weekes. A number of Tall Cedars, along with members of the Grotto, Scottish Rite and Wakan/Hubbard Lodge, formed the lines for the Masonic Service. He will be missed.

Our prayers go out to the family of Don Wright, our JDGTC, on the death of his mother.

Don Freeman's condition

has not changed. Paul Kober is still unable to get around due to a nerve related problem in his leg. I am sure both these Brothers would like to hear from you. Please send a card or give them a call. Let us keep all these Brothers in our prayers. If you know of a Woodsman with health related problems, please call me.

**Listen up!**

We are still looking for a few good Woodsmen to volunteer for the Communications Committee. The Forest needs you for this important service. This would only involve making three to five calls once a month. We now have three Brothers on our Calling Committee, but we could use more help. Why don't you join us?

Remember to "reMEMBER" your Forest. New members can be obligated in Short Form at any regular meeting. Petitions are available from me at 458-6125 and I will see that you get as many as you need.

This is your Forest. If you want it to survive, we need candidates!



(Foreground) Nancy Wright, Dale and Tricia Wright (parents of Zachary); Martha and John Sempowski, volunteers for the local MDA and our guests for the evening; (Background) Don Wright, JDGTC; Bob Zabel, Preceptor; Angelo DiCataldo, GTC; Don Bell, Scribe; and Norm Austin, SDGTC.  
 (Photo courtesy of Don Brugger)

**Remember, No Masonic Times in July or August!**  
  
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**Charity Fund**  
 Companions, please do not forget to contribute to the Cryptic Masons' Charity Fund Drive, as the fiscal year is over at the end of June. Please direct your contributions to R.:I.: Charles Roberts, as soon as possible.

Companions, as I leave the big chair in the East and turn it over to Companion Douglas M. Koenig, I want to state that it has indeed been a pleasure and experience to serve you and the Council. I'll be seeing you around the Altar next season. Thank you for all of your counsel and support.



# Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

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Historian

*Jerry Spero, Monarch*

## A DAY AT THE RACES



**"They may disqualify the other seven horses."**

## MOVPER



**Jerry Spero  
Monarch  
334-7616**

I thank Al Pulcino III for the generous gift of chairs for the Grotto Office. They are both colorful and comfortable and are a much needed addition to the Office.

The 2nd of June is going to be a Ladies' Night Out at the Olive Garden in Henrietta. The plan is to be seated at 6:30 p.m. Please contact me at 334-7616 for reservations, so we know who will be there.

### Date change

Our regular meeting date has been changed from June 16th to the 9th due to the National Grotto Convention in Memphis, TN. Please note this change for the June meeting. It will be held at the Shrine Center in Webster. Please dress for a picnic and bring an appetite. This will be our last meeting until September 15th.

### Day at Races

It's not too early to get your tickets for Lalla Rookh Grotto Day at the Races on Sunday, August 1st. We generally plan to be at the Finger Lakes Race Track at noon. We get a program and a tip sheet then head upstairs to the Club House for an all-you-can-eat buffet. It's always a lot of fun, and this year you can arrive early and play the slots. Please contact me as soon as possible, so I can get the ticket money in on time.

### Secretary's Corner

By Ken Hutchinson

We have special dispensation to change our June meeting from the third week to the second Wednesday, June 9th, because the Supreme Sessions are being held June 14th - 19th.

### Don't drop the Membership ball

Every Prophet who attended the April meeting was given an envelope with two petitions in it. One is for the jacket pocket and the other for the glove compartment of your car. It is our hope that these will not be just put away, but rather, be at the ready when you need to present one to a Masonic friend.

### Condolences

It becomes my sad duty to report the passing of Prophet Llewellyn K. Weekes on April 27th. A member for 59 years, he was initiated on May 26, 1945. He will be sadly missed, but happily remembered.

### Please call me

There are two Prophets who have not received the *Supreme Council Grotto Magazine*. I have ordered ten extra ones for the office for anyone who hasn't received one by mail. If you have not received yours, please let me know so we may rectify the matter.

As this is the last news article until September, may I say if there are any questions or if there is anything you feel should come to the attention of our Monarch or the Grotto, please phone Monarch Jerry at 334-7617 or me at (315) 589-9021.

To each and every one of you, I wish you a healthy and fun-filled Summer.

### Golf!! Golf!!

Old Hickory Golf Club in Livonia.

Saturday, June 26th - Tee Time is 9:30 a.m.

There is still time to send in your entry with your foursome! Yes, you can enter by yourself or with a partner - 18 holes, cart, Steak Dinner, refreshments on the Course. Drawing for prizes, plus closest to the pin, longest drive, scores, etc.

See the ad in the *Masonic Times*. The entry fee is only \$40 per person. Send your entries to: Dick Topel, 949 Bennington Drive, Rochester, NY 14616.

The deadline is June 18th. The Golf Hotline: 663-2547.

## Chief Justice

By Ken Rhodes

I attended the Chief Justice conclave April 3rd, as well as the ESGA Spring meeting on April 23rd and 24th in Fredonia. Many of our Prophets were in attendance.

ESGA President, Ward Peterson PM, and his committee, outdid themselves putting on an outstanding Spring Meeting.

The highlight of the event was when PM Alfred Pulcino III asked to go to his car for his sun glasses. It seems one of the PP, PM, forgot his Fez. He said it wasn't the first time. What was worse, he was at the Officers' table.

The Monarch and I were driven to the shore of Lake Erie and invited to go wading, which we declined.

If you weren't there, you missed that and other delightful events.

## Master of Ceremonies

By Norm Austin

This month, on the 9th, one week earlier than our normal meeting date, we will have our Picnic at the Shrine Center. Ladies or significant others are cordially invited. This always proves to be a good time for all in attendance.

As always, for reservations, call 234-0296 and leave a message.

Have a wonderful Summer!

## Membership

By Al Pulcino III, Chairman

Prophets, now that our Ceremonial is over, we have a Master Mason Night planned for the Fall. Continue to promote the Grotto and invite your Masonic friends to our Summer activities.

Don't drop the ball on Membership!



Monarch Jerry Spero and Enchanted Lantern Chairman Dick Topel, PM, passed out Pins and Certificates to Prophets Jim Powell and Norm Austin. (Photos courtesy of Ken Hutchinson)



Long time service pins were presented to Prophets (from left) Bob Sanford; PM Ron Charron; Jim Powell; John Archibald; Dave King; Bob VanLare PM Ken Hutchinson and Monarch Jerry Spero. Kneeling is Greg Lughart.



Commander-Elect Luigi Campaniello (right) with new members (from left) John Tijou, James Kahn and Keith Bannister.

## Lalla Rookh Grotto

Saturday  
June 26th

Old Hickory G.C.  
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Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

## Attend Grotto Meetings

Wed., June 2nd -  
Ladies Night Out  
Olive Garden  
Henrietta, 6:30 p.m.

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



Wed., June 9th -  
Grotto Picnic,  
Ladies invited  
Shrine Center

Sat., June 26th -  
Golf Tournament  
Old Hickory G.C.  
9:30 a.m. Tee Time

Thurs., July 15th  
Legion of Honor  
Picnic  
Roberts Cabin  
Henrietta Town  
Park

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**Commander  
Luigi G.  
Campaniello  
247-4480**

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

I would like to start by letting you know how honored I am to be serving as Commander of the Masonic War Veterans' James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post No. 12 for the 2004-2005 year. I am pleased to announce the following Officers, who will also have been installed:

**1st Lt. Cmdr. Frederic F. Cornell**  
2nd Lt. Cmdr. **Brian Bills**  
Adjutant **Vance Collom**  
Finance **Donald McDill**

**Events**  
May 30th Blue Cross Arena\*  
May 31st Greece Parade\*  
\* Dress code: uniform (if you have one) otherwise, long sleeved white shirt, black tie, pants and shoes would be appropriate. For more information, call me at 247-4480.

We have a lot planned for the upcoming year. Please note the following dates of some of these events:

June 26th - Strawberry Social. Ladies invited. There will be a dinner which will be followed by strawberries with ice cream or biscuits.

August 7th - Don McDill will be hosting a Summer Post outing at Conesus Lake. There is more information coming with details and directions in the mail.

August 22nd - Triangle girls will be hosting our post at a picnic to honor veterans. This will be at North Hampton Park.

I thank Past Commanders Ken Hutchinson, Emil Schirano and Al Pulcino III, and all the Brethren on the sidelines for their patience and support as I was learning.

**Legion of Honor**  
By Fred Cornell, Commander

Since our last meeting, we have set a date for our Stag Picnic. It will be at Roberts Cabin in Henrietta Town Park. The date is July 15th. Please mark this date on your calendar; we will require reservations.

I am trying to set up a cruise on the Harbortown Belle, which is berthed near the new "fast ferry" in Charlotte. The Belle is a two-hour cruise, which can include a buffet, if we desire. More information will be furnished to you.

Remember, our next meeting will be in September, so watch the paper for details.

**Grand Historian**



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

This is part three, listing the founders of the Grotto.

The Village was incorporated in 1812 and named after Alexander Hamilton. It was based on farming with commercial activity occurring as transportation routes were developed.

**William C. Eaton**

The son of the third president of Madison (now Colgate) University and Commodore in the United States Navy, was a distinguished son of Hamilton, who had roamed the seven seas and visited every important seaport in the world.

He always took a lively interest in the village and for many years was quite active in the Village Improvement Society. Some of the improvements of the group included care of the trees in the park,

extension of Broad Street Park, the Lont Park on Pine Street and the Triangle Park on Lebanon Street.

The expenses were met by the Society, and some money came from the annual festival in the park, which was always well attended. It should be noted that most of the founders signatures can be seen on the membership list, which is on display in Mokanna Grotto.

In the forming of the Supreme Council, Eaton made many motions and was a voice to be heard. He was appointed District Deputy Grand Monarch in 1890. Commodore Eaton was a stately old gentleman, as he would walk toward the Post Office on his late afternoon stroll for the mail. His Madison Street home was a treasure chest of interesting bric-a-brac, accumulated from travels abroad during his Navy days.



**U.S. Navy Commodore William C. Eaton, one of the founders of the Grotto. He was the last Commodore before the title was eliminated. (Photo of painting by Ken Hutchinson)**

A gold framed oil painting of Brother Eaton and his US Navy Commodore's Flag, dark blue with a single white star, was donated by his family to Mokanna Grotto.

**General William M. West**

William Mott West was born in Hamilton on November 13, 1858. He served for many years as President of the National Hamilton Bank and was one of the foremost citizens of Hamilton. He gave generously

of his time and talents for the good of the village and on every public occasion, when called upon to speak, West had words of wisdom and good judgment.

He was one of the Commissioners to provide Hamilton with a water supply and light system. He served as Fire Chief for a few years and was appointed as Military Aide on the staff of New York Governor, Roswell P. Flower, thus the title General.

Brother West served as Grand Treasurer of the Supreme Council from 1890 until the time of his death in 1910. PGM Charles Colton of Lalla Rookh Grotto then took over, and was Grand Treasurer for many years.

He had been in Rochester to attend the Democratic State Convention when he suffered pains in his side and was taken to Rochester General Hospital to be operated on for appendicitis. The following week a change came over him and he died from complications of the operation on October 4, 1910 at the age of 52 years.

In his private life, Brother West married Alice Gray, born 7-17-1857 and died, 3-7-1917, at the age of 59 years. Both are buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in Hamilton. He was held in high regard with people in all walks of life.

**George Beal**

George was born in 1850; in adult life he became the most eloquent of Hamilton's public speakers and a man of versatile talents. He was an original member of the Fountain Fire Company, along with LeRoy Fairchild.

He was Village President (Mayor) and a member of the School Board. In September, 1894, he was appointed Village Postmaster under President Grover Cleveland. During the administration of the office, he proved remarkably confident. Hardly had he become familiar with the routine of the business and its many complications when the office was destroyed by the Great Fire. Very little was lost, and postal service resumed in Paterson's Shoe Store, then a building in

Shanty Town in the Broad Street park, and finally its present location in the Smith Building.

He was a member of the firm of Bartle and Beal, and after its dissolution, became associated with the late John W. Rowlands in the furniture and undertaking business, which they operated for many years.

George was District Deputy Grand Master of the 17th Masonic District. He was known far and wide in Masonic circles for his rare gift of public speaking and his splendid personality. He had written the original Ritual of the F.D.C., along with Adon Smith.

In the Supreme Council, he served as Grand Marshal in 1894-95, and again in 1897-99; Grand Captain of the Guard in 1903. In the Sessions of 1910, he was Chairman of the Ritual Committee, and spoke out against the constant changing of the work here and there in the Ritual.

He died in 1929 at the age of 79 years. His was one of the largest Masonic funerals ever held in Hamilton.

**Dr. J.F. McGregory**

All of these men, except Dr. McGregory, were born in Hamilton. It was his adopted home, having arrived in 1883 as Professor of Chemistry and Mineralogy at Madison University, where he served for 46 years. He was also a member of the Social Club of Hamilton, later to be renamed the Citizen's Club and was soon identified with the Grotto's forming group.

John Frank McGregory served in the Supreme Council as Grand Alchemist in 1890-01; 1894 and 1896-1899; District Deputy Grand Monarch, 1892-1893; Grand Marshal, 1900-1902; Grand Standard Bearer, 1903; Grand Keeper of Archives, 1904; Grand Master of Ceremonies, 1905; Grand Chief Justice, 1906; Grand Deputy Grand Master, 1907; and Grand Monarch, 1908.

All of the Founders stand out as men of exemplary character, who consecrated their lives for the good of the human family.

**Masonic Gothic Bowling League**



Secretary **John J. Flynn**, 585-227-6106

**Final 2002-2003 Standings**

Chumps	140-100
Alley Gators	134-106
ME 109's	129-111
Big Balls	119-121
Dangler Heating	118-122
AFC East	112-128
Edward's Electric	112-128
MWB	96-144
High Average-Don Weis, 197	
High Series - Scratch - Jim Heckman, 697	
High Series - Handicap - Kevin Bird, 808	
High Scratch Game - Dave Horeth, 279	
High Handicap Game - Kevin Bird, 314	
Most Improved Average - Schuane Oppelt, +13	
High Team Series Scratch - AFC East, 2493	
High Team Series Handicap - Chumps, 2841	
High Team Game Scratch - Big Balls, 886	
High Team Game Handicap -	

**Chumps, 1050**

In my previous column, I forgot to mention that Craig VanGraafeiland earned two Senior Awards in addition to the award for a series 150 pins over his average. His 660 series qualified him for a Senior Patch for a series 125 pins over his average and his 248 game qualified for a Senior Patch for a game 75 pins over his average.

Kevin Bird rolled a 694 series (206, 235, 253) and earned an ABC Patch for a series 150 over his average. Jim Heckman rolled a 697 series (256, 234, 207) to earn a Patch for a series 150 pins over his average.

Derek Bailey earned a 700 series award patch for his 707 series (213, 279, 215.)

John Flynn rolled a Dutch 200 game and received an ABC Patch.

This season, league bowlers rolled eighty-three 600 plus series and four hundred twenty-two 200 plus games. Since my last column, 600 series have been rolled by Derek Bailey - 697 (258, 240), 675 (240, 252), 669 (245, 221), 660 (246), 660 (247), 645

(237, 268), 630 (241) and 620 (226); Don Weis - 690 (249, 235), 667 (257), 665 (247, 226), 660 (236), 647 (221, 233), 631 (223) and 615; Brendan Dady - 653 (242), 617 (236, 221), and 616 (228); Lee Olyer - 647 (236), 622 (235), 614 (228), and 611 (225); Rick Flanagan - 643 (236), 626 (258) and 619 (252); Jim Heckman - 630 (244) and 616 (254); Kevin Bird - 629 (278), 627 (256) and 615 (225); Chris Masi - 628 (246) and 608; Rudy Meyris - 619 (225), 610 (236), 606 (235) and 601; Dave Achenbach - 615 (234); Dave Horeth - 617 (221, 220), 607 (242), 604 (279) and 603; Roger Hoff - 610 (222); John Flynn - 608; Phil Schultz - 604 (221); and Craig VanGraafeiland - 600.

Other notable games included: Jim Heckman - 248, 236 and 223; Scott Weis - 236; Jeff Kincaid - 235; Rick Flanagan - 234 and 227; Kevin Schultz - 233; Jeff Dangler - 232; Phil Schultz - 226, 225, 224 and 223; Rudy Meyris - 226; Chris Masi - 225; Schuane Oppelt - 224 and 222; Bob Telban - 224; Craig VanGraafeiland - 222; Scott VanGraa-

fieland - 222; Lee Olyer - 222; Rick Lucchesi - 216; Roosevelt Williams - 209 and 205; and Len Mack - 200.

Special recognition goes to Derek Bailey. He joined the league as a mid-season replacement and didn't have enough games for the "official" high scores listings. He had the only 700 in the league and his 279 game tied the high game for the league. He also averaged 208 for 45 games.

Next season, we will again be returning to Maiden Lanes on Wednesday nights. Any individuals or teams interested in any openings we may have, should contact me at the above telephone number. The league is open to both Masons and non-Masons. This is a good opportunity to introduce your non-Masonic friends to other Masons.

I thank all the Masonic Bowling League members for their cooperation again this season. I especially thank my fellow League Officers for their help - President, Matt Dwyer and Vice-President, Jeff Dangler. It takes more than a Secretary to make a bowling league run smoothly and be enjoyable.

**Mid-Day Bowling League**



Secretary **John Specht**, 548-2694

By Richard Kessler, President  
Our League had another successful season. We are growing in numbers, as we had fifteen bowlers for several weeks.

We had our Annual Banquet at the Rose Garden Bowl on April 20th. High series prize went to Dick Howard, 609 and Jay McCullough for high game of 235. Dick Giedd was given the popular 5 Pin Award.

Elections were held, and Chet Riley was elected Secretary and Dave Liles, President.

John Specht, Jay McCullough, Gary Cornelius, Dick Giedd and Dick Howard traveled to Lewiston for the Bud Gillings' Masonic Memorial Tournament and came in 1st place. Congratulations to them.

We will be bowling at the Rose Garden this Fall beginning September 14th.

**In Memoriam**

**April**

**Weekes, Llewellyn K.**

Lew went to be with the Lord on April 27th. He was a member of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge, Rochester Consistory, Damascus Shrine, Lalla Rookh Grotto and Tall Cedars of Lebanon. Lew leaves his wife, Helen, two sons, seven grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

**Dold, Raymond C.**

Raymond passed away on April 29th at the age of 82. A member of ERAC Lodge, he is survived by many family members.

**May**

**William C. Lennox**

Bill went to the Celestial Lodge on May 2nd at the age of 102 years. He was a member of ERAC Lodge; Rochester Consistory; Hiram Chapter, RAM; and Damascus Shrine. Survivors include his four children, nine grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren.

**White, Harry K.**

May 2nd was the date Harry met his Maker at the age of 76 years. He was a member of Drumlin Square Lodge, 1962 Master of Palmyra Lodge, and Eagle Chapter, RAM. He leaves his wife, Cecelia, two children and three grandchildren.

**Willard, Henry L.**

Webster Lodge, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Shrine lost a member when Henry died on May 5th at the age of 67. He is survived by his wife, Nancy, two children and a grandson.

**Predmore, Lloyd C.**

Lloyd entered Eternal rest on May 7th at the age of 73 years. He was a member and Past Master of Milnor Lodge, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Shrine. Lloyd's wife, Lois, and one daughter survive him.

**Lauth, Raymond H.**

The Lord embraced Raymond on May 9th at the age of 86 years. He was a 52-year member of ERAC Lodge and earned his Dedicated Service Award in 1989. Survivors include his wife, Thelma, and two sons.

**Aradine, Henry A**

Henry was 78 years old when he passed away May 11th after a brief illness. He was a member

of Churchville Lodge and leaves his wife, Peggy, three children, five grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

**Hassler, Beatrice M.**

Tri-Star Chapter, OES, is saddened by the passing of Beatrice on May 19th at the age of 91. She had been a member for over 60 years. She leaves her three children, six grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

**No specific information reported on the following:**

**Saulsbury, Lynn D.**

Lynn was raised in 1936 in Olive Branch Lodge. He served as Master in 1945 and passed away March 26th. He was honored in July 2003 for long and dedicated service.

**Case, Paul W.**

Paul was a member of Craftsman Robertson Lodge. He passed away at his home in Dewitt, NY on March 4th.



**ST. JOHN'S WEEKEND**  
June 24th through June 27th

**Masonic Activities Looking Ahead**

- July 6 150th Anniversary, Clyde Lodge
- July 3 - 8 Shrine Imperial Sessions Denver, Colorado
- August 28 New York DeMolay Golf Outing Batavia Country Club, Batavia
- September 11 Widows' Luncheon Logan's Party House
- October 24 Interfaith Service and Brunch, Logan's Party House

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**BIG CALENDAR FOR JUNE 2004**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Charlotte/Corinthian Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson, (Open Installation) Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps Oakland - Castile - Joint Installation at Warsaw Eagle - Honeoye OES - Fairport, (OV); Nolatka; Tri-Star - Palmyra; Webster	Attica, (I) Drumlin Square - Palmyra, (I) Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy Damascus Shrine OES - Henrietta, Monroe, (OV)	Constellation - Perry Eunice - Caledonia Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford, (I) Webster, (BBAF) Scottish Rite RAM - Western Star	Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m. \$6 adult; \$3 Child 30 Orchard Street RSM - Nundawaga Council Special Assembly - LeRoy	OES - Rochester Chapter Fairport/Flower City - Booth at Fairport Canal Days
Etolian - Spencerport, (Open Installation) Fairport/Flower City - Booth at Fairport Canal Days	Canandaigua - Shortsville, (Open Installation) West Star - Varysburg RAM - Palmyra/Eagle Lalla Rookh Caldron, Installation Shrine Lunch Club	Arcade Batavia Fame - Irondequoit Seneca - Webster Valley-Simes, (Open Installation) RAM - Dansville, LeRoy OES - Leah - Hilton	Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike Masonic Service Bureau Monthly Luncheon Meeting OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville, Corinthian Fellowship Lalla Rookh Grotto, Picnic	Eagle Valley - Bliss Milnor - Victor Union - Lima RAM - Hiram - Pittsford KT - Batavia Commandery		
	ERAC - Shrine Center, (Open Installation) Etolian - Spencerport Fairport/Flower City, (Open Installation) Mt. Vernon - Java Village Union Star - Honeoye Falls Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield Shrine Lunch Club Flag Day	Charlotte/Corinthian Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps Oakland - Castile OES - Tri-Star - Palmyra, Webster, (OV)	Attica, (I) Ark - Geneva, (I) Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy RSM - Doric Council, Pittsford Monroe Masters & Wardens at Charlotte/Corinthian	Constellation - Perry Eunice - Caledonia Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster Scottish Rite RAM - Western Star Amaranth, Installation		KT - Sagoyewatha OES - Rochester Chapter
	Canandaigua - Shortsville West Star - Varysburg KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford Lalla Rookh Grotto Legion of Honor Shrine Lunch Club - Ladies Day Father's Day First Day of Summer	Arcade Batavia Valley-Simes RAM - Dansville, LeRoy, Wyoming OES - Leah - Hilton	Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike Tall Cedars of Lebanon, Picnic OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville, Corinthian Fellowship Masonic Service Bureau Awards Night, Damascus Shrine Center, 7:00 p.m.	Eagle Valley - Bliss Milnor - Victor Union - Lima RAM - Hiram - Pittsford KT - Batavia Commandery	St. John's Day Weekend, Masonic Care Community - Utica	Lalla Rookh Grotto Golf Tournament, Old Hickory Golf Club - Livonia St. John's Day, Masonic Care Community - Utica
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