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Grand Treasurer Bidnick to Speak at Monroe District Apron Presentation

By R.: W.: William Lindsay

R.: W.: Neal Bidnick has confirmed that he will be in attendance at the Monroe Apron Presentation Dinner scheduled for June 28th, at the Shrine Center (see reservation form on page 3).

The Dinner is an opportunity for Monroe Masons to celebrate the accomplishments of the outgoing District Deputy Grand Master, John Zabel, and his associate, Derek VanHouten, Grand Sword Bearer. Both Brothers served during the Grand Mastership of Most Worshipful Carl Fitje. Of equal importance is the welcoming of the newly appointed and commissioned Grand Lodge Officers, W.: Lewis Perna, District Deputy Grand Master; W.: William Kuehne, Grand Director of Ceremonies; and W.: Donald Tubman, Grand Sword Bearer.

Brother Bidnick hales from the 6th Manhattan District where he was raised in November of 1975 in Bredablick Lodge No. 880. Throughout his 29 years in Masonry and his many activities outside the Fraternity, he has continued to be active in his Lodge and currently serves as Trustee. He is also an honorary member of several other Lodges in our jurisdiction.

Brother Bidnick's extensive Masonic biography and resume show that he has also been an active member of numerous Concordant Bodies and has accepted many responsibilities as a member of Scottish Rite, York Rite, Shrine, Order of DeMolay and Eastern Star. Of local interest, he was one of the original Trustees of the Frank and Bette Paul Children's Center here in the Monroe District. He con-

tinues to support the CLC program by acting as New York State liaison to the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction Learning Center Program in Lexington, Massachusetts.

During the past two years Brother Bidnick has served as Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge F&AM, New York. This follows several years of service as a trustee of the MMRL in Utica. He also is a member of the Grand Lodge Long Range Planning Committee, a director of the DeMolay Foundation, a director of the Masonic Youth Foundation, and during 2003 was a statewide coordinator of the Grand Master's One-Day Class.

In the community he gives his time to agencies such as Little League, Leukemia Association, Dystonia Medical Research Foundation, and is closely connected to the As-

sociation for the Help of Retarded Children.

Brother Bidnick is no stranger to this area. He has attended many Masonic events in Western New York, and his years of chairing the Grand Lodge Committee on Lodges and Buildings brought him to Lodges all over the region for presentations and assistance in implementing organizational, planning, and long range strategies to assure the health of individual Lodges. His high level of energy, his articulation, his enthusiasm for Freemasonry, and his very common sense, impresses Brothers who know him. His vision for Grand Lodge may be best summed up in his personal motto; "With respect to the past...and a vision for the future." Brother Bidnick is an energetic speaker who is sure to lift spirits and make the din-



ner a memorable occasion for all who attend.

On the personal side, Brother Bidnick is married to Joyce and they have a son, Brian. He trained as an accountant and received his BS from Brooklyn College. Neal owns an international/domestic marketing firm, specializing in bio-remediation products and textile raw materials.

Monroe District Purple Club New Grand Lodge Officers Eager to Start

By Cliff Short, Vice President

The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the State of New York has approved the recommendations of the Monroe District Purple Club, and designated W\ Lewis J. Perna as the next District Deputy Grand Master. Serving as Staff Officers will be W.: William Kuehne and W.: Donald Tubman. They have been attending the Grand Lodge Officer Training Seminars, and will be taking their respective leadership positions at the close of this year's Grand Lodge Session. All three of them can't wait to get moving on their programs and agendas. I'm sure you will be seeing much more of them around the District, for they will serve two year terms. Wish them the best of luck, and may they guide us with strength and wisdom during that time.

interested in a new District program that was trying to find its roots in 2001. At that time, he volunteered to become the first Chairman of the ElderWear Program which, through his direction, became a reality. This Program provides clothes and other essentials to elderly nursing home patients, who otherwise cannot provide these amenities for themselves.

In 2003, W.: Perna was presented the Dedicated Service Award for his work, both for his Lodge and in his community.

In his private life, Lew is the father of five, and the grandfather of three. He and his wife, Orlee, are very dedicated to their ever-growing family. For the last four years, W.: Perna has supervised the coordination of a Staff of twenty-one at the Unity Health Psychiatric Emergency Center.

W.: Kuehne is a Past District Deputy Grand High Priest, District 27, of the Royal Arch Masons, and is a Past High Priest for Webster Chapter No. 296, RAM. He served on the Monroe Masonic Widows Luncheon Committee in 1988, and on the Scottish Rite Scholarship Committee in 2002.

If you have ever attended a Masonic event, where music is a part of that event, there is a good chance that the music was originating from Bill's talented fingers.

Bill's accomplishments include being a past member of the Purchasing Managers Association and a member of the Board of Governors, Shriners Hospital, in Erie, PA. He is also the editor of the *Damascus Shrine News*.

W.: Kuehne looks to drawing on his experiences as a United States Naval Reserve Instructor to expand Masonic Education throughout our District.

sonic Guild of Scottsville", and has served in that capacity since it was reactivated in 1998. Don's many achievements include having served as Chairman of his Lodge's "Rent-a-Mason" program in 1996, and as Chairman of the Community Assets Committee in 2000.

In his private life, Don and his wife, Susan, have twin seven-year olds, Seth and Stephanie. As a family, they are very active in Union Presbyterian Church, where he is an Elder. He has organized their Country Market and their Christmas Shoppe for eight years.

W.: Tubman works as a Senior Professional Conduct Investigator, New York State Office of Professional Discipline.

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A THANK YOU NOTE

Many thanks for all the inquiries, cards, phone calls, and notes concerning my wellness following my back operation. I am on the mend with rehabilitation treatments and look forward to resuming normal activities.

Norma Gingold

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Returning snowbirds
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District Deputy
W.: Lewis J. Perna

W.: Lewis Perna was raised in East Rochester Ancient Craft Lodge No. 163 in 1988. In 2000, he was elected Worshipful Master of ERAC Lodge. He is also a member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. Lew served as Secretary of the Monroe District Masters and Wardens Association in 1999. As a member of that organization, he became



Staff Officer
W.: William J. Kuehne

In May of 1981, W\ William Kuehne was raised in Webster Lodge, No. 538. He was elected Worshipful Master in 1987. W.: Kuehne is also a member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Royal Arch and the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine.



Staff Officer
W.: Donald A. Tubman

W.: Donald Tubman was raised in 1975, in Oatka Lodge, No. 759, and was elected Worshipful Master in 1997.

Don served as Vice-President of Masters and Wardens from 1995 through 1998. He takes pride in being very "well read" in subjects dealing with our Craft. He presently holds the office of President of the "Ma-

Dated Material



Editor's Corner

My apologies!

You probably can't imagine how hard I worked on the list of Donors published in last month's *Masonic Times*. We contacted the United Way for the list of people who generously contribute to the Masonic Service Bureau through payroll deductions. Unfortunately, the information they supplied was incomplete... a fact we didn't know until several people brought it to our attention. Thank you for that. I'm sorry! I really thought we had everything under control. The following are additions or corrections from the second list we received:

- Over \$1000 Mr. & Mrs. Craig Mollon;
- Over \$500 Mark Brooks, Michael D. Hamelink, Arthur Mason, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Oelgoetz, Edward S. Roman, Dennis F. Tiano, Terry Wihlen, Sr.;
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We are very grateful that you support our efforts to extend charity to those in need throughout the Rochester area. If you think this service is unnecessary, please come out and spend a day in our office. OK, not every day is as busy as it could be but when the need for home care equipment arises and we can supply it, the recipients - especially those on low incomes - can't say "thank you" enough.

Cruise Update

While applicants have not been beating down our doors nor flooding our mailbox with sign up sheets, we have fourteen people registered as I write this column. There is still time to join the party. If you have been thinking about it, but haven't quite made up your mind, the time is running short. Why not do it TODAY! Thanks for reading.



As a result of our ad in the Masonic News Network Newspapers requesting radio donations for residents at the Masonic Care Community, we would like to publicly thank Brother Joe Raubar from Amhurst Lodge No. 981, located in Williamsville, for responding to this request.

Brother Raubar personally donated 15 AM-FM radios so that the joy and pleasure of music can be enjoyed by our residents.

- The radio donations were made in honor of:
 - Trustee Gil Adams
 - Robert Praties (Bagpiper and Chaplain of No. 981)
 - Simon Msadoques, Past Master

• Judith Hirsch, professional musician, member of the Ladies of the Shrine AILIAMS I No. 12, and wife of Joe Raubar.

Why did he donate these radios to the Masonic Care Community in honor of the people listed above? Brother Raubar stated that, "they have helped me to better enjoy the music of Masonic life." A beautiful sentiment for a beautiful and giving gesture.

Again, thank you Brother Joe Raubar for your radio donations. If you or your Lodge would like to brighten the day of the Masonic Care Community's residents by donating radios, please contact Angie Caiola, Director of Community Relations at 800-322-8826, or by email at: caiola@amasoniccommunityny.org. She will be delighted to hear from you.

CHIP Program Progress Report

By R.: W.: Cliff Short

The Child ID Program is alive and well here in the Monroe District. On Saturday, March 27th, Brothers from Etolian, Oatka, and Charlotte/Corinthian Lodges combined their efforts to man a Child ID Program at the Care-A-Lot Day Care Center, 751 Long Pond Road, in Greece.

With the dedicated help of Brothers Jay McCullough, John Dyer, Tom Grape, Dan Fletcher, Don Tubman and his son Seth, we ID'd 51 kids in under 2 1/2 hours. Utilizing only one camera set-up, that's got to be a record number of kids in that amount of time. This was the third consecutive year that we've been invited back to the Care-A-Lot centers to run a Child ID Program. This year the Center expanded the number of volunteers, and the number of offered activities. To celebrate the Easter Holiday, they included an Easter egg hunt, face painting, cookie decorating seminar, Easter Bunny visit, various 50/50 drawings, and other fundraising events. Net proceeds benefit the CURE Organization. CURE is an acronym for Cancer Updates, Research, and Education. During the 2 1/2 hour event, the center raised \$2600.00.

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By Linda Zahn

Only three nominations are in hand and I have a promise of two more. None of these are from a Lodge, OES Chapter, or Concordant Body. 42 letters were sent out in February. Was this letter read to your membership? This is one of our best opportunities to make ourselves known to the public and it's being wasted. There is still time to take action. Do it now!

Nominations must be received by May 15th.

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February, 2004

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

The Interfaith Service and Branch will be held on Sunday, October 24th. The Service will again be at 10:00 a.m., followed by the Branch at 11:00 a.m.

I'm sure you are all aware that this is the event where we present the Distinguished Community Service Award. At this time, I am looking for your help in selecting an honoree. If you know of someone you feel is worthy of consideration, please submit his/her name along with a current resume stating the qualifications of the candidate. If it is a name that has been submitted previously, it needs to be re-submitted with an updated resume.

We are looking for people who do things for others for the simple joy of it and not because it is part of their "job." A good place to start is to take a look at your friends and neighbors and check articles in the newspaper, etc.

Please include this item on your March and April meeting agendas and give it serious and thoughtful consideration. Everyone's input is needed.

The name of the person or organization submitting the nomination should be included so the Committee will know whom to contact if they have any questions. Nominations should be mailed to: Linda Zahn, 6 VanCortland Drive, Pittsford, NY 14534-3016, or by email: rzahn@rochester.rr.com

I would like to receive them by May 1st. Thank you.
Any questions, please call me at 381-4241 or email me.

Sincerely,
Linda Zahn

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Wakan/Hubbard Celebrates 100th Year Anniversary

By W.: Joe Oelgoetz

Penfield Union Lodge No. 154 was in need of a place to hold their Lodge meetings. In March of 1904, several Brethren identified a suitable location on the Northeast corner of the four corners of Penfield. This land belonged to the Penfield Methodist Church at the time. A deal was struck and on March 16, 1904, Penfield Union Lodge took possession of the plot of land. Soon after, construction began on a suitable Lodge building. The same building that is currently used as the Lodge for Wakan-Hubbard Lodge No. 154 of Penfield, New York.

With this in mind, the Brethren of Wakan/Hubbard wanted to celebrate both the acquisition of the land and the fact that the building has served as a Lodge continuously for the past one hundred years. The planning for the celebration culminated on March 22, 2004. Thanks to the efforts of Brother Don Osborne, the event was deemed a success.

The festivities began with a time to socialize and partake in a dinner at the Penfield Country Club. It was well attended, and word has it that everyone enjoyed the fine food that was served.

Master of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge, W.: Joseph F. Oelgoetz III, introduced the visiting Grand Line beginning with M.: W.: Carl J. Fitje, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the State of New York, along with his wife, Renee.

Other Grand Line Officers in attendance were R.: W.: Alan Morgan, Senior Grand Warden; R.: W.: Joseph Homer, Senior Grand Deacon, R.: W.: Griffith Jones III, Junior Grand Deacon; R.: W.: Kenneth Wagner, Grand Standard Bearer; R.: W.: Paul Gleason, Grand Chaplain; R.: W.: Charles Roberts, Grand Chaplain; R.: W.: John Zabel, District Deputy Grand Master of the Monroe District; and R.: W.: Derek VanHouten, Grand Sword Bearer. Additionally, we were honored by the attendance of municipal leaders, namely the Honorable George Wiedemer, Supervisor of the Town of Penfield, and Mr. Frank Allkofer, representing the County Executive for the County of Monroe.

After the introductions, we adjourned to the Lodge building for a Re-dedication Ceremony where approximately one hundred people were in attendance.

The Re-dedication of the Building was conducted by the Grand Master. The remaining Grand Lodge Officers did all principal parts of the ceremony. It was truly an inspiring event. Many were impressed. Mr. Wiedemer, the Penfield Town Supervisor, did have another engagement and, due to his interest in the ceremony, decided to stay. Many were impressed by the way R.: W.: Charles Roberts, Grand Chaplain, conducted his perambulations around the room, booming the readings from the Sacred Book, as well as prayers, as he progressed.

After the Ceremony, our honored municipal guests gave a few words. The Honorable George Wiedemer presented Wakan/Hubbard with a proclamation from the Town of Penfield. This was followed up by a proclamation from the County of Monroe presented by Mr. Allkofer. Finally, Mr. Gary Lehman, President of the Penfield Historical Society, gave all in attendance a short history of Masons in Penfield.

One of the high points of the evening was the awarding of a 50-Year Certificate (actually one from Grand Lodge and another from The Grand Lodge of Scotland) and Pin to Brother



Grand Master, M.: W.: Carl J. Fitje with Officers of the Grand Line along with the Officers of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge at re-dedication ceremony.



Part of large audience at the re-dedication of the building at Wakan-Hubbard Lodge.

Sydney Curran, by the Grand Master. The support for Brother Curran by his Lodge and by the Tartan Square Club was outstanding. Congratulations, Sydney.

The Brothers of Wakan/Hubbard honored the Grand Master by bestowing him with an Honorary Membership into Wakan/Hubbard Lodge. It was obvious to most that this truly touched our Grand Master's heart. Wakan/Hubbard also

provided the Grand Master with a donation to the Brotherhood Fund. After Master Joe Oelgoetz gave a short address, the Grand Master was given the gavel and he addressed the gathering. He spoke on topics such as Masonic Philosophy, Membership and Charity. It was the capstone to a truly memorable event. An event that was the event of the year at Wakan-Hubbard Lodge's Masonic year of 2003-2004. x

ELDERWEAR

By W.: Lewis Perna

This was another successful year for ElderWear. Total to date, 802 articles of clothing were donated to area nursing

homes. \$246 was raised in donations from mostly non-Masons. As of February 29th, \$1,446 is in the bank account for next year and we have 500 articles of clothing to begin next year's Campaign.

Brothers, this is a win-win community service project for

any Lodge. Masons are identified for their benevolence and the elderly have appropriate clothing to wear.

My direct role in this worthwhile community project will end as I assume my responsibility as the District Deputy Grand Master of the Monroe

District, beginning in May after the Grand Lodge Session. Brother Steve Lysenko will assume responsibility for this program. I am quite grateful for, and confident in, his ability. Please extend him the same level of support you have given me.

Over the course of the next two years, I challenge every Lodge in the Monroe District to consider developing its own unique community service project. ElderWear began as an idea of one person. Masons became involved resulting in nothing but success by all. x

SPEAKERS BUREAU FORMED

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 generally are 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.

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



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Guest's Name _____

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Beef Chicken Pasta

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Writing my last article for the *Masonic Times* is not a pleasant task, my term as the GDC is quickly coming to a close. I must say that I have enjoyed this opportunity and I know the Brothers who will be our new District Grand Lodge Officers will do an excellent job, as they are both very enthusiastic and capable.

The Lodges of Livingston District will also be installing new Officers for the ensuing year. Union has a very energetic line which is very active, as is Mt. Morris No. 122 and many of the others. Eunice has a line which consists of Brothers who have not been a Worshipful Master, this is great. The new Master is a very energetic and forward thinking person, exactly what we need and he has good plans for the coming year.

Grand Lodge meeting is coming very soon, May 3rd and 4th. The attendees are planning to fly down. R.W.: Bob Fisher has all the information, so if you wish to call him, his number is 226-2210. Due to my poor health I cannot attend, my Doctor says NO! My immune system is not functioning properly due to the medication I was taking.

I thank the Brothers, Derek VanHouten, Norm Austin and Jim Frind, for the opportunity to work with them on the RTTE Program. I really enjoyed the fellowship. This teamwork is really a great part of what makes Masonry work.

Thanks to all who have helped make the past two years a good experience.

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Lima Masonic Temple
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It is my sad duty to report that Brother Charles Domville passed away in March. Brother Domville was a member of Union Lodge just a few weeks shy of 30 years. He is survived by his close companion, Catherine Baier; a sister in the Eastern Star Chapter here in Lima, two children and many grandchildren. I know that his many friends and Lodge Brothers will miss him. On behalf of the family, I wish to extend my gratitude to the Brothers who were able to attend the Masonic Funeral service on Sunday; we had nearly 30 Brothers participating.

Our Entered Apprentice Degree was held on April 22nd with Brother Kevin Estee and his Degree Team conferring the work of the evening. They did a wonderful job. The Degree was preceded by W.:

Ronald Manning's Chili Feast. If there are Brothers in the area who would like to visit us for dinner and a meeting, just let us know and we will set a place for you.

Talent show

Union Lodge sponsored a regional youth talent show April 23rd for the Livingston Masonic District. The talent show was held in the Honeoye Falls/Lima School District Auditorium on the Middle School Campus. There were three age categories: kindergarten to grade 5; grade 6 to grade 8; and grade 9 to grade 12. The first and second place winners will go on to compete at the District talent show on April 28th in Geneseo. You are encouraged to follow the progress of these talented kids, for who knows what could happen - this year's winner could be next year's American idol.

Table Lodge

We planned our Table Lodge for the evening of April 29th. This is something we had never done before and I looked forward to a festive evening. If everyone enjoyed this event, let us know; we may make it a permanent part of our Masonic trestleboard.

Grand Lodge

My wife and I will be going to New York City for the Grand Lodge Communication in May. This will be my first visit to Grand Lodge and I am looking forward to all the sights and sounds of the City. I am sure that my wife will find plenty of things to keep her busy while I am at the meeting. I wonder if we should bring down an empty suitcase to haul all her stuff on the way back!

Eunice Lodge No. 830

1st Thursdays
7:30 p.m.



Master
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By David Howlett, Senior Warden Brothers, I hope that you all have had a great Easter holiday. Perhaps the most important thing these days, is that we cherish the times that we have with our families. With each passing day, my boys get older and I want to be with them as much as possible in all the things they do. As this year is coming to a close, we are anticipating some exciting times for Eunice Lodge in the future.

W.: Mel Hussey has been at the forefront of a project to put new storm windows in on the second floor, in an attempt to lower the heating costs of the lodge. Thanks to the efforts of Mel and numerous Brothers, we have finished installing the windows on one side of the second floor. I'm sure we will be attempting to finish the other side of the second floor before next Winter. It is so important to try to keep the costs down, as heating our building can become very expensive.

At our last regular communication, W.: Steve Cross opened the Lodge, and then handed over the gavel for our "move-up night". The "rookies", along with a couple of

seasoned veterans, practiced a number of times, wanting to do our best when we took our seats. We were a little nervous, doing it for the first time other than rehearsal. Yet, from the comments made by our veteran members, it sounds like we did a good job.

Sickness and distress

We are still tracking the progress of R.W.: Eugene Hill, who has been fighting off various ailments due to some medication he has been taking. It was nice to see him sitting in the chaplain's seat. We also hope that those of you who are on long-term vacations have good weather and safe travel back home.

Old Fashioned Days at Estes Farm was on Sunday, April 25th. We thank each and everyone who helped out.

We also volunteered to assist at a 1st Degree at Geneseo on April 22nd.

Brother Derek Howlett, sitting as Senior Warden at the last meeting, gave a short presentation on the recent headlines involving Masonry that have had many talking about our storied Craft. The lecture produced a short history of clubs in the Lodge and why they formed, stressing the notion of Brotherhood, and how it has changed for many Lodges during the 1970s and 80s. Considering the times and how society has changed, Lodges can be very important to a community. The talk brought forth a healthy discussion about how we, as Masons, need to be more cognizant of how we are viewed in society and what we do there and with each other. Ritual is a very important part of Masonry, but so are brotherhood and our work in the community. Congratulations to Brother Howlett on an excellent presentation.

In conclusion, the Officers for next year have been working very hard on putting together some exciting changes for the future of Eunice Lodge. The calendar for next year has been tentatively set and we are inviting your comments and suggestions in a survey you will be receiving shortly.

Have a great month of May, and enjoy the beginnings of the most beautiful season in New York.

District Deputy Grand Master Ontario/Seneca/Yates District



R.W.: Clayton R. Ruggles
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This marks the end of this part of my Masonic journey. I can't begin to tell you what a wonderful four years it has been serving you, my Brothers of the OSY District, and Grand Lodge. The memories I have will last a lifetime.

Gratitude

I especially thank R.W.: Kenneth Hall, who served with me as Staff Officer from 2000-2002 and R.W.: William Colin, who served with me from 2002-2004. They did a wonderful job and are to be commended. I cherish the time we served together and

look forward to our continuing friendship.

In my travels these past four years, I have had the pleasure of meeting many new Brothers. I appreciate all of the advice and assistance I have received from you as our paths crossed. To those who traveled with us on our visits, thank you. To those who attended OSY Association meetings and offered your input and suggestions, thank you. To the Past Purple, I thank you for your support and encouragement. To the Brothers of my home Lodge, Garoga/Sincerity, I thank you for all you've done to support me. Last, but not least, I will be forever grateful to my wife, Mary, and our children for being at my side. We all know how important our family is to us.

The future

I look forward to the leadership and guidance of W.: Eldon White, incoming DDGM, and W.: Herbert Goodman, incoming Staff Officer. I know that they will receive whatever support can be given as they continue the District programs in place and initiate new ones.

May dates

3rd - 4th - Grand Lodge
7th - OSY Charities at Miller's Essenhaus - 6:30 p.m. Contact George Stanton.
16th - Memorial Service
24th - District Investiture Service at Garoga/Sincerity. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Service at 7:30 p.m.
31st - Memorial Day Parade at Waterloo.

Milnor Lodge No. 139

2nd & 4th
Thursdays



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Well, the year has come to a close for me; it has been very enjoyable to be Master of this Lodge. We have had good participation and attendance. I thank everyone who helped through the year. There are too many to name individually, but you all know who you are and you have my deepest thanks. We managed to accomplish most of the goals I had set for the year despite the many "curve balls" that were thrown at us. I hope you found the meetings new and interesting this year. I did try to do things differently and to try to be more family inclusive. The feedback which I have received has been positive, and I hope my successor will continue these types of meetings.

Our last meeting in March was to be our awards meeting, but so many of our Brothers were still in Florida, that the meeting was changed to the last meeting of the year in June. We had an informational meeting instead, on what it was that prompted us to become Masons. I got to know our Brothers better, for I had been a member of this Lodge for six years and did not know the history and reasons our Brothers joined.

The first meeting in April was our Ladies' Night. It was very enjoyable and a pleasure to meet the wives of our Brothers.

The next meeting on April 22nd was Move-Up Night, as well as time to discuss Grand Lodge.

The meeting on May 13th will be the Election of Officers, as well as time for a report on the trip to Grand Lodge. The meeting on May 27th will be the Installation of Officers, which I believe will be open.

The last meeting of the year, June 10th, will be a casual Steak Dinner and our Awards Night. The annual Victor Car Show will be the first Sunday in June and lots of help will be needed. We will be selling baked goods again this year, so anyone willing to bring some to the booth, or who is willing to volunteer, should contact Rob Roys at 924-7163. I hope to see you there. I am also trying to, once again, get a Summer picnic together. Details will follow later.

Once again, I thank all who helped to make this Lodge a success this year. May God watch over, protect, and heal the members of our Fraternity, as well as our servicemen and women serving our country. May God bless each of us that we will come to know Him, love Him, and do His will. In His name we pray.

So mote it be.

Canandaigua Lodge No. 294

1st & 3rd
Mondays



Master

W.: Richard
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Secretary

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May

We have another new Brother, Rolland "Jack" Chambers. A special thanks goes out to Seneca Lake Lodge No. 308 for conferring the 3rd Degree on our new Brother.

As you read this, I will be getting ready to go or be on my way, to Grand Lodge with the other Masters and District Officers from the OSY District. As our stated communication on May 3rd will take place while I'm at Grand Lodge, this will be our Officers' Move-Up Night.

May 22nd

The Chicken Bar-B-Que and Craft Show is one of our fundraisers for this year. If you do crafts or know someone who does, let them know about this. Please contact W.: Ed Hall at 289-3395 for more details and sign up sheets.

The Bar-B-Que will be by B and G Catering of Waterloo, and the price will be \$7.00. If you should get asked to help on this, please say "yes" or JUSTVOLUNTEER.

Dates to remember

May 3rd - Officers' Move Up Night

May 17th - Election of Officers

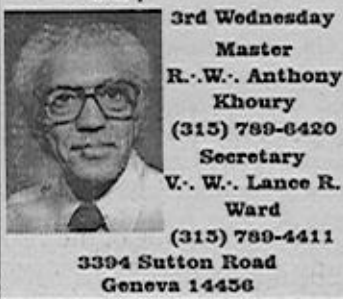
May 22nd - Chicken Bar-B-Que and Craft show

June 7th - Public Installation of Officers

June 21st - Annual Family Picnic at 6:30 p.m.

Check DDGM's message for other dates of importance. I am looking forward to meeting and greeting you at any or all of the above.

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



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Excellent By-products

A unique aspect of Freemasonry is the character and the personality of the Masonic Fraternity worldwide. In a world of selfishness, where mankind is attracted to the hope and promise of material gain, Freemasonry has no such reward to offer to its Brothers. How unique! There is no other organization among men of its kind. Yet, millions of men in the United States and all over the world have joined our Masonic Fraternity. Why? Is it because we bring all men all over the world into a finer relationship with each other and through that finer association make our country, our world a finer and better place in which to live.

So, my Brothers, what is your Masonic life like? Does it represent actual Masonic living and giving of our fraternal ideals? Many of our Masonic Ark Lodge Brothers never see the real sunshine of our Masonic work. The many beauties of Masonry are its teachings, its accomplishments, its future possibilities (by-products) to give to others who will join our Craft.

If one is truly interested in Masonry and wants to take up a Masonic office, there are additional opportunities for self-enhancement and learning about our Masonic Ritual. There is the ability to learn and memorize, to stand on one's feet and listen to the sound of one's voice without having the jitters and shakes. Freemasonry has been the stage for many Brothers' training in public speaking. Another by-product is the possibility of training one's memory in mastering the Ritual in the three Degrees. This constant exercise of memorization opens our brain to unlimited adventures. Masonry in Lodge shows Brothers how to make and be with friends (Brothers) and to keep them for long periods of time.

To meet a Brother at Lodge with a smile; to say, "hello, how are you?" and to listen to what he says and laugh and be happy. Coming to Lodge affords an excellent opportunity to increase your social relationship with a Brother, a great asset a man can have in his travel in life. The words "Brotherly Love," what better way is there to describe this beautiful by-product of our Masonic Craft! Hundreds, thousands, millions of Masonic Brothers all over the United States and the world, have testified that one of the richest, if not the richest, results of joining Freemasonry has been the many friendships (spiritual and social) they have made on their Masonic travels. But, to my way of thinking, the greatest tragedies are those Brothers who miss coming to Lodge meetings to see all of what is going on in Ark Lodge (over

197 years) and have not sown the seed of Masonic brotherhood. In the last analysis, a Brother who wants friends, must first of all, himself, be friendly. We must try to give a portion of our life to our fellow Brother whenever we can. The Brother who is sick at home or in the hospital, would like to see his Masonic Brother. One who is aged and lonely would love a visit, too.

The honor and joy of giving and receiving, is so prevalent in our Masonic Fraternity. To be a servant of humanity and devoted to do good for mankind is a Masonic heritage of a good Master Mason. Our many activities of Ark Lodge and its Brothers give us an opportunity to serve our families, our community and our nation.

It is not the number of Degrees you have received; it is not the titles you have attained which decide what by-products you will receive on your Masonic travels. Our height in Masonry is determined by our internal love of the Masonic Fraternity. It is dependent upon our mental attitude toward each other, our brotherly love and our love for others. We must continue to get our newly made Brothers to be involved in our Ark Lodge visions for the future - our 200th anniversary in 2007.

Freemasonry belongs to all ages, to all places and must be thought of in terms of charity and brotherly love. There are many other by-products of Freemasonry. Most assuredly, if you give the matter much thought, you will think of many others. To me, our mission in the Craft in the many years to come, is to uplift, inspire all our Brothers of Ark Lodge to a greater love of our Fraternity and its teachings.

Dates to remember

- May 3rd - 4th Grand Lodge Communication
- May 16th - OSY District Memorial Service
- May 19th - Ark Lodge - Election of Officers
- May 24th - Investiture Service at Garoga/Sincerity Lodge
- June 16th - Ark Lodge - Installation of Officers
- June 25th - St. John's Day in Utica.

Firsts in Ark Lodge

- 1957 - First Grand Lodge Staff Officer was Brother Charles Brandow, Grand Steward.
- 1958 - First time Ark Lodge participated in the OSY Memorial Service.
- 1962 - Louis Klopfer's Testimonial Night at Dresden Hotel.
- 1963 - Ark Lodge 100th Master's Night, 150 in attendance.
- 1965 - First Ark/Geneva Lodge Bowling Contest at Sunset Bowl.
- 1972 - First new Lodge room rug (\$2,576).
- 1973 - First Sideline's Award (now Hiram) to Brother Baretta
- 1973 - First OSY Traveling Gavel, made by Brothers Rouse, Sr., and Fuller.
- 1975 - First Ark Lodge American History Bond Prize for high schools.
- 1976 - First Colonial Lodge play, 100 Brothers in attendance.
- 1978 - Brother Steve Goebert was awarded the 18th Hiram Award.
- 1988 - W.: Charles Rouse, Jr., gave a splendid banner (3x 10) to the Lodge.

President Lyndon Baines Johnson took his Entered Apprentice Degree at Johnson City Lodge No. 561, Johnson City, Texas. He never advanced! Texas declares that Entered Apprentices and Fellowcrafts are Masons, although denied certain rights and privileges. He was always addressed as a Brother.

Brotherhood Fund

Never too late! Brother Bob Mattick is the Chairman. Please send in your donation! He is listed in the telephone book.

Ark Lodge No. 33, F&AM, is about to glide into its 197th year. Our beginning was September 2, 1807, when the Charter was approved by the Grand Lodge of New York. We Brothers of Ark Lodge can't help but be strongly influenced by our heritage of good members (97) doing good deeds over the many years. Whereas Freemasonry was once as natural as the wind and the waves year's past, today we are generally thought of as a Fraternity (brotherly) which still happens to be around. Ask people around Geneva where Ark Lodge is or who the Masons are and listen to their replies. I've tried it and you would not be happy to hear their answers.

Each Brother of Ark can turn this situation of non-entity around to our advantage. Our Masonic attitude precedes our actions. You (the precious few) are what you think you are. Be proud you are Freemasons, members of Ark Lodge and this feeling will quickly rub off on those who aren't Masons. Soon the question asked will be, "What are you Masons doing now?" Please, think positively, eliminate all that is negative and this 197th year of Ark Lodge will be a landmark for future change and growth.

People, places, things

- Why Ark Lodge and the Grand Lodge of New York are interested in American youth:
 1. Every day seven teenagers and ten young adults are victims of homicide.
 2. Every day ten teenagers and thirteen young adults are killed by firearms.
 3. Every day an estimated 1,140 teenagers have abortions.
 4. Every day of the school year 2,478 teenagers drop out of school.
 5. Every day 4,901 teenagers and 2,976 young adults are victims of violent crime.
 6. Every day 7,742 teenagers are sexually active.
 7. 134,000 teenagers use cocaine and 580,000 use marijuana once a week or more.
 8. 454,000 junior and senior students of high schools binge drink almost daily.
 9. Eight million junior and senior high school students drink alcohol weekly.

(Taken from Dr. Stelter's newsletter)

Awards

Brother Joseph E. Michaels (Ark 1983) became an Eagle Scout, Troop 9-1935, Geneva Finger Lakes Council, BSA. Ark Lodge Masonic Awards will be given to Geneva High School on June 1st at the North Street School, 7:00 p.m. I will present the Award for Ark Lodge. The DeSales High School Award ceremony has not been announced. The OSY District 47th Annual Masonic Memorial Ser-

vice will be held on Sunday, May 16th, at the Presbyterian Church, 28 Cayuga Street, Seneca Falls (Routes 5 and 20) at 2:00 p.m. The host Pastor will be Rev. and Dr. Peter J. Crego. The OSY Annual Surviving Spouses Luncheon was held at the Phelps Hotel, April 3rd. Brother Gordie Osborn entertained all and a speaker gave a short talk.

2003 Departed Brothers

- James W. Peters, raised April 1, 1959, died August 7th.
- Nicholas Moses, raised May 16, 1951, died October 31st.
- Charles R. McCoy, raised April 3, 1954, died December 9th.
- Arthur P. Nelson, raised October 19, 1960, died December 17th.

God bless them all. Ark Lodge will miss them.

Officers' meeting

Ark Lodge Officers' meeting was held March 24th at the Lodge. In attendance were: myself as Master; Charles Rouse, Peter Einset, Howard Colegrove and Lance Ward. The topic of discussion was the slate of Officers for the year 2004-2005. After much discussion, a tentative slate of Officers was established to be called for confirmation.

Scheduled were the Historical Night in September, honoring John Warder (Hiram Award) and Ray Smith for his 55 years of service to Ark Lodge. A firm date is to be set later. The meeting ended at 8:30 p.m.

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

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Secretary
R.: Clayton Ruggles
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Well, Spring has finally sprung. What a long Winter it was. This is one of my favorite times of year, not only weather-wise, but in Lodge. There are so many things going on. Grand Lodge, Investiture, Election and Installation of Officers. This is a special time in Lodge, which requires support from the members. Please try to make it to Lodge for our meetings in May and June. All who are able to attend should support elections and installations. We also have a Blood Drive scheduled for May 10th to be held from 2 - 7 p.m. at the Fire Hall, adjacent to the Lodge. Please take time to help out on this important event. We will need help throughout the time frame with registration. I hope that covers the most important dates in May. I thank all who helped with our Pork Chop Supper, held April 24th. Another important date is our last meeting, June

15th, before we break for Summer. This is our annual Steak Roast and we will need to know how many are planning to attend. Please RSVP to either Secretary, Bob Ruggles at (315) 548-3573, or myself at (315) 548-9670, by the third week in May, as we need to know how many steaks to order. We also have some Service Awards to present at this last meeting. I hope I have covered all of the important dates before Summer break.

Helping hands

On a sadder note, Brother William Sergeant had a house fire, which caused extensive damage. Bill lost almost everything, but is coping fairly well, considering what he and his family have been through. I would like to start a helping hands program for them, which would mean anything you could offer to help them would be greatly appreciated.

Perhaps they need trucks to help them move things, meals to be prepared, monetary donations, or anything that you can think of that would be of help to them. Please contact me at (315) 548-9670 to be put on a list when help is needed for Bill. This is a huge part of what being a Brother means!

Condolences

We also note with sadness the death of R.: W.: Gerald Weyneth on April 4th. Brother Gerry was a Past Master, served as Grand Director of Ceremonies during 1990-91, and was active in numerous Concordant Bodies.

Luncheon

On April 3rd, the OSY District held its 2nd Annual Surviving Spouses Luncheon. We were pleased to have the following ladies in attendance: Mary Converse, Betty Darrow, Marion Gordner, Dorothea Loveless, Thelma Overacre, and Betty Sheppard. They were very appreciative of the invitation from the Lodge and thoroughly enjoyed the luncheon and entertainment.

Pot Luck

Don't forget that the first meeting of every month is Pot Luck. Just bring a dish to pass. Supper is at 6:30 p.m. Don't forget our Brothers in sickness and distress and our servicemen and women around the world. See you in Lodge!

May birthdays

- Happy birthday to Brothers:
- | | |
|-----------------|------|
| David Retchless | 5th |
| John Davis | 10th |
| William Walp | 15th |
| Gordon Campbell | 20th |
| Dale Gelder | 22nd |
| William Smith | 22nd |
- Brothers raised in May:
- | | |
|---------------|---------|
| James Allen | 5-19-93 |
| Bruce Andrews | 5-26-77 |
| Robert Bird | 5-14-70 |
| Ernest Bishop | 5-22-86 |
| Harold Bond | 5-23-68 |
| Ranse Brooks | 5-27-71 |
| Garry Clock | 5-19-81 |
| Gary Curtiss | 5-28-81 |

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James Gostley	5-27-71
Richard Hamelinck	5-22-96
Willard Hamelinck	5-22-96
Donald Henning	5-22-86
Richard Houle	5-27-70
Chris Howard	5-20-80
Thomas Hudson	5-24-73
Albert Kamm	5-5-50
Richard Kauder	5-26-70
Robert Kloepfel	5-24-62
Stephen LeRoy	5-27-71
Howard Lester	5-14-70
James Newman	5-24-62
Kenneth Pedersen	5-15-56
Timothy Piper	5-8-80
John Sabin	5-20-80
Donald Tiffany	5-15-56
F. Lee Walters	5-16-61
John Walti	5-19-98
Glen Webster	5-16-61
John Werner	5-10-55*

District Deputy Grand Master Wayne District



R.:W.:
Francis E.
Powley, Jr.
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Thanks for the memories

I expect that when you read this article, my term as District Deputy of the Wayne District will only have about 100 hours left. We will be on our way to the 223rd Annual Communication in New York City. I expect that it will be historic and full of memorable times with fellow Masons and family. I wish to thank all the Masons of Wayne District for your friendship and support these past two years. Thank you from the bottom of my heart! I especially thank my home Lodge, Sodus Lodge, for the terrific financial support during my term. You dug doubly deep to send our Masters and me to the Annual Communications.

I am happy to report that Wayne District will have five Lodges represented at Grand Lodge this year: Newark, Sodus, Humanity, Marion and Drumlin Square. Both the present and future District Teams will attend Grand Lodge to hear what we have accomplished and what goals are being set for us in the next two years.

Will the Beacon Project and the edict on Degree work continue on? I thank R.:W.: Cy White for his continuous campaigning for the Beacon Project and V.:W.: David Rising for his careful attention to the Grand Master's edict on Degree work this year. All are better for your efforts.

CHIP is off and running

On Saturday, April 3rd, about 35 members of the Masonic family were trained on the CHIP (Child ID) Program, as it is now called. This child identification program now includes videotaping, tooth imprinting, and finger printing and was fully explained by the State Chairman, R.:W.: Clarence Eckhoff. Masons do the videotaping, licensed dental professionals do the tooth imprinting, and uniformed police officers do the finger printing. These materials are given to the parent or guardian for use in the event the child becomes lost. Over 21,000 chil-

dren are reported missing each year in New York State alone.

R.:W.: William C. Jones is the CHIP Chairman for Drumlin Square Lodge and the Wayne District. Our first videotaping will be on May 22nd as part of the National Child ID Day and will be done at the Palmyra Masonic Temple, 161 Main Street, Palmyra, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. This program is totally free to the public as the Masonic Trustees pay for the materials used. Donations from other Lodges are welcome to furnish replacement equipment and pay for printing costs.

Dedicated Service Awards

Congratulations to W.: John A. Greene of Newark Lodge and W.: John E. Blyth of Drumlin Square Lodge, this year's recipients of the Dedicated Service Award.

Grand Master

At the April Masters and Wardens meeting, it was announced that the new Grand Master will be in Wayne District twice in coming months. The first time will be on July 6th, for the 150th Anniversary of Clyde Lodge. The second time will be on September 16th for the Apron Presentations to our new District team leaders. Mark your calendars now. It has been decided to omit the annual Spring dinner and concentrate our efforts on the September 16th event.

New Masters & Wardens Officers

Fierce electioneering at the April meeting resulted in W.: David Riddervold, W.: Michael Boone, and R.:W.: Ted Powley, all of Sodus Lodge, being elected President, Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer respectively for the ensuing year.

The May meeting will be on May 27th (4th Thursday) at Sodus Lodge. A Roast Turkey Dinner at 6:45 p.m. will precede the Investiture Service for new Masters and our regular meeting at 7:30 p.m.

BBFN

Humanity Lodge is hosting a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night on May 20th at their Lodge. A dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. at a cost of \$5 per person. All Lodges are invited to bring guests. The hosting Lodge should pay for the guest. Reservations are requested by May 17th to R.:W.: Jim Frind at (315) 946-9630.

Masonic Memorial Service

The 2003 Wayne District Memorial Service is scheduled for 2 p.m., June 13th, at the First Presbyterian Church, Queen Street, Lyons. Family, friends and guests are welcome as we remember those Masons who laid down the working tools of life in the year 2003. The Order of the Eastern Star will pay tribute to their members as well.

Best wishes

In closing, I thank all for their support and words of encouragement during the past two years. I doubt that I will fade away, I have made too many good friends in the Lodges of Wayne District to allow that. I wish success and lots of good times ahead to our new team, Craig Sewert and Jim Frind. Forward ho!

Assistant Grand Lecturer Wayne District



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Well, Brethren, I did it again! I missed the April deadline and so you had no column in the April edition of the *Masonic Times*. I apologize again.

March was a very busy month in the District. Savannah Lodge conferred a 3rd Degree on March 15th. The first section was followed by a dinner at the Methodist Church. After dinner, the second section was conferred where Brother Eric Waterman, son of W.: Bruce Waterman, was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. The Degree Team did an excellent job in exemplifying the work.

On Wednesday, March 17th, Drumlin Square Lodge conferred the 3rd Degree on three Brothers. A delicious dinner, catered by the Garlock House, preceded the events of the evening. The Lodge was opened and turned over to the Damascus Shriners Degree Team, who presided over the first and second sections of the 3rd Degree. Brothers Ron Bell and Alan Friedman were raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. The Shriners Degree Team did a wonderful job in presenting the work.

April 21st will see Rose Lodge No. 590 conferring the 1st Degree. This will be the last Lodge in the District to satisfy the requirements of the Grand Master's Edict. Based upon the work I have observed from the other Lodges in the District, I am sure I will be able to report to the Grand Lecturer that all the Lodges in Wayne District have performed the Degrees to meet the Edict and all are proficient in their Degree work.

Well, this should do it for May and, hopefully, until next month!

Drumlin Square Lodge No. 1180

1st & 3rd Wednesdays

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Our Lodge's big news for this issue of the *Masonic Times* is that our entrance into the Masonic Child ID Program is off and running. Chairman Bill Jones organized a training session on Saturday, April 3rd, at the Palmyra Masonic Temple and attendance by interested persons in Wayne District was excellent. On Saturday, May 22nd, our first offering of this service to the public will be held at Palmyra. This will be in conjunction with the National Child ID Program in 32 Masonic jurisdictions. This service will be made available without any cost to the chil-

dren or parents. Hopefully, we will have a report and photos in a future issue of the *Masonic Times*.

May

Our Stated Communications for the month of May will be on Wednesdays, the 5th and 19th. On the 5th, Brother Bill Jones will have returned from the Grand Lodge Communication at New York City and will give us his report of activities, actions and inactions.

On May 19th, the Election of Officers for the 04 - 05 year will be held. We will also hear and receive all annual reports.

June

On Wednesday, June 2nd, a Public Installation of Officers and Awards Night will be presented. Families and friends of Masonry will be invited. We have several 50-year and a 60-year Service Awards, a Dedicated Service Award and a recognition award for a newly made Eagle Scout. Plan to attend this important function. More will be said about it in the June edition of this paper.

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Changing of the Guard

I would like to introduce Brother Lew Perna, the District Deputy Grand Master for the Monroe District for 2004-2006. W.: Perna will become R.: W.: Lew Perna at the close of the Grand Lodge Convention on May 4th. Brother Lew is a member and Past Master of ERAC Lodge and a recent recipient of the Dedicated Service Award. W.: Perna will be joined by W.: William Kuehne, Grand Director of Ceremonies, and W.: Donald Tubman, Grand Sword Bearer, as the new District leadership team. These three Brethren have been working diligently to prepare their program for the coming year and filling District chairman positions. Please join R.: W.: Derek VanHouten and me in welcoming the new team.

Changes

It is with heartfelt sadness that I report that Monroe Lodge No. 173 has turned in their Charter. Monroe Lodge was the oldest non-consolidated Lodge in the District. They had a long and distinguished history serving the Western portion of Monroe County and the Village of Brockport. If you know a Mason who belonged to Monroe Lodge, invite him to join your Lodge so he can continue his Masonic career.

As you may be aware, Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088 and Etolian Lodge No. 479 are in the process of consolidating the Lodges. We wish the Brothers of the new Lodge success in their endeavors. The Craft, West of the Genesee River, will be strengthened by this consolidation.

Point of Protocol

This may be my last opportunity to emphasize proper Masonic protocol for you, my Brethren, so here goes. It is well known that a Lodge must get a dispensation from the Grand Master to confer any of the Degrees on more than five candidates. The method of obtaining the dispensation may not be as well known. To obtain the Grand Master's dispensation, the Lodge secretary or Master must send a letter on Lodge stationery to the Grand Secretary requesting the dispensation. The letter must be signed by either the secretary or the Master and MUST be embossed with the Lodge seal. The letter should be sent no less than seven days prior to the event. By following these instructions, the Lodge will reduce any delays in receiving the dispensation.

End notes

It has been a pleasure to be your District Deputy Grand Master for the past two years. I have enjoyed visiting the Lodges in the District and all the other events I have attended. My term ends on some good notes. First, I was at my own Lodge's Re-dedication

Ceremony conducted by the Grand Master. I even had a small part in the ceremony. I have presented the Dedicated Service Award to deserving Brothers, raised a new Brother whose petition I presented, and have represented this District in Grand Lodge. My companion for these two years, R.: W.: Derek VanHouten, has been a pleasure to work with. The Monroe District is the best District in the State because of its programs and the example it sets. Again, it was my privilege and pleasure to serve as the District Deputy.

Grand Sword Bearer



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As many of you read this issue we, the leadership of the District and the Masters of the 15 Lodges, are either on the way, or have already arrived, in New York City to represent you, the Brethren of the Monroe District, at the Annual Grand Lodge Sessions. During these two or three days, we attend the Sessions, go to the Grand Master's Dinner, network with our counterparts, and attend to the business of the Fraternity.

I remember three years ago, when I attended as Master of Craftsman Robertson Lodge, how I was in awe to sit in Grand Lodge surrounded by hundreds of other Masters, Grand Lodge Officers and Grand Masters from around the world who had gathered in New York City. At the time, R.: W.: Cliff Short and R.: W.: Jim De Lorenzo were the Staff Officers and we stayed not too far away at the Chelsea Hotel. They were busy in Grand Lodge showing us where to sit, working the floor when it came time to vote and keeping a watchful eye on us. Little did I know then, that soon I would have the opportunity to follow in their path.

Now, as I reflect on the previous two years of my tenure as your Grand Lodge Staff Officer, I, too, can be proud of myself and the men whom I have represented in my responsibilities both here and my time in Grand Lodge. As I look back, I can see the personal growth that I have experienced and the growth of the District. I also had the great pleasure and good fortune to have a mentor and companion in R.: W.: John Zabel. He is, in my opinion, unique in his personality and the breadth of expertise, which he shares with all of you. I have learned much from him.

As this is my "swan song" and last article as your Grand Sword Bearer, I want to express the brotherly love that I hold for the many men of good character whom I have had the privilege and personal honor to meet over these past two years. This includes my fellow Grand Lodge Officers in the Western Region Purple Club and each of you in the Monroe District. I have held leadership positions in the

past and this one is for the books. I have truthfully enjoyed the day-to-day responsibilities of this assignment.

New Officers

We, as a team, have had a very good transition period working with the new Grand Lodge Officers for the upcoming two years, and I know that they will be well received by you, my Brothers. R.: W.: Lew Perna, R.: W.: Bill Kuehne and R.: W.: Don Tubman will be there to help, aid and assist you in your activities. To the new Officers of the District, please look to these Brothers as a source of information and support them as they lead the District for the next two years. Have your Brethren attend the educational opportunities that Bill and Don offer; these are to help you gain knowledge in the operations of your Lodge and your personal growth in your Lodge activities. They will have new ways to present the material; work with them, and reap the benefits.

In closing, I'll still be around ...stop by and say "hello." It's been GREAT!.....

W.: Lewis Perna DDGM Nominee

This is my first article as the appointed District Deputy Grand Master for the Monroe District. I will officially hold this position after Grand Lodge convenes. I approach this responsibility with some healthy anxiety, excitement, and a hope to attain higher goals and greater achievements. The responsibilities of my position include a variety of tasks, aimed at leading the District towards a goal that includes increased spirit and Masonic activity. This may be a lofty goal, but in my opinion, a reasonable one. I envision this goal occurring on several different fronts. The first should be the individual Lodge. It is my goal that each Lodge in the District have at least one community service project per year.

It is my hope that an idea is spawned, developed and put into action over the course of the next year. It is my further hope that this becomes an annual community service project, and that your Lodge is identified as a leader in whatever undertaking you choose. Our community continues to fall victim to loss of funds and services for many of our neighbors. There are virtually hundreds of community service projects that require a small amount of your time, which will result in a positive outcome for those receiving the service, and for you, in the satisfaction that you are living up to your Masonic ideals.

The second front is that of the District. We need to become more visible to the public. My goal is to further develop the level of activity for programs such as the Have-a-Heart Campaign. This is a program which publicly depicts the good work of Masons in the community.

The Child ID Program has been identified as the incoming Grand Master's "Premier Program." May 22nd, has been identified as Child ID Day. A location has been secured at Unity Health System, formerly St. Mary's Hospital. The administration has agreed to

partner with Monroe County Masons in putting on this event. As a result, we have access to publicity and the support of a major health care facility. Brother John Dyer has agreed to be the District Chairperson for this event. I have charged him with the responsibility of assembling a cadre of Brothers who are highly motivated in making the Child ID Program the model in the State. Please be ready to respond to his request for help.

Masters and Wardens Association has long been a mechanism where leadership can meet, develop plans and strategies for the District. I will be working with leadership of your Lodge to re-energize this group to ensure the future success of this District.

Most importantly, it is you, my Brothers, who depict the very character of Masons in all your endeavors. Be helpful where you can. Exemplify the makings of a man worth following. Create an environment around yourself that will lead others to want to know the secrets your of success.

It is my full intention to maintain the integrity of the Craft while under my leadership. I will expect that you take seriously the Ritual, which is the foundation for all of us. It is the Ritual which unites us into one symbolic edifice. It reminds us of our duties. It creates an environment of safety and trusts. Work at your Ritual. Create an environment which communicates pride and invites others to be with you, an environment that helps this great Fraternity to flourish.

Moving forward, there are some more immediate issues which require our attention. Grand Lodge will require that I secure the Certificates of Election. Please note my address and have the originals sent to me without delay upon completion of your elections. I would also like to be present at as many installations as possible, and will make every effort to do so. Incoming Masters, please reserve the evening of August 17th for our District Kick-Off meeting. This will occur at the Shrine Center on a Tuesday evening and will include introductions, brief remarks, fine food and an exchange of information which will be helpful to us all. The details will be forthcoming.

As my tenure unfolds, I will make every reasonable attempt to communicate my thoughts, goals and plans for the District. I invite your feedback and ideas. However, don't be surprised if I ask you to take your idea and begin to develop it. I will always offer support and help, but the results of any man's idea will best be achieved by one who owns and develops it. I look forward to this adventure and welcome all to join me in this journey.

W.: Donald Tubman Staff Officer Nominee

My Brothers, I thank everyone who urged and encouraged me to accept a Grand Lodge position to serve you in Monroe County. I, with Lew Perna (DDGM) and Bill Kuehne (The other Grand Lodge Officer), have embarked on a journey to the Elysian Fields (or was that Dante's Inferno) and have had quite an exciting time already. We are just now beginning to take the reins from R.: W.: John Zabel and R.: W.: Derek VanHouten. I thank them for all their support and help. They are truly leaving the District in great shape, and I hope I can live up to their, and my Brothers, expectations. I must say, after attending GLO training in Utica, I realize how lucky I am to come from the Monroe District. We have had great leadership and have many dedicated Masonic educators and ritualists.

Lew, Bill and I have simple plans. We want to continue the several programs underway in Monroe County (Child ID and Have-a-Heart) and strengthen Masonic Education through the LSOME, Masonic Development Course, and other programs available to us. We want you to enjoy Masonry, but most importantly, we want to support all of you in your Masonic endeavors.

Although our official duties are about to increase tenfold, we hope to be out visiting the Lodges on a frequent basis to enjoy the Brotherhood and to help. Please, keep us informed on what is happening in your Lodge. If you have any special events, presentations, Degrees, or just programs of interest, drop me a note, and I will do my best to ensure that we are there. My home telephone is 889-4725 and email is datubman@yahoo.com, or my assistant: fatherflynn@yahoo.com.

W.: William Kuehne Staff Officer Nominee

Due to illness when this issue went to press, W.: Bill Kuehne was unable to submit an article for the *Masonic Times*. We hope his recovery has been speedy.

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Time marches on and now I see the end of my term as Worshipful Master rapidly approaching. Did I accomplish all that I made plans for? No, but I doubt that anyone ever does. Either shortages of time or help precludes this from happening. However, I am thankful for what has been accomplished.

Nothing would have come to pass without the aid of my Line Officers, pro-tempore included. My heartfelt thanks to you all.

During the month of March I managed to visit two Eastern Star Chapters, Rochester Chapter, and Charlotte Chapter. I had a truly wonderful experience at both visits, and I thank each Chapter for such a warm welcome.

Lodge Activities

By Cliff Short

Lodge Brothers played a large part in the activities to celebrate Easter at the Care-A-Lot Day Care Center, located on Latta Road, on March 27th. Many activities, such as egg hunts, face paintings, cookie decorating, along with raffles for merchandise, were enjoyed by all of the families who attended. Our part was a Child Identification Session. During a time frame of two hours, we taped over 51 children. It was a very busy two hours. Thanks to Brothers John Dyer, Jay McCullough, Dan Fletcher, Tom Grape, and Don Tubman, with his son, Seth, for all their efforts. With our help, the Day Care Center raised \$2600 for the CURE Organization, which is an acronym for Cancer Updates, Research, and Education.

We just conducted another Child ID Program, at the Ira Jacobson VFW Post in Charlotte, on April 24th, and there is a Monroe District sponsored event scheduled for Saturday, May 22. Volunteers may contact V.: W.: John Dyer, at 503-4270, or me, at 225-0464, for more information. These are great opportunities for us to get into the communities, and to show the public who Masons are, and what we stand for and believe in. Who knows, we may even pick up a few new members along the way.

Awards Night

We have rescheduled an Awards Night for Tuesday, May 4th. We will be honoring our latest Dedicated Service Award winner, Brother Warren Alhart. There will be a Roast Pork with rosemary roasted potatoes dinner before the Awards Ceremony. I have the honor of being the chef for the evening. The cost is \$5 per plate. THIS IS AN OPEN MEETING. Please bring your friends and family to this event. The price can't be beat. You may even get to meet our newly appointed Grand Lodge Officers. The only thing you need to do is make reservations. That can only be accomplished by contacting Cliff Short at 225-0464, or W.: Bill Mitchell at 581-1806, on or before Saturday, May 1st.

Election of Officers

Summonses have been sent out for the Annual Election of Officers meeting on Tuesday, May 18th. PLEASE mark the date change. Your summons letter had the right day, but the incorrect date. The real date is Tuesday, May 18th.

Consolidation update

By the time you read this note, the next set of paperwork from the Grand Lodge Committee on Charters has been sent in. We held a Summoned Meeting on Tuesday, April 20th, to ratify the "Agreement of Consolidation." I am anticipating that the majority vote was in favor of the consolidation. If all goes as scheduled, we may be Unity Lodge No. 479 by the end of the Summer.

Information/Rumors/Facts

Once again, I will remind anyone who is interested in the accurate, most up-to-date information involving this consolidation, or the disposition of the Charlotte/Corinthian Temple, to contact R.: W.: Joe Privitera at 392-5583, or me at 225-0464. An alternative way to get this information is by email. I send out email updates as they happen. This is probably the best and easiest way to stay well informed on what is happening. If you would like to be added to this list, send me your request through the internet, and I will be very happy to add your name to my list. My email is: short4us@frontiernet.net. This way, you will receive the exact information at the same time everyone else does.

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Well, it's that time of month again to sit back down and come up with a little something that I hope is at least a little moving and inspirational to all. Some months you sit here and have so much to say, you think you're writing the new version of "War and Peace," and others you struggle to come up with more than three or four sentences. This month I struggle again.

February was Valentines, March was the beginning of Spring, April was Easter, and this month is Mother's Day. So let me start out with a very warm, happy, and loving "Happy Mother's Day" to all the moms out there. Without your nurturing care and concern, without you being there for us when we were sick, needing a hug, or someone to sit and listen, we wouldn't be the men we are today without you. So to all the moms, wherever you are, "thank you" for loving us.

Since my last article, we've had our Eastern Star/Wid-

3rd Degree. I am looking forward to having this newest Master Mason in our Lodge.

I offer my thanks to the Shrine Degree Team for conferring the 3rd Degree at our April 13th meeting. Job well done!

Our first meeting in May is on the 11th, and will be preceded by a Buffet Dinner at 6:30 p.m. The meeting is at 7:30 p.m.

Our second meeting in May will be on the 25th, and there

will be a Pot Luck Dinner preceding the meeting which is at 7:30 p.m.

Brotherhood Fund

Brother Keith Moore states there is still time to send in your donations to the Brotherhood Fund.

I ask you to remember our Brothers and their families who are trying to deal with a sickness or some form of distress. Please remember them in your thoughts and prayers.

I wish everyone with a birthday in May a happy birthday!

ows'/Ladies' Night on March 18th, and Roll Call Night on April 1st. For those of you who weren't able to attend, Ladies' Night went very well and it was an absolute pleasure to see so many people attending a meeting. It's been one of my hopes and goals this year to get more people back out to Lodge to enjoy the fellowship, as well as the programs, and I couldn't have been more pleased.

The ladies that night enjoyed a wonderful dinner, prepared by our Junior Warden and myself, and as my special treat, I had "The Magic Guy" come to do a performance for them. It was a wonderful evening enjoyed by all and the magic was pretty stunning. You would be sitting right there, only a couple of feet in front of him, and/or be part of the routine, and you were still surprised or awed by what you saw.

To me, there are three major parts, or things, that are important above all else in what a Masonic Lodge does, and should do. One is to make "good men" better by bringing them into the fold, putting on the Three Degrees for them, and being a guide and counsel for their lives.

The second is to "enlighten" new Brothers with information and teachings, of which they were unaware before they joined, "So they can LEARN," and programs and/or allegories, "So they UNDERSTAND."

The Mother-Lodge

By Rudyard Kipling

There was Rundle, Station Master,
An' Beazeley of the Rail,
An' 'Ackman, Commissariat,
An' Donkin' o' the Jail;
An' Blake, Conductor-Sargent,
Our Master twice was 'e,
With 'im that kept the Europe-shop,
Old Framjee Eduljee.

Outside — "Sergeant! Sir! Salute! Salaam!"
Inside — "Brother", an' it doesn't do no 'arm.
We met upon the Level an' we parted on
the Square,
An' I was Junior Deacon in my Mother
Lodge out there!

We'd Bola Nath, Accountant,
An' Saul the Aden Jew,
An' Din Mohammed, draughtsman
Of the Survey Office too;
There was Babu Chuckerbutty,
An' Amir Singh the Sikh,
An' Castro from the fittin'-sheds,
The Roman Catholic!

We 'adn't good regalia,
An' our Lodge was old an' bare,
But we knew the Ancient Landmarks,
An' we kep' 'em to a hair;
An' lookin' on it backwards
It often strikes me thus,
There ain't such things as infidels,
Excep', per'aps, it's us.

For monthly, after Labour,
We'd all sit down and smoke
(We dursn't give no banquits,
Lest a Brother's caste were broke),

An' man on man got talkin'
Religion an' the rest,
An' every man comparin'
Of the God 'e knew the best.

So man on man got talkin',
An' not a Brother stirred
Till mornin' waked the parrots
An' that dam' brain-fever-bird;
We'd say 'twas 'ighly curious,
An' we'd all ride 'ome to bed,
With Mo'ammed, God, an' Shiva
Changin' pickets in our 'ead.

Full oft on Guv'ment service
This rovin' foot 'ath pressed,
An' bore fraternal greetin's
To the Lodges east an' west,
Accordin' as commanded
From Kohat to Singapore,
But I wish that I might see them
In my Mother-Lodge once more!

I wish that I might see them,
My Brethren black an' brown,
With the trichies smellin' pleasant
An' the hog-darn passin' down;
An' the old khansamah snorin'
On the bottle-khana floor,
Like a Master in good standing
With my Mother-Lodge once more!

Outside — "Sergeant! Sir! Salute! Salaam!"
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We met upon the Level an' we parted on
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Another emotionally hard article to write, as April 12th was our last meeting in our building in East Rochester. We had an excellent 3rd Degree and I am proud of all the Officers and Past Masters for their hard work. Over 65 Brothers attended the Degree and we celebrated after the closing with singing "Auld Lang Syne" with W.: Danny Emerson playing the bagpipes.

Many thanks to all who helped clean the Lodge, as we are still in the process. It is amazing to see ERAC's Masonic work both in the community and in the Lodge room. People were eager to offer assistance and help to ensure that our transition to our new home occurs smoothly.

April 26th was our first night in the Shrine Center and we heard a talk on DeMolay. The Shrine Center is beautiful and many Brothers came and supported the transition and our new home.

I'll be in New York City the first week in May for Grand Lodge. Those of you who know me personally are aware of my fear of large cities and crowds. Somehow, I'm not real worried about this trip, because I feel the support of the Lodge and I plan to embrace the experience.

Events

May 10th - Annual Election and Lodge of Remembrance.

May 15th we are going to Eureka Lodge (616 Brown Street) and, so far, twenty Brothers have signed up for the visit. If you have not yet signed up, you can email me by May 11th at: twihlen@webbox.com. We are going to reciprocate the large turnout that Eureka had at our Lodge on March 22nd. Eureka Lodge starts their meeting at 5:30 p.m., with dinner to follow. There is no charge for this event, as we are invited as their guests.

To Past Masters

The Joint Investiture is on May 21st at Fairport/Flower City Lodge, with dinner starting at 6 p.m. If you are a Past Master, please come and support our future Master, George Nasra. Many Past Masters helped make my year be successful and this caring should perpetuate year after year.

Apron Presentation

Mark your calendar and send your reservations for the June 28th Apron Presentation to celebrate and support our current Grand Officers for Monroe District and our incoming line. There is an article in this *Masonic Times* that gives information regarding the event and how to sign up. 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 Kuehne (incoming Staff Officer) are members of this Lodge and your support in

their term is needed. Sign up early as space will be limited for this special night.

"Basics"

I only have one more article to promote "Back to the Basics" and I hope those who were active in Lodge this year now understand my beliefs in the "Basics." We have excellent talent and very active Brothers who are hungry to practice Masonry. In order to do this correctly, the "Basics" are needed to succeed. We did succeed this year and I'm proud of everyone who contributed and supported my term as Master. May we hold onto the "Basics" in the future and allow our Lodge to grow and become stronger. *

ERAC Past Masters Meet
By R.: W.: William Lindsay

ERAC Past Masters will gather on May 17th at the Nutcracker Restaurant, 2159 Empire Boulevard, Webster (671-4353) for its annual meeting at 6:00 p.m. A full-course Baked Chicken Dinner (\$10) will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will commence at 7:15 p.m.

The business of the evening will include a review of the year's Past Master activities, introduction of the newly elected Lodge Officers and program review, planning for Summer Scholarship Picnic, election of Past Master Officers for the ensuing year, and such other business as may be brought forward.

Any Brother needing a ride should let that be known when the reservation is made.

Past Masters should make their reservations by May 12th, with: Bill Lindsay, 621-3573 or, wrl@frontiernet.net*

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The weather has been pleasant, birds are chirping, and flowers are blooming. It must be Spring! Greetings to members, family, and friends of Valley/Simes Lodge. I sincerely hope that you are all doing well.

I thank all of you who were able to attend the Dinner Theatre event we had last month. It was a grand affair. The play was enjoyable and the food was good. It was a pleasure to see so many members together for fun and merriment.

At a 3rd Degree held at ERAC Lodge in April, Brother Paul Chechak became a Master Mason. Our Brethren at ERAC Lodge did a fabulous job. Both the dinner and the Degree itself were quite enjoyable. Special thanks to the Master, Officers, Damascus Shriners Degree Team, cooks, and Brethren present who made this all work. I thank the many Brothers of Valley/Simes Lodge who attended the ceremony to show Brother Chechak our support. I was quite happy to see so many Brothers in atten-

dance and am sure that Brother Chechak was happy to see everyone, as well.

By the time you read this we will have had our "Awards Night" with a special "Ben Franklin" presentation by Brother Paul Stillman. This will be a special treat for me, as I have always considered Ben Franklin to be one of my heroes (along with Abe Lincoln.)

Upcoming events

Here are some upcoming events you may wish to attend:
May 11th - Past Masters, Night and Election of Officers for the upcoming year. Join us and observe how Lodge Ritual is supposed to be done.

May 25th - Fellowcraft at Paul Gleason's house.

June 8th - Open Installation of Officers. *

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Spring is here and I can smell the flowers in the air. I cannot believe that I have one month left as Master of the Lodge. Mark Arlaukas will be taking over the East in May, so I hope that all Brothers who assisted me through the year will be as helpful to him as you were to me. Thank you for everything. It was a pleasure/learning experience to be in the East.

Help needed

Thanks to Richard Fimbel for attending the meeting at the Legion for the Oatka Festival. We need at least 6 volunteers to help with the Chicken Bar-B-Que. Please contact Richard Fimbel, 494-1474.

Grand Sword Bearer

I thank Tim White for attending the Purple Apron meeting. Don Tubman will make a good Grand Sword Bearer. I hope everyone can make his installation and dinner. For date and time please contact Tim White.

I hope everyone had a good Easter. Now on to some important things. Robert Wise is updating the telephone directory and anyone who receives the *Masonic Times* from Oatka Lodge, please send your phone number, email, and home address to:

Charles Piazza, email at cpiazza@rochester.rr.com or phone 247-5032;

Don Tubman, email at fathertflynn@yahoo.com or phone 889-4725.

Please, this needs to be done as soon as possible for us to be able to contact you.

While I am on the subject of updating, if anyone knows about widows of Oatka Lodge, please help us with names, home addresses and phone numbers.

Good work!

Larry Blazey conferred one of the best 3rd Degrees I have ever seen. Thank you, Larry, from all of us at Oatka. We could not have done it without you. *

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Union Star Lodge
Sesquicentennial
Re-Dedication Ceremony

May 22nd - 4:30 p.m.
3 North Main Street
Honeoye Falls

6:00 p.m. Cocktails
7:00 p.m. Dinner
8:00 p.m. Program

Norton Grill
60 West Main Street
Honeoye Falls

Union Star
Lodge No. 320
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7:30 p.m.
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We are always at the mercy of Rochester's weather when planning work parties on the weekend. Now that the days are a little longer, it's nice to be able to get things done on the weekdays.

I appreciate all the Brothers who gave up part of their weekends to improve our Lodge. I especially thank Brother Scott May for donating the use of his power washer to prepare the front of our Lodge building for painting. We have a lot to accomplish before Summer. With everyone's help, and weather permitting, I'm sure we'll be just fine.

Royal Arch Masonry

I thank High Priest, E.: Douglas Koenig, and the Companions of Hiram Chapter, for giving our members the opportunity to learn about Royal Arch Masonry. They came to our April meeting and presented the program "Fervency and Zeal." We all enjoyed it.

Informative meeting

The 4th School of Ritual was held at Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge on April 21st. The work was "New Installation" and was very informative.

May

May is going to be a busy month for our Lodge. I will be in New York City representing our Lodge on May 3rd and 4th. I have never been to Grand Lodge before, and I'm really looking forward to it. I will be especially honored to accept the Potts Award on behalf of my Officers.

Our meeting on May 10th will be Election of Officers. There will be no dinner preceding the meeting, but there will be a snack afterwards. We have covered a lot of ground this year, and although many committees and projects have reached their end, there is still a lot more work to be done.

On May 21st, Fairport/Flower City Lodge will host the

Joint Investiture. Dinner will be at 6:00 p.m., and reservations are necessary.

Saturday, May 22nd, will be a proud day for Union Star Lodge. Our Lodge will celebrate it's Sesquicentennial (1854-2004). We will start the day with a Re-dedication Ceremony, which will be open to the public. The Re-dedication will begin at 4:30 p.m. in our Lodge at 3 North Main Street in Honeoye Falls. After the Ceremony we will move up the street to the Norton Grill (formerly Sherwood Manor and Portico South) at 60 West Main Street. Cocktails (cash bar) will begin at 6:00 p.m., dinner will be at 7:00 p.m., and the program at 8:00 p.m. There will be music throughout the evening for your listening pleasure. The Grand Master and Grand Marshal of the State of New York, have both accepted our invitation and will join in our celebration.


The cost of the dinner will be \$25.00 per person and seating is limited. Please contact W.: James Nersinger at 334-9057, for more information by May 8th. Checks can be made payable to "Union Star Lodge," and sent to Jim Nersinger, 33 Park Meadow Drive, Pittsford, New York 14534. We hope you can join us for a fun evening.

On Monday, May 24th, we will have our Fellowcraft meeting. I would like to have a good attendance at this meeting, as we will be planning for our annual fundraiser, "Village on the Green." We will run a booth where we sell sausages, burgers, and soft drinks on June 19th and 20th in Harry Allen Park in the Village. We will also be operating the Child ID Program during the festival.

I hope to see everyone in Lodge. Until then, stay healthy and happy. *

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May

It's time for recognition of the members who have supported the Lodge, and on May 6th we will hand out pins and recognition certificates for those members.

We have to remember that our annual communication and election is on May 20th, a Summomed Communication.

The winners!

Regarding our Lodge trivia, W.: Jim Weick and Brother Jim Deasey won, finding all of those things on our Lodge that were misplaced. Their keen eyes and knowledge of Masonry worked for them. Thanks to all Brothers who participated in the game. I hope the Masonic trivia and games will continue at future meetings.

Volunteers

It's great to finally say Winter is behind us! Let's give special thanks to the Northfield Brothers who kept our sidewalk clear all Winter. The Brothers and the number of weeks (X) each volunteered were: Glenn Schaefer (3X), Jim Deasey (1X), Glenn Hedges (2X), RJ Muto (2X), Jim Weick (10X) and myself (1X). Thanks also to John Dudley, Bill Spillane and others for shoveling on an unscheduled basis. With more support next year, we can continue to avoid this building expense. BRAVO!

Fairport/Flower City Lodge No. 476



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

Master
 W.: William V. Nardone
 458-7512

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

Fairport Masonic Temple
 87 South Main Street

Now that the worst of the Winter is behind us, the "snowbirds" are returning North, and we were pleased to welcome several Brothers back to our Lodge in April. Thanks for bringing the warmer weather with you! We're looking forward to seeing you throughout the rest of the year.

Many thanks

Our thanks to Junior Warden, Bernie Lazerson, for his special presentation at our meeting on April 12th. Bernie combined his interest in coin collecting with his studies of

Masonic history to develop a very educational presentation, which introduced us to a variety of Masonic coins and medallions. Now I understand what is meant by a "Masonic penny!"

I thank all the Brothers and family members who attended our recent Monthly Dinner Night at Rund's on the Ridge. I will also take this opportunity to thank the members of our telephone tree: Brian Bills, Bernie Lazerson, Dwight Turner, and Sy Kopen, for contributing their efforts to the success of this program. As always, if you don't hear from the telephone tree by the weekend before a Lodge event, please call me directly to make your reservations.

Upcoming events


The next meeting of our Steering Committee will be on Thursday, May 6th at 6 p.m. at the Lodge, and all Brothers who are interested in helping to administer the Lodge and its programs are welcome. Monday, May 10th, is the annual Election Meeting, and all Brothers are urged to attend. Please know that there will be no second meeting in the month of May.

Brian Bills is planning a Mason's Night with the Little League team that we sponsor each year. You will hear more about this once the date is finalized and the telephone tree makes their calls. Of course, it's never too soon to remind everyone that we need your help at the Fairport Canal Days food tent!

Making it better

For our organization to grow and improve, as many of us as possible must actively contribute to its success. If we all sit and wait for others to lead, nothing will be accomplished. Take the initiative to make good things happen. Contribute your ideas as if the success of all Freemasonry depends upon your creativity. Participate as though the fate of the whole Fraternity depends upon your example. Thank you for working to make it better, for ourselves and for the future.

ETOLIAN Lodge No. 479



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

Master
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 395-0874

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

Spring is here! It's about time! That also means that we are in the home stretch in our labors this Masonic year. What a year it has been so far. Since the article last month, some great things have happened and others are in the process of happening.

Our first meeting in April, held on the 12th, started at 6:00 p.m. with a wonderful dinner given by our Sisters and Brothers from the Etolian Chapter, O.E.S. My deepest thanks for your incredible efforts this year providing us not only with great food, but also the opportunity for great fellowship. All whom I have spoken to have enjoyed these dinners immensely. So mark your calendars, Brothers, as our last dinner will be before our Summomed Communication on our first meeting in May.

The meeting itself was quite lively, with 39 Brothers in attendance. The first order of business was a presentation of an Award to Brother Leon Randall by Royal Arch Masons for bringing Brother Donald Hunter to our great Fraternity.

Then presentations were made by R.: W.: Derek VanHouten. Brother John Jamele was given his Certificate of Recognition for completing the MDC. Brother Chet Riley received his Certificate for Completion of the Road to the East Program. Congratulations, Brothers!

We next had a Brotherhood Fund update given by R.: W.: Jay McCullough. This year we have raised over \$1,900.00 for the Fund, with over 90 members contributing. What an accomplishment! Thanks, R.: W.: Jay, for your efforts.

R.: W.: Jim Powell then reported that we are still waiting for the county to get our flowers and plants for the flowerbeds on Route 531. So stay tuned, Brothers, a flowerbed workday is coming soon.

This brings us to the consolidation with Charlotte/Corinthian. We have received the last set of papers from the Charters Committee. This means that, at this time, we are ready to ratify the consolidation agreement. The Summons were sent out. The vote was held at our communication on April 26th. The results will be in next month's article.


Dates

A couple of dates to note: the Joint Investiture Service is May 21st at Fairport Lodge.

June 14th will be our annual family picnic at 5:30 p.m., with food at 6:00 p.m. The Lodge will provide meat and drinks, and everybody please bring your own place settings and a dish to pass.

See you in Lodge.

CLIO LODGE No. 779



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

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As all of you are receiving this issue of the *Masonic Times*, we will be having our 37th annual Ox Roast Dinner on May 1st. We will be serving dinner from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Come down and join us for a great meal. We can use all of the help we can get, so even if you didn't sign up for a job, come on down. We will put you right to work.

I send get well wishes to our Tiler and new recipient of the

Dedicated Service Award, Brother Denny Wright. Denny has been in the hospital and now needs dialysis treatments three times a week. He may occasionally need a ride, so if you can help please give him a call. Please put him in your prayers to help him to a speedy recovery.

Brothers, please remember on May 18th, Clio will be having our annual communication, where we will be electing our Officers for the ensuing year. You will be receiving a Summons from the Secretary, so if it is within the length of your cabletow I expect to see you in Lodge.

I also send out a great big thank you to the Spaghetti Dinner team, who every other week bust their butts to put on a great dinner. We could not survive without all of you.

Thank you to all the Brothers of Clio Lodge for the get-well wishes for my son, who was in the hospital in March. It really meant a lot to my family; this was one of the reasons I first joined this Fraternity. Brotherly love is a great thing, isn't it?

Remember, if you need a ride to Lodge, please give us a call and we will make arrangements to pick you up. "

Craftsman Robertson Lodge No. 969

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



Master
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Secretary
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 (315) 524-4063
 979 Bay Road, Webster 14580

By W.: Skip Waterstreet

Once again we had a very entertaining program at our April dinner meeting. Carolyn Adriaasen, the Historian for the Town of Marion, spoke on Privies...their design, use and demise...and left us chuckling as she brought back fond memories to many of our Brothers and their spouses. (I have learned she will be making a visit to the Shrine Lunch Club, Monday, May 17th at noon. If you want another opportunity to hear her presentation, see the *Shrine News* section for more information.)

The Fellowcraft Club annual dinner meeting was well attended...the best in several years. It was great to see many Brothers who haven't made some of our other activities.

W.: Chuck Strickland was welcomed back to the East from his Florida hiatus at our business meeting. Discussion centered around the issues to be discussed and voted on at Grand Lodge in May. There

were many items of business to catch up on as our March 16th meeting was cancelled due to the snow storm.

Honors

R.: W.: Derek VanHouten, in his last official duty at our Lodge as Grand Sword Bearer, presented certificates for the successful completion of the *Road to the East* course in February, to Brothers Ken Schumacher and Skip Waterstreet; Brother Tom Benson, who took the *Masonic Development Course* earlier this year, was also presented a certificate of achievement.

May Events

Our social gathering at the Nutcracker on the 4th will feature a Roast Beef Dinner. Nita Allen, from the Athenaeum, will speak on Pearl Harbor.

On the 11th, the Officers, and any interested Brothers, will meet to review the Annual Reports, Officer nominations and trestleboard for 2005. Also at the Nutcracker beginning with dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Sickness and Distress

It is with sadness I report the deaths of two of our members, Brother Harold Impson and Brother Samuel Eleoff. The sympathy of the Lodge was extended to their families.

Boastful Grandpa

I believe you have heard the saying, "If I knew my grandchildren would be so much fun, I'd have had them first!" Well, this grandpa took his nearly 5-year old to his "first circus ever!" I haven't been to the Shrine Circus in years, and wasn't sure what to expect. My hat is off to Brother Erwin Newell and his committee for putting together a terrific show for "children of all ages." Jason had just the BEST time, as you can see in the photo below, and so did the rest of the family.



Jason applauds antics of the clowns as Mom and Dad look on.

If you haven't been down to the show in a while, why not plan on it next year. It is the major fundraiser for Damascus Shrine, and your support would be appreciated (forgive this blatant commercial!).

May Birthdays

All Brothers of the Lodge join me in wishing a happy day to Edgar Bastian, Charles Chatfield, Mark Cold, Charles Freida, Clyde Horn, William Leggett, Terry Ramsey, Paul Robertson, Edward Start, John Steinkamp III, Matthew Walicke and George Wilkinson.

See you in Lodge.

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Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154

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

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W.: Theodore J. Snyder, 467-0165

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1822 Penfield Road, Penfield 14526

What a fantastic March with regards to activity at Wakan-Hubbard Lodge! We began with a great presentation on Scottish Ritual via the Tartan Square Club on March 8th. Then we had some fellowship on March 19th with our first annual St. Patrick's Day Celebration. The cap-stone of the year, much less the month, was our Centennial Celebration on March 22nd of our Lodge grounds and building.

On March 23rd, under the leadership of Brother Bruce Horncastle, our Senior Warden, we conducted our Spring Fellowcraft Degree. And to finish up the month, some of us met a few of our Canadian Brethren in Niagara Falls on the weekend of March 27th and 28th.

Tartan Square Club
On March 8th, we were treated to a wonderful exemplification of part of the 1st Degree Ritual from The Grand Lodge of Scotland. Our thanks go out to the Tartan Square Club for this very special program. I found it not only fascinating, but also very educational. Although there were very distinct differences from our own Entered Apprentice Degree here in New York, there were several similarities. One thing that I felt during this very impressive presentation, was how global our honored Craft really is. I personally thank W.: John Rees, DSA, (and President of the Tartan Square Club) along

with R.: W.: Maurice Solomon, for such a wonderful event.

St. Patrick's Day fellowship

On Friday, March 19th, fun was had by all who attended our fellowship during our first annual St. Patrick's Day event. Thanks go to Karen Oelgoetz for decorating the Lodge and providing her killer meatballs. Thanks also go out to Brother Bruce Horncastle and his Lady, Janet, for pulling together all of the rest of the food for the event. Guinness, along with some of us wearing the green (including kilts) made it fun time.



Centennial

The Brethren of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge were honored on March 22nd by the presence of M.: W.: Carl J. Fitje, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons in the State of New York, who presided at the Re-dedication Ceremony. This event was preceded by a sumptuous dinner at The Penfield Country Club. A big thank you goes out to Brother Don Osborne, who did the majority of the work to make this event such a success. Please see the accompanying story on this event in this issue of the *Masonic Times*.

I do want to mention that one of the high points of the evening was the awarding of a 50-year Certificate (actually one from our Grand Lodge and another from The Grand Lodge of Scotland) and Pin to Brother Sydney Curran by the Grand Master. The support for Brother Curran



Officers of Wakan-Hubbard and ERAC Lodges during the recent joint Table Lodge. (Photos: Joseph Oelgoetz III)



W.: Terry Wihlen, Jr., Master of ERAC, and W.: Joseph Oelgoetz, Master of Wakan-Hubbard, during joint Table Lodge where DDGM John Zabel was the featured speaker.

by his Lodge and by the Tartan Square Club was outstanding. Congratulations, Sydney.

Fellowcraft Degree

The Fellowcraft Degree took place on March 23rd, with our Senior Warden, Brother Bruce Horncastle, presiding in the East. Once again we were honored to have members of Oatka Lodge in attendance. The Degree was conferred upon two Brothers, one from Wakan/Hubbard and one from Oatka. Thank you, Brother Bruce and all those who participated in the conferring of the Degree.

Canadian event

On the weekend of March 26th - 28th, several Brothers and their Ladies met with Brothers and their Ladies from Coronation Lodge No. 677, which hails from Toronto, Ontario, Canada. We met in Niagara Falls, where we made our headquarters at the Renaissance Fallsview Hotel.

It was leisurely in that most of the time we were on our own. Some went sightseeing at the Falls, Butterfly Conservatory, etc. Others went shopping, and yet others took

advantage of the hotel pool and experienced a bit of fellowship. The occurring major event was that most of us attended the "Oh Canada, Eh!" Dinner Theatre. Besides the great food and drink, the performance by the acting troupe was outstanding. Everything, from the food and beer...to the skits by the actors, were authentic Canadian. It was a fun evening of entertainment and fellowship. Thanks go to W.: Rich Brockmann for putting this event together.

Election of Officers

On the 10th of May, we will be holding our annual Election of Officers. It is critical that we have as many Brothers attend as possible. The selection of next year's Lodge leadership is a very important event and your participation in the process of election is much appreciated and needed. I will review the Grand Lodge events from May 3rd and 4th.

Annual Banquet

On Saturday evening, May 15th, Wakan/Hubbard will hold its annual banquet at The Country Party House in East Rochester. The social

hour will begin at 6:30 p.m., with dinner beginning around 7:00 p.m. Cost per plate is \$20.00, which will include a cheese and cracker plate and a buffet dinner. Many awards will be presented in appreciation for work done in the quarries. We also plan to award the Camp Turk Scholarships. The main event will be the presentation of the DeWitt Clinton Award for Community Service to Ms. Lauren Dixon. Ms. Dixon is very active in community service in the Rochester community. She is active with The Al Sigl Center, ARC of Monroe County, and was the driving force behind The Rochester Horses on Parade, which supported many social concerns in our area. Please mark your calendar and support your Lodge and those deserving of recognition by attending our Annual Banquet.

As we enter Spring, which is a time of growth, remember the teachings that we have all learned in our Ritual. The Ritual is full of truths that will lead to growth.

May the Great Architect of the Universe bless you and yours! Remember to have Faith in God, Hope for a peaceful world, and Charity for others.

District Deputy Grand Master Genesee/Wyoming



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

Brothers, I congratulate the Genesee/Wyoming District for the excellent brotherhood displayed in the past several months, starting with the 3rd Degree in January. This brotherhood continued into February with the Degree and then with the 2nd Degree in March. For those Brothers of the District unable to attend either of these Degrees, I wish to enlighten you as to what transpired.

The Genesee/Wyoming District came together to confer the Degrees on four Brothers from four different Lodges. Each Degree was done to perfection with great participation.

At the 1st Degree, there were six Lodges of the District represented and thirty-three Brothers. At the 2nd Degree, there were twelve Lodges represented from this District as well as Brothers from the Erie, Monroe and Niagara/Orleans Districts. R.: W.: James Sullivan, Grand Junior Warden, delivered the Charge to the Brothers.

The numbers for the Degree included fourteen Lodges and fifty-four Brothers. We hope that the fervency and zeal displayed by the Brothers of this District will continue with the culmination of the Degrees in the 3rd degree, taking place May 1st in Attica Lodge. It is hoped that participation will be even greater for this event.

There can be no way to thank all who helped in this

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work without forgetting some individual, so I would like to make it known that everyone in the District is to be congratulated. Remember, no individual is unimportant; we are interested in even the most novice Mason. Masonry, as we strive to exemplify it, should continue as a guiding light to the world around us.

Brothers, continued support and interaction of the Lodges will influence the growth and prosperity of our beloved Fraternity, and show the world at large the true Brotherhood of man.

Calendar dates

- May 1st - Masonic District-wide Blood Drive at Mt. Vernon Lodge, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- May 3rd and 4th - Grand Lodge Sessions
- May 9th - Chicken Bar-B-Que at Attica Lodge (Mother's Day)
- May 21st - 2004 Investiture at Attica Lodge, 7:30 p.m.
- May 22nd - Nationwide Child Identification Program
- June 20th - Breakfast in the Park
- June 26th and 27th - St. John's Day, Utica
- May the blessing of Heaven rest upon you and yours and may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Grand Sword Bearer
Genesee/Wyoming



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Mixed emotions

As is inevitable with so many good things, my term as Staff Officer for the Genesee/Wyoming District has come to a close. In leaving this Office following my two-year tenure, I do so with mixed emotions. For the most part, it has provided me with a wonderful experience. I have met many fine people and developed some lasting friendships. Conversely, I've lost some of what I also believed to be friendships, but which in reality, proved to be no loss whatsoever. Life goes on.

In my first article two years ago, I began by extending my thanks to the members of the Purple Apron Club for their recommendation of me for this position, especially in the face of some adverse conditions, during which their stalwart tenacity prevailed. I have also maintained throughout my tenure, my gratitude for their encouragement, support, and faith in my ability to effectively serve the District. I hope I have fulfilled their expectations. I would therefore like, at this point, to include in my final article, these same sentiments.

I also extend to the new District Grand Officers, W.: Norm Steinbaugh, DDGM, and W.: Mike Willwerth, Staff Officer, my heartiest congratulations and best wishes, as they undertake their newly assigned roles within the District, along with the duties inherent therein.

To my neighborhood nemeses, that small, insignificant contingent, who attempted surreptitiously to alter the course of events two years ago - I'll always remember those of you who devoted so much time and energy to your goal. It amorphousized into an unexpected, eye-opening experience for me. All I can offer in rebuttal is: "Nice try, but it didn't work." All that was really accomplished was the revelation of true colors and the destruction of friendships, both personal and fraternal, forever. With so much free time, may I recommend some reading material which, although not illustrated, should be well within this group's level of comprehension? It's a small book entitled: "Betrayal of Friendship," by Reverend Jan L. Baderstadt, P.M. That title says it all. I encourage these few to read it; I'm sure it will prove enlightening.

Most importantly, I extend my deepest gratitude to one who has been at my side throughout my entire tenure. She has stood staunchly by me during the nadir of the term, and rejoiced with me during its zenith. Without her love, support and encouragement, the course of events might have been quite different. Thank you, Miss Linda, for all you've done and all you are. I couldn't have done it without you.

May you each have a happy, healthy, and safe Summer.

Attica Lodge No. 462
1st and 3rd Wednesdays (Jan-Feb-Mar 3rd Wed. Only)
Master W.: Keith Countermine 591-1023
Secretary W.: Norman Steinbaugh 591-2073
39 Main Street, Attica 14011

As we go to press, the Brothers of Genesee/Wyoming District are preparing for a 3rd Degree, which will take place on May 1st. Attica Lodge will be the host, with the Degree starting at 4 p.m. Dinner at the break will be served by Eastern Star members. Keep your eyes on the email for updates. There are four Lodges with Brothers advancing from the Fellowcraft Degree to Master Masons. We hope that all Brother Masons will come out on May 1st to help welcome these Brothers.

Attica Lodge thanks everyone who attended any of our Pancake Breakfasts during this past Winter. Your support was needed. We are finished until next Fall. Also, a big thank you to all our Brothers who worked our kitchen at these times.

Please keep in mind our annual Chicken Bar-B-Que on May 9th, Mother's Day. It will be held at the Temple starting at noon. Bring anyone you would like to and have some of Chuck Lapp's prize-winning chicken.

Upcoming meetings

- May 5th - Election of Officers
 - June 2nd - Installation
- As my year as Master comes to a close, I thank all my Officers and Brothers for their help and support. It has been a good year and we have taken in several new Brothers. I hope this trend continues and we fill up our Lodge.

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From the East

The Fellowcraft Degree was held on Monday, the 29th of March, at Olive Branch Lodge in LeRoy. This was an evening which, for all who attended, will not soon be forgotten. A significant note was the fact that all twelve of the Lodges of the District were represented with fifty-eight Brothers in attendance. More importantly, this truly had to be an experience that our Brethren shall never forget. Congratulations to our newest Brother.

We now are looking forward to the conferral of the Sublime Degree of Master Mason, which will be on Saturday, May 1st. This will be held at Attica Lodge, beginning with a dinner at 6:00 p.m., to be served by the ladies of the Eastern Star. It will be followed immediately by the conferral of the Degree. It should be noted that reservations for the dinner should be made by contacting W.: Bruce Anderson by calling 591-0190 or by email at keith077@hotmail.com.

For what it is worth, "Molly" is presently residing at Attica. Enough said!!

Plans are underway for the Annual Widows' Dinner and Program, to be held on Friday, May 14th, at Bohn's Restaurant on Clinton Street Road. You should have received more information and a personal invitation by the time you read this article.

Work continues with the fixing of the fourth floor of our Lodge. Your help will be greatly appreciated. Due to time constraints, the use of telephone and/or email will come into play to make this happen.

Sickness and distress

I would ask that you continue to remember in your thoughts and prayers, Maude Wilder, wife of Horace Wilder, who is at home recuperating. Give her a call, or even visit, as you can. I'm sure they would be receptive and appreciative of your concern. I ask also that you remember the family of our late Brother, Frank Childs, Sr., who passed to the Eternal East April 4th. A Masonic Service was held at the W. S. Davis Funeral Home in Arcade. It is with sincere appreciation and gratitude that I take this opportunity to thank the Brothers from the District who assisted with this Service.

I take this opportunity to express my personal thanks, and that of the Brethren, for an exemplary job performed by R.: W.: Robert Strang. He most definitely made an indelible mark in Masonry within our District and elsewhere during the past two years as he performed the duties as our District Deputy Grand Master. Making himself available, he assisted with Degree work, coordinated events and in other

capacities as needed. Brother Bob, 'thank you' from the bottom of our hearts.

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

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

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I started last month's article by hoping that we would be experiencing some Spring-like weather. Apparently I was not wishing, hoping, or praying enough. It seems to me that Winter tends to stay around a little longer each year. Maybe I'm just getting older and wiser, or my tolerance for cold weather is significantly less than it was in my younger years. Hopefully those Brothers who migrate to the South for the Winter have made a safe and happy return to the North. Your presence at our communications will be welcomed once again. Some of the Winter communications have been pretty barren.

Thank you

Brother Robin Bowles sends out a heartfelt thank you to all his fellow Brothers throughout the District. He has received numerous cards and phone calls expressing concern and good health wishes during his recovery from recent surgeries and illnesses. Brother Bowles said that he has received some sort of communication from every Lodge in the Genesee/Wyoming Dis-

trict. He reported that he is feeling better while recovering from some recent broken ribs and a staph infection.

Bowling

Oakland Lodge will once again be participating in the Masonic Bowling Tournament held in Newark. Hopefully, I will be able to report a successful weekend of bowling in next month's article. We wish all the members of the team a good weekend of bowling and will be praying for a lot of strikes.

Brotherhood Fund

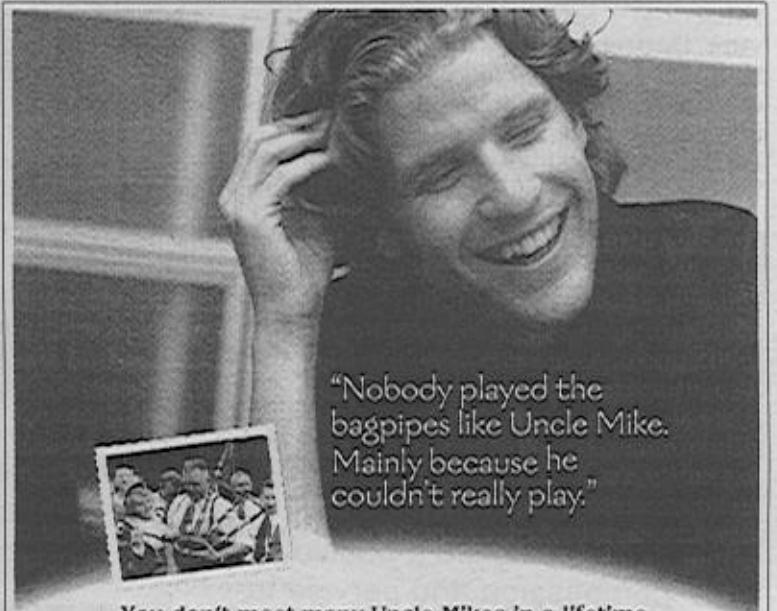
The Brotherhood Fund Campaign is winding down for another year. The best place to make your contributions is at our monthly communications. For those Brothers who are unable to make our communications, your contributions can be sent directly to our Lodge Chairman, Brother Kenneth Smith. Please send all contributions to him at: 8562 East Main Street, LeRoy, NY 14482. Any member who is mailing a contribution, please indicate toward what category you would like your contribution to be directed.

Lodge dues

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

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

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You don't meet many Uncle Mikes in a lifetime. So when he died, we chose a funeral home that was as dedicated to celebrating Mike as we were. Our funeral director was a source of comfort during a difficult time, by listening to what we wanted and making several suggestions that made the funeral more meaningful for all of us. Even finding a local bagpiper to perform at the ceremony. I'd like to think that the whole funeral would have been music to Uncle Mike's ears. It certainly was to ours.

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Stephen R. Whittaker, 33°

"And the Light from the Lantern shall continue to Shine..."

Thank you so very kindly for the special privilege and honor of having served as your Commander-in-Chief for the last two years. There are so many expressions of gratitude to make, so many kind and thoughtful deeds to recognize and so many accomplishments that you have willingly and successfully performed that to simply say, "thank you" seems inadequate. To each and every one of you who have so marvelously carried on the work of our beloved Scottish Rite, please accept an expression of sincere appreciation for a good job, well done. Please join in welcoming Ill.: Robert D. Pedersen, 33°, and the other new presiding Officers who are about to pick up the baton of leadership and move forward. We look forward to seeing many of you at the Shrine Center on Thursday, May 20th, for the Election and Installation of Officers.

Whale done!

Special thanks to Sublime Prince Gary L. Burke, 32°, for his special explanation on March 18th concerning "DeMolay Legion of Honor Observance Day." Congratulations to those Legionnaires who attended and participated in the observance activities later in the evening.

Special thanks, as well, to Sublime Prince Michael Knolla, 32°, who developed and presented a matinee program on March 21st. This was a condensed version of the messages contained in our Degrees that was put together as a series of plays specifically for children. Thank you for all of your special efforts!

Special thanks and congratulations to Sublime Prince G. Michael Morris, 32°, and the members of the Rochester Chapter of Rose Croix for the excellent exemplification of the *Solemn Feast of the Paschal Lamb* on April 15th at the Eisenhardt Auditorium. Special thanks as well to Sublime Prince Lawrence K. Canfield 32° DSA, for his special dedication as the Director of this Ceremony.

Special thanks as well to all of the special efforts that were put into the Reunion series of Degrees that were held on Friday, April 23rd, and Saturday, April 24th. Welcome to all of the new members of the Ill.: and Honorable Frank Horton, 33° 2004 Class. Special thanks to Ill.: John E. Zabel, 33°, all of the Degree directors, Degree participants, wardrobe and costume coordinators and all who assisted in these efforts!

Special thanks once again to Sublime Prince Gary Burke, 32°, and congratulations to all Masons who were recognized at the *Worshipful Master's Recognition Night* on April 29th. This is the second year that the Valley has sponsored this event to recognize the hard work of those Worshipful Masters in the Monroe, Ontario/Seneca/Yates, Wayne, Livingston and Genesee/Wyoming Districts.

Congratulations, as well, to Sublime Prince G. Michael Morris, 32°, who has assumed the position of Chair for the Frank and Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center Fundraising Initiative. Sublime Prince Steve Pekock was in Rochester on Saturday, March 13th, to attend another session of this team.

Deputy's Directive

Ill.: Harold L. Aldrich, 33°, Active Member of the Supreme Council and Deputy for New York, has established a Memorial Fund for Brother William James, who was killed in a tragic accident at a Masonic Lodge building on Long Island in early March. This Brother was a new member of the Valley of Rockville Center. This Memorial Fund will be handled by the New York Council of Deliberation Hospitaler and will be known as: The Brother William James Memorial Fund.

One of our duties is to assist the widow and orphans of a departed Brother. Please contribute to this Fund to the best of your ability. Any amount, no matter how small, will be appreciated. The Drive will terminate on July 17th, during the Council of Deliberation Session. Please make checks payable to: NYS Council of Deliberation Hospitaler Fund. Please indicate "Brother William Jones Memorial Fund" on the check and mail to: Rev. Richard Mills, Hospitaler, 18 Retta Lane, Commack, NY 11725.

Thank you very kindly for your support!

Experiment in renewal

Ill.: Wayne T. Adams, 33°, a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Maine, offered some interesting thoughts in the February, 2003 *Northern Light*: "Lodge renewal is:

- A Lodge level activity
- Discovering what we already know
- A younger man's job
- A group effort
- Empowering

The thought that the "major competition for fraternal societies is not the television set...and that if the customer doesn't find what he wants here, they will go somewhere else." Armed with this information, how can you make an impact on recruiting a candidate for your Craft Lodge?

Fundamental nature of the Craft

Ill.: Neil Neddermeyer, 33°, a Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Minnesota, in the November, 2003, *Northern Light*, suggested several things about who we think we are...who does the public think we are...truly, who are we?

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

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•One group believes that we are a social club and support group.

•Another group feels our sole function is to support our philanthropies and our community service programs.

•These members of the Craft are involved primarily to receive Masonic Light.

"There is a need for each of us to have a working definition of what Masonry is, not only as an explanation to others, but also to ourselves." This is another important part of our philosophical understanding in order that we can explain our Craft membership to a non-member. Perhaps this can be of some help in our individual efforts to "Reach Out and Say Hello" and ask a non-member to join.

The new Millennium

M.: W.: and Ill.: Gary A. Henningsen, 33°, Past Grand Master, Grand Secretary and an Active Member of Supreme Council, wrote a great article in the Winter, 2003, *Empire State Mason* that provided emphasis on several focus items for the future:

- "We take care of our own."
- Fraternally: Being positive!
- Smaller Lodges
- Working together with the York and Scottish Rites, Shrine and other related organizations.
- Family involvement.

As we continue to learn, grow, and reshape our organizations, it's important that

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Rochester Consistory

Scottish Rite Reunion Banquet

Honoring the Ill.: Frank J. Horton, 33° Class
Fall 2003 and Spring 2004 Reunion Classes

Saturday, May 8

The Burgundy Basin Inn
1361 Marsh Road
Pittsford, NY

6:30 p.m. - Cash Bar

7:30 p.m. - Dinner

Choices:

Chicken Wellington
Roast Prime Rib of Beef
Poached Salmon Filet

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Further details in June Masonic Times

ideas like those of our Grand Secretary are used as a positive influence.

Thanks to our Grand Lodge!

The Valley of Rochester wishes to reach out and thank M.: W.: and Ill.: Carl J. Fitje, 33°, retiring Grand Master, and M.: W.: Gary A. Henningsen, 33°, PGM and Grand Secretary, for their assistance and support in the Valley of Rochester's efforts to "Reach out and say hello."

Learning environment

As we continue to grow, learn to adapt to change, strengthen our ties with area Craft Lodges and support them, find new ways to create interest and enthusiasm for our customers and thereby provide value for their time as participants, let us always remember that this is an educational institution whose values we hold very dear. Let us salute the 2004-2005 team of new Valley leaders who are charged with this continuing responsibility and extend our offers of individual support in the fulfillment of this mission.

Chapter of Valley's history

Please join in providing a special "thank you" to Ill.: Harold L. Aldrich, 33°, Active Member of Supreme Council and Deputy for New York; Ill.: David P. Spencer, 33°, Active Member of Supreme Council and Valley Liaison Officer; Ill.: Rodney R. Rittenhouse, 33°, Deputy's Representative for the Valley of Rochester and Chair, Frank and Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center; Ill.: Charles O. Hancock, 33°, retiring Valley Secretary; Sublime Prince Norman P. Austin, 32°, Office Assistant; Distinguished Brother Donald Rose, 32° MSA, Valley Treasurer; Distinguished Brothers Charles Frear and Glenn Stahl, 32° MSA, Trustees; Sublime Prince Rae A. Clark, 32° DSA, Trustee; retiring presiding Officers, Sublime Prince Gary L. Burke, 32°, Sublime Prince George Nasra, 32°, and Sublime Prince G. Michael Morris, members of our General Committee; Officers, Committee Chairs, 33° members, MSAs, DSAs, the Rochester York Rite Concordant Bodies, Damascus Shrine; Ill. P. Michael Nielsen, 33°, Secretary of NY COD; Distinguished Brother R. Curtiss

Montgomery, 32° MSA, immediate Past Commander-in-Chief of the Valley of Buffalo; the Masonic Service Bureau of Rochester New York, Inc. and its very dedicated staff who prepare the *Masonic Times*, The Frank and Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center staff and Board of Directors; Ms. Rita Lockett, Office Secretary, and others who have assisted during the last two years as our Valley has met the challenge of change and made every effort to adapt for the future! Thank you very kindly!

SAR members

The Rochester Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution lists these Sublime Princes of the Valley of Rochester as Compatriots: Culver Barr, Rev. Thomas E. Burger, Henry Dutcher, Millard A. Fairley, Jr., and Stephen R. Whittaker.

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

1st Lieutenant Commander

By Robert D. Pedersen

Congratulations!

The Feast of the Paschal Lamb, our annual celebration

to recognize those departed Brothers, was performed in excellent fashion. The Rochester Chapter of Rose Croix took the new venue, Rochester Museum and Science Center, and exemplified this program - beautifully! Many thanks to the Rose Croix line; the Hilton Baptist Choir; guest speaker, Rev. Paul Gleason, 32°MSA. Many thanks to the Director, Lawrence Canfield, 32°DSA, for his leadership.

Our Reunion, April 23rd and 24th, was an excellent setting to welcome our new Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret. The casts, directors, and all those involved, gave us the opportunity to welcome and give more light in Masonry.

Mark your calendars

Our Annual Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, May 8th, at the Burgundy Basin Inn. Informational flyers have been sent to all members. See this issue for flyer details. Please make your reservations with the office and join us as we welcome our new Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret.

Our Annual Nomination, Election and Installation of Officers, will be at our Regular Stated Communication, Thursday May 20th. Please join us

to show your support for those Officers who have completed their term, and for those newly elected Officers, as we begin a new year.

I thank all the committees, office staff and everyone who has been involved in our continued growth and posture in Freemasonry.

Special thanks go to: Thrice Potent Master Gary Burke, for his continual efforts in promoting Freemasonry, especially during our Symbolic Lodge and Worshipful Master 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.

Without their individual efforts, we would not excel, thank you.

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From the Potentate



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At the last meeting we unveiled our two main projects for 2004: the PR Program and the new Website. The PR Program, Chaired by Bill Lozon, High Priest and Prophet, is well underway and you will be hearing and seeing the results as the year progresses. I thank Nobles Don Jenks, Sr., and Don Jenks Jr., new Nobles who own A&H Trucking, for taking 35 Shrine posters and affixing them to the back of the trailers they own. We also were fortunate to have the owner of MulCorr Containers in Auburn take 20 posters for their trucks. Add those to the 35 posters that are on the H P Neun Co. vehicles and we have a good start. We get these posters from Imperial for free and if you know of any other tractor trailer owners who would be willing to display our posters, please call Bill Lozon so he can get them for you. Bill has many other plans in progress and we will update you as they begin to be applied.

The Website is under the direction of Lance Ward, who employed Rich Friedman as the main contact. Nobles, this Website IS the best in Shrinedom. Someone from Tampa stated that it is second only to his or her own (what would

you expect them to say?) The website address is:

damascusshriners.org

I encourage you to take a look. On it you will find a list of all the Clubs and Units and their schedules, all upcoming events and the ability to make a reservation and pay for it online, along with many other wonderful options that you have to explore to get the full benefit. Our committee has outdone itself and I am extremely proud of the accomplishment. We will have the ability, also, of putting the *Damascus News* on-line. If anyone is interested in eliminating the paper edition they now have mailed to him or her, for the on-line edition, which has the potential of saving large mailing and printing costs, please notify the Office and they will follow through for you. So the Office may update their records, I ask anyone who has an email address, please contact them at: office@damascusshriners.org

The Circus

As I reflected on the Circus, and my involvement with it this year, I saw things from a different perspective than I generally do. I wasn't as aware of how much we were making or how full the stands were. I was looking at the event more from a standpoint of how important it is to Damascus Shrine. Everywhere I went I met old friends or had a chance to make new ones. I had a chance to thank everyone for attending, helping, and giving freely of their time, and even paying for parking, fuel and whatever else it took to be able to give of themselves for a common cause. I saw Nobles with their wives, girlfriends, fiancées, sons, daughters, and grandchildren, and I thought

to myself, "This is what its all about!!!!" Many organizations "talk the talk" but Damascus "walks the walk" by giving families an opportunity to enjoy the Fraternity together. I know of no other group that can come together, over look small aggravations and work so hard together for the love of what they are doing. As Potentate, I received many accolades for the outcome and the organization of the Circus and, as Potentate, I had very little, if anything, to do with what the accolades were for. I can tell you, though, that because my role this year was to be accessible, it afforded more time than I have had in past years and I came away with a very strong sense of pride that I am a Shriner and that I belong to Damascus. Ill. Sir Erwin Newell has been the Chairman for the past seven years and has worked many long, hard hours behind the scenes covering everything from popcorn boxes to the insurance requirements. It is a HUGE job and one the scope of which I am not sure everyone realizes. As a NOBLE of Damascus, I give my heartfelt thanks to Erwin and his Vice-Chair, Pete Yendell, for their hard work. This was Erwin's last year as Circus Chairman, and it is with great humility that I have presented him the title of Circus Chairman Emeritus. Thank you Erwin, we ALL appreciate what you have done.

Parades

Some of the upcoming events I want to highlight are the "Call Out" parades that we have set so far this year. May 15th is the Lilac Parade in the morning; July 14th is the Barnard Firemen's Parade; July 15th is the Webster Firemen's Parade, and August 13th is the Clifton

Springs parade. We may even add one or two more, which are yet to be determined.

As in any organization, Nobles, you get out of it what you put into it. Participation is the key, and I hope to see you in the quarries.

Be safe and God Bless. ✕

From the Recorder



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A "Tip of the Fez" to all the Nobles and Ladies who gave of their time at our 79th Annual Shrine Circus. Once again, the Damascus Team did it. Another success is under our belt. It will take about 30 days for all bills to come in and be paid, so I will not have the final figures until May.

As many of you may have heard, I have stepped down as Circus Chairman. It took a lot of soul searching and it was a hard decision to make. The Circus was, and will always be, special in my heart. This is a very stressful job, and this year, I found it overwhelming. I guess when one feels the pressure, it's time to get out of the frying pan. Nobles and Ladies, I thank each of you for the support that you have given me as Chairman and the end result, once again, was a very successful circus. I thank our Potentate for giving me the honor of becoming an Emeritus Member of the Damascus Shrine Circus.

Congratulations to Noble Pete Yendell, who is stepping up to the plate and becoming the 2005 Circus Chairman. I know you will all support him.

Serving you better

www.damascusshriners.org is our new website. To email at the office you can reach me at: Recorder@damascusshriners.org; for the office Carol Green, cgreen@damascusshriners.org; for building rentals and scheduling, contact Patti Lozon, plozon@damascusshriners.org. We are doing this to serve you better. You can now make dinner reservations, book parties and events, and pay for them on the new website. So as they say in Mexico and all around the world, CHECK IT OUT!

Dates to remember

May 5th - Hot Sands
May 15th - Lilac Parade
May 15th - Joey and Maria's Wedding Dinner and Play
June 2nd - Shrine meeting
June 11th - Duffers Golf Tournament. Proceeds Hospital Transportation Fund
June 12th - Wheelers' ride around Seneca Lake to kick off Potentate's Reception in a.m.
June 12th - Begin hospital-ity 2 p.m. Ramada Inn Geneva on the Lake. Reception and Dinner 7 p.m. Afterglow.
June 13th - Breakfast at the Ramada Inn Geneva on the Lake 9 a.m.

Dues

If you have not, as yet, paid your 2004 dues, PLEASE do so as soon as possible. Membership should be our number one priority, and our Imperial Membership Team has asked every member to make a pledge to sign up one new member in 2004. (This is the year of the Shrine Mason.)

Stop by the Shrine office and say "Hello." Who knows, you may even find me there! ✕

HOT SANDS CEREMONIAL

MAY FIFTH

Shrine Lunch Club

President
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Two exciting months of the Lunch Club are left before Summer break. We will not meet in July or August. We meet each Monday at 12 noon, with a social hour at 11 a.m., and everyone is invited.

Ladies Day is the third Monday of each month, which will be May 17th. Our cooks always go the extra mile to serve special meals on Ladies Day.

A tip of the fez to the Chief Cook, Rene VanDeVeire, for a great job in spite of some very trying weather conditions this Winter. Our guest speaker for May 17th will be Carolyn Andriaasen, Marion Town Historian, who has a very entertaining talk for everyone.

The cost of the lunch is \$5.00; \$6.00 on Ladies Day. The weather is great, so come out, bring a friend, and enjoy the food, fellowship and swap a few stories. See you at the Shrine Lunch Club.

Have you checked out the new Damascus Shrine webpage yet?

Zama Temple Daughters of the Nile

By Elaine B. Spiegel, PQ
On April 3rd we had Installation of Officers for 2004 at the Damascus Shrine Center. Our new Queen is Sharon Spencer. She and her staff of Officers were most honored and happy to have Past Supreme Queen Betty Nohle of Zama Temple return from Fort Myers, Florida, to be the Supreme Installing Officer. We enjoyed a beautiful dance performed by Past Queen Sharon Baldwin. After Installation, everyone enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner.



Queen Sharon thanked the Past Queens, Installing Officers and everyone for all their help.

Queen's Luncheon

May 23rd is the date of the Queen's Luncheon to be held at Red Fedele's Brook House Restaurant. More information will be coming soon.

Major goal
Queen Sharon's major goal this year is membership which, in the Daughters of the Nile, is much more obtainable now. Be thinking of relatives and friends whom you would like to ask to be members of our great organization.

This year, Zama Temple and Damascus Shriners have been working very hard to promote fellowship, good relations, and having a fun time together. We have helped the Shrine at the Circus and look forward to promoting the good work of the Shriners Hospitals.

Let's have a fun time this year in Zama Temple as we enjoy working hard together for the crippled children in the Shriners Hospitals.

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We hope all had a wonderful Easter and are enjoying this wonderful Spring. As we stated before, all the flowers are beginning to blossom and it is so nice to see the different Spring colors. The lilacs will be blooming very soon and they will also add to the color and the aroma of Spring.

We have had our first month of Official Visits and they were all wonderful. So far we have had three of them as social visits and they were just as wonderful as the initiation work that we viewed. We have enjoyed our travels to the Chapters and seeing old and making new friends.

May calendar

- 1st - Line Officers Meeting West East Luncheon
- 10th Birthday Banquet for Etolian Chapter at The Party House
- 5th - Henrietta Chapter's Official Visit
- 11th - Leah Chapter's Official Visit
- 13th - Past Matrons' Association meeting, Leah Chapter. 4:30 p.m.; dinner at 6:30 p.m.
- 16th - Rochester Chapter's 100th Birthday Banquet at Logan's Party House
- 17th - Etolian Chapter's Official Visit
- 20th - Grand Association at Nolatka Chapter. Dinner meeting to follow.
- 27th - Grand Matron's Official Visit to Monroe District at The Party House on Beahan Road. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. - meeting at 8:00 p.m.

The representatives of the Chapters in the District have had three meetings at this time and shortly all Sisters and Brothers will have heard the suggestions that were made to make Monroe District stronger, more cohesive and better able to work together for the good of all. God's speed in this endeavor.

At last, Spring has sprung and the birds are on the wing

again. Can the bugs be far behind? Gardening, painting and in general fixing things we continue to find in need of repair. Good health to all.

Genesee/Wyoming District OES

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The Official Visits are underway for the months of April and May. The Grand Official visit of M. Wthy. Betty Crawford, Grand Matron and M. Wthy. Raymond H. Heim, Grand Patron, will be May 13th, at First Presbyterian Church, 300 East Main Street in Batavia. A Turkey Dinner at 6:00 p.m., cost is \$20.00, precedes the 7:30 p.m. meeting.

On March 31st, A Tri-District Friendship Night was held, having the first annual Floral Degree at the Batavia Chapter, sponsored by Pond No. 853, Erie District; Batavia No. 267, Genesee/Wyoming District; and Corinthian/Fellowship No. 322, Monroe District. Flowers were given to the District Deputies present along with Rt. Wthy. Burniece Herendeen, Rt. Wthy. Dolores Hargrave, Past Most Worthy Walter Howe, and Junior Past Grand Patron, Neil Laundry as honorees of the evening. Plans are being made to have this be an annual event.

District fundraiser

May 1st there will be a Chinese Auction, held at the Perry Masonic Lodge, starting at 4:00 p.m., at a cost of \$6.00. Refreshments will be served. Proceeds to go for our Grand Matron's projects.

Remembering our Vets will be our program at Hesperus Chapter's Official Visit on May 24th.

Under God's rainbow his blessings abound. Colorful rainbows help us remember God's precious promise is given to us all.

Have a wonderful Summer.

Tri-Star Chapter No. 209 OES

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

Matron
Wthy. Donna Hiler
(315) 986-7173

Patron
Wthy. James Elliott
(315) 597-4173

Secretary
Rt. Wthy. Helga Haak
(315) 597-4105

Palmyra Masonic Temple
161 East Main Street

Well, I thought Spring was here, but we were hit with a snowstorm that ended up cancelling our Chapter's Official Visit on Tuesday, March 16th. So we have it rescheduled for Tuesday, May 4th, at 7:30 p.m. Please come early at 7:00 p.m. to hear the Macedon Center United Methodist Handbell Choirs.

On Tuesday, May 18th, we will be having an open meeting with the DeMolay joining us to do the Flower Talk Program for all mothers at 7:30 p.m. It is very impressive to

Wayne District Membership Committee Presents

DeMolay Flower Talk

Tuesday, May 18th 7:30 p.m.
Palmyra Masonic Temple
Refreshments after meeting

see our young gentlemen as they honor mothers. If you know of anyone who would like to see what our organization is all about, invite them to join us that night. This is one of Wayne District's Membership Drive projects.

Dinner meeting

The last meeting before the Summer break will be held Tuesday, June 1st. A dinner will be served before the meeting by M. Wthy. Sandy and Rt. Wthy. Jim Cleason, Wthy. Gerry and Wthy. Ed Lonnenville, Wthy. Mabel and Wthy. Gene Reynolds and myself. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and we hope to see as many as possible there.

Baby Shower!

Our Starlighters group will meet on Monday, May 17th at 7:00 p.m. There will be no meeting as we will be having a baby shower for our first-time new mother, Sister Dana Jones. She will be bringing her new son, Cameron Robert Huntley Jones. Give me a call and I will be glad to help with any suggestions that you may need for gifts.

Past Matrons

Tri-Star Chapter's Past Matrons will meet at Miceli's Restaurant in Macedon, on Monday, May 24th at 6:30 p.m. for dinner. We will be ordering from the menu. Let me know if you will be in attendance.

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

I'm still collecting Campbell Soup labels, Box Tops for Education and used postage stamps.

Study Club

The Wayne District Study Club will meet in Palmyra on Saturday, May 22nd, at 10:00 a.m. Lunch will follow at noon. We will be finishing up last minute details, along with practice for the Grand Matron/Grand Patron, District Grand Official Visit to be held on Saturday, May 29th. They are trying something new this year by having a luncheon at 12:30 p.m., with the meeting following at 2:00 p.m. It will be held at the Old Farm Restaurant on Victor Road in Macedon (Alexandra's). If anyone needs a ride, let me know and I will be glad to find someone to pick you up.

May Official Visits

- 10th - Williamson Chapter, 7:30 p.m.
 - 12th - Amitie Chapter in Newark, 7:30 p.m.
 - 19th - Draper Chapter in Wolcott, 7:30 p.m.
- Let me know if you want a ride to any of the functions

outside of the Chapter, as we always have a caravan going. The more the merrier. They all need our support.

NOLATKA Chapter No. 320

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

Matron Wthy. Cynthia Nielsen
889-4207
Patron Wthy. Robert Cyrstal
473-0279
Sec. Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings
594-4692

22 South Main Street
Churchville 14428

By Wthy. Alice Hassett Meetings

At our April 6th meeting, we voted to make a donation to Sister Paula Crevison's son, Seth Crevison. He looks forward to a trip to London, England, and also to Holland, as a member of the People to People Sports Ambassador Program.

District concerns

Rt. Wthy. Sula Baxter explained some of the concerns of the Monroe District Planning Committee, which is composed of the District Matrons or their designees. The committee is addressing the future of OES Chapters in the Monroe District.

Enjoyable evening

Our Social Visit and Floral Ceremony, on April 20th, honored Rt. Wthy. Sula M. Baxter, Monroe District Grand Matron, and Rt. Wthy. William E. Baxter, Monroe District Grand Lecturer. It was a most enjoyable evening.

May

Our May 4th meeting will be a regular one, with Wthy. Vickie Gross in charge of refreshments.

On May 18th, we will celebrate Neighborhood Night, and Sister Jane LaPree and Wthy. Antoinette Jeerings will take care of refreshments.

Fundraising Projects Volunteers Needed

Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings is chairing the preparation and serving of several dinners, as fundraisers for Chapter. If you can work, or donate food/money, for the following dates, please phone her: May 1st (Saturday luncheon), and May 20th (Thursday dinner).

Contributions of money will be greatly appreciated, since fresh meat and salad fixings have to be bought just prior to the dinners. Any donations increase the total fundraising profit.

Sickness and distress

Wthy. Kim (Morici) Robinson broke her arm last month, and is recovering.

Condolences to the family and friends of Rt. Wthy. Margaret Nugent, who lost her fight with cancer on March 24th. Over 50 members of OES attended the Eastern Star Service in Corfu. Contributions may be made in her name to Batavia Chapter No. 267, c/o Janet Lee, Secretary, 85 Stringham Drive, Batavia, NY 14020, or to Caledonia Chapter No. 451, c/o Jane Krenzer,

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York Rite NEWS

York Rite College
Judas Maccabeus

District Deputy Grand High Priest

24th
District
RAM



R. E. Cy White
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It is indeed a pleasure to communicate to all my fellow Companions through the *Masonic Times*. I have some basic goals (or pledges) that I hope to achieve during my tenure as your DDGHP. My plan is to attend all meetings within the District; write a column for this paper each month of its publication; make myself available to each of the District Chapters so that I can help you in achieving the goals and aspirations that you have set; and keep Chapters appraised of M. E. James W. Hemstrought, Jr.'s, visions and directions for the Grand body of Royal Arch Masons

GHP Area Visits

On May 15th, M. E. James W. Hemstrought, Jr. will be the guest speaker at the Annual Royal Arch Scholarship Dinner in East Syracuse, sponsored by the Central New York Royal Arch Masons. More information can be obtained from R. E. Allan J. Morgan, (315) 416-3629.

On May 22nd, M. E. James W. Hemstrought, Jr. will be the guest speaker at the Annual Royal Arch Scholarship Dinner in Williamsville, sponsored by the WNY Past High Priests' Association. More information can be obtained from the Grand Chapter's website: www.NY-Royal-Arch.org or phone Jeff Williamson at (716) 937-7244 or email: will846@aol.com

May 25th, Official Visit to LeRoy Chapter and the 29th Capitular District.

DDGHP's Official Visits

Monday, May 3rd, Palmyra Eagle Chapter (see Chapter No. 79's column in this paper for more information.)

Monday May 10th, Newark Chapter No. 117. In the Newark Masonic Temple, 210 East Avenue, Newark.

District Deputy Grand High Priest



27th
District
RAM

R. E. John Dudley
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Remember the Blue Lodge

Companions, on Monday, April 12th, I had the privilege of assisting V. E. George Springett with a presentation at Etolian Lodge in Spencerport, of the Remember the Blue Lodge Medallion to

Brother Leon B. Randall. The Award is available to any Companion who brings a member into a Blue Lodge and then submits the proper paperwork to his Chapter.

Building membership

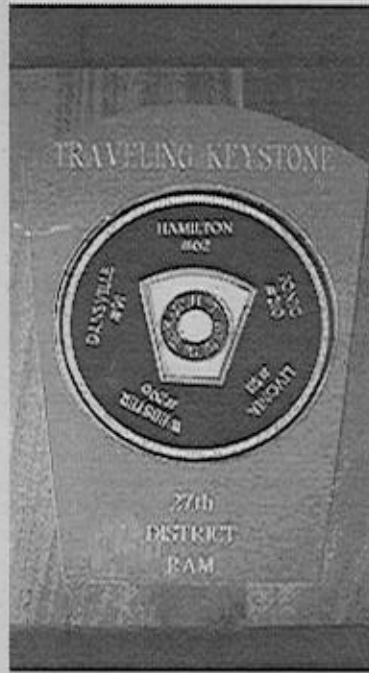
Also on April 12th, Hiram Chapter was scheduled to present the Fervency and Zeal Program at Union Lodge in Lima. This program is an ideal method of spreading the word about Royal Arch Masonry and gaining new Companions.

3 X 3 Chapter

Even though the Three Times Three Chapter ceased to exist on December 31st, good work is still being accomplished. The Chapter furnishings are to be donated to other Chapters in need throughout the state. The banners and swords have been donated to Dansville Chapter No. 91. The aprons and jewels have been given to Orleans Chapter No. 175 in Albion. Other items will be donated to a Chapter which was burned out in Long Island. The robes and pay box have been given to Haggai Chapter No. 41, Royal Arch Masons (PHA) in Rochester.

Traveling Keystone

The old Traveling Keystone will be retired (see attached picture) and a new Traveling Keystone, which has been made by V. E. George Springett, started its journey



through District No. 27 at Hiram Chapter on April 22nd.

A new procedure has been instituted to keep the Traveling Keystone moving (excluding the months of July and August). A Chapter will have 60 days to transfer the Keystone to one of the other three Chapters in the District. If the Keystone is not transferred within 60 days, a suggested penalty/donation of \$10 should be given to a Royal Arch Charity. Three or more members, and at least one Council Officer, are required to transfer the Keystone.

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

I think it's safe to say that the Spring season has arrived. What a refreshing time of the year with Spring flowers popping up all over and buds opening on the trees and, yes, allergies starting up again. All this brings on an increase in attendance at our Chapter, which was evident in our March and April meetings.

Well, maybe the appearance of our DDGHP, R. E. Leonard Mason, and the wonderful meal served at the L.B. Grand Restaurant, might have something to do with the increase. In either case, it's great to see so many Companions getting out for the meetings.

Preparations are underway to perform the Past Master Degree in September. Part assignments are now being worked out. If you have a preference for a part in this Degree, please let me know at your earliest convenience.

Dates

May 22nd is the date for the 29th Annual Royal Arch Scholarship Dinner, which will be held at the Old Red Mill in Williamsville. Reservations must be made by May 15th. Call Jeff Williamson at (716) 937-7244 for full details.

On May 25th, LeRoy Chapter will be hosting the Official

Visit from the Grand High Priest, M. E. James W. Hemstrought, Jr., to the Twenty-Ninth Capitular District. A dinner is being planned at LeRoy Chapter at 6:30 p.m. Please call in your dinner reservations by May 21st to our Secretary, E. Garry Hutchurson, at 494-1395.

All Companions are invited to come and join LeRoy Chapter in welcoming the Grand High Priest, M. E. James W. Hemstrought, Jr.

Plans are under way for the Chapter Picnic in June at the Bergen Park. More details will be in the next issue of the *Masonic Times*.

Palmyra/Eagle Chapter No. 79

1st Mon. 7:30 p.m.



High Priest
Cyril White
315-597-9546

Secretary
R. Stuart
Smith
315-597-9763

161 East Main Street, Palmyra 14522

The next Stated Convocation of Palmyra Eagle Chapter will be held on Monday, May 3rd, at 7:30 p.m. in the Palmyra Masonic Temple, 161 East Main Street. This will be the occasion of my Official Visit as District Deputy Grand High Priest. As is our usual custom, there will be an off-the-menu dinner at the Yellow Mills Restaurant, located on Route 31 just West of Palmyra, at 6:00 p.m. I know the Grand Lodge of the State of New York meets at this time and some of our members will be in New York City, but let the rest of us

make an effort to attend and hear the message of the Grand High Priest, M. E. James W. Hemstrought, Jr.

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

Hiram Chapter No. 62



No. 62

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

E. Douglas M. Koenig, High Priest
225-6533

quequesquared@yahoo.com

E. Charles M. Roberts, Secretary
225-6533

cholyone@frontiernet.net

17 Church Street, Pittsford 14534

Well, it's that time of the month again to sit back down and come up with a little something, which I hope is at least a little moving and inspirational to all. Some months you sit here and have so much to say, you think you're writing the new version of *War and Peace*, and others you struggle to come up with more than three or four sentences. This month I struggle again.

February was Valentines, March was the beginning of Spring, April was Easter, and this month is Mothers' Day. So let me start out with a very warm, happy, and loving Happy Mother's Day to all the moms out there. Without your nurturing care and concern, without you being there for us when we were sick, needing a hug, or someone to sit and listen, we wouldn't be the men we are today. So to all the moms, wherever you are, "thank you" for loving us.

Since my last article, we've had the first of my Masonic Education Nights on March 11th and the Mark Master Mason Degree on March 25th. On March 11th, Brother Paul Stillman came and enlightened us with a wonderful rendition of Founding Father, Benjamin Franklin. It was an evening on which we all learned about the life of, and of the many contributions to this country by, one of our most famous Masons.

To me, there are three major parts, or things, that are important above all else in what a Masonic Lodge, or one of the Concordant Bodies does, and should do. One is to make "good men" better by bringing them into the fold, putting on the Degrees for them, and being a guide and counsel for their lives.

The second is to "Enlighten" new Brothers with information and teachings, of which they were unaware of before they

joined, "So they can LEARN," and programs and/or allegories, "So they UNDERSTAND."

The third is to contribute, promote, and share the fellowship of each other's company. FELLOWSHIP, in whatever form, is what makes the heart sing and gives everyone the hope for a better tomorrow. As the Bible says, "Let the heart sing the HOPE of Joy."

On our Second meeting night, March 25th, we held the Mark Master Mason Degree. There were four candidates who received the Degree that night. One was from Hiram Chapter (the host Chapter), another was from Dansville Chapter No. 91, and two were from Steuben Chapter No. 101 in Hornell. The Degree went very well, and was done crisply, sharply, and professionally. I thank Companion Larry Dunn for organizing, and putting together, a very nice Ritual that evening, along with Companion Ruel Lovett, for his wonderful portrayal of Solomon, King of Israel. Your work in the quarries was noted, Companions. Thank you for a job well done.

Upcoming events

May 13th - Past Master Degree/AGL Visit. Open at 7 p.m.

May 27th - Past High Priest Night. Order of the Ugly Knee, The Rest of the Story. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

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

Florida was great, and I did not have to shovel any white stuff! We had a few cool days and a few hot days, but mostly just right.

The Grand Lecturer's Convention (25th District) was held April 6th in Salem Town Chapter No. 173, with eighteen present, and with a very short notice, it still went quite well. We have one candidate in the District for the Degrees. Let's get busy and have a good-size class this year.

At this writing I only know of one Companion under the weather. George Stanton, Jr., has the shingles. We pray for you to soon be healthy again, Deke.

Until we meet again, may all of you stay healthy. God bless you.

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

As you read this article, the Grand Lecturer's Convention should be a part of Cryptic history, along with all my Official Visits. My time is winding down, but I'm still ready to serve you, my Companions of the 8th Cryptic District, with any District problem.

Upcoming events
August 20th-21st, will be the Annual Assembly in Holiday Inn, Ronkonkoma, NY.
October 16th, is the reception for M.:I.: Stephen Licht, at the Batavia Holiday Inn.

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

As I said in my last message, (and I think it bears repeating) the website is a fountain of information. I urge you to bookmark the address for easy reference.

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

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

Our May 15th Conclave will be our last meeting for the Spring as we enter recess for the Summer. I thank all the Sir Knights and visiting Sir Knights from our sister Commanderies for making our annual Inspection a success.

Please remember to bring any aluminum you have collected for our charities. Thank you, SK Ron Edwards, for your efforts.

The business of our May 15th conclave will be the Installation of our Officers for the ensuing year. Since we had so few full openings in the past year, I felt that I should repeat as Commander to learn the tactics fully. Thank you for your support this year and in the coming one. I look forward to many good times.

Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. at the Blue Ribbon Restaurant, so we can open at 9 a.m. sharp. Be there!

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

The Ides of March have come and gone and now we hope to see some Spring. We hope our snowbirds have enjoyed the warm weather and have come back to us safe and ready to go.

We had a Degree Fest on March 27th. We conferred the orders on 4 new SKs, with the Degrees lasting all day. Steve Wing was Chair of this event and did a wonderful job.

We had a dinner on March 25th at our regular meeting and we thank Kathy Tyson for coordinating this. She did a wonderful job.

We are looking forward to our Inspection on April 22nd. SK Harrison, from New York City, will be the inspector. He is in the Grand Line and we most certainly will be glad to see him. There will be a dinner before and some great hospitality after the meeting.

We are happy to see our Recorder, SK James MacConnell, back from China, and we are glad he made it safely.

Our prayers are still with Maude Wilder and Patti Lovett as they, hopefully, are on the mend.

God bless and I hope everyone had a great Easter.

Brother Masons Support the Youth Programs Help Build the Leaders of Tomorrow

The March meeting of the 17th was not held due to a heavy snowstorm, so the Select Master Degree was rescheduled for the 21st of April. This was an inconvenience for all but, in the judgment of this Illustrious Master, it appeared the prudent and wise decision to make, for all Companions.

A few members of Doric Council went to the Lackawanna Degree Fest held on the 3rd of April. It was hosted by Hamburg Council. Companion Douglas Koenig received the Super Excellent Degree there. I know he had been waiting to receive that for quite some time. That Degree, which takes many ritualists to perform, is usually conferred downstate and almost never in Western New York. Perhaps we can see it here more often.

As my year as Illustrious Master rapidly draws to a close, I take this opportunity to thank the Companions of Doric Council for their cooperation in making my year memorable. This year has seen a few new members joining us. We have also had some educational aspects enjoyed by all. I especially thank our DDIGM, Cyrus White, for all his counsel and assistance in my time in the Illustrious Master's chair. His help was invaluable to me and, thereby, to all the Companions of our Council.

Genesee York Rite College No. 25 is one of seven York Rite Colleges in the State of New York. It is under the auspices of the Sovereign York Rite College of North America, which has its headquarters in Detroit, Michigan. The Sovereign York Rite College of North America has colleges throughout the United States and Canada. The York Rite Sovereign College evolved to bring a closer coordination among the several sovereign York Rite Bodies. To overcome the characteristics of self-interest and separation, the idea was conceived to institute a new York Rite Body which would require its members to belong to a Lodge, a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, a Council of Cryptic Masons, and a Commandery of Knights Templar, and would have as its primary purpose that of giving whatever aid which was most appropriate to the other York Rite Bodies in the area. It would provide a place for York Rite Masons to work together, not as Lodge, Chapter, Council or Commandery members, but as York Rite Masons. Membership into a York Rite College is by invitation only.

The purposes of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America are as follows:

- a) To foster a spirit of cooperation and coordination among each of the Bodies of York Rite Masonry.
- b) To assist in worthy efforts to improve the ritualistic and dramatic presentation of York Rite work.
- c) To conduct an educational program in order to inculcate a greater appreciation of principles, ideals and programs of York Rite Masonry.
- d) To strengthen York Rite Masonry in every possible manner.

e) To build up a love of country, and to aid and support genuine Patriotism.

f) To award outstanding service to York Rite Masonry by awards, honors and other methods of proper recognition.

Genesee York Rite College held one of its four yearly meetings on March 13th, at the Palmyra Masonic Temple in Palmyra. The College had the honor of the attendance of the Regent of New York State, Most Pre-Eminently Distinguished Brother Roy E. VanDelinder, Jr., Past Governor General and present Treasurer General of the York Rite Sovereign College of North America. The College Officers conferred the Order of York upon Sir Knight William Geitner. We welcome William to our College membership. The College is blessed that its membership has continued to grow while the York Rite Bodies in general have been declining in membership.

The other important business to be held at the meeting on March 13th was the recognition of the York Rite Mason

of the Year Award. During the public portion of the meeting on March 13th, and upon the request of the Pre-Eminent Governor of Genesee York Rite College No. 25, William C. Jones, Most Pre-Eminently Distinguished Brother Roy E. VanDelinder, Jr., proceeded to present the 2003-2004 Mason of the Year Award. This year's recipient was one of our own members of the College, the Rev. Charles M. Roberts.

Brother Roberts was raised a Mason in 1974. He has served each York Rite Body as its presiding officer, some more than once. He is presently a Past Master of Mt. Morris Lodge No. 122, a Past High Priest of Hiram Chapter, a Past Illustrious Master of Doric Council and a Past Commander of Cyrene-Monroe Commandery, Knights Templar. Brother Roberts is no stranger to the Fraternity, he has held District and State-wide offices in all the York Rite Bodies. He presently is a Grand Chaplain for Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter. He is currently the Grand Principal Conductor of the Work in Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York. He is an active Officer in the Scottish Rite and the Shrine. We look forward to his election as Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council of the State of New York in two years. Brother Roberts received the Order of the Purple Cross from the Sovereign College of North America for his distinct ser-

vice in 2002. He is married and has two grown children. We know that his achievements would not be possible without the loving support of his Lady Leslie. This award is as much hers as it is his. We congratulate Brother Roberts on attaining this distinct high honor in the College and for his continual effort to live out the principles of the College. He has demonstrated his commitment to unity among the Craft, generosity of spirit and brotherly love.



After the public ceremony, Genesee College adjourned to the Garlock House Restaurant in Palmyra to continue the celebration of our newest member to the college and our latest award honoree. A good time was had by all.

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Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

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Jerry Spero, Monarch



Young Irish Dancers were Grotto's March program.



Phil and Sue Caffare were caught by the Garden Committee in Chuck White's flower patch.

(Photos, K. Hutchinson)

Lalla Rookh Caldron. I urge all to attend and have a voice in this decision. Also at that meeting, we will be rehearsing for our Supreme Visitation on June 10th. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for these important meetings.

Best wishes

Get well wishes to Daughter Gerry Falk. Welcome back, Jean Wood. Please contact Arlene Topel if you know of any other sickness or trouble in our Masonic family.

Enjoy the flowers and the sunshine. Take it easy on the garden work. You have all Summer to enjoy. God Bless.™



"SPECIAL OLYMPICS ...That was yesterday."

Secretary's Column

By Ken Hutchinson

Here we are again with the news, to keep in step with our activities and items that have come across my desk in the past 30 days.

At our April 21st meeting, we honored twenty Prophets with Service Pins, ranging from 5 to 55 years as members of Lalla Rookh Grotto.

Condolences

It becomes my sad duty to report the passing of Past Monarch, Daniel W. Geska, on Monday, April 5th, at the age of 84 years. He became a Prophet on June 16, 1966, and served as Monarch in 1981. He will be sadly missed, but happily remembered.

Sickness

Alfred Pulcino III, PM, had his left foot operated on March 26th. After that he took a turn for the worse, and developed blood clots. He is using crutches, as he continues with his various activities.

Michael Bell, PM, spent a few days in Rochester General with minor heart problems. He, too, is up and about and attending Grotto functions.

William Fredenburg's wife, Dottie, had knee replacement surgery on March 25th, and continues on the mend.

Our thoughts and prayers are with these good folks.

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

Legion of Honor

By Fred Cornell, Commander

Here we are, still in the process of setting up dates for events with and without our ladies. I can't give you any sure dates and times yet, but rest assured, the events will be fun for all.

For all you Legion members, here is the date and times for our meeting. It falls on the 3rd Monday at Bosdyk's Restaurant. You should plan to arrive by 5:30 p.m., as we order at 6:00 p.m. off the menu. The meeting will start as close to 7:00 p.m. as possible, so bring some good ideas.

We will see you on the 19th.™

Master of Ceremonies

By Norm Austin

At our May meeting on the 19th, the menu will consist of Goulash or the alternative of chicken. As usual, dinner will be at 6:30 p.m., preceded by our social hour at 5:30 p.m., as we enjoy snacks and drinks. Make your reservations by calling 234-0296 and indicating your meal choice. I look forward to seeing you!™

Membership

By Alfred Pulcino, III, Chairman

Did you attend your Blue Lodge last month?

Did you seek out the friendship of a fellow Master Mason? Did you ask him to join Lalla Rookh Grotto?

Did you get him to sign a petition?

Did you turn it into the Grotto Office?

If not --- why not?

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Caldron News

By Doris Bell, MCO

Spring is the time to enjoy the lovely flowers, sunshine and warmer weather.

Prophets' Night on April 8th, was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Daughters Bev Murray and Betty Madison, we enjoyed a delicious Ham Dinner. Many Prophets turned out for dinner and for our guest speaker, Benjamin Bruce, from the New York State Attorney General's Office. His talk on Identity Theft was full of informative tips we all can follow to keep our records and identity secure. Thanks to all the gentlemen who shared this evening with us.

Our Get-Acquainted Tea on April 17th provided some of the ladies of the Grotto, as well as other Masonic Bodies, a chance to get to know our Daughters and a little bit of what we are about.

Important meeting

The May meeting, rescheduled to May 20th, is a very important one. It is then that we will decide the future home of

Grand Historian



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The Founders

Once again, I invite you to embark with me on a journey through the haze of earlier days in the form of written records, about an era on the sands of time.



LeRoy Fairchild
Born 1-02-1847
Died 1-23-1897

Besides LeRoy Fairchild, discussed last month, the others were Adon and Sidney Smith; Commadore William C. Eaton; George Beal; William West; and Dr. John Frank Gregory. All were pillars of the community in Hamilton, NY.

Adon and Sidney Smith were members of one of Hamilton's outstanding families. Progressive in spirit, intensely civic-minded, they were always to be found as leaders of any movement that was for the improvement of Hamilton.

In 1872 the brothers built the Smith Building on Broad Street. It was destroyed by the Great Hamilton Fire of February 19, 1895. The building was completely rebuilt and the Masonic Lodge and Grotto moved back in on October 2nd that same year.

They built a number of dwelling homes and, back in the 1880s, built the Hamilton Steam Bakery. They also developed a stone quarry on the

West hill about 200 feet back from the feeder which provided stone for cellar walls of the various buildings constructed by them.

Both Adon and Sidney served the Village in various official capacities, including the Board of Trustees, School Board and a number of important committees.

Adon Smith

Adon was born near Preston Hill, October 29, 1854, the son of J.D.F. and Martha Snow Smith. He entered the hardware business in 1885 and sold out some years later to Thomas B. Bell. He then became President of the National Hamilton Bank, of which he had been vice-president.

He erected and resided in a two and a half story brick home at 3 Broad Street at the corner of Payne Street. It is currently the Village Office Building. During World War II it served as USO Headquarters for servicemen. It is in the *National Register of Historical Places*.

Adon was one of the oldest members of Hamilton Masonic Lodge No. 120, and a Past Master. He was also a member of Cyrus Chapter No. 50, of Hamilton and Norwich Commandery, Knights Templar, and, of course, one of the founders of the Grotto.

He and George Beal wrote the original Ritual at the time of Fairchild's Trial. At the forming of the Supreme Council, he served as Grand Trustee, 1890-1901; Grand Monarch, 1894-1899; Grand Standard Bearer, 1895-1898; Grand Steward, 1899; and Grand Orator, 1901.

In later life, he and his wife resided on Madison Avenue in New York City and used their Broad Street residence as a Summer home. Adon died in Hamilton on July 7, 1929. He was survived by his wife, a daughter, Alice, three sons, Philip T., Herbert and LeRoy. He also left a sister, D.M. Fairchild, two brothers, Arthur J. and Sidney D. Smith.

Sidney D. Smith

Adon and Sidney's paths were interwoven in business and Masonic membership. Sid served as FDC's only secretary, with the minutes written in his own hand. He continued as S.C. Secretary from 1890-1923.

In the annual meeting of 1910, Sid's expenses were \$54.47 and his annual salary

Attend Grotto Meetings

Mon., May 3rd -
Board of
Governors
Meeting,
Shrine Center
7:00 p.m.

Mon., May 17th -
Legion of Honor
Bosdyk's
Restaurant
5:30 p.m.

Wed., May 19th -
Grotto meeting
Shrine Center
Social hour
5:30 p.m.
Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Thurs., May 20th -
Caldron Meeting
8:00 p.m.
Charlotte/
Corinthian

Enjoy the
Fellowship



First row - Adon N. Smith, William Eaton, George Beale
Second row - John F. Gregory and Sidney Smith
In rear - William West

was \$500.00. He was asked to write a history of the early days, which he did, but his comment was, "They didn't keep very good records." (He was the secretary.)

In the Supreme Council Sessions, held on June 20-21, 1916, Grand Secretary Smith was justly honored for his years of service. First, by Grand Monarch, William H. Snyder of Elmira, at the start of the Session. Later, in the same Supreme Session, Sidney was again honored, this time by PGM, E.L. Volgenau.

"At this session an amendment to the constitution was unanimously adopted permitting the Supreme Council at its discretion to confer the rank and title of Honorary Grand Monarch upon any Prophet who has served 25 years as Grand Secretary."

The motion was, in a rising vote, unanimously carried. The fez that was presented to him is on display in Mokanna Grotto. Also displayed is that of LeRoy Fairchild's, who was given the same honor in 1990, posthumously.

Sid was at the center of the give and take of jest and practical jokes associated with the Founders and the original 17 members of the FDC. He served as President of the Village of Hamilton from 1914-1916. He was Trustee for 20 years.

He was a member of Hamilton Lodge; Cyrus Chapter No. 50, RAM; Valley of Syracuse, AASR; Ziyara Shrine Temple; and Mokanna Grotto No. 1.

(Reference: archives of Mokanna Grotto, Hamilton Library reference material and Syracuse Post Standard, July 8, 1929)



"Turning 60 is not so bad," says Area Rep. Al Pucino III, cutting cake as Lady Shirley looks on.

thank Al for his counsel during the year.

Moe Schirano, who was always ready to help, and usually was one step ahead of me.

Our Color Guard, who so ably represents our Post at many functions during the year.

Lastly, to our sideliners, for their interest and attendance.

I salute and thank you all. We had a very successful year, full of pleasant memories for all of us.

Sickness and distress

Area Representative, Alfred Pulcino III, had foot surgery on March 26th. All went well. On Sunday, his birthday, he had pain in his leg and was back in the hospital overnight.

Upcoming events

May 28th - The Post's Public Installation at Fame Lodge, dinner at 6:30 p.m. Installation at 7:30. There will be the Calling Tree for reservations.

May 30th - 136th Annual Sunday Memorial Service at the Rochester Community War Memorial at 3 p.m. We are always well represented at this one. At all of these outings, each and every member is to be in full uniform.

May 31st - Greece Memorial Day Parade. Mobilization at 12:15 p.m. at James Road and Long Pond Road, rain or shine. The parade will start at 1 p.m. We will travel South to the Mall at Greece Ridge Center. The Memorial Day Ceremony will start immediately following the parade at the Beikrich Veterans Memorial, next to the Town Hall, where the Masonic War Veterans will present a wreath. We plan to have some cars for those who want to ride instead of marching.

Summer events

On Saturday, August 7th, Don McDill is again hosting a Summer Post Outing at Conesus Lake. This year, because of the size of the membership, it will be held at Long Point Park at 1 p.m. Again, it will be complete with a Steak Roast and rides on Don's party boat.

On August 22nd, the Triangle Girls from Fidelity Triangle No. 4, who also meet at Fame Lodge, has invited our Post to a picnic to honor veterans. It will be at North Hampton Park. We hope for fair weather, and a good turnout for both of these events.

I now join the ranks of Past Commanders, and wish our Commander-elect, Luigi Campaniello, a great and very enjoyable year as Commander. *

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

On March 24th our Woodsmen Bring-a-Brother Night went well and those attending learned about the Tall Cedars of Lebanon's history and its charitable objective. Unfortunately, the visiting Brethren were in the minority. Some invitees were not present due to last minute conflicts. We will be doing another "Woodsmen Bring-a-Brother Night" in the future; probably this Fall. In the meantime, we offer our story as a Lodge program to any Master who is interested.

A Pot Luck Dinner with the ladies preceded our April meeting. A program about Muscular Dystrophy was presented by our JDGTC after a very short business meeting. This Program was a follow-up on his February presentation. It was informative, especially for those who missed the initial program.

Taxes! Taxes! Taxes!
By Tom Michielsen

Whew!! The Tax Season rush is over. Now we can relax and turn our thoughts to Spring and Summer activities. Let us all enjoy the good and endure the bad; change what we can and let what we can't change pass as quickly as possible.

Mistakes!

Who makes mistakes? Everyone makes mistakes occasionally! If you filed your tax return before April 3rd and have not received your refund check yet, you may have made one or more of the following common mistakes made by individuals this year:

- 1) Choosing the wrong filing status. For example, taxpayers often incorrectly claim the "head of household" filing status without meeting the requirements for that status.
- 2) Failing to include or using incorrect social security numbers. As stated in an earlier article, the names and social security numbers included on a return must agree exactly with your social security cards.
- 3) Failing to put your information on the correct line of the return. Some list their taxable pension income on the line for Schedule E income and then on the New York State return try to deduct that pension on the line for federal adjustments. This frequently generates letters from both governments which upsets and scares the individual.
- 4) Did you sign and date your return? If not, it will not be accepted until it is.
- 5) Did you claim a dependent who either does not qualify or who claimed themselves on their own return? College students file returns without talk-

Our May meeting will be moved up to the third Wednesday, May 19th, because of Memorial Day.

Coming events

Our June Sausage Roast will be at the Rotary Camp in Webster (Camp Smile, end of Shangri-La Lane). You will be contacted. We will need some help in getting the supplies for this event. Brother Paul Kober will not be able to do his usual exemplary job for us and we are looking for a few Brothers to pitch in and assist. If you are willing and available to assist on June 23rd, please inform the GTC, Angelo DiCataldo, or me. Any help would be appreciated.

After the 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.

Remember to "reMEMBER" your Forest. New members can be obligated in "Short Form" at any regular meeting.

ing to their parents, which can cause problems for them and their parents.

6) Failing to check whether you are liable for the Alternative Minimum Tax. More taxpayers are becoming liable for the AMT because of the changing tax laws.

The New York State Farmers' School Tax Credit definition of an eligible farmer has been expanded for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2003. You meet the definition of an eligible farmer if two-thirds of your federal gross income for the tax year is from farming resources or the average of this year and the two preceding tax years is at least two-thirds from farming resources.

IRS has released the inflation-adjusted depreciation limits for business autos, light trucks, and vans (including minivans) placed into service in 2004. The maximum annual depreciation deduction for each type of vehicle is \$100 less than the limits which applied to vehicles that were placed in service in 2003. The maximum 2004 depreciation for business autos, light trucks, and vans (including minivans) is \$10,610 or \$2,960 if you elect not to claim any special depreciation allowances.

Upcoming taxpayer due dates:

- April 30th - First Quarter Payroll Reports Due
- May 15th - April Payroll Taxes
- May 31st - Exempt Organization Returns

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

Visit a Masonic War Veteran

Petitions are available from me; I usually carry them with me. You can call me at 458-6125 and I will see that you get as many as you need. You can also obtain them from the GTC, Angelo DiCataldo, or our Scribe, Don Bell.

Sickness and distress

Don Freeman's condition has not changed and Lou Weekes' condition also is unchanged. I'm sure they would appreciate cards.

Paul Kober is still unable to get around due to a nerve-related problem in his leg. I am sure Paul would like to hear from you. Please send a card or call. Let us keep all these Brothers in our prayers. If you know a Brother with health related problems, please call me.

Listen up!

We are still looking for a few good Woodsmen to volunteer for the Communications and Logistics Committees. The Forest needs you for this important service. Communications involves making sure that all the Woodsmen are informed of our events; only three to five calls, once a month. One Brother has graciously volunteered to help us with monthly calls thus far. Why don't you join him?

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

Nolatka Chapter

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Secretary, 3266 Stanton Parkway, Caledonia, NY 14423.

Birthdays

Rt. Wthy. E. Lucille Mason celebrated her 98th birthday on April 24th. Congratulations to this special lady.

Celebrating birthdays in May will be Sister Dorothy Estes, Sister Gladys Nielsen, Brother Gilbert Ralston, and Wthy. Jean Stewart.

Wisdom

Laugh often, loud, and long. - George Carlin. *

Webster Chapter

No. 171 OES Semi-Annual Card Party and Luncheon Monday, May 10th 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Webster Masonic Temple 30 Orchard Street Donation \$6.00 For reservations: Ruth Beard (315) 524-3815

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As our Masonic calendar year comes to an end, I salute all of the Post's Officers for a job well done.

My sincere thanks to:

Adjutant, Vance Collom, Jr., for the many hours he has devoted to the Post. He has been of great assistance to me all during my year, and kept an accurate record of the Post's activities.

Our Finance Officer, Don McDill, for again capably handling our financial interests and for hosting our Annual Summer Picnic at his cottage at Conesus Lake in August.

Our Chaplain, Dick Topel, for again picking the strawberries for our Strawberry Social. He was always ready with a prayer when asked, and he has never forgotten his glasses.

Our 1st Commander, Luigi Campaniello, who sat of the edge of his chair for most of the year and is now ready to take command of our Post.

Area Representative, Alfred Pulcino III, and Past Area Representative, Frank Jansson, who installed the Officers of the Post last May. I also

In Memoriam

March

Pitcher, Jonas A.

The Great Architect of the Universe claimed Jonas on March 22nd. He was a member of Fame Lodge, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Shrine. Survivors include his seven children and eight grandchildren.

Domville, Charles J., Sr.

Charles was called Home on March 24th at the age of 56 years. He was a member of Union Lodge and leaves one son and seven grandchildren.

April

Weyneth, Gerald M.

"Jack" was 85 years old when he passed away on April 4th. A member of Garoga/Sincerity Lodge and Damascus Shrine, he leaves his wife, Thelma, four children, four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Parchus, Michael

Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge lost a member with the passing of Michael on April 9th. He leaves his wife, Leona, two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Popenhusen, Glenn E.

Glenn went to be with the Lord on April 12th at the age of 68 years. He was a member of Drumlin Square Lodge and Tri-Star Chapter, OES. Glenn leaves his wife, Barbara, five children and nine grandchildren.

O'Donnell, William A.

William died peacefully on April 12th. He was a member of Damascus Shrine and is survived by his wife, Dottie, and three children.

Frew, Carl R.

Carl died suddenly April 14th at the age of 66 years. He was a member of Union Lodge and is survived by many family members.

Spatzer, William J.

Death claimed William on April 22nd at the age of 83 years. He was a member of Clio Lodge and is survived by his wife, Mabel, five children and ten grandchildren.

We received no specific information on the following deaths.

Geska, Daniel W.

The 1981 Monarch of Lalla Rookh Grotto and a member of Valley/Simes Lodge, Daniel met his Maker on April 5th. He resided in Tennessee.

Joyce, Herbert G.

A member of Drumlin Square Lodge, Herbert passed away on March 21st.

Parry, Howell J.

Howell was a member of Attica Lodge and resided in Georgia when he was called Home on January 30th.

Patterson, Carl R.

Fairport/Flower City Lodge lost a member with the passing of Carl on April 2nd.

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

A THANK YOU NOTE
Many thanks for all the inquiries, cards, phone calls, and notes concerning my wellness following my back operation. I am on the mend with rehabilitation treatments and look forward to resuming normal activities.
Norma Gingold

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

Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

- June 23** Masonic Service Bureau's Scholarships and Charities Awards' Night, Damascus Shrine Center
- June 28** Grand Officers' Apron Presentation Dinner, Damascus Shrine Center
- 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

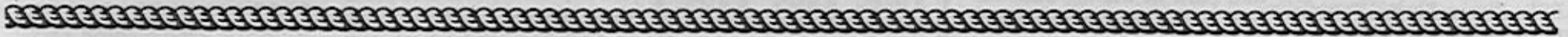
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Deadline for the Masonic Times

BIG CALENDAR FOR MAY 2004

Gem - Emerald
Flower - Lily of the Valley

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						OES - Rochester Chapter 1 East Rochester Daughters of the Nile, Zama Temple - Fairport G/W Masonic Blood Drive, Mt. Vernon Lodge G/W District 3", Attica Lodge Clio Lodge, Ox Roast, 4-7 p.m. OES Etolian Chapter 100th Birthday Banquet, Party House
2 Canandaigua - Shortsville West Star - Varysburg RAM - Palmyra/Eagle, (OV) OES - Irondequoit KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford Shrine Lunch Club Grand Lodge	3 Charlotte/Corinthian Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps Oakland - Castile OES - Fairport, Nolatka, Tri-Star - Palmyra, Webster Grand Lodge	4 Attica, (E) Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy Damascus Shrine, Hot Sands OES - Henrietta, Monroe (OV)	5 Constellation - Perry Eunice - Caledonia Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster RSM - Palmyra Council National Day of Prayer Nurse's Day	6 Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m. \$6 adult; \$3 Child 30 Orchard Street	7 Damascus Shrine, Mother's Day Breakfast, 8-11 a.m. - Damascus Shrine Center	8
9 Chicken BBQ, Attica Lodge, 12 Noon Mother's Day	10 ERAC - Shrine Center, (E) Etolian - Spencerport Fairport/Flower City, (E) Mt. Vernon - Java Village Union Star - Honeoye Falls Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield, (E) RAM - Excelsior - Shortsville Garoga/Sincerity, Blood Drive, Fire Hall 2-7 p.m. Shrine Lunch Club	11 Arcade Batavia Fame - Irondequoit Seneca - Webster Valley-Simes, (E) RAM - Dansville, LeRoy OES - Leah - Hilton, (OV)	12 Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminal - Pike Masonic Service Bureau Monthly Luncheon Meeting OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville, Corinthian Fellowship	13 Eagle Valley - Bliss Milnor - Victor, (E) Union - Lima RAM - Hiram, AGL visit KT - Batavia Commandery	14 G/W Widows' Dinner - Bohn's Restaurant, Batavia	15 KT - Sagoyowatha - Phelps OES - Rochester Chapter - East Rochester OES - Wayne District West Study Club - Lyons Amaranth, Queen Christina Court - Palmyra Joy & Maria's Wedding - Damascus Shrine Center Armed Forces Day
16 OSY District Memorial Service OES Rochester Chapter 100th Birthday Banquet, Logan's	17 Canandaigua - Shortsville West Star - Varysburg KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford OES - Irondequoit Shrine Lunch Club - Ladies Day	18 Charlotte/Corinthian Clio - Hilton, (E) Craftsman Robertson, (E) Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps Oakland - Castile OES - Nolatka, Tri-Star - Palmyra, Webster	19 Attica Ark - Geneva, (E) Drumlin Square - Palmyra, (E) Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy RSM - Doric Council, Pittsford Lalla Rookh Grotto Tall Cedars of Lebanon	20 Constellation - Perry Eunice - Caledonia Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford, (E) Webster Scottish Rite, (E & I) RAM - Western Star Lalla Rookh Caldron	21 MON - Joint Investiture - Fairport Masonic Temple G/W - Joint Investiture - Attica Lodge	22 OES - Wayne District Study Club - Palmyra WYN - Child ID Program - Palmyra Masonic Temple, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Union Star Lodge, Sesqui-centennial Celebration, 4:30 p.m. - Honeoye Falls
23 ERAC - Shrine Center Etolian - Spencerport Mt. Vernon - Java Village Union Star - Honeoye Falls Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield RSM - Nundawaga Council OSY Investiture Service, Garoga/Sincerity Shrine Lunch Club	24 Arcade Batavia Fame - Irondequoit Valley-Simes RAM - Dansville, LeRoy (OV), Wyoming OES - Leah - Hilton	25 Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminal - Pike OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville, Corinthian Fellowship	26 Eagle Valley - Bliss Milnor - Victor, (I) Union - Lima RAM - Hiram KT - Batavia Commandery James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post WYN - Masters & Wardens, Sodus Lodge OES Monroe - Grand Matron's Official Visit, Party House	27 James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post, Public Installation, Fame Lodge, 6:30 p.m.	28 OES Wayne - District Grand Official Visit, Old Farm Restaurant, Macedon, 12:30 p.m.	29
30 Memorial Day	31		Shavout			