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Women of Note entertaining crowd at Widows' Luncheon



All but two Lodges in the Monroe District were represented at the Widows' Luncheon on Saturday, September 11th, as the Masonic Service Bureau once again sponsored

the event to honor the women who supported their husbands' Fraternal activities in past years. The Color Guard of James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post No. 12, under the direction

of Dennis Gellach, posted the Colors. Following a scrumptious buffet lunch, Lodge Masters, or their representatives, presented pins to recent widows. A ladies choral group,

Women of Note, then provided a musical program to entertain the audience. Linda Zahn, Chairman of the Masonic Service Bureau, coordinated the event. Beverly and Leon

VanHuben were in charge of ticket distribution and Joy Woodley made arrangements for the corsages for the Ladies. »

(Photo by John Dudley)

Distinguished Community Service Award to be Presented to Miss Theresa Capozzi

On Sunday, October 24th, Theresa Capozzi will receive the Distinguished Community Service Award, presented by the Masonic Service Bureau at the Brunch following the Interfaith Service. This annual event will be held at Logan's Party House on Scottsville Road, with the Service beginning at 10:00 a.m.

In selecting Theresa for this Award, the Committee investigated some of her activities as outlined in the April 19th issue of the Rochester *Democrat and Chronicle*. The headline for the *Everyday Angels* series referred to Miss Capozzi as the "Area's 'Mother Theresa,'" for the numerous programs which she serves as a tireless volunteer. Among these are: home hospice care; services for disabled and homeless veterans; Habitat for Humanity; and programs for single and disadvan-

taged young mothers. She provides transportation to doctor's offices or to hospital appointments for many elderly people.

As a volunteer at Webster Comfort Care Home, Theresa helps terminally ill patients and their families. She finds this very rewarding, and tries to encourage others to become similarly involved.

Her neighbors have benefited from her presence, also. She is constantly transporting children to sports practices or picking them up from school if parents are delayed.

Miss Capozzi worked with special education students at Monroe County BOCES No. 1 in Fairport, where she taught for 28 years. She became an advocate for these children.

Recipients of this Award are presented with a plaque and a check, which is customarily

given to the charity of their choice. Theresa has divided hers between the Webster Comfort Care Home, Shepherd Home and Lollypop Farm, all organizations for which she has served over the years.

Leading the worship service will be R.: W.: Paul R. Gleason, Jr. Assisting him will be Father Otto Vogt, retired Catholic priest, and R.: W.: Maurice Solomon, who will represent the Brothers and Sisters of Jewish persuasion.

Tickets may be obtained from your organization Secretary or designated representative, or from the Masonic Service Bureau. Checks for the \$12.00 donation should be made payable to the Masonic Service Bureau. If you order tickets by mail, they will be held and made available at the door on Sunday morning. Organizations should send all receipts and unsold tickets to the Service Bureau as soon as possible, or bring them to the Interfaith Service and Brunch on October 24th. If you have any questions, please call the Service Bureau at 671-9730, or ticket chairpersons Beverly or Leon VanHuben at 647-1391. »



Damascus Shriners Announce Deputy Grand Master, Imperial Potentate at Shrine Center November 13th

R.: W.: Neal I. Bidnick and Ill.: Raoul Frevel will assist Damascus Shrine at a Noble Bring-a-Brother program at 4:30 p.m. and the Harvest Dinner at 7:30 p.m. See the articles and ad on page 13 or call the Shrine Office, 671-7701, for more information. »

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R.: W.: Frank Horton Passes

A long-time public servant and active Mason, R.: W.: and Honorable Frank Horton died August 31st. He was born December 12, 1919. His wife, Nancy, survives him.

Raised in Seneca Lodge on May 31, 1949, Frank served as Master of the Lodge in 1962. He was appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Ohio near the Grand Lodge of New York, in 1972, a position he held until he retired from the United States Congress in 1992. Among many accolades he received were several from the Masonic Fraternity. He served as President and a Director of the Masonic Service Bureau and was given its Distinguished Community Service Award in 1981. The Grand Lodge of the State of New York awarded him the 1987 Grand Lodge Medal for Distinguished Achievement.

A member of the Valley of Rochester, AASR, Frank was coronetted a 33° Mason in 1965 and he was the sponsor of the Fall 2003 Class. He was also a member of the Commandery and the Shrine. »



Dated Material

Editor's Corner



Regardless of your political feelings, the incident which recently occurred on the CBS Television Network is a disgrace to the journalistic efforts of honest, hard working professionals. Personally, I have felt for a long time that any degree of credibility in broadcast journalism went out the window when Walter Cronkite retired, many years ago. Everything I see or read, I do so with a jaundiced eye.

I've mentioned before that we try to check every fact that is submitted for publication. There are four dedicated individuals proofreading the articles before they are pasted on our production boards. Hopefully, what one person might miss, another will pick up. I'd like to tell you we are 100 percent accurate; I'd like you to believe that we are! But, mistakes get through, and some of them are beauts!

On the other hand, I can relate stories where we have corrected information, so two people reporting the same item are not contradicting each other; where we corrected dates, so members would not miss an activity; etc.

I've also mentioned before that correspondents may call us at the last minute to change or correct information they submitted. We may not be happy, but we don't want to send out wrong information.

A short time ago, we were verbally chastised for publishing glowing reports on some events, which didn't happen. No one told us! In one case, the activity was cancelled in time to be deleted from the issue. In another, it was after the paper was in the mail.

I believe our readers know that much of this text is written prior to Lodge meetings or other programs taking place. I've always tried to gear the column I write for my Lodge as an announcement of the event coming up, with a follow up the next month on the success (or lack there of... or cancellation, if that be the case) of the affair.

We have a captive audience

and do not have to "sell" to our readers by sensationalizing or fabricating stories. I try not to editorialize in the paper, other than this column. If I do, I put my byline on it, so you know there may be a personal opinion expressed.

Feel free to call us to task on any mistakes you find while reading this or future issues. More importantly, supply us with correct information if you find something wrong...especially if it is repeating. We've published incorrect phone numbers for months, because no one let us know the person moved and changed their telephone number!

I hope we never have to stoop to "yellow journalism." Then again, I hope we never have to become the type of publication that would require this type of "reporting." It did give me the opportunity to request, once again, your continued support and assistance in keeping our facts correct.

Thanks for reading.

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I urge all of you to read your **Masonic Times**. Our Editor and his staff work very hard to put out a top quality paper and it should be read. There is a lot of news that is useful in planning ahead - what meetings and/or functions you might wish to attend. I read mine the day it comes and keep it close at hand to refer to throughout the month.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped to make the Widows' Luncheon such a success. I hear many good things from our guests.

The Officers, Directors and Members of the Masonic Service Bureau extend sincere sympathy to Karl Heinz & Trudy Reich on the death of their son, Karl Jr., who passed away on August 29th.

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What is the Masonic Service Bureau?

By Linda Zahn
Have you ever been asked this question? How would you respond? Are you aware that no money is spent for Bureau members' participation in Masonic functions, such as dinners, lunches, etc.? In fact, some members donate their own funds for niceties such as flowers, programs, plaques, etc., over and above their annual contributions.

I would like to take this opportunity to inform the members about the Masonic Service Bureau.

Scholarship money equates to 15 \$1000 scholarships. Many years, we have 25 to 30 applicants. Wouldn't it be nice to be able to fund more instead of less? If you could hear these

young people and their plans and attributes, you would say "YES."

All Charity recipients tell of their work when receiving their grant. The number of meals served by some of these organizations is mind boggling. Many others help keep our young people on the "right" track and I can't say enough for those engaged in hospice work. Attend our Awards Night sometime and hear all this first-hand.

Our Loan Closet is available to anyone who needs items of this nature. We are listed in the phone book. There is a continual need for wheelchairs, of which we never have enough. All equipment needs to be maintained: canes and crutch-

es need new rubber tips; wheelchairs need to be cleaned and lubricated; bathroom items need upkeep.

The special functions sponsored by the Masonic Service Bureau are District-wide and include: Widows' Luncheon; Interfaith Service and Brunch; an award to an individual for Distinguished Community

Service, which includes a financial donation to a charity of their choice; and the Apron Presentation Dinner for Grand Lodge Officers.

This is only a small portion of what the Masonic Service Bureau does. All questions or suggestions are welcome. I will continue next month.

Interfaith Service and Brunch
Sunday, October 24th
Logan's Party House, 1420 Scottsville Road
Service: 10:00 a.m.; Brunch: 11:00 a.m.
Distinguished Community Service Award
Donation - \$12.00 per person
Tickets available from your Organization Secretary
or the Masonic Service Bureau, 671-9730

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The Annual Cedar's Steak Roast on September 22nd went well and all those attending enjoyed good fellowship and feasting.

Coming events

Our October 27th meeting will be preceded by a Pot Luck Dinner with the Ladies. At this meeting we will be hosting any prospective candidates and their spouses. We will have a short business meeting and then present our story to any prospective candidates. 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. If you would like to participate in the portrayal of the Royal Court, let me know; speaking and non-speaking parts are available. We are counting on last year's cast to carry most of the weight, so brush up, you guys. If you need Ritual parts, just call. Our Annual Election of Officers will also be on that night.

Membership

Membership is our most important business. If Rochester Forest is to survive and continue funding research to find a cure for Muscular Dystrophy, we must remain a viable organization.

Our active membership is slowly dwindling, and the only way to fulfill our charitable objective is to increase our numbers. This makes it necessary for all members to talk to their fellow Masons, friends and neighbors about our Forest and what we are about.

If you have any friends, family, or neighbors whom you think would make good Woodsmen, give them a petition. If the prospect is not yet a Mason, encourage him to join our Fraternity and fulfill your obligation to Masonry and The Tall Cedars at the same time. Remember, new members can be obligated in "Short Form" at any regular meeting. Petitions are available from me at 458-6125. This is your Forest. If you want it to survive, we must have candidates.

Sickness and distress

Don Freeman's condition has not changed. Paul Kober is still recuperating. These Brothers would like to hear from you; please send a card or call. Let us keep all these Woodsmen in our prayers. Please call me (458-6125), if you know of a Woodsmen with any problems

Listen up!

We are still looking for a few good Woodsmen to volunteer for the Communications Committee. The Forest needs you for this important service. This would only involve making 3 or 4 calls, once a month. Join our Calling Committee and get back in the main stream.



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During my Masonic travels, it has become apparent that many of our Brothers (old and new) are still unfamiliar with the Beacon Project. The Beacon Project is one of the most ambitious volunteer efforts in the history of Masonry in New York, and the largest gift of its kind in the State. This Program was started by Past Grand Master, M. W. Carl J. Fitje, and continues under our present Grand Master, M. W. Edward R. Trosin. We, as Masons, contribute over 100,000 volunteer hours in the New York public schools to show our commitment to the youth of this great State.

While this gift is quite large, the investment of the individual Mason is quite modest. If only 10% of the Fraternity - active and inactive - each contributed only 2 hours a day, 10 days a year, this would meet and exceed the Grand Master's goal. In addition to the Masons of a Lodge, affiliated Masonic organizations

(Eastern Star, Royal Arch Chapters, Cryptic Councils, etc.) plus family and friends, are encouraged to help in this volunteer effort.

The Grand Master wants every Mason to understand that this is a gift that goes two ways. Kids in the public schools in our State grow because of the efforts of Masons. Masons grow because of their interaction with children. What a gift!

As a result of the promise fulfilled, Masons in New York can expect to be front-page news. Additionally, they will be front and center in their communities, in their school, and among the families they hope will be interested in Freemasonry and this initiative.

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

My Brothers, what better way to serve our community than to serve our children? *

**ACACIA VILLAGE CELEBRATES
10TH ANNIVERSARY**

Can it really be that Acacia Village is 10 years old? Our beautiful independent living retirement community has maintained full occupancy for the past seven years. Because of our excellent reputation and personal services, we have captured the hearts and minds of both the Masonic and non-Masonic community. The many Masons who have visited our campus on our popular bus tours never fail to remark on the impressiveness of Acacia Village. Its quiet elegance compliments the sprawling 440 acre campus, allowing the nature lover to relish a walk around the pond amid ducks, geese, deer and beautiful wildflowers. What a lovely setting for a retirement village!

To celebrate this anniversary, we have scheduled a variety of events that will showcase our community. We start off in early October with an Open House and Art Show. The public is invited to experience our exceptional retirement community and view works from local artists and photographers. You can browse the gallery, listen to a little jazz and savor some hors d'ouvres. If you are in the area on Sunday, October 3rd, from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., stop in and join us! Acacia Village is the perfect setting for a Fall afternoon in Central New York.

On October 12th, Acacia will once again open its doors to our annual luncheon and fashion show entitled "An Autumn Afternoon." Talbots and Vitullo's (a local men's store) will showcase their new Fall fashions, which are sure to be quite tempting. Residents, both male and female, will model the fashions down the runway! Following lunch and the show, tours of Acacia Village will once again be available.

If dancing is your forte, Acacia Village will be "Putting on the Ritz" with a semi-formal dinner dance to celebrate its 10 year anniversary. Residents are invited to this "black tie" optional dinner and will be entertained by the sounds of the No Name Ragtime Dixieland Swing Band for their listening and dancing pleasure.

The month of festivities will culminate with our traditional Oktoberfest on Friday, October 30th. Residents are encouraged to invite their friends and family for an evening of authentic German food, popular German beer and engaging German entertainment. When the last fraulein exits, Acacia Village will begin its new journey into the next 10 years! If you haven't visited Acacia Village...what are you waiting for?

To schedule a tour, call Acacia Village at (800) 593-3353 or (315) 798-4775. *

Masonic Care Community

The Masonic Care Community has formed a Speakers' Bureau. The purpose is to provide Masonic and non-Masonic groups and organizations with information about the Masonic Care Community, as part of a total Public Relations Program.

Research has shown that, over all, little is known about the three levels of care and the services that are provided on the Masonic Care Community

campus. We feel this direct contact will further enhance our public relations effort.

The talks are generally 45 minutes, followed by a question and answer session. If any group would like to schedule a talk, please contact Angie Caiola, Director of Community Relations at (315) 798-4768 between 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday-Friday. Our email address is: caiolaa@masoniccommunity.org. *

**Monroe District
Brotherhood Fund**

By R. W. Derek VanHouten

One Million, one hundred sixty eight thousand, eight hundred fifty seven dollars and seventy seven cents! This is a large amount; an outstanding amount; one of which we can all be proud; but we can and will do better. The foregoing was the total amount raised by the 65,573 Masons in the State last year for our Brotherhood Fund, yet only 26.942% of the membership participated.

To be able to serve the Fraternity and to get out to socialize with you, my Brothers, in both the Lodge surroundings and in a relaxed atmosphere, is one of the unique opportunities in being a Brother Mason.

R. W. Lew Perna asked me if I would be interested in serving as District Brotherhood Fund Chairman and I readily agreed. I must admit though, I have much to learn from the Lodge Chairmen and others.

Our Grand Master, in his Address on St. John's Day, requested that "each Lodge develop a program to achieve 100% participation of the members of its District in this worthwhile effort." I, in turn, will be supporting each individual Lodge Chairman in this effort.

If you have read your current issue of the *Empire State Mason* magazine, on page 21 you saw that Monroe District distinguished itself last year in raising over \$30,300, and was within the Top Ten Districts in this effort. Though this amount was significant, it represented only 23.31% of our District members. We need to do better.

The Brotherhood Fund Campaign runs each year from October through May and the hard working Lodge Chairmen are the focal points of this endeavor.

They will be making themselves known to you to answer questions, encourage you to contribute, provide you with information regarding the various programs of the Grand Lodge to which you can donate and to report to me their progress over the next eight months. I will be visiting Lodges to keep you informed of our progress and to pass along more information.

R. W. Robert Stack, the State Chairman, had some very important information to pass along regarding donations. Grand Lodge is a designated 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and is, therefore, not tax exempt. That is why your Lodge dues are not tax deductible as a donation. That is also the reason your Grand Lodge Fund donations are not deductible.

The Masonic Brotherhood Fund, whose parent is the Masonic Brotherhood Foundation, is a designated 501(c)(3), or non-profit CHARITY organization. This means ALL contributions to the Fund are tax deductible.

The Masonic Brotherhood Fund is the only source of funds for our designated charities. If we do not reach our goal each year, the only people who come up short are the ones we want to help. It is YOUR dedication that keeps the support coming. The frustrating part is, that of all our membership, we cannot get more than 30% of the Brothers to help.

You can also designate the tax deductible MBF Foundation in your wills and legacies.

The point of all of this is that I want each of you to know where YOUR money goes, and how IMPORTANT it is to continue to remind everyone that it is part of our Masonic fabric to "HELP, AID and ASSIST." *

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On September 7th, I had the humble opportunity of presenting the Master of Valley/Simes Lodge, W.: Joseph Gingold, with a Grand Lodge Pin. I did this in the parking lot of the airport, as he was saying his goodbyes to a close personal friend. Brother and Captain Gingold is off to Baghdad with the National Guard. I was quite overwhelmed at presenting him what seemed to be a very small token of our regard, knowing that he was about to face levels of peril which I will likely never know. I am sorely aware of just how easy it is to take our safety for granted. Brother Gingold, like many of our military Brothers, belongs to a group of men to be revered for their bravery and integrity. Please make a point to keep Brother Gingold in your thoughts. Please send cards and letters in care of the Secretary of Valley/Simes Lodge, who will do his best to secure the appropriate forwarding address. Brother Gingold deserves this level of commitment from us.

I begin this Fall as impressed with the District as I was when we went dark for the Summer. Despite the challenges of maintaining communications during the Summer months, we enjoyed a successful District Kick-Off event, our first School of Ritual, and the Widows' Luncheon. I acknowledge and applaud Linda Zahn, Leon and Beverly VanHuben, Barb Goodrich, Bill Lindsay and Charles "Skip" Waterstreet, whose hard work resulted in a very successful Widows' Luncheon.

We also put on our second District Wide Child ID Program at Unity Health Systems. As you know, the Child ID Program is the Grand Master's premier program, and on behalf of the Grand Master, I thank you for your effort.

I have begun my Official Visits and have enjoyed the hospitality and warmth I have received. My Official Visit to my home Lodge, ERAC, was quite the homecoming. I was received in the truest form of Brotherly Love. I am always impressed by this concept when meeting with my Brothers. Never have I had this experience in any other organization. Enjoy your Lodge. Bask in the warmth of what is there.


Moving forward, we have some very important dates to remember, all of which can be found in the "Masonic Activities Looking Ahead" section of the *Masonic Times*. However,

in the interest of highlighting; the Interfaith Service and Brunch at Logan's Party House is Sunday, October 24th. Details can be obtained from your Lodge Secretary.

The Grand Lecturer's Convention is scheduled for Tuesday, October 26th, at Damascus Shrine Center. Please make every effort to attend these events because I am certain that you will leave inspired to walk uprightly and proud that you belong to something as great as this Fraternity.

I completed this article on September 11th, after returning from the Widows' Luncheon. The day began as any other when I was quickly reminded of the horrific tragedy of three years ago. Many of you know that my wife and I responded to NYC with the Red Cross, 24 hours after the "Towers" were attacked. I felt unsettled quite quickly and began to consider how I would use this experience if asked to speak at the Widows' Luncheon. Had I spoken, I would have told you that September 11th, was the "day of infamy" during my lifetime. While in NYC for 10 days, I came into contact with strangers, members of our human family, whose experiences of shock and loss brought us closer together. Being with many widows, whom I don't know personally, is somewhat similar. I may not have known their husbands, my Brothers, but I know who they were in character. I know that they were honorable men. I know that their losses had a profound effect upon many. Loss is a universal concept. We all know what it feels like. I know also that it was only for the love and support of their widows, that they were able to become the men they were.

Grand Sword Bearer



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What an exciting month since I last corresponded. We have had both great Summer-type weather and the ravages of two hurricanes, notably with more standing water since Noah. Reports from Oatkan Brothers living in Florida have been very positive with no loss of life or property.

Last month I also mentioned Official Visits and, as I write this, I have my "staff members" shining shoes and pressing my tux for my first Official Visit to ERAC Lodge. By the end of the month, or by the time you read this, DDGM Perna, GDC Kuehne and I will have been to five Lodges. We are also hoping to assist with raising a few new Brothers,

coming home from the military the week of the 19th, for their 1st through 3rd Degrees. Then they are bound for Iraq.

We are hoping for a great turnout, as well, at the next School of Ritual at Unity Lodge in Spencerport, on September 30th.

The Grand Lecturer's Convention is scheduled for October 26th.

Widows' Luncheon
On 9/11, following a very moving Memorial Service on the Monroe Community College Campus with my son and about one hundred others, I had the distinct pleasure of accompanying several widows associated with Oatka Lodge to Logan's Party House on the "Scottsville Road to Rochester" and enjoyed a wonderful program put together by Linda Zahn, Chairperson of the Lunch, with the other Masonic Service Bureau members. The food, atmosphere, fellowship, and entertainment were all wonderful.

In anticipation of the event, I did some basic research and learned that the Grand Lodge of Kentucky was the first Masonic Body to undertake an event to honor the widows of our fallen Brothers (1837). Interestingly, the Brothers from Kentucky decided that by having such an event every year they would provide an opportunity to observe the widows over time and would provide an opportunity each year to talk with the widows to see if there needs were being met. The Grand Lodge of Kentucky was also the first Grand Lodge to open a Masonic Home for the relief of Widows and orphans in 1867. I must say I do not personally know any Kentuckians, "but a fellow Brother would sure be lucky to be in Bowling Green." Huh...

Road to the East
Arrangements are being made to conduct the "Road to the East" after the first of the year (February-March?) with surrounding Districts participating. Wayne District will be offering their program, Saturday, November 13th, at Humanity Lodge, in Lyons, but we do not have any other details as yet.

Murder Mystery
Chapter One -Who slew Hiram Abiff?

I know that all of you Master Masons know the story, but to properly explain the mystery we must first determine who Hiram Abiff was.

According to the author of the Second Book of Chronicles (Chapter ii.) Solomon sent messengers to Hiram, King of Tyre, to acquaint that friendly sovereign with the fact that he contemplated erecting a Temple, and inviting him to furnish men and materials for the prosecution of the work. Solomon's first demand was for a specially gifted craftsman.

"Send me now," he says, "a man cunning to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, and in iron, and in purple, and in crimson, and blue, and that can skill to grave with the cunning men that are with me in Judah, and in Jerusalem." The King of Tyre received the embassy with cordiality, we are told, and returned a favorable answer to Solomon.

"I have sent a cunning man," he says, "endued with understanding... The son of a woman

of the daughters of Dan, and his father was a man of Tyre."

The account given in the First Book of the Kings (Chapter VII.) differs somewhat so far as the parentage of the man is concerned. There it is stated that he was "a widow's son of the tribe of Naphtali." The author, or editor, of Kings agrees with the Chronicler that Hiram's father was a Tyrian, adding that he was "a worker in brass." Josephus describes him as of Naphtali on his mother's side, his father being Ur of the stock of Israel. It is not easy to reconcile these differences. One Biblical student - Giesebrecht - suggests that the dislike felt by the editor of Kings to the idea of the Temple being built by a half-Phoenician caused him to insert the words "a widow of the tribe of Naphtali," the alteration of the phrase "of the daughters of Dan" into "of the tribe of Naphtali," being the more permissible, since Dan lay in the territory of Naphtali.

The clear points that emerge are that Hiram was of mixed race, the son of a brassworker, and a man so high in his profession as to have secured the patronage of his King, and to have been deemed worthy to uphold the reputation of his country. His exalted position is inferred from the description given by the author of the Chronicles who alludes to him as "Hiram Abi," and the word "Abi," meaning "my father," is usually taken in the sense of "master," a title of respect and distinction, I am told.

The name is undoubtedly Phoenician, but there is some confusion, as to its actual form. "Hiram" is the more common rendering, but the author of the Chronicles adheres to the spelling "Hiram," and other writers adopt the variant "Hirom." Biblical scholars say that it is equivalent to "Ahirom," and means "the exalted one." According to others, Hiram, or Hiram, is the name of a diety, and means "the coiled or twisted one," but other scholars regard this derivation as very improbable.

Whatever his real parentage, and whatever the exact meaning of his name, the widow's son of Freemasonry reached Jerusalem and was thereafter intimately identified with the building of the Temple. What exact share did he have in that great work?

The editors of "The Jewish Encyclopaedia" point out that there is an essential difference as regards the nature of his technical specialty between the account preserved in the First Book of Kings and that in the Second Book of Chronicles. According to the former, Hiram was an artificer only in brass, and the pieces which he executed for the Temple were the two pillars, Jachin and Boaz, the molten sea with its twelve oxen, the ten layers with their bases, the shovels and basins, all of brass. But in the Second Book of the Chronicles, he is depicted as a man of many parts, and the impression is conveyed that he superintended all the work of the Temple. Josephus seeks to reconcile the two accounts by saying that Hiram was expert in all sorts of work, but that his chief skill lay in working in gold, silver and brass.

There our exact knowledge of Hiram ends. History knows nothing of him. The volume of the Sacred Law is silent as to his fate. Scholars report, founding on the eleventh verse of the fourth chapter of the Second Book of the Chronicles, think he "was certainly alive at the completion of the Temple."

Out of this slender basis of fact, Freemasonry has created a wonderfully vivid character. The Order maintains that he was the chief architect at the construction of the Temple and associates him with Hiram, King of Tyre, and Solomon, King of Israel, on a footing of Masonic equality. It suggests that these three were the most exalted personages in the Masonic world and that the secrets of a Master Mason had either descended to them, or been invented by them, and could not be communicated to anyone else without the consent of all three. There were Master Masons in abundance at the Temple, but apparently none of them had been admitted to a knowledge of the secrets and mysteries of the High and Sublime Degree. Consequently, when certain curious Fellow Crafts sought to obtain the hidden knowledge, they were compelled to approach one or another of the three grand masters. You think you know what happened next? Stay tuned until next month and for the rest of the story come to the Schools of Ritual!!! I welcome you all.

Grand Director of Ceremonies



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We (the Monroe District leaders) have now begun the tour of Official Visits, which started with ERAC Lodge on Monday, September 13th. It is a pleasure to be visiting the Lodges in the Monroe District and meeting past acquaintances and new Brothers.

Your Staff Officers will be concentrating on Masonic Education in the District, and will be promoting upcoming events, including the Grand Lecturer's Convention, the *Road to the East* program, and Masonic Development Course.

Upcoming date
Tuesday, October 26th, is the Grand Lecturer's Convention. I urge you to attend this event, as it is not only educational, but FUN and ENJOYABLE.

Please put this on your calendar. See you there.

The Cameron Memorial Jewel
By Don Brugger

In October of 1945 R. W.: Earl M. Cameron received his appointment as Grand Director of Ceremonies. Win Yah Lodge No. 866, Pelham, New York, of which Brother Cameron was a member at the time, presented him with his Staff Officer's Jewel. Win Yah Lodge has long since vanished. Upon his death the Jewel came into



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the possession of his son, Robert Cameron, who is a member of Fairport Lodge (now Fairport/Flower City Lodge) and of the Valley of Rochester, A.A.S.R.


In 1989, when I was appointed Grand Director of Ceremonies, Brother Bob Cameron was kind enough to let me wear his father's Jewel during my term. Needless to say, I was very honored to do so. At the end of my term I tried to persuade Brother Bob to allow me to purchase the Jewel, but he would not part with it. After a time, however, Bob did offer the Jewel to me as a gift. I was flabbergasted; I accepted, of course.

In 1993 R.:W.: Bruce Chilton was appointed Grand Director of Ceremonies and I asked Brother Cameron if he would mind if I offered the Jewel to R.:W.: Chilton to wear during his term. Bob agreed that the Jewel should be used and Bruce wore it for the two years of his term.

In 1995 R.:W.: William Spillane was appointed Grand Director of Ceremonies from the 1st Monroe District and I offered the Jewel to him to wear during his term and he said that he would be honored to do so.



This year, in the Monroe District, our Grand Director of Ceremonies is R.:W.: Bill Kuehne. After confirmation of his appointment, I asked if he had obtained a Jewel to wear during his term. He indicated that he had not. At that time I asked if he would like to wear the "Cameron Jewel" and he said that he would like that very much. So, when you see R.:W.: Kuehne at one of his Official Visits, take a moment to admire the handsome medallion he will be wearing.

It is only appropriate that we should recognize the generosity of Brother Bob Cameron and this emerging tradition in the Monroe District. The Jewel has been named the "R.:W.: Earl M. Cameron Memorial Jewel," in honor of Bob's father, with the hope that it will be used in perpetuity by future Grand Directors of Ceremonies during their terms of office. x



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Thank You!

I thank those who participated in Monroe District's first School of Ritual for the year on August 26th at Wakan/Hubbard Lodge. As this was my first event as Assistant Grand Lecturer, I thank R.:W.: Cliff Short, R.:W.: John Zabel, W.: Terry Wihlen, Jr., and V.:W.: John Dyer for their support and help in clarifying those issues which arose. It is a wonderful experience to have such Brethren who are more than willing to step-up and assist. I also thank the Officers of Wakan/Hubbard, who performed the work. They all did a great job. Thank you, my Brothers!

Contact us

Not all Lodges attended the School of Ritual on August 26th. My hope is that all Lodge Officers will partake in future Schools of Ritual. The objective is to assist all of us to become more familiar and proficient with our Ritual. If you ever have any questions concerning the Ritual, do not hesitate to contact either R.:W.: Richard Friedman or myself.

Important dates

October 26th - Grand Lecturer's Convention will be held at Damascus Shrine Center covering the Second Section of the 3rd Degree. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m., with work beginning at 7:30 p.m.

January 31, 2005 - Second School of Ritual at Webster Lodge. The 2nd Degree will be the topic for the evening with work beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Please jot these dates and events down on your calendar. Let's work on our Ritual; it is the one thing that distinguishes us from other organizations.

Questions

A couple of questions did come up that I had promised I would clarify for the Brethren. I contacted R.:W.: Edward G. Gilbert, Grand Lecturer for the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the State of New York, for clarification.

The first involves invitations to the East. This is optional. More importantly, it points out the important jobs that both the Senior Deacon and Tiler have in the Lodge. Both Officers should know (before of the opening of Lodge) of the presence of visitors to the Lodge. With this information, it is critical that they communicate the presence of visitors (along with their names and Masonic titles) to the Worshipful Master prior to opening. If both these Officers are doing their jobs well, then the Worshipful Master can conduct a personal invitation to the East versus the more impersonal general invitation.

The other question has to do with what can and cannot be read in the Ritual. The Balloting Ritual cannot be read in Lodge. Please note in the 2001 Cipher Book that prior to balloting this statement is made: "(The following is standard work)." This means this "work" is part of our Ritual and MUST be memorized. Just because some of the Ritual is not in code, does not mean that it can be read...it is a valuable part of our Ritual.

Grand Master's Edict Still In Effect!

IMPORTANT! The Grand Master's Edict is still in force! Specifically, I (or my partner, R.:W.: Richard C. Friedman, or another designate) must observe each and every Lodge in the District in its performance of one of our three beloved Degrees. Additionally, it CANNOT be the same Degree, which was observed by the AGL last year.

I have sent the Master and Secretary of each Lodge the "Annual Lodge Degree Schedule Form." I am asking that each Lodge complete this form and return it to me NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 1, 2004! Upon receiving your form, we can schedule the review of the Degree. Please, Brethren, assist me by returning a completed form (with your Lodge Seal embossed), as soon as possible. Send it to me at: 44 East Pointe, Fairport, NY 14450.

Also, if your Lodge is conferring a Degree, but you are in need of someone to assume a part, please contact your Assistant Grand Lecturers and we will do our best to find a Brother who can do so. Also, if you are proficient in a particular part, please consider placing your name on the District Ritual List. Telephone me at 425-9969 if you have any questions or want to place your name on the District Ritual List.

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

Membership

R.:W.: Joseph Privitera
Monroe District

What times we live in. I am sure you have heard the expressions, "one door closes, another opens," and "the only thing that is constant is change." I have recently experienced the shutting down of a Lodge building. This is not a new thing for a lot of us, but it is my first, so I hope you will have patience with me. Many of us saw the closing of the Downtown Temple and the closing of Lodge buildings in Henrietta, East Rochester, Brockport, and now, Charlotte. Lodges move and consolidate. That we probably can cope with. However, the shutting down of a building kind of stirs a person. When it happens to others, it is easier to shake off. But when it happens to you, it becomes very personal. So when it occurs, the best thing to do is to get on with the future. It is time to "edit." That is, to keep the good memories, throw away the bad stuff and get on with it.

For me that began when I attended meeting number one of Unity Lodge No. 479. We got off to a good start. I see a bright future and a lot of optimism. I see a good trestleboard, communications, programs that are working, candidates coming in. Most of all, I see Brothers putting personal feelings aside and thinking of the big picture and the overall good of the Lodge and Craft. I saw this when Union Star and Henrietta Lodges consolidated. This time I am glad to experience this feeling myself. I wish for you and your Lodge the same experience.

Widows' Luncheon

The Widows' Luncheon was held on September 11th. Many thanks to Linda Zahn, Beverly and Leon VanHuben, for all their efforts toward making this event a success. I also thank the many Brothers who worked on the sidelines with the calling, driving, and the all around support of this activity. If your Lodge needs assistance in setting up any aspect of a widows' program or a data base for your widows, all you have to do is call. Look under the list of numbers on page 2 of this publication for my contact numbers.

See you in Lodge. x

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By the time you read this article, the first Masters and Wardens meeting will have been held at the Beale Street Café. The proposed agenda for our meetings and the dates is available. You will notice that September's meeting was on the 4th Wednesday. This is out of respect for our Brothers celebrating Rosh Hashanah. The following meetings will all be held on the third Wednesday of every month.

We all join our Jewish Brothers in their celebration of the "head of the year," or what is commonly known as the Jewish New year. What a wonderful opportunity for all of us to reflect on this Masonic year which is starting. Let us then begin a process of introspection; looking back at the accomplishments, and the mistakes of the previous years, and plan ahead. Let us make resolutions for our year as Officers of our Lodges; keeping in mind the three great tenets of our Fraternity: Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. At the sound of the shofar, let us all join together in one voice: "We work better Together."

May the Great Architect of the Universe bless you and your families. x

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Greetings Brethren of Oatka! Autumn has arrived and along with it, the beginning of new Lodge activities and opportunities. As you may remember from last month, we had rescheduled our 3rd Degree for September 22nd. This was to accommodate the travel plans of our Brother Fellowcraft's cousin from Chicago. Our visiting Brother was a long-time member of the Purple Club in Illinois and we looked forward to his participation. This was a special night. Brothers Chuck Piazza and Rich Fimbel served dinner.

Installation

After much creative juggling, shuffling, and accommodating various lengths of cabletows, the elected Officers and appointees for the upcoming year are as follows:
Master Mark Arlauckas

Sr. Warden Timothy White
Jr. Warden Larry Blazey
Secretary Chuck Crevison
Treasurer Burt Brown
Sr. Deacon Lawrence Dunn
Jr. Deacon Mark Ellwanger

Additional appointees are: Robert Wise, Senior Master of Ceremony; Kevin Fisher, Junior Master of Ceremony; Chuck Piazza and Scott Kester, Stewards; Donald Tubman, Marshal; John Horn, Chaplain; and Rich Fimbel, Tiler.

I encourage all Brethren of Oatka to get to know these men, as they are the future of Oatka. Phone them, write to them or email them.

Widows' Luncheon Update

Brother Jasper Brady and R.:W.: Don Tubman had the pleasure of escorting five fine ladies to the Widows' Luncheon held recently at Logan's Party House. Enjoying a great meal and pleasant conversation were Mrs. Sue Goossens, Mrs. Jane Lapree, Mrs. Diane Maltese, Mrs. Linton Warner, and Mrs. Louise Schwallsatt. The Lodge is grateful for their presence at this event.

October

Our first regular communication of October is also Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. The meeting will be followed by a presentation of the history of Rochester breweries by Mr. John C. DeVolder, a local historian and avid collector of brewing memorabilia. On display will be a portion of his collection of antique signs, steins, and bottles.

The second meeting of the month will be our Official Visit from R.:W.: Lewis Perna. A dinner is planned for 6:00 p.m. The evening will also feature the second part of our October "theme," a beer tasting demonstration by Mr. Fausto Angotti. If you're interested in sampling the differences between ales, lagers, pilsners and others, please join us on October 27th.

This is shaping up to be a very important and pivotal year for our Lodge. We are currently cooperating with another fraternal organization over the shared use of the Lodge building. Meeting the financial needs of the building has always been a challenge for us and we have been searching for responsible methods for maintaining the Lodge and its furnishings. We are very encouraged with the ongoing interest and negotiations currently underway. We are moving in a very positive direction and are working diligently to satisfy every need and occupancy requirement set before us. More details of this developing issue in next month's edition.


By the way, Oatka Lodge is still located at 5 Browns Ave. in Scottsville, for those of you who might have "forgotten" its location.

Finally, I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable Summer and I look forward to seeing you at our next meetings on October 13th and 27th. x

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On a sunny afternoon, Saturday, September 11th, the Masonic Widows' Luncheon was held at Logan's Party House on Scottsville Road. Seven widows from Northfield Lodge attended the Buffet Lunch. Also attending were R.: W.: William Spillane, a driver; W.: John Dudley, Secretary; and my wife and I. The widows who attended were Lucille Adams, Jean Bradshaw, Doris Cooley, Dorothy Luke, Ruth Stalker, and Doris Weick. Doris received her Widow's Pin at the Luncheon, as her husband passed away in February, 2004.

My thanks to R.: W.: Spillane for being a driver and to W.: John Dudley for taking pictures of this event. I thank Brother Jonathan Buck for taking over the Widows' Program from Brother Fred Hall, DSA, this year.

Special thanks to W.: Randy Griswold and his son, Matt, for putting up railings on the lower front porch steps of the Lodge building.

On September 16th we had a Pot Luck Dinner and listened to R.: W.: William Lindsay speak on "Under One Nation."

Dates to remember

October 7th is a 1st Degree with the Senior Warden in the East. Dinner reservations may be made with our Junior Warden, Glenn Schaefer, at 248-0157.

October 21st is the Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Awards event.

October 24th is the Interfaith Service and Brunch at Logan's Party House. The Service is at 10:00 a.m., followed by the Brunch at 11:00 a.m.




W.: Glenn Hedges presents Doris Weick her Widow's Pin.



Widows who attended the Luncheon included (left to right): Dorothy Luke, Doris Cooley, Betty Dygert (ERAC Lodge), Ruth Stalker, Mary Foss, Lucille Adams, Jean Bradshaw shown with W.: Glenn Hedges, Master. (Photos courtesy of John Dudley)

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By R.: W.: Richard Snyder
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Our Master, W.: Joe Gingold, a twenty-year member of the Army Reserve, has been called to join the ranks of thousands of our countrymen who have been chosen to help defeat terrorism, and bring peace to the Middle East. A Captain, and Company Commander, Joe at this time is in California being brought up to speed regarding his duties, and adapting to his new life style. In a few short weeks he and his new company of soldiers will be on their way to their assignment in the "Gulf." We wish him well, and pray God watches over him until his safe return.

During his absence, Joe has asked me to take over as Acting Master. His wish was that his Programs and Designs on our Lodge's trestleboard be completed as he planned them. I am therefore asking each of you to give me your support as I endeavor to fulfill his wishes.

The Courtesy of a Phone Call

Please take notice. The first Tuesday of every month is the day the Elected, Appointed Line, and Committee Chairmen get together to firm up programs and make decisions regarding future events. This meeting is not an option depending on the weather or other circumstances. If you cannot attend, the courtesy of a phone call is expected. The September meeting was to be held at my home. After considerable preparations one Officer, the Junior Warden, and the Chaplain, attended. The October Officers' Meeting will be at the Long Pond Road and Maiden Lane Family Restaurant. Eat at 6:00 p.m. Meeting at 7:00 p.m. We will decide at this meeting, if a change is in order.

Lodge Night

The same holds true for Lodge meeting nights. The Elected and Appointed Line are expected to be in their Chairs when Lodge opens at 7:30 p.m. If you must be late, or cannot attend, please, the courtesy of a phone call. You should make an effort to secure a stand-in for yourself. There is no guarantee that a Brother

is waiting for your absence to take your place. We have become very lax over the last several months and this problem must be corrected. The following are the times; please mark them down. Gathering period 6:00-6:30 p.m. Dinner 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. Lodge opens at 7:30 p.m. Dress for Lodge is Jacket with shirt and tie. Reservations for dinner in this order: Junior Warden 426-3725; Master 342-2419; Secretary 334-7493.


October Program

The Program for the October Communication will feature the Masonic Child ID Program. V.: W.: John Dyer will be the guest speaker. W.: Gary Burke will also have a Masonic Youth DeMolay presentation.

November Program

November will be a Black Tie Ladies Night. Entertainment is planned following a Lodge of Remembrance.

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By now our Lodge has started its Fall activities, therefore, I remind you to check the Trestleboard for upcoming events, especially Degree and Spaghetti Dinner dates. Your attendance at these events, as well as other Lodge events, is important to both you and the Craft.

Your W.: Wens and I had the opportunity to attend the District Kick-off event, hosted by our District Deputy, R.: W.: Lewis Perna. We were given information about the District's programs and leadership assignments. It should be noted that the Shriners provided a fine meal. Our own W.: Robert Pedersen is the Commander-in-Chief of the Valley of Rochester. Each one present had an excellent steak; one among us was able to find a second steak which was left over (Harry).

Thanks

I thank W.: Gordy Smith for organizing the Child ID Program, held during the Hilton Apple Fest. Heartfelt thanks to those who helped in this worthwhile and important program for the community.

Learning together

Brothers Harry DeHollander, Frank Sassone and I, attended the recent School of Ritual. We observed, and learned, some of the finer points of opening the Lodge, and balloting. All this will be shared with the Brethren at our next communication.

Please join us

On Tuesday, October 26th, the Grand Lecturer's Convention will be held at the Damascus Shrine Center. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. and work will begin at 7:30 p.m. The program will consist of the second section of the 3rd Degree, and I urge our actors to attend. We present a very good drama, but I'm sure we can learn and make it a bit more meaningful for our new Broth-

ers. Let me know if you will be able to attend, so that dinner arrangements can be made.

Congratulations to Brother Kay Dodds, who has served the Fraternity for fifty years.

Think about it!

Sometime ago, I read the following: "You may have heard of the Tate family. They are in every organization. There is Dictate, who wants to run everything; Rotate is always trying to change things; Agitate stirs up trouble whenever possible with the help of Irritate, who always lends a hand. Every time new ideas are suggested, Hesitate and Vegetate say they can't possibly work. Imitate just wants to copy what other organizations are doing and will never try anything new. Devastate wants to be disruptive and Potentate wants to be a big shot. But it's Facilitate, Cogitate and Meditate who always save the day and get everyone pulling together." I wish I knew the name of the author, so that proper recognition could be given.

I hope to see you at Lodge soon; you are always welcome.

Seneca Lodge
No. 797
2nd Tuesday
7:30 p.m.



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Our October meeting will feature a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. I am not sure of the origin of that title, but it has become a part of Masonic lore. Let us look into what the phrase means to us as individuals and how it applies to our Fraternity. Membership is the lifeline of any organization, and so the basis for this evening is to provide an opportunity to introduce a friend to Masonry. Ask yourself, "why did I join Seneca Lodge?" Maybe it was to get one of those blue books where the words are spelled funny. However, I believe our individual decision to join was varied and unique to each one of us and that we probably knew a Brother we greatly respected.

Now, as you have grown in Masonry and improved yourself, I ask that you seek out that gentleman whom you think could benefit from our Fraternity; a friend, acquaintance, co-worker, neighbor or relative, who has the potential to labor with us. Let me suggest that we all reach out and talk about the good of our Fraternity and urge him to join us on October 12th. We will be under the direction of W.: Mike Ferguson, and, with fellowship and a fine meal, it will

prove to be an enjoyable and informative evening for all.

We also have a Ladies' Night planned for this month. W.: Ray Glegg is in charge of the evening, so please be sure to contact him with your reservation. Full details will be in the October trestleboard.

As you plan ahead, keep in mind that at our November meeting, we will host our DDGM and his Staff Officers.


For December, we have planned a Family Night where delicious eggnog and hors d'oeuvres will be served, followed by a special meal provided by our caterers. Come and enjoy good conversation, fellowship and a NO business evening.

To those Lodge members who are out of town or unable to attend, please write, call or e-mail me at your convenience with news of yourself and family that I can pass on to your Lodge Brothers. I have recently heard from both W.: Wayne Hoover and W.: Don Scrivens, and will communicate that information in Lodge this month.

For those electronic types in Lodge, go to our website: www.seneca797.com for some Lodge information, history and an occasional picture. Our new webmaster, W.: Ray Crandall, is working hard to keep us up to date and informed on Lodge events. This is a new resource for Seneca Lodge, so let's use it often.

I look forward to seeing you in Lodge or hearing from you.

ERAC
Lodge No. 163
2nd & 4th Mondays
7:30 p.m.



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As I am writing this article, I am getting ready for our first meeting of the year, which is the Official Visit of our DDGM and his Staff Officers. I am also reflecting on the new Masonic year, as our Jewish Brothers are getting ready to celebrate Rosh Hashanah; the "head of the year" or what is commonly known as the Jewish New Year. I therefore will take this opportunity to wish all of you, and especially the Brothers celebrating this Holy Day, a wonderful year, health, and happiness to you and your families.

I also reflect on the tragedy on September 11, 2001, and I am reminded once again how much the world today is in need of peace, and tolerance. The world today is in need of integrity and rectitude of character more than any

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other time. We need hope, we need charity, and we need brotherhood.

When the president of the International Olympic Committee, Jacques Rogge, uttered similar words during the opening session of the Olympic Games in Athens, I literally jumped in my seat and I thought to myself: what a great pitch for the Masonic Fraternity! My wife jokingly commented: "What? You think he is a Mason, too?" I said: "Well if he is not, he ought to be." My Brothers, we should all feel proud to belong to this wonderful organization. Each one of us should do his part to preserve it for the generations to come.

This year we will be looking to the future while keeping our basics strong. Masonry, my Brothers, has a mission. Our mission is to build character and to instill the love of Freemasonry in those who join our Fraternity. My program this year will try to do just that. We will take our time to make Brother Masons, not in one day and not in a hurry, but slowly and carefully, making sure that they understand the Ritual and the teachings of Freemasonry. ERAC does not need more members, we need more Master Masons.

For this I am excited, and I hope you are excited too, because this is a Fraternity that is worth our time and our effort. I plan to revive the phone tree to call on all the Brothers and invite them to come home to their Brothers and get involved again. I plan to make sure that those who attend the meetings are eager to come back, and those who miss the meetings wish they were there.

Freemasonry, my Brothers, is in crisis today, not because of membership decline, for this is only the symptom. The disease is apathy; we seem to have forgotten that the main purpose of Freemasonry is to be a teacher of men. I hope I am not offending anyone when I say that we have lost

the excitement. If we come to the meeting, we want to rush back home. And too often we don't see the purpose of making the effort to come to Lodge anymore. How do we expect to recruit new men to join our Lodge if we are not sure we want to be part of Masonry ourselves? This year again, your Officers will work hard to give you programs you can be proud of and a Ritual you truly enjoy. At the end of this year, you should be able to proudly say: I was part of this effort.

Here, let me address those of you who have not been in Lodge for a while: My Brothers we are at a crossroad. We cannot afford to stay on the sidelines. Your Brothers, your Lodge, and your Fraternity need you to be involved once again. I want to hear from each one of you, and I would like to learn from you what you expect from your Lodge and from your Officers? What can we do to get you back and be the active Mason you once were? My email and my phone numbers are listed on the Trestleboard you received. Please call me. My home is also open to any one of you who would like to discuss any issue related to the Lodge and the Fraternity.

I just came back today from attending the Widows' Luncheon. We had a group of 8 ladies in attendance, and the event was a great success. My message to the ladies was that all the Brothers of ERAC consider each one of them their Sister. I asked them to call on us if they ever need anything, now or in the future. A Widow's Pin was also given to Sister Ginny Francis.

Many thanks Brother Steve Lysenko for stepping up and chairing the Lodge Public Relations Committee. His responsibilities will include getting together a group of Brothers to coordinate the following events:

1. Maintaining the Lodge website, now being developed.
2. Advertising Lodge events and interfacing with the media.
3. Developing community service activities for the year. If you would like to be part of this effort, please contact Brother Steven M. Lysenko at: 807 Winifred Drive, Webster, NY 14580. His telephone number is 671-2606; or you may email him at home: ukrainesl@yahoo.com; or at work: steven_lysenko@websterschools.org.

I am also grateful to Brother Richard Greenaway for accepting his appointment as Chair of the Committee on Family and Social Events. Brother Lysenko is looking for Brothers

to help him with the following responsibilities:

1. Coordinating volunteer and community service activities as the committee sees fit;
2. Family picnics;
3. Family outings (to the Zoo or ball games);
4. Other social informal get-togethers with the Brothers and families throughout the year.

To be part of this effort, please contact Brother Greenaway, 527-8802, or Rgreena2@rochester.rr.com.

Another Brother who deserves special recognition is W.: Phil Hurwitz, who volunteered to Chair the Committee on Education. Those who know me realize the importance I give to Masonic education. I am a true believer that there can be no dedication without education. The Committee on Education will therefore have my full support this year and in the future.

I am hoping our Lodge will start a Mentoring Program for new candidates. A mentor ideally becomes the Masonic father of the candidate. He attends meetings of the Lodge with the new Mason while he is advancing. He takes him to visit other Lodges; is with him during social functions and in Masonic study groups, which we are hoping to initiate.

For such a program to be successful, however, a training program for mentors is a must. We will need to work together on developing a training program that can make us better informed about the Fraternity, its teachings, and its Ritual, so we can make a lasting impression on every candidate who joins our Fraternity. This will require time and effort, but the results will pay dividends for many years to come. If you are interested in joining this team, please contact W.: Phil at phurwitz@frontiernet.net, or by phone at 720-6019.

I also plan to build upon ERAC strengths. We have a wonderful team of Officers and Brothers who can exemplify the Ritual work and the Degrees. I have appointed Brothers R.: W.: Richard Friedman and W.: Terry Wihlen, Jr. to be Ritual Directors this year. I thank them both for their efforts and their support during my year as Master. Brother Friedman deserves a special recognition here for the effort he has put into developing the ERAC Lodge website which is almost completed and looks wonderful. This website will go a long way in promoting better communication between the Brothers of ERAC and will serve as a tool for the committees to report on the progress of their work.

I am excited, and I am proud, because I know I belong to the greatest Fraternity on earth. Our message is the greatest message; Brotherhood, peace, integrity, tolerance and the search for Truth. Let us then start this year with a renewed hope and a commitment to do our part, each one of us, to help our Fraternity cross this bridge into the future.

My Brothers, I would like to include at the conclusion of this article, a few words sent to me from a Brother Mason who is affiliating with our Lodge. I urge you to read this carefully and to help open the doors of Masonry to Brothers

and potential candidates who are deaf or hearing impaired.

A deaf Brother needs your help!

My name is Harrison F. Parson, Jr., and I am a Master Mason currently in the process of affiliating with ERAC Lodge. I am also a Senior DeMolay. I am deaf and am happy to be part of Masonry. I am looking for an interpreter or CODA (Child of Deaf Adult) who might be a candidate to join our Craft. If you know of a friend or relative who knows sign language, please bring them to the Brother Bring-a-Friend Night on October 11th. I do plan to bring some of my deaf friends that evening. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to email me at: dadhfparsonjr@rochester.rr.com.

I am hoping to have Brothers within Masonry who know sign language.

May the Great Architect of the Universe bless you and your families. ✕

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Here we are now in October; what happened to the Summer of '04? Well, it's gone and we are in our Fall season. There is a lot to do and a lot to attend to. Now that my Lady Janet is back on her feet a bit, this is possible for me. Janet and I thank all of the Brothers and ladies for their calls, cards and other well wishes. She looks forward to seeing all of you soon and, of course, I, with her.

October

First off, let me inform you as to the events of the month. The meeting on the 11th is the Official Visit of the DDGM, R.: W.: Lew Perna. This is the first Official Visit he is to make to our Lodge and it would be great to have a large turnout for his arrival. Dinner is stag that evening but I, as of yet, have no menu for the event. Please wait for an email and announcement of the same.

The next meeting after Lew's Official Visit is on the 25th. That evening we are scheduled for a Table Lodge with ERAC. Reservations are to be made with either Michael DiCataldo or me. This event is also stag.

Penfield Days Child ID Program

Penfield Fire Department Headquarters housed Wakan/Hubbard Lodge's Child ID Program during Penfield Days. What a success it was! 55 Children were recorded and the help and assistance rendered was excellent. I recognize and thank all who were there all day or part of the day: Hugh Woodside, Ron Lalik, Michael DiCataldo, Robert and Doris Zabel, Joseph F. Oelgoetz III, Don Osborne, Jon Goetz, Tom McCusker, Don Bell, Ted and Marion Snyder, Eileen Line and myself.

My special thanks go to our Senior Warden, Hugh Woodside, for his efforts in making

all the arrangements for this very successful venture. Also, Mrs. Eileen Line, the daughter of Brother Frank Rechlin, who worked dutifully almost all day with the kids. This was indeed, a success for the community and the Lodge.

Loss of a Brother

On the 20th of August, the Lodge lost a Brother who was a notable and prominent figure in the Rochester community. He taught many how to fly and became known as the "guru" of the stick. Brother William M. Law died pursuant to a failure of his plane in the Clarkson area, West of Rochester, and died at the scene of the crash. He was the owner of Bill Law Aviation, Inc., and was considered by many as one of the leading aviators of the Rochester area. Our thoughts should be with his family, to whom we extend our sympathy. So long, Bill.

School of Ritual

On the 26th of August, the AGL's School of Ritual was held at the Lodge. There were 28 Brothers in attendance. Our own V.: W.: Joseph Oelgoetz was the officiating officer of the School and did well. According to V.: W.: John Dyer and R.: W.: Cliff Short, all went well, which was confirmed by Joe. I thank all the Brothers from our Lodge, and those who showed up from elsewhere, for a successful evening.

That is it until next month. Now that the Masonic year is heating up, I will have more on which to keep you informed soon. ✕

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Little did I realize that when I volunteered for an open seat in Lodge, I would end up in the Master's seat again. I was Master in '89 and '90', so it's been a while. I will do my best, but it will be a hard act to follow in the footsteps of my Brother-in-law, and last year's Master, W.: Kerry Ripley. He did a tremendous job while in office, and it will be a tough job to do as well as he did.

I thank all the Brothers who came to our first meeting. After opening our Lodge, we observed a minute of silence in Memory of the sad event of September 11, 2001.

For the first order of business, I invited W.: Dennison Ripley to escort our past Master, and his son, Kerry Ripley, to the East to present him with the Past Master's Pin and Apron.

Sickness and distress

The Lodge offered condolences to our Brother Gene Gordon, whose father passed away after a long illness.

Spring-time work

Report was made about the progress of the renovation of our building by the president of the Temple Association, W.: Dennison Ripley. He reported that because of the bad

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weather this Summer, work has not progressed as planned. Most likely work will be started in the Spring.

It was discovered that the copy of our By-Laws contained many spelling mistakes. A committee was appointed to look into that and to report to the Lodge at the next meeting.

I also appointed a committee to look into the refinishing of the floor of the Lodge.

Hope to see you all at our next meeting.

UNITY
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With the kids back to school, we request that everyone drive slower and pay close attention to crosswalks, stopped school buses and school crossings. The kids are not always as attentive as we might expect. I also request that you contact us, if you or your family were burdened with the recent flooding and need assistance in rebuilding your lives. I hope not too many of you, or your Florida families, were impacted or washed out in the downpours and floods as a result of the hurricanes. I have never seen so much water in the streets, businesses, and parking lots of the Village of Spencerport.

First, let's catch up with some of the events that occurred since the last update: effective Tuesday August 24th, upon his approval of the proposed consolidation of Etolian Lodge No. 479 and Charlotte-Corinthian Lodge No. 1088, the Most Worshipful Edward R. Trosin, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, directs that the consolidated Lodge be henceforth known as and designated Unity Lodge No. 479, in the Monroe Masonic District. The charters of Etolian and Charlotte-Corinthian Lodges have been surrendered to the Grand Secretary for appropriate endorsement, one to be cancelled and retained in the archives of Grand Lodge for historical purposes and one to be authenticated as the working Charter until the Lodge requests a new Charter in writing, accompanied with the appropriate fee prescribed in the

Constitutions and Grand Lodge affirms and grants a new Charter. A request was made to have the Charters returned to be displayed in our Lodge.

My thanks to Cliff Short for all his effort in "keeping the ball rolling."

Most of the physical move from Charlotte to Spencerport is complete. Thanks to Bob Bauer of Bauer Moving, the officers' chairs, the altar, the organ, and many side chairs from Charlotte, now occupy space in the new Unity Lodge.

Many tables and chairs and lots of other paraphernalia are in the auditorium, kitchen, preparation room, and in the third floor meeting room. Thanks to all who diligently worked to make it happen. A special thanks to John Dyer, Cliff Short, Bev Murray, Tom Grape, Tom Michielsen, Don Darrohn, and Joe Privitera. Although our Lodge is full of various furniture, kitchen supplies, wall hangings, etc., from the Charlotte/Corinthian move, and our storage space is somewhat limited, the after effects of the move continue and several committees will be formed to straighten out our Lodge.

Overdue dues notices were sent to those individuals who have not paid their 2004 dues. If you have not paid your dues, and would like to remain a member, contact Cliff Short.

Welcome letters were sent to the five new candidates who have indicated a desire to join our great Fraternity. Thanks to our new Secretary, Cliff Short, for attending to this important Unity Lodge business.

Widows' Luncheon

Twenty-five individuals attended the Widows' Luncheon at Logan's Party House on Saturday, September 11th. Many calls, letters and travel arrangements were made. My thanks to Joe Privitera and Jim Powell for coordinating this event.

Good start!

The new Unity Lodge No. 479 year started with our first Steak Roast and Table Lodge on Monday, September 13th. There was an introduction of the new Unity Lodge Officers: Treasurer, Tom Michielsen; Secretary, Cliff Short; Tiler, Dick Kessler; Junior Deacon, Craig McCann; Senior Deacon, Donald Hunter; Junior Warden, Mike Hueston; Senior Warden, David Sylvester; Master, Chet Riley; and Trustees: Joe Privitera, Leon Randall, Jim De Lorenzo, Mike Schwartz, Dave Jones, John Dyer, and Richard Kessler. Over sixty-five Brothers and guests were in attendance. We were excited about the participation and hope this celebration will continue throughout the

year. Our menu included "Texas-size steak" and an opportunity to have some fun. Our only request was that everyone show up in a "wild and crazy sport shirt."

I thank Tom Grape for a wonderful job in putting this Table Lodge together and to Mike Edelman and his crew for preparing the meal. Any monies left over after the meal and refreshments are paid for, will go to the Brotherhood Fund.

Other September events included: A Past Master's 1st Degree for new candidates on September 27th. Individuals who participated included Past Masters: Cliff Short, Dennis Tianello, Don Darrohn, Gene Brendel, John Dyer, Jim Toogood, Jay McCullough, Joe Privitera, Ed Gillott, Dave Jones, Karl-Heinz Reich, Don Fox, Bill Mitchell, Mike Heuston, Mike Schwartz and Pat Schwartz.

The District School of Ritual was held on Thursday, September 30th at Unity Lodge, and was led by the same team of Past Masters who conducted the September 27th 1st Degree.

The first High Twelve Lunch of the Masonic Year was held on September 17th at noon. These lunches will continue throughout the year, every third Thursday at noon. It's a great chance to catch up on the important events and news.

The Temple Association placed the responsibility of developing some viable alternatives and some architectural drawings for the new 2nd and 3rd floor elevator, with the Unity Lodge Trustees.

The Trestleboard for Unity Lodge was published and distributed. Many individuals have changed their addresses and did not receive the new Trestleboard. If you did not receive it, you need to inform the Lodge where you want your mail sent.

October

The events scheduled for October include: Meeting and dinner with the Eastern Star (Royal Arch Presentation/Columbus Day Observance) on October 11th; Clean-up Route 531 Flower Bed on October 16th; Buffalo Bills Football Game (TBD); the High Twelve Lunch on October 21st; Official DDGM Visit on October 25th, the Grand Lodge Lecturer's Convention, Damascus Shrine Center on October 26th; and a Halloween Party at the Lodge on October 29th.

I close with this thought:

If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead, and a place to sleep...you are richer than 75% of this world.

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If you have your own computer, you are part of the 1% in the world who has that opportunity.

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness...you are more blessed than the many who will not even survive this day.

If you have never experienced the fear in battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation...you are ahead of 700 million people in the world.

If you can attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture or death...you are envied by, and more blessed than, three billion people in the world.

If your parents are still alive and still married...you are very rare. If you can hold your head up and smile, you are not the norm, you are unique to all those in doubt and despair.

Acknowledge your blessings and be thankful.

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Last month I featured a picture of W.: Ken Schumacher at his Installation receiving his Master's Jewel from his father, and Ken with his mother and father in a separate photo taken after the ceremony. It pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to call Home his loyal servant, R.: W.: Edwin Schumacher on Sunday, September 12th, one day after his 80th birthday. Our sincere sympathies are extended to Beryl, Ken's mom, and the rest of the Schumacher family. Condolences were expressed to Ken at the Fellowcraft meeting.



W.: Kenneth Schumacher with his father, Edwin, at the June Installation meeting. Ed passed away in September, following a brief illness, the day after his 80th birthday.

The dinner and program on September 7th went very well, I am told. Thirty-three people were in attendance for the fascinating program on memory retention. As mentioned previously, I was on my way home from the Alaskan cruise and Motorcoach tour of the Northwest, and was not able to make it. Everyone present had a good time.

My trestleboard is a bit out of date, apparently. When I discussed with the Secretary the upcoming Awards Presenta-

tions, I was informed it was a month later than I had been planning. I expect to have that corrected and be back in the right groove shortly.

Meanwhile, please join us on October 5th at the Nutcracker Restaurant on Empire Boulevard for dinner. Our speaker will be Ed Rosen from Advent House, who will speak on hospice care. Advent House is a recipient of grants from the Masonic Service Bureau. If you don't hear from the telephone committee, please call Bob Ogden, 385-1422, or me at work, 671-9730, or at home, 381-8028. We will be sure to get your reservation processed.

From the Master

The Special Olympic Bowling Tournament will be held on two days, but they really need our help on Friday, October 22nd from 8-11 a.m., at Clover Lanes, 2750 Monroe Avenue. I realize this is a work day for many, but this is why they are in need of assistance.

Special Olympic events are well organized and they truly appreciate our volunteer efforts. City schools are bringing students to participate, and their staff will be responsible for their Athletes. We are asked to simply monitor an assigned lane, and provide support for each bowler.

A few of the Brothers have helped in the past, and have had much fun. If you can, please come join us. Call me at 436-2076 to sign up.

Herrricanes/Himmicanes

W.: Tom Kendig made attempts to contact all the Brothers of our Lodge living in Florida, following the devastating hurricanes that blasted the State in the past few weeks. Brother Ed Fulmer replied that he got through both Charley and Frances OK.

Brother DonDeBack sent a nice letter back indicating he and Grace evacuated their mobile home in favor of a concrete building, where they watched Charley bend palm trees and roil the waters of Charlotte Harbor. They lost the "roof over" and enclosed lanai (he says, "that's a porch, to you northerners!"). He wrote before Frances hit the East coast.

He sends his regards to all his Brothers and friends, and provides a new address in Ft. Myers where they now reside.

Birthdays

Another bunch of good-looking men are celebrating milestones this month. Greetings go out to: Victor Anderson, Phillip Cissell, Kevin Hook, Conrad May, Gabriel Milonni, Joseph Roe, Raymond Ross, Charles Rupert and Richard Smith. Your Brothers hope each one of you have a great day.

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Fairport Days
Lest we forget, can anyone say Village Scarecrow Days in Fairport? Well, they are here again, October 9th.
Lastly, my Brothers, let us not forget, even though you may be busy with Concordant Bodies, families, work, and other important activities and demands, which occupy your minds and your lives, that the wonderful expression we so often use, "See you in Lodge!" reminds us of our one true home for fellowship.

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LODGE NO. 538
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Labor Day has passed and we have a lot to catch up on as far as Summer Activities. The first event that the Brothers were involved in was the Firemen's Parade. Webster Lodge, in its annual tradition, assisted the firemen with the food booths at the Webster Fireman's Carnival and marched afterwards. My thanks to Brothers Warren Patterson and Lew Wallace for the use of their classic cars during the parade.

On June 25th, the Brothers of Webster Lodge gathered together at the Shrine Center for Bill Kuehne's Apron Presentation. We are honored, Right Worshipful Bill, for you have always been a Brother for us to look up to as a Mason. Your dedication to the Blue Lodge, the Scottish Rite, and to the Shrine has been selfless. I have gained a lot of wise counsel from you as I have grown as a Mason.

The Officers held two meetings in order to plan for the Fall activities. The first activity was the Widows' Luncheon

on September 11th at Logan's Party House. Webster took six widows out for lunch and entertainment. My thanks to Hank Libera for contacting the widows and making the arrangements. I cannot tell you how valuable a great Secretary is to an active Lodge like Webster. Thank you, Hank, for all your help and support.

The next meeting was the Corn and Sausage Roast on September 16th. The business included welcoming Brothers back to Lodge after the Summer recess, review of the Fall Trestleboard, and the receipt of a generous bequest from the Penrose Estate.

October
The Fall Trestleboard includes the following activities scheduled for the month of October: the District Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: Lew Perna, is going to be attending Webster Lodge for his Official Visit. If you have not had the chance to meet Lew, this will be a great opportunity to do so. He is easily approachable and is always willing to extend help and guidance to any Brother. He has greatly improved communications between

the Lodges among the Wardens and Masters and is extending his help to the Brothers in the District. Please take this opportunity to meet Lew while you enjoy dinner and hear the Grand Master's message.

The next meeting will be October 21st. The activity will be the Scottish Rite Symbolic Awards Night, held at the Damascus Shrine Center. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. In the Webster Lodge tradition, let us go out of our way to support our recipient.

One last note

I am encouraging all able Brothers to support the Spaghetti Dinners at Webster Lodge. We need help preparing and serving dinners the first Friday of each month. If you are unable to help, you are invited to sit down and enjoy the dinner. Bring your friends and an appetite.

The Officers and I are here because of you. Please make it a point to attend the meetings. If there is a Brother who needs help getting to Lodge, please let me know by calling me at 872-1353. I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Well, here it is October already! Time flies when you're having fun, or so they say. It does seem to go by faster all the time. Life is short— so enjoy it while you can!

October 12th is our first meeting of the month. The dinner entree will be Chicken Parmesan. It is also the night of our Official Visit and I'm hoping that we can have a good turnout. We should have a short business meeting that night.

October 26th will be our second regular meeting night of the month. Our meeting will be opening, as we discussed. We, as a body, will be gathering at the Damascus Shrine Center, 979 Bay Road, Webster, for the Grand Lecturer's Convention. There will be a dinner at 6:30 p.m., for those of you who can make that. The Work is to be the Second Section of the 3rd Degree at 7:30 p.m. I am looking for the Fame Line to be in attendance, in addition to as many Brothers from our Lodge as possible.

As we approach November, and our local and national elections, I would encourage you to make plans to vote. That is one right that you have and I would hope that you will exercise that right.

Please remember our Brothers and their families in your thoughts and prayers. Also, remember our men and women in uniform, wherever they may be.

Happy Birthday to all of you with October birthdays.

First, here are Brothers who need our good wishes: Brother Dave Coon took a misstep and has been home with an injured leg; Brother Brian Bills has been undergoing some medical procedures to bring him up to speed; W.: John Mull is also home on the mend from some ailments; and yours truly, your current W.: Bernie, has had his head examined and it was found to be in its usual state of disarray.

Second, Summer was, well, you know, un-Summer-like. Picnics, vacations, and other events kept us all busy, but I tell you this year will be filled with social activities, such as our monthly get-togethers, beginning in October, and meaningful and entertaining special and regular communications.

September events

Last month we had a mandatory rehearsal for ALL Officers. The 18th was the county-wide Child I.D. Program at Unity Health System on Genesee Street in Rochester. The 23rd and 28th, Special Communications were held to initiate and raise a new Brother, who is valiantly serving in our nation's military. Last, but certainly not least, R.: W.: Lew Perna, our DDGM, made his Official Visit to our Lodge on the 27th.

May I extend my best wishes to all my Brothers and their families who are celebrating the Jewish New Year, 5765. May it be one of peaceful intentions and healthy and happy results.

District Deputy Grand Master
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The Genesee/Wyoming District was represented again this year on August 30th at the Masonic Child ID video taping at the New York State Fair. There were some unforeseen dangers and difficulties encountered along the way again this year, but the Genesee/Wyoming District persevered

to take part in the video taping of hundreds of children at the Fair. We thank R.: W.: James Sullivan for including us in this most worthwhile program and look forward to participating again next year.

Meanwhile, the District Child ID Program is in need of volunteers to participate in the ID taping in our local communities. Anyone interested in taking part in this program and/or a Child ID taping in your area, please contact Bruce Anderson at 591-0190.

- October Official Visits**
4th - West Star, Varysburg
7th - Hesperus, Bergen, 7:30 p.m.
12th - Arcade, 7:30 p.m.
19th - Oakland, Castile, 7:30 p.m.

Convention
Your Lodge can pay your Master a great compliment and honor by winning the Howard Potts Award at the Grand Lecturer's Convention at Arcade Lodge on October

13th. Should your Lodge be present with your Master, Wardens, Deacons, and Masters of Ceremony, you will give your Master the proud moment at the end of his term to walk to the Grand East at Grand Lodge in May, hear the Lodge's name and number announced and receive the Howard Potts Award in front of all his peers throughout the State.

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I hope all of you had a great Summer, even though the weather did not cooperate the way we would have hoped. I believe if our own and our family's health are good I can deal with the rest. By the time this article comes out, everyone will have returned to Lodge and started the New Year. This will be a new begin-

ning for some, whether sitting in line for the first time or moving into a different position. The most important would be for the Brothers who will be sitting in their respective Lodges for the first time as Master Masons. My hope is that each and every one of you has a wonderful and eventful year.

Important role

For all of the Brothers who have been assigned as Shepherds; you have one of the most important roles a Master could ask of you. You will be the wealth of knowledge for our new Brothers; they will learn from you and the rest of the Craft, how great our Fraternity is.

During the next few months, I will be traveling with the District Deputy Grand Master during his Official Visits. I will be talking about the educational opportunities that are available for you to attend and learn more about Freemasonry. Also, there is a new, exciting program for learning titled, "The Masonic University of New York" or MUNY. There is one more significant educational program available to all Master Masons, which is the Masonic Ritual Certification Program. This

program will be administered by the Grand and Assistant Grand Lecturers. This is not a one or two day course, it may take years before someone can be signed off by the Assistant Grand Lecturer as being proficient in the different portions of Degree work. If a Brother does complete all of the portions satisfactorily, he will be certified as a Master Ritualist. This is a great goal for each and every one of us to try to obtain. In doing so, we will educate our members and bring some fun back to the Craft while doing it. Because, Brothers, it all comes down to this, whether you're on the sidelines or in line as an Officer, if you can't learn or have fun doing it, it makes it really hard to drive forward, and promote our great Fraternity as we should.

As I send in this article, it is approximately twelve hours shy of September 11th, three years since all of our lives here in America changed. There are just a few history-changing events that will ever be as vivid as those on that day. I will never forget where I was at that time of my life. Please keep all of our men and women in the Armed Forces in your thoughts and prayers.

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Genesee/Wyoming District

Northeast Corner

Why were you placed in the Northeast corner and not some other corner such as the Northwest corner or even in the South? The Northwest corner represents the close of day, or the finish of a day's work or tasks. This is the teaching of good work habits. The completion of our mission or task is to bring forth fruition of our labors to benefit the Craft and be better able to support ourselves, families, and the widows and orphans we contribute to as one of our charities. This is a good lesson we should practice daily as men and Masons, but that is not the reason why.

If the Northwest corner is not a good place, then why not the South? The South represents the meridian or pinnacle of a day's work. A time to be called from labor to refreshment and to partake of the corn, wine and oil we have earned. To rejuvenate ourselves and be able to finish the tasks in front of us. This, too, is a good thing, but we must remember the 24 inch gauge and its divisions. The gauge signifies to us that this is not the reason why in the South.

From the celestial body atop of Jachin and the arts of the seven steps of the 2nd Degree, we observe the need to study the heavens above us. In the days before the discovery by Galileo, we were taught that the earth was flat and the sun and moon revolved around the earth. The sun rises in the Northeastern sky in the morning. The sun traverses the heavens to a point high in the Southern sky to be at its pinnacle for midday. The sun completes its travels of the heavens at sunset in the Northwestern sky. The sun would then make its transgression behind the earth or North in preparation to rise again in the Northeastern sky at the beginning of the next day.

Then why in the Northeast corner? As the sun rises in the Northeastern sky each day signifying the dawning of a new day displaying its first rays of light upon a starting point on your life's circle, so stands a newly made Mason at the beginning of his resurrection into a better life for himself, his family, and the widows and orphans of his charitableness. This is why you were placed in the Northeast corner. Your new beginning.

Arcade Lodge No. 419

7:30 p.m.
2nd & 4th Tuesdays,
September-June;
4th Tuesdays,
January & February

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Secretary
R.: W.: Arthur E. Drew
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Welcome back, Brothers! It has been a busy, wet, Summer for me. Hope you all had an enjoyable Summer.

The weather held out for the most part and we didn't get too wet at our two events of the Summer. The Fabulous '50s and the Blue and Gray Days went very well. I personally extend a thank you to all the Brothers and their Ladies who helped with these events. A special thank you to R.: W.: Len Mason for chairing these two events.

Save the date

We will be hosting the Grand Lecturer's Convention on October 13th, with dinner starting at 6:30 p.m., and the meeting at 7:30. Required reservations for dinner can be made to Len Mason by phone at 492-1813 or by email at:

LenMason@snappynet.net.
Price for dinner will be \$9.00.

Breakfasts

Our breakfast season will soon be upon us also, with our first breakfast being held on October 24th from 7-10 a.m. We have changed our days to the fourth Sunday of the month, instead of the third.

The dates for future breakfasts are:

November 28th
January 23rd
February 27th
March 27th
April 24th
May 22nd

Official Visit

I thank V.: W.: George Springett for the first of his two visits. Good information is always well received.

I hope to see you at our upcoming events.

HESPERUS Lodge No. 837

1st and 3rd Thursdays

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Our Masonic Lodge year is off to a great start. Several of our Past Masters told me the year would fly by, and it looks like they are going to be right. Don't miss out this year, plan on attending our next meeting.

Congratulations

We have had a very rare occurrence in Hesperus Lodge. Our Junior Warden is the proud father of a new baby boy. CONGRATULATIONS to Courtney and Carrie Gale on the arrival of Connor Daniel. He was born Thursday, August 26th at 6:26 p.m., and weighed in at 8 lbs. 10 oz.

September 2nd meeting
Chairman W.: Marshall Krause reported the 4th Annual Van Hulbert Golf Tourna-

ment was a great success. Marty even made arrangements with the weatherman to have a sunny afternoon. I thank all who helped sponsor the Tournament and all the committee people who supported Marty in making this annual event a success again this year. Many thanks, Marty.

It was agreed to have another Brother Bring-a-Friend Night and W.: Garry Hutcherson volunteered to chair that committee. He has already started setting up the program, and the date and time will be announced soon.

Upcoming dates

The October 7th meeting will be the Official Visit of our D.D.G.M., R.: W.: Norman Steinbaugh. We will also be serving a dinner at 6:00 p.m. to honor the ladies of Hesperus Eastern Star and the ladies of Hesperus Lodge.

October 13th

This is the date of the Grand Lecturer's Convention at Arcade Lodge. For those who can make the trip, we will be meeting at Hesperus Lodge at 6:15 p.m. Please make every effort to attend.

October 21st is the Symbolic Lodge Awards Night.

You won't want to miss any of the fun and fellowship in this coming new year. How about doing some Degree work this year? What greater reward can a Mason have than helping a new Brother through the Degrees?

Brothers, please keep our troops, who are serving our country world-wide, in your thoughts and prayers.

Batavia Lodge No. 475

2nd & 4th Tuesdays

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Plans are underway for numerous events for the coming months. Unfortunately, at the time of this writing, we have yet to hold a communication, with the first one scheduled for the 14th of September. So I will take the opportunity to remind all of my Brethren of several events.

The 'Hot Dog Stand' at the Batavia Jubilee which was held in September, was as usual, a success. A few days of seeing many of the people from the community always makes this event enjoyable. Also, we have a two by seven foot banner now with the information on it as to who is maintaining this project.

On September 28th, we had the privilege of the Official Visit of our District Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: Norman Steinbaugh and the District Staff Officer, R.: W.: Michael Willwerth. Prior to the communication we retired to the "Center Street Smokehouse" for dinner.

October

On October 12th, we will hold a rehearsal for the Entered Apprentice Degree with the conferral of the Degree on a petitioner on the 26th.

Sickness and Distress

It is my hope that all are well within our organization. I have

nothing to report at this time. As a reminder, please, if you know of someone of whom we should be thinking or visiting, let the Secretary know so this information can be passed along to all the Brethren.

Last, but not least, Brothers, we continue to ask that everyone keep our troops in your thoughts and prayers. They are giving of their time while diligently performing their respective duties overseas and at home, especially at this time with all the negativity being relayed to us each and every day, while we enjoy the comfort of our families and homes.

May God Bless America and may God Bless us all!

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

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

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Secretary
W.: Richard L. Smith
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The new Masonic year has begun and once again I must start out by apologizing for not getting an article in the September issue of the *Masonic Times*. It just seems as though that August deadline just flies by before my brain triggers me that it's time get an article in. The next thing I know it's September and our first communication has arrived.

Sickness and distress

It was reported at our first communication that Brother Lenny Lee from Fillmore Lodge is not doing well. Lenny has been a valued member of the bowling teams that Oakland Lodge has sent to the State Bowling Tournament throughout the years. We hope and pray for Lenny as he battles through this difficult time.

It was also reported that Brother Fred Hance's wife, Jane, is also not doing well. Jane is experiencing extreme swelling in her legs that has restricted her to bed rest. The constant lying down is causing pain in her back. For all those who know Jane, she is one of the nicest people to walk the face of this Earth. Hopefully, we all can find some spare time to put in prayers for Jane Hance and our fellow Brother, Lenny Lee.

Honorary Member

It was a pleasure for Oakland Lodge to present an Honorary Membership certificate to R.: W.: Bob Strang at our first communication of the year. R.: W.: Strang is truly one of the finest Masons I have ever had the privilege to meet in my life. It's been a personal pleasure to watch and learn how a Mason should conduct oneself from R.: W.: Strang. I just don't think I could do justice with words describing the job he did the last two years as the District Deputy Grand Master.

Oakland's Officers

Master **Henry Robinson**
Sr. Warden **Kenneth Smith**
Jr. Warden **Robert Kemp**
Secretary **Richard Smith**
Treasurer **Fred Hance**
Sr. Deacon **Bud Hoffmeister**
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Thomas Scott

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Daniel Hamilton
Marshal **Robin Bowles**
Chaplain **David Beardsley**
Tiler **Raymond Wood**

Please come out to support your new Officers of Oakland Lodge for the ensuing year.

Quarry Degree

On September 11th, Brother Richard Smith and I had the pleasure of traveling to Medina, to witness a Quarry Degree. A long-time friend of the family was being raised to a Master Mason in a Quarry. This was a unique event to witness and in which to partake.

Brotherhood Fund

I will be the Brotherhood Chairman for Oakland Lodge for the ensuing year. The best place to make donations is at one of our communications. For those Brothers who are unable to attend our monthly communications, please forward donations to me at: 137 Lake Street, Le Roy, NY 14482. For all Brothers who are making their donations through the mail, please include the category toward which you would like your donation to be designated. If no category is selected, I take it upon myself to designate your donation.

Important dates

October 5th - Regular Communication.

October 13th - Grand Lecturer's Convention, Arcade. Let's earn the Potts Award this year!!

October 19th - Regular Communication.

May the blessings of heaven rest upon all Masons and their families everywhere. May we never forget those who have served, and are currently serving, in the Military to keep America free. Always remember that free isn't free.

District Deputy Grand Master Livingston District



R.: W.: Roy W. Moses
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Last month I met with all the Masters of the Livingston District. I was amazed that they were so dedicated to the Craft. All trestleboards are complete and all Masters have great ideas on improving their Lodges. I am very proud to be working with these excellent leaders in helping them achieve their goals within the Craft.

At the State Fair, I had the privilege of accompanying W.: Gerald Pease and W.: Lee Shanks to work on the Child ID Program. This was the first time I had worked with the State Program, and I found it very interesting. There were a few good points that the Livingston program doesn't have, but over all, I still think ours is better. Brother Ray Ellis is making arrangements for all the schools in the District to schedule our Child ID Program this Fall. Volunteers should contact Brother Eugene Flint at 243-0142.

On September 11th, W.: Joe Shanks, our new Brotherhood Fund Chairman, attended the seminar in Dansville. W.:


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Shanks met with R.: W.: Robert Stack to work out a few details. Thanks, Joe, for accepting this great responsibility.

In closing, a little food for thought: tell me and I'll forget; show me and I'll remember; involve me and I'll learn.

Grand Sword Bearer
Livingston



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We are about to begin a new and fresh two years together. I sincerely hope that we can accomplish a great deal, and that we obtain many new Brothers, and lose few! I hope through our combined efforts we make these next two years quality time, during which we grow in Masonic education, through the *Road to the East* and the *Masonic Development Course* programs.


We are now working on schedules for these programs and I think that this year we will have the opportunity to educate more Brothers coming up through the ranks than we expect, because of the convenient schedule that we are trying to arrange! I hope that all the Brothers coming up through the line and, the new ones considering it, will take advantage of these programs, for they are not only beneficial in Masonry, they are beneficial in all aspects of a successful life.

I would like to see the new Masters and Wardens feel free to call upon me anytime that I might be of service to them, especially regarding Brother retention. I would like to be involved before a Brother is dropped for any reason!

I would like to help with programs that might stimulate Brothers and bring new Brothers into the Craft. There are a lot of programs at our disposal and the Livingston District has a lot of talent out there, who are able to make great programs available to all the Lodges. Please take advantage of them!

I wish all the Lodge Officers good luck in their new endeavors and I hope that your year makes the Craft grow!

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



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This month I have a number of "Kudos" to highlight for our Lodge and the District.

The first set goes to Brother Kevin Estee and his Degree Team for their efforts in conferring the Fellowcraft Degree. Their work is always something we are proud of and once again shows how well we do when we have a common goal.

The next set goes to R.: W.: Howie Sexton and his golf committee for their hard work in producing another enjoyable golf tournament for all of us. This tournament is one of our major Lodge fundraisers for local charities and area groups. I give a special thank you to the teams who participated and our sponsors for helping to make our golf outing a success.


Now, as I go down my "thank you list," it is our Brothers from Geneseo's turn. The Brothers made a special trip up to Lima, on their meeting night, to relieve us of the Livingston District's Traveling Gavel. It was a wonderful surprise to have them requesting permission to enter. Had I realized that they were after the Gavel, I might have had second thoughts on letting them in. So, to our other Brethren in the Livingston District, the Gavel is at Geneseo and they meet on Thursdays!

Last but not least, a special Kudos to our "Wing Man" R.: W.: Bob Young. His years of volunteer work were chronicled in the *Democrat and Chronicle's* Everyday Angels series. The article was a wonderful tribute to his long tenure as a local volunteer.

This month, the Grand Lecturer's Convention for Livingston District will be held here in Union Lodge on October 14th, with Livonia Lodge presenting the work of the evening. These sessions are always a great source of "light" and R.: W.: Edward Gilbert is a pleasure to meet. If any Brothers are in the area, they are invited to come visit and join us for the evening.

Our Master Mason Degree is scheduled for October 28th. We will have the added bonus to be conferring the Degree with our Brothers from Phoenix on their new Brothers along with our own Brother. It will be my turn in the East and I look forward to the evening and getting to work with my Degree Team. I hope everyone can plan on attending the degree and joining us in welcoming our Brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

Eunice Lodge
No. 830
1st Thursdays
7:30 p.m.



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September started off with a bang, with the First Annual Master's Steak Dinner at the Temple Club on Thursday September 2nd. Lodge was opened at 6 p.m., and it was nice to see, along with the "regulars," a couple of Brothers we haven't seen in a while. It was a beautiful night, a little warm upstairs, but definitely better than the rain that would follow a few days later. We began with a little social in the pool-room. It was nice to see the mixture of Brothers, their wives, and the invited guests, including some of the ladies from the Eastern Star. The dinner was excellent, organized by Brother Rick Lafave and

prepared by Brother Brian Pease and my father Roger Howlett. Brothers Lafave, Lynn Pease, and Derek Howlett were the waiter staff for the night, and thank you to those who stuck around after to help clean up.


After dinner, Eileen Lafave gave an excellent presentation on the Patriot War, and we had finger desserts. As I said in my opening remarks, we have made a great start at rebuilding the social ties that I think are the foundations of this Fraternity. Thank you to all who attended.

In sickness and distress, our thoughts and prayers go out to Brother Floyd Manley, who lost his brother earlier this month. I was able to attend the memorial service in Webster and meet the rest of Brother Manley's family. Also, the Altar in Lodge has been draped for 30 days in memory of W.: Walter Howe.

Join us

There will be a Brother Bring a Friend night at Eunice. It will be organized by Brother Mel Hussey, and will be on Friday, October 29th, at 7:30 p.m. There will be a few speakers and information available about our Fraternity. We will be having assorted refreshments and, hopefully, some socializing as well. I encourage any of you who might know of someone who is interested in becoming a Mason to come to

District Deputy Grand Master
Wayne District



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October is here and all of Wayne District's Lodges are in full swing. The Official Visits scheduled are: October 4th, Pultneyville; October 18th, Newark and October 20th, Drumlin Square. Our Grand Lecturer's Convention is to be held at Sodus on Wednesday October 27th.

Clyde Lodge will begin their Pancake Breakfasts on October 10th. These will be held on the 2nd Sunday of each month through May, 2005. They are located at the Grange Hall, 16 East Genesee Street (Route 31) in Clyde. \$4.00 gets you all you can eat, plus a lot of good fellowship.

Humanity Lodge will hold a Ham and Scalloped Potato Dinner on Wednesday October 20th. This is always a good meal. They will present a 1st Degree on October 27th, as they have two candidates. They are located at 180 Route 14 South, Lyons.

On October 12th, Marion Lodge will be assembling "School Supply Kits" for their Beacon Project. Many children come to school in the Fall with few, or no, school supplies. The Brothers assemble things like pencils, erasers, glue sticks, crayons, and washable markers, packaging them in small containers with a note "Supplies for Success-Donated by the Masons, Marion Lodge No. 926." The "kits" have been

the evening. Please call Mel if interested in helping him.

Association meeting

The Livingston Association meeting was at Eunice on Monday, September 27th. The dinner was put on by the Eastern Star.

Our October meeting will be the Official Visit of the DDGM, R.: W.: Roy Moses. It will be a formal attire evening; wear your tux or dark suit please. It would be great to have as many of you as possible in attendance to show him the resurgence of our Lodge. We will be having a light dinner before the meeting at 6:30 p.m. If you are interested in coming, please call me. Brother Brian Pease will also be making a short presentation. The Temple Club will meet briefly after the meeting to discuss things that need to be done.

The next social function will be in December. We haven't finalized plans yet, but we're hoping to have a dinner and after-dinner function, perhaps outside the Lodge. Plans will be discussed after the October meeting.


We have a couple of other projects in the works. Our next community project is going to be a Pancake Breakfast on Election Day. We are looking into possibly renting space at the firehall, figuring the stairs in our building might be an obstacle to people attending. Any ideas? They would be appreciated.

greatly appreciated by the Marion Elementary School's teachers and students.

A 1st Degree will be presented on October 26th and we may have three candidates. The Lodge is located on North Main Street, Marion, (next to the Elementary School).

I am looking forward to Saturday, December 11th, when the Grand Master will hold a Chat Session in Wayne District at Drumlin Square Lodge. Save the date; more information to follow.

Assistant Grand Lecturer
Wayne District



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Here it is October already. Where did the Summer go, if we could really consider that last 3 months we had as Summer! This month brings our Grand Lecturer's Convention to be held at Sodus Lodge on Wednesday, October 27th. I know this is a change from the usual Thursday, but this is the

At the September meeting, I handed out the proposed committees for the year. We are going to be following the District's "umbrella" plan. A copy of that list was included in your September newsletter. I know you are all very busy, but it would be nice to have as many of you as possible help in some way on the committees. I've grouped them so that it would be easier for us, with limited numbers, to get involved in the committees.

On committees, we have formed an investigating committee to look into two potential candidates. The committee will meet the candidates and make a recommendation at our October meeting. Hopefully, we will have a real 1st Degree in November, during our regular communication night. We need people to work and we would like to rehearse in October, preferably on a Sunday. It will be a combined rehearsal and clean up the preparation room. If you are interested in a part in the Degree, call me.

In closing, I want to reiterate the importance of us rebuilding our social ties. It is important that we call Brothers whom we haven't seen in a while. Call them up and bring them to Lodge; make it a reunion of sorts. We had such a great time in September and I'd like to keep the ball rolling. We need all of you. Hopefully, I'll see you along the way.

date given me by the Grand Lecturer. The afternoon session will begin at 4:00 p.m., and will be an informal session with the Grand Lecturer, where he will answer questions from the Brethren present. These sessions are very informative and if you can make it, please do so.

We will break for a game dinner prepared by world-renowned chef (in the Sodus area) Mike Boone. Roast Beef will be provided for those who do not prefer game. After dinner, the evening session will be opened by DDGM, R.: W.: Craig Sewert, and the Opening and Closing Ritual and instruction on Balloting will be exemplified. My Brothers, please make every effort to attend this important event.

I have sent letters to all of the Masters regarding the Degree work and I will be getting the forms to you for your Degree work, probably on the night of the Degree. If you have work planned, please let me know, so that I may plan my schedule.

I guess that will do it for this month, my Brothers.

Brother Masons!!!
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Help Build the Leaders
of Tomorrow

Wayne District
Order of the Eastern Star
Roast Beef Dinner
October 3rd
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
Palmyra Masonic Temple
Adult tickets \$7.00 presale
\$8.00 at door
\$3.50 for children

District Deputy Grand Master Ontario/Seneca/Yates District



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I am pleased that 12 of the 15 Lodges in the Ontario/Seneca/Yates District complied with the Grand Master's Edict requiring all Lodges to confer one of Three Degrees in full form. Next year, I expect every Lodge to conform; this edict is not going away. We really should not have to be told to confer the Degrees of Masonry. All Lodges must confer all three Degrees in a three-year period. I heard a few complaints early on; however most Lodges who have not been active in Degree work, have found that help is available. Call one of our AGLs and he will be there to assist. Also, remember your Brothers in neighboring Lodges will help. Our Ritual must be maintained and Lodge Charters require that we raise Master Masons.

Webmaster

R.:W.: Kenneth Hall has been very hard at work and our District web site is now operational. Check out: osydistrict.org. It is improving daily and more information will be added as soon as possible. If you want to add anything, contact Brother Hall. Everything must go through the webmaster.

Great success!

The OSY Masonic Charities Golf Tournament was a success. The credit goes to our hard working committee, Brothers Mark Lowe, Rod Lux and R.:W.:s Bruce Huie, Bill Colin and Bob Ruggles. Let's not forget their support staff: Rosy Huie, Mary Colin and Mary Ruggles. Let's all continue to work hard to obtain hole sponsors and door prizes for future tournaments so we can help the needy in the OSY District.

Congratulations

October 1st a Certificate from the Grand Master will be given to R.:W.: Kenneth Brush to celebrate his 101st birthday. Brother Brush is still an active Mason, admired by all.

Garoga-Sincerity Lodge No. 200



1st & 3rd
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After Summer recess, our first meeting was held on September 7th. Our monthly Pot Luck Supper was enjoyed by all. Food was plentiful and 2nd helpings were savored by our food lovers.

The Brethren were surprised by an unexpected visit from Brother Ken Pedersen of Florida. Ken has been a member since 1956 and has main-

tained membership over the years. Well, Ken did not come alone. Robert Pedersen, Ken's son, accompanied his father. Brother "Bob" is Commander-in-Chief (2004 - 2006) of the Valley of Rochester, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry and a 33° Mason. Brother Pederson gave his views relating to the Valley, Scottish Rite and Blue Lodge. He pointed out that they all have their beginnings and support at the Blue Lodge level.

Brother Pederson stated he is looking forward to seeing the current Master, and outgoing Master, and a "Symbolic Lodge Award" recipient, yet to be named, at the Damascus Shrine Center, 979 Bay Road, Webster, 7:30 p.m., Thursday, October 21st. Anyone who is interested in attending this special event is encouraged to come. Car pooling from the Lodge is another alternative. Let's make it a special night.

At the Lodge, the flagpole, landscaping, and sign projects are making progress. Arrangements have been made with Brother Larry Gelder to complete the lighting work hook-ups. We expect these to be completed soon.

Plantings of bushes and flowers will be professionally done. Sister Jean Day is very much involved in this project and we appreciate everything she has done so far. I thank all who have helped, no matter how small the contribution. I can't wait! Please drive by and track the progress.

It was announced at our meeting that Brother John Walti is now an AGL in the Ontario/Seneca/Yates District. V.:W.: Walti has accepted this position and we wish him the best. He is definitely a traveling man now.

On October 5th we are conferring a 1st Degree at our Lodge and all are encouraged to come. A Pot Luck Supper will start the night off. A Pork Chop BBQ is scheduled for October 9th. Please attend.

October birthdays

Happy birthday to Brothers Craig Andrews (3rd), Robert Patrick Jr. (5th), William Peterson (6th), Willard Hamel-inck (8th), and Clayton Barnard (24th).

Congratulations to Brother Jesse Gillespie, who was raised in October.

Milnor Lodge No. 139



2nd & 4th
Thursdays

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Our first meeting after the Summer break was September 9th. We had a Steak Dinner and our Awards Program. The success of the dinner was due to the cooks: Brothers Tom Ewing, James VanWyk and Bud Peglow. A special thank you to the Eastern Star ladies, Edrys LeClair and Carol Roys, for their help in shopping for the groceries for our dinner.

Altar draping

The Lodge was opened on the 3rd Degree of Masonry. It was the Master's order that the Al-

tar be draped for the usual period for V.:W.: John Newvine, a Brother of our Lodge and Assistant Grand Lecturer for the OSY District. Brother Newvine was made a Mason on April 27, 1972, passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on May 11, 1972 and raised on May 25, 1972. He laid down the working tools in June, while the Lodge was dark.

Congratulations

Awards were given to the following Brothers by the DDGM, R.:W.: Eldon White:

W.: James Hartz - 15 years
W.: Jim Van Wyk - 30 years
W.: Bud Peglow - 45 years
W.: Sherman Cotton - 65 years

Hang Around Victor Day

We served 97 delicious Pancake Breakfasts during this event. Great Job! Thanks to Brothers John Purdy, Jim Hartz, Tom Ewing, Glen Thon, Garth Thon, Steve Harwood, John Davis, Larry Mahoney and Bob Meuler.

Child ID

Saturday, September 11th, from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., the Lodge engaged in the Child ID Program and twelve families took advantage of the offer. The DDGM, R.:W.: Eldon White, and R.:W.: Clayton Ruggles, helped with this program, as did Karen Trautman, Nancy Boyd and Carol Roys.

On September 23d the Lodge program was a presentation on Masonic Etiquette by R.:W.: Terry Leonard.

Canandaigua Lodge No. 294



1st & 3rd
Mondays

Master
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We had a Public Installation of Officers on June 7th, with the following Brothers installed: Master Richard Stanton Sr. Warden David Mason, Jr. Jr. Warden James Herrmann Treasurer Paul Malcolm Secretary George Stanton, Jr. Sr. Deacon M. Hurliday Jr. Deacon Roger Simmons, Jr. Sr. Master of Ceremony Vincent Garner Jr. Master of Ceremony

John Chambers Marshal George Stanton, III Chaplain Donald Gehrig Tiler L. Ronald Edwards

As the Lodge did not go dark this Summer, we had our family picnic June 21st, a regular communication on July 5th, a Table Lodge on July 19th (a great time was had by all), a rehearsal for the 1st Degree on August 2nd, with a visitor present. On August 16th, Brother William Zufall did a program on the Morgan Affair.

By the time you read this, we will have had our September communication and our Chicken Bar-B-Que at the Shortsville Festival.

Brethren, we need petitions if our Lodge is to grow.

Dates to remember

October 4th 2nd Degree, 7:30 p.m.

October 18th, a program on Masonic Etiquette.

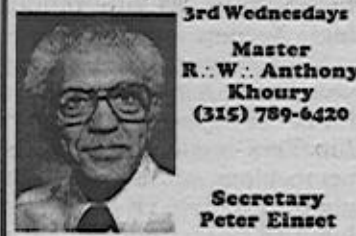
November 1st, R.:W.: Eldon White, DDGM, will make his Official Visit. There will be a dinner at 6:00 p.m., with communication at 7:30 p.m.

Place of dinner will be announced later.

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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Our Brotherhood gift

My Brothers of Ark Lodge, our Masonic Brotherhood Fund Drive is now underway. Brother Thomas Abraham, PO Box 32, Bellona, NY 14415-0032, is our Brotherhood Fund Chairman. For the past few years, Ark Lodge has been at the bottom of the Ontario/Seneca/Yates list of the number of Brothers giving and also the amount given. Let me tell you why you should be generous. Have you given lately?

1. We, as Masons, are endeavoring to stress the supreme importance of giving to our elderly Brothers and their wives in the Masonic Care Facility in Utica. Have you been there? This Masonic facility needs continual modernization and maintenance.

2. Our Masonic Research Laboratory is conducting an intensive study on aging for the benefit of humanity, and they are trying to make living easier and more comfortable for the elderly of the world.

3. Our military men and women in Iraq, Afghanistan, and those fighting terrorism all over the world, deserve our Grand Lodge gifts and remembrances. This almost goes without saying.

4. Our Grand Master's allocation is for special funds to be used for necessary Grand Lodge expenses at his discretion.

5. Donations are needed to support our youth organizations all over New York State. Their needs are growing and we, my Brothers, must meet our commitments to them.

Masonry teaches all men to practice charity and benevolence; to assist the feeble; to shelter the orphan; to guide the blind; and to raise our downtrodden Brothers, wherever they may be. I hope those of our Ark Lodge members who have not given in past years will do so this year at this time. You have nothing to lose by giving of yourself, only everything to gain.

The most significant trip that I can think of for a Brother and his wife to take, is to visit the Masonic Care Community and the Masonic Research Laboratory, to see your Brotherhood Fund dollars in action. Visit on St. John's Day in June, when there is an open house to all Masonic Brothers and their families. Visit the Tompkins Chapel, which is absolutely beautiful, for a morning prayer. Visit the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory, where our famous Dr. Charles Antzelevitch, who is known all over the world, or one of his staff of medical researchers, will greet

you and show you around. Tour the hospital wards and you will see the human side of your contributions.

Every man, whether Mason or not, needs a place to go for help and meditation to renew his Masonic spirit. Our Masonic Care Facility is such a place for our Masonic use. I've been there many times with my wife and friends. A visit will assist in lessening the complacency and apathy, which deters most of our members from giving to the Brotherhood Fund.

If there is life in us, there is hope for our Ark Lodge Brotherhood Fund campaign to succeed and become number one in the O/S/Y District. "Hope springs eternal in the human heart." Alexander Pope. As long as it does, man will triumph over inertia. Freemasonry is a wonderful personal thing to each of us; it means different things to different Brothers of Ark Lodge. Masons champion worthy causes. The Brotherhood Fund is a very worthwhile cause, for we help the less fortunate by aiding, helping and assisting worthy distressed Brothers all over our State.

Please, my Brothers, resolve to give to the Brotherhood Fund at this time. Please don't forget! It is said, "He who gives, finds himself." The Lord said, "It is better to give than to receive."

Thank you so very much for your responses to my many messages, as they are sincerely given.

Whether or not you have a love for Ark Lodge of Freemasonry, you should visit your Lodge to see and feel what is truly going on! "Pack up your troubles in your old kit bag" and come to Ark Lodge every 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Anniversary meeting

Brothers Arnold Schofield, Charles Rouse, and Howard Colegrove joined me at Dr. Stelter's home for our third meeting to plan the 200th anniversary celebration. Much was accomplished and more Brothers are needed to fulfill this great 200 years of Ark Lodge ceremony in September, 2007. Deputy Grand Master, R.:W.: Neal Bidnick, is to be informed of the upcoming event. There was much discussion on the program, banquet, anniversary booklet and how to raise money by obtaining advertising from businesses in the surrounding area.

Best wishes

Please pray for good health for the following Brothers: Bill Kashouty, Ramon Baroody, Robert Insocho, Harry George, John Stelter, Arnie Schofield, John Warder and Tom Bryan.

Congratulations

Ark Lodge is very honored to have W.: Arnold Schofield receive the prestigious Daniel Beard Masonic Scouter Award. This is given to a Brother who is nationally recognized and approved by the Boy Scouts of America. Congratulations! Brother Arnie will receive a certificate, a Masonic neck medallion and patch from Grand Lodge for his exemplary duty to the Boy Scouts and his community.

Trestleboard

October 20th - Ark Lodge communication. The DDGM for the O/S/Y District, R.:W.: Eldon White, will present the Grand Master's message.

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From the Potentate



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I will not go over all the scheduled events, as you will see them listed throughout this publication. I have three topics to bring before you in this article:

Damascus News Editor

It is with disappointment that I have to announce that Andy Rueby has resigned as Editor of the *Damascus News*. He is resigning for two reasons and they need to be shared with the hope that we become educated and be more aware of our words and actions. The first reason is that the job requires a lot of time and, if you're a working man, it is all after hours. I think Andy could have handled that, but coupled with the FACT that it is a very thankless job and the FACT that he was openly criticized when an article wasn't accepted because it came in past the deadline, or a misspelled word or some other earth shattering oversight, happened, it became something he frankly just didn't want to do. We also have to remember that the Editor's position is voluntary.

We do have two Nobles who have stepped up to take the position in January and they are Ill.: Derek VanHouten, PP, and Noble Pedro Ugalde. While it is not too early to thank them for taking on this very important task, it also not too late to say, "thank you," to Andy Rueby for a job well done. Andy—THANK YOU.

Holiday parties

I have asked the Divan to push for fewer holiday parties. Where possible, I would like ALL of the Clubs and Units to consider joining with another group for a consolidated party. We did this last year and further efforts would be appreciated. The holidays have so many conflicting requirements on your time and the top priority should be the family. Fewer parties will also result in parties that are better attended. Please consider groups of five or more getting together for one GREAT party versus five mediocre parties.

November 13th

This is the date that a historic event will take place at Damascus. It is the date that our Imperial Sir Raoul Frevel and his lady, Rosie, and our Deputy Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, Neal I. Bidnick and his lady, Joyce, will be joining us for the purpose of helping us increase our membership. They are not coming for the wonderful dinner we will serve that evening, nor for the hotel rooms that we will provide; they are com-

ing to help US increase our membership. We owe them a debt, Nobles, and the way to pay that debt is to GIVE them what they are coming here to do. An increase in membership. THAT is what they will remember and talk about in the months to come. THAT is what they will write about in their articles. Let's give them what they want.

PLEASE reach out and ask a Mason, or even a non-Mason, to be our guest at this historic event. As of this writing, some 20 letters have already been sent to men who have a desire to hear what we have to offer. You give us the names, Nobles, and we will do the rest. Please email Rich Friedman at richddgm@frontiernet.net; boxman@rochester.rr.com, is my address, so we can send a formal invitation to your guest. This is an opportunity that won't come along every year, Nobles, so let's take advantage of it and show our distinguished guests that we are Damascus Temple and we are damn proud of it.

LET'S DO IT!!!!!!!

From the Recorder



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It is gratifying to find out that so many of you read my column. Many of you brought the errors in last month's column to my attention. Based on this feedback, I would have to say that I was asleep when I wrote it. The biggest mistake was the wrong number for the reservation line. The right number is 671-3565. Can you imagine the poor people who received all the calls?

The next couple of months will be very exciting. Our Potentate Bruce has many events scheduled. However, I want to bring to your attention the premier event of the Fall, our Brother Bring-a-Friend/Brother on Saturday afternoon, November 13th. Once again reminding you that if you bring a potential Candidate, he and his lady will be our guests for the Harvest Dinner that evening. Nobles, you must have a **paid reservation** for

Potentate - Bruce D. Chilton

yourself and your lady, but you **must** also make a reservation for your guests. Space is limited. No walk-ins will be accepted. You can find details on the Damascus Website, where you may also make your reservations.

Baltimore 2005

Thank you to the many Nobles who have already signed up and sent in their deposits. Further information will be sent to those who have already made their deposits. If you have not made your reservation, we still have rooms available. I urge you to please do so as soon as possible. Complete information on the trip is within this issue. If you have any questions, contact me at the Shrine Office at 671-7701 or at home at 544-2242. You can also email me at: enewell@rochester.rr.com.

Support needed

Dues bills will be going out at the end of September or early October. If you have not paid your 2004 dues as yet, please do so. The Shrine of North America and Damascus needs your continued support.

Legion of Honor

By Dean L. Smith, Commander

With Fall almost here, we will have the opportunity to enjoy the beauty and color provided by Mother Nature and the Supreme Architect of the Universe. Now is the time to sit down and set your priorities in order to wind up a great year.

Congratulations!

We have a winner for the Legion of Honor's Grill package. The drawing was held on September 18th at the Sock Hop and the winner is - Tom Scanlon, from Michigan. He is a friend of Bill and Patty Lozon.

A "that-a-boy" goes to Brother William Armstrong, as the greatest seller of our raffle tickets. He sold over 75 tickets and was awarded a Legion of Honor baseball hat. Thank you, Bill.

Brother Bill Armstrong had some surgery on his knee with some complications, as he is not able to have general anesthesia. We, at the Legion, suggested that a setting mall, a big one, would have been better to do the trick! Bill is doing well now. Brothers and Nobles, please give Bill a call because we all know that support of friends and Brothers will help the healing process.

Thanks

As Commander of the Legion of Honor, I extend a hearty thank you to the Honorable

Maggie Brooks, County Executive, for speaking at the Legion of Honor dinner meeting on September 8th at the Red Osier Restaurant. We had over 65 Nobles and their ladies present to enjoy a good dinner and to hear a remarkable lady speak. We were happy to welcome James VanSlyke II, VLCDR, and his Lady, Sue, from the Legion of Honor of Ismailia Shrine in Buffalo, to our dinner. Thank you, Legionnaires, for the wonderful turnout at our meeting.

Our next meeting will be at Antonio's Restaurant on Empire Boulevard on October 13th, with our ladies. Please note: **with our Ladies**. It will be an evening with fun and brotherly love. Our speaker

SPEAKERS BUREAU

By Larry Canfield

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

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

The talks are generally 30-45 minutes, followed by a question and answer session. If a group or organization, Ma-

sonic 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.

We send everyone the very best from our house to yours and have a great day.

Lunch Club

By Jan Lughart, President

All Masons, Shriners and friends are invited to the Shrine Lunch Club, which meets at 12 noon on Mondays. There are no dues and any profits go to support the Shrine Hospitals. Lunch cost is \$5.00 (a dollar or two higher on Ladies Day) for all you can eat.

Ladies Day is the third Monday of the month, which will be October 18th. We always try to have a special meal and entertainment on Ladies Day.

Damascus Shrine presents:

Noble Bring A Brother

Damascus Shrine proudly presents
an evening with Imperial Potentate Raoul Frevel
and Deputy Grand Master Neal I. Bidnick
November 13, 2004 at the Shrine Center



Noble Bring a Brother Program 4:30 pm Open to all
Harvest Dinner Happy Hour at 5:30 pm
Dinner at 7:00 pm

Whole Turkey at each table

Mashed potatoes, gravy, candied yams, warm cranberries
green beans, tossed green salad, rolls and butter
Pumpkin, Apple and Chocolate Pies for Dessert
Tables of 8 Fez Business Casual Dress

\$40.00 per couple Potential Candidates and their Ladies Eat Free

Damascus Shrine needs every Noble to take new membership personally. All of us know one or more Masons who would make good Shriners and be supportive of our great philanthropy. You are also encouraged to bring Non Masons who may join the craft and become Shriners down the road.

One of our speakers will be Imperial Sir Raoul Frevel, our Imperial Potentate.

Send your RSVP's as well as the potential candidates name, address and email address to Rich Friedman, 16 Kerry Hill Fairport, NY 14450. You can call in the information to 585 377-6175 or email it to richddgm@frontiernet.net.

If you and your guests are going to the *Harvest Dinner that same evening you must make reservations under separate cover*. No potential candidate is obligated to attend the dinner but we strongly suggest that it would be a further way to learn about "The Worlds Greatest Philanthropy." Potential candidates and their lady's eat free. PLEASE HAVE YOUR CANDIDATES NAME (S) IN BY NO LATER THAN November 5, 2004.

Halloween Party
for the
Damascus Shrine Family
October 30th
5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Fun for the whole family!
Watch for more details!



Scottish Rite NEWS

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Lodge of Perfection

Commander-in-Chief



Robert D. Pedersen, 33°
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Recent events

If you did not have the opportunity to attend the recent presentation of the "Feast of Tishri," September 23rd, it was unfortunate you missed such an inspirational evening. The members of the Lodge of Perfection cast and crew worked hard to present this "Harvest Celebration." It was also a pleasure to listen to the guest speaker, R.: W.: Herbert Groce, Jr., Grand Chaplain, Grand Lodge of New York, for his comments on the subject.

Mark your calendars

October 9th - Learning Center Walk-A-Thon, under the direction of Joe Oelgoetz III, also State Chairman. This is a very large undertaking, and we are looking for volunteers. Whether you can spare a few minutes or hours, please call the office at 264-1160, 1-800-858-2320, email at: srochest@rochester.rr.com, or contact Joe Oelgoetz.

Your help and assistance is required to continue to support this high impact Learning Center located in Rochester.

October 21st - The Symbolic Lodge Recognition. (see article below)

November 18th - The Degree Club will present the 13°. Bring your passport. Please join us as the first installment (Degree) will be presented by the Valley's newly formed Degree Club. Interested in joining? Call the office with your name and contact information, so you, too, can have fun in our Degree presentations.

A GOOD Foundation is Imperative

Webster's Dictionary describes the definition of Foundation: (noun) ...that on which a structure rests. Foundation means the solid groundwork supporting anything.

Does this sound familiar? Do you take it for granted that a solid foundation can support both the good and bad times? Ask those who live in Florida (re: Hurricanes Charley, Frances and Ivan) about the importance of a good foundation.

This definition must also carry meaning to your Symbolic Lodge, and the importance to support an institution - known to us as Freemasonry.

Take the time, and reflect on your upbringing in your personal life and then the day when you joined the Masonic family. Please join us as we recognize those members of our Masonic family on October 21st, The Symbolic Lodge Recognition, 7:30 p.m., Damascus Shrine Center.

On this evening, the M.: W.: and Ill.: Edward R. Trosin will be in attendance. The current Master will escort both the

most recent Past Master and your Lodge Brother, and they will be recognized for their unselfish service and dedication to this great Fraternity. Without Brothers like these, our foundation would crumble.

Details are posted in this issue of the *Masonic Times* or call the office. Your Lodge Secretary and/or Master have been contacted for their recipients' name(s). Light refreshments will be served immediately after the ceremony.

From within

Have you been around your Lodge for a long time? Do you think of yourself in your "golden" years, or as an elder statesman? Do you think it is time for someone else to take the reins? If so, please read on (note: for those Brothers in your younger years, or those who just don't quit, [i.e. the Energizer bunny], please follow along.

Un-Masonically speaking, many of us can always reflect on memories from either our personal or business life. But have you stopped to think that we should also stop defining ourselves in terms of our job titles and start searching for a purpose that comes from within. The question for the elder statesmen; now that you've done what you were supposed to do, what were you put here on earth to do? While our culture has rites of passage that help define your purpose, the same culture tends to ignore that, which leads to men feeling useless. Does this sound too familiar? Not so with Freemasonry.

Energize yourself, charge that battery. Don't sit in the shadow of the world's best kept secret - Freemasonry. Let the history books show what we do, alas, not what we did.

Go forth and promote the greatest Fraternity.

God Bless America, and our troops serving to protect and defend our great nation.

So Mote It Be. ✽

2nd Lieutenant Commander

By Joseph Oelgoetz III

Footsteps - Last Chance to Participate!

On October 9th, we will be walking to help children who suffer from dyslexia. I want to impress upon you the importance of the work done at Rochester's own Frank & Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children, Inc. This Center has been in the business of helping children suffering from Dyslexia cope with this life-long condition. Our Learning Center has had tremendous success. Children graduating from this program have, on average, progressed more than two grade levels in reading, spelling and other areas affected by Dyslexia. All this work is offered free of charge to our students and their families. The average cost per student is \$5,000 per year.

That is where you come in. We need your footsteps. We need you, your friends and family members to walk for our students in their fight against Dyslexia. We need you to put on some sneakers and walk

three and a half miles to support the Rochester Frank & Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children, Inc. Ask your friends and family members to walk with you. In fact, if you could get five other people to walk with you, we would be well on our way to achieving our objectives. Make a morning of it. The more the merrier (and more fundraising for the Center!).

The details are:

Date: Saturday - October 9th
Location: Monroe Community College - Brighton Campus
Time: 9:30 a.m., Registration; 10:30 a.m. walk begins.
Pre-registration: Contact the Valley of Rochester, AASR at 264-1160, or register via the internet at:

www.dyslexiawalk.org

Registration: \$15.00 Adult, \$5.00 for Children under 12.
If for some reason you can't walk, consider making a donation to the walk, or consider volunteering during the day of the walk. We will need a minimum of 60 volunteers to make this event a success.

What is in it for you, you might ask? First and foremost, the satisfaction of helping in the success of our young people over the frustrations of Dyslexia. If you walk (or volunteer) you will receive a long sleeved t-shirt (long sleeved due to the fact we are in Rochester), a day to get out with friends and family, and a chance to make a difference. That is what you will get out of making some "footsteps."

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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:

Sovereign Grand Commander

Ill.: Walter E. Webber, 33°

Grand Minister of State

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Active Members for New York

Ill.: Gary A. Henningsen, 33°

Ill.: Frederick D. Greene, 33°

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Ill.: Bruce Widger, 33°,

Past Deputy for New York

Ill.: Richard H. Welkley, 33°

Master of Entrances

Lowell Falkey

Together, we plan to do our best to fulfill our mission of presenting family oriented programs within the Valley, which will bring individual families together within the Scottish Rite family.

Do you know that even within the Craft, there are those Brothers who do not know that there is a Scottish Rite? Obviously, therefore, they cannot know what it means to be a Scottish Rite Mason. What a shame to miss out on one of the greatest opportunities of a lifetime. Why? Because to be a Scottish Rite Mason, is a challenge to the best qualities that are in a man. His private life; his everyday actions; his business contacts; his general associations with his fellowman, are all affected by the truths he learns and the human understanding he gains through his experience in the Scottish Rite. At least it should be thus if he takes his Scottish Rite lessons seriously.

The experience and understanding he acquires in the Scottish Rite clothe him with a power of thought that influences his daily endeavor. It makes him a constructive example for the good of the neighborhood and community in which he lives and conducts his labors.

His communion with other members of the Rite is a privilege and an association valuable to him and to them. It cre-

Sovereign Prince

By Norman Austin

Our Masonic year is now underway. We've enjoyed the Red Wings baseball game, the Annual Outing, and the Day of Tishri has been celebrated. We're looking forward to the Symbolic Lodge Awards and Worshipful Masters' Recognition Ceremony, as well as the Walk-a-Thon at MCC on October 9th. The proceeds from the latter will benefit the Fred & Bette Paul 32° Learning Center. There will, hopefully, be a good turnout at each event.

Last year, the Council of Princes of Jerusalem performed brilliantly under the tutelage of Sovereign Prince, George Nasra. I can only hope to carry the torch he has passed to me and, along with the other Officers of the Council, continue such stellar performance.

The Officers of the Council for the 2004-2005 year are:

Sovereign Prince
Norman Austin
High Priest James Jenerson
Sr. Warden Reginald Reed
Jr. Warden John Fulmore, Jr.
Master of Ceremonies
Allen Fowler

ates an incentive to contribute the best that he has in him for the uplift of humanity and the advancement of the Brotherhood of Man. He is a builder of character.

The Scottish Rite knows no creed but the creed of Brotherly Love and Tolerance. Its force is felt in every corner of the world where man breathes in true consciousness of Truth, Justice, Tolerance and Brotherly Love.

As Scottish Rite Masons, let us ever be conscious of that important fact, and let us not fail in this responsibility.

In closing, may I leave you with this food for thought, the author of which, I unfortunately cannot credit: "The light of true friendship is like the light of phosphorus—seen plainest when all around us is dark."

Degree Club
By Mike Knolla

If I know one thing, it's that there's always a learning curve. I don't care how good an athlete you are, if your sport is baseball and you try to pick up cricket, you're still going to look like an idiot the first few times you're on the pitch. So, while I consider myself reasonably well organized and good at the theatre arts, I didn't delude myself into believing that I'd be infallible in getting this new club up and running. Lesson number one for me; it doesn't matter when you wrote the article, it matters when the published article reaches your audience. While it was all well and good to say last time that our next rehearsal would be August 22nd, if you didn't get to read the article until after that, it's pointless. Well, consider the lesson learned as I'm taking the space in this article to inform you of the full schedule through our performance.

Sunday, October 17th, 5-7 p.m. at Wakan/Hubbard Lodge.

Sunday, November 14th, 5-7 p.m. Dress rehearsal at Damascus Shrine Center.

Thursday, November 18th - Perform 13th Degree as part of the regularly scheduled meeting at Damascus Shrine Center.

With that out of the way, I would like to again extend my invitation to all interested Scottish Rite members to come out to a rehearsal and see what is going on. It's never too late. If you were too busy this Summer, believe me, I understand, but don't let that delay you now. We're committed to this program for the long haul, so even if you just show up for the dress rehearsal to be a guard in Solomon's court for the 13th, hopefully you'll have such a good time that you'll stay with it for the 4th Degree we're planning to do in the Winter of 2005 or the 28th Degree at our April Reunion. I think those who attended had a good time and can testify that the meals are good.

I'd also like to encourage everyone else to mark their calendars and come out and watch this performance. If you haven't come out in a while, this is the perfect opportunity as it's a regularly scheduled week night meeting instead of a weekend. There will only be one Degree being performed, and the Brothers have been really working hard to give you a great show.

2nd Annual Scottish Rite children's theater

Everyone who attended or participated in our unique program last year enjoyed it, so I thought I'd try it again. This time we are combining it with our annual Toys for Tots Program and it will be held in December. While I was happy with all the Brothers performances, there was no doubt that the most acclaimed per-

former at the event was none other than Gary Burke's wonderful daughter, Ashley. She was also first to have her lines memorized, I might add! So, on the theme of learning my lessons, we will be having an encore performance of "It Will All Work Out." Hopefully, I can get Ashley to reprise her role, as well as an all new, as yet unwritten, work for a full children's cast.

If you have a son or daughter who enjoys acting, please call me a 325-6880 and let me know their name and age so that I can write the script with my performers in mind. I'll need to know by at least October 10th so that I can have it ready for rehearsals, which would start in October and then work around Thanksgiving. I'm thinking four or five total rehearsals where I would need everyone to attend at least two and the dress rehearsal to give you an idea of the time commitment. I would, of course, tailor the schedule to be as accommodating of my volunteers as possible.

Hopefully, we can turn this into a big success!

Reach Out and Say Hello
By Roy L. Williams

By the time you read this the first Brother Bring-a-Brother Night will have been held. I hope you were successful in getting some candidates. We have a goal of at least one candidate from each of the 36 Craft Lodges in our Valley. So, "Reach Out and Say Hello" to every Brother you see. You never know who is just waiting for someone to ask him and explain what it means to become a 32° Mason.

In the book, *Gates of Fire*, by Steven Pressfield, there is a speech given by Leonidas, King of the Spartans. It sums up why we are 32° Masons. "Nothing good in life comes but at a price. Sweetest of all is liberty. This we have chosen and this we pay for. We have embraced the laws of Lykurgus, and they are stern laws. They have schooled us to scorn the life of leisure which this rich land of ours would bestow upon us if we wished, and instead to enroll ourselves in the academy of discipline and sacrifice. Guided by these laws, our fathers for twenty generations have breathed the blessed air of freedom and have paid the bill in full when it was presented. We, their sons, can do no less."

Remember, the road to success is not straight. There is a curve called Failure, a loop called Confusion, speed bumps called Friends, red lights called Enemies, caution lights called Family. You will have flats called jobs. But, if you have a spare called Determination, an engine called Perseverance, insurance called Faith, a driver called The Great Architect, you will make it to a place called Success.

Finally, if you need assistance with talking to a candidate or your Lodge needs assistance, call the Consistory Office and someone will get back to you to work out the details.

Support your Craft Lodge and "Reach Out and Say Hello."

Monroe District HiLights, OES

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

We are coming to the end of our term as Grand Officers of the District. Our new Grand Officers will be installed at Grand Session on October 14th at Lake Placid. Rt. Wthy. Bill and I had a wonderful year. It was a hard start with Rt. Wthy. Bill in the hospital, but all is OK for now. We had our Line Officers meetings and made our plans for Grand Session and for the District Banquet on October 29th, at The Party House on Beahan Road.

The 2004 Worthy Matrons worked hard this year and they accomplished a lot. At the Long Range Planning Committee, we discussed the Surveys that were sent out and decided that we would try a Monroe District newsletter to be sent out by December of this year. We have a committee working on the format and, hopefully, the Planning Committee will approve it. We will then collect information from each Chapter so that we can have it in the newsletter for all to read. We are not sure how this will go, but we will give it a try and hope to receive comments about how good or bad it was. So, please be patient. We will do our best.

Thanks to all, and we will see our Sisters and Brothers at the Monroe District All-Star meetings that are held on the 3rd Wednesdays of the month.

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

Summer has come and gone, and by the time you receive this we will have had our first meeting of the Fall season. Hopefully, our picnic dinner on September 21st was well attended, not only by our own Chapter members, but by many of our Sisters and Brothers in the District and their guests.

Sickness, distress and good news

Joy Woodley had some severe back problems. Thankfully, she is now much better - nearly back to her bubbly self. Ruth Peck got into a fight with a spider - unfortunately the spider won resulting in a severe reaction. Fortunately, with medication, by the time you read this, her red face should be back to normal.

We were saddened to hear that Marlene White recently lost her mother.

Ruth and Wes Beard journeyed to Punta Gorda to assess the damage to their home as a result of Hurricane Charley. Although they experienced some damage, they were quite fortunate. Unlike many in the area, their home is livable and repairable. They are now looking forward to heading south

with the "snow-birds."

Congratulations to Bill and Sandy (Chase) Kuehne on their marriage in August.

A little birdie told us that Ron Turney and Bev Knowlton are getting married October 10th. I know you will want to send them a card.

Mark and I recently had a very pleasant visit with Eva Anderson. Great to see her looking so good. If you are in the Canandaigua area, be sure to stop in. You'll enjoy visiting with her.

Scheduled meetings

October 1st - Our first Spaghetti Dinner of the year. Be sure to contact Ruth Beard at (315) 524-3815 and tell her you will be able to help.

October 5th - Master Mason's night at 7:30 p.m.

October 12th-16th - Grand Sessions at Lake Placid. Mark and I are looking forward to representing the Chapter.

October 19th - Pot Luck Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Meeting to follow - Past Matrons/Past Patrons Night.

October 28th - Webster Chapter will be preparing and serving dinner for the Past Grands Association. I know you all will want to help. Please call me.

October 29th - Monroe District Banquet - Beahan Party House. Reservations made through Faythe Mattern.

Thought for the day

Age is not the years of your life, but the liveliness of your years.

NOLATKA Chapter No. 320
Order of the Eastern Star
1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Matron Wthy. Cynthia Nielsen 889-4207
Patron Wthy. Robert Crystal 473-0279
Sec. Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings 594-4692
22 South Main Street
Churchville 14428

By Wthy. Alice Hassett
Meetings

On October 5th, next year's Officers will practice conducting the meeting, as we hold the annual Advancement Night.

October 19th is an Initiation Ceremony, which Chapters must hold once each year. All are to wear white gowns.

Rochester Chapter No. 314
Order of the Eastern Star
First Saturday, 8:00 p.m.
Matron
Wthy. Susan Duff 635-5636
Patron
Rt. Wthy. William Zufall 271-0795
Secretary
Rt. Wthy. Barbara Mertens 452-0994
133 South Union Street
Spencerport 14559-1337

By Wthy. Linda Zahn

On October 2nd, at 6:30 p.m., we will have our Quarter-a-Dip Dinner, followed by an open meeting at 8:00 p.m. Please bring your friends, with appetites, and don't forget your own. Members, please bring your own table service, plus some for your friends. We hope to see many of you there.



At the Annual Banquet in August, Dedicated Service Awards were presented to three Sublime Princes. Shown following the proceedings are (from left): Ill. Stephen Whittaker, 33°, Deputy's Representative; Ill. Harold Aldrich, 33°, Deputy for the State of New York; Gregory Ludwig, 32° DSA; David Crawford, 32° DSA; Ill. Robert Pedersen, Commander-in-Chief. Raymond Beardsley, 32° DSA, was absent.

PLEASE WALK!
First Annual
Rochester Walk for Dyslexic Children
October 9, 2004
Monroe Community College
Brighton Campus, Lot G
Registration - 9:30 a.m.
Walk - 10:30 a.m.
REGISTRATION: \$15.00 - Adult
\$5.00 - Children under 12
Call the Rochester Scottish Rite Office at 264-1160;
use the Internet at: www.dyslexicwalk.org
or register at the event.
Invite family and friends to walk with you
and make a morning of it!

24th, 25th, 27th & 29th Districts - RAM
8th Cryptic District - R&SM
Zones 11 & 12 - Knights Templar

York Rite NEWS

York Rite College
Judas Maccabeus

District Deputy Grand High Priest

24th
District
RAM



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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

District Deputy Grand Master



8th
Cryptic
District

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To all Companions of the 24th Capitular District and beyond, as I mentioned in my last communiqué, the Grand King, R.:E.: Walter Hilsenbeck, will make his Official Visit to the 24th Capitular District on Monday, November 1st. Palmyra Eagle Chapter will host this special visit at the Palmyra Masonic Temple, 161 East Main Street, Palmyra. There will be a dinner at the Yellow Mills Restaurant at 6:00 p.m. I expect every Companion from our District to stretch his cable to the max to attend and show R.:E.: Hilsenbeck how much we appreciate and welcome his visit.

Please keep in mind an event arranged by the Special Events Committee on October 2nd. This is a parade to the Masonic Temple in Canajoharie, NY at 11:00 a.m., lunch at noon and an historic Chapter opening, using Ritual from our earliest beginnings, at 2:00 p.m. Reservations are required and can be made by contacting Companion Robert Lindholm at 518-673-5470 or by email: rllindhol@telenet.net

Another special event is the Grand Lecturer's Convention on October 11th. This will be held at Newark Chapter. As is our usual custom, there will be a dinner prior to the Convention at the Cross Park Family Restaurant, 121 State Route 31, just East of the Village of Newark, at 6:00 p.m.

I urge all Companions to support their Chapters and Sister Chapters with their attendance:

Palmyra Eagle Chapter meets in the Palmyra Masonic Temple, 161 East Main Street, Palmyra, at 7:30 p.m., the first Monday of the month;

Newark Chapter meets in Newark Masonic Temple, 210 East Avenue, Newark, at 7:30 p.m., the second Monday of the month;

Wayne Chapter meets in the Sodus Masonic Temple, 4 East Main Street, Sodus, at 8:00 p.m., the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. (Note: their first meeting of this Masonic year will be the fourth Tuesday of October.)

My hope is to see you, and I do mean you, around the Holy Altar of Royal Arch Masonry in Friendship and Brotherly Love.

Companions, this past month has been a busy one for York Rite. I was pleased to attend, for my first time, the Annual Outdoor M.:E.: Osco W. Peterson Memorial RAM Degrees at Lake Osco (a very large man-made pond, 6 miles Southeast of Watkins Glen near the town of Odessa, not on any map). Osco Peterson was a well known York Rite Mason in the Southern Tier, who intended to retire here; but passed away in 1992 from a swimming accident in Florida.

There was a great turnout for the Degrees and the food was excellent, including freshly-picked corn-on-the-cob. M.:E.: James W. Hemstrought, Jr., was there to try and drive the rain clouds away. He was 95% successful. After the start of the Mark Master Mason Degree, the rain drove the Degree into a Lodge room in Montour Falls. This event benefits the RAM Scholarship Fund. I hope you will put this event on your next Summer's calendar.

It was my pleasure to assist the Grand High Priest, M.:E.: James W. Hemstrought, Jr., in presenting R.:E.: Larry Dunn his Apron as Grand Representative of Kansas, on August 12th. Larry has served RAM and York Rite in many functions and was the Assistant Treasurer for Grand Chapter. Larry has been a good friend and good counsel for many years to many people.

York Rite Masons from Palmyra asked if I would assist them at the Child ID Program at the New York State Fair. This is a great way to serve the public and also to get us in the public eye. The children are videotaped and then sit for a personal ID card with their picture and fingerprints.

On September 8th, the Temple Civic Center of Rochester distributed 88% of the cash assets (\$475,000) in the initial step towards dissolving the corporation. The remaining funds will be distributed after a final audit and all legal fees and other claims are paid, sometime early next year. Please contact your TCC representative for details.

The Traveling Keystone is still at Bath Chapter and should be moving to another Chapter soon.

Companions, I sincerely hope that each of you has had an enjoyable Summer. It was wonderful to see so many at the picnics and other events. The annual Chapter Picnic at Hickory Park in Bergen, was a great success again this year. Music for the picnic was provided by R.:E.: Karl-Heinz Reich and appreciated by all who attended.

The District Picnic, as always, had plenty of food. My steak was cooked to perfection. R.:E.: Jerold Brade outdid himself on the grill.

Mark your calendars for the following dates and join the Companions and me at LeRoy Chapter.

Dates

At the October 26th meeting, the By-Laws Committee will present their report. Plan on attending this very important meeting.

November 23rd will be election and installation of officers.

Palmyra/Eagle Chapter No. 79

1st Monday, 7:30 p.m.



High Priest
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ukcy@juno.com

Secretary
R. Stuart
Smith
(315) 597-9763

Palmyra Masonic Temple
161 East Main Street, Palmyra 14522

Palmyra Eagle Chapter is ready to roll once again! The next stated convocation, after the Summer recess, will be held on Monday, October 4th, in the Palmyra Masonic Temple, 161 East Main Street, Palmyra, at 7:30 p.m.

The program for the evening will revolve around getting the Chapter prepared for the Official Visit of the Grand King, R.:E.: Walter Hilsenbeck, on Monday, November 1st.

Let us make every effort to be fully prepared for this Grand Officer's visit by attending the October convocation. As an added incentive, light refreshments will be served after the meeting!

I look forward to seeing you, and I do mean you, around the Holy Altar of Royal Arch Masonry in Friendship and Brotherly Love.

I enjoyed Grand Council in Ronkonkoma, Long Island, the 3rd weekend in August. The food was better than standard fare at such events. It was a pleasant 7-hour drive each way. It was great to see local area Mason, M.:I.: Stephen Licht, installed as Grand Master of Cryptic Masons. The Annual Cryptic Assembly will be in Rochester, for the next two years. It was my pleasure to nominate R.:I.: Arnold Palmer to the Grand Line. He was accepted.

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Upcoming event

Saturday, October 16th, at 7:00 p.m., will be the Reception for M.:I.: Stephen A. Licht at the Batavia Holiday Inn. Reservation forms can be found on the Grand Council's website: www.nycryptic.org. Banquet menu choices are Prime Rib au jus (\$30), Grilled Salmon (\$30) or Chicken Wellington (\$25).

Palmyra Council No. 26

Cryptic Masons
1st Thursdays, 8:00 p.m.

Master
I.: F. Edward
(Ted) Powley
(315) 483-2745

Secretary
David W. Taber
388-0629

Palmyra Masonic Temple
161 East Main Street

Companions, our new Fall session will commence on Thursday, October 7th. We will have as our guests, R.:I.: Joseph Foglietti, Grand Captain of the Guard, and his lady, Alice. We will have dinner at

Osco Peterson Memorial Outdoor Degrees, Lake Osco near the Grand Chapter of New York, August 28th.

(Photos by John Dudley)

the Yellow Mills Diner on Route 31, West of the Village of Palmyra at 6:30 p.m. Ladies and guests are welcome to join us for dinner off the menu. This will be Dutch treat.

At 8 o'clock, we will open Council at Palmyra Masonic Temple to conduct necessary business, close and then welcome the ladies and guests to hear R.:I.: Joseph Foglietti's remarks. From R.:I.: Foglietti's communications, he believes we should include our ladies and families in more of our functions so they understand Cryptic Masonry better and have a chance to meet our Companions.

I look forward to seeing you and your lady on the 7th for dinner and to hear of your Summer activities. R.:I.: Cy White and I, with our ladies, ventured down to Long Island for the Grand Council Annual Assembly with an adventure or two to tell you!

Doric Council No. 19 Cryptic Masons

(Chartered 1861)

3rd Wednesday



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As I sit here writing this month's article, it's that time of year again, school has started, the sun is setting earlier, the nights are getting colder, and the leaves will soon start changing color. Football season is now upon us (whether it's high school, college, or pro), the World Series is just around the corner, and Fall is in the air. What this also means, is that work has begun again in the quarries and that the York Rite Masonic year is now upon us.

Before I continue, let me take a minute and pass along my condolences to the family and friends of Companion and Congressman, Honorable Frank J. Horton, who recently passed away. It was an honor and privilege to have him as a member of our Chapter, as well as having him as a member of Doric Council.

Royal Arch news

Since my last article, our Royal Arch year has already started full throttle. On September 9th, we had the honor and distinction of having with us, M.:E.: James W. Hemstrought Jr., Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons for the State of New York, to present



R.: E.: Larry Dunn, his Apron as the Grand Representative of Kansas. It was quite the memorable evening to sit and chat with him over dinner, as well as to have him present as I presided over Chapter that evening. We also had with us that night, the District Deputy Grand High Priest, John Dudley, and the Assistant Grand Lecturer, George Springett.

Upcoming events

October 1st - 3rd: Canadian Visit. Details - R.: E.: Charles Roberts, Secretary, or R.: E.: Tom Paglia, Canadian Visit Committee Chairman.

October 14th - Masonic Education Night. Prince Henry Sinclair, The Knights Templar, and The Discovery of America. Dinner 6:30 p.m.

October 28th - Holy Royal Arch Degree. Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Cryptic news

Since we haven't had a meeting yet as I write this article, and because the *Masonic Times* deadline for the month occurs prior to our meeting, the only thing noteworthy to mention, is that the weekend of August 20th - 22nd was Grand Council. I wasn't able to attend because of my work schedule (nights, weekends, and holidays), but R.: I.: John Dudley, our new District Deputy Grand Master, served as proxy for me. Since our September meeting was also his Official Visit, I hope to have a full report for you next month. I would also like to congratulate R.: I.: Charles Roberts (Treasurer) on being elected Deputy Grand Master, and R.: I.: Arnold Palmer on being appointed Grand Steward.

Upcoming events

October 16th - Most Illustrious Grand Master's Reception, Batavia

October 20th - Royal Master Degree. Dinner 6:30 p.m.

October 21st - Thrice Illustrious Master Degree in Schenectady.

Nundawaga Council No. 92

4th Mondays
West Main Street
LeRoy 14482

R.: I.: Merle L. Robinson
Master - 343-5159
I.: Vernon G. Rupert
Recorder - 343-8429

Companions, the 181st Annual Assembly, Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York, was held in Ronkonkoma. A very memorable Grand Assembly it was, with the election of Nundawaga Council's Stephen A. Licht to the office of Most Illustrious Grand Master, for the 2004-2005 Cryptic year.

At the September 27th meeting, following the Grand Conclave, Grand Master Licht was formally received in his home assembly. He was accompanied by fellow Council members, R.: I.: Jerold A. Brade, Grand Sentinel and R.: I.: and Rev. Charles H. Lee, Grand Chaplain.

Reception

Nundawaga Council will host a Reception, honoring Grand Master Stephen A. Licht, Saturday, October 16th, at the Holiday Inn, Batavia. Menu

choices are Prime Rib au jus (\$30.00), Grilled Salmon (\$30.00), or Chicken Wellington (\$25.00). Reservations must be received by October 9th. Contact our Recorder, Vernon G. Rupert, P.O. Box 122, Alexander, NY 14005-0122. Phone 343-8429; Email vgrupert@genessit.com.

Fall schedule

Illustrious Master Merle Robinson announces a Table Council Meeting will be held at the October 25th meeting. Ladies are invited. The cost will be \$10.00. Note - "a reservation made is a reservation paid." Please notify the Recorder of your reservation intent by October 17th.

At our November 22nd meeting, R.: I.: Joseph A. Foglietti, Grand Captain of the Guard, will make a Grand Officer visit to Nundawaga Council. More about this in the next *Masonic Times* issue.

Batavia Commandery No. 34 Knights Templar

2nd & 4th Thursdays

Commander
SK Norman H. Steinbaugh
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Recorder
SK James MacConnell
494-1815
39 Main Street, Attica 14011

Our September 9th conclave is still a week away as this is being written and, by the time it is read, Grand Commandery will be history and reported upon at our September 23rd conclave. Nonetheless, the Sir Knights of Batavia Commandery extend best wishes to Sir Knight George Knorr and the Grand Line for a successful year. A Reception and Banquet will be held in honor of the Grand Commander at the Holiday Inn Arena, Binghamton, on Saturday, October 9th at 6:00 p.m.

Dates to remember

A dinner at 6:30 p.m. will precede the October 28th conclave. The meat will be furnished and a letter will be sent for dishes to pass. As always, bring your own table service for the meal.

The only November event is the annual Thanksgiving Dinner, which will be held on November 11th at 6:30 p.m. The turkey will be furnished; the rest of the feast will be provided by the Sir Knights and ladies.

Looking ahead, the December date to remember is the Christmas Toast, December 9th. More on this later.

Sagoyewatha Commandery No. 17

3rd Saturday, 9 a.m.

Commander
SK F. Edward Powley
(315) 483-2745
Recorder
SK David Taber
(585) 388-0629
Phelps, NY

Our September conclave found several Sir Knights still on Summer travels. That was understandable, since our Summer weather didn't come until late August! We did enjoy our pre-meeting breakfast, catching up on what Sir Knights did over the recess.

Cryptic Masons Assemble for Grand Council

By R.: I.: and Rev. Charles H. Lee, Grand Chaplain, Correspondent

The 181st Annual Assembly of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York, was held August 20-21, in Ronkonkoma, Long Island. The sands of time flowed as the assembly met near the renowned sandy shores of the Atlantic Ocean. The Grand Council is composed of a total of 45 local Councils across the State, with a total membership of just over 1400 Cryptic Masons.

Grand Master of Masons of the State of New York, M.: W.: Edward R. Trosin; the Grand High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of New York, M.: E.: James W. Hemstrought, Jr., and Sir Knight Paul Barrera, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of the State of New York, all active in local Cryptic Councils of the State, were among many honored guests. Also included was representation from the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Valleys of New York. This shows the cooperation of the total of Masonry, a theme of these presiding Officers.

The sands of the hourglass for the term of M.: I.: Donald Harrison as Grand Master, ended its flow, while the sands for the term of 2004-2005 Grand Master, M.: I.: Stephen A. Licht of Nundawaga Council, LeRoy, began.

This marks only the second time in the history of the Grand Council when a Nundawaga member assumed the highest office of the Grand Council. Gordon M. Caner served during the year 1975-1976, but died as his annual session of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New York was to begin in the city of Niagara Falls.

Western New York will provide the top leadership for Grand Council for the 2005-2006 year, also with the election to the office of Deputy Grand Master of R.: I.: and Rev. Charles M. Roberts of Rochester. Other area Cryptic Masons serving as Grand Officers for the 2004-2005 year include: Past Grand Master, M.: I.: Raymond R. Beardley, Grand Treasurer, who served as the Installing Grand Master for this year's Grand Officers; Keith E. Dash of Buffalo, Grand Conductor of the Council; Arnold E. Palmer of Rochester, Grand Steward; Jerrold Brade of Batavia, Grand Sentinel; and Rev. Charles H. Lee, Installing Grand Chaplain and Grand Chaplain again this year.

John A. Dudley of Doric Council, Rochester, was installed as the District Deputy Grand Master for the 8th Cryptic District of six area Councils - Doric, Rochester; Palmyra, Palmyra; Hornelsville, Hornell; Bath, Bath; Skoi Yase, Geneva; and Nundawaga,

There was a little rust to knock off as we opened for the Fall. SK William C. Jones, Zone Commander, went over the Fall schedule that I will abbreviate here and gave us some insight as to what might happen at the 191st Annual Conclave in Buffalo.

October 9th, there will be a Reception and Banquet for SK George Knorr, Grand Commander, in Binghamton.



Grand Master M.: I.: Stephen A. Licht (center) takes the Oath of his Office at the New York Grand Council Installation, assisted by Arnold Palmer, Grand Steward (left), and Rev. Charles M. Roberts, Deputy Grand Master.

(Photos courtesy of Charles H. Lee)

LeRoy. As such, he is the personal representative of the Grand Master in overseeing the Cryptic activities of these Councils.

Western New York Councils honored during the Annual Assembly included Buffalo/Keystone for gaining 12 Companions during the 2003-2004 year, most new members received by any Council in the State. Hamburg, of the Buffalo area, received honor for the initiation of 6 Companions, the fourth highest gain in the State.

Grand Council has supported the Parkinson's Disease Fund through its Grand Council Charity Fund and the Parkinson Disease Foundation for many years. The foundation was the recipient of over \$7,500 during the period of August 1, 2003 to July 31, 2004; the grant made from the Permanent Funds of the corporation, which total over three hundred thirty eight thousand dollars, even with a 0.31% decrease in value over the past year.

Five of 14 Councils achieving an average contribution per Companion in support of this Grand Council Charity Fund for Parkinson's Disease Fund of \$5.00 or more per member are from our area. They included the third top supporter, Doric, Rochester (\$24.04); fourth, Nundawaga, LeRoy (\$24.00); eighth, Palmyra (\$6.07); eleventh, Skoi Yase of Geneva (\$5.78); and twelfth, Buffalo/Keystone 17, Buffalo (\$5.35).

During the Saturday evening Banquet, special honors from the General Grand Council International were presented. Lady Helen Markham, widow of the Rev. Don Markham, Grand Chaplain, and Lady Betty Van Etten, wife of Charles Van Etten, Past Most Puissant General Grand Master, General Grand Council, Cryptic Masons International received the prestigious "Lady of the Council Award." This is a new Award, designed to honor ladies of Cryptic Masonry. Companion Alvin



Fred G. Hickein, Past Grand Master and former Grand Recorder of Grand Council, prepares presentation of the Grand Master's Jewel to M.: I.: Stephen A. Licht.

Lilley from Bruce Council No. 15, Lockport, received the General Award International Cryptic Mason of the Year citation. These were presented by Grand Master Harrison along with Most Puissant Ronald E. Fullerton, General Grand Recorder, General Grand Council Cryptic Masons International.

Both the 182nd Annual Assembly, August 19-20, 2005 and the 183rd Annual Assembly in August of 2006, will be held in Rochester.

Additional information concerning the General Grand Council International and, more especially, the Grand Council can be found through the New York State Cryptic Website: www.nycryptic.org. Companion Paul E. McCullough, a member of Nundawaga Council, is the Chairman of the Website Committee. There have been over 17,200 visitors since its inception four years ago, and during the past year, over seven thousand three hundred.

Helpful information about Cryptic Masonry and Masonry in General can be obtained via this means, available in this age of technology. This may be the last item mentioned, but it is not the least important for New York State Cryptic Masonry.

On October 16th, we will have our regular conclave at Phelps Lodge, preceded by breakfast at the Blue Ribbon Restaurant at 7:29 a.m.

On October 18th, there will be a Zone School of Instruction at Cyrene/Monroe Commandery, at 7:30 p.m.

So you can mark your calendar, the Western Regional School of Instruction is at Hes-

perus Lodge, Bergen, on November 6th. The Orders will be given in Hornell, at DeMolay Commandery on November 13th. The normal "cast" is expected to participate as last year. A class of 6 candidates is already in place.

So there you have it, a very busy Fall schedule. Plenty of opportunity to participate and to travel. Be safe and happy.



Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

Legion
Clowns
Caldron
Historian



Jerry Spero, Monarch

Secretary's Column

By Ken Hutchinson

During the past two years, it has been suggested at various times that we create a Grotto website. We have a computer, donated by our Monarch. Efforts, made in a feeble way, ended in negative results.

At the last Board of Governors meeting, our Monarch brought up the matter again. He asked that we really do something about it. Communication Plus of Albion, submitted a detailed description of creation/publication, set-up, and hosting/maintenance of the proposed website, which was read. After a brief discussion, a tie vote was taken. The matter was tabled until the next meeting.

Something that B.G. Parson, PM, wrote in February, 1936, seems worth repeating:

Boost Your Grotto
Boost you Order,



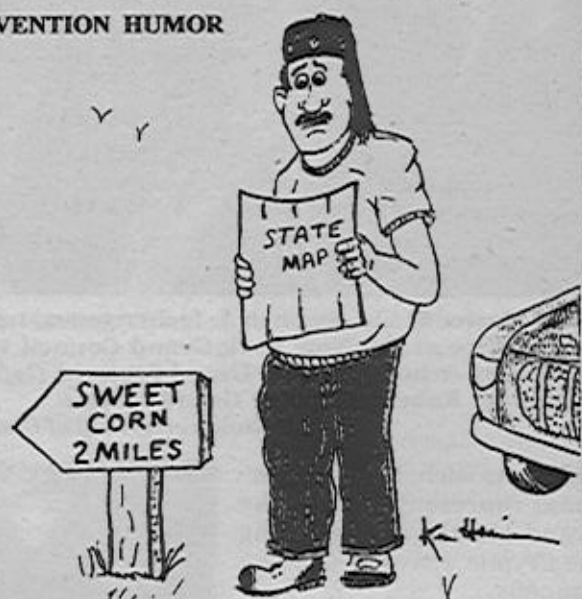
Prophet David King and Kenneth Hutchinson, PM, welcome Monarch Bryant G. Parsons, Jr., of Galae Grotto, who is trying on a Lalla Rookh Grotto Fez. Bryant Sr., (photo below circa 1936), was Monarch of Lalla Rookh Grotto in 1936.

Boost your friend,
Boost the Grotto you attend;
Boost for every forward movement,
Boost every new improvement;
Cease to be a chronic knocker,
Cease to be a progress blocker;
If you make your Grotto better,
Boost it to the letter. x



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Jerry Spero
Monarch
334-7616

hold their Ball at the Holiday Inn Holidome in Henrietta. Contact Ken Rhodes at 621-6051 for reservations.

Orak Grotto in Bradford, PA, has scheduled their Monarch's Ball for November 19th. You may contact either Ken Hutchinson, or me, for information. x

Master of Ceremonies

By Norm Austin

We will have a busy meeting in October, which will be our Fall Ceremonial, as well as the nomination of officers for the next year.

Our social hour starts at 5:00 p.m., with dinner at 6:30 p.m. The dinner choices are Swiss Steak with baked potato, or Chicken at \$7.00 per person and is by reservation only. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. Please phone me at 234-0296 for reservations so there will be enough food for everyone.

See you there! x

Caldron

By Doris Bell, MCO

Time to get back to business now that Fall is here. Thanks to all the Daughters who have given me support and encouragement while I am recovering from recent hip replacement surgery.

A belated thank you to Daughter Sue Wilson and her committee for the splendid job she did organizing the Supreme Visitation. At your first opportunity, please welcome our new members, Daughters Joan Palmer and Joy Woodley.

Our October meeting, scheduled for the 14th, will be at our new location, Unity Lodge in Spencerport. We will be presenting annual reports and conducting our election of Officers; wrapping up all the loose ends from this year and hearing all about the fun the Daughters had in Orlando.

The New York State White Fez Club will have its Fall Luncheon Meeting on Saturday, October 2nd, at Cartwright's Inn at 12:30 p.m. All are welcome, not just White Fez gals. Menu choices: Prime Rib Sandwich, Broiled or Fried Scal-

lops, or Stuffed Chicken Breast. Cost of the meal is \$13.00. Please make reservations with Daughter Sue Wilson.

Save the date!

On October 21st we will have our Executive Council Banquet. Please check with Daughter Cecil Losinger for details.

Installation for the 2004-2005 Officers will be Saturday, October 30th, at 2:00 p.m. The Ceremony will take place at Unity Lodge in Spencerport. This is an open meeting; all are welcome to attend. Please do!

Keep our ailing Daughters in your thoughts and prayers, especially Daughters Jean Wood and Cecil Losinger.

I hope to see you soon. Stay safe and God bless. x

Attend Grotto Meetings

Sat., October 2nd -
Caldron White Fez
Luncheon,
Cartwright's,
12:30 p.m.

Mon., October 4th -
Board of Governors
Meeting, Shrine
Center, 7:00 p.m.

Thurs., October 14th -
Caldron meeting
Unity Lodge

Mon., October 18th -
Legion of Honor
Nutcracker
Restaurant

Wed., October 20th -
Grotto Meeting
Shrine Center
Social 5:30 p.m.
Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Sat., October 30th -
Caldron Installation
Unity Lodge

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I have been in contact with Bryant G. Parsons, Jr., 2003-2004 Monarch of Galae Grotto, North Fort Myers, Florida, for over a year. His father was Bryant, Sr., Lalla Rookh Grotto Monarch in 1936.

Bry, Jr., visited our Grotto when he was here in July. He donated his father's Fez and several buttons for our glass case, along with photos and news articles from 1936. I would be remiss if I didn't relate some of these events.

Bryant G. Parsons, Sr.

Born in Springfield, Massachusetts on October 17, 1894, he joined the Navy in WW I and was a cook aboard a troop transport. In 1920, he became a Mason in Hampden Lodge and a Prophet in 1921 in Bela Grotto No. 37 of Springfield.

Bry, Sr., followed in his father's footsteps and became an erecting engineer in the Skinner Organ Company of Boston. He married, and later, he and his wife, Ruth, moved to Rochester.

Bry, Jr., was born on his father's birthday, while his sister, Bina, was born on her mother's birthday, August 18th. Bry, Sr., joined Lalla Rookh Grotto in 1927 and got very involved. He was in line in 1930.

He was assistant editor of the *Grand Alarm* in 1933, when the name was changed to the *Grotto News*. He became its editor and business manager. He became manager of

the Rodeo after he was Monarch, a post he held for some 25 years.

1936 Highlights

On February 26th, Master Mason Night saw 339 in attendance.

March 25th, 43 new Prophets were initiated.

April 11th, The Pipe Band had a party. Toronto Radio Singers entertained, along with vaudeville acts and three hours of dancing.

May 2nd Ceremonial, with 350 for dinner at 50 cents each. Thirty-nine candidates, with a Supreme Council Visit.

June 24th had an attendance of 211.

The Grotto Rodeo was from July 21st - 25th. Tuesday was Grotto Night. Two western ponies were given away free. One ticket was given to each person entering. The Grotto entertained many children's groups at no charge.

July 27th was the second Annual Golf Tournament, held at Lake Shore Country Club. Bry "played" his first game and insisted he won, as he had the highest score (finished 15th out of 26th).

A picnic was held at Corbett's Glen on August 15th. A tag-along from the Masonic Temple at 1:30 p.m. to Brighton. Bring your own basket lunch. Free ice cream, suckers, peanuts, orangeade and coffee.

On October 2nd, a Clam Bake was held for 97 Prophets, provided by Prophet Louis Rund.

On October 28th, a Halloween Party with the ladies, was after the meeting.

During the year, Monarch Parsons read a letter from George Hatch, PGM, who resigned as Trustee citing the new By-Laws gave the Board of Directors all the power and left none for the Trustees.

Bryant, Sr., established his own pipe organ company in Rochester. Bryant, Jr., was discharged from the Navy after WW II, and joined his father in the business. It became Bryant G. Parsons, Inc.

Today, Bry, Sr., has passed on. Bry, Jr., has retired and

now resides in Florida. His sons, Richard and Kevin, run the Parsons Pipe Organ Company in Canandaigua, employing 25 people.

While at the Grotto Office, Bryant, Jr., related many stories of the past Grotto activi-

ties and old time members. He and George Knierim both grew up around the activities of their very active Monarch Dads.

Next month: *Lalla Rookh*, the book by Thomas Moore. ✽



As part of the Grotto's Community Involvement, Treasurer Brian Bills and Past Monarch Alfred Pulcino III presented a check to Wendy Burrows, Junior Deputy of the Organization of Triangles of New York State, to be used for their projects. (Photo by Ken Hutchinson)



A picnic to honor the Masonic War Veterans was hosted by Fidelity Triangle girls on August 22nd at Northampton Park in Spencerport. (Photo courtesy of Ken Hutchinson)

Rochester Chapter
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News of our members

Rt. Wthy. Barbara Spano and Rt. Wthy. Barbara Mertens are still in need of our prayers and cards are always appreciated.

Helen Hayes is still in rehab after falling and sustaining some broken bones. Send cards to her at 190 Penarrow Road, Rochester, 14618, and they will be taken to her.

The Gingold family continues to need our prayers and Alice and Gene Brendel have been under the weather since returning from vacation. Hopefully, they will be out and about soon. ✽

me at (315) 986-7173 for tickets. Price is: Adults, \$8.00 at the door, \$7.00 in advance; \$3.50 for children.

The Wayne District Membership meeting will meet on Thursday, October 21st at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Joan and Craig Sewert. We are planning to hold a Card Party on Saturday, November 20th. More details next month.

Wayne District Past Matrons will meet on Saturday, October 23rd at Williamson Chapter at 12:00 noon.

Need a ride?

If anyone wants to attend a meeting, but needs a ride, please feel free to give me a call anytime. We would love to see everyone who would like to be there. We always have a great turnout and time. Also, I'm still collecting Campbell Soup Labels, Tops for Education and used postage stamps. ✽

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Patron
Wthy. James Elliott
(315) 597-4173

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

Palmyra Masonic Temple
161 East Main Street

After our Tuesday, October 5th initiation is completed, we will be venturing to Lake Placid on Monday, October 11th, staying through Friday, October 15th, for Grand Chapter Sessions. It will be a very exciting week, as I will be installed as Wayne District's District Deputy Grand Matron for 2005 on October 14th. The day and place of the Reception/Hail and Farewell, will be forthcoming in November.

You will have to come to the next Chapter meeting on Tuesday, October 19th to hear Rt. Wthy. Kay Wharmby and me give our Grand Chapter Reports. We promise that they will be short and to the point. Come dressed in costume and also help celebrate Halloween. Sister Jean Crum promises to make it a fun-filled occasion.

Starlighters will meet on October 25th, at 7:00 p.m.

Roast Beef Dinner

Our November 2nd Chapter meeting will be replaced with our Chapter Roast Beef Dinner from 4:30 until 6:30 p.m. Call

apple, pumpkin pie (these two smell just like Grandma's pies when they come from the oven), silver fir, heather, bayberry, pine needle, cinnamon, maple pecan, mulberry, and frankincense and myrrh. Candles are only \$6. The profits from the sale of the candles will go to research on diabetes. If you are interested in purchasing candles, please contact Mary Burgess at (315) 789-1264, David Taber 388-0629, or Donna Stalker (315) 986-1570.

Won't you consider joining us? Our main focus for fundraising is research on diabetes. Won't you please consider helping us to find a cure? ✽

Queen Christina

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Royal Matron
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September 11th brought our District Deputy Grand Royal Matron, Mary Mason, and her Assistant Grand Lecturer, Cathy Beckendorf, to our doors for their Official Visit. Both Honored Ladies enjoyed their afternoon with us. Following the meeting, we had a "secret auction" which brought \$53 to Honored Lady Mary for her research on diabetes project.

September 25th was the Official Visit of Honored Lady Marian Davis, Grand Royal Matron, accompanied by SK Larry Howington, Grand Royal Patron, in Dansville.

Preparations are under way for Honored Lady Marian and SK Larry's Official Visit to our District. It will be held in Syracuse on November 6th. We are eagerly awaiting their visit and their wisdom, which they always bring to us.

Thinking ahead

Are you looking for an inexpensive Christmas gift for a secret pal, a co-worker, a friend, or perhaps yourself? Then how about purchasing a candle from us? These candles are made for us by The Wickery. We presently have 11 luscious scents that would make excellent Christmas gifts. The scents include: vanilla, baked

Tri-Star Chapter
Roast Beef Dinner
November 2nd
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Palmyra Masonic Temple
161 East Main Street

Irondequoit Chapter, OES
Roast Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner
November 12th
5 - 7 p.m., \$7.00
Fame Lodge
4275 Culver Road
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Reservations: 225-0812 or 342-4893

Crawford Funeral Home
named to
NYS & National
Register of Historic Places

The New York State Register of Historic Places in December 2003 officially recognized the Crawford Funeral Home Inc., as part of the Browncroft Historic District, on the State's Register of Historic Places. Then in April 2004, it was announced that the funeral home had been listed on the National Register of Historic Places, which is overseen by the National Parks Service. With this honorary designation the funeral home and Browncroft Historic District join 135 other sites in Monroe County on the list.

Democrat & Chronicle Staff Writer Rick Armon wrote, in an article on May 4, 2004, "What sets the neighborhood apart, community leaders said, is the landscaping. The area was developed in 1914 out of nursery properties owned by the Brown Brothers Nursery." He continued, "Browncroft was recognized for the architectural integrity of the homes, a landscape design that features uniform plantings of flowering shrubs and shade trees, and its role in the development of Rochester. The area includes about 400 properties with many prairie style, Tudor revival, Georgian and Colonial revival homes."

We are proud to have the Crawford Funeral Home property recognized as part of the Browncroft Historic District. We congratulate all our neighbors and the members of the Browncroft Neighborhood Association who worked so diligently to help us join more than 77,000 sites nationwide on the National Register of Historic Places.



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Masonic War Veterans



Letters from a Brother Mason in the United States Military Service

Brother Nathan Thompson was activated last Spring. He has been corresponding via email with Sean Noonan, Secretary of Clio Lodge, who asked if we would publish excerpts from this correspondence. The following is from two messages.

June 2, 2004

The Army is keeping me busier than ever before. I have completed lots of training since I have been here at Ft. Hood, Texas. The weather has been very, very hot. The other day it got up to 92 degrees, with a heat index of 103. I was training in this weather, too, which makes it very difficult to complete whatever it is that I am doing at that time.

I am now assigned as a Platoon leader in charge of 38 soldiers...some of them much older and more experienced than I, and from whom I am looking for guidance. The Battalion is composed primarily of people from New York City, Long Island, Buffalo and Newburgh. It comprises altogether, some 630 soldiers.

There are some Masons within the Battalion, but I have not yet met them, as they are in different Platoons and we all train on different schedules.

I believe we will be going to Baghdad International Airport for our first mission. I am looking forward to receiving emails

that any of you may send: GolfTengo@aol.com.

August 27, 2004

It has been a while since I have written, but I have been extremely busy. I am now a 1st Lieutenant, promoted as of two weeks ago. I am asking, on behalf of all the fellow Brother Masons who are with me in the 1st BN 69th IN Regiment, on the process to start a Military Lodge within my Battalion. I have been asked by one of the senior non-commissioned Officers, who is a Mason, what steps are required to do this. These 15-20 Masons who are soldiers in this Battalion, going to Iraq, want to continue going to Lodge meetings and to continue their relationship with Masonry on a regular basis while we are in Baghdad. It would be great if you could give me some info on this.

I am now at Ft. Irwin, California and expect to be back home for about two weeks of leave in September.

Brother Nathan W. Thompson

Looking Ahead

November 2
Tri-Star Chapter, OES,
Roast Beef Dinner
4:30 to 6:30 p.m.
Palmyra Masonic Temple

November 4
Grand Lecturer's
Convention,
Ontario/Seneca/Yates

November 13
Shrine Noble Bring-a-
Brother; Harvest Din-
ner, Shrine Center

November 13
Road to the East, Wayne
District, Lyons

December 11
Children's Christmas
Party, Shrine Center

December 11
Chat Session with the
Grand Master, Wayne
District, Drumlin Square

January 31, 2005
School of Ritual,
Webster Lodge

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In Memoriam

August

Brown, Albert R.
Webster Lodge lost a member with the passing of Albert on August 12th. He was 86 years old and leaves two daughters, two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Howe, Walter R.
Walter was a Past Master of Eunice Lodge, Past Grand Patron for the Order of the Eastern Star, State of New York, and a member of Rochester Consistory when he passed away on August 19th. He is survived by his wife, Althea, two children, and four grandchildren.

Law, William M.
Bill died suddenly in a plane crash on August 20th. He was a member of Wakan/Hubbard and Olive Branch Lodges. Survivors include his wife, Carol, two children, and four grandchildren.

Rode, Robert G.
A member of ERAC Lodge and Damascus Shrine, Robert was called Home on August 26th at the age of 86 years. He is survived by one daughter, four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Merritt, Marion Wright
Death claimed Marion, at the age of 95 years, on August 28th. She was a member of Tri-Star Chapter, OES, and is survived by one son, four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

September

Kissinger, Oran E.
The Great Architect of the Universe claimed Otto on September 11th. He was a member of Craftsman Robertson Lodge and leaves his wife, Vera, two sons, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Birr, Carl E.
Carl was called Home on September 12th. He was a member of Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge (now Unity Lodge) and is survived by his wife, Ruth, two daughters, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. *

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BIG CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER 2004

Gem - Opal
Flower - Calendula

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Doric Council, Can. visit Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m. \$6 adult; \$3 Child 30 Orchard Street	2 OES - Rochester Chapter, Unity Lodge - Spencerport Daughters of the Nile, Zama Temple - Fairport
3 Canandaigua - Shortsville, (2*) West Star - Varysburg, (OV) RAM - Palmyra/Eagle OES - Irondequoit KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford Shrine Lunch Club	4 Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps, (1*) Oakland - Castile OES - Fairport, Nolatka, Tri- Star - Palmyra, Webster	5 Attica Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy Damascus Shrine OES - Henrietta, Monroe	6 Constellation - Perry Eunice - Caledonia Hesperus - Bergen, (OV) Northfield - Pittsford Webster RSM - Palmyra Council Shemini Atzeret	7 Eagle Valley - Bliss Milnor - Victor Union - Lima RAM - Hiram KT - Batavia Commandery OES - Grand Chapter at Lake Placid	8 Simchat Torah	9 Scottish Rite - Walk for Masonic Learning Center at Monroe Community College, Brighton Campus RSM - Nundawaga Council, Reception for Grand Master Stephen Licht, Batavia Holiday Inn
10 ERAC - Shrine Center Fairport/Flower City Mt. Vernon - Java Village Union Star - Honeoye Falls Unity - Spencerport Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield, (OV) RAM - Excelsior - Shortsville Shrine Lunch Club OES - Grand Chapter at Lake Placid Columbus Day	11 Arcade, (OV) Batavia Fame - Irondequoit Seneca - Webster, BBF Valley-Simes RAM - Dansville, LeRoy OES - Leah - Hilton OES - Grand Chapter at Lake Placid	12 Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike Masonic Service Bureau Monthly Luncheon Meeting G/W - Grand Lecturer's Convention, Arcade Lodge OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville, Corinthian Fellowship OES - Grand Chapter at Lake Placid	13 Eagle Valley - Bliss Milnor - Victor Union - Lima RAM - Hiram KT - Batavia Commandery OES - Grand Chapter at Lake Placid	14 Constellation - Perry Eunice - Caledonia Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster Scottish Rite - Symbolic Lodge and Worshipful Master Recognition Awards RAM - Western Star Lalla Rookh Caldron	15 OES - Grand Chapter at Lake Placid	16 KT - Sagoyewatha - Phelps OES - Rochester Chapter, Unity Lodge - Spencerport Amaranth, Queen Christina Court - Palmyra RSM - Nundawaga Council, Reception for Grand Master Stephen Licht, Batavia Holiday Inn
17 Canandaigua - Shortsville West Star - Varysburg KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford OES - Irondequoit Shrine Lunch Club - Ladies Day	18 Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps Oakland - Castile, (OV) OES - Nolatka, Tri-Star - Palmyra, Webster	19 Attica Ark - Geneva, (OV) Drumlin Square - Palmyra, (OV) Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy RSM - Doric Council, Pittsford Lalla Rookh Grotto	20 Eagle Valley - Bliss Milnor - Victor Union - Lima RAM - Hiram KT - Batavia Commandery James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post	21 Special Olympics Bowling Tournament, Clover Lanes	22 Special Olympics Bowling Tournament, Clover Lanes	23 Special Olympics Bowling Tournament, Clover Lanes
24 Interfaith Service and Brunch, Logan's Arcade Lodge Pancake Breakfast 7 - 10 a.m. United Nations Day 31 Halloween Daylight Saving Time Ends	25 ERAC - Shrine Center Fairport/Flower City Mt. Vernon - Java Village Union Star - Honeoye Falls Unity - Spencerport Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield, Table Lodge with ERAC RSM - Nundawaga Council Shrine Lunch Club	26 Arcade Batavia Fame - Irondequoit Valley-Simes RAM - Dansville, LeRoy, Wyoming OES - Leah - Hilton MON - Grand Lecturer's Convention, Shrine Center	27 Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville, Corinthian Fellowship Tall Cedars of Lebanon WYN - Grand Lecturer's Convention, Sodus Lodge	28 Unity - Spencerport, Halloween Party OES - Monroe District Banquet, The Party House, Beahan Road	29 Lalla Rookh Caldron Installation, Unity Lodge - Spencerport, 2:00 p.m.	30 Lalla Rookh Caldron Installation, Unity Lodge - Spencerport, 2:00 p.m.