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Masonic Research Lab Searches for Cause, Cure of Heart Syndrome

UTICA — Nestled at the rear of the Masonic Care Community of New York, the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory has emerged as the national leader in the study of one of the main causes of sudden death in healthy young adults.

Brugada Syndrome — which strikes young adults without heart disease and, less frequently, infants and children — is an inherited syndrome that can lead to heart failure. It is estimated that one in 5,000 Americans has the syndrome. In addition, it is the second-highest cause of death for young men in regions of Southeast Asia, after automobile accidents.

"The scary part is these people are diagnosed in the third or fourth decade of life," said Dr. Charles Antzelevitch, Executive Director of the Masonic Lab, an isolated and sprawling campus located at the end of Bleecker Street that receives some of the funding for its research from America's Greatest Heart Run and Walk. The annual event takes place around the area and benefits the American Heart Association.

After living a healthy life, Antzelevitch said, victims of Brugada Syndrome start suffering fainting spells and heavy breathing. "The problem is," he explained, "it usually manifests at night."

In January, the first comprehensive book on the syndrome was published. The book, *The Brugada Syndrome from Bench to Bedside*, was edited by Antzelevitch, with contributions from 60 clinicians and scientists from around the world.

The book covers the fundamental aspects of the syndrome — which was discovered in 1992 — and examines how the mechanisms involved may serve as a prototype for understanding a wide variety of life-threatening heart-rhythm disorders.

"We are at the edge of a new discovery that will change the face of cardiology," Antzelevitch said. "We're hunting for genes that are responsible for creating these heart-rhythm disorders."

Once those genes are captured, he said, they can be cloned and their activity can be identified as normal or ab-

normal.

"We'll know the root cause," Antzelevitch said, "then we can find a cure."

Since its dedication in 1958, the Masonic Lab — which is independent of the Masonic Care Community — has become an internationally renowned, state-of-the-art medical research center, earning numerous honors.

The facility is 29,600 square feet and includes a new wing with doctors, scientists and students from around the world.

Research in cardiology is focused primarily on the electricity of the heart, neurophysiology of nerve cells and how blood pressure is affected by electrophysiology. The lab's research has led to the discovery of causes of certain diseases and their cures.

Following success in identifying the genetic causes of cardiac arrhythmia, the lab receives thousands of blood samples from the around the world each year for examination.

For more information on the lab, visit www.mmrl.edu.

Courtesy of the *Observer-Dispatch, Utica*

Masonic Service Bureau Board Member Resigns

By Norman Austin

It is with best wishes that we acknowledge the resignation of Robert "Doc" Pettit from the Masonic Service Bureau's Board of Directors.

Bob was raised in the former Wakan Lodge No. 1054 in 1960 and served as Worshipful Master in 1969. Following a year as Lodge Trustee, he spent five years as Secretary before serving as AGL from 1975 to 1980.

Among the offices Bob has held in various Bodies are: Scribe of Rochester Forest No. 133, Tall Cedars of Lebanon; Thrice Potent Master of the former Germania Lodge of Perfection; Sovereign Prince of the Royal Council, Princes of Jerusalem; King of the former Ionic Chapter, RAM, and Commander-in-Chief of the Rochester Consistory. He is also a member of Doric Council, Cyrene/Monroe Commandery, Damascus Shrine and Genesee York Rite College.

In 1979, Doc was coroneted a 33° and has served as Treasurer of the New York Council of Deliberation.

Prior to serving as a Board member of the Masonic Service Bureau, he served as its Treasurer, as well as President and Executive Director. To continue to utilize his knowledge and experience, Linda Zahn, President of the Masonic Service Bureau, suggested Bob be elected to the Advisory Council and it was approved by the Board of Directors.

Bob was born in Halstead, Pennsylvania and moved to



Robert Pettit

New York City, attending high school there. He then attended Brooklyn College and Wagner College, from which he received his Bachelors Degree. Following service in the United States Army during World War II, Bob attended the University of Pennsylvania Dental School. Upon receiving his DDS Degree, he relocated to Rochester to begin his dental practice. Bob and his wife, Belva, whom he met while in the Service, have three children, Robert, Carol and the late Neal, as well as two grandchildren.

Bob is a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church and enjoys various leisure pastimes, including music and wood-working.

We wish Doc the best as he adds to his leisure-time activities and are deeply appreciative of his many years of service on our behalf.

Supreme Forest of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America



Supreme Tall Cedar

By Albert H. Hensinger, Past Supreme Tall Cedar, Chairman Public Relations.

At a Midwinter Conference, held at the Pocono Manor Golf Resort and Spa in Pocono Manor, PA, January 21st - 23rd, Past Supreme Tall Cedar Raymond Vogel, installed Brother William Raymond Bosley Supreme Tall Cedar of Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America, for the year 2005. The keynote speaker for the evening was the Grand Master of Masons for the State of Maryland, M.:W.: Ronald G. Belanger.

Brother Ray Bosley was raised a Master Mason in Pickering Lodge No. 146, Baltimore, MD, in 1952. He served as Worshipful Master in 1979, Secretary in 1993, and Treasurer in 2000. He served the Grand Lodge of Maryland as Grand Inspector from 1986 to 1989 and Grand Treasurer from 2001 to present. Brother Ray is a member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Baltimore Orient of Maryland SMI, a member of the Legion of Honor and a member of Towson Chapter No. 70, Order of

the Eastern Star. Brother Ray Bosley joined Baltimore Forest No. 45, Tall Cedars of Lebanon in 1961 and served as Grand Tall Cedar in 1974, served as Chairman on committees and was on many committees within the Forest and Supreme Forest. Brother Bosley served as Supreme Director 1979, District Deputy Supreme Tall Cedar No. 14 in 1985, Secretary Tall Cedar Foundation, 1996 to 1998, and Convention Chairman in 2001. He received the John S. Boughton Award in 2001 and served as Supreme Treasurer in 2000, 2001 and 2002. He is also a Life Member of many other affiliations.

Brother Ray was born in Baltimore on October 28, 1930. He and his wife, Anita, have been married since January 5, 1955 and have three daughters and eight grandchildren. He retired from the State of Maryland as Director of the Office of Real Estate. Brother Ray graduated from the University of Baltimore Law School J.D. in 1954 and School of Business in 1962, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting.

Between college studies, Brother Ray served two years active duty as a Lieutenant in the US Marine Corps Reserve, retiring with the rank of Colonel in 1985.

The Tall Cedars of Lebanon is a Masonic affiliated organization with over 15,000 members in 102 Chapters, called Forests, throughout the United States and Canada. Since 1951, the Tall Cedars have provided continuous financial

support to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, contributing over fourteen and one half million dollars to the Jerry Lewis Labor Day Muscular Telethon and have the distinction of being the first organization to provide financial support to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.



Tall Cedar Goodwill Ambassador

Brandon Christopher Kalwa is the Goodwill Ambassador for the year 2005. He was born April 1, 1990. His brother, Dalton, was born on September 29, 1996.

Millersville, Maryland, is home to Brandon and Dalton, along with their parents, Christopher and Erica and a dog, cat and ferret. Brandon, a ninth grader, is a NASCAR fan, loves computers and likes playing cards and board games. A music lover, he is learning to play the guitar. He loves animals and has expressed some interest in becoming a veterinarian.

Dalton is in the third grade. He likes playing video games, riding his bike, swimming and playing with his friends. Both he and Brandon have attended MDA's Summer camp, Camp Maria. They especially enjoy spending time with their grandfather at the Moose Lodge.

United Way Campaign

for 2005 has begun. Please consider the *Masonic Service Bureau* as the recipient of your contributions. You may do this by asking your Campaign representative to provide you with a Donor Card on which you may designate our Donor Number.

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Editor's Corner



R.:W.: F. Jay McCullough, among many others, asked about the Masonic Website last Summer and Fall. The individuals involved with setting up and maintaining the site are no longer in their leadership positions, and their enthusiasm for the project has waned. Brother Jay volunteered to update the information, and has recruited a couple of Brothers to help re-establish the site. The current location will be changed, as the Company which has allowed us access, has requested to be relieved of that responsibility.

When we moved to Bay Road and had the cable modem installed, R.:W.: Vern Goodrich had also made arrangements for the Service Bureau to host a website. At the same time, the Masters and Wardens Association was hosting the other site. We did not proceed.

We are now in the process of setting up that dormant location, and hope it will be fully operational by the Summer recess. It should be a seamless transition to the casual user.

As chair of the Editorial Board, Brother Jay felt the project would fall into his domain, with the staff of the Service Bureau's responsible for maintaining and updating the website.

This is where you will come in. Please inform us of any changes in the information presented for your organization(s). Only through good communications from you, will we be able to present correct information. We expect to have links to the individual Lodge websites, Grand Lodge and other sites which may provide valuable information to our membership.

Computers are wonderful tools. We old-timers may not be as comfortable with the gadgets, but young people of today live with all kinds of messaging devices and use them to obtain instant data on virtually any subject. Who knows, maybe down the road, the *Masonic Times* will come to you electronically. Stay tuned. Thanks for reading.

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The entertainer for the Widows Luncheon will be our own "in house" musician, Karl-Heinz Reich. He'll have you all singing and dancing!

The Masonic Service Bureau Board of Directors held their March meeting at the Old Country Buffet in Culver-Ridge Plaza, where we enjoyed a private room and plenty of food! We thank Richard and Rita Snyder for suggesting this restaurant. It was 1000% better than where we previously met.

Everyone is welcome to join us and learn what your Masonic Service Bureau is doing. The meetings are held the 2nd Wednesday of every month, except July and August.

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By Norman Austin
I would like to express my appreciation to the Installing Officers, who so ably facilitated the transition for this year's Officers to assume their positions. We look forward to an exciting year, and hope to have a good turnout at each of our meetings and events.

Installation
By Don Brugger
We congratulate all the new Officers: Norm Austin-Grand Tall Cedar; Don Wright-Senior Deacon Grand Tall Cedar; Angelo DiCataldo-Junior Deacon Grand Tall Cedar; Don Bell-Scribe; Paul Kober-Treasurer; John Zabel-Guide and Bob Zabel-Precept/Chief Ranger, all who were finally installed on February 23rd.

We also congratulate and welcome our new members, Tall Cedars, Cyril White and Stewart Smith. We have another Brother who has submitted his petition. He was scheduled to be obligated at our March meeting, if available.

Be advised!
I advise you to read these articles carefully, as change has become the norm these days. Due to the ice dam problem at Wakan/Hubbard Lodge Hall, the Trustees have closed the kitchen for the foreseeable future. This prompted us to re-schedule our Pot Luck Dinner with the ladies to our April meeting. The Degrees will, tentatively, be conferred at our meeting on May 25th.

Our Sausage Roast Night is June 22nd. It will, once again, take place in Webster.

Membership
Since our Degrees will be de-

laid, it gives all of us a chance to get in more petitions. If you would like to participate, please let me know; we can put you to work. The only way to fulfill our charitable objective, Muscular Dystrophy, is to increase our numbers. All members should talk to their fellow Masons, friends and neighbors about our Forest, especially our charitable objective. If you know of anyone, even non-Masons, who you think would be interested in joining in our "Fun and Frolic," talk to them. Petitions are available from me at 458-6125 or the Scribe. This is your Forest. If you want it to survive, we need candidates.

Sickness and distress
Don Freeman's condition still remains about the same. Paul Kober and Lou DiJames are doing well. These Brothers would like to hear from you; please send a card or call. Please call me at 458-6125 if you know of a Woodsman with any health related problems.

Hint, hint
Remember we still need help in contacting our members regularly. It will involve making only three or four calls, once a month. Join our Calling Committee and get back in the mainstream.

Missing Ritual books
As do most organizations, Tall Cedars had several Ritual manuals. These particular manuals took the form of loose-leaf notebooks, and contained the Ritual information for the Forest. However, over time, some of these have become lost or misplaced. If you should have any of these in your possession, or come across them, please contact either Norm Austin at 234-0296 or Don Brugger at 458-6125 and we will be happy to pick them up.

Looking Ahead

- May**
- 2,3 224th Grand Lodge Communication
 - 7 Ox Roast - Clio Lodge
 - 15 Dedication of Unity Lodge M.:W.: Edward Trosin presiding
 - 15 OSY Memorial Service
 - 20 Joint Investiture Fairport/Flower City
 - 20 Shrine Duffers' Tournament
 - 21 Potentate's Ball
- June**
- 22 Masonic Service Bureau's Scholarships and Charities Awards Shrine Center
- September**
- 10 Widows Luncheon Logan's Party House
- October**
- 16 Interfaith Service, Brunch Logan's Party House

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Your Legal Rights FYI



By Bro. Phillip Hurwitz, Esq.

Minding your own business

In this series of articles, I'll continue my review of different forms of doing business. In February's article I covered sole proprietorships and partnerships. In this final installment, I'll cover Corporations, Limited Liability Company and Limited Liability Partnership.

Corporation

A corporation is a separate legal entity. It is a business enterprise which has perpetual existence. That means the business survives, even if the person who created the corporation later dies. The owners of the corporation are called shareholders. As owners, their ownership interests are in shares of the corporation. Shareholders can sell their ownership interest, unless the corporate operating documents restrict their sale. Shareholders, absent some exceptions, are never personally liable for the debts or other liabilities of the corporation. A corporation is separately taxable. It pays tax on its earned income. If this income is then distributed to shareholders in the form of dividends, then the shareholders pay tax on the dividends it receives from the corporation. This type of corporation is known as a "C" corporation for tax purposes.

A corporation can be formed as an "S" corporation. Both a "C" corporation and an "S" corporation are business corporations. The difference is in the manner of taxation of corporate income. A "C" corporation, as noted above, pays tax on its earned income, and when this earned income is distributed to shareholders, then the shareholders will pay tax on the income they receive from the corporation. This is known as double taxation.

An "S" corporation is formed the same as a "C" corporation. To become an "S" corporation, the "C" corporation files paperwork with the IRS electing to be taxed as an "S" corporation. This means that for tax purposes, an "S" corporation will be treated like a partnership. Just like a partnership, all income is passed directly to the owners, or where a corporation is concerned, to the shareholders in proportion to the shares that they own. It is the shareholders who then report this corporate income on their own tax returns. For example, Sue and Sally each own shares of an "S" corporation they have formed. Sue owns 75% of the outstanding shares of this corporation, while Sally owns the remaining 25%. For tax purposes, Sue must report on her tax return 75% of the total earned corporate income. Sally reports the remaining 25% on her tax return.

A prime benefit to corporate shareholders is the limited liability that a corporate structure affords to its shareholders. Using Sue and Sally as our example, they have a courier service consisting of six delivery vehicles. The courier service is incorporated. This cor-

poration, in turn, owns the vehicles. If one of these vehicles is involved in an accident, and it's determined that the driver of the courier vehicle was at fault, then the corporation, not Sue or Sally, are liable for damages to the other driver. This limited liability may be of little comfort to Sue and Sally, if a legal judgment attaches to the assets of the corporation. That is why, regardless of the business entity, adequate insurance is always necessary.

A New York corporation is formed by filing a Certificate of Incorporation with the Secretary of State in Albany. In addition to this document, a corporation is required to formulate by-laws. By-laws dictate how a corporation is to be managed. A corporation is managed by its Board of Directors, who set policy and provide oversight. This board appoints corporate officers who actually manage the corporation on a daily basis. For small, closely held corporations (corporations whose stock does not publicly trade) the directors and officers may be the same people.

Limited Liability Company

A Limited Liability Company, or LLC, combines the best attributes of both a corporation and a partnership. The benefits of a LLC is in their combination of tax benefits and limited liability for its members. A LLC is treated like a partnership for tax purposes. That means all earned income is passed through to the owners, who in turn, pay tax on their respective shares. Unlike a corporation, the LLC pays no income tax. While this is the same tax benefit you will find with an "S" corporation, a LLC is not subject to the same tax requirements as an "S" corporation. For example, an "S" corporation is limited to 75 shareholders; a LLC has no limitations on the number of members who participate.

Unlike a partnership, each member of an LLC isn't responsible for the debts of the LLC, nor responsible for the actions of its other members.

A New York LLC is formed by filing Articles of Organization with the Department of State in Albany. Once formed, each individual member's relationship to the company, and to each other, are governed by an operating agreement. For example, the operating agreement can vest certain members with the authority to run the business. This agreement also can provide how income and loss are to be shared by the members of the company.

Limited Liability Partnerships

Limited Liability Partnerships, or LLP, are formed by business professionals (architects, accountants, attorneys) as a way of minimizing liability. Just as in a general partnership, each partner in an LLP is personally liable for the negligence of its employees who render professional services to clients. For example: an LLP consisting of attorneys, would be liable for malpractice committed by one of its employee-attorneys. But unlike a general partnership, no partner in a LLP is liable for the debts, obligations or liabilities of the LLP or each other. For example, if the same LLP de-

faulted in its office space lease, the landlord could sue the LLP for breach of contract, but could not sue the individual partners.

Taxes! Taxes! Taxes!
By Tom Michielsen

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

The IRS has certified the model year 2005 Honda Insight, the Honda Civic Hybrid, and the Honda Accord Hybrid, as being eligible for the clean-fuel vehicle deduction. This certification means that taxpayers who purchase one of these hybrid vehicles new may claim a tax deduction of up to \$2,000 on Form 1040.

Unclaimed refunds, totaling more than \$2 billion are awaiting about 1.7 million people who failed to file an income tax return for 2001, the Internal Revenue Service announced on February 11, 2005. However, in order to collect the money, a return must be filed with the IRS no later than April 15, 2005.

New Yorkers filing income tax returns can take advantage of a host of business and personal tax credits that may lower their tax bills and increase their refunds. Certain tax breaks, like the Earned Income Tax Credit, may qualify filers for refunds, even if they owe no tax at all.

"A wealth of opportunity exists for taxpayers who qualify for many of the available tax credits offered by New York State and the federal government," said Andrew S. Eristoff, commissioner of the State Department of Taxation and Finance. "Working families, individuals, single parents, farmers, or people sending children to college, may all reduce their income tax liability by claiming certain tax credits."

Tax credits leave more money in the pockets and savings accounts of working New York families. Business tax credits help companies grow and create jobs, stimulating New York's economy. The various credits can help an individual lower his or her tax bill. In some cases, a credit can result in a payment made directly to a filer even if no tax is due - but only if eligibility requirements are met.

Business owners may qualify for credits related to the use of alternative fuels and alternative fuel vehicles, defibrillator purchases or film production. If a business is located in an Empire Zone, it may be eligible for wage, investment, employment, real property or other credits.

Knowing which credits may be available can increase your

weekly paycheck if you adjust future withholding. Check with your company's personnel office for more information.

Below is information about the most popular tax credits available to New York State residents. Some of these credits are "refundable," meaning that you could be eligible even if you owe no tax.

Earned Income Tax Credit

This refundable credit is available to working families with incomes up to \$34,458 (\$35,458 for married taxpayers filing jointly), depending on the number of children in your household. Taxpayers with no dependent children can earn no more than \$11,490 (\$12,490 for married taxpayers filing jointly). Recent changes have increased the amount of the credit and expanded eligibility. To qualify for these credits, you must have worked at least part of the year. You must file form IT-215 to claim the credit.

"This is an important program, and you should check to see if you qualify," Commissioner Eristoff said. "EITC rules can be complicated, so you should carefully review the qualifications. If in doubt, contact the Tax Department or its volunteer partners for help. If someone prepares your taxes, seek out a reputable professional who understands EITC rules and who will avoid common mistakes."

Child and Dependent Care Credit

Working parents who pay for child care may be able to claim some of those expenses as a credit on their federal and state tax returns. Parents must first qualify for the federal credit before claiming the refundable state credit. You must file Form IT-216 to claim this credit.

College Tuition Credit/Itemized Deduction

If you, your spouse, or your dependent(s) were students at an institution of higher education, you may be entitled for the refundable college tuition credit. The credit is up to \$400

per eligible student and available to full-year New York State residents. Alternatively, you may claim a college tuition itemized deduction which is available to non-resident and part-year residents.

Real Property Tax Credit

If your household gross income was \$18,000 or less, and you or your spouse paid either rent or property taxes, you may be eligible for this refundable credit. Credit amounts vary with income and the value of your home or amount of your rent. Senior citizens may qualify for a higher credit amount. Use Form IT-214, whether or not you file a tax return.

If you are married, head of household or a qualifying widow or widower with a dependent child, your income is \$32,000 or less and you can't be claimed as a dependent on another person's federal return. You can qualify for a Household Credit of up to \$75, plus up to \$15 for each exemption on your federal return. Single filers, with incomes up to \$28,000, may also qualify.

Farmers' School Tax Credit

Farmers may be eligible for a state income tax credit for school taxes they paid on working farm lands. To claim this credit, you must complete Form IT-217.

Upcoming taxpayer due dates

- March 31st - Electronic W2s and 1099's must be forwarded
- April 15th - March Payroll Taxes
- April 15th - Individual Tax Returns
- April 15th - Federal First Quarter Estimated Taxes for Corporations
- April 15th - Federal and State First Quarter Estimated Taxes for Individuals
- April 30th - First Quarter Payroll Reports Due
- May 15th - April Payroll Taxes

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

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It has been a cold Winter in the Northeast, but the Genesee/Wyoming District Lodges have been hot on the trail of raising new Brothers. While it is certainly wonderful to gain new Masons, it is very important to welcome these new Brothers to Masonry and encourage their participation in their Lodges. They are the future of our Lodges and have some ideas for activities and programs which can be very beneficial. Remember that just because "we have always done it this way" doesn't mean that we can't consider some new ideas which may be beneficial.

Communications
Communications and good public relations are vital and the Genesee/Wyoming District is very fortunate to have a very efficient communication network. Sickness and distress, as well as Lodge events, can be instantly sent around the District. Our thanks to R.: W.: Robert Dagen for his time and effort in managing the system.

A proactive public relations commitment is also high on the agenda with a training seminar scheduled for Saturday, April 9th, 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Masonic Care Community Campus in Utica. All District and Lodge Public Relations liaisons are invited to attend.

Brotherhood
As the Brotherhood Fund comes toward the end of the year, we are far behind this time period compared to the last several years. It is true that the Florida hurricanes and the Tsunami disasters have taken their toll on our charity endeavors with many responding to the call for help by giving outside the Fraternity. We must keep up our donations to our Grand Lodge Charities, as the needs of our recipients do not stop.

**Olive Branch
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Spring is here, we hope! A time for renewal and rejoicing. We would really rejoice if more members would renew their presence in the Lodge room!

Planning is starting for our annual Awards Night at the Lodge. We are looking for the most convenient date for the snowbirds. We really would like feedback if doing it during the Oatka Fest works? Let us know your feelings.

As part of the Awards Night, we also honor our Masonic widows. Unfortunately, a lot of that information was kept in people's heads. So, as we lose members to death, we have lost this information. Please tell us of any widows you know and their addresses, so they may be invited. The widows had such a great time last year that several of our wives said they couldn't wait to join their ranks!

Finally, a gentle reminder to members to please pay their dues. The high heating bills and per capita payments have made a huge dent in our funds.

Oakland Lodge
No. 379, F. & A.M.
1st and 3rd Tuesdays
(Jan., Feb., Mar.: 1st Tuesday only)



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I'm sitting in front of my computer screen looking out the window for a glimmer of hope or the inspiration to write a good article, but all that is coming to my mind is that it's snowing again. I just keep asking myself if Winter is ever going to end. Hopefully, by the time this article arrives, Western New York will once again be experiencing some warm weather and seeing the color green again.

It saddens me to report to the members of Oakland Lodge that Brother Layton Vogel passed to the Supreme Architect. Brother Vogel was raised in Southern Lite Lodge No. 725 on June 6, 1939 and left our earthly family to unite with our heavenly family on February 14, 2005. Layton was a great man and Mason, as many of the members of Oakland Lodge can attest. Layton was not only a Brother to the members of Oakland Lodge, but also the principal for many of the members as they passed through the Letchworth Central School system. Legend has it that some members spent more time with Layton in his principal's office than in Oakland's Masonic office. It was truly an honor to have Layton as part of our Masonic family for over sixty years. This is an accomplishment that is not reached often enough among our fellow Brothers. I would like all members of Oakland Lodge to take some time from their busy lives and say a small prayer for the family and friends of Layton as they battle through this loss.

2nd Degree
We conferred the Fellowcraft Degree on March 1st to fulfill the Grand Master's edict. A strong performance was done by all who attended and helped partake in our ancient Ritual. I thank the Brothers from Attica and Constellation Lodge for their help in conferring this Degree. We would not have been able to confer the Degree without their help. Our members should be proud of the work performed by their Officers and know that we received a satisfactory score while fulfilling the Grand Master's edict for this Masonic year.

New member
I would like to take this time to welcome Michael Rhodes as our newest member. Mike was raised at Constellation Lodge in Perry and was a frequent visitor to our Lodge with our current Senior Deacon, Bud Hoffmeister. Mike's interest in Oakland Lodge led him to file a petition for dual membership. Mike is a great person and is going to be a great addition. Welcome aboard Mike.

Dues
By this time, all our members should have received dues notices. Please help the Secretary by submitting your dues as soon as possible. This allows the Secretary and Officers to spend their time attending to the business of the Lodge. This will also prevent you from falling behind a year and having to double up next year.

Brotherhood Fund
I'm very proud, as the Brotherhood Fund chairman, to report that Oakland Lodge achieved 100% contribution rate from its members for this Masonic year. I give all the credit to the many great Masons who belong to Oakland Lodge.

May this article find all members of Oakland Lodge and their families in a happy and healthy state of mind. Let us not forget about our service men and women who are fighting to keep our great nation free. Let us also not forget our veterans and stop to say thanks for all they have done in their lifetimes to keep our nation free. Always remember the saying that freedom isn't free. May the blessing of heaven fall upon all Masons and their families everywhere.

**West Star
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F. & A. M.**



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Guess what? This has become my favorite saying. Every time I talk to my 3-year-old grandson in South Carolina, the first thing he says is, "guess what?" He is always excited to talk to his grandpa and he always has a story to tell, but he talks too fast and with his Southern accent, the only thing I understand is "guess what?"

Well, this time I have a story to tell you. I think you will get a big laugh out of this. We had a great time at our Euchre Tournament on February 26th. We had 30 Euchre players, four who got themselves skunked.

Guess what? The first skunk we had was R.: W.: Robert Strang, Past DDGM, and his partner, Vinny. Now that was funny. A few games later we had another skunk. Guess what? This time it was Bob's daughter, Tirzah, and her partner, Brother John Miller, from Constellation Lodge in Perry. It might not have been Tirzah's fault, because in the game I played against Tirzah she Euchred me three times. I got whipped! Well, everyone had

a great time so we decided to have another tournament on March 19th. Bob said he would be at this tournament and I hope he had as much fun as we all did on February 26th.

New ideas
W.: Keith Countermeine has many new ideas about the Child ID program. He is looking for some new faces. If you think you would be interested in helping with the Child ID Program, contact Keith.

Good news
Under sickness and distress, I have some good news. Brother Ange Sellan is back to work. I talked to him on the phone and he said to say "Hi" to everyone. We hope to see him soon.

April
We will have our Uniform Night on April 4th, and our Awards Night on April 18th. Then we are off to Grand Lodge.

Before I close I would like to say "Hi" to one of our Brothers who had to relocate due to his employment. Brother Ron is now in Baltimore, Maryland. You are missed at our meetings. When you get a chance, drop us a line and let us know how you are doing.

Don't forget 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:30 p.m. See you then.

**Batavia
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I am hoping that by the time this is being read all of the snow has melted and we are having better weather.

Remember that your tax return must be filed by the 15th of April. Also, for those who need to file Estimated Tax for 2005 taxes, your first payment is due on the 15th.

The Official Visit of the AGL, V.: W.: George Springett, was held on March 22nd. The Fellowcraft Degree was exemplified for review and comment.

The April 12th Communication will be a rehearsal for the Entered Apprentice Degree, with the hope that we will have a candidate for the Degree to be held on April 26th.


- April Masonic Anniversaries**
- William E. Hicks - 58
 - Paul R. Bremmer - 55
 - Glenn L. Seifert - 55
 - Franklin P. Lund - 38
 - James H. Corbett - 37
 - William D. Phelps - 31
 - Bert Hundredmark III - 22
 - Michael L. Klinkbeil - 15
- Happy April Birthday**
- Lawrence S. Ingram - 19th
 - Franklin P. Lund - 26th

Annual Family Dinner
What was known as the Widow's Banquet is now named the Annual Masonic Family Dinner. This will more properly name the event, which not only honors the widows of those Brothers who have passed to their greater reward, but also honors those Brothers who have achieved years of service to the Fraternity. All members of the Fraternity and their wives are welcome to attend and take

part in this annual event. This year the dinner will take place at Bohn's Restaurant on Sunday, May 22nd. We will be assembling at 2:00 p.m., with dinner at 2:30. More details will be forthcoming in a mailing and in next month's article.

Our Treasurer, R.: W.: Harold Collier, will still receive your donation to the Brotherhood Fund.

**HESPERUS
Lodge No. 837**



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Our last Lodge meeting in February stunk! But it was for a good reason. If you missed that meeting, you missed our famous Stink Night. Many thanks to Courtney Gale, our Junior Warden and his committee for all their work and selection of unusual food items. We had a couple of homemade dishes that were very tasty. Don't ask me what they were; all I know is that they were very good! The more I think about it, the less I want to know what was in those dishes.

I thank W.: Ron Morris for filling the Master's chair for me on our Past Masters' Night. This allowed me the opportunity to attend the Royal Arch Mason Grand Chapter. The attendance for the Past Masters' Night was light, as most of our Past Masters were out of town. I was told those who were able to make the meeting had a good time. I understand W.: Ron put those Past Masters in attendance to work filling the chairs.

We have planned some exciting meetings coming up in the next few months, so plan to attend as many as you are able. To start with, I understand there will be some green biscuits served on Irish Stew Night. The V.: W.: George Springett has planned a program entitled *Masonic History*, with a guest speaker at our April 7th meeting. We will be having a dinner prior to that meeting at a local restaurant.

Work is underway for a Widows and Awards Night program later in the month. I am really excited about this program. It's always a great time of fellowship when awards and honors can be given to our membership.

- Up-coming dates**
- April 7th - Meeting at 7:30 p.m. The program this night will be *Masonic History*.
 - April 21st - Meeting at 7:30 p.m. This is scheduled to be our Widows and Awards Night
 - May 7th - Chicken Bar-B-Que at the Lodge, starting at 4:00 p.m.
 - July 31st - I'm really looking ahead to the Summer-time weather and fun. Plan to attend this year's family picnic and steak roast to be held at Marty and Donna Krause's cottage on Silver Lake.

Masonic Etiquette
There is a certain solemn beauty in the practice of Masonic etiquette. If a man has trained himself in his part and caught the spirit of the whole,

the genius of Freemasonry will shine through his actions in all parts and all aspects of his life. This is not always an easy path in life to follow, but strength in Masonic etiquette can only be strengthened through ad-

herence to our Ritual work.

Let us not forget the blessings we have in living in this free country. Let us all remember those soldiers still fighting to preserve those blessings. x

**District Deputy
Grand Master
Livingston District**



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**The Work of a True and
Loyal Mason**

To wear the Square and act upon it in all his daily deeds; to meet all men upon the Level and judge them in accordance with the Compasses of Truth and Charity; to be loyal to his Order and ever Master of himself; to travel ever Eastward from the feeble Light of an Entered Apprentice toward the glorious Light of Wisdom.

No truer words were ever spoken. I am truly amazed how true this is in the Livingston District. If we keep these words in mind and continue to practice them, we can surely make the world a better place.

It seems as though I just started as District Deputy yesterday and already the year is almost gone. We have accom-

plished a tremendous amount of work so far and have a tremendous amount left to do. I know that, with the help of the Brothers in the District, we will achieve these goals. I am very proud that the Brothers have put forth so much effort; it shows that we can, and are, heading toward that glorious Light of Wisdom.

Congratulations to Geneseo, Eunice and Nunda Station Lodges for completing their 3rd Degrees. The Degrees went extremely well and the Lodges should be proud of the excellent work.

As of this printing, our District Ladies Night is about to happen. I again congratulate the Child ID Committee for the award Grand Lodge sent them. I also congratulate Phyllis Applin on receiving the DeWitt Clinton Masonic Award for Community Service. I cannot think of a better person to receive this distinguished honor.

I remind the Brothers again about the Communion Service Breakfast in May. I would like to see an excellent turnout for this event. M.: W.: Edward R. Trosin, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, will be our honored guest speaker. x

pressed with the work of the Lodge, the plans for Summer activities and, especially, the fellowship after the meeting! Again I took a lesson in cards, but these lessons are educational and remember, when I perfect my game, look out!

I attended Lodge at Geneseo on March 10th and was allowed to help in the presentation of a 30-year Service Pin and Certificate to Brother Sheldon Ford and W.: Paul Schmied! This presentation was done on the Degree of Fellowcraft, so that their new Brother Fellowcrafts could attend and share this special event. It was nice to see new faces and see the eagerness and curiosity in their questions and the way they are taking it all in! W.: John English is doing a fine job!

We, as a District, are having a Ladies and Widows Night at the Conesus Golf and Country Club on April 2nd with R.: W.: James Sullivan as guest speaker. We will also be giving a DeWitt Clinton Award to Phyllis Applin. She is very deserving of this award and I sure hope that we have a large attendance for this program. I know that everyone who is recognized is well deserving and we should all be proud and support them!

We are also having the Communion Breakfast on May 15th with the Grand Master attending as guest speaker. I am sure that all will enjoy the program at \$7.50 a ticket. This also will be a fantastic time, so please come to Mt. Morris for the Communion Breakfast and meet the Grand Master and his wife, and enjoy the program and the breakfast with him. Show him that we support him in his travels!

All the Lodges in the Livingston District are working on a lot of Summer projects and I hope that the fellowship will continue during the Summer with all kinds of activities from fundraisers to picnics to cook-outs and so on!

Well Masters, I hope that you are looking forward to the trip to Grand Lodge in New York City. From the sounds of it, we will have a great time! Again, thank you for all your help, encouragement and support this last year! x

**Eunice Lodge
No. 830**



1st Thursdays
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Spring is here, and we have many things on our schedule as we prepare for the end of the year. To start things off, congratulations to Brother Brian Pease, who was married at the Lodge last month. All three of our new Brothers are working on their proficiency for the 3rd Degree in April, which we believe will be a great evening for all of us. We have re-instituted the pre-meeting dinners and Brother LaFave has never let us down for a meal. The dinners are informal, buffet-style and there is always plenty of food (and dessert from that "secret baker" he has). I feel that the mood is shifting as we try to create more friendships within the Lodge. One out-of-town Brother took me up on my offer to write and I enjoyed the note. I hope he writes back, and hope more of you will write, as well. We'd love to see as many of you as possible at meetings, dinners or other functions. No help is needed (unless you want to), just people who want to enjoy a great evening. So come back and get to know us! We'd love to sit down and chat and play some cards or pool. Have a great month and I hope to see you along the way.

Degree

The Third Degree is set. It will be April 14th at Eunice Lodge in conjunction with Geneseo. We will be raising five Brothers, three from Eunice and two from Geneseo. The Shrine Degree Team will be conferring the entire Degree after we open Lodge. We will open Lodge at 5:30 p.m. Consider this due and timely notice. We do not need anyone but the Officers to open, unless you'd like to join us. We will have a buffet-style dinner at 6 p.m. and the Degree and Drama at 7 p.m. It should be a great evening! Call me at 671-4277 by April 10th if you'd like to come.

The Livingston District is having its First Annual Ladies Night on April 2nd at the Conesus Golf Club. It will be a combined Ladies AND Widows Night and we at Eunice are inviting our widows as well and will pay for their dinners. I have included the flyer for the party in our newsletter and there have been ads in the *Masonic Times*. I know we have

at least four couples going. The DeWitt Clinton and individual Lodge Service Awards will be given out, as well. Please consider going and fill out the bottom of the flyer.

SW Derek Howlett put together a Game Night in February. A few Brothers and a prospective candidate enjoyed some games and snacks. It was a great time, according to those who attended, and we have put another evening in the works for the Spring.

We have a couple of new fundraising and community involvement ideas in the works. Along with the "Old Fashioned Days" and the Geneseo Air Show, we have been approached by Geneseo to work on a joint venture that entails collecting clothing. We also want to increase our visibility in new ways. We will be working on the Nature Trail at McKay Park and I would like to initiate the "Hats From Home" program to collect new, unworn hats to send to our soldiers in the Middle East. I think it is great that we are expanding our horizons; we need to think of some new

ideas to get involved and exposed in Caledonia.

My final thoughts are on our visibility as a Fraternity. We have worked hard this year to change the reasons we come and the things that we do. Talking to Derek, who will sit in the East next month to prepare for next year, we are planning to continue the advances we have made this year. More people in the Livingston District, adjoining Districts and the community itself are recognizing the work we have all done. We've had a couple of great, informal dinners before regular communications, and will continue it for the rest of the year. It's been great getting to know our new Brothers, and we have been able to open some lines of communications with our more experienced Brothers who, for various reasons, have not come regularly. We are working hard together to accomplish these things and let's not forget how far we want to go. Perhaps we'll see you at dinner before the April communication (around 6:30 p.m.), at the District Ladies Night or at the 3rd Degree? I hope to see you along the way. x

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Activities in the District continue at a busy pace with Lodges conferring Degrees, holding Brother Bring-a-Friend Nights and holding fundraisers.

April

On the District level, our bus trip to Utica will be April 2nd, our Surviving Spouses Luncheon the 16th, and the Grand Lodge trip April 30th to May 4th. I am very happy to see a busy schedule with more Brothers giving their support to all of our activities.

April 16th, at 12:00, the 3rd annual Surviving Spouses Luncheon will be held at Phelps Hotel. It is important that our Lodges use this occasion to show they have not forgotten the widows of our departed Brothers. This is not to replace any Lodge programs already in place, but is meant to add another; it gives the ladies a chance to have a wonderful day and renew old friendships.

A Child ID was sponsored by Canandaigua Lodge on February 12th. Thirty Girl Scouts were video taped at the Carnival held during the Service Unit meeting. A taping session is planned by Dundee Lodge No. 123 at the Dundee Central School, April 14th at 8:00 a.m.; help is needed. If you can be of assistance, please contact our Child ID Chairman, R.: W.: Don Dill or one of the Co-chairs, R.: W.: Bob Rugles or R.: W.: Herb Goodman. Our demo tape is available for your Lodge. If you wish to plan a taping event, a committee member will be happy to make a presentation.

Several Lodges are conferring Degrees, or will soon start, John Hodge No. 815 in Naples will present the Entered Apprentice Degree in April, and they may need some assistance. Please, my Brothers, if at all possible, try to give them a hand. Contact one of the AGLs and they will tell you what parts need to be filled.

I was informed that Garoga-Sincerity will hold a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. This is good news.

It appears at this time, 12 of our 15 Lodges will be represented at Grand Lodge. I thank those Brothers for their dedication to the Craft. I know all will have a very enjoyable time in New York City. I doubt many other Districts have trips like we do, with our wives and friends sharing the fellowship and fun. If anyone wants to find out what we do, please contact me. x

**Ark Lodge
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Master's message

If we are honest with ourselves, we have gone on retreat! I know of at least forty Brothers who have not come to our monthly meetings. I feel that I, as Master, and the Officers have not done a very good job providing solid, sound, meaningful answers as to why you should come to Lodge. Here is the challenge! Who are we to lead and direct to that great moment of our 200th anniversary, September 7th and 8th, 2007, and to the future? What is it that makes some of us so unclear about what it means to be a Mason?

I asked all Brothers to attend our 200th anniversary meet-

**Grand
Sword Bearer
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On February 24th, I attended a Game Night at Eunice Lodge where we had a great night of pool and cards. Other games were available, but these were the ones that we decided to play! I was given a lesson in pool by Brother LaFave and also a lesson in Euchre by Brother Derek Howlett. Thank you both for the lessons! Anyone who missed this function, missed a great time!

On February 26th, W.: Kenneth Buckley arranged an outing to the Maple Tree Pancake House outside of Short Track, NY. Fifteen people attended and it was worth the time traveled, as the food was great and the company was exceptional. In all, we had a great time! W.: Ken is planning another trip on April 9th to Niagara Falls, to the Power plant, the Air and Space Museum and then to the Casino. This will cost \$39.00 each. Please bring your wives and any friend whom you think might be interested in Masonry, along with their wives! W.: Ken has done a great job this year and should be commended for his efforts. Thank you, W.: Ken.

R.: W.: Roy Moses and I attended Lodge at Mt. Morris on March 7th and we were im-

Ark Lodge

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ing on February 2nd. Those attending were Brothers Tom Abraham, Charles Rouse, Howard Colegrove, Gene Cox, Terry Trenchard and myself. I have put down the names of 53 Brothers to plead with them to give of their skills, brain power, thoughts and feelings as to what the committee could do to make this anniversary a moment that will always be remembered. As I have said so many times before, please come forward and give me your expertise that is so badly needed.

My gut feeling is that Freemasonry in general is going through a very difficult and tough time here in the United States. But I truly feel that I have never met a Brother Mason who was not proud to be a member of our Masonic Fraternity. My Masonic dues card is important to me and I never leave home without it. I feel that as Masons, we have a belief about ourselves that is so special it creates a sense of unparalleled pride. When I say, "Brotherhood," it has a special meaning for us Brothers because there is a spiritual bond. It is truly real, truly meaningful, so very special to all Masons. It says, "I might not know you, but you must be all right. That you are already my friend and you can count on me." Show me any other organization in the world that has such a deep feeling of genuine brotherhood. You can only find it being a true Master Mason.

To those who say that our Masonic Fraternity has run its course and is no longer relevant to men today, I say they are terribly wrong! In our society, men in general are made to feel insignificant. Your Social Security number, credit card account and bank account numbers are more important than your name. Nothing worse can happen to a man than to believe that he, himself, is not important. Freemasonry takes every man seriously and gives the candidate an opportunity to develop his God-given skills and talents. Whatever you are, doctor, lawyer or Indian chief, in Freemasonry you can become more than you are. That's Masonry's true message, to take a good man and make him a better man. Tell me of any other organization that makes such an offer.

At its best, Masonry and Ark Lodge are both classrooms and workshops. All we need are Brothers in the meetings and the work will be completed. Our product is the Brothers we bring in and the Brothers who produce our Masonic product, to make good men better. We give our

Brothers the opportunity to hone their individual skills. We make it possible for our Brothers to test themselves as officers and to participate in the Rituals of the three Degrees. We can show Brothers how to become more than they are at any given moment. I truly believe that our 90 Brothers have great possibilities inside, if only they would show themselves in Lodge meetings.

Show me another organization that has this philosophy, that holds out such a challenge to men today. Show me another organization that gives men an opportunity to get involved and make a difference in his community, State and nation.

Yet, I agree, Masonry is not for every man. It is for those who truly care about becoming the best they can be. It is for those who have a deep love of country and family, the basic values of honesty, integrity, justice and brotherhood of man.

So, where are we going? What more can we do to make our 200th anniversary a great success? Where will Ark Lodge be five, ten and fifteen years from now? Who will our future leaders be? What changes should Ark Lodge be making? Are we really meeting the needs of our Lodge and our members? These are all questions the Brothers should be dealing with right now. We must increase our visibility here in Geneva and in the O/S/Y District. In other words, we must stop being the quiet, invisible Ark Lodge. What we need now is more action from our missing Brothers of Ark Lodge. God bless.

Masons meet, act, part
The six Brothers who attended the planning meeting for the 200th anniversary discussed such items as a commemorative gold coin, articles in the *Finger Lakes Times* five or six months in advance, notice to all Ontario/Seneca/Yates Lodges and Officers, visitations, 25-year honors for Brothers' service and program advertisements.

The "Precious Few"
When the meetings are called to order and you look around the Lodge room, you're sure to find the same faces. They are always at the meetings and they stay until they are ended. The ones whom I would mention are the precious few who fill the Officers' chairs, and are always on the spot, no matter what the weather may be. The sun may be shining or it may be raining, but they are true and true; the ones you can rely on are always the precious few.

History
Twenty charter members came together on September 2, 1807, with a Masonic vision, which was to labor with a desire to succeed. Their sweat,

blood and tears were to be shared by more than 3,000 Brothers who followed them over 198 years. Let us truly recognize their accomplishments and our labor and share in their great Masonic pride and achievement. Here's a toast to years past and future years to come.

Sickness and distress
Please remember Brothers Ray Smith, Harry George, Max Kaufman, Bill Kashouty, Ramon Baroody, John Stelter, Tom Bryan, Lloyd Hillimire and his wife, Robert Inscho and Horace Riddle.

Dates to remember
April 2nd - Free bus trip to Masonic Care Community in Utica

April 10th - Communion Service. Place and time to be announced.

April 16th - Surviving Spouses Luncheon at the Phelps Hotel

April 20th - Regular communication, with a program.

April 30th to May 4th - Grand Lodge Annual Communication

People, places and other things
Profile of a winner: a very positive Mason.

1. Ability - is high with definite goals for the Lodge and knows what is going on!
2. Quick thinker - one who moves right along and enjoys the tasks at hand.
3. Creative - acts on his own ideas, and works at it.
4. Confident - willing and ready to go ahead.
5. High personal standards - a cut above the average.
6. Perseveres - one who sets goals and continues until they are accomplished.
7. Humble - constantly expanding, evolving and searching to learn new ways to improve himself.

From the *Southern Tier Masonic News*.

There is only one limit to what prayer can do: that is what God can do to you! x

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V.: W.: John Walti reported at our February 15th meeting that the Brotherhood donations for the Lodge have reached \$850, with 37 contributors. He stated that we ranked at the top in the District. These donations represent a little less than 1/3 of our membership. Please, Brothers, it's not too late to send in your donation. Masonry counts on you.

Our Pork Roast Dinner on Saturday, February 19th, received many compliments. A great big thank you to all who volunteered to make this an enjoyable and satisfying event. Thanks to our events chairmen, George Landstrom and Ron Galens.

A recent Lodge program was an informative presentation on little known facts and symbols associated with the \$1 bill. There are too many to list

here, but the following is interesting. Many say that the number 13 is unlucky. You will usually never see a room numbered 13 or hotels or motels with a 13th floor. But think about these; the 13 original colonies, 13 signers of the Declaration of Independence, 13 stripes on our flag, 13 steps on the pyramid, 13 letters in "E Pluribus Unum," 13 stars above the eagle, 13 bars on that shield, 13 leaves on the olive branch, 13 fruits (if you look closely) 13 arrows, and for minorities, the 13th Amendment.

Sickness and distress
A recent chat with Brother Howard Lester revealed that he's home, had his first check-up, and is reportedly doing well. He recounted the many days in the hospital. Brother Dave Roll is still experiencing back pains and takes about 20 pills a day. He's hoping therapy will give some improvement in time. Both were glad to know about our chair lift. Brother Garry Clock is still seeking answers about his condition and looking forward to shaking what ails him. They all shared being contacted by Lodge Brothers and told how it uplifted them. We look forward to seeing all of you in Lodge soon. God Bless.

On April 16th, the OSY District will be holding its 3rd Annual Surviving Spouses Luncheon. Your Lodge has contacted surviving spouses in the area and invited them to attend as our guests. Lodge members have volunteered to offset the cost of the meals by contributing toward the expense. Any of our Brothers, who do not regularly attend Lodge, and would like to assist with this cost, may send a donation to Clayton Ruggles, 1348 Griffith Road, Phelps, NY 14532.

Birthdays
Happy April Birthdays to Brothers Bobby Dorgan, 7th; Todd Ruggles, 8th; Jay Ford and John Roush, 9th; Vincent Rozella II, 12th; Norman Schafer, 16th; David Mowers, 19th; Howard Lester, 20th and James Gostley, 29th.

Masonic Anniversaries
Congratulations to these Brothers raised in April:

Paul Adams	4/5/1960
Clayton Barnard	4/8/1965
Charles Bird	4/19/1994
John Bowles	4/11/1963
Charles Buisch	4/27/1983
John Davis	4/9/1964
Ernest Day	4/14/1983
Aaron Dell	4/8/1971
Dale Gelder	4/20/1971
Elvin Grube	4/17/1962
Isaac Hessney	4/8/1965
Robert Hines	4/5/1950
Ramon Howard	4/16/1974
Michael Klimeczko	4/17/1984
George Landstrom	4/17/1951
Milton Lum	4/22/1969
John Roush	4/13/1967
Robert Spink	4/21/1959
Dayne Tharrett	4/18/1984
Kenneth Thomas Jr.	4/17/1962
Scott Upchurch	4/19/1994
Ronald VanCamp	4/1/1968
Frederick Wheeler	4/21/1959

Important dates
April 5th - Maple Syrup Time program - Brother Ernest Day
April 19th - Masonic Etiquette program - Brother Terry Leonard
May 3rd - Moving-Up Night
May 7th - Pork Chop Bar-B-Que Dinner x

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We finally got our required 2nd Degree out of the way. We had to postpone it once because of snow and then again when two of the main Officers could not be there.

On February 19th the Canandaigua Service Unit of the Seven Lakes Girl Scout Council held a community festival at the high school in Canandaigua. We inquired about doing a Child ID Program at the festival that day and were graciously invited to do so. With help from R.: W.: Clayton Ruggles, his wife, Mary, and R.: W.: Donald Dill, we made 30 ID tapes that afternoon.

We are now going to contact the Primary School in Canandaigua about doing a Child ID of one of the classes there. If you would like to help on this, please contact me as it takes five or six Brothers to do this program and two or three more to relieve.

Dates to remember
May 2nd - Move-Up Night
May 16th - Election of Officers
June 6th - Installation
June 20th - Family
Looking forward to meeting and greeting you at any or all of the above. x

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Masonic Care Community
The Masonic Care Community is in Utica, surrounded by beautiful countryside, on a gorgeous 400 acre campus, settled in the foothills of the Adirondack Mountains. The residents receive the highest level of care from the dedicated staff of professionals. The specialists - including dietitians - tailor the programs to meet the needs of each resident.

In addition to round-the-clock nursing care, the Masonic Care Community provides access to a wide range of health care services. Dentistry, dermatology, podiatry, psychiatry, optometry, speech pathology, radiology

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and audiology can all be found on their campus. Pharmaceutical services are also available to residents.

The Masonic Medical Research Laboratory at Utica has engaged in studies involving major health issues facing society today; such as, ischemic heart disease, cardiac arrhythmias, sudden cardiac death and other aspects of cardiovascular diseases.

Members of the scientific staff have received numerous invitations to present their research findings at international, national and regional symposiums throughout the world. These findings have earned ten international awards within the last 5 years and have appeared in prestigious medical and scientific journals around the world.

Brothers, we can be very proud that the New York State Masons founded the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory, and through their support have contributed to the many important achievements that help fight the many diseases that plague our society.

Congratulations

The DeWitt Clinton Award is the highest award given by Freemasons to a non-Mason, to recognize those citizens who, through their actions, exemplify a concern for the welfare of their fellow man.

DeWitt Clinton was a constructive statesman. He was instrumental in establishing the foundation of a great public education system in the state. He was instrumental in seeing that the Erie Canal was constructed.

Clinton was a Mason whose life was one of service to mankind. He was honorable in all his dealings, and devoted to advancement of the welfare of his fellow-man.

Karen Johnson was presented this most honorable award at DiPacific's Restaurant on February 26th by M.:W.: Edward R. Trosin, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York. The attendance was approximately 115 guests.

Milnor Lodge raised \$1,800 through donations to be presented to Karen, which she will give to Victor and Farmington Fire Departments, in her name.

Upcoming dates

April 2nd - Trip to Utica to visit the Masonic Home. We will meet at 7:45 a.m. at the Phelps Masonic Lodge. The bus will leave at 8:00 a.m. for Utica.

April 14th - 1st Lodge meeting of the month with dinner at 6:00 p.m. After dinner, a

program regarding Mercy Flight!

April 16th - Widows Luncheon at Phelps Hotel at 12 noon. Price for the dinner is \$15.00. Widows will be given corsages.

April 28th - Lodge will confer the 2nd Degree.

Keep this date in mind
May 15th, at 2 p.m., at the Farmington United Methodist Church in Farmington, N.Y., Ontario/Seneca/Yates District will hold a Masonic Service for those Brothers who have gone to the Great Architect of the Universe. *

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April is here and, hopefully, Spring is with it. This month will bring to a close the edict Degrees with Clyde Lodge on the 11th with a 3rd Degree and Pultneyville Lodge on the 18th with a 2nd Degree. The Degree work in all of the Lodges this year has been very good. There has been a marked improvement over last year. I hope next year to see even more improvement in the delivery of our Ritual.

Order in the Lodge

I would like to continue our discussion on Masonic Etiquette that began last month. The first topic pertains to Order in the Lodge Room. By Order in Lodge is meant that all members present behave in a seemly manner, the discussion and conduct of business is carried on according to the laws of Grand Lodge and the By-Laws of the Lodge. Ceremonies are conducted in due form, all the signs and gestures of courtesy and respect are given, no loud talking, jesting, or unnecessary moving about is permitted and harmony and dignity prevail. The responsibility for maintaining order is incumbent upon the Worshipful Masters.

Prayer

The next item is Prayer. Every Mason has been in attendance at Communications where prayer has been called for or delivered in an off-hand or grudging manner as if religion were an alien and intrusive thing and the art of wor-

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ship a formality, done for sake of appearance and therefore to be hurriedly finished in order that more important matters be conducted. The Master should call upon the Chaplain to perform the duties of his office with deliberateness and without haste and in a dignified manner. All should rise and be at the Sign of Fidelity and maintain absolute silence while the prayer is being given.

The prayers should be in words prescribed by the Ritual and should be given at the Altar, with the exception of the first section of the 1st Degree. No Lodge should be closed without a prayer.

Punctuality

Finally, Punctuality. It is the responsibility of the Worshipful Master to see that his Lodge is opened at the time specified in the By-Laws and closed at a suitable hour. The Worshipful Master should also conduct the business of the Lodge with dispatch and eliminate lengthy intermissions. It is the responsibility of the Officers and members to be on time and in their "Stations and Places" and ready for the Worshipful Master to open the Lodge at the appointed time.

My Brothers, I hope these discussions over the last two months have helped to refresh your memories regarding etiquette in the Lodge room. The Grand Lecturer's Column in the Spring 2005 issue of the *Empire State Mason* also covers other items of interest regarding Masonic Etiquette. *

you feel is worthy of joining our beloved Fraternity.

I understand that Palmyra already has a Blood Drive sponsored by the Presbyterian Church. Maybe we can work with them and put on every other drive. If anyone can think of other ways to become involved in community activities, please come to Lodge and let us hear your thoughts. We are also looking for potential fundraisers.

I will be leaving for vacation on April 22nd and enjoying some relaxation in Florida with our kids. We will be returning on May 1st, just in time for me to fly out on May 2nd to NYC to attend Grand Lodge.

I will be attending Grand Lodge in New York on May 2nd and 3rd and returning for the meeting on the evening of the 4th. I am looking forward to attending, as it has been 30 years since I last attended.

My Brothers, remember the Brotherhood Fund. Until next month, may the Great Architect of the Universe be with you and yours. *

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March 14, 2005. Today I celebrated my fifty-second birthday. Like most of us, birthdays and other anniversaries are cause for serious reflection. I look back and can see many mistakes, as well as times when I took risks and opportunities that pointed my life into a more productive and positive direction.

So it should be with the Craft. Our history is rich with celebrity, tradition and benevolence. Although we have enjoyed many years of vitality, we stagnated and did nothing but continue along the continuum of time. Only in the past 10 years have we begun to be concerned about our declining numbers, and have taken measures to counter that trend.

We continue to hold onto traditions and practices that take a serious toll on individual Lodges, which affects the entire Fraternity. We resist change by avoiding consolidations and mergers. We are more concerned about the limited financial wealth of our individual Lodge, while doing less about maintaining the viability and vitality of the Lodge. Consequently, it is the Fraternity that suffers.

Grand Master, M.:W.: Edward R. Trosin, Jr., has charged us with the tasks of increasing membership, implementing Child ID programs as well as other community service programs, promoting the use of Public Relations, Masonic Education and supporting the Brotherhood Fund.

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Since this column is being written before the second week in March, I sure hope that by the time it is read, Spring has sprung! My Brothers, the Brother Bring-a-Friend Night is in full swing. The letters have gone out to the Brethren to look for prospects so we may send them letters of invitation for the evening. The program will begin with a dinner, move into the Lodge room and then back to the dining room for fellowship. I hope you can find someone

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**KEYNOTE SPEAKER
M.:W.: EDWARD R. TROSIN, JR.
GRAND MASTER**

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These important aspects of the Grand Master's message are interrelated. Brothers, if we cannot improve membership, then we won't have the ability to do community service in a way that the public will appreciate. Being under educated Masons will not help us attract men who are looking to join an organization that is different. If we cannot improve our ability to support our only Masonic fundraising activity, then we will continue in our current downward spiral.

I challenge each Lodge to begin taking a serious look at its future. Do you have a vision of what you want to see in your Lodge five years from now? Do you have a plan to reach that vision? Do all of your Brothers share the same concerns and vision? Has this even been discussed in your Lodge? Complaining about inactivity, low turn out and apathy will not improve the problem. Action is what is required. This is the change to which I am referring. It is time that we actually begin to utilize the trestleboards for the purpose of future development. It is what our ancient Grand Master used to assist in the building of King Solomon's Temple. It is the same process we should be using in our daily lives.

The responsibility for the future does not only belong to the Lodge, it belongs to Masters and Wardens, the Purple Club, Shrine, Scottish Rite and other Concordant Bodies. These important groups each need to incorporate vision for the sake of consistency. The approach has to be unified and coordinated. We need to agree that we are running out of time, and the future of the Fraternity is in our hands. I know that we can do this, because I have seen it done. It requires hard work and fortitude, those truly distinguished Masonic cardinal virtues.


Preparations are already beginning for Grand Lodge. Your Master or designee will be going to NYC the weekend of May 1st. Although an off year, there will be several proposals made that will impact your Masonic future. Be sure to have an understanding of these proposals, so that the Master of your Lodge fully represents the views of your Lodge.

The Shrine Circus is just around the corner. The efforts of the Shrine represent more than 1.75 million dollars a day in charity to the Shrine Hospitals. These are national jewels of which Masons can be proud. They are the great Masonic edifices of our time, decorated in true Masonic spirit, which is an architectural style that is hard to replicate. I ask you to support the circus in any way possible. Buy tickets, send children who cannot afford to go, volunteer your time. It is the most important fundraiser for this great benevolent purpose. It is also a great opportunity for positive public relations. Educate your friends

and family to the fact that the Shrine Circus is a Masonic event, and supports an aspect of health care not available anywhere else.

It is my truest hope that these words cause you to ponder more about the future of this great institution, and that you find more time towards insuring its future and success.

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I have kept my heavy sword somewhat shielded, but this last month has been very exciting for Masonry in Monroe County despite everyone seemingly sharing the same upper respiratory ailments. We are finishing up our Official Visits and I am waiting for the actual *Road to the East 2005* class certificates. I presented two certificates at Valley Simes with the imagination and help of Brethren in attendance.

Last month I discussed an actual psychological study that explains why organizations stagnate (five monkeys?). Valley-Simes is a Lodge looking and moving forward. I don't say that because the Brothers were able to visualize imaginary Certificates and Pins that I awarded to R.: W.: Richard Snyder and Brother Richard DeCroce, for their participation in the RTTE 2005, but because of the good works that they are trying to accomplish and the support they provide to the District and to their Brothers and families locally and abroad in the world.

I am particularly gratified to see R.: W.: Snyder "filling in" for W.: Joe Gingold, while the latter serves in Iraq. Dick is a great Master helping during a difficult time, whether he prefers to call himself pro-tem Master or acting Master!!!

I look forward to the future months and the several Grand Lodge events such as Grand Lodge in May, Unity Lodge Dedication May 15th, and the Grand Lodge Scholarship presentation on July 10th. I further would urge all of you to check the Grand Lodge website. Discuss with your Brothers the various awards you could provide to deserving youth, men, and women in your communities and catchment areas. This website:

www.nymasons.org/index.php?c=foms lists the several programs for youth and Scholarship and Community Service Awards available, such as: the Totten Essay Award, General Douglas MacArthur Award, Daniel Beard Carter Scouter Award, Educational Assistance Program, the Hearts and Hands Award and the Dewitt Clinton Award. One area that I have missed this year is being invited as the Grand Sword Bearer to assist in Community Service Awards. Be creative and allow me to unsheathe my mighty Masonic sword (how is that for Hyperbole?).

I will see you in the Quarries. x

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Greetings to one and all. With the arrival of Spring and new beginnings, comes the closing of another Masonic "year." This is the time for Masters of Lodges to reflect on their accomplishments, and hopefully, add many good memories for their year. This is also the time for Masters to resist the temptation to "relax" for the remainder of their term. Your Senior Warden will be looking to you for guidance and assistance in his installation, and his year as Master. You, as Master of the Lodge, must assure that this happens in a timely manner, and now is the time.

I would like to remind you of the Grand Lodge requirements of your annual summoned communication, election of your Officers, and timely installation. These are well documented in the Grand Lodge *Masonic Law Book*. To the Masters unable to attend Grand Lodge in May, please remember to assign a Proxy in your stead. Your vote at Grand Lodge represents your entire membership, therefore, it is vital that you have a signed proxy with your Lodge Seal affixed to accompany your designee.


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Joint Investiture

The Joint Investiture is set for the incoming Masters for the 2005-2006 Masonic year. Please put May 20th (Friday) on your calendar. A dinner at 6:30 p.m. will start the evening followed by the Investiture Service at 7:30 p.m. The location is Fairport/Flower City Lodge, 87 South Main Street, Fairport. We will be honored by the presence of M.: W.: Gary A. Henningsen, Past Grand Master and Past Grand Secretary (Secretary Emeritus) of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for the State of New York, as our guest speaker. Dinner will be the famous Fairport/Flower City Lodge's steak dinner. Cost will be \$11.00.

We will be sending out the required paper work to each Lodge, shortly.

Master Mason

(from the *Short Talk Bulletin*)
 "Are you a Master Mason?" Every member of the Fraternity has answered this challenge affirmatively, even if only passively, during the ceremonies of Opening and Clos-

ing a Lodge. What these words have actually meant to each and every Brother is anyone's guess; but it is safe to say that the reply was at least intended to signify membership in the world's oldest Fraternity.

Unfortunately, too many members have never gone beyond that definition of a Master Mason. They know that they "took" the three Degrees; the last was the Master Mason Degree. Upon its completion, they were acknowledged as regular members. They knew that they were "Masons."

A Master must demonstrate in his own life the qualities and experiences which alone can help him define and recognize those spiritual skills. The important question, therefore, is not "Are you a Master Mason?" It is the more searching question - "What is a Master Mason?" Here are some characteristics:

- Reverence for the Great Architect of the Universe is a first characteristic. It cannot be merely exemplified in Lodge. It must be a way of thinking and acting, which manifests itself in a man's place of business, his home, within the community, etc.

- Benevolence is another element of being a Master Mason. It must, however, be more than dutiful acts of charity and relief which alleviates the distress of a fallen Brother, his widow or his orphans. Benevolence means literally "well wishing," which to a Master Mason, means an attitude of helpful interest to every member of the whole family of mankind.

- Tolerance also characterizes the true Master Mason. It is the tolerance that is the spirit of "bear ye one another's burdens" which permits real understanding of and sympathy for those with whom we disagree. One reason that Freemasonry is so concerned about freedom, political as well as spiritual, is that Freemasonry knows the absolute necessity of mutual tolerance if men are to live in freedom and justice.

- Respect for knowledge and the skills dependent thereon is the significant lesson of the Fellowcraft Degree. But such respect is part of a larger reverence which the true Master Mason accords to excellence in every form. The true Master Mason has the courage to define and to insist on excellence, whether his is dealing merely with the Ritual labors of his Lodge, or with the performance of his fellow-workers in business, government and community affairs. But since excellence alone can recognize the excellent, he reverences all knowledge and experience which have helped men everywhere to achieve excellence. The true Master Mason is not satisfied with the "average;" he dares to be better than that.

- An operative master mason was trained individually to be an architect or overseer of the work. He was a man of worth and dignity. The Speculative Master Mason must also be trained individually to be a master of the moral and spiritual skills of the Builders of Brotherhood. His excellence must make him a man of worth and dignity.

Are you a Master Mason? x

**Brotherhood
Fund**

R.: W.:

**Derek VanHouten
Monroe District**

The Brotherhood Fund has collected to date \$452,084.25 from 8,537 Brothers, which is far behind this time period of the last several years. It will require a lot of effort to make our one million dollar goal. Our State Chairman, R.: W.: Robert Stack, so stated this in a recent letter.

On a District level, we have heard from 416 Brothers for a total of \$16,533.50, or only 15.4%, which, as you can see, screams out to you that MORE needs to be done. As we have said before, any amount is appreciated. In the hope that more of you will contribute, I would like to reprint excerpts from two really nice letters that a couple of our Lodge Chairman wrote to their respective Lodge Brothers encouraging them to search their circumstances in giving.

"Remember when, my Brother, you were asked for some metallic object and heard the words, not even a penny. I want to remind you that any amount of pennies you may give, is sent to the area of YOUR CHOICE and will be used to help support the many programs we have for people who are less fortunate. I hope to meet you at one of our works in the quarry, such as the Ox Roast, to thank you personally for helping to make this campaign a success."

"I can report that forty-one percent of our Brethren and friends have contributed to the cause so far. Remember our Masonic Brotherhood Fund operates without professional fundraisers, no fundraiser fees here; this is charity at its best. You won't get a phone call either. The success of this drive depends upon each of us doing what we think we should to support and further the spirit of Masonic charity and benevolence. A sincere "thanks," to all those who have already contributed and to those who are about to."

My Brothers, it's through dedicated Lodge Brotherhood Fund Chairmen, as those quoted above, that in part make this campaign a success. x

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No. 797



2nd Tuesday
7:30 p.m.

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17 Church Street, Pittsford

Dedicated Service Award
May 14, 2005
7:00 p.m.

Recipient
Richard W. Trolley

Refreshments following Program
Everyone invited

portunity to confer Degrees for another candidate or two, so stay tuned.


I handed out a copy of *The Lodge System of Masonic Education 1234* to the newer members of the Lodge for their learning. This helps to educate them about some of our customs, symbols and mysteries, as well as to spark additional interest in Masonic Education.

I know that each month I remind you to contribute to the Brotherhood Fund. The majority of us do not directly benefit from these programs; however, they are there to provide for those less fortunate than we are. Please return your donation to W.: William Nersinger.

April

Our schedule for April will consist of the following events: Our Official Visit by the District Officers on the 11th and the Fellowcraft on the 25th. We will be having a dinner prior to the DDGM visit. Please contact our Secretary, Rob Sweeney, if you missed signing up for dinner. *

Churchville Lodge No. 667



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

Master
W.: Jesse Noble
321-1995

Secretary
W.: George R. Burke
293-1629

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20 South Main Street, Churchville, 14428

I thank all my Officers and fellow Brothers who attended our annual Table Lodge on March 9th. I extend a very special thanks to R.: W.: James E. Sullivan, Senior Grand Warden. Indeed, his presence was an honor.

Prizes were won by Craig Mollon, Chester Moss and Mark Clifton.


I thank each and every one who supported this endeavor.

Degree

We will be having our 2nd Degree on April 27th at 7 p.m. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. For reservations, contact George R. Burke at 293-1629 or Larry Bright at 359-2257.

I look forward to seeing each and every one of you there. *

WEBSTER LODGE NO. 538



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

Master
W.: Bernard Russell
872-1353

Secretary, Henry Libera
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30 Orchard Street
Webster 14580

It has been a long and cold Winter so far. It is hard to believe that Spring is right around the corner. In just a few more months, Webster will be led by a new line of Officers. But first we have a few activities and events to complete and record.

March review

The first meeting in March was Past Masters' Night. My thanks to Brother Mike Nohle for taking over the evening by sitting in the East. Your Master had a mild case of strep throat which sidelined him

from activities and responsibilities for the week.

Webster Lodge conferred the 3rd Degree on March 17th. I was in the East and W.: Richard Shellman, of Seneca Lodge, graciously helped Webster Lodge by taking the Junior Warden's part. He also helped with the Dramatic Legend in the Second Section. Thank you, Brothers of Seneca, for continuously helping out Webster Lodge. The Fellowcraft Club did a great portrayal of the Drama of the Hiram Legend. Last, but not least, my thanks goes out to Joy Woodley for a very fine Chicken Dinner preceding the Degree.

Looking Forward

Lodge activities for April include the presentation of the Dewitt Clinton Award, April 7th. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., and the meeting will start at 7:30.


April 21st will feature Webster Lodge Anniversary Service Awards Night. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the main event will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. Both awards nights are special traditions for Webster Lodge. Please come out and congratulate the recipients and share in the fellowship.

The Spaghetti Dinner is set for April 1st from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Any Brothers who are interested in helping with this dinner either cooking, serving, eating or cleaning up, please come over and join us. During Winter months a lot of Brothers who normally help, travel South. If you are free, please stop by and give us a hand with the work which needs to be done.

The Officers and I are here for you. Please make it a point to attend the meetings and to support the Lodge. If there is any Brother who needs help getting to and from Lodge, please let me know and I will help make arrangements for travel. I can be reached at 872-1353.

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting. *

UNITY Lodge No. 479



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

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By David Sylvester

It is my sad duty to announce the passing of one of our Lodge Officers, Brother Frank Jansson, DSA. Brother Jansson was currently serving as Steward of Unity Lodge. He had an illustrious Masonic career which touched many in the Fraternity. He will be sadly missed.

Degree

On February 28th we conferred the 1st Degree on five new Brothers. Mike Hueston was in the East and did an outstanding job. These five Brothers were passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft on March 28th.

Thanks

A special thank you to Max Dean, who is the grandson of Brother John Jamele. Max came out to the Mall at Greece

Ridge Center on February 12th and helped with the Have-a-Heart Campaign. It was nice to have a younger man helping us out, and it was by no chance that it was one of the most successful nights of the campaign. Thanks again, Max!

March 14th was our Annual Reports Meeting and was well attended. Before the reading of the reports, we were presented the historical lecture by R.: W.: David Jones. As always, Brother Jones did a wonderful job. This was followed by the Whys and Wherefores by W.: Tom Grape and W.: Jim Toogood, also a job well done. The meeting was preceded by a dinner that was prepared by the Eastern Star. We are having quite a good turnout for our dinners.

Our next dinner will be on Monday, April 11th. Please get your reservations in early.

Reminder

A reminder to all Brothers to get your reservations in for the Dedication Ceremony and the Charter Presentation on Sunday, May 15th. This is on a first come first serve basis. \$30.00 per person. RSVP to Tom Michelsen, 127 West Avenue, Spencerport, NY 14559, 352-4831.

At 3:00 p.m. is the Dedication Ceremony at Unity Lodge, 133 South Union Street, Spencerport. At 5:00 p.m., the Charter Presentation will be at the Party House, 677 Beahan Road, Rochester.

The menu is a Prime Rib and Shrimp Scampi Dinner; Master of Ceremony, Gabe Dalmath; keynote speaker, M.: W.: Edward R. Trosin, Jr.

Brothers, please remember a fallen Brother. It is our duty to aid and support all widows and their families. Attending a Masonic funeral is a tremendous way of honoring a Brother and should be a top priority of all Lodge members. *

Fairport/Flower City Lodge No. 476



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

Master
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271-7446

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

Fairport Masonic Temple
87 South Main Street

My Brothers, the winds of March came and stormed and blew against our walls, but we are of sterner stuff than mere wind and snow—we are a brotherhood of men.

We now must seek to renew our spirits, as the "snowbirds" return and fill our ranks in Lodge, and then do our work in the community. I am happy to report that Brother Alfred Miller has returned to his home and would be more than happy to see a brotherly face.

Dinners

February and March dinners at P. F. Chang's and Charlie Brown's in Penfield were well attended, despite the withering winds of Winter. Brother Gerry Spero is doing a splendid job—averaging nearly 20 Brothers, friends and wives per venue.

On April 14th we will be seated at Hawthorne's on East Avenue for a fine repast. Call

In my year as Master we have lost so many esteemed and dedicated Brothers that I am compelled to acknowledge and name these faithful men of Seneca Lodge: Brother Thomas E. O'Neal, W.: James S.D. Cooper, R.: W.: Frank J. Horton, R.: W.: William H. Russell, R.: W.: Ellsworth A. VanGraffeland, and R.: W.: Fred J. Belluscio. As they have now set aside their working tools to join other departed Seneca Brothers, let us take a moment to honor their memories. The contributions they have made to our Craft are immeasurable and have set the standards for what Masonry should and can be. As we remember these Brothers, let us reflect on what we can learn from them to improve and carry our Lodge forward.

In Seneca Lodge we have a wonderful opportunity to do just that as we welcome three new Brothers. They are eager to learn about and grow in Masonry and what better way to help them than to educate them in what our departed Brothers offered over their many years of service?

Tea time

Our annual Seneca Tea will be upon us in just a few days. This year we will be hosting this event at Webster Temple. Under the direction of a few members and their spouses, you should find this a formal and festive occasion honoring three distinguished members of Seneca Lodge. The date is Sunday, April 10th, from 2 to 5 p.m. I urge you to make every effort to attend and be part of this Seneca tradition.

Degree


At our April 12th meeting we will raise three new Brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. I hope everyone will attend this meeting to support both your Degree Team, consisting of members from both Seneca and Webster Lodges and our new Brothers. We warmly welcome them into our Fraternity.

Keep your calendar open for the St. Andrews visit on May 20th and 21st.

As always, I look forward to the next time we meet. *

NORTHFIELD

Lodge No. 426
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1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.



Master
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I thank the Damascus Shrine Degree Team for conferring the 2nd Degree. Everyone enjoyed the fine work. They will be back on April 21st for the 3rd Degree.

I also thank the Brothers who came on April 7th for Awards Night and received their Certificates and Pins.

Brotherhood Fund

You have received Brother Adams' appeal for Northfield's support of the Brotherhood Fund. If you have not already replied, please do so today so we can close out this year's program. As David said in his letter: "Each donation is like a brick of an edifice." Let's build the largest edifice that we can.

Dues

Thank you to all who have remitted their 2005 dues. It helped us through the property tax bill that was paid in January. If you have not remitted dues for this year, it would help the Lodge if you could do so at this time. Winter heating bills are our highest ever; Grand Lodge fees in the thousands of dollars are due shortly and the annual bill for the *Masonic Times* is in hand. Your dues are needed for our day-to-day operating fund.

If you are one of the members who is behind by a year, please contact the Secretary at once to arrange for a manageable payment plan. We have already spent what you owe and need reimbursement. Your cooperation is requested. The Secretary also needs to know if there are special circumstances of which we should be made aware.

Condolences


Brother Richard Burdett passed away in March in Georgia. He was a long-time member. Our deepest sympathy to his family.

Dates to remember

April 2nd - DeWitt Clinton Award
April 7th - Award Night
April 21st - 3rd Degree, with dinner

Please make your reservation for dinner by calling our Junior Warden, Glenn Schaefer at 248-0157. *

Union Star Lodge No. 320



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2nd Mondays
7:30 p.m.

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By W.: Gary Sanford

I hope that the Winter weather will start to slow down and provide us with more sunshine and warmer days ahead. Please congratulate our newly raised Brother, Brian Miller, and assist him as he learns more about this great Fraternity. We may have another op-

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Gerry or me for details - 334-7616 and 271-7446 respectively. The more, the merrier!


April will be our month of challenge. On the 11th, we will finally confer the 2nd Degree upon our worthy new Brother. Formal attire or dark suit is needed. We must strive to make this an especially warm and fraternal evening for our new Brother. Brother David Taber will be in the East and will schedule a rehearsal or two for confidence building.

The Shrine Circus will be the weekend of April 9th. April 23rd is the first night (Seder supper) of Passover—three weeks after Easter this year. It is a time for all of us to eat with Brothers and enjoy good fellowship. Lest I forget, our second meeting is scheduled to be the 3rd Degree. Tom Goodrich is organizing this, and we are planning for a huge turnout on Monday, April 25th (dinner at 6:30 and Lodge open at 7:30).

Finally, let me just comment that so far in 2005, few have done the work of a great many. Let us all share in the bounty and good fellowship of our Lodge. Further, it will give you a chance to look at the sprucing up of our dining hall/fellowship room. Remember, it is your Lodge—I am only the elected Master. We need each other for our Fraternity to do the best work we can. I do not want to go to Grand Lodge May 2nd and vote without knowing your wishes. See you in Lodge. ✕

Valley-Simes
Lodge No. 109

2nd Tuesdays
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By R. W. W. Richard Snyder

The final countdown begins. Only three more communications, or should I say months, to go this Lodge year. The pressure is on! Annual reports, budgets, Election and Installations of Officers, to name a few, must be planned and carried out. "What does this mean to me?" you ask. It means that your attendance and participation is of the utmost impor-

tance if your Lodge is to survive. Leadership is what it takes, and your membership proves that you have what it takes to fit the many pieces together that make up our Lodge.

Past Master Roll Call

April is Past Masters' Roll Call. Last year's attendance was great, but I know we can do better. Please make every effort to attend and answer "yes" when your name is called by the Secretary. A special dinner and program is planned to celebrate your attendance this evening. Dress for the evening will be casual for all, including Lodge Officers. Reservations please.


Gathering time is 6:00 p.m., dinner served at 6:30. Lodge opens at 7:30. Preparation workers report at 5:30 p.m.

Important stuff

The Ladies' Night Out and Dinner Theater was a hoot. Twenty-one in attendance enjoyed a good meal, and the Greece Paint Players production of "Murder at the Howard Johnson's," a two-act comedy. Thanks to W. W. Dick Giedd for Chairing and Norma Gingold

ERAC
Lodge No. 163

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



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Trestleboard

At the time of writing this article, I had just returned from a short trip overseas to visit with my family and my in-laws. I am reminded after every trip of how lucky we are to be living in a free society. Thank you to all the Brothers who provided me with their support; I appreciate all your calls and emails.

Thank you to all the Officers of ERAC and particularly to our Senior Warden, Steve Lysenko, who rose to the challenge and led the Lodge through two meetings, including a 2nd Degree conferral at a special communication during my absence. Thank you to W. W. Phil Hurwitz for doing a wonderful job explaining the 2nd Degree and W. W. David Upham

for creating the Valley-Simes Birthday dish that each lady received. Next year we will be looking for a new Ladies' Night Program, so keep your eyes and ears on alert.

The visit of the District Deputy Grand Master, R. W. W. Lewis Perna, was a success. The Secretary and Treasurer had their books in order, and the Grand Master's Message was well received. R. W. W. Donald Tubman, Grand Sword Bearer, reported on the importance of the *Road to the East* Program, and ordered a round of applause, and presented a Certificate of Completion to our Junior Warden, Richard DeCroce, and yours truly. This course is well organized and is a must for all Lodge Officers.

Brother Bring-a-Brother

Last month we had no takers on our Brother Bring-a-Brother Program. Simply put, bring a Brother to Lodge who has not attended in less than a year and each will receive their dinner free of charge. Reservations were required. We did have twenty-two in attendance, but only received eleven reservations. ✕

for helping us better understand the meaning of the Masonic applause.

Shrine Circus

The dates for the Shrine Circus will be April 8th - 10th. ERAC Lodge will participate by manning a booth with Brothers from several other Lodges. Thank you to all the Brothers who signed up for this event. I hope many of you will take advantage of this great event and bring your children and/or grandchildren.

Special recognition

ERAC Lodge is awarding W. W. David P. Crawford the Dedicated Service Award (DSA) for all the work he has done, and continues to do, behind the scenes for his Lodge. W. W. Crawford was instrumental in starting the Lodge Summer picnic and scholarship awards, in helping with the merger of our Lodges, the transition of ERAC Lodge to its new location at the Shrine building, selling the building in East Rochester, as well as helping with many other projects and events throughout the year.

The distinctive white Apron with purple trimming proudly worn by recipients of the Dedicated Service Award is a coveted symbol of special recognition. W. W. Crawford has surely earned this recognition; he is truly a dedicated Mason.

Best wishes

Brother Bob Bueg underwent surgery for his aortic aneurysm on March 18th at Park Ridge Hospital. As this is being written, his progress or the success of the operation, is not known. I am sure that Brother Bueg would appreciate your thoughts and prayers, a phone call or a card.

Master's Message

For this month's article, "Freemasonry in the 21st Century," I am borrowing from a presentation I gave at ERAC Lodge in March of 2003. I believe this applies today more than ever.

In his speech in South Africa in 1966, Robert F. Kennedy said, "There is a Chinese curse which says, 'May he live in interesting times.' Like it or not, we live in interesting times..." My Brothers, our Fraternity has much evolved since the

formation of the United Grand Lodge in 1717. We are at the crossroads of yet another change, which should help us prepare the landscape and strengthen the foundations of our Fraternity for those who come after us.

I will ask you to reflect with me on the challenges facing our Fraternity in the 21st century. In preparing for this, I have been inspired by, and sometimes borrowed passages from, *The Meaning of Masonry* by Walter Wilmshurst, and *The Builders* by Joseph Fort Newton. I read, and re-read, the most beautiful poem by Brother Rudyard Kipling, *If*, and I especially enjoyed reading the words of R. W. W. A. Gonçalves, Secretary of Morning Star Lodge, Grand Regular Lodge of Portugal.

My Brothers, Freemasonry is based on three great principles: Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. Over the years, the concepts of brotherly love and relief have been stressed, often at the expense of truth, that our Craft is in serious danger of looking like any other social and charitable organization. Truth is the most difficult principle to recognize and the most difficult to achieve. As Freemasons, we are primarily seekers of Truth and enlightenment. Freemasonry has for a long time been accused of being a secret society, a clan, an organization unto itself, interested only in the help and relief of its own, and dictating its agenda on to the world. As Masons, we know full well that nothing is further from the truth. But does the world know it? Are we doing a good enough job at conveying our message to prospective candidates? Masonry, my Brothers, has been attacked, and Masons have been fought, and even persecuted for centuries. In fact, if you try to reflect on who the enemies of Freemasonry have been over the years, you will form a pretty good idea of what Masonry stands for. Many of the so-called secrets of Freemasonry were, in fact, developed as ways to protect our Craft from persecution, to keep cowans and eavesdroppers from infiltrating our Lodges. These same protections have left us vulnerable to anti-Masonic propaganda and lies. We live today in a very different world from the world in which our ancestors lived. I suggest to you that it is time to change our strategy, lest the image of our Fraternity be tarnished forever, and we run the risk of becoming the secret society that was, but is no more.

Freemasonry, my Brothers, is not the repetition of the Ritual. Whether you believe that Freemasonry dates back to the 18th century or has been around for thousands of years, one thing is certain; this is not a Craft that survived in order to serve and protect its Ritual. The Ritual of the Craft is one of its tools. It is there to serve the Craft in its search for Truth. The ultimate goal of our Fraternity is the regeneration of the Brethren. We are in the business of making better men; better fathers, better husbands, and better citizens. If Brother Kipling was still around, he might add: "If you can excel in Ritual, but not make the Ritual your master

If you can keep with tradi-

tion but not wear tradition as shackles

If you can honor the shrines built by those who came before you, while building new temples for those who will follow in your footsteps

If you can dream of a better tomorrow and pay homage to those whose dreams you are living today

You will be a true Mason, my Brother."

There are many well-meaning Brothers who still refuse to advertise our Fraternity. Let me ask those Brothers how would we serve our endangered Fraternity if we stand idle while watching it die? Are we to adhere strictly to rituals and by-laws without any thought as to the consequences? No, my Brothers, I intend to be a member of this Fraternity for a long time, and I hope to learn from those who came before me and pass those same teachings to others who follow behind. I am not interested in being the last one who enters and close the door behind me.

I strongly believe that every Lodge should have an open forum on this issue. A frank discussion about the future of Masonry is a good thing. It is because we care about the future of our organization that we look for new and innovative ways to preserve it. Standing indifferent to the fate of the Craft cannot, and should not, be tolerated. Each of us should voice his opinion and present solutions. Indifference, my Brothers, is the evil enemy of all human feelings, especially of Freemasonry.

Today my Brothers, Freemasonry is facing yet another big challenge. This challenge has to do with finding the right balance between the challenge of tradition and the challenge of modernity.

The challenge is how to preserve our tradition without being subservient to ritual or by-laws. How do we understand the more noble and glorious purpose of our institution and institute change without destroying our principles? Can Freemasonry change and move itself into the 21st century, or should it remain rigid and inflexible thus ensuring its own demise? Rigid and inflexible, my Brothers, are not Masonic concepts.

Temperance and balance are fundamental teachings in our Fraternity. I believe that tradition is a pillar of our institution. But no institution can stand on one pillar alone. I believe, also, that moving our Fraternity into the 21st century will require change. I have no doubt that without change we are doomed to extinction. Our Fraternity should be attractive to the young men of our time; it should speak their language and cater to their needs. We should be able to attract the elite because Masonry is for them, we should attract the average man and make him want to be part of the elite. The challenge upon us is to achieve change while keeping the fundamentals of the Fraternity intact. I believe this can be done; I believe this should be done. My Brothers, we are today on our way to achieving such change.

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

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I congratulate our new Master Mason, Alfred Pulcino IV, upon receiving his 3rd Degree. I'm sure that he will find much fellowship throughout the years to come. I thank the Shrine Degree Team for conferring the Degree and especially thank R.: W.: Donald Krech for putting everything together for our Lodge.

I'm sorry that I missed the occasion. My doctor was the one who picked the date for surgery, which seems to have gone well and I'm working on getting back to my normal self.

April

Our first Lodge meeting will be April 12th. There will be a catered dinner at 6:30 p.m. The dinner will be Ham and Scalloped Potatoes at a cost of \$8.00. Please make your reservations for dinner. Our Lodge meeting will start at 7:30 p.m.

Our second meeting of the month will be on April 26th. There will be NO DINNER at the Lodge. The Lodge meeting will start at 7:30 p.m.

In your thoughts and prayers, please remember our Brothers and their families who might find themselves in sickness and distress.

Happy Birthday to all of you with April Birthdays.

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Greetings to all the Brothers of the Lodge and others reading this. Spring is finally coming upon us and so is the birth of another Masonic year for us.

Coming up

The Master's Review of Lodge Agenda is on the 11th of April, so it is a big business meeting night. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. and notices will be out soon as to the menu and other information. Please look for it.

Degree

The 3rd Degree is to be held on April 25th and I will be requesting all members of the Ritual cast to be in attendance at the rehearsal(s), as it will be necessary to enable a good and memorable delivery of the Degree. Please be assured that the Lodge can use any and all help in the conferral, even for the smaller and non-speaking parts. What does this mean to you? Well, don't be shy. Make your presence known and help out, because we can all use it! Notice of the rehearsal(s) will be sent via e-mail and calls soon. Dinner will

be served the evening of the 3rd Degree. Again, notices for reservations and the menu will go out, so look for them.

The Master's Review of Grand Lodge Agenda will be on the 9th of May. I will be at Grand Lodge from the 2nd to the 3rd of May. I will give everyone at the meeting the Grand Communication's dictums and decisions affecting us. The Election of Officers for the Lodge will be held that evening.

Annual Dinner and DeWitt Clinton Award

As of yet, I do not have all of the details for this event available, but I will soon. As soon as this is all formulated, I will be sending out a notice as to the time, place, cost, etc.

Sickness and distress

I saw Brother Paul Kober, DSA, recently. He is getting around as well as he has been in over a year, albeit with the use of a cane, but mobile nonetheless. I also saw R.: W.: Robert (Doc) Pettit, who is recovering from a stroke a few months ago and is doing rather well, despite taking some setback to his normal run of life. To the both of you, Brothers Paul and Robert, we hope to see you again soon and getting around better.

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As I drove past the Lodge today, I noted how much snow had been removed from our parking lot. A special thanks to our Junior Deacon, Bill Hunn, for all the work he has done this Winter to assure the lot was clear. I also want to thank Senior Warden, Harry DeHollander, and others, who have cleared the snow from our sidewalk.

Please attend

I have called a meeting of available Past Masters to be held at 7:00 p.m. before our April 5th communication to discuss a proposal from Leah Chapter. I hope many of you can attend.

Charles "Skip" Waterstreet, the Executive Director of the Masonic Service Bureau, was our program speaker on March 1st. The weather and roads were very bad, therefore we were very appreciative of his effort to attend, as well as for his presentation. The Masonic Service Bureau is a most worthwhile arm of our Fraternity and deserves our support. By the way, it was noted how much he enjoyed the pasta, sausage and fellowship after Lodge. We thank our fine Stewards, Brothers Ralph Howe and Jeff Robinson, for the food and all the Brothers for the fellowship.

I missed listing birthdays in recent months, I apologize and have listed them now.

February birthdays

Claude G. Barclay; Scott J. Brickman; John Arthur Burgess; John David Goodrich; Joseph Scott Gresko; William P. Hess; Larry E. McCracken;

Gus William Neidrich; Nicholas K. Panarites; William J. Rate; and Jeffrey B. Ross.

March Birthdays

Alan H. Gray; Allen Charles Mercer; Merle A. Wallace.

April Birthdays

Dana Aucter; David Benoit; Karl Brandt; Harry DeHollander; Jack Johnson; Sante Panella; David Partis; Dale Palmateer; David Seegar; and Denny Wright.

If I have omitted anyone, I apologize.

April

On April 5th, W.: Robert Pedersen, 33°, will discuss Masonic Organization.

April 13 - Spaghetti Dinner

April 19 - 3rd Degree

April 27 - Spaghetti Dinner.

Please don't forget our Ox Roast on Saturday, May 7th. We will need each Brother to sell tickets and, within your cabletow, to help work the event.

In the latest edition of the *Empire State Mason*, the following Brothers were recognized for years of service: Gerald Webster, 64 years; Donald Benson, 60 years and Claude Barclay 50 years. We are grateful for the contributions these Brothers have made to the life of the Lodge over these many years.

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Greetings Brethren and families of Oatka! Spring is just around the corner and I, for one, am looking forward to the demise of the white stuff. This past Winter seemed to drag on a little more than usual.

2nd Degree

On March 15th, we had the honor of participating in a 2nd Degree at Clio Lodge in Hilton. We thank W.: Scott Brickman for his East duties and to Master W.: David Goodrich for allowing us to bring our Entered Apprentice over to Clio to be passed to Fellowcraft. I would also like to thank the Senior Warden, Timothy White, for coordinating this important work at our end and to the several Oatka Brothers who made the trek to Clio Lodge. We are currently planning and rehearsing for our 3rd Degree, to be held in April. Please make every effort to support your Lodge, meet our new Brothers, and participate in the Ritual. Your presence will be greatly appreciated by everyone in attendance.

Dinner and Wine Tasting
On Wednesday night, March 9th, we treated our wives and ourselves to dinner and a wine tasting demonstration. Mr. James Lepore, from Chili Liquor, brought out five different wines to be sampled and discussed. He talked about the characteristics of each and reasons why some compliment certain foods more than others. This was also a great opportunity for our wives to mingle and to get to know each other better. Thanks to W.: Larry Blazey for coordinating this event.

I'm encouraged over the prospect of a future Table Lodge to be held before my privilege as Master is over.

50 Year Service Awards

Plans are underway to honor those dedicated Brethren of Oatka for their 50 or more years of service to the Fraternity. Our current efforts are focusing on the coordination of presentations for our out-of-State Brothers and their local Lodges. More information will be made available as planning progresses.

Brotherhood Fund

Thanks to all Oatka Brethren, both near and far, who have participated in the Brotherhood Fund. If you haven't yet had the opportunity to send in your donation of support, do it right away. Thank you for your generosity.

Haven't been to Lodge in a while? You're always welcome to stop by and say "hi." We really don't care if it's been a month, a year, or years. We'd like to get to know you better. It's all about friendship, morality, and brotherly love.

By the way, we meet at 7:30 p.m., every second and fourth Wednesday of the month and Oatka Lodge is located at 5 Browns Avenue in Scottsville.

Finally, I hope everyone is happy and healthy and I look forward to seeing you at our next meetings on April 13th and 27th.

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By W.: Skip Waterstreet, DSA

We expect to fare better this month than we have the last couple. We cancelled our dinner again in March, due to Mother Nature's fury.

On April 5th, Brother Warren Doerrer has arranged for Valerie Freund to present a travel log to our gathering. We will try for a Turkey Dinner again, in our efforts to provide a little variety in the menu.

Dues

This is the final call for your 2005 Dues. Our fiscal year ends on April 30th. W.: Tom Kendig would sure like to have everyone paid by then, so the slate will be clean. If you have circumstances that makes it difficult for you to pay your dues, please notify Brother Tom. We will endeavor to help you.

Brotherhood Fund

The Campaign is approaching its final weeks. Brother Ralph Jurgens would like to wrap this year's participation up in early May. Elsewhere in this issue you will read a report from the District Chairman, which indicates both the number of participants and the dollars contributed are way below last year's campaign. Please, if you haven't sent in your donation, do it today. Thank you.

April Revelers

Tooting horns and blowing out candles this month are: Glenwood Ide, Mark Jacobs, Earl Martin, Richard Militello, Arnold Raymond, Ronald Ster-

Fellowcraft Club
Annual Meeting
April 12th
Rick's Prime Rib
(formerly Doud Post)
898 Buffalo Road
Social Hour - 6:00 p.m.
Dinner - 7:00 p.m.
Call Clyde Siverd
334-3642
to make a reservation
ALL ARE WELCOME

ling, Derek VanHouten, David Ververs and Carmen Vitali. Happy birthday!

Annual Picnic

We are trying something different this year. This Summer social event is being moved to Camp DeMolay, on Lake Ontario near Sodus Point. The address is 8039 Lake Road. Please mark August 20th on your calendar and plan to attend. Those who have been there can attest to the beauty of the area; those who haven't can find out. It is a bit of a drive, but not terribly bad. Anyone with concerns may be able to arrange car pools from the Shrine Center. Think about it! Let's talk.

Sickness and Distress

"That's the way I learned it 60-years ago!" I'll never forget Jack Grover saying that to the Grand Lecturer at a recent Convention where our Lodge was performing a portion of a Degree. R.: W.: Ed Gilbert, Grand Lecturer, corrected Jack's dissertation, but it didn't phase Jack in the least!

Sadly, I report that Jack has answered the alarm to the door of the Celestial Lodge. At the time of his death, Jack was serving as Assistant Senior Deacon. A very active member, he was one of the Brothers responsible for the Fellowcraft Club Annual Dinner for decades. He made telephone calls; transported the funeral aprons to Masonic Services; and generally was available to help out at whatever activity we currently supported.

The sympathy of the Lodge is extended to his widow, Fran, and his son, Jack Jr. Several grandchildren also survive.

W.: Dave King has been slowed by respiratory problems, but is back in the fold and plugging away. He still has to take it a bit easy. His wife, Edna, also continues to make progress from her recent treatments.

Sue Kendig, our Secretary's wife, is undergoing some tests. We extend her our good wishes that nothing serious shows up in the results.

Jayne Ogden, wife of Brother Bob (DSA), continues to improve. She is undergoing physical therapy.

W.: Clyde and wife, Connie, have taken turns experiencing one form of illness or another the past few weeks. I think they are pretty well cured now.

Trestleboard

April 5 - Dinner and Program at the Nutcracker Restaurant
April 12 - Fellowcraft Annual Meeting, Rick's Prime Rib
April 19 - Regular meeting
May 3 - Dinner and Program
May 10 - Officers' Meeting
May 17 - Annual Meeting
June 7 - Installation
See you in Lodge



Scottish Rite NEWS

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Lodge of Perfection

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First Annual Fish Fry

The first annual Fish Fry (membership dinner) was held Friday, March 11th, as a Brother Bring-a-Brother Program at Hawthorne's. The membership committee was chaired by 2nd Lt. Commander, Joseph Oelgoetz III, who did a marvelous job presenting to three prospective candidates and spouses our Valley programs and opportunities. We walked away with our stomachs full, and petitions from our guests.

Inaugural Presentation 4° - Master Traveler

This new Degree (rewritten 2004) was presented to the members and Class candidates for the first time on March 17th by Ill.: Harold A. Aldrich, 33° Deputy for New York, in CD format, and then the first stage presentation of this Degree by the Valley of Rochester Degree Club. This Degree is now the initial Degree required for membership in the Lodge of Perfection. Also presented that evening, was a brief introduction to the Valley's 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children's Capital Funding Campaign, chaired by Past Most Wise Master, G. Michael Morris. You have by now received a copy of this effort, and we are looking forward to both the voluntary time contributions and the monetary support from individual, corporate or grants that can be obtained and used for this beneficial cause.

Upcoming Programs (Mark Your Calendars)

The Solemn Feast of the Paschal Lamb is Wednesday, April 13th. The day will begin with a visit from our Sovereign Grand Commander, Walter E. Webber, 33°, at our local 32° Frank and Bette Paul Learning Center for Children. From 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., a tour and public reception will take place at the Learning Center, located at 3300 Monroe Avenue, Suite 330. Later that day we will travel to The Party House, situated on Beahan Road, for a 5:30 social hour, 6:30 dinner and ceremony to begin at 7:30 p.m. to recognize our departed Brethren. During the dinner hour, there will be time available for those individual or group contributions to be presented to the 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children Foundation. Please note that dinner reservations are a must, while attendance to the 7:30 p.m. ceremony is open to the public, at no charge. If you have any questions, please contact the office staff at 264-1160.

Rite Events Calendar

(when, where, what) see article for details

Wednesday, April 13th

Feast of the Paschal Lamb: Beahan Road Party House - 5:30 Social, 6:30 Dinner, 7:30 Ceremony

Thursday, April 21st

Ill.: Robert P. Zabel, 33°, Class Reunion continues
7:30 p.m., Damascus Shrine Center
13° and 14°

Saturday, April 30th

Reunion concludes, Damascus Shrine Center
8:45 a.m.
15°, 18°, 28°, 31° and 32°

Saturday, May 7th

Annual Banquet, Burgundy Basin Inn
Social hour/Dinner (Black Tie)

Please note: the Valley calendar distributed in the Fall is incorrect in some dates/programs. Please refer to the above information, or call the Office for details.

Boston Marathon

Support the Valley's local runner, Kate Zabel, the daughter of Ill.: John Zabel, 33°, and Cheryl, and granddaughter of Ill.: Robert Zabel, 33°, and Doris, as Kate puts her mark on the pavement of Boston's countryside for the benefit of our local Frank and Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center. We are currently looking into the possibility of bus/hotel accommodations, leaving Friday afternoon, April 15th, with a visit to the National Heritage Museum Saturday, and returning to Rochester after the start of the race Monday April 18th. If you are interested in this event, please contact 2nd Lt. Commander Joseph Oelgoetz III, or the office, for bus trip details, the deadline is imminent. You should have received information on both the bus trip and a contribution form in the mail. If you have misplaced, or you need to donate a little more, call the Office!

Bring your Passport (The Ill.: Robert P. Zabel Class Reunion)

Please join the Valley, as we pay tribute to our class sponsor for the Spring 2005 Reunion. Join us and discover what has made our sponsor so great and deserving of this Honor. Our sponsor, the Ill.: Robert P. Zabel, 33°, will have the chance to reminiscence on his Fraternal life, from the time he was raised a Master Mason in Wakan Lodge No. 1054, in 1950. Did you know that our Illustrious Brother Robert was coroneted in 1962, and is the oldest most senior Honorary Member of Supreme Council in New York State?

Please join us as the Reunion Continues on Thursday, April 21st at 7:30 p.m.

- 13° - Master of the Ninth Arch
- 14° - Grand Elect Mason

Reunion Concludes on Saturday, April 30th; (note: these are approximate times, as the day progresses)

- 8:00 a.m. - Class registration/orientation and Continental breakfast

- 8:45 a.m. - Council of Princes of Jerusalem opens
- 9:00 a.m. - 15° Knight of the East, or Sword
- 10:30 a.m. - 18° Knight of Rose Croix of H.R.D.M.
- Lunch - 11:45 a.m.
- 12:30 p.m. - 28° Knight of the Sun (presented by the Valley of Buffalo)
- 2:00 p.m. - 31° Allegory of Knight Aspirant
- 3:00 p.m. - 32° Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret
- 4:00 p.m. - Consistory closes

Bring your Passport.
Annual Banquet - Saturday May 7th at the Burgundy Basin Inn. Social hour and dinner to be announced in the upcoming flyer to be mailed soon, or call the Office for your reservations.

Thank you

As the year approaches a climactic conclusion for many Officers and committee members, I would like to say a heartfelt thank you to each and every one of our members, spouses and family. A thank you for your time to make our life a better place, and the time spent away from your family for the good we do; for the Fraternity in general. As each of you need to know, our Valley is led by many individuals who are committed to making this world a better place to live, work, and enjoy the freedom we know today. I thank those who strive to make our world a better place, for it is the Rite thing to do.

So Mote It Be. ✕

2nd Lt. Commander

By Joseph F. Oelgoetz III

Why the college of Freemasonry?

By Mike Knolla

Lessons in leadership

Twenty-one is a number in our society that is rife with significance as a milestone between life as a youth and life as an adult. Twenty-one to me will always be associated with college as it was around my 21st birthday that I decided to leave college a year early. I had the credits after three years, having overloaded ev-

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

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ery semester and come in with AP credits. I would've loved to come back for my final year needing only two classes for a second major and otherwise being able to fill my schedule with religion and philosophy electives, but I couldn't justify the cost. At the time my father was a General Manager for a chain of movie theatres which stretched from the Maine boondocks to Oswego, New York. If you counted the time he spent driving between locations, his average work week was close to 80 hours. With so much travel during the time I'd been in college, he'd been in three car accidents (fortunately coming out injury free). My love and respect for my father meant that I couldn't ask him to continue making this sacrifice to help cover tuition.

The third accident had occurred around my birthday in April, which meant that by the time I'd made my decision, I had a little over a month to find a job and an apartment; basically to get myself ready for the "real world." This was an anxious time for me. The seniors I had taken classes with had spent the entire year getting ready for this. They'd gone to seminars covering many of the issues I was now dealing with. They'd been lining up jobs for months now. To say that the month leading up to the end of the school year and most of the following year were ones of high anxiety for me, would not be off the mark.

Taking a role of responsibility can produce a similar level of anxiety. While most Worshipful Masters have more than a month to prepare for the task, I can only imagine that the level of anxiety they face during their year in the East is very similar to my experience. The Blue Lodge organization certainly offers some training (*The Road to the East* Program, for example) and many Brothers will have spent almost a decade in line

learning the workings of their Lodge. Still, most people I have talked with tell me that the only way to truly learn how to be a leader is to lead. To my knowledge, there isn't a dress rehearsal for the time you spend in the East.

This represents another area where the college of Freemasonry can provide the Blue Lodges with a valuable service. This brings us back to twenty-one. It represents the number of core leadership positions in the Scottish Rite: Commander-in-Chief and his two Lieutenants, six Sublime Princes in the Lodge of Perfection, six Crown Princes of Jerusalem and six Knights of Rose Croix. I have heard the retort that the number is unjustified, especially since it's twice the number in a Blue Lodge, but I disagree.

Twenty-one represents a critical mass that allows multiple opportunities to develop leadership skills while ensuring a substantive support network so that no one should ever be left out on a limb alone. Each of the three lines (Lodge of Perfection, Princes of Jerusalem and Rose Croix) has certain programs and responsibilities. The six Officers in each line get an opportunity to take leadership of various programs with the assistance of those who have done it before them. The number of core leaders means that it is possible for Brothers to bring forward new programs and ideas.

Perhaps this can best be shown via an actual example. I joined the Rose Croix line two years ago. During my first year as an Officer, I was put in charge of organizing the Symbolic Lodge Awards Program. While every year requires some new thinking, I wasn't asked to start from scratch, but was given the notes from each of the Brothers who had organized the program in recent years. That same year I was also able to start a new

program, the Children's Theatre, and was given full support by the rest of the leadership in bringing this to reality. This year I proposed the formation of a Degree Team to improve our Ritual work and given leadership of the program. I also was given the opportunity to organize a trip to see *National Treasure*, a program which allowed us to reach out to the Blue Lodges. In both these programs, I was encouraged to develop my own vision while the other Officers provided me with significant support. Next year I will be in charge of the Solemn Feast of the Pascal Lamb, and assisting in the internal audit. The experience I have gained in these efforts should prove invaluable as I advance in my Blue Lodge line.

I have been told many times that success is 99% good planning, leadership requires bucketsful of confidence, and that the former leads to the latter. The leadership experience I am gaining as an Officer of the Scottish Rite is teaching me how to thoughtfully lay out a strategy that will allow me to achieve my goals. I truly can learn from setbacks, as there is always the hand of one of my fellow Officers helping me up when I've stumbled. From each success, my confidence grows. If, many years from now, when I sit in the East, my year is a successful one, there is little doubt in my mind that my time in the Scottish Rite Officer lines will have played a significant part.

Given my experience, I would encourage the current leaders of Blue Lodges looking to build the next generation of leaders to take advantage of the experience an individual can gain while serving as an Officer in the Scottish Rite by encouraging those further down their lines to sign up. I would also encourage those Brothers who have, up until now, stayed out of line over concerns about their own abilities to take advantage of the growth environment the Scottish Rite lines foster. As I said before, the best way to become a leader is to lead, and what better way is there to have your first leadership experience than when you've got twenty Brothers standing beside you?

Sovereign Prince

By Norman Austin

The balance of the Masonic year should prove to be busy for the Scottish Rite, as many events are scheduled to take place. Our first annual Brother Bring-a-Friend Fish Fry at Hawthorne's last month was both successful and enjoyable. We hope to have several candidates participate in this Spring's reunion. In addition to the Reunion, we will also be celebrating the Feast of the Pascal Lamb, which this year will take place at the Party House on Beahan Road. At this event, we will be remembering those Sublime Princes who have gone to join the Great Architect during the past year, while we concurrently honor their families. One of those, our Wardrobe Manager Emeritus, Frank Jansson, will be particularly missed. Frank always had the costumes for the Degrees laid out meticulously and he knew exactly

which costume and accessories were appropriate for which characters, in which Degrees. One of my fondest memories of Frank is how, when he would take photos of some of us in costume for his wardrobe reference book, he would have an extra print made of me in costume for Miss Linda, who got a kick out of seeing me in various "personas." His kindness will always be remembered.

Change

Turning once again to the topic of membership, as we all know, change occurs everyday; nothing is static, change is inevitable. It's certainly no secret that change has occurred within Masonry, and the Scottish Rite is likewise, no exception. Recently, Degrees have been edited and revised, many of us have new locations at which to meet, and requirements for membership in certain Masonic Bodies have also changed.

In light of some of these changes, some of our members may think it unimportant to ask a Blue Lodge member to join our Grand Army of the Scottish Rite. IT IS IMPORTANT, for the advancement of our Rite and the building of a better tomorrow. With our Reunion taking place this Spring, I would like to urge herein, each Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret to invite a Master Mason friend to share in the philosophy and joys of the Scottish Rite Bodies in the Valley of Rochester.

A great many of our members have never presented a candidate's petition for the Degrees, thinking that the other fellow will assume the onus of the growth and advancement of the Scottish Rite, and that it isn't important. IT IS IMPORTANT.

You have, no doubt, heard the old adage, that a chain is only as strong as its weakest link. So, also, will Scottish Rite Masonry prosper and grow only in proportion to the manner in which the individual member makes his influence felt.

Certainly, you have some influence; then why not put it to use? If you have never done so, set out now in a genuine effort to have a candidate in this upcoming class. How about it? There is still time, and IT IS IMPORTANT.

Tell your prospect there is nothing to commit to memory but to witness the profound revelation of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite.

WHY is it IMPORTANT?

Simply because beyond the 3rd Degree stretches a path leading to a rendezvous where men of all walks of life converge in an atmosphere of peace and unity...where men of varied tastes find inspiration, diversion, and refreshment...and where one is enriched by colorful dramas, pageantry, stirring music and pleasant associations. Where one travels, the bonds of friendship are deepened and the heart made happier and life made more complete...by the experiences found in Scottish Rite Masonry.

The door one opens in the Blue Lodge leads on endlessly to vast new joys and satisfactions—indescribably expanding one's thirst for Masonry! Your friend is waiting for YOU to invite him to become a

member—will you? IT IS IMPORTANT.

However, remember also, that it is equally IMPORTANT that the candidate you sponsor not feel himself to be UNIMPORTANT. Every member of the Valley has the privilege and responsibility of seeking candidates for our Reunion Classes. Every recommender of a Candidate should also remember that this responsibility includes welcoming the new member, and helping him to become acquainted.

If you invite a guest to your home, you'd make sure that he meets all your other guests and is made welcome and comfortable, right? Well, the man whom you recommended to Scottish Rite Masonry is entitled to the same courtesy. Be there to welcome him, help him to get acquainted, make him feel at home and that he is one of us. As his sponsor, it is your duty to take an interest in his progress and see that he fully understands the fine lessons of our Degrees. We should satisfy ourselves that he is receiving that for which you recommended him. To do so is but a Masonic courtesy, as Scottish Rite Masons. Give this some consideration, it will certainly bring forth good results. Try it out during this upcoming Reunion. Your candidate will enjoy his new experience so much more, and you will have helped build stronger bonds of Fraternal Fellowship.

Another source of potential members lies among those who were once members of the Scottish Rite, but who no longer enjoy that status.

Having sent out the dues notices to the membership, including Sublime Princes who are delinquent in their dues, an intriguing interest has been shown among former members—men who hold dimits, or who had to 'let go of the rope' for some reason or other—to pick up their Scottish Rite membership and again enjoy the contact with a great fellowship and an organization which does unusually useful things.

In your search for potential candidates, why not bring back into the fellowship of the Scottish Rite that friend whose membership was allowed to lapse? Membership is too valuable to be discarded. Rekindle the spark of enthusiasm. Restoration should not be difficult.

A restored member is as good as a new one, and does not need to be "sold." He knows what it is all about. Why not concentrate some of your efforts upon these men who enjoyed membership so much before? Invite them to return. We miss them. We need them. We stand ready to make their return a simple matter. Contact the lapsed member and get in touch with the Scottish Rite office for restoration at 264-1160. Put a Scottish Rite membership card in his pocket, and a cheerful smile of gratitude on his face.

Give to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund Campaign

Rochester Chapter of Rose Croix Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite
FEAST OF THE PASCHAL LAMB CEREMONY

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13th
THE PARTY HOUSE
677 BEAHAN ROAD
585-235-5654

Attire: Men (Tux or Dark Suit) Ladies (Cocktail Dress)

Social Hour - 5:30 PM
Served Dinner - 6:30 PM

(\$20.00 per person)

Feast Ceremony - 7:30 PM

Address by: Ill. Walter E. Webber 33°
Sovereign Grand Commander
Supreme Council Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite
of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, U.S.A.

Dinner reservations by **FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 2005.**

Send your check to:
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Casts for Reunion Degrees

Thirteenth Degree

The cast for the 13°, directed by Michael Knolla, is:

- King Solomon **John Zabel**
- Hiram, King of Tyre **Cliff Hayner**
- (understudy, Norm Austin)
- Adoniram **Craig Mollon**
- Ahishar **Ron Webber**
- Abda **Michael Knolla**
- Zerbal **Mike Fazio**
- Amos **Rick Howe**
- Jeroboam **Don Rose**
- Jethro **Bill Zufall**

Fifteenth Degree

The 15° will be directed by Cliff Hayner with Michael Knolla assisting:

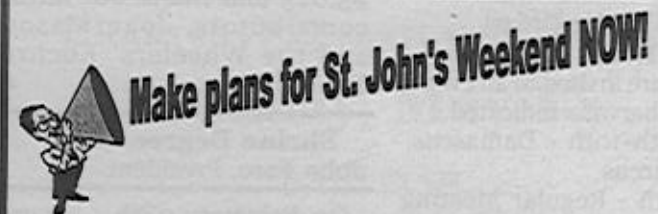
- Rick Howe**
- Mike Fazio**
- Ron Webber**
- Charles Roberts**
- Reggie Reed**
- John Zabel**
- James Jenersen**

Thirty-Second Degree

- Commander in Chief
- 1st Lieutenant Commander
- 2nd Lieutenant Commander
- Orator
- Chancellor
- Master of Ceremonies
- Engineer and Seneschal
- Standard Bearer
- Color Bearer
- Captain of the Guard
- Thrice Potent Master
- Sovereign Prince
- Most Wise Master
- Worshipful Master
- Constans
- Director

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- Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III**
- William R. Zufall, 32° MSA**
- Donald A. Rose, 32° MSA**
- G. Thomas Grape**
- Joseph E. Bourcy**
- Derek VanHouten, 32° DSA**
- Albert Pulcino III**
- Seymour Kopen**
- Michael C. McBride**
- Norman P. Austin**
- Charles M. Roberts**
- Gary L. Burke**
- George S. Nasra**
- Charles O. Hancock, 33**

No information on the 14th, 18th, 28th or 31st.



Your Masonic Festival

with
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Shrine News

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Potentate - Robert L. Anderson II

From the Potentate

Shrine Office - 671-7701



Robert L. Anderson II

Hello Nobles! IT'S CIRCUS TIME! Alice and I are looking forward to seeing you at this year's Shrine Circus, April 7th-10th at the Blue Cross Arena in the Rochester War Memorial. Come out; join the fun in fundraising. See your fellow Nobles and their ladies and the Hamid Circus.

The clowns have devised a new and exciting skit to present to the public. We are honoring youth groups on Friday and the military on Saturday. Come and see the spectacle.

Reminder

Don't forget, we won't have a dinner meeting in April. There will be a quick business meeting on April 6th, but NO DINNER.

In May, we will again have a meeting that is preceded by a dinner. Our spouses are invited to that evening. We will have Fancy Chicken, with a Three Cheese Casserole as a choice for those who don't like chicken.

Membership is important to our Order. The Black Camel has been seen too many times in our neighborhood. Remember to invite your Brothers to join our Nobility. Invite them to our Noble Bring-a-Brother Night on May 7th. Our keynote speaker will be M.:W.: Gary Henningsen. Ladies are invited to the event. Let us show off our Shrine.

We continue with the fun and fundraising in May with the 3rd Annual Duffers Golf Tournament and the Potentate's Ball. I have my foursome, do you have yours? Let's fill out the field and show Rochester how to have some fun.

See you at the Circus!

Event List

Ladies are invited to all events unless otherwise indicated.

April 7th-10th - Damascus Shrine Circus

May 4th - Regular Meeting with Dinner

May 7th - Noble Bring-a-Brother Night

May 14th - Lilac Parade and Circus Worker's Party

May 20th - Duffers Golf Tournament

May 21st - Potentate's Ball

June 1st - Hot Sands (Stag)

July 1st-7th - Imperial Session in Baltimore

July 14th - Webster Parade

August 20th - Picnic

October 1st-9th - Canadian Rockies Tour

From the Recorder

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Spring is in sight as the sun gets higher in the sky. It seems that Mother Nature wants revenge this year, or the older you get, the longer the Winter seems!

The Recorders' Seminar in Shreveport, Louisiana, included a tour of our first hospital in the Shrine system and was very interesting and enjoyable. I will share more about the hospital and some pictures in the next issue. The Seminar focused on sexual harassment and age discrimination, apparently there are several Shrine Centers having problems in these areas. When I get back I should know how to handle both.

The Shrine Circus is close to becoming a reality and we still could use some help in the food and novelty stands. Remember, Nobles, to have a successful Circus, we need everybody's help and for all to promote the same. Let's make it the biggest and best! There is a lot of effort and labor of love that goes into making the Circus a certainty. Having been a County Fair manager for 32 years, I know what it means to have enough help. Let someone in the office know if you can help, and at what performance.

By now, everyone should have received the information and card for the R.A.R.E.S. Program. As I said in the letter, more information is on the website, www.rares.org, as are all of the discounts available.

The Hospital Fund continues to grow toward our goal of \$20,000. We now stand at \$5,023 and thank our latest contributors, Joan Mason and the Wheelers' Euchre Tournament.

Shrine Degree Team

John Faro, President

On February 28th, a very dangerous night for driving, the Shrine Degree Team traveled to Honeoye Falls to confer the 3rd Degree on one Brother from Union Star Lodge. Noble Joe Shanks was in the East, ably assisted by Don Krech and Tom Grape as Wardens, and Norm Johnstone and Mike Grady as Deacons for the 1st section. Vance Collom, Bud Ripley, Bill Jones, Jim Powell, and Dick Snyder assisted in the other chairs.

For the 2nd section, Bill Jones was Most Excellent King Solomon and Don Krech was Hiram, King of Tyre. Jim Verbridge gave the Historical Lecture and the Charge in a very outstanding manner. Lee Collier did his usual good job as Chaplain. The weather left something to be desired, as the return to Rochester was somewhat thrilling, considering the frozen roads.

On March 8th we traveled to Fame Lodge in Irondequoit to confer the Degree on one Brother. Don Krech was in the East in his home Lodge, assisted by Tom Grape in the West and Norm Johnstone in the South. Bill Jones, once again, was Most Excellent King Solomon and Don Krech was Hiram, King of Tyre. All in all, the Degree went quite well. Ill. Sir Bob Anderson, presented the Roberts Book of Masonic Symbols to the newly raised candidate.

Nobles, there is one more Degree on the calendar and that is at Eunice Lodge in Caledonia on April 14th. I started organizing the cast at the Degree in Fame. When you get an email from the Degree Team, please answer it either with a "yea" or "nay" concerning participation. Just ignoring the email leaves Bill and me in confusion as to who is a potential "no-show." We may assign a part that you have done for quite a while, but since we did not hear from you, assumed that you would not participate. Those who do not have email addresses will receive a phone call.

Among the missing at the Degrees for the next few months will be Nobles Gordon Bell, surgery; Erwin Newell, surgery and Don Freeman, illness. Our prayers go out to these Nobles, who will be sorely missed. God Bless all and see you at the Oasis.

Shrine Lunch Club

By James Powell, President

We will not have Lunch Club on April 11th. Due to the Circus, the cook won't have time to do any shopping!

Other than this change, the Lunch Club schedule will con-

tinue as usual. I thought the turn-out was great at the first meeting of the year. Let's keep up the attendance. Everyone is welcome to break bread with your Brothers, even if you are not a member of the Shrine.

The Lunch Club was given \$16 from the sale of the Calendars. Keep up the great work.

Art Maupin is still recovering. He would like to be re-

lieved of his duty as Treasurer of the Lunch Club. Let me be the first to congratulate him for a job well done. Anyone interested in becoming Treasurer for the Lunch Club, please contact me at 352-6358 or James Toogood at 594-2189.

The advice of our Potentate, Robert L. Anderson II, is to attend this year's Circus.

Damascus Duffers

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With the arrival of Spring comes our Official Visits. The schedule is:

April 18th - 8 p.m., Etolian, Spencerport

April 19th - 7:30 p.m., Nolatka, Churchville

April 26th - 7:30 p.m., Leah, Hilton

May 3rd - 8 p.m., Fairport
May 7th - 7:30 p.m., Rochester, Spencerport

The visit to Nolatka in Churchville is a social visit, open to non-members. This is a perfect time to introduce a friend to Eastern Star.

Make a pledge

On Saturday, April 16th, the State Walk-a-Thon will take place in Olean. We will be participating and are requesting your pledges for this three-mile walk. Pledge a fixed amount or a specific amount per mile completed. Call in your pledges; we're hoping to raise an impressive amount for the Grand Matron's and Grand Patron's projects.

Thanks

By Joy Woodley

A tip of the hat for the 95, 96, 97 Club for the very successful Turkey Dinner for the Veterans Center on Mt. Hope Avenue.

A very big thank you to all who donated and cooked the turkeys at home; to the gal who made all the biscuits and desserts and to the guys and gals who served the meal and cleaned up after.

Rochester Chapter No. 314

Order of the Eastern Star
First Saturday, 8:00 p.m.

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Patron
Wthy. George Bundoc 365-0111

Secretary
Rt. Wthy. Barbara Spano 244-1503

133 South Union Street
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Here is hoping that Spring has finally arrived. I, for one, am looking forward to green grass and blooming flowers. A good time was had by all at our March meeting, the Easter Hat Parade was just beautiful. The hat contest resulted in four winners: Rt. Wthy. Debra Leipold, Wthy. Deavera Bundoc, Wthy. William Mitchell, and Sister Sharon McComber. Congratulations!

Our next meeting will be on April 2nd at 8:00 p.m. and we will be honoring our Past Matrons and Patrons. Please be sure to RSVP to Sister Sharon McComber at 368-0111 by March 26th. Also, just a quick reminder that our Official Visit will be on Saturday, May 7th at 7:30 p.m.

Good news!

Congratulations to Sister Corrine Martelli on receiving an award at work; great job, Corrine.

Congratulations to Sister Krystle Alley and her fiance, James Wilkins, on the birth of their son, Nathanael James. He arrived on February 17, 2005 and was greeted at home by brother Zachariah Wayne.

Congratulations to Sister Pearl Roberts on receiving her

Pin and Certificate for 50 years of membership. We enjoyed a lovely visit.

Thinking of you

Please continue to keep our Sisters and Brothers in your prayers, especially Rt. Wthy. Barbara Mertens, Rt. Wthy. Barbara E. Spano, Rt. Wthy. Debra Leipold, Rt. Wthy. Evelyn Ann Heller, Wthy. Dianne Johnson, and Sister Norma Gingold. All are at home recuperating. Calls and cards are always appreciated.

Warm greetings to all who are unable to be with us. Please report any sickness or distress to our Secretary.

Let Us Support One Another. x

Canandaigua/ Fenogowone

Chapter No. 326 O.E.S.
2nd & 4th Wednesdays

MATRON
Wthy. Leslie Smith 554-6715

SECRETARY
Wthy. Shirley Wells 394-2778

Shortsville Temple

It is time to think of Spring. I cannot believe that it is April, with Easter being so early I forgot that Spring is here. Maybe now we can have some nice weather. I'm not sure how you all feel, but I am ready for a weather forecast that does not include snow, as I have had enough for this year.

Our Official Visit for the District will be April 14th, combined with Seneca Lake at Dresden. This will work out for both Chapters, as we both need Officers so we can help each

other out. Hope to see many of our members with us that night.

I hope every one is OK. I know some of our members are having some health problems. Let's keep the following in our prayers and thoughts: Jack Cowen, Eva Patterson, Esther Lippincott, and our own Worthy Patron, Wayne Smith.

If you are having a birthday or anniversary in April, I wish you the best.

Stay well.

I leave you with this:

While it's okay to make plans for the future, it's important to remember that today is precious, too. Often, the things we worry so much about never even happen - or work out in a way we never could have anticipated. Somehow, when we focus on today - taking a moment to enjoy an early Spring sunset, a good book or a laugh with a friend - our tomorrows take care of themselves. x

Tri-Star Chapter No. 209 OES

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

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Wthy. Norman Howard 265-3374

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

161 East Main Street
Palmyra, NY

The Chapter did not meet on the 1st of March, due to the weather. I hope you all had a happy St. Patrick's Day and managed to stay warm and dry.

The 15th of March marked the Official Visit of District

Deputy Grand Matron, Rt. Wthy. Donna M. Hiler, accompanied by District Grand Lecturer, Rt. Wthy. Craig M. Sewert. The Chapter performed a degree for the couple with seven Loons, Donna's symbol, swimming around the room. Gifts were presented to all the Wayne District Grand Officers who were present.

Please note

The Chapter will be dark on April 5th. Please attend Lyons Official Visit at 7:30 p.m. If you need a ride, call me and one will be arranged.

April 19th is almost a month late, but we will be celebrating Easter and Spring. There will be a Pot Luck Dinner with a German theme, prior to our meeting.

Plan ahead for the May 3rd meeting and bring a visitor to join you at our open meeting. All of the mothers present will be recognized. This evening we will be wearing short colored dresses and hope to fill the room. x

Wayne District Order of the Eastern Star

DDGM Rt. Wthy. Donna Hiler 315-986-7173
DGL Rt. Wthy. Craig Sewert 315-926-5956

At the time of this writing, we still haven't seen much of Spring. But there sure are signs with the geese flying, and I heard my first robin last week.

Our first Study Club, held on Saturday, February 26th, had a few in attendance. Rt. Wthy. Craig asked questions in regard to the Five Heroines. It was interesting to see how many of us really knew about each of them. We also got some ideas on how to try to get some new, as well as the old, members to attend Chapter.

The next one will be held at the Marion Masonic Temple on Saturday, April 23rd. M. Wthy. Neil Laundry will be helping us go over the initiation work. It starts at 10:00 a.m., with lunch to follow at noon. It is open to everyone.

We had to postpone the Pizza Party at the VA Hospital on Saturday, March 5th, but we have it rescheduled for Saturday, April 2nd at 2:00 p.m. We usually dress up as clowns, and anyone is invited to help. Give me a call if you would like to join us.

The Roast Beef Dinner went fairly well; at least it didn't storm. Our next dinner will be Spaghetti on Friday, April 8th at the Marion Masonic Temple from 5 til 7 p.m. Price is \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children.

Wayne District Official Visits are: Humanity Chapter in Lyons, Tuesday, April 5th; Williamson Chapter, Monday, April 11th; Richards Chapter in Marion, Wednesday, April 20th; and Sodus Chapter on Wednesday, April 27th. They all start at 7:30 p.m.

By this time, some of our Snowbirds should be back.

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Grand Chapter has come and gone, but not uneventfully! I plan on giving a full report on the happenings there. Just in case I forget to mention the "fourth Veil," please be sure to ask me. (In television that's known as a tease.) On the return trip from Albany, R. E. David Taber and I had the real pleasure of visiting R. E. Walter Simpson and his Lady, Grace. Walter is a long time member of Palmyra Eagle and our discussions ranged from the old and the new things that are going on in our District and area. David talked about the old, I talked about the new and Walt talked about both. (That's because Walt is an avid reader of the Rochester Masonic Times, and other Masonic publications, and knows what is going on in the entire area.) Thank you, Walt and Grace, for a wonderful afternoon full of friendship and Brotherly love.

Official Visits

April 26th - Wayne Chapter No. 276

May 2nd - Palmyra Eagle Chapter

May 9th - Newark Chapter

District happenings

Palmyra Eagle will be hosting the Grand Lecturer's Convention on Monday, April 4th. Work of the evening will be the opening and the Second section of the Most Excellent Master Degree. This year, in the 24th Capitular District, have the distinct pleasure of welcoming the newest Grand Lecturer, R. E. M. Eugene Ellis. Let's show him that we appreciate his visit by having a good attendance from all three Chapters.

Again this year there will be Canal Re-dedication events. This is to celebrate the creation of the Erie Canal System 180 years ago. The following schedule will be further filled out at the DDGHP's Official Visits.

September 10th - Rome

October 7th, 8th - Buffalo

October 29th - New York City

By order of the M. E.: Walter J. Hilsenbeck, Grand High Priest, all Chapters must submit a copy of their trestle-board covering the period from March through December of 2005. Upon receipt, I will forward it to the appropriate places. I would anticipate, and expect, to pick them up prior to my Official Visit.

As most of you know our District, and Wayne Chapter in particular, is in possession of the "Travelling Scepter." The next stop will be Newark Chapter. Then I have the honor of presenting it to the next District.

Companions, don't forget our charities.

STOP - LOOK - and - LISTEN is our Grand High Priest's action statement for his year. Remember this when you've Stopped - Looked and Listened - make sure you ACT in the best interest of Royal Arch Masonry!

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

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Shortsville, NY

Welcome back, Companions. We will hold our first convocation of 2005 on Monday, April 11th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Shortsville Temple, when I will enlighten you of what took place at the Grand Chapter Convocation of March 4th and 5th. Many motions were presented and only a scarce few were passed.

Degree

Your help is needed April 5th in Seneca Falls for the Grand Lecturer's Convention to exemplify the Most Excellent Master Degree. We will have dinner at Abigail's with our new Grand Lecturer, M. E. Eugene Ellis, at 6:00 p.m. ordering from the menu and on to the Temple for the work of the evening at 7:30 p.m. Please plan to be there, as we need you.

April 5th, "The Convention," is Salem Town's meeting night, then it is our night on April 11th at 7:30 in Shortsville. Geneva's Convocation will be April 13th at 8:00 p.m. and, last but not least, will be King David in Port Byron on April 19th at 7:30 p.m. This will be our first month of all four Chapters meeting in 2005. Try to be with us as we support each other in our District.

Don't forget to bring your children and grandchildren to the SHRINE CIRCUS, April 8th, 9th and 10th. Stay WELL, Spring is here and the weather has to get better. CHEERIO and God Bless You.

Maine Humor

Maine was extremely heavy on the Republican side. One year Floss walked into the town clerk's office and said, "I want to change my registration from Republican to Democrat."

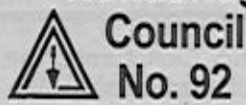
"Land sake, Floss, you can't do that. Why, your family's been Republican for generations."

"I know it, but I aim to change anyway."

"Why in Sam Hill would you ever do a thing like that?"

"Well," replied Floss, "I'm pushing ninety and I figger I haven't got too long to go, but when I do go, I'd rather it be one of them than one of us." ✕

Nundawaga



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By Charles Lee, Correspondent
When this information on Nundawaga Council is read, our March assembly will have just taken place. Finally, the Winter's fury lessened enough to permit the conferral of the Royal Master Degree under the direction of R. I. Steven Wing and the Degree cast at the recent February 28th meeting.

March Council meeting
At our Monday, March 28th meeting, conferral of the Select Master Degree was under the direction of Illustrious Kenneth E. Kohlhausen. Refreshments followed to welcome Nundawaga Council's newest member. However, the joy of the conferral also brought a note of sadness with the recent death of R. I. Companion Layton F. Vogel.

In Memoriam

Layton F. Vogel, Charter member and first Principal Conductor of Nundawaga Council, oldest living Past Thrice Illustrious Master of the Council, died February 14, 2005 at age 90.

At his installation as Master, May 25, 1955, Council minutes included his remarks in which he "spoke of his hopes and aspirations of the coming year." He carried those hopes and aspirations throughout his membership in the Council. An educator by profession, he maintained a high zeal for ritualistic proficiency, especially for the Select Master Degree of Cryptic Masonry. In that Degree, Layton portrayed King Solomon faithfully. Council minutes indicate that on April 21, 1956, he was King Solomon as the Degree was conferred on a class of 19 candidates. The District Deputy of the Ninth Cryptic District noted that class and the efforts of Illustrious Companion Layton Vogel, noting that Vogel "was laying much ground work for future activities of Nundawaga (meaning homeland or home in the hills) Council. He continued as King Solomon until health problems prevented his further participation.

Layton Vogel served as District Deputy Grand Master of the Ninth Cryptic District in 1957-1958. From May 1973 until May 22, 2000 he served Council as Treasurer, only one of four to ever hold that office. He was named "Treasurer Emeritus" in recognition of his distinguished service, and was to have the current Grand Master of Cryptic Masons of the Grand Council of the State of New York, M. I. Stephen A. Licht, succeed him.

Though saddened with his death, the Council rejoices in his tenure among us and his

faithfulness of service to Nundawaga Council.

"Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine on him."

April Council meeting

The April Meeting will be held on Monday, April 25th. No special program is planned at this time. However, the Council will continue to be involved in final plans for this year's Annual Session of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York. Nundawaga Council will be the host Council, and will be opening the Grand Council Session, Friday, August 17th at 7:00 p.m. at the R.I.T. Inn and Conference Center, 5257 West Henrietta Road, Rochester. ✕

Palmyra Council No. 26

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

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161 East Main Street
Palmyra, New York 14522

Our next assembly will be on Thursday, April 7th at 161 East Main Street, Palmyra at 8 p.m. There were certainly a lot of York Rite activities in the month of March. I know some Saturdays had multiple meetings scheduled!

As Spring weather approaches, it reminds me that it's time to start thinking about our Officers for next year. I hope that you will consider how you will support our new Illustrious Master when we discuss nominations at our April assembly. I have always been proud of the way Companions have stepped forward to fill an office in Council. It is much easier than in some other Bodies.

Reservation forms are available now for Grand Council in August, right here in Rochester. It is right that we support our local "boys" as they lead our Craft. Mark your calendars now and I hope to see you on April 7th. ✕

Doric Council No. 19 Cryptic Masons

(Chartered 1861)

3rd Wednesday



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Well, it's that time of month again to sit back down, rack my brain, and try to come up with a little something that's either new and/or interesting to you Companions. It's been a very long and cold Winter this year and, as I write this, Winter still seems to be holding onto it's death grip and doesn't want to let go. Hopefully, Mother Nature is not mad at us. The cal-

endar shows us Spring is here, with warmer weather on the way.

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

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

Upcoming events

April 20th - Select Master Degree - Dinner 6:30 p.m. Officers in tuxedos

May 18th - Reports/elections. Move-Up Night. Officers in tuxedos. ✕

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Travels

It is a pleasure to report that nine Knights from Batavia Commandery traveled to Tonawanda on March 8th to be present for SK James MacConnell, Grand Standard Bearer's Inspection of Tonawanda, Genesee and Niagara Commanderies.

Inspection

SK David Shire, Grand Sword Bearer, will be the Inspecting Officer at the April 14th conclave of Batavia Commandery. Invitations have been sent out for a Ham and Turkey Dinner, which will precede the Inspection. Please remember to bring your table service. ✕

Sagoyewatha
Commandery No. 17
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First, I thank everyone who helped make our March 19th annual Inspection a success. With the help of our sister Commanderies, our ranks were full and there were Knights on the sidelines for our inspection by SK Donald J. Berry, Grand Warder of Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, State of New York. We need to support our sister Commanderies as they have their Inspections.

Secondly, I would like to remind all Knights to bring in the aluminum they have collected for the Eye Foundation. SK L. Ronald Edwards will redeem our aluminum and contribute the proceeds to the Eye Foundation. If you don't have any aluminum, a donation to the Eye Foundation is certainly welcome.

Spring-time is here, and that means elections of new Officers is not far off. Have you given some thought as to what office you would like to hold next year? Please let SK Ronald Edwards know as you make your decision. I know that he will deeply appreciate your support. I thank my Officers for their support during my two years as Commander.

Our April conclave will be on Saturday, April 16th in Phelps at 9 a.m. We will meet for our customary breakfast at the Blue Ribbon Restaurant at 7:30 a.m. Hope to see you there so we can tell you about our march up Shooter's Hill on Easter morning!

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 17 Church Street, Pittsford 14534

By Don Brugger

The first Monday Inspection rehearsal of March was not too well attended. It is hoped that many of you will take these opportunities to reacquaint yourselves with the Commandery and help us prepare. Our second meeting in March was our Easter Observance, preceded by an early dinner with the ladies at the Schoen Place Prime Rib and Grill in Pittsford. The Observance was preceded by a full form opening, thereby giving us another opportunity to hone our skills for the April Inspection by Grand Standard Bearer, SK James MacConnell.

Coming events

Sagoyewatha had its Inspection on March 19th and fraters of Cyrene/Monroe joined them to help out. Hopefully, several from Sagoyewatha will

reciprocate at our April 18th Inspection. DeMolay's Inspection will be on May 5th in Hornell. Batavia's Inspection is on April 14th in Attica. If you would like to attend any of the Inspections and need a ride or directions, please call the Commander.

Cyrene/Monroe Commandery's Inspection will be Monday, April 18th at 7:30 p.m. at the Northfield Lodge Hall, Pittsford. Prior to the Conclave, we will gather for dinner with the Inspecting Officer and his lady at Schoen Place Prime Rib and Grill around 5:30 p.m. If you are interested in attending dinner, you must call Commander Roberts or Recorder Dunn.

A combined Installation of Officers for the Zone 11 Commanderies is scheduled for May 21st at the Hornell Lodge Hall. Our Zone Commander, SK William C. Jones, has informed us that the Grand Treasurer of Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of New York, SK Steven Wing, Past Grand Commander, will be the Installing Officer. The Installation Ceremony will commence at 10:00 a.m.

Summer Picnic

A joint York Rite Summer Picnic has been scheduled for June 9th at Henrietta Town Park, 6 p.m. (open pavilion). This will be a joint York Rite Picnic for Hiram Chapter, Doric Council, Cyrene/Monroe Commandery and Genesee Council No. 51 of the Allied Masonic Degrees. A program of interest will be conducted by Genesee Council and Hiram Chapter will present Scholarship Awards.

Sickness and distress

SK Wayne Slack now resides at Grand Vie Senior Living Community in Penfield. Sir Knights Arnold Palmer and Raymond Beardsley were both ill at the time of our last meeting. Our Recorder, SK Lawrence Dunn, has been recuperating from a bout with pneumonia. Let your prayers be lifted up to God for these Sir Knights.

Membership

No organization can survive without active members. The turnout at our regular meetings is usually enough to open, but, we encourage all those who have gotten out of the habit to come out, participate

and support your Commandery. We may be able to supply a complete uniform. In any case, we would be glad to see you.

You all should have received a letter recently addressing this year's Eye Foundation Campaign, one of our Charities. Your Commandery hopes that by giving to this worthy cause you will assist another to see, not only the light, but all of God's creation and creatures. Please donate.

Zone 11

Remember, there will be no Spring Zone 11 Officers meeting. Since there are apparently no candidates for the Orders, the next meeting for the Zone Officers will be at the Zone Picnic at Zone Commander, Bill Jones' Home on June 5th. Watch for further details.

Please remember those who are on the front lines sacrificing for the freedom of others and security here at home. God Bless our Commandery and God Bless the United States of America.



M.E.E. Walter J. Hilsenbeck was installed as the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of the State of New York, Royal Arch Masons at the 209th annual Grand Convocation held in Albany the weekend of March 4th and 5th. (Photo from Grand Chapter website.)

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**Kenneth Rhodes
Monarch
621-6051**

My thanks to our Chief Justice, Prophet Norman Austin, and Past Monarch, Michael Bell, for fulfilling my duties while I was roaming the countryside in England.

Fellowship

April 2nd is the Chief Justice conclave at 2 p.m. at the Days Inn, Route 60, Fredonia. It is also the Kharram and Sharif Grotto Monarch's Ball at the same location. Call Jim Houston for dinner reservations at (716) 595-2469.

April 4th will be the Board meeting, 7 p.m., Shrine Center.

April 20th is Awards Night. There will be a dinner prior to the meeting. Please contact Michael Bell at 244-2895 for reservations.

April 29th - May 1st - ESGA Spring Convention at The Best Western, Binghamton. Call (607) 622-575 for reservations by April 14th.

Congratulations

Lalla Rookh Grotto extends their congratulations to Prophet Greg Ludwig as "Prophet of the Year."

Thinking of you

Please keep these Prophets in your prayers as they recuperate from illnesses:

Charles White, Bob Bueg, Alfred Pulcino III, Dave King, Emil Schirano and Frank Ghyzel.

In Memoriam

Lalla Rookh Grotto extends their condolences to the family of Past Monarch Richard E. Jackson, who served as Monarch in 1988.

Personal note

Our 11-year old grandson, Keegan, will be receiving a kidney transplant on May 3rd. His 19-year old brother, Korey, is to be the donor. Anyone wishing to send cards may do so to: Keegan Kyle, The Sick Kids Hospital, 6th floor, University Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Keegan will be in Toronto for three months. Korey's address is the same, but on the 4th floor.

Grand Historian



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Each Mason who has become a Prophet in Lalla Rookh Grotto has a life experience that makes him a very unique person. I would like to call

your attention to yet another from the not-to-distant past.

Prophet Homer Eugene Snyder was born in Victor, Ontario County, on July 22, 1872. One of nine children, he attended Victor schools and the Rochester Business Institute. The same year he started his business career with the Empire Drill Company as a commercial traveler, which continued for 10 years.

Homer was in full charge of the Pan-American Exhibition of 1901. For some time he prospected in the Province of Ontario, Canada, with the idea of opening a branch of the Empire Drill Company. Returning to Rochester, he managed an agricultural store.

On January 5, 1907, President Theodore Roosevelt appointed Homer E. Snyder as Postmaster of Victor, NY. He started his new position that same day. He was active in the Republican Party, serving as secretary of the County Committee for many years.

Homer also served as Fire Chief in the Victor Fire Department and Fire Marshal in the Village. Through his efforts, Victor had one of the most up-to-date electric lighting systems of that time, as well as a top-rated fire department. He was one of the organizers of Locke Insulator and took an active interest in establishing the Victor Preserving Company.

Homer became a member of Milnor Lodge in Victor, and later, Lalla Rookh Grotto. He was a Knight of Maccabeus; Rochester Lodge of Elks; National Association of Postmasters; New York State Association of Postmasters; Empire State Implement Men's Club and the Red Jacket Club of Canandaigua.

Reference: R.: W.: Ken Hall, Secretary of Milnor Lodge, and member of the Victor and Ontario Historical Societies *

Secretary's Column

By Kenneth Hutchinson, PM

On March 7th we welcomed our Monarch back from his sojourn to England. He was delighted to be able to conduct his first Board of Governors meeting as Monarch.

We are developing a Lalla Rookh Grotto website. Very shortly it will be up and running. There will be recent and upcoming events, photos and information on making out-of-town reservations.

Our Officers and their photos will be listed and there will be room for Unit reports and photos. A bulletin board, where members will be able to post their own messages, e.g., a car for sale, will be available. There will be an explanation of the Grotto for someone who happens onto our site, and what to do to become a Prophet. There will be a map showing our location.

Once it is ready to go, it will be the first Grotto site in New York State. Our web page will be connected to the Supreme Council's website, and others.

Good news!

Prophet Charles R. White has been in contact with some of our members by email. He is

Ken Rhodes, Monarch

counting the days until he heads back to New York. He misses the Legion meeting, and is ready to support our Commander, Brian Bills, in any way he can.

Sickness and distress

Bob Bueg had his operation March 18th.

Frank Ghyzel was hospitalized recently and is now up and about.

It again becomes my sad duty to announce the passing of two Prophets. Dominic Galliani, a 32-year member, died February 20th.

Richard E. Jackson, a 25-year member who served as Monarch in 1988, died February 28th.

A separate page was set aside in the minutes for both these Prophets, whereon is inscribed the announcement of their death and their virtues may be upon perpetual record. *

Chief Justice

By Norman Austin

Our Monarch, Ken Rhodes and his Lady Doreen, have returned from their visit to family in England, and it's nice to have them back with us again.

Our last meeting was quite enjoyable, and was an event spent with our ladies, where we celebrated St. Patrick's Day with a dinner of Corned Beef and Cabbage. We were entertained by Mike Kornrich, the "one man band," who, with his banjo, guitar and harmonica, kept us tapping our feet. The highlight of my evening was gliding across the dance floor with the lovely Muriel Muir, wife of Prophet Frank. She kindly acquiesced to dance with me to Mike's wonderful rendition of the old classic, "Blue Moon." Thank you Muriel, for making my evening! Thanks to all who helped to clean up at the end of the evening—"many hands make light work," and it was greatly appreciated.

Later this month, I will be attending the Chief Justice Conclave in Fredonia. I look forward to networking with Chiefs Justice from other Grottoes, and comparing notes.

We continue to keep in our thoughts and prayers, Frank Ghyzel, who is back with us after his hospital stay; Dot Fredenburg, who fell at home; Al Pulcino, III, who missed our last meeting due to illness; Bob Bueg, who had surgery last month and my dance partner, Muriel Muir, who will have cataract surgery this month. *

Master of Ceremonies

By Michael Bell

The answer to last month's knock-knock joke trivia question is "Anna Maria Alberghetti in a taxi honey." As there were no winning entries, the contest will be continued.

This month's stumper is: What is the land speed of a gazebo? Answers must be given in furlongs per fortnight.

Last month's column instituted a program whereby the various duties of the Master of Ceremonies are explained...and demonstrated. At that time, I cited a number of "com-

mon belief" canards and red herrings. A further responsibility is to keep red-tassel Prophets up-to-date on personal news from about the realm.

Accordingly—

Norman Austin reports that he was the victim of a most unusual burglary. Apparently, someone broke into Norm's house, stole everything, and then replaced each purloined item with an exact copy.

Al Pulcino has voiced his high regard for Ken Hutchinson's Grand Historian columns. Al declared that Ken should be "canonized or something" ... and said that right now he's just looking for the proper size cannon.

Finally, last month's column seems to have contained errors which, though minor, cry out for correction. To wit:

1. Brian Bills points out that Mrs. and Mr. Judy Ludwig was incorrect. It should read Ms. and Mr. Judy Ludwig.

2. Jim Toogood reports that the sound from Jan Lughart's shoes is more moan than squeak. *

Caldron News

By Susan Wilson, MCO

I hope everyone had a blessed and joyous Easter. Spring is finally here and hope all will be able to help with this month's big and fun project - the Card Party and Smorgasbord on Saturday, April 16th. We will start playing at 1 p.m., enjoy refreshments, table prizes, 50/50 drawings, then enjoy all you can eat Smorgasbord treats, starting at 4:30 p.m. through 7 p.m. The cost for adults is \$7.50, children from 2-12, \$3.75. You all come to Unity Lodge on Union Street in Spencerport. Please call me at 436-0064 for reservations and information. The Calling Committee will contact all members for food donations.

Important meeting

All members, please be aware that there will be a make-up meeting on March 31st. Try to come, as we have much to discuss for April and May events.

The Caldron meeting on Thursday, April 14th will be Sideliners and Blue Caps Night at 7:30 p.m.

The Executive Council meeting is Thursday, April 21st, time to be announced.

Remember!



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

Thurs., April 14th -
Caldron meeting
7:30 p.m.
Unity Lodge

Wed., April 20th -
Awards Night
Dinner 6:30 p.m.
Meeting 7:30 p.m.

Thurs., April 21st -
Caldron Executive
Committee

Enjoy the Fellowship

On Thursday, May 5th, is a rehearsal for the Supreme Visit at 6:30 p.m., Unity Lodge, Spencerport.

May 12th is the Supreme Visit at 1 p.m. with Ceremonial. All petitions must be turned in by April 14th and all those participating, please memorize your parts to make a good showing. Refreshments to follow. Dinner will be at the Pineview Restaurant at 6 p.m. The menu and more information will be provided. The Calling Committee will contact you for reservations to be given to Daughter Betty Madison by May 5th.

Many happy birthday wishes to Dorothy Merritt, 8th; Chris Eeckhout, 13th; Ruth Stewart, 21st; Carol Couchman, and Marge Freeman on the 23rd.

Get well wishes and prayers to Jean Wood, who is still in Hill Haven; Chris Eeckhout is still recovering from knee surgery; Bob Bueg had surgery on March 18th; Jay Riggs is coming along; Pearl Smith has had a very bad cold, but is doing better; Annie Towle had a stent put in and is doing well; Mike and Doris Bell are both getting better daily and busy with all their travels. Hopefully, all these listed and everyone else under the weather, will be on the road to recovery and back out with us by the time this is printed! We miss and need you all greatly. *

Lalla Rookh Caldron SMORGASBORD

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Legion of Honor
By Brian Bills, Commander

Another Winter is over and soon we will be able to migrate outside to plant our gardens, wash our cars or even mow our lawns. We can begin to think about picnics and merry times frolicking in the green grasses. Matter of fact, my car needs washing. Do I have any volunteers?

We had a nice Installation of Officers on February 12th at the Green Lantern Inn in Fairport. One last time, I thank Gerry Spero for doing the Installation for me.

The Legion of Honor meeting, held on March 21st at the Nutcracker, was well attended and a nice time was had by all. W.: Bernie Lazerson, from Seniors Outreach Solutions, was our guest speaker. He shared some good information about the Social Security changes which are going on and gave some tips as to how to make

best use of our money. We thank W.: Bernie for his time and information.

The Legion of Honor will have its next meeting on Monday, April 18th at the Nutcracker Restaurant on Empire Boulevard in Webster. Plan on arriving around 5:30 p.m. for a short social half hour; we will eat at 6:00. The meeting will begin shortly after all have had their supper.

At the end of the meeting, a short video on *Identity Theft* will be shown. Many people think that if they don't use the internet they are safe and don't have to worry about their identity being stolen. The fact is, if you have a Social Security number, driver's license or even one credit card, you are at risk. This video will explain how to help protect yourself and what to do in the event it happens to you.

Please plan to be there for dinner and the meeting, after which we will discuss taking a short trip or some other activity during the Summer months. We need you and your thoughts.



Legion of Honor Officers were installed at a public installation in February. (From left) Installing Officer Jerry Spero, PM; Commander, Brian Bills; Chaplain Pro Tem, Howard Topel; Finance Officer, Heinz Gunkel; Quartermaster, Luigi Campaniello; and Personnel Officer, Greg Ludwig.



Newly installed Legion of Honor Commander, Brian Bills, addresses the gathering at the Green Lantern Inn.



P.O.Y. 2004. Prophet Greg Ludwig (left) was elected Prophet of the Year for 2004. Presenting his fez strip is 2004 Monarch, Jerry Spero. Greg's life is one of rare usefulness and honor, and his pure character is an example for us all. (Photos, K. Hutchinson)

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Lima Masonic Temple
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Our next meeting will be April 28th, with a social hour at 5:30 p.m., and an assorted tray of pickings. A Meat Loaf or Chicken Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.

Our program will start at 7:30 p.m. We will have a Lodge of Remembrance for those Brothers who have been taken from us this past year.

We cannot forget that we will also be electing a new line of Officers for the coming year.

Please call in your dinner reservation promptly, it will be greatly appreciated.

A special thank you to Norm Caccamise from the Lima Volunteer Ambulance Corps. Norm always makes a very interesting presentation and this was no exception. It was enlightening to learn about all the different steps and plans that are necessary for the new Lima Ambulance facility just to get started. We wish Norm and the crew good luck as they continue to navigate through the bureaucracy.

I give a big Masonic thank you to W.: Skip Thorpe for his

presentation on the Revolutionary War.

Caledonia
We will not be having a regular business meeting at our first meeting on April 14th. We will be opening early and then going to visit Eunice Lodge in Caledonia for their Master Mason Degree.

Talent Show
Union Lodge will be sponsoring our local youth talent show April 9th for the Lima

area youth. The talent show will be held in the Honeoye Falls-Lima Central School District Auditorium on the Middle School Campus. There are three age categories; Kindergarten to grade 5, grade 6 to grade 8 and grade 9 to grade 12. The first and second place winners will go on to compete at the Livingston District talent show on April 29th, also being held at the Honeoye Falls-Lima District Auditorium.

You are all invited to come to watch these talented kids.

Ladies Night

I am looking forward to the Livingston District's first Annual Ladies Night on April 2nd in Conesus. It will be an evening of dining and dancing. I thank our District Officers for their efforts in putting this all together.

Masonic Veterans Service

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**Richard E. Fletcher, PGM
Executive Secretary**

Report from the Masonic Veterans Service Committee Chairman
To date the Masonic Veterans Service Committee has sent to the Masonic Service Association over \$5,000 to be used to purchase *Phone Home 100 Minutes Calling Cards*. Thanks to all who have contributed. This has been a State-wide effort, with 600 Lodges participating, the average is approximately \$8.33.

Grand Lodge Masonic Veterans Service Committee Veterans Benefits Report
New Education Benefits for Activated Reservists
Published in the DC's *Weekly Update* by Bob Morrill - January 14, 2005
Submitted to the *Legionnaire* magazine by Linda Anderson
Many new benefits are going into the Veterans system. President Bush has been very busy

implementing more and more benefits to update veterans. Some of the recent improvements have been published in *The Legionnaire*, the official publication, Monroe County American Legion.

Public Law 108-375, authorizing the creation of a new education benefit, was signed into law on October 28, 2004. The new benefit, chapter 1607, makes certain individuals who were activated after September 11, 2001, either eligible for increased benefits, and limits such education assistance to the following percentages of that authorized under the Montgomery GI Bill program for former active-duty personnel:

1. 40 percent for a reserve member who performs active service for 90 consecutive days, but less than one continuous year.
2. 60 percent for a reserve member who performs active duty for one continuous year, but less than two continuous years.
3. 80 percent for a reserve member who performs active service for two years.

Action

The Department of Defense, Department of Homeland Security and VA are working on an implementation plan for this new benefit.

Position

The Masonic Veteran Service Committee and American Legion supports any actions of the Federal Government to increase educational benefits to members of the Ready Reserve.

VA Improves My Health Vet website

By *Veterans Report, Military.com* - November 15, 2004

Harnessing the power of the Internet, the Department of Veterans Affairs is improving its web-based system for providing health care information to its patients. Under the latest improvement to VA's *My Health Website*, Veterans will be able to update personal information and record medical data such as prescriptions. A new capability now added to the site allows veterans to record their personal information and medical data, including emergency contacts, health care providers and insurance, prescriptions, test and allergies, in a private, secure internet environment. Eventually, Veterans will be able to receive their medical history from VA online. VA launched *My HealthVet* on Veterans Day, 2003. The site is located on the Internet at www.myhealth.va.gov.

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Reynolds, Harold P.
Fairport/Flower City Lodge lost a member with the passing of Harold on January 5th. He is survived by one daughter and four grandchildren.

February

Flint, Paul Richard
Paul was 49 years old when he was called Home on February 16th. He was a member of Triluminar Lodge and leaves his wife, Christine, and one son.

Young, Donald R.
Donald died peacefully on February 17th. He was a member of ERAC Lodge and leaves his wife, Sylvia, two children and two grandchildren.

Turney, Ronald F.
Ronald was 69 years old when he met his Maker on February 18th. He was a Past Master of Webster Lodge and his wife, Beverly, six children and nine grandchildren survive him.

Belluscio, Fred J.
The loving arms of the Lord embraced Fred on February 19th. He was a Past Master of Frank R. Lawrence Lodge (Seneca) and was District Deputy grand Master in 1965-66. He leaves one son, four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Galliani, Dominic
Dominic was 90 years old when he passed away on February 20th. A member of Fame Lodge and Lalla Rookh Grotto, he is survived by his wife, Rita, four children and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Jansson, Frank T.
The Great Architect of the Universe claimed Frank on February 25th. This dedicated Mason was a member of Unity Lodge, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Shrine. He is survived by two grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Jackson, Richard E.
Richard entered eternal rest on February 28th at the age of 82 years. He was a member of Etolian Lodge, Rochester Consistory, Damascus Shrine and Lalla Rookh Grotto. He leaves his wife, Grace, seven children, seventeen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

March

Semmler, Harold E.
A 60-year member of Drumlin Square Lodge, Harold died on March 10th at the age of 86 years. He is survived by his wife, Ruth, three sons, ten grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Grover, Jack E.
Jack was called Home on March 2nd at the age of 90 years. He was a member of Craftsman Robertson Lodge, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Shrine. Survivors include his wife, Frances, one son, four granddaughters and three great-grandchildren.

Amos, Harold V.
A member of Rochester Consistory, Howard passed away March 11th at the age of 98 years. He is survived by his wife of 71 years, Eleanor, one daughter, four grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Wright, Martin B.
Martin was 88 years old when he joined the Great Architect on March 11th. He was a member of Clio Lodge and Rochester Consistory and is survived by his wife, Virginia, one daughter and two grandchildren.

Burdett, Richard A., Sr.
Richard passed away peacefully on March 11th. He was a member of Northfield Lodge and leaves his wife, Suzanne, two children and five grandchildren.

Kemp, Elizabeth H.
Three daughters and four grandchildren survive Elizabeth, who went Home on March 12th. She was a member of Tri-Star Chapter, OES.

Deaths reported with no specific information.

Deacon, John S.
Damascus Shrine lost a member with the passing of John on January 9th. He leaves his wife, Marsha and two daughters.

Levy, Sanford M.
A member of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Shrine, Sanford died January 17th at his home in Florida.

Bluthner, Stanley F.
Stanley was a member of ERAC Lodge and passed away on February 18th.

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<p>3 Attica Lodge Pancake Breakfast</p> <p>Daylight Saving Time Begins</p>	<p>4 Canandaigua - Shortsville West Star - Varysburg RAM - Palmyra/Eagle, Grand Lecturer's Convention OES - Irondequoit KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford Shrine Lunch Club</p>	<p>5 Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps Oakland - Castile OES - Fairport, Nolatka, Webster</p>	<p>6 Attica Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy OES - Henrietta, Monroe OES - Leah Chapter - Hilton Corn Beef and Cabbage Dinner</p>	<p>7 Eunice - Caledonia Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster RSM - Palmyra Council</p>	<p>8 Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m. \$6 adult; \$3 Child 30 Orchard Street</p> <p>April Fool's Day</p> <p>WYN District Spaghetti Dinner, Marlon Masonic Temple, 5-7 p.m. Shrine Circus</p>	<p>9 OES - Rochester Chapter, Unity - Spencerport Daughters of the Nile, Zama Temple - Fairport Northfield - Pittsford, DeWitt Clinton Award LIV District - Ladies Night OSY District - Bus trip to Masonic Care Community</p>
<p>10 Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinner Weds. 13th & 27th East Avenue, Hilton Seneca Lodge Tea Time - Webster Lodge, 2-5 p.m. Shrine Circus</p>	<p>11 ERAC - Shrine Center Fairport/Flower City, 2* Mt. Vernon - Java Village Union Star - Honeoye Falls Unity - Spencerport Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield RAM - Excelsior - Shortsville</p>	<p>12 Arcade Batavia Craftsman Robertson, Fellowcraft Annual Dinner Fame - Irondequoit Seneca - Webster, 3* Valley-Simes RAM - Dansville, LeRoy OES - Leah - Hilton</p>	<p>13 Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike Masonic Service Bureau Monthly Luncheon Meeting Scottish Rite - Feast of the Paschal Lamb OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville, Corinthian Fellowship</p>	<p>14 Eagle Valley - Bliss Eunice - Caledonia, 3* by Shrine Degree Team Milnor - Victor Union - Lima RAM - Hiram KT - Batavia Commandery Lalla Rookh Caldron, Unity - Spencerport</p>	<p>15 Scottish Rite - Bus trip to Boston Marathon and Heritage Museum</p>	<p>16 KT - Sagoyewatha - Phelps OSY - Surviving Spouse Luncheon @ Phelps Hotel OES - State Walk-a-Thon in Olean</p>
<p>17 Leah Chapter Breakfast Buffet 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. 287 East Avenue, Hilton</p>	<p>18 Canandaigua - Shortsville West Star - Varysburg KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford OES - Irondequoit Shrine Lunch Club - Ladies Day</p>	<p>19 Clio - Hilton, 3* Craftsman Robertson, Summoned Meeting Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps Oakland - Castile OES - Nolatka (OV), Tri-Star - Palmyra, Webster</p>	<p>20 Attica Ark - Geneva Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy RSM - Doric Council, Pittsford - Select Master * Lalla Rookh Grotto</p>	<p>21 Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford, 3* Webster Scottish Rite, 13*, 14* RAM - Western Star</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 Passover</p>
<p>24 ERAC - Shrine Center Fairport/Flower City, 3* Mt. Vernon - Java Village Union Star - Honeoye Falls Unity - Spencerport Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield, 3* RSM - Nundawaga Council Shrine Lunch Club</p>	<p>25 Arcade Batavia, 1* Fame - Irondequoit Valley-Simes RAM - Dansville, LeRoy, Wyoming OES - Leah - Hilton (OV)</p>	<p>26 Churchville, 2* Oatka - Scottsville, 3* Triluminar - Pike Tall Cedars of Lebanon OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville, Corinthian Fellowship</p>	<p>27 Eagle Valley - Bliss Milnor - Victor, 2* Union - Lima RAM - Hiram KT - Batavia Commandery James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 Orthodox Holy Friday</p>	<p>30 Scottish Rite, 15*, 18*, 28*, 31* and 32*</p>