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Have-a-Heart runs through Valentine's Day

By Mike McBride

This is the second request for help. We are getting good responses this year! If you have not signed up, please call as soon as possible. We will be in the malls from Tuesday, February 1st through Monday, February 14th. We need help manning the booths from all Masonic and Concordant Body Brothers and Sisters (family members and friends are welcome)!

Contact

Richard Greenaway (Margaret) at 527-8802 for Eastview Mall

Eugene Crews (Betty) at 225-7949 for Marketplace Mall

James Robinson at 235-1686 for Marketplace Mall

Janet Porter at 663-6719 for Marketplace Mall

David Sylvester at 594-9779 for the Mall at Greece Ridge Center

Mike McBride (Jean) at 663-4636 for all questions.

Please help. We have raised well over \$170,000 for this cause; we need to keep this going! It's been a traditional community event since 1988. Credit for this event goes to all Masonic and Concordant Bodies! We had great difficulty last year getting commitments! We have 42 time slots to fill.

I'm very excited this year! We have full Co-Chair support from the Eastern Star and Prince Hall Masons and Prince Hall Eastern Star! We will also get assistance from the Shrine Clowns! The number of clowns able to assist is limited, but they

have offered to provide make-up and a short training overview to anyone who would aspire to be a clown and would like to help entertain the children at the malls (call Oscar Wilson at 396-2133).

All funds raised through our efforts have been donated directly to, and are used for, the local Ronald McDonald Home on Westmoreland Drive, which opened in 1990. They have recognized our efforts by placing a picture, with an explanation, of the Masonic Cornerstone Dedication for their facility, in the lobby. We are also recognized on their wall of contributors as a major benefactor.

The purpose of the Ronald McDonald House is to provide a home away from home for families who have a child being treated at a local hospital. Doctors refer families as the need and availability arises. Families who use the facility have a child being treated for cardiac care, neo-natal care, cancer, MS, etc. Families from every County in New York State have used our local facility, as well as families

from 42 other States. Unfortunately, even with growth renovations, they often have a waiting list.

The cost is a nominal fee of \$10/night/room. If the family is unable to pay, there is no charge. Services provided at the Ronald McDonald House are laundry, kitchen, shuttle transportation, etc. If needed, they also provide residents with food and staples for their return home.

The total for last year was \$14,201.53! Let's top that! Many thanks to everyone in advance. Questions, suggestions or complaints can be addressed to me:

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I had some individuals help by sending checks in last year. Make your checks payable to "Ronald McDonald House" and send them to:

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Donations Needed to Aid Tsunami Victims

Submitted by R.: W.: Ron Bower

Grand Master, M.: W.: Edward R. Trosin, requested that donations for Tsunami Relief can be sent to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund and specified for "Tsunami Relief." He will send these funds, with an additional donation from his allocation, to a recognized authentic Masonic Association to be determined shortly.

M.: W.: Edward R. Trosin cautions against sending money solicited over the Inter-net by Masonic Lodges in the disaster area, unless their authenticity can be determined. x

Multiple-District Road to the East Program Enlightens 30 Brothers



R.: W.: M. Donald Darrohn and R.: W.: Donald Tubman (photo below) were part of the organization and presentation crew at the Road to the East Program held last month at Eunice Lodge in Caledonia. These photos were submitted by R.: W.: Richard Trescott, Livingston District (See page 10). x



Child ID Program Targets Families of Hearing Impaired

By Harrison F. Parson, Jr.

As R.: W.: Lew Perna mentioned, in his article last month, the Child ID Program will take place at Marketplace Mall during the Have-a-Heart Campaign. I have secured a vacant space in the center court of the Mall. The dates are February 4th, 5th, and 6th. We would like your help with this Program. I am aware that some of you will be working for the Have-a-Heart Campaign and, if you already have a time slot for that, would you be willing to sign up for an adjoining time slot for the Child ID Program?

We will need individuals for registration, video camera operator and reviewing (the final step). I plan to secure volunteers who can hear and know sign language for the registration, interviewer, and reviewing. Also, I will get some deaf

volunteers for registration. If you know of anyone who knows sign language or is deaf, please contact them and encourage them to help.

Training

We will have a training session on January 29th at Unity Lodge, 133 South Union Street, Spencerport, beginning at 11:00 a.m. If you wish to help with the Child ID Program, please send an email message to me at: dadhfparsonjr@rochester.rr.com for more information. Even if you can't help, please feel free to stop by and say "Hi!"

I am very excited about this project and am looking forward to helping parents feel secure, knowing they have something Law Enforcement personnel can use to help find their missing child, should that happen.

I hope you will have a nice day. May the Great Architect of the Universe bless all of you. x

ELDER WEAR

By Steve Lysenko

ElderWear has had another successful year! Money and clothing donations are still coming in, but as this article is written, we have collected over \$500 in cash donations and 200 new articles of clothing. Clothing has been distributed

to several area long-term and skilled care facilities. Most importantly, we have again helped restore dignity to some needy residents of Rochester area nursing homes. Thanks again for supporting this worthy cause. x

School of Ritual January 31, 7:30 p.m.

Webster Lodge
30 Orchard Street

6:30 p.m. - Lasagna Dinner
\$8.00 per person

Reservations:

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Masonic Service Bureau - 671-9730

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Editor's Corner



Decline

We lost a lot of subscribers last month. I know that because of reports to the USPS I must make each month. As Lodge Secretaries have returned their rosters and subscription renewals, we have learned of many dimits and Brothers dropped for non-payment of dues. We knew this might happen, when the increase in per capita tax from Grand Lodge was approved.

R. W. Joe Privitera has mentioned this before in his column; I thought I'd mention it here.

If your Masonic-affiliated relative is in poor health or in a difficult financial situation, please, Please, PLEASE contact someone in the Fraternity. Over the years, one of the most frequently heard negative comments to me was about "how ill he had been and he never heard from the Lodge." Someone must tell us this news!

Each subscribing organization has a logo along with their column, which usually lists the names and phone numbers of primary officers. If the Lodge is not a subscriber, ALL the District Officers covering the five Districts we promote are listed in the Hot Numbers on page 2. You may always call us at the Masonic Service Bureau, 671-9730, for that information, or other help you may need.

One of the Principal Tenets of the Fraternity is Charity. You know that from the works of the Organizations...Brotherhood Fund, Masonic Care Community, Schizophrenia research, dental care programs, aid to Cerebral Palsy, Shriners Hospitals for Children, etc. We have charity at home, too. We help our Brothers "in need of our aid or sympathy." But, we have to know that you NEED our help; we have to know there is illness, or financial difficulties, or whatever the problem may be.

How tragic that a long-standing Brother is "kicked out" because he can no longer afford his membership. How sad that ignorance or pride (or whatever reason) would not allow him (or his family) to ask for our help.

Thanks for reading.

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Do you know all you should about the Masonic Service Bureau? If someone asked you who we are and what we do, could you give them an answer?

The Executive Director and I have offered to visit any Lodge, Eastern Star Chapter or Concordant Body who wants to learn more about us. So far we've had only two responses! I am in hopes we haven't heard from more of you because you are trying to find a time when you can fit us in. Maybe you'd like to have a joint meeting with a special program just on the Masonic Service Bureau. If so, let us know. We are willing to work with you and any plans you might have. Please take advantage of our offer. There's a lot to be learned that could prove useful to your efforts to gain members and make the community at large aware of who we are AND how we can be of service to them. I've been involved with the Masonic Service Bureau for over twenty-five years and I'm still learning. As times change, so does the Masonic Service Bureau, but I feel it's a positive change. We need ALL of you to make it work.

The Volunteer Connection is getting "reconnected." If you hear of a group which needs some help, let us know. In the past, we've helped groups such as the Al Sigl Center, Special Olympics and other similar organizations. I'm hoping we can help some of the groups we give our grants to - especially the hospice homes, where many of our members have received the benefit of their care. Who will help cook a meal, etc.? Leon and Beverly VanHuben have consented to be the contact people for this service. They can be reached at 647-1391, or you may leave a message at the Masonic Service Bureau.

Please plan to give some time to the Have-a-Heart Campaign. Their chair people will be in contact with you or your group.

My hope for all of you and for our troubled world is found in the following poem by Helen Steiner Rice:

Oh Father, grant once more to men
A simple, childlike faith again,
Forgetting color, race, or creed,
Seeing only the heart's deep need -
For faith alone can save man's soul
And make this torn world once more whole -
And faith in things we cannot see
Requires a child's simplicity.
And there is one unfailing course -
We win by faith and not by force.

Retired Newscaster Honored



Gabe Dalmath with Linda and Bob Zahn at the gala honoring his retirement.

Members of the Masonic Service Bureau were in attendance at the "Roast" of retired News10 Anchorman, Gabe Dalmath, at the Burgundy Basin Inn last month. Gabe was honored for his 28 years in television journalism and his many service projects, especially as host of the local production of the *Jerry Lewis Telethon* which benefits the Muscular Dystrophy Association and individuals with neuromuscular diseases.

Monroe County Executive, Maggie Brooks, appearing on behalf of City of Rochester Mayor, Bill Johnson, and herself, presented Gabe with a Proclamation stating January 14th was "Gabe Dalmath Day." Roasters included Don Alhart, 13WHAM-TV Anchorman and Associate News Director; Janet Lomax, News Anchor, NEWS 10NBC; Arnold Klinsky, Vice President and General Manager of NEWS10NBC; Ferdinand J. Smith, Jay Advertising; Laura Saxby Lynch, Public Relations Manager, Paychex, and former Weekend Anchor at 10NBC; Bob Lonsberry, Talk Show Host at WHAM1180 radio; and Rich Funke, Sports Director of 10NBC. The mistress of ceremonies was Rebecca Leclair, Anchor/Reporter at News10NBC. Nearly 200 people attended the affair, with proceeds directed to the local chapter of the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Mr. Dalmath was the 1987 Distinguished Community Service Award recipient, presented by the Masonic Service Bureau, and has been a supporter and friend to the Bureau on several occasions.

As mentioned in a previous issue of the *Masonic Times*, the approval of the revised By-Laws and Constitution resulted in the titles of some of the Officers of the Masonic Service Bureau changing. Here are the Officers elected at the December meeting of the Board of Directors.

- President **Linda Zahn**
Vice-President **James Ghent**
Secretary **Barbara Goodrich**
Treasurer **William Lindsay**
Executive Director
Charles Waterstreet
- Also due to the revisions, it was only necessary to elect two Directors. **Leon VanHuben** was selected to fulfill the remaining two years of the term of James Ghent; **Janet Porter** was selected to fulfill the term of the late Jack Thibaut, who had one year remaining.

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Annual Report

The Grand Lodge Veterans Service Committee for the year 2004 has been a very gratifying and busy year. Many projects were started and completed, with a total of \$31,500 allocated for various purchases.

- Some programs sponsored:
- All 15 Veterans Medical Centers had one ward activity (or more) during the year. These included holiday gift giving, distribution of socks, comfort kits, hats, body packs, ice cream, cake, fresh fruits, plus entertainment, picnics, birthday parties and bingo.
 - Special one-time gifts, such as wheelchairs and flags for Memorial Services at cemeteries.
 - Operation Phone Home, which provided calling cards to Active Military personnel.

The year 2004 saw a great surge in Masonic group Volunteers for the VA Medical Centers. There are now more than sixty people who make regular visits to the hospitals. I cannot express in words my deep and sincere feelings for them. These people have a special place in my heart, because it takes a very

special kind of person to do this type of volunteering. The reward received from the Veterans, when you hand them a holiday gift, birthday gift, or just talk to them, makes it all worthwhile. They smile; tears of joy run down their cheeks; they are so grateful for you just being there. Masonic Volunteers have made this a life-long affection of love in caring for the Veterans!

Thank you to all the Volunteers and members for being part of the "BEST" Committee in Grand Lodge. A special thank you goes to spouses, children, sweethearts and friends who allow, and often participate with, them. May God bless you and yours, and watch over you!

Brethren, thank you to all of you who designated the Masonic Veterans Service Committee to receive all, or part, of your contributions to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund. The money received from the Brotherhood Fund helps make these activities happen! Without it, some programs would have to be curtailed or eliminated.

Operation Phone Home

Just over \$5000 of my goal of \$7000 to purchase 1000 phone cards has been contributed. You still have the opportunity to send your check, made out to the Masonic Service Association, to me at the address above. In the memo line write, "Operation Phone Home." Each organization received a letter requesting a \$50 donation; more would gladly be accepted.

Continue to pray for the safety and return of our Military personnel around the globe, as they perform their duties in the service of our Country.

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GREAT ARCHITECT CALLS TWO PAST GRAND MASTERS

By Richard W. Bateman, GP
It is with great sorrow that we learn of the demise of our Past Grand Master, Most Worshipful William R. Punt, who was "Called from Labor" at his home in Largo, Florida. M.:W.: Punt was a member of Floral Park Lodge No. 1016 in the Second Nassau District. He was Raised to the Sublime Degree fifty years ago on April 8, 1954, and had just celebrated his 90th birthday on December 20th. M.:W.: Punt proudly served the Grand Lodge of New York as Grand Master during the years 1978 and 1979. He currently held Honorary Membership in many Lodges throughout the State of New York and he held the office of Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Florida near the Grand Lodge of New York.

Cards and expressions of sympathy may be sent to his widow, Mrs. Elsie Punt, at their residence: 8243 Brentwood Road, Largo, FL 33777-2031.



M.:W.: WILLIAM R. PUNT

Our Grand Master, M.:W.: Edward R. Trosin, the Officers of the Grand Line and all of our Permanent Members and Past Grand Masters, join together in extending deepest regrets and condolences to Elsie, her family and the members of Floral Park Lodge No. 1016 for their loss.



M.:W.: STEWART C. MC CLOUD

By Barbara Goodrich
Past Grand Master, Stewart C. McCloud, joined the Great Architect of the Universe on January 16th. He had recently been under hospice care.

M.:W.: McCloud joined Dunton Lodge, (now Springfield Gardens Lodge), Rockville Center, in 1957 and served as its Master in 1970. He became Assistant Grand Lecturer in 1979 and District Deputy Grand Master in 1981. His Grand Line career started in 1983 when Stewart served as Assistant Grand Marshal to the late

Grand Master, M.:W.: Ernest Leonardi and then Deputy Grand Master to M.:W.: Calvin Bond from 1984 to 1986. He served as Grand Marshal for the late M.:W.: Robert Singer from 1986 to 1988. From 1990 through 1992, he served as Grand Treasurer and in 1995 was elected Deputy Grand Master. M.:W.: McCloud served as Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York from 1998-2000.

M.:W.: Stewart had a varied career in other areas of the Masonic Fraternity. He was active in Royal Arch Masonry, appointed Grand Representative to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, and was Grand Master of the First Veil. In 1978 he was elected Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, State of New York.

Some of us treasure the great memories of when M.:W.: McCloud and M.:W.: Earle Hino installed the Grand Officers at Grand Chapter in Albany.

M.:W.: Stewart leaves his wife, Irene, and two sons.

A Masonic Funeral Service was held on January 18th near his home in Middle Village, New York.

Rochester Forest

No. 133

Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America

3rd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
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By Don Brugger, PGTC

Our Annual Holiday Party, at Valicia's Ristorante, was a great success with over 30 attending, including some of our widows. The warm fellowship and good food cheered all who were there. It was an excellent start for the Holiday Season and a new Cedar year.

Installation

The new Officers, headed by Grand Tall Cedar, Norman Austin, were installed on January 26th. We congratulate all the new officers as well as our new member(s), who were scheduled to be obligated in short form at that meeting. We wish them all well in the coming Cedar year.

Membership

The Prologue and Royal Court Degrees are scheduled to be conferred at the February or March meeting, depending on the availability of cast members. If you would like to participate, please let me know; we can put you to work. New candidates are a good sign and may be a turning point for our Forest, at least we should be hopeful of this. The only way to fulfill our charitable objective is to increase our numbers. This makes it incumbent on all members to talk to their fellow Masons, friends and neighbors about our Forest, especially our charitable objective, Muscular Dystrophy Research. If you know of anyone, even non-Masons, who you think would be interested in joining in our "Fun and Frolic," talk to them. There is no better way to fulfill your obligation to Cedarism and the Fraternity. Petitions are available from me at 458-6125, or the Scribe. This is your Forest. If you want it to survive, we need candidates

A reminder

When you receive your notice, please remit your dues as promptly as possible and, if you are in arrears, please remit what is owed. We are counting on the early remittance of dues to help cover our assessment payment to Supreme Forest, due the end of February.

Sickness and distress

Marge Freeman informed us, at the Holiday Party, that Don's condition remains about the same. Paul Kober is doing well in his recuperation. Charles Spiegel was with us at Valicia's, so he is recovering well. Lou DiJames is home from the hospital and is on the road to recovery from his staph infection. These Brothers would like to hear from you; please send a card or call. Let us all keep these Woodsmen in our prayers. Please call me if you know of a Woodsmen with any health-related problems.

Listen up!

The Communications Committee is still looking for help in contacting our members regularly. The Forest needs you for this important service. This would only involve making three or four calls, once a month. Join our Calling Committee and get back in the mainstream.

Your Legal Rights FYI

By Bro. Phillip Hurwitz, Esq.

Minding your own business

In this series of articles, I'll review different forms of doing business. The basic forms of doing business are: Sole Proprietorship, Partnership, Corporations, Limited Liability Company and Limited Liability Partnership.

Sole Proprietorship

A sole proprietorship is the simplest form of doing business. Basically, an individual who operates on his own is a sole proprietor. No formalities are required in forming a sole proprietorship. Like the commercial says, "Just do it." If you decide to do business under an assumed name, such as Jack Jones doing business as Flower City Landscaping, then you must file what is called an assumed name certificate; or more popularly known as a d/b/a (doing business as) certificate. This d/b/a certificate is filed with the County Clerk in each county in which you are doing business. The filing fee for a d/b/a certificate in Monroe County is \$30. The only other fee required in connection with this certificate is if the business name or business address on the certificate is amended.

For income tax purposes, a sole proprietor is taxed in the same manner as an individual taxpayer. Income is reported on Schedule C of the proprietor's federal tax return. Expenses incurred in the production of this income are deducted from gross income.

The major disadvantage in operating as a sole proprietor is unlimited liability for all obligations of the proprietor. Adequate insurance is essential.

Another major disadvantage is lack of continuity. Unless the business is sold during the proprietor's lifetime, the proprietorship terminates upon death of the owner.

Partnerships

There are two types of partnerships; general partnership and a limited partnership.

General partnerships

A partnership is defined in New York law as "an association of two or more people or corporations, to carry on as co-owners of a business for profit." Each partner has an equal voice in running the business; shares equally in the profits and losses generated by the partnership, and has unlimited personal liability for the acts of the partnership. Like a sole proprietorship, no formalities are required in forming a partnership - all that is required is an agreement between partners to associate themselves in business for the pursuit of profit. Thereafter, each partner contributes capital to the partnership. This capital can be in the form of cash, property, services or any combination of the three. New York requires that a general partnership file a partnership certificate in each county it does business. The certificate lists the names and addresses of each partner. No particular partnership name need to be chosen, but if the partnership does business under an assumed name, then a d/b/a certificate must also be filed with the County Clerk's office.

A partnership does not pay income tax; instead it only is required to file an information return (Form 1065) with the IRS. Each partner reports his own share of partnership income or loss on his individual tax return. Unless the partners agree otherwise, all partners share equally in income and loss. Each partner owes a duty of loyalty to his partners. This is important since an act of one partner can bind all partners.

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"If you've made a will, there's one more thing to do."

Considerate people who think to the future often make WILLS preparing for the inevitable. They also complete HEALTH CARE PROXIES and POWERS OF ATTORNEY to help family members in an emergency. More and more of these same people are also taking one more step...they are prearranging their final services at Crawford Funeral Home.

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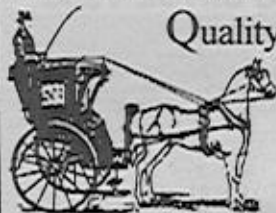
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Having just recently been involved in the *Road to the East*, I am again reminded of our strengths and weaknesses. We are a group of well-intentioned men, with intelligence, integrity and a commitment to make ourselves and our world a better place. Lodges are doing some very good work infusing Masonic philosophy into their communities through many community activities. Men are stepping up to become leaders, not only in the Craft but in their non-Masonic lives, as well. However, we need to be mindful that many Lodges struggle each year to fill chairs, bring in more new members than those who join the Great Architect. Consequently, we demand that the status quo be maintained, that men be recycled in the Chairs to keep the Lodge functioning, or we place unprepared men to assume positions for which they are not ready. It is important that we begin to face our realities and adjust our thinking and actions accordingly. We cannot ignore our problems.

At the RTTE, I enjoyed a stimulating conversation with a Brother, and concluded that we tend to ignore these problems. We don't talk about them and continue to employ solutions that do not work. It is time to begin to have serious discussions about the condition of our Lodges. We need to ask the following questions: "Are we making progress? What's working? What's not working? What are the problems?"

We need then to assemble work groups to explore these issues and come up with reasonable recommendations and plans to resolve the problems. Perhaps we need to consider that the Trestleboard might be better utilized as the plan towards rebuilding, and that the materials we once used to rebuild are outdated. I guarantee that there are plans available to help any Lodge towards resolving its problems, so long as we all are willing to risk new ideas that have been proven to be successful.

The Have-a-Heart Campaign is just around the corner, and our District Chairmen have done some very good work organizing this event. The Mall management has anticipated our arrival and has made accommodations for us. Brother Michael McBride has been in direct contact with the Ronald McDonald House. Enthusiasm is mounting and schedules are being filled in anticipation of another successful Campaign beginning February 1st and ending February 14th. I would like every available Brother, family member and friend involved in this truly Masonic community service project. Health and business permitting, please plan on providing some of your time.

I mentioned this next piece in the last edition of the *Masonic Times*. Brother Harrison F. Parson, Jr., a newly affiliated Brother of ERAC Lodge, has assembled a well-organized Child ID Program for the deaf, at Marketplace Mall, February 4th-6th, during the first weekend of the Have-a-Heart Campaign. Brother Parson is deaf and is committed to involving the deaf community in the Child ID Program. He has enlisted the support of the deaf community, secured vacant store space at the Mall, and designed a program book that includes many elements of the Masonic Fraternity and the Child ID Program. This program will be available to hearing children as well as non-hearing children. As the District Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Master's representative, we should support this program and insure its success. Knowing that this is occurring during the Have-a-Heart Campaign, I am quite aware that this might challenge us. However, I also know that when I have made the call in the past; you have not let me down.

I thank you in advance for your commitment to this organization, and to the efforts you make in insuring its success. If every Brother in this District contributes a minimum of time, I am certain we will enjoy the pride of a job well done. *

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Welcome to the "doldrums" of Winter in New York State. As you can see on the monthly calendar, Lodges are busy and active this time of year, with many ongoing activities.

It is a pleasure to be able to visit Lodges in the District and witness fine Degree work.

Our *Road to the East* Program has been successful with 30 Brothers attending sessions. Your Staff Officers hope all who attended are now more enlightened, and will have gained help in planning their future years as Officers of Lodges. *

Grand Sword Bearer

Monroe



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I am still lugging this Sword around!!! I am not ready to put it down as yet either.

Heartfelt Thanks

Thank you to all of you for your thoughtfulness and support to, not only myself, but my family, following my brother John's untimely passing in December, at age 48. He received a kidney transplant in May, after

five years of dialysis. He had complications from viral bronchitis exacerbated by the immunosuppressant drugs needed to preserve the transplant. He was brave during his treatments and several very painful surgeries. He never complained and was always very thankful to everyone associated with his care. He discussed dreams of joining Oatka Lodge, once he was well, and discussed playing the organ for the benefit of the Craft, as he was an accomplished pianist and guitarist. Thank you again for your support.

Masonry in Monroe

It's hard to believe that we (Kuehne, Perna and I) have been in office for nine months, nine of the busiest months we have ever had in Masonry, and we are finally on the Road to the East at last. Being part of the District leadership team, we have been busy helping to coordinate new and ongoing programs to promote Masonic education in and around our Monroe District.

We are discussing the *Masonic Development Course* and *LSOME* with our advisory team. Here is some information obtained from past Grand Lodge Officers, Jim De-Lorenzo and Cliff Short. They wrote, "Our main purpose for these presentations is to help our new members of our great Fraternity, to understand the meanings and symbolism of each of the three Degrees through which they are progressing and thus prepare them to be better Masons."

Duties, Privileges, Rights

The duties, privileges and rights of a Master Mason aren't actually printed anywhere in list form because they are so varied. Some are the result of custom; some are in Masonic Law; and some are very explicit, while others are implied. It would be impossible to cover most of them in a reasonable period of time, so we will just touch on the most important ones.

A Master Mason's first duty is to live up to all the points covered by his Obligations. Otherwise, he can't perform his other duties or claim his rights and privileges.

Another important duty, in addition to the many covered in the three Obligations, is the requirement to pay your share of the financial costs of the Fraternity promptly and ungrudgingly; whether the costs are in the form of dues or assessments or a voluntary appeal.

You have the right to ask for, and receive, a dimit if your Lodge dues are paid up to date. This means that you voluntarily relinquish your membership in your Lodge. Why would you want to do that? Usually, it would be because you move to another area and want to exercise your right to affiliate with a local Lodge. However, you also have the right to plural affiliation, meaning that you can hold membership in more than one Lodge. This is true according to the laws of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, but may not be true in other Grand Lodge jurisdictions.

Between the time you dimit from your Lodge and join another Lodge, you are a non-affiliated Mason. If you remain non-affiliated for more than one year, all your Masonic rights and privileges are suspended until such time as you affiliate with a Lodge.

One of the privileges you would lose is that of visiting

other Lodges. This is a privilege rather than a right, because the Master has the right to exclude you from visiting if he feels that the presence of any visitors at that particular time would not be in the best interests of the Lodge. The Master must determine that a visitor is entitled to sit in his Lodge. You have a right to be vouched for by a Lodge member who knows you to be a Master Mason. If nobody in the Lodge can vouch for you, then the Master will appoint a Committee to examine you - meaning that they will ask you certain questions to satisfy themselves that you really are a Master Mason.

You have the right to request Masonic relief without the degradation of your dignity. The request may be to some Lodge or to a Master Mason. Practically, the request will be made to a Lodge, but they are not required to provide relief just on the basis of a request. You must remember that the Lodge isn't an insurance society or a death benefit association. Usually the Lodge will evaluate the request and make a decision based on extreme urgency or true financial need. The Lodge is free to exercise judgment in each case with respect to how much relief to extend, if any; and also the form of the relief. If the Lodge feels that a particular request merits more than they can provide, they can request the Masonic District and Grand Lodge contribute the additional sums.

A Mason accused of violation of Masonic Law is entitled to a Masonic trial under prescribed, regulated conditions where he is free to present evidence. If convicted by trial, conducted by a Trial Commission appointed by the Grand Master, he has the right of appeal to the Grand Lodge Commission of Appeals. This is his guarantee against possible injustice because of prejudice or because of spiteful action by some personal enemy.

Every Mason has the right to a Masonic funeral service and burial service; meaning that the family has the right to request it from the Lodge, and the Lodge must provide it if asked. In practice, many Lodges ask the family if they desire a Masonic service; and in fact, a Lodge will usually provide the service for a former Mason if asked - just out of consideration for the family; and also to maintain good public relations.

There are many privileges, which are also rights. They include having both a voice and a vote in the Lodge, including balloting on the acceptance of candidates.

You also have the privilege of holding office in your Lodge and the right to apply for membership in several Masonic, or

Masonically-related, bodies whose prerequisite for acceptance is that a petitioner must be a Master Mason in good standing.

There are many privileges that vary in detail, with availability depending on local conditions and circumstances. A Lodge may do many things which are neither required nor prohibited, but are usually strongly encouraged. These include holding social affairs, providing special entertainment, offering special programs of one kind or another, involvement in community service projects, and so forth, according to its abilities and the desires of its membership. If community service activities are available, your participation in them is an exercise of your privilege of providing Masonic service; which will be one of the principal sources of satisfaction in your Masonic life.

But, above all, your most important privilege - and the one that should always be in the forefront of your mind, whether consciously or unconsciously - is that Masonry in all its aspects, belongs to you to use and enjoy. (Source: "The Lodge System of Masonic Education" by the Committee on Masonic Education - September 1987)

Road to the East Program

Our first *Road to the East* Program took place on Saturday, January 8th, at Eunice Lodge in Caledonia. We were surprised at the attendance. 31 Brothers from Livingston, Wayne and Monroe registered! We will provide more details later.

Who Slew Hiram Abif - the Legend

(Continued next month?)

I have decided that I always write more than the other Staff Officer, but say less in person.

Remember our soldiers in harms way!

Remember the Brotherhood Fund. *

Member Development

R. W. J.

Joseph Privitera

Monroe District

Our Responsibility to the "Boss"

I have worked with a lot of Lodge Masters. Regardless of their ability to administer a Lodge, I have always respected the Chair of the Master and the man who sits in that Chair. Simply put, the Master should be regarded as the "boss." In being a Master or a "boss" of the Lodge, he has duties and responsibilities. He has to deal with different personalities. Sometimes he does things by himself and other times he must delegate. As well as he may plan

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and organize, he can count on some things coming up that were not planned. It is at these times, as well as the everyday situations, that we should support the Master of our Lodge. At times, it can be a pleasant task and at other times, a difficult job. No matter what the type of situations the Lodge or the Master is in, we should step up, if able, to assist him in every way we can.

We, as Brothers and members of our respective Lodges, also have duties and responsibilities to the Lodge. We should support the Master's trestleboard and his programs. If you have advice for him or you disagree with something he is doing, then you should speak to him in a constructive manner. If you still disagree with the Master, then your responsibility is to respect and abide by his stand because the bottom line is, he is the boss. Remember, "time, patience and perseverance accomplish all things."

See you in Lodge and the School of Ritual at Webster Lodge on January 31st.

would allow the Livingston Library to secure a priceless collection which can be shared with the public. Who knows what can be achieved? I ask you, along with the chairmen from the 14 Lodges in the District, won't you consider today, a contribution to help, aid and assist your fellow man in this most noble cause?

Let me leave you with this thought by Calvin Coolidge: "No person was ever honored for what he received; Honor has been the reward for what he gave."

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ford your Lodge and the Brethren your best in this important undertaking. Also, the Master Mason Degree will be conferred on April 25th. I will be presiding as Master.

Again, those Brothers who have done such a fine job in the past are being encouraged to assist again in our Great Work of the Ages for the benefit of the Brethren, Lodge and the entire Fraternity.

Sickness and distress

First off, I would like the Brothers to remember to send their emails, calls and wishes to our very esteemed Brother, Paul Kober DSA, who has had a very long and difficult time this past year. This Master has certainly missed his active presence. Perhaps, Brother Paul can use the assistance of the Brothers in some capacity. So, Brothers, don't be too afraid to offer assistance. Hopefully, we will see you soon, Brother Paul.


R.: W.: A. John Tijou is quite busy taking care of his wife, Edda, who is ailing from numerous health challenges. It would be admirable if Brothers of the Lodge could call John to offer assistance. R.: W.: John has done a tremendous job for this Lodge and the District for many years; maybe we can now return some assistance.

I recently spoke with Margaret Slack, the wife of R.: W.: Wayne Slack, about his condition. He is currently in the Grande Vie Senior Living Community at 2140 Five Mile Line Road in Penfield, just a short distance from the Lodge. He is in the Dementia Unit there and is quite active, but cannot recognize people. Wayne has been an active member of our Lodge for over 40 years until recently. Brethren, please feel free to call Mrs. Slack (Margaret) and offer to stop by to visit Wayne or offer further assistance. By the way, Brothers, it was Wayne who crafted and constructed the Square and Compasses emblem which adorns our Lodge building in the front facing the Four Corners.

Finally, I would like to say to the Brothers and their wives, a big thank you for your calls and concerns for my Lady, Janet. She continues to improve, albeit slowly. She is facing a small surgery procedure for an infection in the injured leg. Hopefully, this will be the end of such problems for her and she will continue to improve. The situation of her health has certainly been a major factor of the occupation of my time and attention for months now.

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I hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season and has gotten used to driving again with the blankets of white snow that we have received.

Thanks go to W.: Richard Bull, Brother Les Moore, W.: Ron Morthorst and R.: W.: Robert Sanford for their work in helping to package the Holiday Food Baskets for the Rush-

Henrietta Area Food Terminal yearly delivery in December. There were 202 boxes delivered to 221 senior citizens and persons with disabilities. Thank you also to W.: Bud Ripley for displaying our building's annual Christmas lights.

Congratulations to Brother Robert Sweeney for receiving a ribbon to attach to his medalion for bringing a Brother into the Blue Lodge. Robert D. Pedersen, Commander-in-Chief of the Scottish Rite, presented this Award from the Concordant Body.

We held a 2nd Degree on January 24th and my thanks to W.: John Williams for sitting in the East, W.: Larry Millerd for delivering the Middle Chamber Lecture, Brothers Robert Sweeney and Scott May for the Questions and Answers and the rest of the Officers for all their fine Ritual work.

Thanks to my wife, Gail, and daughter, Cheryl, for preparing a fine dinner for us on our 2nd Degree night.

Please remember to participate in the Brotherhood Fund, by returning your donation through Brother William Nersinger. There are nine different categories for your selection this year.

February


R.: W.: Richard Friedman will be our guest speaker at our February 14th Lodge meeting. I am sure his presentation will be stimulating and lively, as usual.

Our Lodge will have the privilege to participate in the Have-a-Heart Fundraiser for the Ronald McDonald House on Sundays, February 6th and 13th, at Marketplace Mall. If you have missed the signup, please contact me at 425-4240 for your time slot.

We will be holding a 3rd Degree on February 28th for our Brother. Please contact Kerry Ripley at 346-3124 for your dinner reservation.

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Good news! Brother David Ambrose is resting at home following his kidney transplant. He is steadily improving and glad to be home. Eleanor Reitz, wife of R.: W.: Martin Reitz, was unable to move her legs in early 2004. She spent sometime in a nursing home, receiving physical therapy, but is now at home. Eloise Hall, wife of Brother Fred Hall, DSA, while at home fell again, and is now in a nursing home.

Many thanks to the Brothers who have shoveled the sidewalk this Winter.

Saturday, February 5th, is the day Northfield Lodge will be working at the Have-a-Heart Campaign booth at Eastview Mall from Noon until 9:00 p.m. Each shift is three hours, but even if you can help for just one hour, please come out. We will be passing out heart stickers as we solicit donations for the Ronald McDonald House.

Dates to remember

February 3rd - Past Masters' Night.

February 5th - Have-Heart Campaign, Eastview Mall.

February 17th - 2nd Degree. Dinner. Officers, formal dress.

I hope everyone will have a good year.

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The 1st Degree was conferred on January 11th, initiating an Entered Apprentice, with V.: W.: Dan Walker in the East. I thank everyone who participated in the Degree.

On February 8th, our first meeting of the month, we will be conferring our 2nd Degree. We have a catered Roast Beef Dinner at 6:30 p.m., at a cost of \$8.00; meeting at 7:30 p.m. This will be our observed Degree for this year. I would like to see as many Brothers in attendance as possible.

Our second Lodge meeting for the month will be on February 22nd. There will be a catered soup and sandwich dinner at 6:30 p.m. Our regular business meeting is at 7:30 p.m. We will confer a 3rd Degree at our first Lodge meeting in March; please make plans to be in attendance.

Dues notices are out and the returns are coming in. If you have not already sent in your dues, I would ask you to please send them in as soon as possible; it makes the secretary's job a little easier. If you have any questions about your dues, please call or email our Secretary, W.: Michael Bell.

I have had the opportunity to see the movie *National Treasure* and feel that the movie could spark an interest in Freemasonry. If you get a chance to see it, I think you will enjoy it.

Once again, I ask you to remember our Brothers and their families who find themselves in sickness or distress. Please remember them in your thoughts and prayers.

Last but not least, happy birthday to all of you with February birthdays.

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So much for a snowy Winter! As I type this today, it is near 60° and the grass is green on this the last day of the year.

There are several areas we invite you to consider when making a donation to the Brotherhood Fund. This month I will talk about the Veterans Service Committee. This Committee distributes over \$7,000 worth of comfort kits every year, which include combs, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap dishes and other assorted personal items. They also distribute canteen books, socks, pens, writing paper, paperbacks and several other items. The armed forces overseas also are recipients of gifts that have been supplied by this Committee. The Committee spends over \$30,000 for items given by volunteer Masons during visits to Veterans in the VA Medical Centers.

Each Masonic Lodge has a hard working chairman who is committed to assisting the members of his Lodge and obtain funds for the 2004-2005 Campaign. He should be afforded a couple of minutes in the meeting under "Committee Reports" to speak on the current drive. He will update the Lodge on funds raised and encourage the members to donate a tax deductible amount for the Campaign.

Any amount is acceptable and will give you a good feeling knowing that you have helped make a difference in the life of someone who depends upon our Campaign to make it a little easier to enjoy life. Your monies might help in the discovery of a new medical breakthrough at the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory in Utica. Maybe your money

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I would like to start this first article I have written in the New Year by wishing you and your family health, happiness, and prosperity. I hope the New Year will help us better appreciate the meaning of Brotherhood, may the light of truth and hope illuminate your way always.

Trestleboard

Our January 10th meeting was a great success. Six newly initiated Entered Apprentices were in attendance. We started the evening with a wonderful dinner. The program for the evening was "the 1st Degree explained." We held most of the meeting on the 1st Degree; Brothers Nelson Bertch and Patrick Mulrooney did a wonderful job delivering the lecture of Forms and Ceremonies (the Qs and As). We then had a town meeting-style discussion about the meaning of the Ritual and the ceremony of the Entered Apprentice Degree. It was a fun and informative meeting for all.

The 2nd Degree of Masonry was conferred upon our Brother Entered Apprentices on January 24th. Brother Steve Lysenko was in the East and conferred the Degree.

The meeting on February 14th will be dedicated to Masonic education and will cover the Symbols and the Ritual of the 2nd Degree of Masonry. This meeting will be entitled, "The 2nd Degree explained."

Bells were ringing

Thank you to all the Brothers and their families who braved the cold and rang the bell for the Salvation Army. The ERAC Lodge sign and the loud bell ringing on that cold evening made us visible at TOPS in Panorama Plaza. Thanks for coming together and brightening the holiday season for our community. A special thank you is owed to Brother John Crough who ably and with great enthusiasm organized the event this year. We all had a good time.

Holiday visitations

ERAC had strong showings for its two December service events. A dozen Brothers went out in pairs on December 18th "to spread brotherly love and affection, that cement which unites us as one sacred band or Fraternity" by visiting some of our shut-in Brothers and their families. We also delivered several awards to those Brothers who could not make it to the Awards celebration evening last Fall. Thank you W.: Terry Wihlen, Jr., for opening your house to the Brothers and providing a wonderful breakfast.

Sickness and distress

R.: W.: Bill Lindsay was not feeling very well. Keep him in your thoughts and prayers. His address is: 95 Benjamin Avenue, Rochester 14616-3160; phone - 621-3573; or email: wrl@frontiernet.net.

Brother Robert Bueg has been in and out of the hospital

recently. I am sure he would appreciate a phone call. Brother Bob can be reached at: 57 Farleigh Avenue, Rochester, 14606-2007; phone- 458-8258. Bob is married to Merline.



Fran Warburton

In Memoriam

Brother Francis Warburton passed away on January 6th, at the age of 94 years. He was a 60-year member of ERAC (Zetland) Lodge: attended ERAC Lodge meetings, remaining active until the very end. He was the recipient of the Dedicated Service Award and an honorary member of ERAC's Past Masters Group. We will all miss his vitality, his smile and, most of all, his youthful and exuberant spirit. So long "young man."

In need of aid or sympathy

My Brothers, I feel compelled at this time to mention the December 26th tragedy in countries around the Indian Ocean, which left close to 150,000 dead and countless others homeless, hungry and grieving. Such devastation leaves us all fumbling for an explanation. The whole world is in mourning. At a moment like this, all Freemasons should remember their duty when in presence of members of the human family "in such destitute situation" and I urge you to reach out and help to the extent that your abilities permit. A simple entry on google's search engine "Tsunami Relief" will lead you to several sites where you can make donations. An example of such sites is the USA Freedom Corps website at:

www.usafreedomcorps.gov/
Master's Message

My Message this month is again an educational message, which deals with the symbolic meaning of the Entered Apprentice Degree. The 1st Degree of Masonry is my favorite Degree for several reasons, not the least of which is that it is always a happy event when Brothers get together to welcome among their midst one or more candidates whom they can call Brothers at the conclusion of the evening. Also, the symbolism of the 1st Degree is beautiful in its simplicity, at the same time, rich in practical, everyday teachings.

Just as parents rejoice at the arrival of a newborn child, the Brothers of a Lodge rejoice at the initiation of new candidates. The Latin "initium" means beginning. The word "initiation" came widely into use in mysteries and sacred rites, and has been adopted by the Masonic Fraternity. It symbolizes birth, so that the Masonic initiation means that a candidate has been born into the Masonic life, making the same kind of beginning that a baby makes when born into the world.

From the Historical Lecture we learn that the form of the Lodge is symbolic of the World. It therefore follows that being entered into the world is an act of birth. The word "candidate"

is derived from the Latin "candidatus" which literally means "dressed in white." It also has the meaning of the French word "candide" which means "innocent and naive." Candidates to Freemasonry are dressed in white and blindfolded. They are helpless, blind and depend on their conductors to lead them around the Lodge room. Like a newborn child, they cannot be left alone and cannot fend for themselves. With trust in God and relying on help from their Brethren, they are able to gain enough nourishment: knowledge and strength, to start their Masonic journey into the world of Freemasonry.

The tools of the Entered Apprentice Degree are the 24-Inch Gauge and the Common Gavel. Together with the password of this Degree, these symbolize Force and Strength. Force is that power which can potentially lead to destruction and ruin. It is the volcano, the earthquake, the cyclone (as Albert Pike explains). When applied to our inner feelings, it is anger, greed, and envy. The Common Gavel alone can hardly be an instrument that builds. But when used together with the 24 Inch Gauge, that instrument which measures and regulates, it can then build that awesome and beautiful edifice; The Temple of Solomon. The 24 Inch Gauge is therefore, reason and intelligence. It represents Law and Order in the world. Using the power of thinking, we can regulate our inner forces and build that Temple within to make us better men. To use again Brother Pike's own words: "Intellect is to the people and the people's Force, what the slender needle of the compass is to the ship."

A Brother Entered Apprentice is a Freemason. A worthy Brother with all the privileges and rights appertaining to this Degree. He has the right to attend Entered Apprentice Lodges, the right to be called a Brother, and the right to a Masonic Funeral. An Entered Apprentice, however, is asked to be silent while the Craft is at work. Silence and secrecy are the first things we learn as we join the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons. As the newborn child, he is silent, but listens, for how else is one able to learn if he is not silent? Masonry is built on teachings, and to be silent ensures that we use our ears more efficiently. This enables us to learn from other well-informed Brethren the lessons of Freemasonry. Secrecy and silence have always been sacred attributes revered by ancient mystical religions.



Harpocrates, son of Isis and Osiris, gesture of initiation with left hand

The ancient Egyptians' god Harpocrates is symbolic of the teachings of the Entered Apprentice Degree. This ancient god was represented by a child surrounded by eyes and ears, holding an index finger to his mouth. This gesture signifies silence. The finger in the mouth also reminds us of a baby sucking his finger and has therefore been described as the sign of initiation. Harpocrates, also known by the name of "Horus the child," was to the ancient Egyptians the god of silence and secrecy.

This, my Brothers, is only an introduction to the beauty of the symbolism of the 1st Degree of Masonry. There are so many other beautiful symbols found in the Ritual of this Degree, which I urge you to read and discover for yourselves. Read them and uncover the key to the mysteries of Freemasonry. It would be such a terrible shame if those remain a secret, even to Freemasons.

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

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I'm saddened to report that Brother Carl R. Doell was called home by the Great Architect of the Universe on December 31, 2004. Carl was a long time member of Clio Lodge. You may remember him sitting on his high chair by the inner door. It was difficult for him to get up and down, therefore a high chair was brought into Lodge for him. A number of Brothers participated in a Masonic Service, with W.: Robert Pedersen officiating.

At the January 4th meeting, W.: Gerry Jones gave an excellent talk about King Solomon's Temple.

On December 21st, we welcomed four new Master Masons into the Craft. Welcome Brothers: Robert Selbert, Andrew Paddyfoote, Daniel Wilson and Ron Forbes. Thanks to all who conferred the 3rd Degree, especially W.: Sean Noonan, who was in the East. Brother Aaron Thompson, who came home from New Mexico for a Christmas visit, was put into service as a fill-in for floor work. I wish to recognize Dick Cuapp, DSA, for presenting the Working Tools. His efforts were highly praised by V.: W.: Joe Oelgoetz, AGL, who was in attendance.

On December 7th, Hiram Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, presented a Fervency and Zeal

Program, which described the RAM's part of our Rites. A thank you to Companions: Michael Adamus, John Zabel, Rev. Charles Roberts, Joe Oelgoetz and George Springett. We also welcomed a number of visiting Brothers from Unity Lodge and Leroy Chapter No. 183, RAM. Thanks for your support. Thanks to Leah Chapter, OES, for the great dinner served.

Happy Birthday

The following Brothers have birthdays in February: Tony Panella, Claude Barclay, Scott Brickman, John Arthur Burgess, Dave Goodrich, Joseph Scott Gresko, William Hess, Larry McCracken, Gus Neidrich, Nicholas Panarites, William Rate and Jeffery Ross.

Thanks again to the Brothers who helped with the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign. \$8806.48 was raised in Hilton and \$5104.12 in Hamlin for a total of \$13,910.60. This is an increase of \$2434.99 over last year. 90% of the money raised will be used for residents of Hilton and Hamlin.

Please keep our servicemen and women in your prayers, especially our Brothers Lt. Nathan Thompson and Lt. Thomas Casper.

Upcoming events

February 1st - Brother Bring-a-Friend
February 9th - Spaghetti Dinner
February 13th - 1st Degree rehearsal
February 15th - 1st Degree
February 23rd - Spaghetti Dinner

A positive attitude for the New Year

I am thankful for:

- The mess to clean up after a party, because it means I have been surrounded by friends.
- The taxes I pay because it means that I am employed.
- The clothes that fit a little too snug because it means I have enough to eat.
- My shadow who watches me work because it means I am out in the sunshine.
- The spot I find at the far end of the parking lot because it means I am capable of walking.
- All the complaining I hear about our government because it means we enjoy freedom of speech.
- The lady behind me in church who sings off key because it means I can hear.
- The piles of laundry and ironing because it means my loved ones are nearby.
- The lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning and gutters that need fixing because it means I have a home.
- My huge heating bill because it means I am warm.
- Weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day because it means I have been productive.
- The alarm that goes off in the early morning hours because it means that I am still alive.

Wishing you a productive and glorious year.

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December/January Review
 One quick note on the Poinsettia delivery. John Clapp, Mark Fenton and I had the privilege of delivering a poinsettia and a Happy 100th Birthday Card to Brother G. Robert Witmer. It was Brother Bob Witmer who gave to us a wonderful gift. He shared with us some great experiences of his life as a Mason and as an Honorable Judge. His service to the community is far and extensive. Thank you, Brother Bob, for sharing your time with us.
 Our new Entered Apprentices attended their first meeting. Mike Nohle presented the new Brothers with the summary of the Lecture of Reasons. They were also presented with some Masonic etiquette.

The School of Ritual was held at Webster Lodge, January 31st. Dinner was served by the Webster Lodge Fellowcraft Club. Mike Nohle took the Master's Station in the East. My thanks to the Brothers who helped with dinner and to the Officers for performing their roles in the Fellowcraft Degree.

Mark your Calendars
 Lodge activities for February include the 2nd Degree. Please come out to Lodge and support your Officers as they confer the Fellowcraft Degree, February 3rd. The Degree will start promptly at 7:30 p.m.

The Webster Spaghetti Dinner is set for February 4th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Any Brothers who are interested in helping with the Spaghetti 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 that needs to be done.

In February, the Have-a-Heart Campaign, in which we raise money for the Ronald McDonald House, will be in full

swing. We will need to have some Brothers volunteer for various shifts. I will have more details by the next meeting.

The second meeting will include a presentation by a guest speaker on heart health in support of National Heart Month. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. and the speaker will start around 8 p.m.

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.

**By John Clapp
 A big card for a big occasion**

W.: Bernard Russell, Master of Webster Lodge, and W.: Mark Fenton, Trustee, presented a birthday card to R.: W.: G. Robert Witmer for his 100th birthday on the 26th of December. This visit was part of Webster Lodge's annual visitation program occurring every year on the day before Christmas. Bob is a long-time member of Webster Lodge, joining in 1932. He was Master of the Lodge in 1940 and District Deputy Grand Master (1st Monroe District) in the years of 1941-1942. He is a member of Rochester Consistory and Damascus Shrine.

It was a very interesting visit, as Bob shared many stories relating to Webster Lodge and the changes in Webster over the years. He is an extremely alert individual and still holds his audience captive. At the end of the visit Bob said he was heading for the gym where he works out every day to keep in shape.

Bob has lived a very productive life as documented in *Webster Though the Years*, by Esther Dunn. He was a lawyer who served as Supervisor of the Town of Webster from 1935 to 1945 and was elected to Office of Justice of the Supreme Court of New York State. Other offices held: Chairman of the Monroe County Jury Board; Administrative Judge of the Seventh Judicial District; member of the Appellate Division of the First Department, and later assigned by Governor Rockefeller to the Fourth Department. He has received numerous awards over the years for service in these positions.

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By David Sylvester, Sr. Warden
 It is my sad duty to announce the passing of Brother Herbert Altemoos on December 29th, 2004. A veteran of World War II, he will be missed.

On January 25th we conferred the 3rd Degree with V.: W.: John Dyer in the East. We enjoyed a Ham Dinner between the first and second sections of the Degree.

A reminder to all Brothers: the Have-a-Heart Campaign is February 1st-14th and everyone is invited to help. Like last year, we will be at Mall at Greece Ridge Center for Sundays the 6th and 13th from Noon-9 p.m.

There will be no Lodge meeting on Monday, February 14th. See you in Lodge!

Valley-Simes Lodge No. 109
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By R.: W.: Richard Snyder
 I express my thanks to everyone for the support and encouragement I have received while I am sitting in the East for W.: Joe during his absence. Your friendly advice and reminders truly helped me make the fast transition from being a Monday morning quarterback to Quarterback. Without all of you "being there" to fill in as needed, the Lodge surely would have had some problems. This is the kind of Brotherhood that makes us all "Men and Masons," and I'm very proud to be one of you.

Important Stuff
 The Sweetheart Party our Lodge has hosted the past few years will not be held on our Lodge meeting night. Instead, we are hoping to share a night out with our Ladies at a Dinner Theater or some similar type event towards the end of the month or into March. When a choice has been made, an invitation will be mailed announcing the time, place and reservation deadline. Stay tuned.

Have-a-Heart
 Valley-Simes will be supporting the Have-a-Heart Campaign this year at two locations. Please make note of the following dates and times, and plan on helping us make this the best year yet for Masonic participation. Marketplace Mall on Tuesday, February 1st, 12-9:00 p.m., and the Mall at Greece Ridge Center, on Monday, February 14, 12-6:00 p.m.

Guest speaker for our February Communication will be a Representative from the Ronald Mc Donald House. Sched-

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 Sunday May 15, 2005
DEDICATION CEREMONY
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 6:00 p.m. Dinner
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 Contacts:
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 Proceeds benefit the Masonic Service Bureau of Rochester NY, Inc.

uling will be handled by W.: Mike McBride, Lodge Chairman.

Camp Turk
 The Lodge has set aside scholarship money for members who are thinking of sending teens in their family to Camp Turk. The funds will be divided evenly among those attending and requesting aid. Please contact me for further information.

News from Joe
 In a recent email from Joe, he writes that the Army has changed his address. As a result he is not getting all of his packages and letters. Located a few hours south of Baghdad, his location in Iraq is relatively safe, but they are on guard just in case. He is working the second shift from 2:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m., and is mostly working the computers and conducting convoy briefings. He would like to receive magazines, and CDs which are not available there. Arab countries don't sell magazines with pictures of women in any manner of dress. His new address:

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Dues
 Everyone should have received his dues statement, and will have noticed that dues have gone up by \$2.00 from past years. To make it easier on our older members, our Lodge Trustees have recommended that the new Grand Lodge per-capita increase be spread out at \$2.00 per year until the full per-capita fee of \$30.00 is reached. The funds to help do this will come from the investment account. The Secretary has asked me to remind you that your dues are now due. Remember, there is a reduction if you pay early.

Happenings
 Brother Paul Chechak's informative presentation on estate planning, and how some investments work was excellent. His knowledge of the market and current conditions cleared up a lot of misunderstandings many of us have when deciding how to invest our money for the best gain.

The March Communication will be the Official Visit of the District Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: Lewis J. Perna. This is a very important night for the Lodge because the District Deputy also conducts an inspection of the Lodges records and our Ritual. A dinner is planned, and I hope each of you will please make a special effort to come out to hear the Grand Master's Message.

Card games and other activities will be held after all Lodge meetings. Refreshments will be provided. Got any ideas? Let's hear them. We want you!

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As I write this February message looking out on a fine Rochester Winter day, I hope you too, as you read this edition of the *Masonic Times*, are enjoying fine weather wherever you may be. To the Brothers who are keeping those low handicaps or walking the sunny Southern beaches, please forward a note so we can share it in Lodge with your Northern Brothers.

Our February meeting will feature R.: W.: Stephen R. Whittaker giving the Lantern Lecture. This very informative Lecture will be presented for the benefit of our newly raised Entered Apprentices, but will also be an excellent refresher for all Master Masons. I urge all of you to attend the presentation and benefit from an educational night on Freemasonry.

We are well into the process of bringing three new members into Seneca Lodge. I thank both the sponsors and the Degree teams for their efforts thus far.

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All employers, organizations, athletic teams, civic groups and Freemasons, have as a main objective, the necessity to cultivate new members. This is the perfect time to take a moment of your valuable time and consider someone YOU can inform about our Fraternity. Masonry is often misunderstood and we must make it clear we are about helping others while working together to bring men and families to a higher moral, social and civic standard. Start your mind in motion to seek out those whom you feel could benefit from our Fraternity and who we may be able to help. It is not too early to begin seeking for candidates for our next set of Degrees.

The balance of our year is full with Degree work, Lantern Lectures, Seneca Tea, St. Andrew's visit and new Officers. Be watchful for all the details in our future Trestleboards and Masonic Times articles.

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

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Greetings, Brethren and families of Oatka! Not too much to report this time around.

Robert L. Salzer

It is my sad duty to report Brother Bob was called home by the Great Architect of the Universe on December 23, 2004. He was predeceased by his wife, Evelyn, and is survived by two daughters and a very large and loving extended family. Brother Robert was raised on April 20, 1938. He was a volunteer in the Gates Fire Department. The Altar was appropriately draped and a blank page in our minutes was set aside in his honor. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

On behalf of Oatka Lodge, I thank Brother Robert posthumously for his sixty-six years of dedication and service to Freemasonry. I also thank those Brothers who participated in a very moving Masonic Memorial Service.

February


This month is shaping up to be a busy one for our Lodge. We are busy planning/performing Degree work and participating in the Have-a-Heart and Child ID Programs. Look for more complete information in the next issue of the *Masonic Times*.

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 has 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.

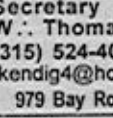
By the way, we meet at 7:30 p.m., every second and fourth Wednesday of the month.

Finally, I hope everyone is having an enjoyable Winter and I look forward to seeing you at our next meetings on February 9th and 23rd. ✕

Craftsman Robertson Lodge No. 969
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By W.: Skip Waterstreet, DSA
We learned some techniques to help us avoid becoming a victim of identity theft in the presentation by James Lynd of LIFESPAN at our social evening dinner. While many of his suggestions seemed to be something we all should know and do on a regular basis, statistics will tell you we do otherwise. One sheet he passed out listed 13 ways to stop a scam. At the bottom of the sheet are two statements, which I think are worth repeating: 1) If you are not sure, or if you have a question, call Jim Lynd at LIFESPAN, 244-8400, ext. 193; 2) If you think you may have been a victim of a fraud or scam, call LIFESPAN and the police. I'm sure Jim would be happy to help you with any questions you might have on this, or other Senior subjects, or send you information if you request it. It was another fine program, which Brother Warren Doerrer arranged for us.

It was not necessary for us to inform our two new Entered Apprentices of the historical significance of the 1st Degree, as W.: Kenneth Schumacher and Brother Phil Cissel took them to Webster Lodge to witness their conferral. Thanks to Webster Lodge Brothers for their Fraternal hospitality.

February events

For February 1, we are scheduled to meet again at the Nutcracker Restaurant for dinner at 6:30 p.m. The fare will be roast beef. Ruth Naparstek, City Historian, will speak on the Romance of the Erie Canal. Come out to visit with your Brothers and their wives, and learn some interesting information about Clinton's Ditch. The Calling Committee will be in touch for reservations.

Our 3rd Degree is scheduled for February 15th, with the Shrine Degree Team, under the leadership of Noble John Faro, doing the honors. There will be a catered dinner at the Shrine Center at 6:30 p.m., preceding the work of the evening. Again, you should be called with the menu and to reserve a spot.

Have-a-Heart

You will read elsewhere in this issue of the *Masonic Times* that the annual Have-a-Heart Campaign is this month. W.: Ken was confirming our schedule, the last I knew. If you have time you are willing to devote to this great fundraising event, please call him for the times available. If our schedule doesn't mesh with yours, feel free to contact one of the people coordinating a mall. They might be short-handed at the time you have available and would greatly appreciate your assistance.

Sickness and distress

This is one part of the column it is never fun to write. Last month, I wrote that R.: W.: Connie May was in hospice care. It pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to call Brother May Home on December 30th.

Brother Bob Ogden's wife, Jayne, is in physical therapy at St. John's Home. This gracious lady has had several health problems. We wish her speedy recovery and return to the fish fry group.


Edna King, wife of W.: Dave King, has completed her radiation treatments. Now the wait for test results to determine if everything was successful or if further action is required.

Happy birthday to you!

Our birthday boys this month are: Robert Burns, Roy Cluff, Kenneth Goodrich, Ronald Hibbard, H. Frederick Seuffert and John Walker. Your Brothers hope each one of you enjoys your special day.

See you in Lodge ✕

Assistant Grand Lecturer
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Welcome to February, my Brothers! We have succeeded in getting through the first month of 2005. Drumlin Square was scheduled to confer the 3rd Degree on January 19th. The only Degree work scheduled for February is Wolcott No. 560, who will be exemplifying a 1st Degree on the 23rd.

While the Lodges are quiet, they should be holding rehearsals on their opening and closing and upcoming Degree work, so they may become proficient. Becoming proficient in Degree work will build the morale of the members of the Lodge and, hopefully, bring out the sideliners to see the Officers perform their work. The use of open Ritual books in Lodge is prohibited and the Officers and members need to get away from this practice.

We need to work on membership. Remember, "We must find our own replacements." ✕

Drumlin Square Lodge No. 1180
1st & 3rd Wednesdays



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Well, Brothers, another month has come and gone and we are now well into a new year. Our 2nd Degree went well with W.: David Taber in the East. This Degree was observed by me on an Official Visit and also while filling in as Senior Master of Ceremonies. I really enjoyed doing the part and participating in the Degree work. The Middle Chamber Lecture was exemplified by R.: W.: William Jones, who did a superb job. We have a very eager candidate who was avidly looking forward to his 3rd Degree, held on January 19th. The Degree was conferred by the Shrine Degree Team and was preceded by a Roast Beef Din-

ner, prepared by the ladies of Tri-Star Chapter of the OES. A short business meeting was held after the Degree, so the newly raised Brother would be able to attend and Lodge was closed in ample form. Refreshments followed.

Road to the East


On January 8th, 15th, and 22nd, I attended the *Road to the East* Course, held in Caledonia. The Course was taught by Past and Present Staff Officers from Wayne, Monroe and Livingston Districts and it was well received. A lot of information was presented and the Course should be attended by anyone with aspirations of becoming a Lodge Officer, especially Master of a Lodge.

Interesting topic!

Masters and Wardens for the month of February will be held in Drumlin Square Lodge on February 10th, with dinner at 6:45 p.m. and the meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. The speaker for the evening will be R.: W.: M. Donald Darrohn, a Trustee of the Masonic Hall and Home, who will speak on the Masonic Hall in New York City. This should prove to be an interesting evening.

Brothers, please remember in your prayers, our servicemen and women, both at home and fighting abroad. ✕

District Deputy Grand Master
Genesee/Wyoming District



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Membership

Several Lodges have been busy raising new Master Masons and continue the good work in 2005. However, it does no good to raise new members if we continue to lose members because of non-payment of dues. Some members on a fixed income are in the situation of having to choose between paying medical bills or paying their Lodge dues. Of course, the medical bills have to be paid and these Brothers are in danger of being dropped for non-payment of dues. There is some help available for this problem.

Where a Lodge has verified a financial problem and waived the payment of dues for a member, the payment of Grand Lodge per capita dues may also be waived. The Lodge Secretary completes the Certificate of Waiver form which must be signed by the District Deputy and forwarded to Grand Lodge,

February 2005 accompanied by the necessary documentation. This form must be received by Grand Lodge no later than March 31, 2005, and a new form must be submitted for each subsequent year. After all, "stretching forth a hand in support of a falling Brother and assisting him on all lawful occasions" is what we are about.

Then there are those Brothers who haven't been seen in Lodge nor heard from for a while, who just need a ride or some help with a problem that a call to or from the Secretary or Master will solve. Sometimes it's amazing what a little communication will accomplish.

Grand Lodge

Each Lodge should have a representative in New York City on May 2nd and 3rd, when the 224th Communication of Grand Lodge convenes at the Masonic Hall. Travel and lodging reservations must be completed well in advance, so anyone wishing to travel East with the District should contact R.: W.: J. Michael Willwerth as soon as possible. ✕

Assistant Grand Lecturer



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One of the distinctions among our Craft and other organizations is its Ritual. It gives form to our proceedings. It sets the decorum for better management of our time which enables us to do our work with the support and protection of the Great Architect of the Universe. It embodies us to work for the improvement of ourselves and mankind. Our Ritual gives us the tenets of Freemasonry, which are Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love.

Friendship

That relationship we have among one another. That person whom we need in today's society for good support in our endeavors. A person we can count on for wise counsel, be it in trying times or during the enhancement of better times. That good friend who is willing to assist us during an hour of grief, a helping hand when we are unable to provide for ourselves, or aid to our family when we can no longer meet our obligations, regardless of how small or large the need may be. When the footsteps in the sands of time go from two sets side by side to only one set of footsteps, the sands show our willingness to carry our

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Friend onward to the glory that is taught to us from the Great Light of Masonry, the Holy Bible. This true friendship should, and always shall be, found in Masonry.

Morality

That truth which will reign forever. An honesty among compassionate friends. The rules to be followed as set forth by the Commandments contained in Sacred Law and its depiction governing good thoughts and mannerisms as a guide to a better life. It teaches us to go forth in our daily lives and treat all mankind in the same manner. Honesty, in even its harshest form, is the best rule and guide for our faith and practice as we proceed down that pathway to eternal life everlasting.

Brotherly Love

Not only the love we share as Masons, but the love and compassion we share with all to whom our life's circle touches, regardless of their profane (uneducated) mannerisms. That desire, or Brotherly Love, which is our duty to mankind, is to be leaders for a righteous life.

Our Ritual teaches us these guidelines to help keep the White Leather Apron, or lamb-skin, pure and spotless to all mankind and most of all to the Great Architect of the Universe. A ritual from time immemorial and proven over the many centuries to be a guiding light and aid to the Great Light in Masonry, both of which are the foundation to a better life for us as Masons and members of this worldly Divine we travel together, one and another, towards eternal life with the Great Architect of the Universe. So mote it be.

Please note

I must apologize for not having an article in the last issue of the *Masonic Times*, but as all of us know, our cabledowns can only be as long as we are capable of stretching them. With all the activities leading towards the celebration of the birth of God's Son and family constraints, my article went by the wayside.

Also note, that there is a need to schedule your Lodge's Degree review as soon as possible. The deadline is March 31st; no exceptions.

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By Douglas Poole, Secretary
At the February meeting we will be continuing our program of Masonic Education. These programs have been going well to educate our new Brothers. Even those of us who have been around a while are learning a thing or two. It also gives our Junior Warden, Bill MacPherson, an avenue for his excellent baking skills! You won't go away hungry. Good food and good fellowship go hand in hand.

Reminder

Our only meeting date in February is Wednesday the 2nd. Also, if you have an email

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The First Annual Hesperus Family Christmas Song Night was a huge success. The small children decorated our live Christmas tree with homemade and other beautiful ornaments. Brother Chet Banach provided the music, song sheets and pass-around microphone. Brother David Smalley read *Twas the Night Before Christmas* from a treasured family book, as the children gathered around and listened very closely. Brother Courtney Gale made sure there was a good variety of refreshments.

The song night set the stage for our annual packing of the Christmas baskets the following evening with the help of several other community organizations. Brother Richard Sands has worked on this project for many months prior to distribution. He has chaired this program for several years and his entire family comes out to help; even his daughter, Wendy, on crutches. Several of our Sisters from Eastern Star came to lend a hand, along with sons, daughters and grandchildren. The following morning, many came back, along with new people, to distribute food and fruit baskets, bags of toys, stuffed stockings, and flowers. A big thanks to everyone who took time from his or her busy holiday schedule to make this project a success.

All who attended enjoyed Hesperus Lodge's famous Oyster Stew Night. Thanks to Brother Bob Seils for finding the biggest and the juiciest oysters any of us have ever seen. Only one oyster filled your bowl. Brother Don Hargrave was glad he had his sharp knife to whittle them down to swallowing size. Brothers Don and Marty Krause wore the chef's hats and did a fantastic job.

Too bad some of our Brothers were on a cruise and missed out on this exceptional evening. We missed you, Tracy and Dave, but we had no problem dividing up your share.

The Temple Association meeting has been postponed until February 17.

Upcoming dates

February 3rd - Table Lodge at 7:30 p.m.

February 17th - Memorial Service during regular meeting at 7:30p.m., followed by Stink Night refreshments.

February 19th - Ladies Night Out Dinner/Dance. Reservations a MUST by the 12th of February.

February 26th - Hesperus OES monthly Euchre Party, 7:30p.m., at the Lodge.

Remember, welcome each day and use it wisely. As we have seen in the news, an unforeseen natural disaster can strike anytime or anywhere. Pray for those affected by the Tsunami and for our troops. *

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

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I would like to start out by apologizing to the members of Oakland Lodge since this is going to be more of a memorial article to one Great Mason rather than an informative article about the news and happenings of Oakland Lodge.

It saddens me a great deal to inform the members of Oakland Lodge that W.: Robin Bowles passed to the Great Architect on December 20, 2004. Worshipful Bowles was not only a great man, but a great Mason. I not only called him my Brother, but more importantly I called him my Uncle. Robin was not my Uncle by birth or marriage, but has always been known and called Uncle Robin by my sister and myself for as long as I can remember. Robin has been a life-long friend to my father and our family. My mother always joked that when she married my father, she also got Robin. I don't think that I can accurately put down in words what Robin has meant to my family and me throughout my life, but I will give it a shot anyway.

What are things that I will remember about Robin Bowles? The first thing that comes to my mind is that he would do anything for anybody. I will never forget the day that he loaded my cousins, my sister and me into his truck and took us to McDonald's. I just can't describe what we must have put him through that day. A truck load of kids who were full of anticipation of going to McDonald's, before they were on every street corner.

I will also never forget how Robin came and helped my sister and me clean the house before our parents got home from being out of town for the weekend and help replenish some liquids that were missing from the refrigerator.

I will never forget that Robin was always there, along with my parents and family, for every important event in my life. My mother just recently told me that Robin arrived at the hospital 2 minutes after I was born. Robin was there when I graduated from high school, college, got married, seeing me become a parent, and when I was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

Robin was always at our house Christmas morning for breakfast with our family. This was the first Christmas that I looked across the table and did not see my Uncle Robin sitting across from me. I have always heard that you don't know what you've lost until it's gone. That definitely was the feeling as my family and I passed through the Holiday season this year.

The only step that my Uncle Robin won't see is the next step I take in Masonry. I always thought the proudest moment I would experience in Masonry would be the day my father and Uncle Robin saw me be in-

stalled as Master of Oakland Lodge. Unfortunately, this will not come true, but rest assured, I'm sure Uncle Robin will be looking down on me proudly when I do take this step and once again be by my side. This is why it is very troubling and difficult for me to have to say good-bye, not to a fellow Brother, but rather good-bye Uncle Robin. I hope you are resting more peacefully and comfortably with the Great Architect. I also hope you realize how much you will always be loved and missed by those who have yet to take your journey.

Thanks

I thank all the fellow Masons, on behalf of Oakland Lodge, who were present for the Masonic Service held for Worshipful Robin Bowles. I was very impressed with the number of Masons who came to support Brother Bowles and the members of Oakland Lodge. We almost ran out of White Aprons for the service. I just can't tell you how much this reinforces the decision I, and many, have made to become a Mason. This was truly a show of brotherly love and why this is the greatest Fraternity in the world.

May we all find some time in our crazy and hectic lives to stop and realize what we have around us. Just think of all the things that we take for granted and many times don't realize what we have until there gone. I would ask all Masons everywhere to stop and take the time to say a small prayer for the family and friends of Worshipful Robin Bowles as they deal with the loss of a loved one.

Let us not forget those who have fought and are currently fighting around the world to defend the way we live and the freedoms that we take for granted everyday.

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

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As I am writing this, it has been snowing all day and the roads are in terrible shape. I hope that the weather in February will be better.

By the time this is read, we should have a new member, who received his 3rd Degree on January 20th.

Happy Birthday!

Sis Babbage, one of our Masonic widows, observed her 100th Birthday on December 30th. Congratulations, Sis, on reaching this milestone.

Keep in touch

Our Secretary received a nice note from Brother Zane Isenberg, who lives in Ohio. It was great to hear from him. It would be nice to hear from some of the other Brothers who are living out of the area.

Masonic Anniversaries

Brothers whose Masonic Anniversaries are in February are: Ralph Goodberlet - 4 years
Zane Isenberg - 58 years
Harry Morith - 59 years
Harold Tootell - 51 years

Leon Watson - 47 years
Richard Williams - 47 years
Tentative plans are being made to have a Child ID Program sometime this Spring. More about this when plans are further advanced.

Thanks are extended to those who have sent their dues to the Secretary. If you have not done so, the Secretary would be happy to receive them.

The Chairman of the Brotherhood Fund, R.: W.: Harold Collier, would like to receive your contribution to the Fund. *

West Star
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Where did 2004 go? The older we get, the faster time flies. It's time to start a new year and the first thing I have to do is catch you up on some past news. I think the most important is that we have four new members at West Star Lodge. We joined with several Lodges in the District and we worked together to bring many new members into Masonry.

Our Chicken Bar-B-Que in June was a success and we gave out four scholarships.

We had a Brother Bring-a-Friend Program in December. This was also a District project. I thank everyone who helped make this a success. I was impressed.

Dues

As you know, in December we had to amend the By-Laws to restructure the dues. At the same time the membership voted to change the meeting time to 7:30 p.m. This seems to be working very well.

On January 3rd we had a very good turnout for our meeting. We don't seem to get settled in our recliners by 7:30.

New business

W.: Paul M. Baetzold is planning to run a District Euchre Tournament on Saturday, February 26th, at 2:00 p.m. This sounds like a lot of fun, so we hope to see you there. All you Correction Officers swap a day off and come and join us for some fun. We hope to have Brothers from all the District Lodges join us, also. This notice will be sent out by email. Bring your lady friend and/or your brother-in-law to play cards with us. This is also a good time to introduce a friend to Masonry.

Brotherhood Fund

W.: Brother Parmeter is our Brotherhood Fund Chairman. This is a friendly reminder to send back your envelope with any donation to the Brotherhood Fund. Just a couple of bucks would help.

Here is a "Hi" to our Brothers, near and far, whom we don't see in Lodge. I would like to see as many as possible at least once this year, at Lodge. If you would like to come to Lodge and need a ride, let us know and we will get you to Lodge and home again. We would all like to see you.

I will talk with you again next month, so until then, drive safely and have happy thoughts.

See you at 7:30 p.m. the 1st and 3rd Mondays. *

District Deputy Grand Master Livingston District



R.: W.:
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I am really looking forward to the year 2005 with great expectations from the Lodges of the Livingston District.

My thanks to R.: W.: Richard Trescott (Livingston District) and R.: W.: Don Tubman (Monroe District) for the very successful *Road to the East* Program they conducted January 8th, 15th and 22nd. The turnout was over thirty Brothers who thoroughly enjoyed the program.

With all the Degree work the District Lodges are doing, I remind the Masters that they must pick the best Brother as a Shepard for these new Brothers. It is important that the Brothers don't lose interest. In the past, we have lost too many new Brothers because they became disinterested. This program has proved over the last few years that it holds the Brothers interest in Masonry and gets them off to a better start with the Brothers and the Lodge.

This past month, I have talked with all the Masters about their half year in the East. The enthusiasm of these Masters was out of this world. Never in my 20 years in the Craft, have I seen such devotion to the Craft. The District has had 1st, 2nd and 3rd Degrees, Ladies Nights and luncheons, Table Lodges, Brother Bring-a-Friend Nights, visits to the Veterans Hospitals, Sunday football parties and the list goes on. Their trestleboards are still full with exciting events for the rest of the year. I, for one, am proud of these Masters; they make my job so much easier. Keep up the good work!

Grand Sword Bearer Livingston



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R.: W.: Roy Moses and I attended several Degrees last month and all of them were very good. I am glad to see so much activity in the District this year! I think that every Lodge in the District has some Degree activity going, or has done some, this year!

I also attended Breakfast with Santa at Avon Springs Lodge. It was a pleasure to see all the kids, watch them visit with Santa and receive presents from him. Avon did a great job getting Santa to come, so close to Christmas.

The *Road to the East*, held in Eunice Lodge, Caledonia, in January, was a great success. This was a joint venture among Monroe, Wayne, and Living-

ston Districts. The presenters were gathered and organized by R.: W.: Don Tubman, from Monroe District, and he and his assistants, R.: W.: Bill Kuehne and R.: W.: Bill Lindsay, did a great job. The host, Eunice Lodge, also did a fantastic job with this special event! I think everyone who attended came away with much more than they had expected! Thank you, R.: W.: Don and Brother presenters, for all your work!

I was impressed with the turn-out from Livingston District at the *Road to the East*. This shows me that the District is pulling together to create a rejuvenation and spark a new life in the District, with all the activity in Masonic education and Degree work, Child ID Program, talent shows, and just plain fellowship. Thank you, Livingston District for making this my first year as Grand Sword Bearer better than I could have imagined!

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We have had a "Happy New Year" at Livonia Lodge. With gracious help from nearby Lodges, we have conferred the 1st and 2nd Degrees on two Brothers. Each has attended our meetings, as we have lowered to their level of advancement for business.

The 3rd Degree is planned for February 16th. R.: W.: Dick Trescott is arranging for all of the talent needed for the conferring of the 3rd Degree. We will, again, need some assistance from neighboring Lodges. The First Section will be at 5:30 p.m., followed by a dinner at 6:30 p.m. The drama and welcome of our new Brothers will be the climax of the evening. We urge our Brothers and those from nearby Lodges, to attend.

Junior Warden, Steve Shull, has arranged bar-b-que dates with Charlies' Chicken as follows: June 18th, July 9th, August 13th, and September 10th-11th. He will be recruiting some help for these events. In addition to a source of money, it gives us visibility in the community.

One of the Graduation Awards given at Livonia Central School is given by Livonia Masonic Lodge in honor of Charles G. May. The Award is given to a boy and girl each year, who have satisfactorily completed a semester of college. The students chosen at commencement must not have the top scholastic marks in the class. The honorees must exemplify good character and personality traits. It was my honor in January to present checks to Luke Costanza and Stephanie Scindra. Luke is studying optics at the U of R. Stephanie is at SUNY Fredonia studying Childhood Education. Each have above average marks and are happy in their schools.

Sickness and distress

Brother Elwood Long just had a knee replacement at

Noyes Hospital. We wish him well with his "new" knee. We hope to get our chair lift going soon, so that W.: Chuck Sawyer and Brother Harold Davis can attend. We do NEED them!

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I thank Brother Mike Grady for organizing our Football and Brotherhood Party this month. It was an informal style of Brother Bring-a-Friend Night, which went well. I had a lot of fun and the snacks were as varied as the people there nibbling.

At our last meeting this month, we will have the pleasure of meeting Brother Dad Gary L. Burke, the Masonic Adviser for the DeMolay Chapter in Rochester. Brother Gary will be presenting a talk about DeMolay and the local Chapter he advises. As a past DeMolay member from New Hampshire, I am looking forward to meeting Brother Gary and hearing the progression of DeMolay over the years.

I also have a special thank you to share with our Shrine Brethren. In our small town we have a young lad who has had the terrible misfortune of losing his leg to cancer. The various groups in town have been involved in fundraising to help the family with their medical bills. It has truly been a community effort. The Shrine Brethren in our Lodge have sponsored him for the orthopedic service at the Shrine Hospital in Erie. The interviewing process started at the end of December. We are wishing this young lad and his family all the best for his recovery. This, Brethren, is Masonry in action!

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We have been very busy the last month and are truly excited about some of the great things that are on tap for the new year.

Just before Christmas, R.: W.: Fran Oberer and I delivered poinsettias to the local widows, with assistance from my son, Michael. We were able to deliver the flowers and a bit of conversation, catching up with what has been happening in their lives. As we gave the flowers, my son gave hugs and Hershey's kisses (which he was given by Sandy Oberer and expected to eat himself). The gesture itself, and the reaction of the ladies, reinforced to me how important it is that we continue to rebuild the relationships that we have with them and those Brothers who we don't see on a

regular basis. On that note, we are planning a Widows Luncheon for May. I will keep you posted on the details.

Degree work

We have been very busy with Ritual work this year. Our two Entered Apprentices passed to the 2nd Degree on January 6th. We have another candidate for the 1st Degree, who was balloted on and passed at the January communication. His 1st Degree was on January 26th, at a Special Communication. The 2nd Degree will be in Geneseo on February 10th at 7:30 p.m., and we will be helping them with the Degree. All three Brothers will have their 3rd Degree on April 14th in a joint venture with Geneseo. There will be a dinner and, hopefully, the Shrine Degree team will be conferring the Degree, and it will be quite a show. Put the date on your calendar, and as we get closer, I will give more of the specifics. It would be great to have as many of you as possible at the Degree to show the new Brothers the power of Fraternity.

Gathering place

We are still trying to make improvements around the Lodge. It has been cleaned and things have been straightened up. We are making an attempt to make this a place where more of you want to gather for social reasons, as well. We have a new television, have brought in a stereo and VCR, and are looking to make other improvements. We have created a telephone list for the Brothers so that you can get in contact with us more easily. I will be mailing it to you with the monthly newsletter and encourage you to call someone up that you haven't spoken with in a while. I am also sending the order sheet for "Eunice Wear" again. I encourage you to purchase something to identify you as a Caledonia Mason.

There was a By-Laws Revision Committee meeting on January 16th at the Temple Club. The District Association meeting was on January 24th at Nunda Station.

Reminders

If you haven't paid your dues or contributed to the Brotherhood Fund, R.: W.: Francis Oberer has asked me to remind you. I know some of you have some concerns about dues and such. The only way we can make any changes is if you make your feelings known to me. I encourage you to discuss this topic, as I will be attending Grand Lodge in May and would like to support the feelings of our Lodge members.

My final thoughts are of brotherhood. We are making an effort to get you back to Lodge. Those I have seen in Lodge have encouraged me, but we'd like to see more of you. February and March are light months for scheduled business, which will allow us more of a chance to get the business done quickly and get downstairs for fellowship. I have been lucky enough to meet a few of you whom I didn't know, but I would like to meet more. I know if you talk to some of your fellow Brothers who have been participating, you will see we're making the effort. To further that, the Officers will be revisiting the responses you gave to the survey last Summer to evaluate how we have been doing and what we still need to do. I hope to see you along the way.

District Deputy Grand Master Ontario/Seneca/Yates District



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At the bimonthly OSY Association meeting on Saturday, January 8th, Brothers, wives and friends from eight Lodges in the OSY District braved the inclement Winter weather to hold a very successful Child ID training session at the Seneca Falls Masonic Temple. Before the meeting, the Brothers of Seneca No. 113 served breakfast. R.: W.: Robert Ruggles brought his six-year-old grandson, Alex, who served as a taping subject exemplar. My son, Patrick, taped the entire effort, with the goal of producing a training and demonstration tape.

The Annual Grand Lodge Communication will be here before we know it! Plans for the annual trip are well under way; we are again using the services of Jim Brown Travel. I am happy to report the hotel and bus prices are the same as last year. It was reported that most hotel rates were up 30%. We will stay at the Edison Hotel, as we have for many years; this hotel is in the heart of the theatre district (248 West 47th Street), with easy access to restaurants, shows, shopping and not far from Grand Lodge.

We will leave on Saturday, April 30th, from the parking lot behind Garoga/Sincerity Lodge in Phelps and return Wednesday, May 4th. This schedule allows ample time to enjoy the "Big Apple" and fulfill our Masonic duties.

Members of the Wayne, and Chemung/Schuyler/Tioga Districts will join us. This trip is open to any Mason and friends. If you wish more information, please contact me.

In December, I sent a request to all Masters and Secretaries for names and phone numbers of Brothers who are proficient in the various parts of the three Degrees. Please return this list as soon as possible; Lodges are now conferring Degrees and help would be appreciated.

On April 2nd, we will be traveling to Utica to visit the Masonic Care Community. We will be traveling by bus, the cost of which is borne by the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Home. This will give Masons and their families an opportunity to see the facilities that are available to us. We will be given tours of the campus and all questions will be answered. Also, we will be served a great lunch. More details will be forthcoming.

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So far, we have had only two Lodges completing their Edict Degree. All remaining Lodges should schedule an Edict Degree with the AGLs as soon as possible. Please don't wait until the last minute.

In December we had the opportunity to venture into our neighboring Wayne District to partake in a 1st Degree held at Port Byron Lodge. There were Brothers from Wolcott, Savannah, Port Byron and North Rose, present.

Also in December, a 3rd Degree was held at Garoga-Sincerity for three Brothers raised from Dundee Lodge. It was a successful event with 47 Brothers from five Lodges represented. All in all, last year was another successful year in Masonry in our District.

We would also like to comment on the opening and closing of Lodges in our District. Most of the Lodges are proficient, but there are some that need to become more so. If your Lodge would like us to attend and go through the opening and closings step by step, we would be happy to do so. We must not deviate from our Ritual work in any way, shape or form.

As we bring in the New Year, let's strive to make each and every Lodge proficient in all aspects of our Ritual; let's learn those new parts and please schedule your Edict Degrees. ✕

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It was 5:00 p.m. at the Big M Grocery in Clifton Springs, December 23rd, and it was our turn to do the bell ringing for the Salvation Army. Brother Glenn Webster arrived a few minutes later. We enjoyed the time we were there and it was wonderful to see families who dropped by and chatted with us. They deposited their donations into the familiar Red Kettle and I remember a little boy, about 4 years old, who watched with joy on his face as he heard the change jingle its way into the Kettle. I'm sure similar experiences were observed throughout the day by several of the Brothers like: Ken Overslaugh, George Landstrom, Bob Ruggles, Dale Gelder, Ron Galens, Terry Mays, Jim Piper, and Rod Wolf. Thanks also to Scott Tyman for joining with our group that day. The donation for the day was over \$400.00. Ernie Day, bell

ringer and organizer, did a fine job. Thanks, Ernie, for your work for this event.

Several families and their children visited our Christmas party on December 17th. Santa Claus (Ernie Day) arrived on schedule and handed out gifts to the little ones. Group singing was performed by a great group of talented kids. Snacks and refreshments were available throughout the evening. Several pictures now decorate our bulletin board. The party was successful through the efforts of Brothers: Ernie Day and family; Ron Galens and family; George Landstrom and family; and my family. The Lodge was decorated and looked real nice. Thanks to all who came.

We welcome Brother Douglas E. Nicot, who applied for affiliation with Garoga/Sincerity Lodge. He was accepted through our balloting process at the December 7th meeting.

V.: W.: John Walti reported our Brotherhood Fund has reached \$832 from 32 members. I think that's great. You play an important role in this program. You can help double or even triple that amount by sending your donation today. What a better way to channel your donations to various areas of the Fund. Give to the Brotherhood Fund. If you have lost your return envelope, contact John Walti 315-548-9670 for help.

Sickness and distress

We are still keeping in our thoughts and prayers Brothers: Dave Roll, Ransie Brooks and Howard Lester. Please let us know of any Brothers we can help. We need to know about them, as we very much care.

We sadly said good-by to one of our Brothers, Winfred Abplanalp. Win laid down his working tools December 23, 2004. A Memorial Service was held at the Cheney Funeral Home in Phelps, December 28th. Win was raised a Mason on June 7, 1947, in Zion Lodge No. 514, Orchard Park, New York. He affiliated with Garoga/Sincerity Lodge on January 4, 2000. Win was a very caring person and friend to us all. He will be missed.

Public relations

It's time to sponsor the Midlakes Babe Ruth League. The attending members voted approval to support this great cause. Please give all the support you can. Attend the games and cheer for your favorites. This is good public relations, yes?

National Treasure

I had the opportunity to see the new movie, *National Treasure*. As you may recall, it is a story involving the search for the hidden riches once collected by the Knights Templar and protected by our Masonic founding fathers. If you haven't seen the movie, I would highly recommend it. A definite thumbs up from where I sit. It's nice to see so much recent attention being paid to Freemasonry. I imagine this movie teasing someone's curiosity about Freemasonry enough for them to ask about joining the Craft. I'm already looking forward to the upcoming movie adaptation of *The Da Vinci Code*, another story replete with Masonic history and symbolism. I hope all Lodges can take full advantage of this sudden interest in Freemasonry.

Our meeting on January 4th included a program, "A Walk About The Lodge" presented by V.: W.: John Walti. He stated that new, as well as older members, would gain a better understanding of the workings of the Lodge. This will enable them to be more comfortable here, and when attending other Lodges. Thank you John.

Dates

Card Night, or Game Night if you will, started January 14th. There will be more to write about this next time.

February 1st, regular Lodge meeting; program will be Masonic Education, short stories.

February 19th, we will be hosting a Roast Pork Dinner. Please bring family and friends to this public event.

March 10th, is our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. This is one of the best-proven ways of increasing our membership. However, much of its success depends on you. You are very important in this program. A good way you can help is to supply the name, or names, of friends and family, their addresses and phone numbers, who you believe would make good Masons. We will do the rest.

District Masonic Memorial Service

The 48th Annual Masonic Memorial Service will be held Sunday, May 15th, at 2:00 p.m. in The Farmington United Methodist Church, 2925 County Road 41, Farmington. The Host Pastor is the Rev. Jeffrey Long. The Memorial Address will be given by Rev. Charles Roberts. District Deputy Grand Master Eldon White will read the names of the 2004 deceased Brothers, Companions and Sir Knights.

The AGLs will assist the Masters of the Lodges in the lighting of the Memorial Candles as the names are read. This Service is open to the public. To our members and the families of the deceased, let us know if you need transportation. These beautiful public testimonials of our 2004 deceased Brothers deserve our full support. With your help, the Service will remain the truly significant event it has been in the past.

There will be light refreshments following the Service. This will give us a chance to socialize with the families and friends of the Ontario/Seneca/Yates Masonic District. The Church is located just off State Road 332, South of Route 96. There is a traffic light at the intersection of County Road 41 and State Highway 332, with a Hess Gas Station on the North East Corner and the Church is diagonally across Route 41 from the Hess Station.

The door knocker to the outer door is now repaired and re-installed on the door. Thank you very much, Brother Ken Gibbs, for that service.

Please visit the District website: osydistrict.org. Don't forget to send your emails to the Secretary Clayton (Bob) Ruggles at: cruggles@rochester.rr.com, phone (315) 548-3573 or me at: tsergeant@rochester.rr.com.

Happy February Birthday
Celebrating birthdays in February are Brothers: Perry Adams, 3rd; Charles Buisch, 23rd; and Jesse Gillespie, 15th.

Masonic anniversaries

Congratulations go to those Brothers raised in February: James Piper, February 28,

Milnor 139 52d Annual Turkey Dinner

On Saturday, February 5th starting at 4:30PM Milnor Lodge will begin serving its Annual Turkey Dinner which is served country style, all you can eat. Tickets, which can be purchased at the door, are \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children 12 and under. The Lodge is located at 21 Maple Ave in Victor, see map below. Come enjoy the finest Turkey Dinner around.



1945; Donald Sabin, February 6, 1951; and William Walp, February 25, 1971. ✕

Milnor Lodge No. 139

2nd & 4th Thursdays



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What a way to end a year and start a new one - a devastating tsunami that has shocked the world! Since the disaster, those of different faiths have sought their own meanings, and some kind of explanation for such massive loss of life. *The Washington Post* writes, "God's will or just a natural disaster? It makes you wonder when 8 of the 12 countries hit are those who persecute Christians."

Masonry encourages men to practice friendship, morality and brotherly love.

Award

The Dewitt Clinton Award is the highest Freemasonry Award to a non-Mason and is conferred to recognize those who, through their actions, exemplify a concern for their fellow man. Milnor Lodge is pleased to announce the presentation of the prestigious Dewitt Clinton Award to Karen Johnson on February 26th, at DiPacific's Restaurant.

Karen is a model of excellence in volunteering and community service. She chairs "Angels Helping Angels," a community-wide event which raises money for different charities each year in memory of her daughter, Hillary, who passed away at the age of twelve in 2001. In 2002, Angels Helping Angels raised over \$10,000 for Camp Good Days. In 2003, Angels Helping Angels raised over \$10,000 for Serenity House Hospice, and in 2004, they raised over \$10,000 for Mercy Flight Central.

The Angels Helping Angels event this year will be held on Sunday, April 24th, in memory of Karen's fiance, Ted Maves, who passed away January 25, 2004, as well as her daughter, Hillary. The monies raised will go to the Victor/Farmington Ambulance and the Victor and Farmington Fire Departments. Ted was a member of the Farmington Fire Department.

In conjunction with the Dewitt Clinton Award, the Ontario/Seneca/Yates Masonic Corporation will present a substantial monetary gift in support of the charities of Karen Johnson's choice. We ask that

you give generously by contributing to an advertising book, which will be distributed within the Victor, Farmington and Bloomfield areas. We ask that you return your contribution by February 11th. All contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Menu choices for the evening at DiPacific's Restaurant will be a Roast Sirloin of Beef, Broiled Haddock, or Hunter Chicken, at a cost of \$18.00 per person, which includes tax and gratuity. Questions? Call Bob Meuler at 924-5806 or Ken Hall at 289-3801.

Upcoming dates

February 5th - Annual Turkey Dinner. Time: 4:30 p.m. until ??? Tickets: Adults - \$8.00; under 12 - \$4.00; under 5, free

February 10th - Lodge Night Program - Scottish Rite by James Rice

February 24th - 1st Degree
February 26th - Clinton Award Presentation. Location - DiPacific's Restaurant. Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

If you haven't been to Lodge in awhile, you are still welcome. We would like to get to know you better. It's all about friendship, morality and brotherly love. Welcome! ✕

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

3rd Wednesdays

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200th Anniversary

The Brethren of Ark Lodge can very well be proud of their record of almost 200 years of continuous Masonic activity. To "meet, act and part" in a succession of meetings for that great length of time is, indeed, truly remarkable.

"And now, my Brothers, what of the years ahead?" This was asked by our Historian, Dr. John Stelter, in the 175th Anniversary Booklet. Brother Stelter noted that Ark Lodge has had its ups and downs, in membership (668 members in 1928; 90 members in 2005), finances and in our spirit of Masonry. It has persevered and survived many trials, tribulations and challenges over the years. Dr. John relates that it is a vital, functioning Brotherhood of men, rich in spirit, in resources and very attractive to potential members of our Finger Lakes

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Scottish Rite NEWS

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January Program

Children's Matinee, 32° Masonic Learning Center and Ronald McDonald House! It was wonderful to witness the Second Annual Children's Matinee, presented by the children of our Masonic family. Included in the evening were presentations by our local Masonic and Scottish Rite Charities; the Ronald McDonald House and the 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children.

The Ronald McDonald House has been referred by many as the "home-away-from-home." This center provides family housing for those in need during the unfortunate hospital stay of a loved one undergoing treatment. The Masonic Fraternity of Monroe and surrounding counties has supported this wonderful endeavor. To show our continued support, the annual fundraiser will be in full bloom February 1st - 14th, at three area shopping malls (The Mall at Greece Ridge Center, Eastview and Marketplace). The location in the mall will be near the food courts, a high traffic area providing great visibility. If you are interested in assisting in this endeavor, drop by the area mall and pledge your support, or call Mike McBride, Chairman, 663-4636, if you can provide a few hours to "man" the booths.

Thousands helped

In the years that the 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children have been actively engaged in helping children overcome the obstacles of dyslexia, thousands of dyslexic children have received free one-on-one multisensory reading and written language tutoring, at no cost to the family. For most of us, the words on this page swiftly submit to understanding, and we take for granted our ability to read. But for someone with dyslexia, words are the enemy which must be wrestled into submission before they will yield their meaning. The International Dyslexia Association estimates that 45 million adults and children in the United States have some degree of the disability. The goal of the 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children is to provide that tender care so the children around us have the same opportunity we have experienced, to grow to our full potential. Dyslexia has nothing to do with a lack of intelligence or desire to learn. Visit our website at: www.childrenlearningcenters.org or, for local information, you can call the Scottish Rite office 264-1160, or the Rochester Learning Center at 264-1690.

Rite Events Calendar

Thursday, February 17th
Damascus Shrine Center
6:00 p.m.

Day of Adar (Table Lodge)

*This is a Membership Brother Bring-a-Brother event
No charge for Dinner for Sponsor and Candidate*

Mark your calendars
February 17th will be the Day of Adar Program: a Scottish Rite obligatory program, which will be presented in a Table Lodge format. Come and enjoy the festivities presented by the Officers of the Council of Princes of Jerusalem.

In the Jewish calendar, Adar is the happiest, most joyous month. Its motto is "When Adar comes, joy is increased." The abundance of joy in Adar commemorates the salvation of the Jewish People.

Free

This program is open to all Master Masons. This evening will be a part of the membership activity of the Valley. **FREE: If a Scottish Rite member brings a candidate, both dinners will be provided FREE of charge.** Details will be provided in the flyer you will receive soon, or call the office at 264-1160 for reservations.

So Mote It Be. ✕

Sovereign Prince

By Norman Austin

Our meeting in January proved very enjoyable and all attending the Children's Theatre and 32° Learning Center Program came away impressed with the presentations.

The month of February will also prove to be a busy one for members of the Scottish Rite. Along with other members of the Craft, many will be spending time manning the booths at the malls for the annual Have-a-Heart Campaign during the first two weeks of the month. Be sure to sign up for one or more shifts to aid in this most worthwhile event.

Then, on the 17th, we will be celebrating the Day of Adar at the Damascus Shrine Center, which will be a Table Lodge, along with a Brother-Bring-a-Brother Night. The cost of dinner for both the potential candidates and the Brothers who sponsor them will be free. For those who do not bring a candidate, the cost of the dinner will be \$20.00. If you plan to attend this event, please have your reservation in to the Scottish Rite Office by Friday, February 11th, in order that adequate accommodations can be made for you and your guest(s) of the evening. Details of this event can be found in the separate advertisement in this section.

As I alluded to in last month's article, at our meetings in March and April, the Scottish Rite will be presenting a series of Degrees for the Spring Reunion. We are always looking for those interested in participating in the portrayal of these Degrees, along with potential candidates, who are

interested in furthering their knowledge in Masonry by observing the exemplification of the Degrees.

Have you sponsored a candidate for membership in the Scottish Rite? If you have, there is no need to tell you what a satisfaction it is, for you know how pleased you were when that friend came to you and thanked you for persuading him to become a Scottish Rite member.

Persuading a fellow Mason to join the Scottish Rite, and watching his reaction as he receives the Degrees, will give you a real thrill. It will give you the satisfaction performing a good deed always gives. You will know that you've helped a Brother aspire to bigger and better things.

Any salesman who is in a position to sell Scottish Rite Masonry should certainly be able to land his prospect. There is so much good to be had in membership, that once a prospect is told what the Scottish Rite stands for, what it is and does, it should be easy to get his signature on a petition.

With few exceptions, the men who are now being initiated in Symbolic Lodges should be in Scottish Rite Masonry. They owe it to themselves to advance. But these new Master Masons cannot be expected to realize the importance and benefits of the Rite if their friends who are members do not speak to them about it. It behooves each of us, therefore, to do the new Master Mason the favor of acquainting him with the good to be had through membership in the Scottish Rite.

With the Reunion taking place in the near future, now is the time to approach that friend or Brother you've been thinking of, and avail him of the opportunity to become a member of one of the greatest fraternal organizations—the Scottish Rite. ✕

Most Wise Master

By Charles M. Roberts

I pray this coming year finds each of you in good health, filled with peace and exuberant with joy!

The Chapter of Rose Croix has a great opportunity coming up that we hope many will appreciate. The Officers of the Rochester Chapter of Rose Croix cordially extend an invitation to all members, family members, Brothers and friends to the upcoming Public Feast of the Paschal Lamb, which will be held on Wednesday evening, April 13th, at The Party House 677 Beahan Road.

This year we have the extreme pleasure and honor to have as our guest speaker, Ill.:

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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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Scottish Rite Day of Adar Celebration Brother Bring-a-Brother Night

February 17, 2005
Damascus Shrine Center
979 Bay Road, Webster

Event 6:00 p.m.
Dinner 7:00 p.m.

Chicken Parmesan

Rice Pilaf, Green Beans Almandine, Garden Salad
Dessert - Mexican Sundae

Attire: Formal (Dark Suit - Black Tie Optional)

Cost \$20.00 per person

Potential candidates and sponsor's dinner free
Send check with reservation to Office by February 11th
No walk-ins or phone reservations will be accepted

Walter E. Webber 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. It should be a wonderful time. We pray that we can have a great turn-out for The Feast and our Sovereign Grand Commander this year. Invitations are going out statewide for this event. So get the word out! Mark your Calendars to be there. Further informa-

tion on reservations will be forthcoming, so be alert for it.

All Officers of the Chapter of Rose Croix, please be attentive to memorizing your parts for The Feast. We need to exemplify our work to the best of our ability. Please look for upcoming rehearsal dates via email.

May the good Lord Almighty bless all our endeavors as we live out our calling during this coming year. ✕



How many MSB Board Members in this photo do you recognize?

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Damascus Shrine Center No. 2

Shrine News

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Robert L. Anderson II

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James Slocum
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Shrine Reservation Line
671-3565

I thank you for coming to our January meeting to recognize the great year that Past Potentate Bruce Chilton led us through. It was a gala evening and we made sure that Bruce had enough Harley Davidson memorabilia so that he would be able to bide his free time until he could ride again.

We have begun the new year with our mission firmly in mind. Our goals are to be the playground of Masonry and to raise over \$20,000 for the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

At our January public installation, while we were completing serious business, we could tell that our Ladies were having a great time with "The Newlyweds." We will continue to invite our ladies to our meeting's dinners and programs.

At our February meeting, we will have a Circus presentation by our Circus promoter, Jim Hamid. The dinner will be Chicken and Biscuits and our ladies are invited. The cost will be \$9 per person. Early reservations are a must.

In March, we will have a presentation by the sponsors of our Canadian Rockies Train Trip. The meal will be Corned Beef and Cabbage (a pasta dish will always be available for those who don't like the main course; you will need to make your request known when you make your EARLY reservation) and the ladies are invited. Don't forget to check the calendar for all of the events that are sponsored at Damascus Temple.

We have made a good start to our Hospital fundraising. To date, we have raised nearly \$3,000. Only you can help us reach our goal. Help your Clubs and Units to start a fundraising project. The Shriners Hospitals need our help to continue caring for the kids. Reach deep and help the Hospitals.

We are going to restart a Club this year. The YOSHI was active in the early 80's and can be active this year. It's purpose is to bring together those who are Young Shriners and those who are Young in Shrine. They will sponsor activities and educate themselves in the Shrine.

There are going to be Ladies name tags available for purchase at the Jewelry Counter and in the Office. It will be heart shaped, cost \$20, tax included, and any income in excess of the cost will go to our Hospital fundraising.

Our best public relations are our program and our philanthropy. Let your light shine so that others know who you are and what we can accomplish. ✕

First, I thank all of the Nobles for the confidence in electing me to the Office of Recorder. The challenges are the same as in the past and I will meet those challenges as they arise.

Looking ahead, we have a challenging year. The first challenge is to make sure all of the Nobles received their dues notices. As many of you know, we have had some computer problems. If you have not received a notice, please contact the office and I will take care of it. The reason for this is the Office has a new Membership Program which prints the notices, and we are not sure whether all of the bugs in the program have been worked out. We have had some Nobles come in and say they did not receive their notice.

Thanks to the Wheelers, as they did a fine job with the Steak Dinner at the January meeting. Again, I cannot stress enough how important it is to get your reservations in early so we have enough for everybody. We do not want to disappoint any Noble. Those who make reservations, get fed first.

I thank Erwin for a smooth transition and I know if there is a question that comes up, I can rely on Erwin for some help. I am looking forward to working with the Divan this year and the knowledge that I will gain.

Again, thanks for all of your support and encouragement. ✕

Shrine Degree Team
By John Faro

Nobles, at a meeting held on November 30th, a few important discussions took place with 21 Nobles (from a roster of 88) present. The main concern was the continuance of the Degree Team as such. I am happy to say we are alive and well.

One point of discussion was costumes. Some Nobles do not want to wear costumes and some do. The main concern was the condition of the costumes and the fit. It was decided to investigate the use of our own costumes. In other words, purchasing new costumes in sizes that would fit most team members. I have asked Noble John Zabel to look into this matter and inform the "team" at the next meeting.

We also decided to meet once a month to hold discussions, rehearse various parts and assign roles for upcoming Degrees.

A very important discussion concerned the Shrine Team offering to assist Lodges in the conferral of ALL Degrees. It was agreed that we should do this,

and therefore, as of now, the Shrine Degree Team is available to assist Lodges in the conferring of all three Degrees. Look for the ad in the *Masonic Times* and the *Damascus News*.

If you have an email address, please forward it to me at: Bud82034@aol.com, or to Bill Jones at: WJones@rochester.rr.com

This will eliminate some postage costs. We do have some email addresses, but I am sure that there are more out there. We will not pester you with inane items. ✕

Damascus Duffers
By Harry Dainty, PP, President

The Duffers are getting things ready for the big golf tournament to benefit the Shrine Hospitals for Children, to be held at the Lakeshore Country Club on May 20th. Registration will be at 11:00 a.m.; lunch at 11:30 a.m.; and Tee-off at 12:30 (shotgun start). After a great golf game and lots of fun, dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m., with raffles and prizes. All for \$100. If you want to come just for dinner, the cost is \$25.00.

There will be prizes for Longest Drive (men and ladies), Closest to the Pin (men and ladies), Low Score and High Score. So come on out and enjoy the fun. All golfers welcome.

For registration and questions, please contact the Shrine Office at 671-7701 or me at 657-8068.

It's all for the children! ✕



By "Spot McDot" and "Rosco" Well, it's time to get ready for the 80th Damascus Shrine Circus, which will be here before we know it. We're working on our skits and eagerly anticipating the arrival of the Circus. It's difficult to determine who has more fun at the Circus - the clowns or the kids!

We had eight clowns who traveled to Plymouth, MA the weekend of January 21st - 23rd to attend Clown College. This is one school where you are encouraged to clown around - and you will NOT be sent to the principal's office. What a great opportunity for the new clowns to learn about makeup, costumes, magic and much more. We also had discussions with the other Northeast Shrine Clown Units about circus skits, parades and much more. In the next article we hope to have pictures and a more detailed report about our trip to Clown College.

The following Nobles were voted in as "Apprentice Clowns" at our January meeting: Gary Burke, Bruce Chilton, Rich Friedman, Harrison Parson Jr. and Andy Rubey. We all welcomed the new clowns and are looking forward to working with them. There also are other Nobles whom we are looking to recruit into the Clown Unit - such as Glenn S. If any Noble

would like to join the clown unit, please email us or speak with one of the Officers listed below.

Talking about the clown Officers, we have finally worked out our Officer for the Year. Tom "Kopper" Vasile will be able to continue on as our President. Rich "Ponti" Ponticello has kindly VOLUNTEERED to be our Secretary. We really appreciated the way he stepped forward - thanks "Ponti"!

We extend our deepest sympathy and condolences to Rich and Sandy Ponticello. Sandy's father passed away over the holidays. Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.

If any Unit or Club would like to have one (or more) of the clowns attend their event, here is what you need to do. Please send ALL of the clown Officers an email with the date, time, location and a description of the event - at least 40 days prior to the event. Or, you may call the Damascus Shrine Office and they will email the information to the Officers. We will then discuss the event at our next meeting - held on the 1st Tuesday of the month. Once the members of the Clown Unit approve your event, we will assign a clown to be your contact and he will get back to you after the meeting.

We are also available to do programs for Masonic Lodges within the Shrine Area. We will need at least 60 days notice - prior to the event - to make the proper arrangements.

The clowns will again be assisting with the Have-a-Heart Program - to be held from February 1st - 14th. We will try to assist the Masonic Lodges with their specific dates as much as possible. The Have-a-Heart coordinators will be advised of what days and times we are available to help out. The Clowns will definitely be at Eastview Mall on February 4th, as this will be the Damascus Shrine Day, to support the Have-a-Heart Program. "Kopper" and "Rosco" will be the coordinators for this event. Please see the Have-a-Heart article in this issue for more information.

We will also be at Entercom's Kids Fest on February 19th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This year it will be held at the Total Sport Experience, 880 Elm Grove Road, in Gates. The clowns will be working in 2-hour shifts and all Nobles are welcome to join us at this event. Please contact "Rosco" if you would like to help out.

The clowns would like to encourage all of our Nobles to keep the victims - especially the children - of the Tsunami disaster in your prayers.

Also, Nobles, remember to take care of your ladies on February 14th - otherwise you might need a clown to bail you out of trouble!

Until the next time, keep a smile in your heart, don't be afraid to pass it on to a friend, and may your days be filled with the laughter of a child.

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Have-a-Heart-Program
By Tom Vasile Chairman,
Oscar Wilson Vice-Chairman

As Valentine's Day approaches, we are reminded of the Ronald McDonald House Have-a-Heart Program, which runs from February 1st thru 14th at the following malls: Marketplace, Mall at Greece Ridge Center, and Eastview. The Damascus Shrine will be manning the booth at Eastview Mall on February 4th. There will be four shifts 12:00 - 2:00, 2:00 - 4:00, 4:00 - 6:00 and 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. If you are willing to help, please contact Tom Vasile at 329-1626, email TVasile@rochester.rr.com or Oscar Wilson, 748-0933, email: Roscosc@earthlink.net.

The Damascus Shrine Clowns will also be there throughout the day. You will have the opportunity to sign up for a shift or two prior to next month's Shrine Meeting Dinner on February 2nd.

The Ronald McDonald House provides a safe place for families to stay in the event their child is hospitalized due to sickness or an injury.

We would like to encourage you to help your Blue Lodges when they are at the malls during their Have-a-Heart Campaign.

Thank you in advance for your help with this worthy cause. ✕

Damascus Shrine Winter Picnic

February 9th, 2005
10:30 a.m.

Dinner at 1:00 p.m.
Punta Gorda Elks Club
Punta Gorda, Florida

Menu
Hors d'oeuvres
New York Strip Steak
Baked Potato
Beans, Corn, Cole Slaw
Rolls
Coffee, Tea, Dessert

Music by "MC Squared"

\$17.00 per person
Advance reservations
and payment
no later than

February 5th, 2005
to: McKinley Gath
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Credit Card
advance registration payments
may be made at the
Damascus Shrine Office

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York Rite NEWS

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Congratulations to all the Officers elected and appointed throughout the great 24th Capitular District. I am looking forward to interacting with you all, not only during the formal Official Visits but also during the Masonic year.

On February 12th, the 24th Capitular District will be hosting the Order of High Priesthood at the Palmyra Masonic Temple, 161 East Main Street, Palmyra. The Anointing is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. There will be a training session at 9:45 a.m., lunch at noon and a rehearsal for the cast of the Order of the High Priesthood at 1:00 p.m. All High Priests and Past High Priests are urged to attend.

Albany

Grand Chapter will be in session March 4th and 5th. All Companions in good standing are not only invited to attend, but it is also recommended that you come and share in this Masonic experience.

Charities

The Chairman of the Royal Arch Charities, R. E. Aldo A. Ghirarduzzi, has issued the results of the 2004 Charities Drive. The 24th Capitular District was not noted in any of the honors. However, our District, at 10.2% participation, nearly equaled the average percent participation of The Grand Chapter of 10.42%. Let us, in the true tradition of our Order, vow to do better next year!

Newark Chapter No. 117 has gone dark for the months of February and March.

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

Remember to accentuate the positive and eliminate the negative. ✕

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Here it is, February already. As I write this on a snowy early January day, I will not venture to predict what February 2nd will bring regarding the famous "groundhog predictions" for the early or delayed end to Winter. However, the Illustrious Master, R. I. Merle sends his fraternal wishes to all Companions and Brethren for contin-

ued harmony in Masonry for this year 2005.

January meeting

Nundawaga Council's first meeting of 2005 was held a week ago, as you read this issue of the *Masonic Times*. The regular business was conducted with two special presentations included. The first was the conferral of the Royal Master Degree under the direction of R. I. Steven Wing and the cast.

The second was the official presentation of a Grand Representative's Apron to R. I. Vernon G. Rupert, Recorder of Nundawaga Council, who was named Grand Representative of the Grand Council of Georgia near New York by M. I. Stephen A. Licht, Grand Master. The Grand Council of Georgia has affirmed this special appointment, paving the way for the official Apron Presentation by Grand Master Licht and R. I. Merle Robinson, Master of Nundawaga Council.

February meeting

At our Monday, February 28th meeting, conferral of the Select Master Degree will be under the direction of I. Kenneth E. Kohlhausen, with the Degree Cast. Refreshments will follow the meeting, as usual. The I. M. hopes all Nundawaga members will continue their strong support of the council as has been its history to this 52nd year, and join in welcoming the newest member of Nundawaga Council, as he concludes his receiving the Cryptic Degrees that night. ✕

Palmyra Council No. 26

Cryptic Masons
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We wish Companion Lee Collier's wife, Sue, a speedy recovery from back surgery. At the time of this writing, Sue was in physical therapy, learning to climb stairs again.

Our February 3rd assembly will be in the Shortsville Masonic Temple, as governed by our By-Laws. We will meet at the Lehigh Valley Restaurant (formerly the Steak Out) at the intersection of Routes 21 and 96 at 6:15 p.m. to check out the new operations and taste their fare. Dinner will be ordered from the menu. The assembly will open at 8:00 p.m.

Companions Ronald Edwards and Deke Stanton are planning to present a York Rite Introduction to Lodges of the OSY District in the month of February. They invite all Companions to join them in support of York Rite unity. Give them a call for time and place.

A program on the symbolism of the voice of God in the Lodge, Chapter and Council Degrees was presented at our January assembly and was well received by the Companions.

Please circle February 3rd on your calendar today and join us in Shortsville that evening. ✕

Doric Council No. 19 Cryptic Masons (Chartered 1861)

3rd Wednesday



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Winter-the days are cold, the nights are frigid, the furnace is working overtime, and Cupid is just around the corner. As Masons and Americans, we celebrate Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays this month and as men, it's a time to celebrate the warmth, tenderness, and special memories that our lifetime companion has left in our hearts. It's the month of February and it's a time for valentines, flowers and chocolates. Love is in the air and romance is on our minds. May all your days be filled with open arms, your heart with love, your soul with the prayers of joy and contentment, and may God's blessing shine down upon you.

Speaking of memories, I thank all who attended and participated at our communication on December 15th, with a special thank you for those who filled in. It was a solemn evening, in which we held a Council of Remembrance for those Companions and friends who have touched our hearts, and who passed away during the year. It was a night dedicated to those who are now resting peacefully with, and to those who are now enjoying the wonders and majesty of, the Great Architect of the Universe. My Companions, we shall miss you; may your journeys be complete.

As Illustrious Master, I've tried to keep a balanced and fun year for all, and I've given much thought to the rest of the Council year. With that in mind, and with February being the month that we celebrate our wives, girlfriends and significant others, our February meeting will be a night out with the ladies. The friendships that we build along our paths in life, and ones that continue to grow, if properly nourished, are priceless, and it's what Masonry is all about. So for our February meeting, we will have dinner at a local restaurant and savor the friendships that we now have. All reservations should be given to our Principal Conductor of the Works, Joe Oelgoetz, by phone at 425-9969, or by email at: joe.oelgoetz@sentrysafe.com. The deadline for reservations will be Saturday, February 12th at midnight.

With February being the month we celebrate Presidents, here's another installment of my Masonic Education Nights. The two links below are Masonic Presidents and famous Masons in history. I hope everyone either enjoys the information, or at least learns something they didn't know before.

Masonic Presidents

www.4masonry.com/education/files/artoct02/our_masonic_presidents_short.htm

Famous Masons

www.hoffmanlodge412.org/famous.htm

Upcoming Events

February 16th - Ladies Night, Dinner, 7:00 p.m. Location TBA
March 16th - Royal Master Degree. ✕

Sagoyewatha

Commandery No. 17

3rd Saturday, 9 a.m.



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P Phelps, NY

Sir Knights, our February Conclave will be at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 19th, in Phelps. This will be a rehearsal for our annual Inspection in March. How few opportunities we have had again this year to regularly open. Saturdays have proven to be a favorite day to hold instructional meetings and Degrees. So, we are being challenged to dust off the rust and strut our stuff on February 19th. Please mark your calendars now and make every effort to attend this conclave. Breakfast as usual at the Blue Ribbon Restaurant at 7:30 a.m.

Information on the Easter Sunrise Service in Washington, D.C. arrived this week and will be available for Sir Knights. We have had good attendance for the past several years and I hope this tradition can continue. It certainly is a great opportunity to meet and talk personally with our Grand Line and Past Grand Commanders. It is impressive to me to see Sir Knights from across our nation march up Shooters Hill together. Please think about joining us this year. ✕

Batavia Commandery

No. 34
Knights
Templar



2nd & 4th
Thursdays

Commander
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494-1815

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At the February conclaves, we will be working on Tactics and preparing for our Inspection on April 14th. Our Inspecting Officer this year will be SK David Shire, Eminent Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Commandery, Knights Templar, State of New York.

Plans are in the works for a dinner prior to the Inspection. ✕

Cyrene-Monroe Commandery No. 12

Chartered 1993
3rd Monday

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By Don Brugger

Since we meet on the third Monday of the month, the news in my articles will necessarily be delayed a bit. That does not mean that the contents of the article will not be important.

Our Christmas observance was exceptional, with almost a capacity crowd. Sir Knights Ron Edwards and Cy White from Sagoyewatha, SKs Jim McConnell (R. E. Grand Sword Bearer) and Gary Hutcherson from Batavia, SK Don Adams from DeMolay and SKs George Knorr (M. E. Grand Commander) and Bruce Horncastle (Commander) from St. Augustine Commanderies, were among the distinguished guests gracing Northfield's small hall that evening. The Most Eminent Grand Commander, SK George Knorr, participated in the toasts and delivered his personal response. There were a total of 35 Sir Knights and ladies present on this great occasion.

Inspections and coming events

The Inspections for Zone 11 are as follows: Sagoyewatha - March 19th; Cyrene/Monroe - April 18th and DeMolay, May 5th. The requirements for the Inspections are Full Form Opening, Inspection, Sword Manual and three Ritual parts from the Order of Malta. The Fraters are reminded that it takes a lot of practice to perform a good Inspection. Our Commander, SK Roberts, has scheduled Inspection rehearsals starting at 7:00 p.m. every first Monday beginning this month, February. This schedule will continue for March and April. The rehearsals should involve only about an hour of your time.

All of you who are not regular attendees are encouraged to make every effort to come out and support your Officers and your Commandery. It makes a difficult job much harder if there are no sideliners to fill the escort ranks. We will be meeting on the 1st and 3rd Mondays up to Inspection Night, unless subsequently advised. Chapeaus and swords on the 1st, uniform or dark suit on the 3rd. Please call the Recorder, SK Dunn, or the Commander, SK Roberts, for the latest information. We would appreciate all the help we can get.

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Our Easter Observance will be on March 21st at the Northfield Lodge Hall, 8:00 p.m.

Membership

No organization can survive without active members, you know, those who show up and participate. 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. It's not difficult. If transportation is a problem, call the Recorder or Commander. They can arrange for someone in your area to pick you up or give directions to the meeting place. An incomplete uniform is not a valid reason for not attending; come in a dark suit or whatever. What parts of the uniform you will need, we can supply. We would be glad to see you.

Schicker Club

There will be no meeting for the Schicker Club this month. There will be a Valentine's Day get-together, with the ladies, for all York Rite Bodies. You will be hearing more about this at Chapter or Council.

THE HIDDEN SECRET OF MASONRY

THE GREAT MASONIC LEGEND

Submitted by E.: Douglas Koenig

The ceremony of Royal Arch Degree is calculated to impress upon our minds a firm belief in the Being of Existence of God, and it teaches a due reverence for His Great and Holy Name. It also brings to light some of the most important secrets of the Craft which lay buried in darkness from the time of the Patriarch Enoch to King Solomon and from that period to the erection of the Second Temple. The Masonic Word was found in the ruins of the Temple of Enoch during the building of the First Temple. The Same Word was again lost and found when the three sojourners cleared a place for the foundation of the Second temple. Without the Sacred Word the Masonic education of a Master Mason is not complete.

The degree of the Royal Arch is founded upon the destruction of the First and the building of the Second Temple. The historical connection between the building and dedication of the First Temple, as found in the Master's and Most Excellent degrees, its destruction, and that subsequent part which symbolizes the building of the Second, there is an interval in the ceremonials of the Royal Arch degree. This interval represents the time passed in the captivity of the Jews at Babylon. The ceremonies of Royal Arch Degree have an interesting and graphic historical setting, and a profound and reverential moral significance. The Royal Arch Degree is the complement of the Master's degree, the unfolding into a second volume the history of that which was lost to its final recovery. Without the Royal Arch Degree the Master's degree is like a song half sung, a tale partly told, or a promise unfulfilled. The Master's degree in its symbolic signification is imperfect and unfinished in its history, and, terminating abruptly in its symbolism, it leaves the mind still waiting for something that is necessary to its completeness. This deficiency is supplied by the Holy Royal Arch degree.

The design of Freemasonry is neither charity nor almsgiving, nor the cultivation of social sentiments, for both of these are merely incidental to its organization. But it is the search after truth, and that truth is the unity of God and the immortality of the soul. The various degrees or grades of initiation represent the various stages through which the human mind passes, and the many difficulties which men, individually and collectively, must encounter in their progress from ignorance to the acquisition of truth. The true symbolism of the Royal Arch system is founded on the discovery of the "Lost Word." That Word is, in Masonry, the symbol of TRUTH. This truth, which Masonry makes the great object of its investigations, is not the mere truth of science or the truth of history. It is the more important truth, which is synonymous with the knowledge of the nature of God, that truth which is embraced in the Sacred Omniscent Name. Including in its signification His eternal present, past and future existence, and to which He himself alluded when He declared to Moses, "I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob by the name of God Almighty; but by my Name Jehovah was I not known unto them." The discovery of the truth is, then, the essential symbolism of the Royal Arch degree.

The history of the 418 years from the completion of the First Temple to its destruction by Nebuchadnezzar is filled with the glories, the triumphs, the final fall and degradation of the Kingdom of Judah, and the dispersion and loss of the Kingdom of Israel. To the student of Biblical and Ancient History, it is needless to recount the tragic events connected with, and the end of the ten tribes of Israel, whose history began with their revolt under Jeroboam, after the death of King Solomon. Neither it is necessary to dwell upon the history of the two remaining tribes, Judah and Benjamin, which formed the Kingdom of Judah and remained faithful in their allegiance to Rehoboam, the son of Solomon.

It is my intention at this time to explain some circumstances of very remote antiquity. I believe that this information can not be uninteresting to a Royal Arch Mason:

The Great Masonic Legend is a real history mixed with legends, whereby to impress upon our hearts those lessons of exalted morality and Divine Truth. It preserves in our minds the providential means by which the Great Discovery was affected.

The history of the Craft, begun in the remote antiquity, in the times of Enoch, the son of Jared. Enoch was the sixth in descent from Adam, and lived in the fear and love of his Maker. Enoch in a vision saw a Gold Triangle and on it the Name of the Most High. Enoch, being inspired by the Spirit of the Most High, and in commemoration of this wonderful vision, built a Temple under ground, and dedicated the same to God. The Temple accompanied with nine arches, one above the other in the same form as that he had seen in his dream. Methuselah, the son of Enoch, constructed the building without being acquainted with his father's motives. This happened in that part of the world, which was afterward called the land of Canaan, and since known by the name of the Holy Land.

Enoch caused a Triangle Plate of gold to be made, each side of which was a cubit long. Enoch enriched it with the most precious stones, and encrusted the plate upon a stone of agate, of the same form. He then engraved upon it the Ineffable Characters, and placed it on a double cube pedestal of white marble, which he deposited in the deepest arch. When Enoch's Temple was completed, he made a door of stone, and put a ring of iron therein, by which it might be occasionally raised; and placed it over the opening of the arch; that the matters enclosed therein might be preserved from the universal destruction impending. And none but Enoch knew of the treasure, which the arches contained. And, behold, the wickedness of mankind increased more, and became severe in the sight of the Lord, and God threatened to destroy the whole world. Enoch, being desirous of preserving the Sacred Word, the Name of the All Powerful Jehovah, engraved hieroglyphics on piece of marble, explaining the way how to read and pronounce the Name.

And God gave unto Noah a plan by which the Ark was to be constructed. The Ark being finished, Noah agreeable to the instructions he had received from the Most High, went into it with his family, and took with him such things as he was commanded. The flood took place in the year of the world 1656, and destroyed most of the superb monuments of antiquity. The Great Triangle and the marble piece of Enoch, by divine permission, withstood the water.

We learn from Holy Writ the history of succeeding times till the Israelites became slaves to the Egyptians, from which bondage they were freed under the conduct of Moses their leader to go and take the Promised Land. The Bible also instructs us that Moses was well beloved of God. That he spoke to him on Mount Sinai in a burning bush and communicated to him His Divine laws, and many promises renewing an alliance with him, and then gave him the true pronunciation of His Holy Name by which He would always be invoked. It was at this time that Moses replied, "Who art Thou?" "God said I AM THAT I AM is my true name, I am a strong and zealous God." The same divine history particularly informs us of the

different movements of the Israelites until they became possessed of the land of promise, and of the succeeding events, until divine providence was pleased to give the scepter to David. A King, who though fully determined to build a temple to the Most High, could never begin. That honor being reserved for his son Solomon being the wisest of princes, had fully in remembrance the promise of God, that he would dwell in a fixed temple made with hands, and that his Name should be there. Accordingly, King Solomon began to build the Holy Temple in the fourth year of his reign, four hundred and eighty years after the passage of the Red Sea, and on the second day of the month Zif, being the second month of the sacred year. Which answers to the twenty-first of April, in the year of the world 2992, King Solomon built it agreeably to a plan given to him by David, his father. He chose a spot for this purpose, the most beautiful on Mount Moriah, near the place where Abraham was about to offer up his son Isaac, and where David met and appeased the destroying angel.

On digging for the foundation of Solomon's Temple, they found an ancient ruin of a very large edifice and a quantity of riches, such as Vases, Gold and Silver Urns, Marble Porphyry, Jasper and Agate Columns, with a number of precious stones which were all carried to Solomon. Solomon sent for three Masters named Joabert, Stolkin and Guiblim and gave them orders to search once more in the ancient ruins where they had already found many treasures, in hopes of finding more. They departed to fulfill the King's orders and after arriving at the designated spot, Guiblim in working with a pick-axe, met with a large iron ring, he at once hailed his companions and they concluded something of extraordinary value must have been deposited there. The three brethren then labored with great ardor and zeal with shovel and crow and cleared away the earth that covered the ring. When they found it was fixed to a perfect square stone, which with great labor and pains they raised and found it covered a most dismal great cell. Guiblim proposed to descend, and for that purpose they fixed a rope around his body and let him down, with the understanding that if he wished to be raised, he should make it manifest by shaking the rope. Guiblim accordingly descended and found another opening. He descended into that, and there also he found another opening through which he went, which brought him into a third vault and made the like observation of a fourth opening but he was afraid to pursue his search; he therefore shook the rope and ascended. He acquainted his companions with the observations he had made and proposed they should descend in turns to make further observations, but they positively refused. Guiblim accordingly descended on the following conditions: that through every arch he would shake the rope slightly, and if he wished to ascend he would shake the rope violently. When he arrived in the sixth arch he shook the rope and was hauled up again. He told Joabert and Stolkin that he had been in six arches and had observed an opening to descend further, and proposed for one of them to descend as he had worked hard and was afraid to venture. This, however, frightened Joabert and Stolkin so much that they absolutely refused to go down. This raised the zeal of Guiblim, and with a lighted flambeau he descended on the former conditions. When he was entering the ninth arch a parcel of stone and mortar fell suddenly down the top and his flambeau went out when he perceived the rays of the sun penetrating lively, briskly and directly on a Golden triangular plate adorned richly round with precious stones. The brightness of which so affected Guiblim, it almost deprived of sight. Guiblim shaking the rope three times, on which Joabert and Stolkin drew him up and he recounted to them the amazing things he had seen in the ninth arch. By this account to them, they proposed to descend together by a rope ladder made for that purpose. The three accordingly descended, in the ninth arch and being amazed, as was Guiblim. They then examined the Gold plate on which they perceived some characters, which they did not understand. Said Plate was encrusted on the top of an agate stone of the same form. They admired the Plate with respect and conceived that the characters meant the Sacred Name of God, which Name only known to the High Priest. They concluded to raise the Double Cube Stone on which this Golden Plate was fixed, and carry it to Solomon. Upon strict search they found, near the place where they found the Great Triangle, a piece of marble on which were engraved some Hieroglyphics which they took possession of, carried to Solomon and reported accordingly. Solomon sent for some learned priests who deciphered those characters. When he ascertained they were the ruins of the Temple of Enoch, which he had built before the flood. And which was also the same Temple which was destroyed in the Deluge which swept away every thing but the nine arches under ground, where was deposited the Delta or treasure so often spoken of to Moses and David by God.

According to the legend, the High Priest examined the characters of the Golden Plate and found them to be the Ineffable Name of God. The High Priest told them that the Great Architect of the universe had bestowed on them the most signal favor, and had chosen them to discover the most precious and rare treasure. The High Priest explained to them the Sacred Word engraved on the Golden Plate. He told them that this was the Name of the Most High by, which he would invoke. A pronunciation, which has been suffered much and has been greatly, corrupted. The Ineffable Name of the Holy One was forbidden from being spoken by a Law of Moses, in consequence the true pronunciation was lost to all. The Hieroglyphics represent the way, how to pronounce the Name of the Most High, and it was composed by Enoch. From time memorial we received through secret initiations some of the meaning of the three mystical letters, and we heard that there is a Name called the Seven-letter Name, where all the Names are comprehended in one Name. This Name was lost and now found. Then the High Priest explained to them that the promise of God was accomplished of his promise to Noah, Moses, and David. That one day the true Name of Him by which He was to be invoked should be discovered on a Golden Plate. But should be forbidden to write it and have permission only to letter it for their consolation, but never to pronounce or speak it, and to be circumspect in lettering it. The High Priest prepared a special cipher to conceal the meaning of the Grand Omniscent Word. The High Priest's code was so difficult that there was no way to figure it out logically. The High Priest used a system of shifting each letter according to series of successive numbers. Part of the key to the cipher was given in two of the Three Holy Tablets, which were wrought by Hiram Abiff. Hiram Abiff had made them according to the original plan given to him by the High Priest. The Holy Tablets were bearing inscriptions. Only the High Priest and his assistant knew the secret messages in them. In addition, the High Priest gave order to Hiram Abiff to engrave five more different Tablets. The Tablets were supposed to be inserted into the wall of the Holy of Holies or Sanctum Sanctorum. King Solomon built a secret passage under ground leading from Solomon's most retired apartment to the same vault where



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Sanctum Sanctorum. King Solomon built a secret passage under ground leading from Solomon's most retired apartment to the same vault where the Temple of Enoch was erected, a due west course, and ending under the Sanctum Sanctorum of the Holy Temple. The vaulted shrine remained divided into nine separate arches as before. The ninth arch was to be the place for a deposit of a true copy of all things, which were contained in the Sanctum Sanctorum above. Such as the Ark of the Covenant, a Pot of Manna, the Rod of Aaron, the Book of the Law, and The Sacred Triangle of Enoch, which was buried in the same spot. The Triangle of Enoch was deposited in the ninth arch before the completion of the Temple. And instead of using the Name of God, or the Master's Word, the people used a substitute for it. Some Jewish learners desirous of knowing the nature and import of the Holy Name (Master's Word), heard that the Great Triangle was found and now is hidden somewhere in the Temple. They conspired to obtain the Master's Word by any means, even should they have recourse to violence. The Ruffians, believing that the chief architect Hiram Abiff knows the place where the treasure is hidden. They accosted the Grand Master Hiram Abiff and in threatening manner demanded of him to divulge the hidden place, warning him that death would be the consequence of a refusal. Our Grand Master replied that he could not divulge the secret. He told them that the secret could be communicated to them only by the High Priest. As for himself he would rather suffer death than betray the sacred trust reposed in him, but this answer not proving satisfactory, the Ruffians struck him with a blow on the forehead, which laid him lifeless at their feet. After this event, the High Priest closed the passage to the vaulted shrine where the sacred Word was deposited.

In his later years, Solomon's understanding became impaired; he grew deaf to the voice of the Lord, and became strangely irregular in his conduct. Proud of having erected an edifice to his Maker, and much intoxicated with his great power, the unwise king plunged into all manners of licentiousness and debauchery, and profaned the Holy Temple. By offering that incense to the idol Moloch, which only should have been offered to the living God Jehovah. The people, copying the follies and vices of their king, became proud and idolatrous, neglecting the true worship of God for that of idols. In the year of the world 3029, King Solomon died, and was succeeded by his son Rehoboam, who, immediately after the death of his father, went down to Shechem, where the chiefs of the people were met together to proclaim him king. When Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, who was in Egypt, whither he had fled from the presence of Solomon, and whose ambition had long aspired to the throne, heard of the death of the king, he hastened to return from Egypt. To put himself at the head of the discontented tribes, and lead them on to rebellion. He accordingly assembled them together, and came to King Rehoboam, and spoke to him after this manner: "Thy father made our yoke grievous; now, therefore, ease thou somewhat the grievous servitude of thy father, and his heavy yoke that he put upon us, and we will serve thee. And he said unto them, come again unto me after three days. And the people departed. And King Rehoboam took council with the old men that had stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, saying, What council give ye me, to return answer to his people? And they spoke unto him, saying, If thou be kind to this people, and please them, and speak good words to them, they will be thy servants forever. But he forsook the council, which the old men

gave him, and took council with the young men that were brought up with him, that stood before him. And he said unto them. What advice give me ye, that we may return answer to this people, which have spoken to me, saying, Ease somewhat the yoke that thy father did put upon us? And the young men that were brought up with him spoke unto him, saying, Thus shalt thou answer the people that spoke unto thee. Saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou it somewhat lighter for us; thus shalt thou say unto them, My little finger shall be thicker than my father's loins. For, whereas my father put a heavy yoke upon you, I will put more to your yoke: my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions. So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam on the third day, as the king bade, saying, come again to me on the third day. And the king answered them roughly; and king Rehoboam forsook the council of the old men; and answered them after the advice of the young men, My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add thereto; my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions. And when all Israel saw that the king would not hearken unto them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David? And we have none inheritance in the son of Jesse: every man to your tents, O Israel: and now, David, see to thine own house. So all Israel went to their tents. But as for the children of Israel that dwelt in the cities of Judah and Benjamin, Rehoboam reigned over them. In this manner were the tribes of Israel divided, and under two distinct governments, for two hundred and fifty-four years, when then revolted tribes, having become weak and degenerated, by following the wickedness and idolatry of the kings who governed them, fell a prey to Samanazer, king of Assyria. Who in the reign of Hoshea, king of Israel, besieged the city of Samaria, laid their country waste, and utterly extirpated their government. Such was the wretched fate of a people who disdained subjection to the laws of the house of David, and whose impiety and effeminacy ended in their destruction.

In the eighth year that Josiah was king, while he was still very young, he began to worship the God of his ancestor King David. Four years later he began to destroy the pagan places of worship, the symbols of the goddess Asherah, and all the other idols. Under his direction his men smashed the altars where Baal was worshiped and tore down the incense-altars near them. They ground to dust the images of Asherah and all the other idols and then scattered the dust on the graves of the people who had sacrificed to them. He burnt the bones of the pagan priests on the altars where they had worshiped. By doing all this, he made Judah and Jerusalem ritually clean again. He did the same thing in the cities and devastated areas of Manasseh, Ephraim, and Simeon, and as far north as Naphtali. Throughout the territory of Northern Kingdom he smashed the altars and the symbols of Asherah, ground the idols to dust, and broke in pieces all the incense-altars. Then he returned to Jerusalem. In the eighteenth year of his reign, after he had purified the land and the Temple by ending pagan worship, King Josiah sent three men to repair the Temple of the Lord: Shaphan son of Azaliah, Maaseiah, the governor of Jerusalem, and Joah son of Joahaz, a high official. The money that the Levite guards had collected in the Temple was handed over to Hilkiyah the High Priest. This money was then handed over to the three men in charge of the temple repairs, and they gave it to the carpenters and the builders to buy the stones and the timber used to repair the buildings that the kings of Judah had allowed to decay. By a miracle the Book of the Law was discovered. After a series of changes and events,

of which an account may be found in the Holy Bible and Jewish history, Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, with his forces, took possession of Jerusalem. Having made captive Jehoiachim the king of Judah, elevated his uncle Zedekiah to the throne, after binding him by a solemn oath, neither to make innovation in the government, nor to take part with the Egyptian in their wars against Babylon.

At the end of eight years Zedekiah violated his oath to Nebuchadnezzar with the Egyptians; thinking that jointly they could subdue the king of Babylon. Nebuchadnezzar immediately marched, and ravaged Zedekiah's country, seized his castle and fortress, and proceeded to the siege of Jerusalem. Pharaoh, learning how Zedekiah was pressed, advanced to his relief, with a view of raising the siege. Nebuchadnezzar, having intimation thereof, would not wait his approach, but proceeded to give him battle, and in one contest drove him out of Syria. This circumstance suspended the siege. In the ninth year of Zedekiah's reign, the king of Babylon again besieged Jerusalem, with a large army, and for a year and a half exerted all his strength to conquer it; but the city did not yield, though enfeebled by famine and pestilence.

In the eleventh year the siege went on vigorously; the Babylonians completed their works, having raised towers all round the city, so as to drive the invaded party from its walls. The place, through a prey to plague and famine, was obstinately defended during the space of a year and a half. But at length, want of provisions and forces compelled its surrender, and it was accordingly delivered, at midnight, to the officers of Nebuchadnezzar.

King Zedekiah, seeing the troops enter the Temple, absconded by a narrow pass to the desert, with his officers and friends. But advice of the escape being given to the Babylonians, they pursued them early in the morning, and surrounded them near Jericho. Where they were bound, and carried before the king, who ordered his wives and children to be put to death in his sight; and then ordered Zedekiah's eyes to be put out, and himself conducted in chains to Babylon. After this victory, Nebuchadnezzar dispatched his principal officer, Nebuzaradan, to Jerusalem, to ransack and burn both palace and Temple, to raze the city to the ground, and conduct the captive inhabitants to Babylon; this order he accordingly executed. Among the captives were the following persons of eminence: Seraiah, the High Priest; Zephaniah, next in rank; the secretary to the king; three principal keepers of the Temple; seven of the king's chosen friends, and other persons of distinction. The sorrow of these captives in Babylon found expression in the 137th Psalm:

By the rivers of Babylon we sat down; there we wept when we remembered Zion.

On the willows near by we hung up our harps.

Those who captured us told us to sing; they told us to entertain them: "Sing us a song about Zion."

How we can sing a song to the Lord in foreign land?

May I never be able to play the harp again if I forget you, Jerusalem!

May I never be able to sing again if I do not remember you, If I do not think of you as my greatest joy!

Remember, Lord, what the Edomites did the day Jerusalem was captured.

Remember how they kept saying; "Tear it down to the ground!"

Babylon, you will be destroyed. Happy are those who pay you back for what you have done to us - who take your babies and smash them against a rock.

In the first year of the reign of Cyrus the Jewish captivity terminated. Cyrus, from his conversations with Daniel and other Jewish captives of learning and piety, as well as from the perusal of their

sacred books, more especially the prophecies of Isaiah, had become imbued with knowledge of true religion. Because of this, he made a public announcement to his subjects of his belief in the God "which the nations of the Israelites worshipped." He was consequently impressed with an earnest desire to fulfill the prophetic declarations of which he was the subject and to rebuild the Temple of Jerusalem. In the seventieth year of the captivity of the Jews, and the first of the reign of Cyrus, king of Persia, he issued his famous edict, purporting that the God adored by the Israelites was the Eternal being through whose bounty he enjoyed the regal dignity. That he had found himself honorably mentioned by the prophets of ancient date, as the person who should cause Jerusalem to be rebuilt, and restore the Hebrews to their former state of grandeur and independence. He therefore gave orders for the release of the captives, with his permission to return to their own native country, to rebuild the city, and the house of the Lord. The principal peoples of the tribes of Judah and Benjamin for Jerusalem and commenced the undertaking; but many of the Jews determined to remain in Babylon rather than relinquish the possessions they had obtained in that city.

Cyrus appointed Zerubbabel, the grandson of the king Jehoiachin, a prince of the House of Judah, Governor of the people, under whose guidance and direction the rebuilding of the Temple at Jerusalem was begun. But owing to the poverty of the people, and the hindrance by their enemies, very little was accomplished until eighteen years later. At which time Darius, the King issued an edict that the Jews should no longer be hindered or impeded in the noble and glorious work of rebuilding the House of the Lord. He also caused the Sacred Treasures to be sent back to Jerusalem, and, by royal command, directed that the expenses of rebuilding the temple should be paid out of the king's treasury. In the year 520 BC, under the stirring appeals of the prophets, Haggai and Zechariah, Zerubbabel again began the rebuilding of the House of the Lord. It was completed in the year 516 BC Thus in the period from the destruction of the first temple to the completion of the Second Temple; we find the fulfillment of the seventy years of captivity as foretold by the Prophet Jeremiah.

The Grand Council, which formed at Jerusalem, for the purpose of rebuilding the Temple, consisted of Zerubbabel as King; Jeshua, the son of Josedech, as the High Priest; and Haggai, the Prophet, as Scribe. They held their meetings in a Tabernacle, which was similar in structure and color design to the one erected by Moses in the Wilderness. This tabernacle was erected near the ruins of the First Temple. Guards were stationed at the entrance to the Veils

to see that none were permitted to enter but such as were duly qualified by being true descendants of the twelve tribes of Israel, and by making themselves known by the words given to God unto Moses at the burning bush.

Three weary sojourners from Babylonian captivity have come up to Jerusalem to help, aid and assist in the noble and glorious work of rebuilding the Holy City and sanctuary, without the hope of fee or reward. They repaired to the place designated by the Council to clear a spot for the foundation of the Second Temple. They wrought diligently for several days among broken columns and ruined arches without discovering anything of importance. One of the sojourners struck with his crow what seemed to be impenetrable rock, but which gave forth a hollow sound. They redoubled their exertions, and upon removing the rubbish, discovered a passage of a certain cave hollowed out in the rock. Owing to its depth, it was difficult to see what was within this cave. The sojourners being anxious to find out the truth let down one of their workmen by means of a rope. On being lowered down he found in the ninth vault stagnant water reaching up to his knees; and, having gone round the place and felt the walls on every side, he found the place to be perfect square. Then, in his return, as he stood near about the middle, he struck his foot against a column, which stood rising slightly above the water. By this time the sun, having gained its meridian altitude, darted its rays immediately into the aperture and he perceived in the center of the vault a pedestal of pure white marble, wrought in the form of an altar of incense - that of a double cube. On the plinth were engraved four mystic characters, whilst a veil of curious workmanship covered the face of the altar. Approaching with reverential awe, he lifted up the veil and beheld a box and on the box a small piece of marble and a plate of pure gold on which were engraved hieroglyphics and four letters in the center of the Golden Triangle. He also laid hold of a scroll wrapped up in a very fine and thin linen cloth. As soon as he regained the light he showed them the curiously wrought box, piece of marble and the Golden Triangle. The discovery they have made was of great importance, and the Council, in reward for their zeal and fidelity, call them to the rank of their great and glorious ancestors. The High Priest Jeshua and prophet Haggai were aware of the spiritual fall of the Jewish people, and afraid that the people may indulge in all manner of licentiousness and debauchery, and will profane the Holy Temple. They found a secure place in one of the tunnels under Jerusalem where he deposited the Sacred Word. This hidden place was known only to them; and after their death, the secret died with them. *

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Rt. Wthy. Janet N. Porter

The month of February will focus on Eastern Star members helping with the Masonic Have-a-Heart Campaign at the area malls - Eastview, Marketplace and the Mall at Greece Ridge Center. Each Chapter is volunteering to participate at least one day. If any members have not been contacted to assist, call either Roger Lynch or me to sign up with a group at your mall of choice.

Phone Home Cards

A District project headed by Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings

This is obviously a very popular project and initially it has generated a great response. Carol reports that she already has 278 phone cards for our troops! Thanks for the wonderful kickoff to this project, which continues through June. As a reminder, the cost is \$7 for a 100-minute card - that's 7 cents per minute! Out-of-town members, this is an opportunity for you to be counted in Monroe District's support of our troops.

Dates to remember

February 5th; 9 a.m. - Line Officers Meeting at Hilton
March 5th; 9 a.m. - Line Officers Meeting at Hilton
March 19th; 10 a.m. - School of Instruction at Webster Temple.

NOLATKA Chapter No. 320

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

Matron Wthy. Cynthia Nielson
889-4207

Patron Wthy. Robert Crystal
473-0279

Sec. Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings
594-4692

22 South Main Street
Churchville 14428

By Kim Morici

Our Installation of Officers was the afternoon of January 8th, an outstanding idea on Wthy. Toni's part! The ladies looked dazzling in their long colored gowns, with the gentlemen in their tuxedos.

If you would like to share in a special event, (we hope to see you more often!) plan to attend Chapter on Tuesday, April 19th at 7:30 p.m. for Nolatka's spe-

cial visit with the DDGM and DGL.

On January 18th we initiated a new member, Tracy Dalykas. Please welcome her when you see her. I look forward to getting to know her better.

Did you receive a copy of the *Monroe District Messenger*? I was thrilled by its appearance and quickly took it to my favorite spot to snuggle-up and read. Hats off to Sula Baxter and her team for putting together a fine District newspaper that coincides with the *Masonic Times*.

By the time you read this, Winter will be half over. We will soon be welcoming home our snowbirds with open arms.

Please keep our Matron, Patron, Line Officers and members in your prayers this year. Let us not forget those brave ones fighting to sustain our freedom.

Just a tidbit of information: I was extremely happy to have been Baptized on January 6th. It has made my life completely different living for Jesus.

If you have news to share, please contact me. I would be happy to add it to my column.

May the Lord bless you all. ✕

Rochester Chapter No. 314

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

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Wthy. **Deavera Bundoc**
663-2949

Patron
Wthy. **George Bundoc**
365-0111

Secretary
Rt. Wthy. **Barbara Spano**
244-1503

133 South Union Street
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Now that the New Year is off to a great start, it's time for us to get back to work.

The following Officers were installed on January 15th:

Matron **Deavera Bundoc**
Patron **George Bundoc**
Associate Matron

Evy Ann Heller
Associate Patron

William Zufall
Secretary **Barbara E. Spano**
Treasurer

Sharon McComber
Chaplain **Audrey Zufall**
Trustee **Susan Duff**

Marshal **Effie Simpson**
Assistant Marshal

Cindy Martin
Adah **Margaret Roller**

Esther **Karen Leipold**
Martha **Krystle Alley**

Electa **Debra Leipold**

Thank you all so much; it was a wonderful evening. February

is fast approaching and with it our Quarter-a-Dip Dinner on the 5th at 6 p.m. Our meeting is at 8 p.m. If you would like to join us, please call our Secretary and let her know.

We hope that everyone is happy and healthy. If anyone needs to report sickness or distress, please call our Secretary and leave a message. Warm greetings to all who are unable to be with us. We think of you often.

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

MATRON
Wthy. **Leslie Smith**
554-6715

SECRETARY
Wthy. **Shirley Wells**
394-2778

Shortsville Temple

Well, I guess that Winter has come upon us. It took until January to get some real snow in certain areas. As far as I am concerned, it can turn into Spring any time.

The Worthy Patron and I will be heading to warmer weather for a week in February, at least I hope so. We will be taking a cruise with some Eastern Star friends from the Monroe District. They belong to the East Rochester Senior Citizen group, so we are going to enjoy getting away for at least a week.

I wish all of our members who have Birthdays in February, a Happy Birthday. I was listing members and I know that I was missing some whose birth date I do not have. So I have changed my policy.

Just a reminder that if you haven't paid your dues, please send them to Rt. Wthy. Shirley Wells.

If you haven't been to Chapter in a while and don't remember the passwords, I am sure that you won't have any problem. Also, remember if it is a ride that you need, just give one of your Sisters or Brothers a call. We will be more than happy to come and get you. You never know what you might miss at a meeting; good refreshments, and a good social time after the meeting.

I want to leave you with this: With open arms he greets you, so inviting is his pose, the man with the top hat, and the pointy carrot nose. His scarf is tied securely, with his eyes made of black coal, He brightens any Winter day, the man who's made of snow. Stay warm and healthy for this year. ✕

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Wayne District OES Roast Beef Dinner

Sunday, March 6th

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

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Wayne District Order of the Eastern Star

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Rt. Wthy. Craig and we have been trying to conduct various activities around the District to try to get our name out to the community. Everyone is encouraged to attend. We need all the input we can get.

We will be working with the New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence. This is the Grand Matron's special project for this year. I have contacted the Agency which we will be working with for Wayne County and they are excited to be working with us. My special project will be Camp Good Days and Special Times. We are doing a Mile of Pennies and crocheted/knitted hats for Cancer Kids. There are 74,480 pennies in a mile. It will be interesting to see how close we come to a mile.

We will continue to support the veterans with handmade tracheotomy bibs and lap robes.

Important dates

February 26th - Study Club at 10:00 a.m. at the Palmyra Masonic Temple. Lunch will be served at 12:00 noon. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

March 6th - Roast Beef Dinner will be held at the Palmyra Masonic Temple from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Price is \$8.00 for adults and \$3.50 for children. ✕

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Jerry Spero
Monarch
334-7616

By Kenneth Rhodes
Monarch-Elect

I thank the Empire State Grotto Association Officers for presiding at the Installation of Officers for Lalla Rookh Grotto, January 22nd. My thanks, also, to the Officers, Prophets, friends and their ladies, who attended the Open Installation.

2005 Officers

Monarch **Kenneth Rhodes**
Chief Justice **Norman Austin**
Master of Ceremonies **Michael Bell**
Secretary **Kenneth Hutchinson**
Treasurer **Brian Bills**
Venerable Prophet **John Ponsack**
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The year of 2005 is now upon us and, with your assistance, we will make it a year to remember. Thanks to each Prophet for accepting the office assigned to him.

Much appreciation to Ms. Beverly Murray for her delightful music for the Installation and to Karl-Heinz Reich for his lovely dinner music.

Norman Austin, Chief Justice, will be conducting Grotto

meetings during the month of February. Doreen and I will be visiting relatives in England for her special birthday.

February 16th will be a dinner for Valentine's Day. Please invite your lady for this evening. I wish all the ladies a happy Valentine's Day.

The Board of Governors meeting will be Monday, February 7th, 7:00 p.m., at the Shrine Center.

Sickness and distress

Prophet Jay Riggs is now home after suffering a slight stroke. Prophet Bob Bueg is also home recuperating after heart surgery. *

Secretary's Column

By Kenneth Hutchinson, PM

We are entering a new year of activity to keep alive the spirit of good fellowship. The Public Installation was January 22nd.

Monarch Ken Rhodes has given our immediate Past Monarch, Jerry, some things to keep him busy. Jerry has automatically become President of the Past Monarch's Group, and Alfred III, PM, is Secretary and Advisor.

New Membership Chairman is Brian Bills. If you are in need of a petition, contact Brian, or the Grotto Office, and we will get one to you.

Travel plans

No sooner had Ken Rhodes become Monarch, then he and Doreen left for England. Doreen turned the big 70 and that is what she wanted, as a birthday present, a nice visit with their 89 relatives over there. Ken leaped at that. Imagine staying here and there around England free! He hasn't yet considered the pay-back in the next few years, when they start coming over here!

Sickness and distress

Bob Bueg has been hospitalized twice in the last month due

to a blockage in his heart. He is scheduled to have surgery sometime in February.

If you know of any member who is sick or in need of aid or our sympathy, contact any of our Officers.

The next Grotto meeting will be February 16th. If you have not been to a meeting in awhile, you will be pleasantly surprised at our new location, new larger office and our meeting room. *

Grand Historian



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Kenneth Hutchinson, PM
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In April of 2004, I began to correspond with Fred Kinney, by email. Fred joined our Grotto in 1975 and asked for a dimit in 1978, when he moved to Florida.

In April, 2004, he paraded with Selama Grotto in the Festival of States Parade, carrying their banner. He was again impressed with the fellowship.

He asked Monarch Danny Robinson for a petition and was re-instated in May, 2004, along with seven candidates, including the Grand Master of Masons of Florida, John Givens.

Last August, his wife was asked to be the Cerebral Palsy Recreational Program Director for the Grotto. Fred, along with other volunteers, has eight cerebral palsy "guests" who come to the Grotto twice a month for breakfast, games and later, lunch.

Fred's wife always makes something special for them to



Selama Grotto, St. Petersburg, Florida, had a class of seven. Our former Prophet, Fred Kinney, is second from right.

take home. All the guests are between the ages of 40 and 63 years, so they aren't children, but are their "kids."

Fred has bought a minibike he rides in parades with the Grotto "Jokers," dressed as a

keystone cop, passing out flags, tooth brushes and toothpaste in the parades.

He has been elected Venerable Prophet for 2005. Pretty good start, after a 26-year absence from the Grotto. *

Caldron News

By Susan Wilson, MCO

This month we'll be celebrating our 57th birthday on February 7th. Our Birthday Banquet will be on Saturday, February 5th at Rick's Prime Rib at 5:30 p.m. The menu choices and prices will be decided soon; the Calling Committee will let you know of this information when they call, or you may contact Merline Bueg, Chairperson, at 458-8258; or me at 436-0064. Please come and join in on the festivities!

Upcoming dates

February 10th - Caldron meeting at 7:30 p.m.

February 17th - Executive Council meeting at Bev Murray's home.

Get well wishes and prayers

We send these to our PMCO, Chris Eeckhout, who had knee surgery just before the New Year and says she is doing well. We also remember Prophets Jay Riggs and Bob Bueg, who are both coming along nicely, and to all others who may have been under the weather during this roller-coaster Winter.

Many happy birthday greetings this month go to: Jean Wood, 3rd; Doris Bell, 8th; and Pearl Smith, 22nd. *

Legion of Honor Public Installation

BRIAN BILLS

COMMANDER-ELECT

Green Lantern Inn
Fairport

February 12th

Social Hour 5:30 p.m.
Dinner 6:30 p.m.
\$16.50 per person

For reservations contact
Brian Bills - 388-0913

Attend Grotto Meetings

Mon., February 7th - Board of Governors Meeting, Shrine Center, 7:00 p.m.
Thurs., February 10th - Caldron meeting 7:30 p.m. Unity Lodge
Wed., February 16th - Valentine's Day Dinner with Ladies 6:30 p.m. Meeting 7:30 p.m. Shrine Center
Thurs., February 17th - Caldron Executive Committee - Home of Bev Murray

Enjoy the Fellowship

Ark Lodge

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community. He said, "We respect the past, appreciate the present and are ready to cope with the future."

The thoughts of two Masonic Brothers came to his mind. Brother Clement Stone said, "What the mind of man can conceive and believe, can be achieved." Brother Charles W. Froessel, Past Grand Master said, "The future is ours, and with confidence, determination and dedication, the best is yet to come."

I always remember Brother John's famous words, "Congratulations Ark Lodge on being the oldest, continuously active Masonic Lodge West of Utica." The philosopher Emerson wrote, "This time, like all times, is a very good one if we but know what to do with it."

Our leaders for the past 200 years have tried to promote Freemasonry's one and only product, Brotherhood. These leaders sought to make our Fraternity more meaningful to our Lodge Brothers and to the public at large. Action in the Lodge room and outside our Temple

in the Finger Lakes and Geneva community has resulted in a greater exposure of the mission of our Masonic Craft, "How to make good men better in our changing world." I'm reviewing our past history, our traditions and legacy over the past 200 years. We must continue to relate to the primary purpose of Freemasonry.

Now comes the challenge! Who are the Brothers who will lead and direct us to that great moment of our 200th Anniversary on September 8, 2007? Deputy Grand Master and possible Grand Master in 2007, R.: W.: Neal Bidnick, has already accepted our invitation. R.: W.: William Sardone, Deputy Grand Marshal, has been informed. Brothers Howard Colegrove, Charles Rouse, Arnold Schofield and I have met four times.

I have been in touch with the Grand Lodge Historian, Brother George Peter, who was one of the leaders of the 200th Anniversary celebration (1797-1997) of Scipio Lodge in Aurora. Brother George said they began their work three years before the great event. We have only 2 1/2 years remaining. All

Brothers must give of themselves to this anniversary celebration. A booklet must be prepared, corrected and printed. Events must be planned, arrangements must be made, invitations must be made, programs completed, receptions, dinner, refreshments, chairmen of committees to be appointed, politicians to be invited, other Lodges in the OSY District to be invited to participate in the celebration. Who is going to do all this? We need you to participate. Please, come forward and give me your name and your expertise.

Masons meet, act and part

Fellowship and much Brotherhood was enjoyed at our Christmas Party. There was a catered dinner and wonderful homemade desserts.

Brother Joseph Michaels; Anita Michaels, widow of departed brother Mike Michaels, and son, George; Brothers Roger Haich and wife; Charles Rouse; Harry George; Tom Bryan; Max Kaufman; Fred Warder and his mother; Peter Ernsset; Terry Trenchard and wife; Tom Abraham and wife; Sandy Wagner, his wife and two children; Margaret Chase;

Anne Taylor and daughter, Nancy; Lynn Ward, wife of Brother Lance; and my wife and I all had a good time!

Good news!

Brothers who have belonged to Ark Lodge for 50 years or more, will have their dues paid by the Lodge. A motion was made, and after much discussion was passed at the October meeting. Your dues card for the year 2005 will be sent as soon as possible.

Brother George W. Gordon, from Excelsior, Minnesota, called wanting to know why he didn't receive his dues notice. Brother Gordon, and those Brothers who have been members of the Lodge for over 50 years, are very fortunate. We talked about the weather and how Brother Gordon has not been to Geneva, or the Lodge, for over 52 years. God bless Brother Gordon, who is so proud to be a Mason.

Best Wishes

Brother Raymond R. Smith had had a hip replacement, due to a serious car accident over a month ago. God bless him in good health and happiness.

Brothers Tom Abraham, Charles Rouse and I have seen

the movie, *National Treasure*, and have talked about it. It had a lot to say about Freemasonry, which I didn't quite understand. Please, my Brothers, see the movie and relate your feelings to me.

Brothers Jed Brandow, Fred Warder, William Dobbin, Howard Colegrove, Bill Colin and I delivered seventy Christmas food packages of turkeys and hams to the senior citizens of Seneca, Elmcrest and Court Yard Apartments. The Salvation Army deeply thanks all the Masons who participated in this wonderful event.

In my January article, I forgot to mention those in need of our prayers for good health in the new year: Brothers John Stelter, Ray Smith, Ramon Baroody, Harry George, Max Kaufman, Robert Insho, Bill Kashouty, Horace Riddle and Lloyd Hilimire.

Dates to remember

February 2nd - Social meeting. Begin discussing our 200th Anniversary agenda, 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be available.

February 26th - Regular communication. Acting Master will be Brother Tom Abraham; I will be in Acapulco, Mexico! *

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



Commander
Luigi G.
Campaniello
247-4480



Adjutant
Vance R. Collom, Jr.
217-9817

Our Christmas Party was a big success. A good time was had by everyone. Thank you to all who helped make it the success it was.

February 24th will be our next meeting date. The dinner will be Ham with Scalloped Potatoes. If Ham is not for you, you may order Chicken. The social hour is at 5:30 p.m.; dinner, 6:30 p.m. and the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

There will be no meeting in March.

We have been asked to man the Ronald McDonald Have-a-Heart booth on February 1st at the Mall at Greece Ridge Center from 12 noon to 9:00 p.m. It will be done in three shifts - 12 to 3 p.m.; 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

We would like to have as many of our members out for this fundraiser as possible. Please give me a call at 247-4480. If possible, please wear a uniform, otherwise white shirt, black tie, black pants and black shoes.

Taxes! Taxes! Taxes!
By Tom Michielsen

It's Have-a-Heart time and time to think about your own sweetheart. Does she want candy, roses or a romantic dinner or get-away? You had better do something or believe me, you will spend the rest of the year paying for your thoughtless oversight. Have a heart, be kind to your sweetheart now and throughout the year.

The Internal Revenue Service has certified the Toyota Prius for model year 2005 as being eligible for the clean-burning fuel deduction. The certification means taxpayers who purchase this vehicle new may claim a tax deduction of \$2,000 on Form 1040.

Under the recently signed Working Families Tax Relief Act of 2004, the clean-burning fuel deduction is up to \$2,000 for certified vehicles first put into service in 2004 and 2005. The deduction will be limited to \$500 for vehicles placed in service in 2006 and no deduction will be allowed after that year.

The IRS previously certified the Toyota Prius for model years 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004. The IRS also previously certified the Honda Insight for model years 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004 and the Honda Civic Hybrid for model years 2003 and 2004.

The Working Families Tax Relief Act of 2004 reinstated the educator expense deduction that had expired at the end of last year, for both 2004 and 2005. Expenses incurred any time this year may qualify for the deduction, not just those since the Act was signed on

October 4, 2004. Educators are reminded to save their receipts for the deduction on their 2004 tax return.

Taxpayers who itemize deductions will have a choice of claiming a state and local tax deduction for either sales or income taxes on their 2004 and 2005 returns. The IRS will provide optional tables for use in determining the deduction amount, relieving taxpayers of the need to save receipts throughout the year. Sales taxes paid on motor vehicles and boats may be added to the table amount, but only up to the amount paid at the general sales tax rate. Taxpayers will check a box on Schedule A, Itemized Deductions, to indicate whether their deduction is for sales or income taxes.

In response to the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004, the IRS issued a revised version of the instructions to Form 4797, Sales of Business Property. On Form 4797, partnerships and S corporations, and their partners and shareholders, must follow new procedures for reporting all sales or other dispositions by the partnership or S corporation of property for which the Code Section 179 expense deduction was claimed. According to the IRS, partnerships and S corporations do not report these transactions on Forms 4797, 4684, 6252 or 8824. Instead, all details of the sale or other disposition must be separately reported on Schedule K-1, including:

- Description of the property;
- Date the property was acquired and placed in service;

• Date of the sale or other disposition of the property;

• The partner's or the shareholder's share of the gross sales price or amount realized;

• The partner's or the shareholder's share of the cost or other basis plus the expense of sale (reduced as explained in the instructions for Form 4797, line 21);

• The partner's or the shareholder's share of the depreciation allowed or allowable, determined as described in the instructions for Form 4797, line 22, but excluding the Code Section 179 expense deduction;

• The partner's or the shareholder's share of the Code Section 179 expense deduction (if any) passed through for the property and the partnership's tax year(s) in which the amount was passed through; and

• If the disposition is due to a casualty or theft, a statement indicating so, and any additional information needed by the partner or shareholder to complete Form 4684, Casualties and Thefts.

Taxpayer due dates

January 30th - Form IT-204-LL and fee

January 31st - Mail W2 and 1099 Forms to recipient

February 15th - January Payroll Taxes

February 28th - Farm Tax Returns for those who do not estimate their taxes

February 28th - Paper Forms W2 and 1099 mailed to Social Security and IRS

March 15th - February Payroll Taxes

March 15th - Corporate Tax Returns

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

In Memoriam

December

Interlichia, Philip S.

Philip went to meet his Maker on December 18th. He was a member of Fame Lodge and is survived by his three children, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Salzer, Robert L.

A member of Oatka Lodge, Robert passed away on December 23rd at the age of 96 years. Survivors include his two daughters, four grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Altemoos, Herbert H.

Herbert was called Home on December 29th. He was a member of Unity Lodge and is survived by one daughter and one granddaughter.

Knapp, Albert H.

Fairport/Flower City Lodge lost a member with the passing of Albert on December 28th. He leaves his wife, Harriett, two children, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

May, Conrad O.

The Great Architect of the Universe claimed Conrad on December 30th, at the age of 85 years. A member of Craftsman Robertson Lodge, he was a Past Master of John A. Robertson Lodge and was the Grand Sword Bearer in 1970. Survivors include his wife, Victoria, two children, two grandsons and two great-grandsons.

Doell, Carl R.

The loving arms of the Lord embraced Carl on December 31st. He was a member of Clio Lodge and Rochester Consistory. His wife, Eleanore, two sons and five grandchildren survive him.

Hatch, George C.

George was 87 years old when death claimed him on December 31st. A member of Valley Simes Lodge, he is survived by his wife, Gladys, two sons, five grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

January, 2005

Pritchard, John R.

John went to his eternal rest on January 5th at the age of 88 years. He was a member of Fame Lodge and Rochester Consistory. His wife, Dorothy, two children and two grandchildren survive him.

Baker, Elwood W.

Death claimed Elwood on January 6th at the age of 85 years. He was a member of Rochester Consistory and Damascus Shrine. Survivors include his wife, Bessie, two children and three grandchildren.

Warburton, Francis I.

Fran met his Maker on January 6th at the age of 94 years. He was a 65-year member of ERAC Lodge. He is survived by his son and step-grandchildren.

Hammond, Frank E.

Drumlin Square Lodge and Rochester Consistory lost a member with the passing of Frank on January 9th. He was 77 years old and leaves four children and thirteen grandchildren.

Putnam, George S.

After a valiant struggle with cancer, George passed away on January 12th at the age of 73 years. He was a member of Unity Lodge, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Shrine. Survivors include his wife, Joeanne, four children, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Taylor, Elmer H.

Elmer was the President of Taylor Chevrolet before retiring to his farm in 1982. A member of Valley-Simes Lodge, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Shrine, death claimed Elmer on January 17th. Survivors include his wife, Alice, two daughters and six grandchildren.

Starr, Ronald C.

Ronald passed away on January 17th. A member of Unity Lodge (formerly of Charlotte/Corinthian Three), he is survived by his three sons and four grandchildren.

Legal Rights

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Partners have unlimited personal liability for partnership obligations. For example, if Partner A contracts to rent a building on behalf of the partnership, then the remaining partners are obligated to the landlord. Another example: partner A, while en route to deliver an order to a customer, becomes involved in an auto accident, causing injury. All the remaining partners can be held liable for the act of a partner. Property acquired by the partnership becomes partnership property. In fact, a partner cannot legally steal from a partnership, since he is deemed a joint owner of the property with his other partners. A partnership can be dissolved by the act of one partner transferring his interest to someone outside the partnership. A partnership can also be dissolved by the withdrawal, death or bankruptcy of a partner.

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Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

- March**
- 4, 5 RAM Grand Chapter, Albany
 - 19 Joey and Maria's 25th Wedding Anniversary
 - 19 OES School of Instruction Webster Masonic Temple
- April**
- 8, 9, 10 Shrine Circus
 - 30 Haggai Chapter's Community Award Rick's Prime Rib House
- May**
- 2, 3 224th Grand Lodge Communication
 - 15 Dedication of Unity Lodge M.:W.: Edward Trosin presiding
 - 20 Shrine Duffers' Tournament
 - 21 Potentate's Ball
- June**
- 22 Masonic Service Bureau's Scholarship and Charities Awards, Shrine Center
- September**
- 10 Widows Luncheon Logan's Party House
- October**
- 16 Interfaith Service and Brunch Logan's Party House

For additions, call the Masonic Service Bureau at 671-9730.



Masonic War Veterans

Letters from a Brother Mason in the United States Military Service

From Joe Gingold, Master Valley-Simes Lodge No. 109

Thank you all for your cards, packages and well wishes via e-mail and "snail mail." It is very nice to know people care when you are far away from home and out of touch with friends.

I am in a place called CSC Scania, which is South of Baghdad, between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers. It is an army "truck stop," and our mission is to fuel, feed, provide sleep time/place for the drivers, as well as intel for them to travel up North or South. We do the Yard traffic control/management and coordinate the services for the convoys stopping

here. Additionally, we coordinate their routes and program their travel times to leave our little base/safe haven. It is a highly intensive mission due to the volume of "customers" that we have moving through our operation. As the mid-shift Battle CPT, I do the daily intel briefs to convoy commanders and help out with programming the convoy movement times. I have the additional du-

ties of being my unit's supply guy, so I am keeping busy.

I am fortunate to be here of all the places that I could have been stationed in Iraq. I am also lucky the Army assembled a good group of guys in this unit.

There are about a half-dozen Masons here at Scania as permanent staff and a lot of Masons who are regularly passing through who are in charge of convoys that I brief. We have talked about how it would be nice to meet in due and ancient form sometime. Of course, we don't have a dispensation from some Grand Body of component jurisdiction empowering us to meet/work, but it would be nice to have one, and to share fraternal fellowship.

I hope that all of you enjoyed a great Holiday season, and a Happy New Year. Again, thank you for your support, well wishes and fellowship from afar. *

Sharing is caring

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BIG CALENDAR FEBRUARY 2005

Gem - Amethyst
Flower - Violet

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps Oakland - Castile OES - Fairport, Nolatka, Tri-Star - Palmyra, Webster	2 Attica Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy Damascus Shrine OES - Henrietta, Monroe Groundhog Day	3 Constellation - Perry Eunice - Caledonia Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster - 2" RSM - Palmyra Council	4 Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 6-7 p.m. \$6 adult; \$3 Child 30 Orchard Street	5 OES - Rochester Chapter - Unity - Spencerport Daughters of the Nile, Zama Temple - Fairport
6 Attica Lodge Pancake Breakfast Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinner Weds. Feb 9th & 23rd East Avenue, Hilton	7 Canandaigua - Shortsville West Star - Varysburg RAM - Palmyra/Eagle OES - Irondequoit KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford, Inspection Rehearsal	8 Arcade Batavia Fame - Irondequoit Seneca - Webster Valley-Simes RAM - Dansville, LeRoy OES - Leah - Hilton	9 Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike Masonic Service Bureau Monthly Luncheon Meeting OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville, Corinthian Fellowship Ash Wednesday	10 Eagle Valley - Bliss Milnor - Victor Union - Lima RAM - Hiram KT - Batavia Commandery Lalla Rookh Caldron WYN Masters and Wardens, Drumlin Square	11	12 24th Capitular District - Order of High Priesthood, Palmyra Masonic Temple Lalla Rookh Grotto, Legion of Honor Public Installation, Green Lantern Inn, Fairport Lincoln's Birthday
13	14 ERAC - Shrine Center Fairport/Flower City Mt. Vernon - Java Village Union Star - Honeoye Falls Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield Valentine's Day	15 Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps Oakland - Castile OES - Nolatka, Tri-Star - Palmyra, Webster	16 Attica Ark - Geneva Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia - 3" RSM - Doric Council, Pittsford Lalla Rookh Grotto	17 Constellation - Perry Eunice - Caledonia Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster Scottish Rite RAM - Western Star	18	19 KT - Sagoyewatha - Phelps Garoga-Sincerity - Roast Pork Dinner
20	21 Canandaigua - Shortsville West Star - Varysburg KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford OES - Irondequoit Presidents Day	22 Arcade Batavia Fame - Irondequoit Valley-Simes RAM - Dansville, LeRoy, Wyoming OES - Leah - Hilton Washington's Birthday	23 Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike Tall Cedars of Lebanon OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville, Corinthian Fellowship	24 Eagle Valley - Bliss Milnor - Victor Union - Lima RAM - Hiram KT - Batavia Commandery James A. HardWayne Charter Post	25	26 WYN District OES Study Club, Palmyra Masonic Temple G/W District Euchre Tournament, West Star - Varysburg
27	28 ERAC - Shrine Center Mt. Vernon - Java Village Union Star - Honeoye Falls Unity - Spencerport Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield RSM - Nundawaga Council					