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HAVE-A-HEART FUNDRAISER FOR RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE



By Mike McBride

We are back in the malls again from Tuesday, February 1st through Monday, February 14th, 2005. We need help manning the booths from all Masonic and Concordant Body Brothers and Sisters (family members and friends are more than welcome)!

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Center.

Mike McBride (Jean), 663-4636, for any questions or concerns.

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 days to fill time slots.

I'm very excited this year! We have full co-chair support from the Eastern Star and Prince Hall Masons! 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 House on Westmoreland Drive. It opened in 1990, and has recognized our efforts by placing a picture in the lobby, with an explanation, of the Masonic Cornerstone Dedication for their facility. 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 arises and availability permits. 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 many times have a waiting list.

The cost is a nominal fee of \$10/night per 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.

Last year's totals were \$14,201.53! Let's top that! Many thanks to everyone in advance. Questions, suggestions or complaints can be addressed to me at the above email addresses or phone numbers.

If you would prefer to send a donation directly to me, please make your check out to: "Ronald McDonald House" and send them to me at: 33 Barcrest Drive, Rochester, NY 14616.

Short Receives Walker Award



R.: W.: Clifford H. Short

By R.: W.: Lewis Perna

On Saturday, December 11th, R.: W.: Cliff Short was awarded the Wendell K. Walker, Builder of Men Award. This Award is given to a Brother who is recognized as selflessly giving of his time, knowledge and love to the Masonic Fraternity. A 2000 to 2002 District Staff Officer, Brother Short worked tirelessly with the District

Leadership Team to assemble a stellar Masonic Education Program, which has become the benchmark for the District. After his term, Brother Short continued to be an active part of Freemasonry in the Monroe District. He is currently Secretary of his Lodge and the Moderator for the School of Ritual.

Brother Short was tenaciously effective in bringing about the consolidation of Charlotte/Corinthian and Etolian Lodges. The effort required for this task was daunting. Brother Short never gave up, used his knowledge of Grand Lodge, resulting in the birth of Unity Lodge. He is an active member of the District Purple Club and shares the responsibility for the District CHIP Program. He generously shared his knowledge with the current Staff Officers towards developing and implementing Masonic education programs.

Brother Short teaches by example. He is comfortable with

his role as a leader and can effectively educate the Brothers in the District. He is able to whisper wise counsel into the ear of a Brother in need. His commitment and love for the Craft is obvious. The giving of his time, knowledge and emotional resources communicates this love to all who know him. His character is admirable. He epitomizes everything we hope to become as Master Masons.

Brother Short is a positive individual and has nothing bad to say about anyone. He can safely manage the politics of leadership by identifying the potential positive outcomes. He speaks as a gentleman, never stooping to speak in a manner that would offend.

A living example of today's Mason, he consistently manages his full-time employment and an evolving family. Brother Short is fully involved in his family and is often heard proudly talking about their ac-



complishments. He does this while sharing his time and talents with his Lodge and when called upon, the District. He doesn't brag, nor does he flaunt his level of involvement. Rather, he is there, authentic in his being, interacting with Brothers who love and respect him. Please give him your most heartfelt congratulations.

ELDERWEAR

By Steve Lysenko

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Monday, November 15th, marked the beginning of the 4th Annual ElderWear Campaign and we are off to a very strong start. ElderWear's mission is to provide staple clothing for the elderly in Rochester area nursing homes and skilled care facilities. In 2001, R.: W.: Lew Perna, the current DDGM, approached the founder of ElderWear, Lynn Prytula, to see how Monroe County Masons could lend a

hand. Since then, Lew and Lynn have worked closely together to preserve the dignity of our area's nursing home population by providing these necessities on an as needed basis.

We are reminded by our Ritual that "Love in Action is Charity," and this worthy cause, my Brothers, certainly requires our action. This campaign will wrap up on January 31st, and there are still ways

that you can help as an individual or as a Lodge:

- Making donations. All proceeds go directly to the purchase and distribution of new clothing. Checks can be made out to ElderWear and sent to ElderWear, c/o Steven Lysenko, 807 Winifred Drive, Webster, NY 14580

- Purchasing new clothing, specifically sizes L, XL, XXL and greater, unisex sweat suits or separates, under garments, long- and short-sleeved shirts, socks, slippers, blouses, and sweaters.

- Asking your members to bring these items to a meeting in lieu of, or in addition to, the cost of dinner. A representative from ERAC Lodge will be

more than happy to collect these items at your request.

- Solicit support from corporate sponsors. Ask your co-workers to donate. Talk about this with your congregations in your places of worship. You'd be surprised how many people will help if they are asked.

Brethren, thank you in advance for supporting this worthy cause. Please feel free to contact me, the 2004-2005 ElderWear Chairperson, with any questions, comments or offers of assistance by email to the address in the heading or by phone at 671-2606. Do what Masons do best - please give your aid and assistance in whatever way you are able.

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Editor's Corner



For the first time in my brief tenure, I was responsible for preparing the budget information for the Finance Committee. It was an eye-opening experience. I've commented in other articles that the Masonic Service Bureau is operating in the red. Yes, we have a large endowment, but the principal isn't to be touched on a regular basis. We are supposed to operate using the income from the investments and contributions from our membership, their organizations, people who use equipment from our Loan Closet and individuals who bequeathed us money from their estate. These undesignated donations are deposited into the operating funds of the Service Bureau.

The *Masonic Times* also relies on subscriptions and advertising income to underwrite the costs of publishing the paper. For several years, the gap between income and expenses has been widening. The result is, more and more money is taken from the Service Bureau to maintain this periodical.

We need to find ways to provide the funds necessary to continue operating. The Finance Committee has submitted a budget, which was approved at the December Board Meeting, which authorizes the continued publication for 2005. For 2006, there will be a subscription increase. We will also be looking closely at our advertising rate schedule, although we would probably lose our supporters before we could collect an increased fee. We are considering things like reducing to 9 issues each year; a "Boost *MT*" column, where a donation for a set dollar amount would get your name published in each issue for a year; or, possibly, specific fundraising efforts targeted to the *Masonic Times* coffers.

If you have suggestions or ideas, please feel free to let us know. We try, but we aren't smart enough to think of everything! We welcome your input. If you would like to join our staff, let us know that, as well. We can use help with writing, proof-reading, editing and paste-up. Thanks for reading

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I am sure many of you are familiar with this saying, "Take time to live for the world has much to give..."

After hearing the inspiring message of Theresa Capozzi, our DCSA recipient for 2004, I believe she was telling us to take time to live for we have much to give. Theresa is very active in volunteering and encouraged us to do the same. If you could spend 2-4 hours once or twice a month, you could make a big difference in

someone's life, as well as your own. Opportunities are endless and involve all types of activity, from direct contact with people to doing things like shopping, cooking, cleaning, etc., which you could do without having direct contact.

The Masonic Service Bureau will be stepping up its volunteer activities, so when you are contacted, please say "yes." This will be an excellent way to let people know who we are.

Thank you all who helped to make the Interfaith Service and Brunch such a success. I heard many positive comments.

Remember this-
The more you give, the more you get.

The more you laugh, the less you fret;
The more you do unselfishly, The more you live abundantly;
The more of everything you share,
The more you'll always have to spare;
The more you love, the more you'll find
That life is good and friends are kind;
For only what we give away, Enriches us from day to day.

Barbara Jemison

More on ElderWear

The Masonic Service Bureau is providing the ElderWear Committee with some storage space for clothing collected throughout the Fall and Winter Drive. If you have clothing to contribute, please call the Service Bureau - 671-9730 - so we can make arrangements to receive your donation. The items are being stored in the

basement area under our office. We would prefer to have your donations go directly to that area, rather than have our staff responsible for the items. Shrine personnel do not want these items left in any of the areas used by their tenants. We will try to accommodate your schedule, but ask that you consider our time as well.

Masonry on the Move in Spencerport



M.:W.: Edward R. Trosin

By R.:W.: F. Jay McCullough
Unity Lodge will be hosting Grand Master Edward R. Trosin, Jr., and the Grand Line of the Grand Lodge of New York, F&AM, on Sunday, May 15th, 2005. The ceremony of Dedicating the new Lodge will commence at 3:00 p.m. at the Lodge building at 133 South Union Street in the center of the Village of Spencerport. A reception dinner and entertainment program will follow at the Beahan Road Party House and details for location, cost and reservations will be announced in the February is-

sue of the *Masonic Times*. This will be a gala affair, recognizing the consolidation of Etolian Lodge No. 479 and Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088, forming a new Lodge of over 360 members.

Make a notation on your calendar to assure your Masonic plans for this year include attending this special event. Spouses, family members and friends are welcome. Masonic dignitaries from throughout the region, as well as officials at all levels of public service, are expected to participate, as well. Dress will be semi-formal with Officers and members of the Lodge in tuxedos or dark suits, befitting this special occasion.

R.:W.: John Goebert, member of the Grand Lodge Public Relations Committee, and reigning District Deputy of the Niagara/Orleans District, is assisting the Lodge committee in planning an event to be long remembered in the annals of Masonry in Monroe County. Contacts are: Lodge Secretary R.:W.: Cliff Short at 225-5284, email: short4us@frontiernet.net or me at 352-1061, email: jaymac@usadatanet.net.

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DEMOLAY LOOKING TO REBUILD

By Gary Burke

Looking for a few good men... and women!

Would you be interested in working with young people in one of the premier youth groups? Do you enjoy youth and youthful activities? Are you a good role model? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, we have an opportunity for you.

Rochester Chapter, Order of DeMolay, is in the process of organizing its Advisory Board and is looking for you. Training provided!

If you have an hour, if you

have several hours, that you could spare to aid in the development of our youth, give us a call. We would be happy to discuss with you the opportunities we have available as well as the benefits of working with the young people of our community. There is no commitment needed to discuss this exciting experience with us; it's your decision.

Contact Bob Crystal at 473-0279, crys24634@aol.com; or Gary Burke at 865-4940, g.d.burke@juno.com, to learn more.

FLORIDA HURRICANE RELIEF

By R.:W.: Wayne Engbrecht

Several New York Masons living in Florida received monetary help from our Grand Lodge Special Florida Relief Fund, part of the Brotherhood Fund set up to help defray Brethren hurricane losses.

The expression "Charity begins at home" was evident in the sense that Masons take care of our own needy Brethren. Contractor fees for hurricane repairs are running two to three times more than in-

surance allows. It will be several months before home repairs can be completed due to lack of skilled labor and shortage of material throughout Florida.

The special gifts of several hundred dollars as a token of brotherly love for relief is truly appreciated and our sincere thanks to all who contribute to the Brotherhood Fund. A Thank You letter has been sent to the Grand Master.

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January 8th, 15th and 22nd, 2005
8:00 a.m. until 12 Noon
Eunice Lodge, Caledonia
Livingston and Monroe Districts
Contact Staff Officer or Master of your Lodge for more details.

School of Ritual
January 31, 7:30 p.m.
Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
Webster Lodge
30 Orchard Street

50th Anniversary Pin to L. Ron Edwards

R.:W.: L. Ron Edwards received his 50-year pin from Island Falls Lodge No. 206, Island Falls, Maine. R.:W.: Chester Chase, PDDGM, assisted by W.: Terence G. Levesque, Master of the Lodge, presented the pins to five Brothers. Another Brother Class member was ill and unable to attend the ceremony.

Over the years, Island Falls Lodge has been well populated by members of the Edwards

family. A photograph on the wall depicts the Lodge being opened with all Chairs filled by Edwards' family members.

Among those attending the open meeting and dinner were Donna and R.:W.: Roger Haich, who made the 700-mile drive with Ron and his significant other, Shirley Wells.

Ron was recently installed as Associate Grand Sentinel of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star.

In the photo at right, recent recipients of 50-year Anniversary Pins from Island Falls Lodge No. 206, Island Falls, Maine, were (from left, front) John A. Webb, Samuel D. Sewall, Caswell W. Wood, Lawrence "Ron" Edwards and Leonard R. Longee. In the back are R.:W.: Chester Chase, PDDGM, and W.: Terence G. Levesque, Master of the Lodge, who made the presentations to the Class of 1954.



(Photo courtesy of R.:W.: Roger Haich)

Monroe District HiLights, OES

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By Rt.Wthy. Janet N. Porter
Projects for which Monroe District will be raising funds this year include:

- Coalition Against Domestic Violence - Grand Matron and Grand Patron's project

In addition to supporting her Grand Chapter projects, the Grand Matron has identified support for Coalition Against Domestic Violence as her special project and has directed each District to select such a local support agency and undertake some appropriate activities to help them in their purpose. We will be contacting several such agencies in Monroe District to identify needs and how to fulfill some of those needs.

We have a supply of pins from the New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence to be sold in the District. They are \$3 each and you can purchase them directly from Rt. Wthy. Roger Lynch or me.

- Diabetes Awareness - Monroe District project

I'm sure everyone knows someone who has been diagnosed with diabetes - even recently. You may even be on the threshold of diagnosis and not know it. You may be borderline diabetic and could prevent or delay full diagnosis. Do you know the symptoms? Do you know what can happen if undiagnosed? Do you know how to manage the illness when diagnosed? Of the 15.7 million people with diabetes in the U.S., more than half are women. About 4.5 million women aged 60 years and older have diabetes and approximately 1.2 million aren't even aware of it.

I hope to build an awareness of Diabetes - the disease - have a specific project or goal for support of area efforts, and obtain speakers to shed new light on our understanding of Diabetes. We may even come up with some desserts for diabetics which can be enjoyed by everyone.

- "Phone Home" Cards - a District project headed by Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings

In conjunction with Master Masons, Carol is collecting money to purchase pre-paid calling cards that can be given to troops in the Balkans, Afghanistan and Iraq. The cost is \$7 for a 100-minute card - that's 7 cents per minute! What a wonderful opportunity for troop support!

For our out-of-town members, these projects are a chance to provide support for

the OES when it's not possible to attend or participate in local events of fundraising. We appreciate your support and contributions can be forwarded to your Chapter for inclusion in the District efforts. Of course, Rt.Wthy. Roger and I are always willing to accept contributions.

We hope your holidays were safe, happy and healthy. Our best wishes to all for a healthy, prosperous New Year. Please remember our veterans who served to preserve our freedoms and pray for our active troops as they continue the endeavor.

Join us

January 3rd, 8 p.m. - Irondequoit Chapter Installation
January 4th, 8 p.m. - Fairport Chapter Installation

January 5th, 7:30 p.m. - Henrietta Chapter Installation

January 8th, 1 p.m. - Charlotte Chapter Installation

January 8th, 2:30 p.m. - Nolarka Chapter Installation

January 12th, 7:30 p.m. - Corinthian/Fellowship Chapter Installation

January 15th, 9 a.m. - Line Officers' at Hilton

January 15th, 7:30 p.m. - Rochester Chapter Installation

Hot Rubeen Dip (It's delicious!)

14-oz. Can sauerkraut, rinsed and drained

1-1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese

1-1/2 cup shredded Swiss cheese

1 cup corned beef, chopped

1 cup mayonnaise

Rye or baguette Bread

Pat sauerkraut w/paper towels to absorb extra moisture. Combine all ingredients, except bread, in a large mixing bowl. Spread in an ungreased 2-quart casserole dish. Bake at 350° for 25 minutes, or until hot and bubbly. Serve with bread slices or cubes.

of us will be able to travel within the District as well as to neighboring Districts in support of Rt. Wthy. Ron. As you know, he will be busy making as many visitations as he can. Have fun and enjoy it, Ron.

I know the Worthy Patron and I will have a busy year, as we will be traveling for pleasure this year.

I hope you all received my letter. If you haven't returned the questionnaire by now, please do so, as it is important to our Chapter.

Birthdays for January

Happy birthday to Francis Hanson on the 8th and Dorothy Baldwin on the 13th. Hope you each have a wonderful day.

I want to leave you with this:

We live by the clock and the calendar, but every now and then we find ourselves with the unexpected gift of time - a few moments, an afternoon, even a day, that stretches before us like a satin ribbon. And we're free to reflect, read, take a walk or just sit and listen to the quiet. Go ahead and take advantage of these times; they refresh our souls and leave us ready to greet the challenges of our busy lives.

I wish each of you the best of HEALTH for 2005.

Rochester Chapter No. 314

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Happy New Year! It's January already and the new year is well under way.

Our Chapter will have an Open Installation of Officers on January 15th at 7:30 p.m. We are expecting Fidelity Triangle to entertain. Please join us. We send cheerful greetings to all who are unable to attend. We are all looking forward to a busy and prosperous year.

One of our members, Carolyn Dowling, is now an Assistant Professor of Environmental Chemistry at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, Arkansas. She would probably enjoy hearing from some New York folks. Contact our Secretary for her address.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all who need them. If anyone needs to report sickness or distress, please call our Secretary and leave a message.

Let us all support one another.

NOLATKA

Chapter No. 320

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By Kim P. Morici

Bright Eastern Star greetings and a very Happy New Year to you all!

Installation of 2005 Officers

Wthy. Antoinette Jeerings, Matron, and Rt. Wthy. William Baxter, Patron, invite you to attend the Installation of Officers on Saturday, January 8, 2005, at 2:30 p.m.

The ladies are requested to wear long, colored formals, and the men are to wear tuxedos.

Toni's colors are light blue and white: her symbols are candles; motto is, "Go light your world," and her flower is the rose.

Those to be installed are:

Matron

Antoinette Jeerings
Patron

William Baxter
Associate Matron

Kim Morici
Associate Patron

Robert Crystal
Conductress

Felicia Clark
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Diane Maltese
Musician

Betty Reisinger
Warder

Susan Whalen
Sentinel

Dean Hiler
Color Bearer

John Lenzi
Adah

Mary Anne Sovocool
Ruth

Susan Huff
Esther

Jean Stewart
Martha

Carol Pickworth
Electa

Sula Baxter

Please note

If your 2005 dues are not paid yet, please send them A.S.A.P. to: Mrs. Carol Wynings, 76 Helmar Drive, Spencerport, NY 14559-2211, or call 594-4692.

Wthy. Toni and Rt. Wthy. Bill cordially invite you all, to come and join us for a meeting. There have been many

updates to our Lodge rooms, such as new paint in the bathroom, new lighting and a wonderful chair lift, for those who cannot handle the long stairwell! So if you find yourself sitting home on the first or third Tuesday, watching reruns on television, turn it off and come down to have some fun with your Eastern Star family. We would love to get reacquainted with you!

Our Matron and Patron have many interesting activities planned for 2005. We hope to see you there! May the good Lord bless you and keep you in the palm of His hands, safe and sound until we meet again!

Have an awesome day! Sisters in heart

We've shared so much laughter, shared so many tears. We've a spiritual kinship that grows stronger each year. We're not sisters by birth, But we've known from the start, God put us together to be sisters-in-heart.

I am so happy that you are my sister in heart!

Tri-Star Chapter No. 209 OES

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

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Patron

Wthy. James Elliott
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Secretary

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By L. Kay Wharmby


On January 4, 2005, we will hold the first meeting of the New Year. Prior to the installation of the 2005 Officers, the Worthy Matron, Donna M Hiler, and the Worthy Patron, James Elliott, will receive gifts from the Chapter.

Worthy Matron, L. Kay Wharmby and Worthy Patron, Norm Howard, will be installed in the East. As we embark on a new year, our motto will be "Kindness Matters." The Worthy Patron and I hope that you will join us as we plan several unusual meetings for this year.

The January 18th meeting will begin with a Pot Luck Dinner at 6:30 p.m., and short colored is the dress code for the evening. Bring in the new year with a new recipe. This is a great time to try that recipe you read not long ago and wanted to try, but didn't.

Happy New Year. If you haven't been to a Chapter meeting in a while, why not come back now? Rides are available for those who may need them.

District Deputy Grand Master
Ontario/Seneca/Yates District




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When you read this, the holiday season will nearly be over. Let us pray that everyone is safe, healthy, and enjoying the true meaning of the holidays. We find our Brothers busy with many public involvement projects; planning DeWitt Clinton Awards, and other community service endeavors.

In the OSY District, we are having a Child ID training session at our bi-monthly OSY Association meeting. This will be held on Saturday, January 8th, at Seneca Falls Masonic Temple, following breakfast,

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



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Masonic Food!
To my way of thinking, Freemasonry is a Fraternal organization that has a long history, thousands of years before Jesus Christ, without many written facts, but with much spoken speculation. We all know that Masonry is the oldest, strongest and largest Fraternal organization in the world and the most widely known. We know that there are close to 2,000 Brothers in the Ontario/Seneca/Yates District; over 65,000 Brothers in New York State, close to two million Brothers in the United States and more than 3-1/2 million Brothers all over the world. Masons are the cross-section of the American people, ordinary people, law-abiding, self-respecting and concerned citizens. We believe in a divine faith, hope and charity, with charity being one of our greatest Masonic gifts. We seek good men and, through our Masonic teachings and instruction, they become better men to their family, community and nation.

Some say the history of Masonry goes back to the building of the pyramids in Egypt, thousands of years before Christ. At the building of King Tut's pyramid, many aprons of apprentices, fellow craftsmen, and master builders and artifacts pertaining to Masonry (ancient) were found. King Solomon's great temple was built by thousands of these apprentices, fellowcrafts and Master Masons.

In the Middle Ages, there were operative masons who built many beautiful cathedrals and churches all over Europe. These craftsmen formed stone guilds of skilled workmen (master masons who wanted to protect their trade secrets). These

which will be served at 8:00 a.m. Wives and friends are encouraged to attend; we will make a demonstration video that can be used for training and promotional activities. We would like to develop teams of five people; this is enough to run the camera, man the registration table, check tapes and someone to ask the questions. This will be a morning of learning and good fellowship.

We must remember the fellowship, for while it is important that we serve the community, this is not our main mission. We are first a Fraternity; a Brotherhood of men under the Fatherhood of God. It is important that we serve our community, however, we are not a service organization or a charity. We are men who believe in our creator, are true friends, and have high moral values. Like Brothers of man, we may disagree. However, we must always respect and care for each other. If we remember the lessons Masonry teaches us, we will better serve mankind.

craftsmen constructed many beautiful mausoleums and cathedrals that were masterpieces. They also wanted their guilds to help one another to receive work and master's wages and to pass on their knowledge to other worthy workers who were invited into their guilds all over Europe. In 17th Century England, Scotland and Ireland, operative Masons accepted honorary members into their guilds, as cathedral building was slowly being abolished. These new members were not stone builders of churches, but were speculative Masons who built beautiful temples in the hearts of men all over Europe, especially in England. Later on these speculative Masons were called Accepted Masons, as we are today. These Masons formed Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons in Ireland, Scotland and England, and in 1717 the first Grand Lodge of England was formed. Shortly thereafter, Freemasonry arrived on our American shores in the form of the 13 English Colonies, and the history of Freemasons became closely aligned with the history of these United States.

We are the keepers of Ark Lodge's future growth in Geneva and in the tradition of our Masonic history. Brothers who are brought to Masonic light by our three Degrees often drift into fraternal darkness because of a lack of contact with the informed Brother. We must feel the inner spirit and faith of Freemasonry in our hearts, minds and souls. Our goal is to put Freemasonry in men.

I am thankful for the privilege of being a Brother of Ark Lodge, to be a part of its involvement in Geneva, our District, and other Masonic activities; to be able to write my many Masonic messages, to try to preach and teach Freemasonry to our Brothers.

People, places and other things

A very Happy New Year to all. In November, I went to the Grand Lecturer's Convention for the District at Pocahontas Lodge, with Brother Colegrove, where 70 Brothers learned much from R.:W.: Gilbert, Grand Lecturer, about the Second Section of the 3rd Degree.

Eighteen Brothers enjoyed the visit of R.:W.: Eldon White, DDGM, in October. Ten Brothers went to dinner with him before the communication. Our former meeting place on South Main Street is closed. The property is to be sold by the National Bank of Geneva, which foreclosed on the property of the South Main Manor Associates. Ark Lodge rented a room on the 3rd floor of the building for our meetings before going to our present building on Border City Road.

Hard to believe: the Traveling Gavel, which has been at Ark Lodge since March, 2003 when we received it from Geneva Lodge, has been taken by eleven Brothers from Garoga/Sincerity Lodge. They came to our November communication and claimed it. Great brotherhood and fellowship was had by all the Brothers present.

Please pay the Grand Lodge Assessment of \$9.50 for 2005. Lodge dues, plus the \$9.50 assessment, totals the amount that must be paid.

I thank Brothers Tom Bryon, Bob Mattick, Peter Einset, Charles Rouse, Tom Smart, Tom Abraham, Howard Colegrove and John Keeton for joining me to ring the bells for the Salvation Army in December at the Wal-Mart store.

Dr. John Stelter's son, Rev. Richard Stelter, along with his wife and son, traveled from Minneapolis to see him. Richard is very ill. Brother Lance Ward and I were invited for refreshments and fellowship with John, Richard and his family. God bless them all.


Brother Lance Ward received a call from the Grand Master of Maine, M.:W.: Clare Tuch, in reference to his father, Herman Tuch, who was an organist at either Geneva Lodge or Ark Lodge, he wasn't sure. M.:W.: Tuch will come to Geneva Lodge for a visitation on January 27th. Hopefully, our Grand Master, M.:W.: Edward Trosin, will attend. Big news for Masons of the O/S/Y/ District.

Dates to remember

January 19th - regular communication. Program and refreshments follow the meeting.

May the Great Architect of the Universe bless and have mercy on all our Brothers and their families in the coming New Year of 2005.

Milnor Lodge No. 139
2nd & 4th Thursdays



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On December 4th, Milnor Lodge held its 2nd Spaghetti Dinner. It was the combined efforts of the Eastern Star and the Masons, who worked together that made this a profitable and delightful event.

December 16th was Brother Bring-a-Friend Night, with a possible seven candidates listening to the presentations.


Upcoming events

January 13th - Staff Officer's Visit
January 27th - 1st Degree

A reminder that the Masonic Brotherhood Fund is a very important part of our Fraternity. The purpose of this campaign is to raise funds for Grand Lodge Charities. The Chairman for the Milnor Lodge Brotherhood Fund

Committee is John Davis. Our goal is for 100% participation. I wish all my Brothers and their families a Happy New Year! God bless you all and please keep our service personnel in your prayers.

Assistant Grand Lecturer
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My Brothers, we begin another New Year and my Lady, Jan, and I hope that you and your families had a joyous and happy Holiday Season. This year is proving to be filling up fast with edict Degrees. This month, Drumlin Square will be conferring a 3rd Degree on the 19th. In February, Wolcott will exemplify a 1st Degree. March will be busy with Wayne, Rose and Savannah doing 2nd Degrees and in April, Clyde will confer a 3rd Degree. Humanity, Newark, Marion and Sodus Lodges have already com-


pleted their Degrees. I have yet to schedule Pultneyville.

Remember, if you need someone to do a part in your Degree, contact me and I will assist in finding someone to fill the role. Also, if you are proficient in a part, please let me know so that I may place your name on a Ritual list to be used to fill the needs of other Lodges. I will be making a list of proficient Brothers from those I observed during the Degrees.

I have noticed that our Lodges are still in need of work on the opening and closing of a meeting. I would like to be able to visit each Lodge, individually, and hold a mini convention, but with the edict in place, the time is short. Each Lodge should endeavor to hold one or two rehearsals to go over the opening and closing, so that their Officers become proficient in their stations and places and in the floorwork. Just a reminder, the opening and closing Rituals are graded as part of the Degree edict.

Until next month.

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



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Well Brothers, here it is, the start of a New Year and I am trying to get off on the right foot by being on time with a newsletter in the *Masonic Times*. My Lady, Jan, and I hope that you and yours had a joyous Holiday Season. We have been busy since I have begun my tenure as your Master, with the raising of dues, presenting a budget and the conferring the 1st and 2nd Degrees. On the 19th of this month, we will be conferring the Master Mason Degree, which will be exemplified by the Shrine Degree Team. There will be a dinner preceding the Degree, beginning at 6:15 p.m. We will open Lodge at 6:00 p.m., go from labor to refreshment, return to labor at 7:30 and begin the 3rd Degree.

Brothers, we have also discussed another serious problem, that of raising money for the Lodge. I proposed that the membership put on some sort of fundraisers such as spaghetti dinners, which are quite inexpensive to put on and are usually a good profit maker. Another suggestion was putting on a pancake breakfast. These too, are good money-makers and inexpensive to put on. All we need is the manpower to do the work. I am trying to come up with some ideas to help keep our Lodge solvent without having to raise dues. Your attendance at the regular meetings of the Lodge to provide your input will be greatly appreciated.

You should have received an envelope in your dues notice for your yearly contribution to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund. Brothers, this is a most important endeavor of Grand Lodge and your contribution, no matter how much, is greatly appreciated. The Lodge Brotherhood Chairman is R.:W.: Leonard Bennett. You may check on your envelope how you want your contribution used. It is not the amount we contribute, but the number of contributors that we have that counts in the District. Please help.

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Monroe District

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I am still consuming and digesting the wonderful holiday bounty provided by my wonderful wife, Orlee. I am truly a grateful man to have such a wonderful person in my life, who loves and cares about me. Our holiday season was highlighted by a trip to Seattle, to spend Christmas with my daughter and three grandchildren. My son-in-law was not home for the holidays, due to his Naval service commitment in Bahrain. So many families will experience a similar holiday season. Others will grieve due to the consequences of war. May we all keep these and others who suffer daily, in our hearts. As we begin the New Year, I remind you to take stock of all your blessings. When making your New Year's resolution, promise yourself to be a better man next year on your Masonic journey throughout life. Happy New Year to all of you.

Masonically, we have many opportunities to "improve ourselves in Masonry." Your Staff Officers, R.:W.: Don Tubman and R.:W.: Bill Kuehne, have assembled a *Road to the East* Program that promises more light in Masonry. Take advantage of this program. Prepare yourselves to be the leaders of tomorrow, or to maintain the integrity of the Craft by being better informed today.

Campaign

The Have-a-Heart Campaign is just around the corner, and our District Chairmen, Brothers Dave Sylvester and Michael McBride, have already begun preparing for our duties this coming February. The Have-a-Heart Campaign begins February 1, 2005 and will end February 14th. Please plan on committing some time. Don't wait until you are asked, only to find that you have other commitments. The Have-a-Heart Campaign offers us the opportunity to showcase our commitment to the community.

I have also been working with Brother Harrison F. Parson Jr., a newly affiliated Brother of ERAC Lodge, on putting on a Child ID Program for the deaf, at Marketplace Mall 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, as the deaf community has not yet benefitted by this Program. I have designated Brother Parson as the Chairman of this particular Child ID event. Currently, Brother Parson is working on securing space at the Marketplace Mall since most of the deaf population, in Monroe County, live in the Marketplace Mall area. We will also be providing this service to the hearing community. This event will be publicized in the

newspaper. I will request time from our local television news media and take as many opportunities as provided, to promote our fine work

We are asking for a \$50 donation from each Lodge and Concordant Body to help defray the cost of an interpreter, printing of poster, program book, and banner. An interpreter could cost up to \$45 an hour and we have to be ready for this contingency. I am aware that this may not be a budgeted item. However, I know that \$50 can be raised in one evening by simply passing the hat. Please send donations payable to ERAC Lodge, 979 Bay Road, Webster, NY 14580, c/o Harrison F. Parson Jr. As this plan becomes more solid, I will need your help, and am confident that you will be there to support and promote the Craft as you have in the past.

Grand Director of Ceremonies

Monroe

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Your Staff Officers are working hard to make the upcoming *Road to the East* Program a success. The curriculum has been established, and presenters are being recruited. This promises to be an interesting and enlightening School. Please remember, all Brothers who intend to become Officers in their respective Lodges are urged to attend, even if not yet in line. The only requirement asked of you is a \$10 fee to cover cost of certificate, and that you purchase a copy of the *24 Inch Gauge* manual (available from the Masonic Service Bureau).

If you plan to attend, or wish further information, please contact any of the Grand Lodge Officers, or the Masonic Service Bureau.

Happy New Year to one and all.

Grand Sword Bearer

Monroe



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Another great month in many ways. I am bearing and wielding the sword, and having a great time. I trust everyone had great holidays.

The *Road to the East* is the road less traveled, and is still an exciting journey. Many of you know I joined the Damascus Shrine and am now counted among the Nobles. My reasons for joining the Shrine are multifaceted and relate more to the practical ties the Shrine has in serving the Masonic Fraternity and less for the Mystic Ties. I com-

mend Potentate Bruce Chilton and his Divan for furthering Masonry in the Region. The Shrine is supportive of Masonry in Monroe County in the following several ways:

Allowing the Grand Lodge Officers the use of the Shrine for the Grand Lodge Scholarship Program.

Allowing the Grand Lodge Officers the use of the Shrine for the kick-off picnic for the Masters and Wardens.

Allowing the use of the Shrine for the Grand Lecturer's Convention and nearly any other Masonic Endeavor.

The regular philanthropic work.

Sadly, several times in my life, I have met people whom I have known for just a brief period of time, but who have affected my life. On the night I joined the Shrine, I met and ate dinner with several of the Wheelers, including Noble Ron Albright. His generosity, kindness and thoughtfulness altered my life for the brief period of time that I knew him. As you know, he was called by the Great Architect in a motorcycle accident on the following Monday night. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and the many friends he had in Masonry and at the Shrine.

I wrote last month of Brother Jason Scheerens, who is in Kuwait. I would request that you write to Jason at the address below. He has mentioned that he does seek more light, so if any of you have any books on Masonry that you are not using, forward them to Jason at his mailing address or contact me and arrangements will be made to ship them to him:

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RTTE

I hope many of you have signed on for the *Road to the East* Program, but if you haven't, there still is time. Please call me promptly if you have been overlooked and wish to participate.

We are looking at three sessions (all in January) and we are working with the Livingston District. We have several skilled Masonic educators lined up for the presentations. I anticipate a great class. If YOU are interested contact ME at 889-4725. Leave your telephone number and I will return your call. I believe that Masonic education is very important to us as individuals and as a Fraternity. The *Road to the East* provides a system of Lodge management and education that can benefit everyone from the sideler to the Master. You can learn what is expected of a Brother and how you can support the Master and the Lodge. The *Road to the East* will be taking on the mission of my message as extolled previously and as inculcated in the 3rd Degree charge, that we have one face, one tongue, and one heart and that we should make every effort to be the same person in our public as well as private lives.


Murder mystery

Chapter three - who slew Hiram Abiff?


In preparation for the *Road to the East*, I have suspended the murder mystery and hope that I have written a shorter

article than the Grand Director of Ceremonies. I will continue next month with the rest of the story.

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By Joseph Oelgoetz III
The Building of Our Temple

As we are called to build and perfect ourselves as that Temple where God resides, we are called to continue to pursue learning. Whether it is Masonic history, astronomy, rhetoric, or any other liberal art, one cannot but only improve himself via continued life-long learning. With this in mind, I highly recommend that each and every Mason seek further light by way of the Masonic educational offerings such as the *Masonic Development Course, Road to the East*, and the Masonic Service Association of the United States.

If you are interested in the *Masonic Development Course* or the *Road to the East*, contact your Lodge's Secretary or Master. To secure a year's subscription to the Masonic Service Association's *Short Talk Bulletin* (highly recommended) they may be contacted at: phone (301) 588-4010, or on the web at: www.msana.com.

Their *Short Talk Bulletin* program provides Masonic "light" on various subjects that would be of interest to all Masons. They cover almost everything from the "Old Charges" to providing insight into giving a well-organized rhetorical presentation.

A great source of learning for the typical liberal arts of science, history, music, etc., is the "Teaching Company." I, personally, have purchased a couple of their DVD/CD based courses and have found them to be very instrumental in my journey in building my Temple. They may be contacted by phone, 1-800-TEACH-12 (1-800-832-2412); Web, www.teach12.com.

Whether you formalize your continued learning via formal opportunities such as listed above, or simply, and importantly, attending your Lodge meetings on a consistent basis, you will NOT be disappointed in the quest for lifelong seeking of "light." Good luck on your journey!

Schools of Ritual

Our next School of Ritual is scheduled for January 31,

2005, to be held at Webster Lodge. Dinner will be served prior to the work. Since we are having dinner, we will move the work to begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. (versus previous advertising of 7:00 p.m.). More to follow on the dinner and cost. Please get all of your Officers out to this event. We will be covering the Fellowcraft Degree.

Important!

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

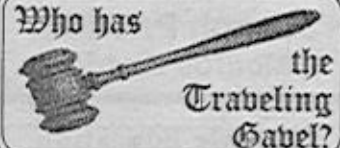
I have sent each Lodge Master and Secretary the "Annual Lodge Degree Schedule Form." I had requested that each Lodge return its form NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 1, 2004! Unfortunately, I have received this form back by only a hand-full of Lodges, they being: Clio, Northfield, Union Star, Unity, Seneca and Wakan/Hubbard. It is critical that you schedule your Degree with the Assistant Grand Lecturers as soon as possible. Please, Brethren, help me out by returning a completed form, with your Lodge Seal embossed, as soon as possible. Send it to me at: 44 East Pointe, Fairport, NY 14450. If you have questions, please contact me at 425-9969.

My Brothers, it is our Ritual that separates us from other organizations. It sets the atmosphere for how a Lodge is perceived by others, and it is the first impression our new Brothers have of the Fraternity as a whole. I have really enjoyed my visits to many of the Lodges in our District. I highly recommend that you travel to other Lodges in the area and get a sense of how the other Lodges perform their Ritual, as well as taking part in fellowship with your Brethren in these different Lodges.

Again, if you are in need of someone to do a part in a Degree, please contact one of your Assistant Grand Lecturers and we will do our best to find a Brother who can help. Also, if you are proficient in a particular part, please consider placing your name on the District Ritual list. Contact me at 425-9969 if you have any questions or want to place yourself on the District Ritual list.

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

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Brotherhood Fund

R.:W.:
Derek VanHouten
Monroe District

S-L-O-W-L-Y the funds are coming into the various Lodges in the District. State-wide we have collected from 3,103 Brothers the sum of \$226,010.64. R.:W.: Robert Stack indicates that we have six months left in the campaign and we need to encourage every to contribute and stress how important every amount is to the success of the campaign. Remember, this donation is TAX DEDUCTABLE and may benefit you at tax time.

To date, Monroe District has collected \$6,103 from only 5.905% of our members, so there is a lot of work to accomplish. Considering there are 2,371 Brothers in our District, we really need to mention this in our meetings, write stories about this in the *Masonic Times*, and spread the word. Worshipful Masters, please let your Lodge Chairmen have a moment in your meetings to say a few words regarding the campaign.

Important notice

If anyone out there has donation envelopes indicating the "Chase Manhattan Bank," please discard, since the bank for this year's campaign is located in Hicksville, NY, and does not take credit card donations. If you want to make a credit card donation, talk to your chairman and he will take care of it for you.

For those who always give to the Grand Master's Allocation, let me encourage you to consider two areas that really need the help this year: the Masonic Home and the Livingston Library.

The Livingston Library and Museum's purpose is to "provide and preserve" the history and traditions of the Craft. Items of historical significance are gathered and displayed in Grand Lodge, as well as the Museum on the grounds of the Masonic Home Campus. Books and courses are available to all Masons for their study and knowledge. Many non-Masons use the Library for research and reference study.

In closing, remember that to Help, Aid, and Assist, is what it's all about.

Thank you for letting me chat with you for a few minutes. *

Member Development

R.:W.:
Joseph Privitera
Monroe District

Masonic Education

Recently, I picked up the *City* newspaper. This publication had a critic speak about the movie, *National Treasure*. The article mentioned that, "most Masons wouldn't know which end of a trowel is up." Initially, I was a little offended. However, upon thinking about it, who cares whether or not non-operative Masons know "which end of a trowel is up?" What we should know is what the trowel means to us symbolically as Masons

as explained in the 3rd Degree's Working Tools. I recommend that all of us pick up our Ritual Books and read this section. Even if you read it before, or even if you memorized it, read it again. It teaches an important lesson for our Masonic education.

We should all take advantage of the Masonic Education that is available to us. There are many sources of information out there which we can read. There is a School of Ritual scheduled for January 31st at Webster Lodge. There is the *Road to the East* Program planned for January. You can read the Staff Officer's articles in last month's *Masonic Times* for details. There are also many books located in the Masonic Library, not to mention our own Lodge library. The LSOME (Lodge System of Masonic Education) books and tapes is available. It is up to us to seek Masonic knowledge; to know which end is up on anything Masonically related.

Dues

If you have recently received a letter telling you that you are about to be dropped for non-payment of dues and, for some financial reason, cannot pay them, please call someone so something may be done to help correct the situation. Call the Master or Secretary of your Lodge to see if an arrangement can be made. Their phone numbers should be in your Lodge's column of this paper.

Happy New Year to all and I hope to see you in Lodge. *

Valley-Simes Lodge No. 109

2nd Tuesdays
7:30 p.m.



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By R.:W.: Richard Snyder

It's here; 2005! Out with the old, and in with the New Year. It is my, and your Lodge Officers', wish that all of your last year's resolutions were fulfilled, and that this year's new resolutions include a promise to get more involved in our Brotherhood. This would involve your attendance in our Lodge, and its programs.

Our featured speaker at our January communication will be Brother Paul Chechak. Paul, a member of Valley-Simes, will talk on *Estate Planning*. Paul is employed in the field of Investments and Estate Management by a major money management firm, and is able to give answers to the economic questions many of us are presently experiencing.

The dinner menu, at the time of this writing, is not available, but will be suitable for the time of year. We haven't let you down yet. Times: fellowship, 6:00 p.m., dinner, 6:30 p.m., Lodge opens at 7:30 p.m.

Following the meeting, we are planning some card games - euchre or poker...whatever. Refreshments will also be available.

Schools of Instruction

January 31st is the scheduled date for the School of

Ritual. It will be held at Webster Lodge, preceded by a dinner. The Second, or Fellowcraft, Degree will be the program of instruction.

The *Road to the East*, a three session course, will be held at Eunice Lodge in Caledonia, on January 8th, 15th, and 22nd. Contact the Grand Sword Bearer, R.:W.: Don Tubman, at 889-4725, if you plan to attend. A reminder! If your goal is to eventually sit in the East, this is a required program you need in your resume.

News from W.: Joe

A message from Joe said that he was in Kuwait waiting to marshal up his troops for a convoy into Iraq. The plan is to provide security for the upcoming elections, and what ever else the Army comes up with. He reported he was freezing from the cold weather.

In closing, I thank everyone who came to our December Holiday Party. The "Merry Mischief" performed up to their name, and made sure the evening was a real success. *

WEBSTER LODGE NO. 538



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

Master
W.: Bernard
Russell
872-1353

Secretary, Henry Libera
872-5427

30 Orchard Street
Webster 14580

December review

At the first meeting in December, Webster held a Lodge of Remembrance. This year was especially difficult saying farewell to those Brothers whom the Great Architect of the Universe called to His side.

Webster Lodge was presented a new Past Masters' Board, listing all of Webster Lodge's Past Masters since its Charter was granted in 1864. The wood used to make the Past Master's Board was some of the paneling from a former Webster Lodge Temple on North Main Street in Webster. At the top of the Board is a beautiful wood Past Masters' compass and arc carved by W.: Tom Pellett. Thank you, Tom, for crafting this for Webster Lodge.

Degree

The 1st Degree was conferred December 16th, with V.: W.: Brad Lewis in the East. Webster Lodge initiated two Entered Apprentices. My thanks to V.: W.: Brad, W.: Tom Pellet for the Apron Presentation, W.: Warren Patterson for the Working Tools, and R.: W.: Bill Kuehne, for the Charge.

Webster Lodge also held its annual Poinsettia Delivery on December 24th. My thanks to all of the Brothers who helped make this event a success. Especially, R.: W.: Bruce Chilton, for helping set up and execute a great program. It was good to see the fellowship and excitement before we set out to deliver the poinsettias.

Mark your calendars

Lodge activities for January include Masonic Education on January 6th. Webster Lodge's Spaghetti Dinner is set for January 7th from 5 to 7 p.m. Any Brothers who are interested in helping with the Spa-

ghetti Dinner, either cooking, serving, eating or cleaning up, please come over and join us. There is also planned a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night for January 20th.

School of Ritual

Webster Lodge will be hosting the School of Ritual, January 31st. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., prior to the work. Work of the evening will be the Fellowcraft Degree, which will begin promptly at 7:30 p.m. Officers are expected to attend.

The Officers and I are here for you. Please make it a point to attend the meetings and to support the Lodge. If any Brother 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. *

Fairport/Flower City Lodge No. 476



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

Master
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D. Lazerson
271-7446

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

Fairport Masonic Temple
87 South Main Street.

My Brothers, the winds of November and December came blowing, and that calls to mind for me the lines of that famous song, *The Wreck of the Edmond Fitzgerald*. No, Edmond was not a Mason, that I know of, but the death of her crew was so tragic and the music so haunting, that it is hard to forget. The lyrics of the aforementioned song also disclose that the ship could have been saved, if she had sailed from port a few hours earlier. I'm afraid even correcting the sailing times of the Fast Ferry will not save that boat.

However, the words are a reminder to always stay ahead of the storm.

Last month, we lost one our Brothers, Ichabod Steinbeck, and he is with the Great Architect of the Universe. Also, I am sad to note that Betty Glaser, the widow of R.: W.: Gerry Glaser, one of our dedicated Brothers, is in St. John's Home and in need of some seasonal good wishes.

Further, David Coon is undergoing more surgery to get his leg back in full operation, and our prayers for success go out to him.

This Fall, we raised one Brother, and are about to vote

on another candidate. Let us not forget that membership is the lifeblood of any organization. We must always be on the alert "for a few good men."

Now, on to feasting. Our November dinner at the Green Lantern Inn was a rousing success for 26 Brothers, friends and wives, who enjoyed a special gourmet meal.

It was good to see W.: Bob Cameron on the mend. He was accompanied by his wife, Jeanne. Our Latka Party, December 14th, was also held, to the delight of everyone.

December 13th, our only communication of the month, witnessed a balloting on our newest candidate.

January will be another story; our great tradition of a Table Lodge will be held on the 10th, and on the 24th we will see the conferring of the 1st Degree. Please attend to make both events true Fraternal and meaningful experiences.

Lastly, my Brothers, let me wish each of you and your family a joyous New Year. "Peace on Earth and goodwill toward men" is both Masonic and universal in its expression. May the coming year be the best for you, your family, the Lodge, our President and Country, and all our Brothers around the globe—especially those serving our country abroad. *

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I believe that we're off to a good start as we conferred a 1st Degree at our December meeting. Thanks to W.: Larry Millerd for sitting in the East; R.: W.: Rod Rittenhouse for the Historical Lecture; R.: W.: Ken Buckland for the Charge; Brothers Robert Sweeney and Scott May for the Questions and Answers and the rest of the Officers for all of their fine work.

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Thanks to Rob for preparing another great dinner for us. We have three dinners remaining that would allow you to dazzle us with your kitchen delight. Please contact Rob for this opportunity of providing a fine meal for us.

The last time I communicated with Gene Gordon, he stated he is progressing well and hopes to be back in January. In talking with him, he stated that his wife, Ann Marie, had the opportunity to attend the Masonic training for school teachers in Utica this year and the course was educational and very well done.

Thanks to W.: Jim Nersinger for arranging the fine hors d'oeuvres for us at our December Fellowcraft meeting.

January

We will be having our annual communication on the 10th and an election to fill the office of Master. If you have any questions, you may contact me at 425-4240.

On the 24th we will be conferring the 2nd Degree.

The Road to the East is scheduled for the following Saturdays in January: 8th, 15th, and 22nd. They are to be held at Eunice Lodge in Caledonia.

There will be a School of Ritual held on the 31st at Webster Lodge with a dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by the 2nd Degree presentation at 7:30 p.m.

Reminders

Brothers, please remember to send your dues payment to our Secretary, Rob Sweeney, if time slipped away last year.

Also, please remember to participate in the Brotherhood Fund and return your donation through William Nersinger. There are nine different categories for your selection this year.

Please remember to contact a fellow Brother whom you have not seen at Lodge recently to be sure that he is in good health, doing well and invite him to join us.

Dues are due

You should have your dues notice, as well as information, on the Brotherhood Fund. I would ask that each of you make a donation, of whatever you can, to the worthy Brotherhood Fund. I would also ask that you get your dues in as soon as you can.

School of Ritual

The next School of Ritual is scheduled for January 31, 2005, at 7:30 p.m., at Webster Lodge. There should be additional information on this event elsewhere in this issue of the *Masonic Times*.

I would ask that you remember our Brothers and their families who find themselves in sickness or distress. Please remember them in your thoughts and prayers.

Happy birthday to all of you with January birthdays.

honestly answer that question and plan for the year ahead.

As course correction is often needed aboard ship, now a personal course correction may also be needed. We must hold tight to our obligation and use our working tools well, if we want to be true to our Fraternity. Remember the integrity we saw portrayed in the 3rd Degree, it is up to each one of us to maintain that high level of excellence. I doubt there will be any among us who have drifted far off course, so please, take that bit of time necessary to see if you need any adjustment as you plan your year ahead.

We have planned a fun year, with guest speakers, Degree work, Seneca Tea, St. Andrews' visit and new Lodge Officers. Be watchful for all the details in future *Trestleboard* and *Masonic Times* articles.

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

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During the Winter months we find ourselves separated into two different groups. Those of us who remain in the North, with our wonderful Winter weather, are able to enjoy fine skiing, sledding, snowshoeing and a variety of indoor activities, as compared to those who go South with warm beaches to walk on, sunny golf courses to maintain that low 'handicap' and wonderful outdoor patios to enjoy the evenings. Wherever you find yourselves this season, I wish you warm greetings and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Our first meeting in January will host Brother Paul Vick as guest speaker and on January 25th we will have three new candidates take their 1st Degree. I request all who are able to attend these meetings, to do so. You will not only find them interesting and informative but will have the opportunity to welcome our new members into the Fraternity.

Moving

I am both pleased and saddened to announce that our own W.: Robert and Carole Franzen are moving to North Carolina. As Master, Bob guided us with compassion, courage and enthusiasm for three full terms. I was honored to have Bob serve on my installation team last May and he has assisted me this term, as I have needed. Bob and Carole will be sorely missed here in Rochester. Good luck to both of you and remember, you never know who might ring your doorbell in the sunny South.

Reflections

As the New Year begins, we should take a few minutes to reflect upon our past year as Master Masons. When we were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, we all took the same obligation and were given the same set of working tools. Have we, over the past year, used those to true Masonic light? This is the time to

Brethren and families of Oatka, I hope you had happy holidays and enjoyed the shared warmth and love of the holiday season. I wish you all much health and happiness in the New Year.

W.: James D. Morrow, Jr.

It is my sad duty to report Brother Jim was called Home by the Great Architect of the Universe on November 24, 2004. He is survived by his wife, Rosa, and a very large and loving extended family. Brother James was Raised on November 24, 1954 and served as Master of Oatka in 1965. He was also a WWII veteran. The Altar was appropriately draped and a page in our minutes was set aside in his memory. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family. On behalf of Oatka Lodge, I thank Brother James, posthumously, for his fifty years of dedication and service to Freemasonry.

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 already seen the movie, I would highly recommend it. A definite thumbs up from my side of the aisle. It's nice to see so much recent attention being paid to Freemasonry. I imagine this movie piquing 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.

November

Our only meeting of the month was our Official Visit from DDGM, R.: W.: Lewis Perna. Joining him was GDC, R.: W.: William Kuehne, and GSB, R.: W.: Donald Tubman. I'm not sure what warranted all the attention, but I was very happy to have them there. For those keeping score at home, we passed with flying colors.

December

The evening featured a presentation by student, Seth Crevison. Seth visited several European countries this past Summer as a participant in the "People To People" youth exchange program. Seth is the son of Paula and W.: Chuck Crevison, current Lodge Secretary and Past Master. Thanks to Past Master W.: Terry Wright, who took over the East chores in my absence.

January

I would encourage all Brothers of Oatka Lodge to sign up for and attend the *Road to the East* Program, graciously being hosted by Eunice Lodge in Caledonia. This valuable leadership training program is designed to help those moving up through the chairs. Many Past Masters may consider this as a helpful refresher course, especially if they're involved in other organizations.

Haven't been to Lodge in a while?

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

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

Finally, I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday season and I look forward to seeing you at our next meetings on January 12th and 26th.

Wakan/Hubbard
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Here in the busy Holiday Season, I take this opportunity to wish all of you much joy and a healthy and Happy New Year.

Back peddling events

The Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Awards night, in Octo-

ber, was well attended. Wakan/Hubbard Lodge was honored to recognize our immediate Past Master, V.: W.: Joe Oelgoetz. As the Mason of the Year recognition from our Lodge, W.: Gordon Ball was selected for all the work he has done for the Lodge, especially in the capacity of spearheading the Building Committee.

The event was attended by the Grand Master, M.: W.: Edward R. Trosin, and the Deputy of the Scottish Rite here in New York State, Northern Jurisdiction, Harold R. Aldrich, 33° Active.

November Events

Brothers, on February 28th, 2005, we are to confer the 2nd Degree, so get to your Ritual studies and be ready to assist. Brother Hugh Woodside will preside as the Pro-Tem Master for the Degree. Let us work on making a good show of this. Oatka Lodge has offered to assist in the Degree work, but this is something that we, in the past, have always prided ourselves; that is, doing all of the Ritual parts. Fortunately, we are still in good shape on this, but we need more Brothers able and interested in doing the Craft Work.

If you have never done any Ritual work, please consider the benefits of such: first off, you will get more out of the Degree, and the lessons associated with it, with your participation, as much more knowledge and meaning is gleaned; second, your memory seems to get better with more involvement in Ritual work, as it exercises all those brain cells; and third, it is rather stimulating and fun, in general. Try it and find out what's in store for you in being involved in Ritual work.

A Grand Line Visit

On an unofficial but friendly visit nonetheless, the Lodge was the host to R.: W.: James Sullivan, Senior Grand Warden of Grand Lodge, on December 13th, the same evening as our Annual Summoned Meeting. He was passing through and wanted to stop by; we were most honored. You are, indeed, welcome here anytime, Jim.

DDGM's Official Visit

Remember, Brothers, DDGM R.: W.: Lew Perna's Official Visit is on January 10th, it being rescheduled from the October date. There will be dinner that evening, and an email will go out to the Brothers with the dinner menu and arrangement for reservations. The business discussions on this evening will be minimal, as the visit from the DDGM and the Grand Master's message, delivered by R.: W.: Perna, will take precedence to almost all else.

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(Left to Right, front) Scottish Rite Deputy Harold R. Aldrich, 33° Active; V.: W.: Joseph F. Oelgoetz, III; W.: Bruce R. Horncastle; W.: Gordon Ball; and M.: W.: Edward R. Trosin, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York. (Rear) R.: W.: and Rev. Charles M. Roberts.

(Photo supplied by Bruce Horncastle)

FAME
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First of all, I wish everyone a happy, healthy New Year. I hope everyone had a good time at our Christmas Party, as well as a good holiday season.

January meetings

Our first meeting for the year is January 11th at 7:30 p.m., and we will be conferring a 1st Degree that evening. It is important to have a good turnout for the Degree and I hope to see you there. We will have a dinner at 6:30 p.m., which will be an Italian Dinner. The cost is \$ 8.00 per person.

Our second meeting of the month will be January 25th. We will have a Beef Stew Dinner at 6:30 p.m. and a regular business meeting at 7:30 p.m. We will be making final arrangements for our 2nd Degree which is scheduled for our February 8th meeting.

Wakan/Hubbard Lodge

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Trestleboard Adjustments

Brothers, due to rescheduling and other necessary changes, the events on the Trestleboard have had to be altered and such will continue. I will keep you posted accordingly. Conflicts in timetables, Official Visits and other things have created such, but it is not a big deal, as we are still able to do most of the things we planned.

See you around the altar. ✕

NORTHFIELD

Lodge No. 426
Instituted March 1857
1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.



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On December 2nd, a dinner with 25 Brothers in attendance, was held honoring R.: W.: Raymond Beardsley for his 50 years in Masonry.

During the meeting, there was the election of W.: Dean Smith as Treasurer until June, 2005. He resigned as a 2-year Trustee, due to a conflict between the elected office and Trustee's office. Our Junior Deacon, Dave Adams, was elected as a 2-year Trustee. Congratulations to both.

W.: Edward McCormick, 1960 Master of Rochester Lodge, made his first visit to Lodge in a long time. We surprised him by having him escorted to the East for the meeting.

R.: W.: Raymond Beardsley was escorted to the East by R.: W.: Robert Zahn. Brother Raymond Beardsley II was also escorted to the East by our Senior Deacon, Pierre Dube. Thanks for filling in.

W.: McCormick presented R.: W.: Raymond with his 50-year Certificate and Ray II

gave his Dad the Pin. Thank you, R.: W.: Raymond, for your service to this Lodge. He was Master in 1977, District Deputy Grand Master of the Second Monroe District in 1979-80, served for eight years as Secretary and two years as Treasurer of the Lodge.

The 3rd Degree was conferred on December 16th and everything went well.

I thank our Junior Warden, Glenn Schaefer and Brother Jonathan Buck for refreshments throughout the year.

Sickness and distress

Brother David Ambrose has been moved to a nursing home. W.: Bill Fraser is still waiting for a liver transplant; W.: David Bishop is recovering from a heart attack and Brother Fred Hull, DSA, and his wife, Eloise, are home from Pennsylvania. While there, Eloise broke her pelvic bone. Our prayers are with all.

I hope everyone had nice holidays.

Dates to remember

January 6th - Sweater Night
January 20th - 1st Degree, dinner at 6:30 p.m. ✕



R.: W.: Raymond Beardsley (left) receives his Certificate recognizing his 50-years in Masonry from W.: Edward McCormick. Looking on are Brother Raymond Beardsley II, who is holding the Pin he presented his father, and Lodge Master, W.: Glenn Hedges. (Photos courtesy John Dudley)



R.: W.: Raymond Beardsley (left) displays his 50-year Certificate as he receives accolades from W.: Glenn Hedges, Master. Listening are Brother Raymond Beardsley II and W.: Edward McCormick, Past Master of Rochester Lodge.

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I hope you and your families had wonderful holidays. I hope you had a joyous and meaningful Hanukkah, with happiness, warmth, and lots of family time.

Trestleboard

ERAC's meeting on Monday, November 22nd was entitled "The Past and the Future" and celebrated the traditions of our Fraternity and our Lodge, the foundation upon which our future shall be built. This "town meeting" format allowed many Brothers the opportunity to express their personal stories as to how they got involved in Masonry, why they chose ERAC, and what keeps them involved in our Lodge. This also gave our Lodge an opportunity to reflect upon where we are now and where we would like to be in the future. Thanks to one and all for making this program a worthwhile event.

By the time you read this article, ERAC Lodge will have welcomed 9 new Brothers into its ranks. Our 1st Degree was held on December 13th with R.: W.: Bruce Chilton presiding in the East.

I take this opportunity to thank all the Officers for their hard work and dedication. Several Brothers deserve particular recognition, starting with W.: Terry Whilen, Jr., Assistant Ritual Director; W.: Phil Hurwitz, for the Apron Presentation; and Brother Patrick Mulrooney, the Working Tools. I delivered the Charge and R.: W.: Larry Canfield, did a wonderful presentation of the Historical Lecture. I also acknowledge all the Brothers (60 sideliners!) who came out to provide support to ERAC Lodge and to the newly entered Brothers.

January

Our next meeting will be on January 10th. As usual, dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. and Lodge will be opened at 7:30 p.m. The program for the evening will be "the 1st Degree explained." All newly entered Brothers will be encouraged to attend this Lodge meeting, which will be held on the 1st Degree. Brothers Patrick Mulrooney and Nelson Bertch will start with the Lecture of Forms and Ceremonies (the Q's and A's) and we will again have a town meeting-style discussion about the meaning of the Ritual and Ceremony of the Entered Apprentice Degree. This should be a fun and informative meeting for all.

ElderWear

The 4th annual ElderWear Campaign is in full swing, and we need your help! ElderWear is a charity, sponsored by ERAC Lodge, which provides new clothing to medicare-/medicaid-dependent residents of area skilled-care facilities. Since ERAC began supporting this worthy charity,

we have helped raise over \$3000 and distributed well over 2000 pieces of clothing. How can you help?

- Bring new L-XXXL sweat suits, shirts, blouses, and socks to Lodge for donation.

- Send monetary donations to: ElderWear, c/o Steve Lysenko, 807 Winifred Dr, Webster, NY 14580.

- Make yourself available to shop for, sort and deliver clothing.

Help share the warmth this Winter and support this worthy campaign. Please call 671-2606 or email any questions to Brother Steve Lysenko at: ukrainesl@yahoo.com.

Sickness and distress

R.: W.: Richard Friedman was admitted to Rochester General Hospital for surgery on December 6th. On behalf of ERAC Lodge, I wish R.: W.: Rich a speedy recovery. His contact information is: Richard C. Friedman, 16 Kerry Hill, Fairport, NY 14450-9180; phone 377-6175; email: richddgm@frontiernet.net.

Tidings

Brother Kyle Wolcott, an Officer in ERAC Lodge, and his wife, Sheryl, are the proud parents of a baby boy, born on November 30th. At the time of writing this article, Brother Kyle's son is still in the hospi-



Brother Kyle Wolcott sitting with his wife, Sheryl, holding their newborn son.

tal, but is expected to be home shortly. Join me in wishing Brother Kyle and his wife, Sheryl, a wonderful Holiday.

Brother Kyle B. Wolcott, 1877 Fairport Nine Mile Point Road, Penfield, NY 14526; psumonkey@netzero.net. His telephone number is: 388-3905.

Zlokovic recognized

Brother Berislav Zlokovic (Betsa), a University of Rochester Medical Center scientist who investigates Alzheimer's disease and strokes, has won a prestigious award from the National Institutes of Health that will provide him about \$5 million in funding over the next 10 years. Brother Zlokovic's accomplishments were recognized on the front page of the *Democrat and Chronicle* in November. He was raised in ERAC Lodge on March 29, 2003 and is a U of R professor of neurosurgery.

The award he received from the National Institute of Aging recognizes those who have demonstrated "superior competence and outstanding productivity in research endeavors," according to the NIH. Less than 5 percent of NIH-funded investigators are selected to receive the grant, which is known as a MERIT award, or "Method to Extend Research in Time." Brother Betsa, on behalf of all your Brothers at ERAC Lodge, we extend our congratulations.

Master's Message

This month's Master's message is a discussion of one of my favorite symbols in Freemasonry; the weeping virgin and the broken column.



Broken Column and Virgin Weeping

One of my very first exposures to Masonry was a poem written by Brother Rudyard Kipling, "If." In his poem, Brother Kipling writes:

If you can make one heap of all your winnings
And risk it all on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
And lose, and start again at your beginnings
And never breathe a word about your loss.

As a young boy, a French version of this poem hung above my bed. I would read it every day. I am sure it had a powerful influence on me as a young man and later, as a Mason. What does this have to do with the weeping virgin? Let us together look again at the picture, and let us reflect on its symbolism. The picture consists of a weeping virgin, holding in one hand a sprig of acacia and in the other an urn; before her is a broken column, on which rests a copy of the Book of Constitutions, while Father Time behind her is attempting to disentangle the ringlets of her hair.

As is true for all symbols in Freemasonry, you will find several meanings and explanations behind it. This is also true for this symbol. We learn, for example, that this image of



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the weeping virgin is symbolic of the 3rd Degree. It teaches Freemasons the symbolic expression of the idea that veneration should always be paid to the memory of departed loved ones. It also teaches us that we should live virtuous and upright lives, ever walking in the paths of truth and justice, even though our lives are endangered thereby. In it we find themes of immortality, patience and hope.

A similar lesson, and a closely related meaning, can also be derived from this powerful ancient symbol, a meaning that Brother Kipling illustrates in his poem. The weeping virgin is a symbol of every man's disappointment and sadness in the face of adversity, a symbol of man losing everything that he has acquired and everything that he has tirelessly worked for.

The Broken Column is symbolic of that beautiful building that took so much time and effort to build, now broken and destroyed. The Urn carries the ashes of a dear departed one, another symbol of grief and sorrow. Father Time, with the hourglass behind him, and his hands comforting the weeping virgin, becomes a symbol of patience. He is trying to soothe the weeping virgin's pain and reminding her that with patience and time, nothing is really lost and everything can be rebuilt. The Book of Constitutions is that everlasting tool, never destroyed and eternal, which can be used to rebuild that temple within once again, and in due time, if we are willing to start at our beginnings.

I am sure, just like me, each and every one of you has been faced with many disappointments and many adversities. Many times, you found yourselves weeping at that broken column and felt the pain that comes with loss and grief; you may have even felt like giving up. Kipling's poem and the image of the weeping virgin have stayed with me, and remind me every day that the adversities of life are not final, and that nothing in life is hopeless.

Disappointment does not have to engender anger, for anger can never be a building force, but is always a destructive force. I have learned from an early age, reading and then reciting from memory Kipling's words, that the task is not mourning, but rather the task for all of us is to rebuild that which has been destroyed, and to find, once again, that which has been lost.


Take your lesson from this beautiful symbolism during those difficult times in your life. Father Time is always behind you. He is there, comforting your sorrows and reminding you that time is your friend. Look for the Book of Constitutions, the Volume of Sacred Law, use it as your guide, and without "breathing a word about your loss," start again from the beginning and with the help of your Brothers, the Builders, go to work and rebuild your Temple.

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

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I wish all the Brothers and their families a prosperous New Year.

Thanks to all who presented the 2nd Degree. I'm sure our new Fellowcrafts were impressed. I especially thank W.: Scott Brickman, who served in the East, and W.: David Upham for his excellent presentation of the Middle Chamber Lecture. Our 3rd Degree presentation was scheduled for December 21st.

Our Altar has been draped in honor of W.: Charles

Ferrin, who served as Master in 1958. I was able to attend his Memorial Service, where I met his widow. She remembered when he was Master and their visit to New York City.

It has been suggested that the articles in the *Masonic Times* include the names of Brothers having birthdays during each month. January birthdays are Brothers: Arthur Barret; Frank Kemmel, Jr.; John Lewis; Ian McKay; Robert Pedersen; Ralph Shaw and, Gary Wahl. I hope there are no omissions or errors. If there are, I apologize and ask you to report them to me.

Bell ringing

Thanks to all who are helping with the Salvation Army's Red Kettle campaign. The results of our efforts will be reported next month.

Royal Arch Masons

By the time you read this, Hiram Chapter of Royal Arch Masons will have presented their program. Thanks for sharing information about this area of Masonry with us.

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By W.: Skip Waterstreet, DSA

I am told the meal and the entertainment at our December social meeting were outstanding. A touch of the flu made me rethink attending the event. I remember how much fun Denny and her Escorts were last year and was really looking forward to their performance. Attendance was over 50, which is spectacular. Sorry I missed you, but happy everything went so well! None of you needed to catch the bug that disabled me.

On the 21st, our two Entered Apprentices were instructed in the second section of the 1st Degree, which we were unable to complete in November. The Fellowcraft Degree is scheduled for January 18th. Please plan to attend, support your Officers and give encouragement to our two Fellowcrafts.

In between these meetings was the All-Masonic Bodies Children's Christmas Party, sponsored by Lalla Rookh Grotto and Damascus Shrine. Only a handful of children



The granddaughter of Brother Richard Smith, Rachel Ledgerwood, watches Sara Licata paint a design on the back of her hand.

(grandchildren) were there to represent our Lodge, but they had a wonderful time. So did the adults. This event is far superior to anything we could put on individually, and I hope it continues to grow and gains support from other organizations. Every child left with arms full of toys, prizes and goodies.



Vincent Steffen takes his turn to give Santa his Christmas List. His parents are Brother Joe, our Junior Warden, and Gail Steffen; Grandparents are W.: Tom and Sue Kendig.

Identity Theft

Brother Warren Doerrr has arranged for another top-notch program. Jim Lynd, of Lifespan, will be the speaker at our January 4th dinner meeting at the Nutcracker Restaurant. His topic will be, "Identity Theft," which is something we, regrettably, hear more and more about every day. I'm sure his talk will provide insight and tips on how you can help keep yourself from becoming a victim. As usual, the Calling Committee will attempt to obtain reservations, call me at the Masonic Service Bureau - 671-9730, or just show up. Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m.

Sickness and Distress

Sympathies of the Lodge were extended to Brother Tom Benson and his wife, Yvonne, on the death of her father, Roosevelt (Rudy) DeCarlo.

The Secretary writes...

Several days before leaving for North Carolina, I received a phone call from Victoria May, the wife of R.: W.: Conrad May, who is in hospice care in Richmond, Virginia. She needed assistance in making arrangements for a Masonic Service in that area. I contacted the Grand Secretary's Office, explained the urgency of the situ-



Support for the Salvation Army was rendered by many Clio Lodge Brothers, including W.: Stu Brickman, W.: Dave Goodrich, Master of the Lodge, and W.: Sean Noonan. All of them were bell ringers in the Army's 2004 Red Kettle Campaign in Hilton. (Photo submitted by Sean Noonan)

Child ID

W.: Gordy Smith will be asking for help with the Child ID Programs on January 15th and 31st. I urge all who can help to do so with this most important service of our Lodge. If he asks, answer "yes."

Upcoming events

January 4 - King Solomon's Temple by W.: Jerry Jones

January 12th - Spaghetti Dinner.

January 18th - TBA

January 26th - Spaghetti Dinner

February 1st - Brother Bring-a-Friend Dinner at 6:45 p.m.

Wishing everyone a Happy New Year and I hope to see you at Lodge. ✕

ation and within twenty minutes, Mrs. May received a call from the Master of a local Lodge and made arrangements to be contacted when needed.

Sue and I stopped to see Vicki on our trip and spent an hour with her, during which she reminisced about their 55+ years in Masonry. Connie was a Past Master of John A. Robertson Lodge and Grand Sword Bearer in 1970; she was in Eastern Star. She showed us some of her embroidery and pictures of R.: W.: Conrad in earlier years.

I mentioned the names of Ed Walker and Skip Waterstreet, and Connie's face lit up in recognition. They send their regards to all their friends back in Rochester, especially Paul and Doris Robertson and Ed Start.

Reminders

Dues are now due, my Brothers. Response so far has been great. If you are not counted among the Brethren with a paid up dues card, won't you take a

moment to correct that situation right now? Thank you.

I am also reminding you to consider the Brotherhood Fund Campaign. Brother Ralph Jurgens will be delighted to receive your contribution in any dollar amount you feel you can afford. We would like to increase the percentage of our Brothers who support this appeal.

Birthday Celebrations

Those Brothers who begin the new year with birthday celebrations are: John Sanna (1st); Lloyd Edward Walker (8th); John Bardo (9th); Richard Sullivan Sr. (10th); Charles Zicari (12th); Franklyn Morse (13th); Royden Guess (15th); James Clark (20th); Kenneth Skidmore (24th); Robert Ogden and Dirk Oukes (both on the 26th); and William Wimberly (28th).

Best wishes for a Happy New Year, every-one...I hope to see you in Lodge this year. ✕

Masonic Activities
Looking Ahead

February

1 - 14 **Have-a-Heart Campaign**

March

19 **Joey and Maria's 25th Wedding Anniversary**

April

8, 9, 10 **Shrine Circus**

30 **Haggai Chapter's Community Award Rick's Prime Rib House**

May

15 **Dedication of Unity Lodge M.: W.: Edward Trosin presiding**

20 **Shrine Duffers' Tournament**

21 **Potentate's Ball**

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

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Did everyone have great holidays? I know my eyes were bigger than my stomach!

Livingston District is moving right along. Eunice Lodge, as the result of a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night, has two more petitions to add to the existing two new Brothers who just took the 1st Degree. Livonia now has two Brothers taking the 2nd Degree. Geneseo Lodge has a definite petition, but has not set a date for the Degree as of this writing.

Congratulations!

R. W. : Richard Trescott and I attended a Dedicated Service Award presentation for Brother Ed Hopkins of Avon Springs Lodge. A dinner at the National Hotel preceded the presentation of Brother Hopkins' Apron and Certificate. Of all the Brothers in Avon Springs Lodge, Brother Hopkins truly deserves this Award. Ed has done a tremendous amount of work for the Lodge for years. Congratulations, Ed.

Table Lodge

In November, Union Lodge held a Table Lodge. Eight Lodges from two Districts were represented. A seven-course meal was enjoyed by all and Brother Mike Grady gave a very interesting talk on what Masonry means to him.

Talented young people

The District talent shows are under way. Geneseo Lodge had the York Central show in November. It is truly amazing the talent some students have. Great job, Geneseo Lodge, for a terrific program. Because Geneseo has two school districts, I am looking forward to the show in Geneseo Central School.

Child ID

The final totals for this year's Child ID are 892 students from the Districts of Livingston County. The Geneseo Wal-Mart total is 135. Grand total for the District is 19,103 kids who have been through our ID system.

I would encourage all the Lodges of the Livingston District to have some kind of event like this. It would give the Brothers more of the three Fs: Fellowship, Friendship and a ton of Fun. I believe the Lodges need more events of this kind to stimulate the interests of the Brothers and better the Lodge.

In closing, I leave you with a quote from Earl Nightingale: "Just because you can't do everything doesn't mean you shouldn't do something!" Good advice for Masons.

Happy New Year!

Brothers all, please don't forget the *Road to the East*, to be held on January 8th, 15th, and 22nd at Eunice Lodge in Caledonia from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. We all need this Course, as it is very educational, so please be there if possible!

Last year was a fun and busy year; it's hard to believe that it is gone already!

I did see Santa at Avon Springs Lodge in December. He was very busy with all the children, getting their lists straight and each received a gift from Santa.

On November 18th, Union Lodge again held a Table Lodge and W. : John Gallant is to be commended. You and your staff have outdone yourselves. This was better than the first one and a lot of fun was had by all. Thank you.

We were very fortunate to be invited to share W. : Edward Hopkins's Dedicated Service Award at the National Hotel on November 20th. I feel very fortunate as I have known W. : Brother Ed a long time and he is deserving of this Award. It was an honor to see Avon Springs recognize his efforts regarding Masonry!

Geneseo Lodge held their Talent Show at York on Nov 30th. Congratulations to the winners. A special award, the "Debra Young Award," named to honor Debra for her dedication to the young people of York, was won by a local band. The evening was a very entertaining one.

As stated earlier, there is a lot of Degree work in the District. We have more new Brothers coming into the Fraternity this year than we have had in a long time and a lot of these new Brothers came from a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. This is proof that this program, if done right, is beneficial. If you haven't held one, please do!

I know we all had a great Christmas and I hope we have a Great New Year! Don't forget that the District is conducting a fund drive at The State Street Station in Nunda, on January 23rd, to benefit the Teresa House. Please show your support by working or showing up to eat!

I thank all the Lodges in Livingston District for working together on the Degree work and making all the Degrees in the District a success!

Brother Masons!!!

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I can hardly believe that 2004 is already over. Our Masonic year has been very busy and rewarding so far and it is only at the half way mark!

We are looking forward to our Official Visit by R. W. : Roy Moses on the 13th, and hearing about the goings on around the State and the Grand Line. Roy will be making this, his last Official Visit, to his Mother Lodge. I am making this a special invitation to all our Brethren in the area to come over, join us, and make Roy feel right at home. Of course, we will also have snacks and refreshments afterwards, if that helps to sway your decision.

We are planning more after-meeting events and presentations for the upcoming months. They will vary from a presentation about the American Revolutionary Soldier to a history about the Morgan Affair. If you can, come and join us for these interesting and informative evenings.

I hope that Masons, their families and friends around the country, across the State and in the neighborhoods, all have a safe New Year. I am looking forward to 2005 with a good degree of anticipation. This last year went well for my wife and me and we expect that next year will continue with this trend. I wish for all of you, and in all you do, the same levels of success this new year.

Livonia

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Some positive and encouraging things are happening in Livonia Lodge. Three of our Brothers have advanced to a higher office. Brother Gordon (Kip) Lawrence is serving as Senior Warden; Brother Steven Shull, as Junior Warden and Brother Ronald Baylor, as Senior Deacon. Each Brother is enthusiastic and an inspiration to all of us.

Brotherhood Fund

Brother Allen Ward is chairman of the Masonic Brotherhood Fund again this year. For many years, he has been proud to report over 50% participation. Let's give him this honor again!

Degree

A 2nd Degree for two Brothers was planned for December. Those assisting our Officers were: W. : Sherwood Hanna, the Working Tools; Brother Mike Brady of Union Lodge, the

Middle Chamber Lecture; the Questions and Answers were passed between the Howlett Brothers from Eunice Lodge. We are grateful for the support which other Lodges provide.

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas. May your New Year's Resolution be to support Masonry the best that you can in 2005!

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As Thanksgiving and Christmas have passed, I hope you were able to spend the time with your families. As I am getting "more experienced" and my children are growing up, I am constantly reminded how important it is to spend as much time with them as possible. I also feel that it is important to remember our fraternal relationships at this time as well. It is increasingly important for us to retain those relationships, especially with the Brothers whom we have not seen in a while. It is easy for us to drift apart and lose contact and I am becoming more cognizant of the reasons why we have joined this great Fraternity and the importance of retaining our numbers as well as bringing in new members. Along those lines, there was an article brought to my attention by Brother Derek Howlett about the Masons in the *USA Today*, in light of all of the hype behind the film *National Treasure*. If you are interested in the article, you can find it on the web at:

http://www.usatoday.com/life/2004-11-30-freemasons_x.htm

My new year's wish would be to be able to meet and talk to each of you whom I have not yet met, and hopefully I will. So, to all of you whom I have not seen lately or even met, here is hoping that you and your family enjoy a happy New Year.

Our January calendar is full as well. We have the 2nd Degree on our regular communication night of January 6th. We still have openings for others to participate. If you are interested in having a part, call me. At some point, we will also be having a 1st Degree for our new candidate. We have yet to choose a date, but it is important that we get this done in January because we'd like to have the 2nd Degree with Geneseo on February 10th.

The *Road to the East* for Livingston, Wayne and Monroe Districts will be at Eunice on January 8th, 15th, and 22nd. I think it would be great to have it very well attended by our own Brothers at our home Lodge. We have four going so far.

Looking ahead, our Moving-up Night will be the April 7th communication. We have also set the date for our 3rd Degree, which will be April 14th, which is a special communication night. I am giving due and timely notice that the Degree

will begin at 7:30 p.m. There will be a dinner preceding the Degree at 6:30 p.m. and a social hour after the Degree concludes.

At our last communication, W. : Lynn Pease was surprised with the presentation of his 25-year Certificate and Pin. My thanks to R. W. : Fran Oberer, our Secretary, for arranging it for him.

R. W. : Oberer has also requested I make mention to those of you who have not sent in dues or Brotherhood Fund pledges. We've had great showings in the past and would like to continue the great work done by our Lodge, so let's lead the District this year! Also, W. : Lynn Pease and Brother Brian Pease are going to work on our website design, getting some pictures of the Lodge and Officers, as well as more information out to people about us. If you are "surfing", there is information on the Cal-Mum website at <http://www.cal-mum.com/masons.htm>.

Brother Derek Howlett is working on a social night for Brothers and their significant others in March or April. We are beginning to plan for a program in May for the widows of Brothers from Eunice Lodge. Christmas poinsettias are to be delivered to them this month, and in the Spring, we want to have a formal luncheon. If you have any ideas, since this is my first time working on it, please email me: dmhow@aol.com.

One of the things we want to accomplish this Winter is improve the inside of the Lodge. There have been several ideas kicked around, some of them from those of you who have responded to our survey. We have begun to discuss these things after the last few communications, and would like to begin some of these improvements after the Christmas holiday.

In January, I will distribute the new Eunice Roster Book, as well as an emergency phone tree. To go with this, I have formed a By-Laws Revision Committee. We will begin meeting in January and I encourage those of you who want to have a voice in any changes or revisions to be made to contact me for our meeting dates. I am calling for the first meeting to be January 9th at 2 p.m. at the Lodge. I will provide refreshments for those who choose to attend.

I sent a purchase sheet for our "Eunice Wear" that everyone was interested in with the November newsletter. Many Brothers have commented on our lack of things that we can wear to identify ourselves as Masons in Caledonia. Unfortunately, I have not gotten much of a response. We cannot send in an order for only three people; it wouldn't be cost effective. I will send the purchase sheet again in the December newsletter, and am asking you to consider purchasing something to distinguish yourself as a Caledonia Mason! I will extend the deadline for another month.

We are going to work on a new community project. Project "Hats from Home" has been initiated by a local veteran, who is asking for unworn hats to be collected and sent to our soldiers overseas, to remind them of home and how much we appreciate what they do. We are going to begin col-


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lecting hats from Eunice Brothers this month and then begin collecting from the community next month. Please, if you have any hats to donate, either drop them off at Lodge (clearly marked) or send them to me at: 415 Murwood Lane, Webster, 14580. Keep up the good work, because none of it could happen without you. Try to get in one of these nights; it would be nice to see you. Don't worry if you haven't been around in a while, we want to see you. *

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Membership

Thanks to West Star Lodge in Varysburg for hosting the first District Brother Bring-a-Friend event in December. It was a very informational meeting for all attending, and will certainly provide some new candidates for the Lodges which participated and others. The Brother Bring-a-Friend Program works, and the second District program is available and waiting for a host Lodge.

Scholarships

The deadline of January 10th for the Frank M. Totten Essay Contest, 2005, is fast approaching. This contest is open to the sons, daughters and grandchildren or a member of the extended family of a Master Mason in the State of New York, who anticipates entering an accredited college in the Fall of 2005. The contest has some very nice prizes. Lodge Secretaries have applications. The winner will read their essay the first day of Grand Lodge in May.

The Grand Lodge Educational Assistance Program applications are also available for the 2005-2006 school year with a deadline of April 1st. Children and grandchildren of members of Lodges in New York State are eligible for these grants, so do not delay filing.

Awards


When looking for a Lodge program, check out the awards associated with the Grand Lodge Committee for Youth. There is an award to be presented to a non-Mason for exemplary community service to youth, the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award for service in the Scouting movement and the Masonic Eagle Scout Commendation. These awards all provide an excellent venue for Lodges to recognize the volunteers and youth of the community.

Best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year. *

The Gift of Love

The Masonic Service Bureau greatly appreciates your contributions. If you have not made a donation for this year, would you please do so now, before you forget? If you have, would you consider increasing it?

Grand Director of Ceremonies
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The holidays are now behind us and I hope that they were safe and happy for all of you and your families. I hope that everyone's stress level is back to normal from all the presents that had to be wrapped and the food that had to be prepared. Of course, the presents are nice but I look forward to all those Christmas cookies, cakes and pies that are made. The hardest thing I find for myself during this time of year is that dreaded question, "What is your New Year's resolution?" This year I'm not going to have a resolution. I don't know about all of you Brothers, but I never seem to hold true to mine. So that's one stress item I will not have going into the New Year.


I was happy to see that some of our Lodges were able to raise new Brothers this past year and I hope to see more into next year. Along with raising these new Brothers it was good to see the Lodges working together. It is a very impressive sight to a new Brother being raised to see thirty to fifty Brothers standing on the sidelines while he is being brought to light.

Worshipful Masters, I wish you the best for the New Year, and remember to make your meeting interesting so your members want to come to Lodge and participate. I still feel if we educate ourselves and our Lodges, we will keep it interesting and some of the little things may work themselves out. Also, along with the Christmas and Fraternal spirit, keep in mind the Shepherding Program. Let's make sure we are keeping our newly raised Brothers in Lodge paired up with a Brother who, with the help of the Lodge, will teach them about our great Fraternity.

My Brothers, I hope to see you all again soon. Please contact me if you have a special event coming up, I would be honored to attend.

Until the next time, God Bless Brothers and remember, live, love, and be happy. *

Oakland Lodge
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By Kenneth Smith
I think I'm regaining my youthful mind since I'm going to get consecutive articles in for the first time this year, or maybe it was the friendly e-mail reminder of the December 6th deadline from our Editor. I would like to give the

credit to the email, but in order to keep my mind from wondering if I'm going insane, I must take the credit myself for getting this article in. I know this is the season for giving, but I just must take the credit for this.

Hopefully, this article finds all Masons and their families recovering from a happy and healthy holiday season. I know that I personally have a lot to be thankful and happy for this holiday season. The first, being that I made it through the holiday shopping season without seriously hurting myself or somebody else. The second, being that I had a wonderful family to share the holiday season with. The only bad thing that resulted from the holiday season is my waist line. Either I ate too much or my wife is shrinking my clothes again. I can only wish that everybody else also had the same experiences with in their own life and families.

I congratulate Constellation Lodge on the new Master Mason they raised on December 2nd. I, along with our Master and Junior Deacon, had the privilege of participating in the Degree work. This was the first time that I was able to portray one of the three ruffians and perform Degree work along side my uncle, a Past Master of Constellation Lodge. As I have said before, I believe Degree work is the most enjoyable and rewarding aspect of being a Master Mason. All fellow Masons should feel honored when they can participate in any aspect of the Degrees of bringing in a new Brother.

Dues

By the time this article arrives, most of the members of Oakland Lodge should have received their dues notices in the mail. Please remit your dues to the Secretary as soon as possible. This will allow the Secretary and Officers to spend more time in the administration and running of the Lodge, rather than chasing down members who have not yet submitted their dues. This will also prevent yourself from falling behind a year or two and having to double or triple up next year.

Brotherhood Fund

I will be the Brotherhood fund chairman for Oakland Lodge this year. The best time to make donations to this Fund is at our monthly communications. For those Brothers who are unable to make our communications, you can forward your donations to: Kenneth E. Smith, 137 Lake Street, Le Roy, NY 14482. I would ask that all Brothers who are sending their donations via mail to designate what category they would like on their check or on a post-it note. If no designation is given, I will designate your donation.

Once again I hope that this article finds all my fellow Masons and their families recovering from a happy and healthy holiday season. 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. *

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Lodge No. 39, F. & A.M.



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By Doug Poole, Secretary
Here's hoping everyone had a safe and pleasant Holiday Season. After all the celebrations and gala gatherings, it is due season to return to Labor from refreshment, and hope the Junior Warden was doing his job!

First off, the members of the Lodge send a big thank you for the help we received with the Thanksgiving Dinner. We feel it is very important to help those who would have been alone and not had a warm Thanksgiving meal. We also helped those who get meals brought in, as there were no Meals on Wheels deliveries on the holiday. A big thank you to the Eastern Star and LeRoy community for their support.

Join us!

Olive Branch Lodge will be hosting Bingo at the Batavia V.A. Hospital on Tuesday, January 12th. We could really use the support of our Brothers and their family members. The Veterans really deserve the attention.


New idea

We are once again looking at the ceiling in the dining room. It is getting worse all the time. Rather than re-plastering it, we have a new idea. The current plan is to remove the old ceiling and expose the beams. Though it might take more effort, the results would be spectacular! Contact the Master or me if you can help us with the project.

One meeting

Finally, a reminder to the Brothers that we only meet the 1st Wednesday in January and February to conserve heat. *

Eagle Valley
Lodge No. 1161



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Greetings, Brothers! Hopefully, your Christmas 2004 was Merry and Bright and filled with all the joys and "goodies" that traditionally go with the holiday.


Thanks to all whom, in any way, contributed to the success of Eagle Valley's annual auction 2004. This "thank you" has been a long time coming, but hopefully the old saw "better late than never" applies well to the situation.

It is this writer's pleasure to inform you that the completed Phase Three Consolidation Documents for TriLumina and Eagle Valley Lodges have been submitted to the Grand Lodge's Judge Advocate for his examination, as of Wednesday, November 24th,

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2004. Hopefully the merger will soon become reality.

We begin the New Year, 2005 hopefully and worshipfully. May Almighty God grant us courage, wisdom, patience and strength to proceed through the months ahead. May we be equal to the tasks that consolidation require of us as we strive to build a stronger lodge which is more relevant to our community in the present time. Amen. *

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By the time you read this, the Holiday Season will be over. Hopefully, everyone had a happy and healthy time during the holidays. As I am writing this, the ground is white with new snow and it is beginning to look like the Christmas season.

December found the Brothers of the Lodge manning the Salvation Army kettle at Tops Market on the 10th, and providing a Bingo Night at the VA on the 21st.

We will be rehearsing the Fellowcraft Degree at the communications in January, getting ready to confer the Degree to be witnessed by the AGL.

The Master Mason Degree for our new Brother will take place at Hesperus Lodge on Thursday, January 20th. It would be great to have a large number of our Brothers present to welcome him.


Sickness

Our Secretary, Robert Dagen is recovering nicely from his recent surgery. He had two pounds of titanium removed. He should not set off any metal detectors in the future.

Dues

Dues are being received by the Secretary, and all Brothers are urged to send in their dues if they have not done so. Also, the Chairman of the Brotherhood Fund, Harold Collier, is receiving contributions to that Fund. All Brothers received contribution forms and return envelopes with the mailing for dues. *

HESPERUS
Lodge No. 837



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The conferring of the 2nd Degree was completed on November 18th for two new Brothers from Hesperus and one Brother from Batavia Lodge. Thanks to the Brothers from both Batavia and Hesperus Lodges for taking part in the Ritual of the 2nd Degree. I am sure these new Brothers were

Hesperus Lodge
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left with a lasting impression in their minds of those grand old words. The new Brothers will have a little extra time to prepare for the 3rd Degree, which is scheduled to take place January 20th.

The ladies of Hesperus Chapter OES did an outstanding job, as always, on the wonderful dinner before the Degree. We especially thank Marilyn Liles for the bread pudding.

At our last meeting of the month, the program concerned the York Rite Concordant Bodies. Information was presented on the Royal Arch Masons, Cryptic Masons, and the Knights Templar. I thank those who made the effort to present the views of the Concordant Bodies to our Lodge. It was very informative with a strong message that more light in Masonry can be found in each Body.

December events

December 16th - The program for the last meeting of the year was a Season Song Night. The ladies of the Lodge and the

Eastern Star ladies joined us in an evening of Christmas Carols and the lighting of the Christmas tree. The children and grandchildren heard some stories.

December 17th - Members of Hesperus Lodge met at the Bergen Fire Hall for the purpose of packing the Christmas Baskets.

December 18th - Delivery of the Christmas Baskets.

Upcoming Dates

January 6th - There will be a business meeting followed by the Temple Association meeting. This evening will also be our Oyster Stew Night.

January 20th - The Lodge will be conferring the 3rd Degree at 7:30 p.m. to the new Brothers. The ladies of Hesperus OES will serve the dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Happy New Year, Brothers

As we ring out the old and ring in the new, let us ever strive to walk in the light, let us strive to help those who have not, and be a friend to the friendless. Most importantly, let us continue to pray for world peace.

Genesee/Wyoming
Post No. 32

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Installation

Genesee/Wyoming Post No. 32, Masonic War Veterans held their annual Election of Officers on November 30th. Those elected were:

- Commander **Mark L. Hopkins**
- 1st Lt. Commander **Dennis M. Turton, Sr.**
- 2nd Lt. Commander **Carl L. Fisher**
- 3rd Lt. Commander **Kenneth E. Kohlhaugen**
- Finance Officer **Bernard R. Whaley**
- Adjutant **Michael E. Driver**



Pictured at the Installation of Officers of Genesee-Wyoming Post No. 32, Masonic War Veterans, presided over by State Adjutant General, Raymond G. Barber, are (front, left to right): Jerold A. Brade, PC; Raymond G. Barber, PC; Mark L. Hopkins; and, Michael E. Driver, PC. (Back, left to right): Arthur E. Drew, PC; Kenneth E. Kohlhaugen, PC; Bernard R. Whaley; and, Dennis M. Turton, Sr. (Photo courtesy of Dennis Turton)

- Area Representative **Jerold A. Brade**
- Trustee for three years **Arthur E. Drew**
- The newly elected Commander announced his appointed Officers as:
- Chaplain **Jerold A. Brade**
- Officer of the Day **William R. Geitner**
- Captain of the Guard **Arthur E. Drew**
- Quartermaster **Bernard R. Whaley**
- Service Officer **Raymond G. Barber**
- State Adjutant General, Raymond G. Barber, presided over the Installation.

Fundraiser for Masonic Times & MSB activities

By Skip Waterstreet

Everyone enjoys a bargain and coupon clipping is an American way of life. *Enjoy the City*™ is a publication full of coupons for a variety of products and services. Of course, the largest selection of businesses is in the food industry. Ranging from fast food to fine dining, most of the offers are "buy one, get one of equal (or lesser) value free." Other restrictions include: may not be used with any other coupons or offers; not valid on certain holidays; maximum of three coupons per table; and coupon needs to be presented when ordering your meal. There are some solo offers. Information on these conditions is printed on the inside back cover of the book. Be sure to read and observe them, to prevent embarrassing situations. Most of the offers are valid through December 31, 2005.

Other types of offers include movie theater tickets, rental car offers, video rentals, car wash coupons, sporting events and various family outings. The price of the book is \$25.00. When you purchase one, you get a second book free. This makes the net cost per book \$12.50. All you need to do is use coupons in the book twice and it has paid for itself.

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ATTENTION: Masonic Cooks (Wives or Widows or Brothers)

By Skip Waterstreet

Do you have a favorite recipe? Are you willing to share it with other culinary experts?

Joan Bower, wife of R.: W.: Ronald Bower, Chairman of the State Publications Committee and Managing Editor of the *The Empire State Mason*, is looking for your input. For several years, Joan has submitted recipes for publication in each issue under the "Masonic Kitchen" heading. Her supply is nearly exhausted, and she is appealing for help from the membership.

If you have something you would like to have published, or at least wouldn't mind if the recipe were printed, you may send it (or them) directly to her at 37 Oliver Street, Lockport, NY 14094-4615. You may also transmit them via email at: ronnbower@aol.com. We, at the Masonic Service Bureau,

will be happy to forward any recipes sent to us, as well.

Brothers who are gourmet cooks or chefs may do the same. (If you are like me, you start the grill, throw on the steak, turn it over and, when it looks good, you eat it! Yes, I can boil water!!) Joan would appreciate any and all efforts to boost her library of recipes.

So, take a minute and peruse your stack of favorites, which you think others might enjoy trying, and send one or several to Joan. We thank you for your support of this endeavor.

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2005

What's your Masonic New Year's Resolution?

As we begin 2005, please take a few minutes to reflect on how YOUR active participation in MASONIC outreach activities can have a real impact this year.

Masonic charity really begins at home. When was the last time you visited an older or infirm Brother who could not attend Lodge regularly or called a Brother to offer him a ride to Lodge meetings? Have you taken a moment to call or visit one of our Masonic Widows? They would enjoy a visit, to learn what is going on in our Lodges. While the MASONIC TIMES provides a great fountain of news and information for our Brothers and widows, a real visit in person or on the phone would be a special "gift of time" only you can give.

During February's cold and snow, the HAVE-A-HEART CAMPAIGN provides Masons with an opportunity to participate in a highly visible community service project. The hours spent in the malls raising money helps show our neighbors that Masons are an active part of this community. Your participation would not only benefit our craft's charitable efforts, but would give you a chance to work with fellow Masons and have some fun along the way.

Finally, have you written your check for our MASONIC BROTHERHOOD FUND?? This important program has an impact far beyond Monroe County. It benefits Masonic charitable activities from youth to veterans programs, along with our Masonic Home and Medical Research Lab. Please take a few minutes to open your heart and your checkbook and mail a contribution to your Lodge Brotherhood Fund Chairman today.

Too often, we think of Masonic Charity only in terms of dollars and cents. Without question, the dollars are important and needed for many of our endeavors to succeed, but giving a few hours of your TIME is of great value too. My sincere wish for you during 2005 is that you take the time to enjoy the fellowship and fun of participating in our great Masonic fraternity. Happy New Year.

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Taxes! Taxes! Taxes!

By Tom Michielsen

"Taxes are what we pay for a civilized society." Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes

Why file?

Most citizens voluntarily file their income tax returns and pay taxes. When asked why, they often respond that they have a responsibility to pay their fair share. Others file to receive a refund, claim a refundable credit or simply avoid any issue with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). There are actually several other good reasons to file tax returns.

Filing tax returns and paying the correct amount of tax is good citizenship. Conscientiously discharging this duty contributes to our nation's well being and provides peace of mind. Failing to file returns can jeopardize a family's financial security and future.

There are numerous practical reasons to file tax returns. Whether buying a home or financing a business, copies of filed returns must be submitted to the lending institution. Important programs like fed-

eral aid to higher education also require applicants to submit copies of tax returns to qualify for loans. And the filing of tax returns has a tremendous impact on the future. Social Security retirement and disability benefits as well as Medicare are all computed based on a person's lifetime earnings reported to the IRS and the Social Security Administration. State benefits such as unemployment compensation and industrial insurance are also based on reported income.

Why do otherwise law-abiding, conscientious citizens suddenly stop filing federal income tax returns? IRS research has shown taxpayers first fail to file a return in a year when circumstances change. For either emotional or financial reasons (or a combination of both), they are unable to prepare and file a return. The reason might even be procrastination, but whatever the reason, failure to take corrective action only compounds the problem.

When the next year's return is due, the taxpayer faces a dilemma. Will filing call attention to them? What about the forms needed to prepare the earlier return? What about the

financial burden of paying taxes due in previous years? What if they have lost some of the records needed to prepare the earlier return? There is also the stress of worrying about being discovered by the IRS.

The IRS continues to improve its database of income transactions and increase its ability to identify people who have a filing requirement but have failed to file a return. Eventually, contact will be made and the correct tax liability computed. By this time, however, the original tax bill will be multiplied many times by the addition of interest and penalties. The IRS also has a wide range of civil and criminal sanctions available that can be imposed on persons who fail to file returns. From any perspective, the consequences of failing to file returns are just not worth it!

Substitute for Return Program

The law allows the IRS to file a substitute return for people who do not voluntarily file. A series of letters is first sent explaining the possible action and the recourse available. If no return or other indication of disagreement such as a re-

quest to exercise appeal rights is received, the IRS proceeds with filing a basic return that does not include any additional exemptions or expenses a person may be entitled to. If the IRS has already filed a substitute return, it is still recommended the person file their own return to claim any additional items. The individual's account will generally be adjusted to reflect the correct figures.

Statutes of Limitation

Another reason to file is because the clock is running on any refunds due. In cases where a return was not filed, the law provides most taxpayers with a three-year window of opportunity for claiming a refund. If no return is filed to claim the refund within the three years, the money becomes the property of the U.S. Treasury. After the expiration of the refund statute, not only does the law prevent the issuance of a refund check, it also prevents the application of any credits, including overpayments of estimated or withholding taxes, to other tax years that are underpaid.

On the other hand, the statute of limitations for IRS to assess and collect any out-

standing balances does not start until a return has been filed. In other words, there is no statute of limitations for assessing and collecting the tax if no return has been filed.

What can you do?

So, what should a person do who has one or more unfiled federal tax returns? They should immediately contact a tax professional or the IRS and get the delinquent returns filed. Failure to take prompt corrective action only compounds the problem!

For people with multiple unfiled returns, IRS practice is generally to limit investigations and examinations to the last six years. Anyone unable to fully pay their liabilities immediately should not let that prevent them from filing as payment options may be available. For more details, ask your tax professional or an IRS representative.

Taxpayer due dates

January 15 - December Payroll Taxes

January 15 - Fourth Quarter IRS Estimated Tax

January 31 - W2's and 1099's mailed to recipient

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

Your Legal Rights FYI



By Bro. Phillip Hurwitz, Esq.

Greetings, Brothers. I hope your holidays were joyful and festive. Chances are many of you got that really awesome toy for that special child or grandchild.

Recently, my own son was dropping hints like manhole covers (you could hear them land!). His friends were avid paint-ball players. Naturally, he wanted a paint-ball gun of his own. Having played paint-ball myself, I was inclined to do so, but first had to satisfy myself that he knew and appreciated the risks involved. Having done that, I purchased a paint-ball gun. My son was a happy camper, and enjoyed the Summer being a commando with his friends.

What I failed to do was to verify whether it is legal for a 12-year old to possess a paint-ball gun. At first, it never crossed my radar screen - kids play paint-ball - what's the problem?

The problem is - it is illegal for anyone under 16 to possess a paint-ball gun, and for that matter, any gun that uses air as a propelling force (e.g., BB gun). A conviction for possession of a paint-ball gun could result in your child or grandchild being branded a juvenile delinquent. Juvenile delinquency isn't technically considered a crime - so what! What parent or grandparent would want their child or grandchild to be put through the trauma of Family Court. Despite what you may have seen on TV (Judging Amy), Family Court is anything but a rewarding experience.

Suffice it to say, the paint-ball gun I bought for my son is now for sale.

This experience got me to thinking of ways in which our children can get us parents into trouble. Let's say I al-

lowed my son to continue playing with his paint-ball gun. One afternoon, he shoots at his buddy - misses, and hits his friend's sister in the eye instead. Sister may have sustained a permanent eye injury, which may impair her vision.

Can I be held liable for my son's mistake? Yes! I think that we can all agree that a paint-ball gun is a dangerous instrument. Allowing a child to use it creates an unreasonable risk of injury to others. Children, no matter how mature they may seem for their age, are just that - children. Due to their age, they have not had the opportunity to experience life enough to form sound judgment on a consistent basis.

Lately, I have seen these little pocket bikes for sale. They are basically miniature motorcycles (or for those of you born before 1967, we called them mini-bikes). Let's say you give your 13-year old one of these miniature motorcycles. He now thinks he is so

"way cool." He offers rides to friends. One afternoon, he misjudges a turn and winds up dumping the bike, himself and his friend on the ground. His friend suffers a broken leg, and will require physical therapy once the bone heals. Can you be held liable for this accident? Yes! A motorized bike in the hands of a 13-year old (look at the way he rides his usual bike!) creates an unreasonable risk of injury to others.

You have a grandchild who is emotionally disturbed - he is prone to violent outbursts when he can't get his own way, and you know this. Your thinking that golf may relax him, so, you buy him a set of golf clubs. To your horror, you learn that Johnny worked over his friend with a 9-iron when Johnny couldn't have his own way. No way, I hear you say! They are golf clubs. You can't cut a steak or drive a nail with a golf club. True. A golf club isn't necessarily a dangerous instrument, but may become

one if it is likely to be put to a dangerous use by someone with a violent temper. In this example, it was known that Johnny has a temper, which manifests itself in violent outbursts. It's not a stretch, then, to foresee that Johnny would misuse this club in a violent way. In this example, the parent could be held liable.

Does all this mean you have to watch your child or grandchild like a hawk? No, of course not. The law does not impose liability for failing to supervise a child. Liability comes about

when a parent's conduct creates a particularized danger to others which is plainly foreseeable.

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It is time again to think of Grand Chapter in Albany. This year the Annual Convocation will be Friday, March 4th and Saturday, March 5th, at the Holiday Inn Turf on Wolf Road, 205 Wolf Rd, Albany, 12205. For those planning on attending, PLEASE read the following reservation requirements.

Reservations for rooms, luncheons and banquet, are due to me no later than January 18th (I have deadlines too!) as follows:

Men's or ladies' Friday Luncheon - \$18.00, Friday Banquet - \$35.00.

Room type desired: king, queen, smoking, non-smoking, or twin doubles, along with the number of days required - \$99 plus tax per night. Reservations for the hotel require cash deposit, or check made payable to the Holiday Inn Turf, or a credit card with expiration date.

I urge you to make your reservations with me as soon as possible so that the room you desire is available.

Future District happenings

Again this year, the 24th Capitular District is hosting the Order of High Priesthood on Saturday, February 12th, at 2:30 p.m. in the Palmyra Masonic Temple, 161 East Main Street. In addition to the Order of High Priesthood, there will be a training session at 10:00 a.m., with a lunch at noon.

The Grand Lecturer will be visiting our District on April 4th, to conduct a Convention. The Chapter selected is Palmyra Eagle in the Palmyra Masonic Temple. Items to be covered, in addition to the regular Opening and Closing, will be the Most Excellent Master Degree, to include only the Second Section, concerned with Completion and Dedication of the Temple.

Palmyra/Eagle Chapter No. 79

1st Monday, 7:30 p.m.



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Palmyra Masonic Temple
161 East Main Street, Palmyra 14522

As we go into the New Year, all our elected Officers are in place. All that is left to do is to fill in the appointed Officers positions and we will be ready to go! Personally, I thank R. E. Cy White, R. Stuart Smith, Jr., for moving into the High Priest's position. I am sure, with his lead-

ership qualities and experience in all things Masonic, he will take Palmyra Eagle to new heights. Why not make a great night of it and come out to the Palmyra Temple to show support for your new Officers and to your Chapter?

The next stated Convocation will be held Monday, January 3, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. in the Palmyra Masonic Temple, 161 East Main Street, Palmyra. The order of business for the evening will be the Installation of Officers. The installing Officer will be yours truly, R. E. Cy White, DDGHP for the 24th Capitular District.

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

Hiram Chapter No. 62



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

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The arctic winds are blowing, snow is in the air and Winter is definitely here. Mother Nature is definitely testing our resolve and the cold and flu season is running rampant everywhere. I hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas, that everyone enjoyed the holiday season, and that everyone has a prosperous New Year.

The New Year brings a new line of Officers to Hiram Chapter and with that in mind, let me take a moment now to wish our new High Priest, Joseph Oelgoetz III, a prosperous year. I hope all of you can come to our next meeting on January 13th for Joe's, and his Officers', Installation and be there to show him your support. Joe has dutifully done his work in the quarries and has earned his seat in the East.

Since my last article we've had three meeting nights, but only two meetings because of the Thanksgiving holiday. November 11th started out with a wonderful Roast Pork Dinner, put on by Joy Woodley, and finished with Glenn Schaffer receiving the Royal Arch Degree. When you see him, give our newest Companion a warm welcome. Many thanks go out to our Secretary, R. I. Charles Roberts, for organizing and putting on a wonderful Degree.

November 25th was Thanksgiving, and in observance of the holiday, no meeting was held. I hope everyone enjoyed the spirit and warmth of getting together with family.

Our next meeting was December 9th and the night of our Annual Summoned Meeting for the Election of Officers and End of the Year Reports. I'm happy to report that our investments went well and that we were fiscally sound for the

year. My only sad note is that we had a net loss in membership due to a few Companions joining the Great Architect.

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

January events

13th - Installation. Officers in tuxedos.

27th - Business meeting. The year in review.

Excelsior Chapter No. 164



2nd Monday
7:30 p.m.
except
Jan, Feb, Mar

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Companions, one and all, sorry about the long absence of our articles in this paper. First, I was not ready and able to write after my open-heart surgery and, when I was ready, my computer was ill. Let's pray both of us are working now. This is being written on the last day of November, for the January issue, hence what happens in December is in the future to the writer. Election and Installation of the 2005 Officers should be done for us; and we should be dark until April 11, 2005. This date is our next Convocation or stated meeting. See you around the altar.

King David Chapter No. 34, RAM, in Port Byron, is also reported to be dark until April. Salem Town Chapter No. 173, RAM, in Seneca Falls, will be open all Winter, as will Geneva Chapter No. 36, RAM.

Grand Chapter

Plan now to attend the Grand Chapter RAM Annual Convocation at the Wolf Road Holiday Inn, Albany, on Friday, March 4, 2005. Meal tickets and reservations are to be made through the DDGHP.

Order of the High Priesthood

This event will be held in the Masonic Temple in Palmyra, 2:30 p.m., February 5, 2005. All first-time High Priests MUST receive this to sit in the chair. The Order will also be conferred on February 5th in New York City and March 4th in Albany.

Now, give your attention to our Chaplain as he prays for good health for all our Companions and their families. God bless you.

Maine Humor

On the top step of the country store sat an old gaffer, and stretched out at his feet was a very large police dog. A fellow started up the step, paused and inquired, "your dog bite?"

"Nope," came the reply. The fellow started up, and the dog growled and went for him. With no harm done, the fellow said, "Thought you said that your dog don't bite!"

"He don't," came the reply, "but that ain't my dog."

Doric Council No. 19 Cryptic Masons

(Chartered 1861)
3rd Wednesday



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The arctic winds are blowing, snow is in the air and Winter is definitely here. Mother Nature is definitely testing our resolve and the cold and flu season is running rampant everywhere. I hope all of you had a wonderful Christmas, that everyone enjoyed the holiday season, and that everyone has a prosperous New Year. 2005 is now here and the Council year is half over.

Since my article last month, we held our annual Table Council on November 17th. Those who made it enjoyed a wonderful meal prepared by Joy Woodley and a delightful array of wine provided by yours truly. It was also wonderful to have three Grand Council Officers present with us that evening. With us that night were: R.: I.: Charles Roberts, Deputy Grand Master; R.: I.: John Dudley, District Deputy Grand Master; and R.: I.: Arnold Palmer, our newly elevated Grand Standard Bearer. Others present were: M.: I.: Raymond Beardsley; M.: I.: E. William Whittaker; R.: I.: Donald Wright, V.: I.: Ruel Lovett, and Companions John Gallant, Joe Oelgoetz, Garry Hutcherson, James McConnell and Pedro Ugalde.

Half way through the proceedings, we took a few quick minutes to take care of any business matters that needed to be discussed. The only thing of note that was not a budgeted or a normal monthly or quarterly matter, was the need to raise the annual dues to \$50 a year to comply with the edict from Grand Council, which raised the annual Grand Council per Member Assessment.

After taking care of business in due form, we continued our evening with a wonderful array of discussions put on by a few of the members. The three of significance and the three that stick out in my mind were:

1. The talk our Treasurer, R.: I.: Charles Roberts, did on Hiram King of Tyre.
2. The one brought up by M.: I.: Raymond Beardsley, dealing with the Historical Leaders of the Craft.
3. The one discussed by R.: I.: Donald Wright, dealing with our Ancient Masters.

My hope was that this would ignite a spark or interest in any of the members for future discussions or an interest in future Masonic Education Nights. Companions, isn't this why we are all here, the search and/or journey for more understanding, insight, truth, and knowledge?

Upcoming events

January 19th - Assistant Grand Lecturer's Visit.

TBA - possible reschedule of Royal Master Degree. If so, dinner at 6:30 p.m.

February 16th - Ladies Night. Dinner at 7:00 p.m. Local restaurant, TBA.

Palmyra Council No. 26

Cryptic Masons
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Companions, best wishes for a happy and prosperous 2005!

Our December assembly was a fruitful one. We began by reviewing our roster of members and discussed their proximity to our location, health and participation. We really have 11 members whom we can expect to attend meetings, so we need to make sure all are contacted prior to our monthly meetings. It is easy to forget to look at the calendar on the first of the month to see that it's our meeting night.

We decided to send holiday cards to our Companions whom we had not seen for awhile. The cards were signed and addressed while we had refreshments.

After the Treasurer's Report, we talked about our annual costs and decided that we could empower the Treasurer to transfer money from our checking account to our savings investment, as he tries to improve our return since our present Certificate of Deposit reaches maturity in December. We also decided to pay our entire annual rent in January, as the Temple Association's funds are low at this time.

Our Cryptic Charities were discussed. If donations average five dollars per member, special recognition is given to the Council at the Grand Assembly. The Recorder graciously accepted donations at this meeting.

Our last piece of business was to read and discuss the Grand Council Program for membership growth. It is to be presented at Royal Arch Chapter meetings by four Select Masters of the Council. The program was well received by our members and it was agreed to present it to the three Chapters in Wayne County.

Our January assembly will be on Thursday, January 6th, at the Palmyra Masonic Temple at 8 p.m. We look forward to seeing you again.

Cyrene-Monroe Commandery No. 12

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By Don Brugger

I wish you belated Season's Greetings from the Officers of your Commandery. Where do I begin? It has been some time since you have heard from Cyrene/Monroe in the *Masonic Times*, and much has transpired in the interim. I hope that this note finds all Fraters well and happy after the Holidays. Since it would take a lot of space to bring you up to date in detail, I will try to keep it brief.

Old News

At Grand Commandery, in September, Zones 1, 2, 3, and 5 remained the same. Zones 4 and 13 were eliminated, so Poughkeepsie No. 43, Rondout No. 52, and Cyprus No. 67 became a part of the existing Zone 3; Zone 6 is Norwich No. 46, Courtland No. 50 and Otsego No. 76; Massena No. 72 is Zone 7; there was no Zone 8; Zone 9 is now Utica No. 3, Watertown No. 11, and Rome No. 45; Zone 10 is Binghamton No. 19, Malta No. 21, and St. Augustine No. 38; DeMolay No. 22 went to Zone

11, so Zone 11 now consists of Cyrene/Monroe No. 12, DeMolay No. 22 and Sagoyewatha No. 17. Zone 12 was expanded to include former Zone 13 Commanderies, St. John's No. 24 and Jamestown No. 61, which I believed consolidated with Dunkirk No. 40.

Because of these changes, distribution of the Red Book was delayed and finally was completed in the month of November, but of course not without errors. SK William C. Jones, KTCH, was re-appointed Zone Commander for Zone 11. Deputy Zone Commanders re-appointed for Zone 11 were SK R. Stuart Smith of Sagoyewatha, first-time appointment, SK Steven Allen of DeMolay No. 22 and yours truly for Cyrene/Monroe. Our Zone Advisor is our own SK David Lathers, Grand Senior Warden.

A Regional Seminar of Grand Commandery, under the leadership of SK Louis J. Wunsch, Jr., Grand Generalissimo, was held on November 6th at Hesperus Lodge in Bergen. Topics of discussion were on the future direction of Templary, our own Grand Commandery, the Conferral of the Orders and you guessed it—membership.

The Zone 11 Pilgrimage for the conferring of the Orders of Templary was held at DeMolay Commandery No. 22 in Hornell, in November. Cyrene/Monroe conferred the Order of Malta, in full form and very well, I might add. Right Eminent Grand Commander, SK George Knorr was present and was quite pleased with the Ritual work for the Or-

ders. He complemented all present for the fine work and great pilgrimage.

At this writing, our December 20th Christmas observance has not yet occurred. Hopefully, it will be well attended. The Christmas Observance for DeMolay No. 22 was to be held on December 17th, and Sagoyewatha on December 18th. I'm sure this is all very illuminating and unnecessary, but, now you know what's been happening.

Inspections and future events

There will be a Zone 11 Council Officers' meeting on January 30th, 3:00 p.m., Northfield Lodge, Pittsford. All Zone 11 Council Officers are strongly encouraged to attend. That means for Cyrene/Monroe, the Council Officers, Senior and Junior Wardens and Past Commanders. I hope to see many of you there. These meetings are always enlightening, to say the least. We learn what is happening in the Zone and throughout the State and Grand Encampment.

The Inspections for Zone 11 are as follows: Sagoyewatha - March 19th, 10 a.m.; Cyrene/Monroe - April 18th, 7:30 p.m., and DeMolay - May 5th, 7:30 p.m. The requirements for the Inspections are Full Form Opening, Inspection and 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. All of you who are not regular attendees are encouraged to make every effort to come out

Summons

By order of the Eminent Commander,
SK and Rev. Charles M. Roberts,
you are hereby ordered to attend the
Annual Conclave
Cyrene/Monroe Commandery No. 12, KT
Monday, January 17, 2004 7:30 p.m.
Northfield Masonic Temple
Pittsford, New York

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 every 3rd Monday up to the Inspection night and on as many other days as are necessary for practice. Please call the Recorder, Larry Dunn, or Commander, Charles Roberts, for the latest information. We would appreciate all the help we can get.

The School of Instruction originally scheduled for October at Cyrene/Monroe, but canceled due to the untimely death of the wife of our Grand Captain General, SK Michael Lampadarios, has been rescheduled for Saturday, January 15th at Sagoyewatha, 9:00 a.m.; breakfast, if you wish, at the Blue Ribbon Restaurant.

Membership

No organization can survive without active members. You know! Those who show up and participate. The usual turnout at regular meetings is usually

just enough to open. This situation is not conducive to a happy Commandery. We encourage all those who have gotten out of the habit of attending, 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 coming, come in fatigue uniform, dark suit or whatever. What parts of the uniform do you need? We possibly can supply it; come out to see. We will be glad to see you.

As a New Year unfolds before us all, we pray for peace in our world, our own hearts and for a very prosperous and healthy New Year for each of our Fraters and for our Commandery. Why not make this prayer come true, by renewing your participation in it. ✕

ACACIA HOME CARE



William J. Luley

The Masonic Care Community announces the acquisition of the licenses of a Certified and Licensed Home Care Agency, Acacia Home Care. The Acacia Home Care Agency is certified to provide services in Oneida County.

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In addition to the Certified Home Care Agency, the Masonic Care Community also

has acquired the license of a Licensed Home Care Agency. Through the Licensed Home Care Agency, services can be provided to individuals such as assistance with activities of daily living, light household duties and companionship for social and emotional support. The Acacia Licensed Home Care Agency is licensed to provide services in Oneida, Herkimer, and Madison Counties.

The ability to provide both Certified and Licensed Home Care services allows the Masonic Care Community to respond to the needs of individuals in the community. Clients have access to agency personnel 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Executive Director, William J. Luley stated, "Acacia Home Care is another level in our continuum of care approach that helps clients minimize the effects of a disability or illness and maintain their independence. We are very excited to be able to offer the same level of quality care we provide our residents to individuals living throughout the surrounding communities.

For information on the Masonic Care Community, please visit:

www.MasonicCommunityNY.org or call (315) 798-4800. For information on Acacia Home Care call (315) 266-0612. ✕

SPEAKERS BUREAU

By Larry Canfield

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

Research, which we have conducted has shown that little is known about the Hospitals and the services they provide. We have found that groups and organizations, when contacted, are not familiar with the Hospitals. Our goal is to speak to Masonic and non-Masonic groups and organizations to inform them of the capabilities of these facilities. We feel this direct contact will further enhance our public relations effort.

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

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Rite Events Calendar

(when, where, what) see article for details

Thursday, January 20th 7:30 p.m.
Damascus Shrine Center

Open presentation
Ronald McDonald House
32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children
Children's Matinee
Casual dinner included - NO charge

14th Degree

On December 16th, it was a pleasure to witness the last ineffable Degree of the Lodge of Perfection - Grand Elect Mason. It was refreshing to view the friendship of all the participants, candidates, and Sublime Princes as the cast and crew worked together to portray the continued journey; to understand the teachings of the Great Architect of the Universe. Supplied with the various essentials found in Solomon's Temple, the audience found the element of honor portrayed in a Lodge room, where instruction takes place with respect and dignity. Continue to watch for upcoming events, as the Directors and Degree Club portray the instructional Degrees of the Council, Chapter and Consistory.

Children's Matinee and Toys for Tots

It was unfortunate that the Valley had to cancel this event. It was not cancelled due to the lack of planning, preparation or participation. It was due to the lack of advance sign-ups of reservations. Thanks to all who planned and rehearsed. Since December is a busy time of the year, the Valley Officers will look at a joint Christmas function for next Winter.

Those children who worked so hard to learn their parts, will have the opportunity to present their matinee, the evening of our January 20th program.

Passing of Father Time, and the birth of 2005

While a New Year is upon us we must not, and cannot, forget those who have left an image in our heart. While many believe it is a "holiday" tradition to remember those who are in need of our aid, or our sympathy, we must not forget that the less fortunate experience their hardships throughout the year, and not just during the holiday season.

Let us look forward to the New Year. Let us remember those who have fought, and continue to fight for our freedom. Do not take this freedom lightly, or for granted.

Mark your calendars

January 20th will be an open program evening. Representatives from our local Ronald McDonald House and 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children will be presenting information on these worthwhile charities. Included in this evening will be a brief Children's Matinee, presented by the children of our Masonic family. This program is open to all Masons, spouses, children, grandchildren, relatives, friends and family.

DeMolay

Recently I attended an informational meeting held by Senior Members of DeMolay, for the purpose of re-organizing a Chapter in the Monroe County area. Did you know that DeMolay International is the largest fraternal organization of young men in the world. The age group concentrates on those from 12 to 21 years of age. Many of our very own Masonic Fraternity were members, and continue to support DeMolay. We learned a few are essential steps to successfully sponsor a DeMolay chapter:

- Commitment to the young men in the community
- Provide a place for the Chapter members to meet
- Maintain an Active Advisory Council

We, the Officers of the Valley and Damascus Shrine Masons, have been asked to investigate the possibility of sponsoring a successful DeMolay Chapter. DeMolay is sponsored by the Masons of the community. It is just another way we give back to remain active in the community. By sponsoring this group we teach leadership, morals, and good citizen character. Does this sound familiar? Get in on the ground floor. Interested? Can you give one hour, or more? Please call Gary Burke - 865-4940 or leave a message at the Valley Office 264-1160 (1-800-858-2320) to receive more information.

So Mote It Be. ✕

Sovereign Prince

By Norman Austin

Hopefully, each of you had an enjoyable holiday season, and now it is time to resume our labors. Sometime ago, I came across this introduction to the New Year, and although I have no author to cite, I felt it appropriate for this time of the year.

I am the New Year, I am unused. I am unspoiled, without blemish. I stretch before you three hundred and sixty-five days long. I will present each day in its turn, a new leaf in the Book of Life, for you to place upon it your imprint. It remains for you to make of me what you will; if you write with firm steady strokes, my pages will be a joy to look upon when the next New Year comes. If the pen falters, if uncertainty or doubt should mar the page, it will become a day to remember with pain. I am the New Year. Each hour of the three hundred and sixty-five days, I will give you sixty minutes that have never known the use

of man. White and pure, I present them; it remains for you to fill them with sixty jeweled seconds of love, hope, endeavor, patience and trust in God. I am the New Year. I am here—but once past, I can never be recalled. Make me your best.

It is unfortunate that the Family Life program consisting of the Children's Theatre and Toys For Tots, scheduled for Saturday, December 4th, had to be canceled due to a low number of potential attendees signing up. However, with a New Year upon us, we have several other events planned for the coming months. The first of these, will be the Ronald McDonald House and 32° Learning Center for Children's Programs, which will take place at the Damascus Shrine Center on Thursday, the 20th of this month. This will be an open meeting.

In addition, a number of Degrees will be presented this Spring. The 13th Degree, presented in November, and the 14th Degree, which was presented in December, both went extremely well. These will be followed by the 4th Degree in March, and the 13th, 14th, 15th, 18th, 28th, and 32nd Degrees in April. This schedule provides an excellent opportunity for any Brother who has contemplated becoming a member of the Scottish Rite to "get in on the ground floor." Almost every Master Mason who is invited or afforded an opportunity to petition for the Scottish Rite Degrees naturally raises the question in his mind, "Why should I take these Degrees of the Scottish Rite?"

This is a fair question, and one quite appropriate for him to ask, as it is of utmost importance that the prospective initiate have a clear and definite understanding of that for which the Scottish Rite stands and is endeavoring to accomplish. In brief, listed below are the objects and purposes of the Scottish Rite as I see them.

The Scottish Rite Degrees are a continuation and expansion of the three Blue Lodge Degrees, and they enable the initiate to grasp with greater significance, the real purpose and meaning of Masonry. They are an extension of the Masonic search for knowledge and truth and give one a better understanding and appreciation of the Blue Lodge.

The breadth and scope of Freemasonry down through the ages are so extensive that few men have the time or opportunity to investigate, analyze and understand its symbolism. Herein lies largely the

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value of the Scottish Rite to the ordinary busy Mason. In the Scottish Rite, that investigation and analysis of hidden meanings have been done for him and the substance and thought made clear.

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Bruce D. Chilton



Santa chats with Serena Hall as brother, Kyle, waits his turn. Dottie and Ill. Bruce Chilton, Potentate, are their grandparents.

The end of the year is here and that ends my year serving as your Potentate. We have made a lot of changes and had a great time doing it. I will simply say "thank you" from both Dottie and me for all the support you gave us in 2004. I have stated all along, it was my intent that it would be your

year and not my year, and I sincerely hope you feel that it was your year. As I have in the past, I will continue to actively support the Blue Lodge and Damascus Shrine Temple.

Again, I wish to thank each and every one of you.

Ride safe and God Bless. ✽



Shrine clowns Windy and Jingles, who helped entertain children attending the All-Masonic Bodies Children's Christmas Party, ham it up for photos with Santa, Mrs. Claus and Kris, the World's Tallest Elf. (Staff photo)

Chief Rabban Robert Anderson

By Robert Anderson
As we finish this hectic holiday season, Alice and I thank you for the kind wishes that you extended to us. Also, I take this opportunity to thank you for your confidence in electing me your Potentate for 2005.

On behalf of myself and the nobility of Damascus Shriners, I thank our Ill. Potentate, Bruce Chilton, for such a successful 2004 for Damascus Shriners. He led us to a busy year of membership, fun and hospital fund raising.

Your Divan has planned for the continuation of this activity in our Shrine Temple. We begin this with the Public Installation of Officers on January 5th. Make an early reservation for you and your wife, as we are limited to 200 dinners. If you don't make the reservation, you may not have a spot at the table. Don't forget, a 2005 dues card will get you a discount on your reservation. You can give Nicole your charge card number and pay for your reservation when

you make it. That will save time when you check in on the fifth.

The rest of the year is equally active. We will have annual calendars available at the Installation; however, an overview includes the Hillbillies' East/West game extravaganza on January 15th.

In February, the Circus promoter will present a circus program to an open meeting.

The March meeting will include a preview of our October trip to the Canadian Rockies. Also in March, on the 19th, we will present Joey and Maria's 25th Wedding Anniversary.

April is our circus. May will include a Noble Bring-a-Brother Night, the Potentate's Ball and the 3rd Annual Duffers Tournament.

The Imperial Session in Baltimore is in July. August features the end of Summer Damascus Family Picnic. We will have a couples Wine Tasting Party at the September meeting. October features our train trip to the Canadian Rockies and the Wheeler's-sponsored Halloween Party.

Finally, on November 19th, we will have our Harvest Din-

ner, coupled with a Noble Bring-a-Brother Night, featuring the 2005-2006 Imperial Potentate, Gary Dunwoody. As you can see, we will be busy with many favorite events. Reservations are a must.

The Shrine was started as the playground of Masonry. To this, our first reason to exist, was added our great philanthropy, the Shriners' Hospitals for Children. We have a fun-filled year planned. Now, I challenge the Shriners of Damascus Temple to prove that we are committed to the Hospitals. This will be the Year of the Child in Damascus Temple. The ladies are already making tote bags and therapy balls for Springfield and Erie. We will present them to the Hospitals this Summer. I challenge all of us, as Nobles, to show that Damascus can raise money for the Hospitals. There are many fundraisers planned for this year, including the Golf Tournament; however, I challenge you to help me raise in excess of \$20,000 to present to Imperial Potentate Dunwoody when he arrives in November.

We are looking forward to a great year. Be a part of it. ✽

Shrine Lunch Club

President, Jan Lughart
352-4698

By Vance Collom
The Shrine Lunch Club will not meet during the months of January and February 2005. In past years, many of our Nobles went to Florida and the weather

was too bad for most of those still here to come to lunch. Any Noble who would still like to get out for Monday lunch, feel free to call a Noble and meet at a restaurant and enjoy a warm meal together. A few Nobles meet at the Green Lantern Inn in Fairport.

The first Lunch Club meeting will be March 7th, 2005, with Chief Chef Rene Van De Veire manning the kitchen.

The L.C. ended the year with a Christmas Party at the Shrine Center. Richard Henderson,

PP, gave the invocation and kept everyone laughing with a few stories and jokes. The food was catered by Mike Sheety. Each Lady received a poinsettia, and the entertainment by Denny and Her Escorts kept the place jumping.

The L.C. also donated \$1,000 to the Shrine Transportation Fund. Great Work, Nobles - everyone keep buying those raffle tickets.

Have a Happy New Year. See you March 7th, 2005 at the Lunch Club. ✽

good food and fun for all. This event is open to all Shrine members and their guests. The cost is \$15 per person.

For reservations, contact me at 732-0525, 638-7879 or email me at: rcurtis1@rochester.rr.com. ✽

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February 9th, 2005

10:30 a.m.

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A special message and thanks to all who helped make

a very good year, with lots of fun and friendship, for the Hillbilly Mountain William Clan No. 162.

We did not have a December meeting, due to a busy holiday month. We are looking forward to a new year with lots of events scheduled.

Next meeting

We will have our Hillbilly Fundraiser on Saturday, January 15th. We will watch the East/West Shrine Football Game at the Depot Restaurant, 1 west Main Street, Shortsville. There will be many raffles, including 50/50 raffles, lots of



Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

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**Jerry Spero
Monarch
334-7616**

January is the month we install our newest Monarch and this January is no exception. Our Public Installation of Officers will be held at the Damascus Shrine Center, 979 Bay Road, Webster, on Saturday, January 22, 2005, 7:30 p.m. Please check the ad in the *Masonic Times* for information regarding dinner reservations.

This is my last article as Monarch and I would like to use it to recognize some of the Lalla Rookh Grotto members. All of you should know and understand that for an organization to have a successful year, many people play a part in making it successful. First and most important, are the Past Monarchs of the Grotto. They have all traveled the same road before me and know the route I had to travel. The guidance and recommendations from many of them made my year a pleasure, rather than a pain. Certain Past Monarchs need to be singled out. Al Pulcino, III, not only helped me through the year, but he made several contributions to our Grotto. Repairs of several Grotto items were made, several brand new office chairs were donated, and many hours were spent in his capacity on various committees. Last, but not least, was Al's work with the Children's Christmas Party with Santa on December 11th. It was one of the best events we have had in quite a while!

Our Secretary, Kenneth Hutchinson, PM, has been a personal guide for me and has smoothed more than one bump in the road for me. He has been a great communicator. His Secretary's article kept all of us informed; his cartoons made us laugh and think. That's just a start. Ken has been the Historian for Lalla Rookh Grotto for awhile now, and his articles brought life to our history as Grotto members. Since he has become Grand Historian for the Grotto, he has put Lalla Rookh on the map and his articles are now in both the *Empire State Grotto Magazine* and in the national Grotto magazine. When Ken Hutchinson was called to the microphone at the National Convention in Memphis, Tennessee, and told everyone about LeRoy Fairchild and the work he accomplished in starting the Grotto, you could have heard a pin drop. Thank you, Ken, for everything you have done this year.

I don't have room in this article to list every Past Monarch, but I need to mention Dick Topel, Michael Bell, Ron

Morthorst and Ken Milner, for their help this year.

A Monarch is just the one in charge of the Grotto during the year. He has a number of Officers who perform many duties, as well. I had a great group of Officers. My Chief Justice was Kenneth Rhodes and he did a fine job with my Monarch's Ball and in stepping in when I was unable to be at a meeting. Norm Austin was the Master of Ceremonies and saw to it that we were properly fed and we all thank him for that. The Treasurer was Brian Bills. Brian not only took care of our finances, but found ways to save us money. Thank you, Brian, for that and for being my MC for the Monarch's Ball. I thank all my Officers for a job well done.

Two other Grotto members need to be singled out - Bill Fredenberg as head-man with our Color Guard and Greg Ludwig, who has helped out in so many ways. Bill and Greg, I tip my hat to you. I certainly thank my wife Doreen for all her help and understanding this year.

May Kenneth Rhodes and his Officers have a great and fun-filled year. Prophets, I'll be there to give you a hand along the way. x

Secretary's Column

By Kenneth Hutchinson, PM

The Annual Meetings, giving as they do, an opportunity to renew the old and form new ties, are a delight and pleasure.

This year, again, a feature of the meeting was that of remembering our departed Prophets of the years. We purchased an Enchanted Lantern in the names of our departed Prophets: Daniel W. Gaska, PM; Llewellyn K. Weekes; James Spencer and Frank Horton.

Sickness and distress

It was reported that Prophet Jay Riggs suffered a slight stroke.

As we are about to enter a new year, I extend to each and all the right hand of fellowship and bid you a healthy and prosperous New Year. x

Attend Grotto Meetings

Mon., January 3rd -
Board of Governors
Meeting, Shrine
Center, 7:00 p.m.
Sun., January 9th -
Caldron PMCO
Christmas Party
Old Country Buffet
Thurs., January 13th -
Caldron meeting
7:30 p.m. Unity Lodge
Thurs., January 20th -
Caldron Executive
Committee, home of
Annie Towle
Sat., January 22nd -
Grotto Installation
Shrine Center
7:30 p.m.

Enjoy the
Fellowship

Jerry Spero, Monarch

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On November 4th, I received an email from Margaret Bolton of Jefferson, Texas. She inquired about a collectable she purchased a year earlier: an ESGA Convention Pin from 1950.

The Pin's history is a most interesting one. The original owner was Prophet C. Adelmann, Grotto unknown, who attended the ESGA's 24th Annual Convention in Troy in September, 1950.

He must have had a great time, because he saved the Pin bearing his name, a souvenir of a Convention with wonderful memories. As time passed, the Prophet may have retired and relocated in Florida.

Adelmann's family saved the Convention Pin. Eventually it changed hands and became an item in a box of other non-descript items. The new owner was a man who bought and sold collectables/antiques. A year ago that man traveled to Jefferson, Texas.

It was there the Pin changed hands again when Margaret Bolton purchased the box of items from the Florida man and became interested in the history of the ESGA Convention Pin. A year later she checked with the Supreme Council, then emailed me.

After a few exchanges over the internet, she mailed the Pin back to New York State. It has been placed in our glass display case, with a description of the Convention Pin's 54-year odyssey around the country, finally finding its way back home. x

Chief Justice

By Kenneth Rhodes

Veterans Day

On November 11th, a service was held at the War Memorial. A wreath was placed by Kenneth Hutchinson, PM, and Prophet Brian Bills, to honor our veterans who had passed away during 2003-04. Thank you to all the Prophets who took the time for this Ceremony.

November 18th was our dinner meeting. This was our Ladies Night. Everyone enjoyed the Chicken Bar-B-Que, and we thank Mike Edleman for his service.

Six Prophets and their Ladies traveled to Bradford, PA, on November 20th for the Orak Monarch's Ball. A very good dinner, lots of fellowship and plenty of door prizes. A good time was had by all. x



Caldron News

By Susan Wilson, MCO

With this writing, I'm sending you all many wishes for a very healthy and prosperous New Year!

At a recent meeting, we discussed the possibility of changing our meetings to daytime, possibly on Saturdays. This would enable many of our members to drive in the daylight and our working members could still attend. If you have any questions, comments or suggestions on this idea, please feel free to contact me at 436-0064.

I also announced that we will hold our Smorgasbord on Saturday, April 16th at Unity Lodge. There will be much more discussion and plan making in the coming months, but at least for now we have the date set.

Upcoming dates

Sunday, January 9th -
PMCOs Christmas Party at the Old Country Buffet, Culver-Ridge Plaza at 2:00 p.m. All members and their spouses are welcome. Please bring a \$5.00 gift to exchange.

Thursday, January 13th -
Caldron meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 20th -
Executive Committee at Annie Towle's home.

Saturday, January 22nd -
Grotto Installation.

Get well wishes and prayers go out to Prophets Jay Riggs and Bob Bueg and their families. Jay had a slight stroke and is in Rochester General Hospital. Bob has an aneurism on his aorta. Hopefully, by the time this is read, you both will be fine and back home, on the road to recovery.

Happy birthday!

Many happy, healthy birthday greetings this month go to: Audrey Curtis, January 3rd; Rose Hartung, January 16th; and especially to Dorothy Bartlett, who turns 100 years young on January 23rd. There will be a party for her at the Heritage on that day and many of us plan to attend. All those who would like to join us, please give me a call ASAP, so that I can give them a count.

Until next issue: peace, health, joy and fraternal love. x



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Lalla Rookh Grotto Members were bell ringers in the Salvation Army's 2004 Red Kettle Campaign. The Prophets manned the kettle at The Mall at Greece Ridge Center on December 2nd.

Below, Logan Sutton waits patiently for his turn to speak to Santa, as his sister, Ireland, goes over her Christmas List. Kris readies treat.



In the photo above, Shrine Clowns Jingles (left) and Windy help Lalla Rookh Grotto Monarch, Jerry Spero, spruce up for the Children's Christmas Party with a haircut. Below, Santa leads some of the children in a Christmas Carol sing-a-long. Assisting with this activity were Mrs. Claus and Kris, the World's Tallest Elf, holding Santa's song book. Children attending received candy, an apple, a stuffed animal, a coloring book and a gift after their visit with Jolly Old St. Nick.

(Photos courtesy of Kenneth Hutchinson)

Grotto December Activities

Lalla Rookh Grotto, along with Damascus Shrine, sponsored the All-Masonic Bodies Children's Christmas Party on December 4th at the Shrine Center. On the facing page, a youngster takes a turn at breaking the Christmas candy Piñata, which was the final activity of the event.

At right, you're never too old to talk to Santa. Mrs. Claus stands at left and Kris, the World's Tallest Elf, stands behind chair ready to assist.



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By Clayton Ruggles
 We have recovered the Traveling Gavel. Thirty-three poinsettias were delivered to our Masonic widows. Just seeing how delighted they are, upon our arrival, makes one realize how the widows look forward to this event each year. This is a wonderful program.

Good news
 The Lodge now has a chairlift ascending to the Lodge room, which makes us handicapped accessible. You are welcome try it out when you attend a Lodge meeting, or just visit the building. Fayette Lodge offered the chairlift. Thanks to R.:W.: Bob Ruggles for bringing it to the attention of the Lodge. Brothers Ron Galens, Bob Ruggles, and myself installed it on a Saturday. It was a fun experience. Bob's stories and jokes were enjoyed. We all laughed when Ron lost a screw down in the machine. He was shocked, but recovered.

You'd think he lost a silver dollar or something.

Condolences

A Masonic Memorial Service was held on December 4th at the United Church of Phelps for Brother John Parmelee, who passed away November 13th.

Degree work

A 3rd Degree was performed at Garoga/Sincerity Lodge on December 7th, for three candidates from Dundee Lodge. W.: Jack Bishop of Dundee Lodge congratulated their candidates on becoming Master Masons and charged them, on handing each a petition for membership, to bring in a new member. Over 45 representatives from six Lodges were in attendance. A Chicken and Biscuit Dinner was made and served by Sisters from Royal-Garoga Chapter. We thank the Worthy Matron, Marcia Scherbyn, and all the volunteers who took time to do this for our group.

R.:W.: Eldon White, DDGM, recognized that the attendance of the six Lodges was a good showing and is what he likes to see. He stated the Degree went very well and all the participants did a fine job. All seats in the Lodge were filled.

On January 4th, 2005, we plan to have a Lodge Walk-About. This is a learning experience for new, as well as other, members. It enlightens us on the Officers' duties and the roles they have. It also explains the symbolic signs and some rules of etiquette.

Some have asked when we will be having a Game Night again. The next one will be on January 14th at 6:30 p.m. See you there.

January birthdays

Happy Birthday to: John Walti (7th); Tim Piper (17th); Elliot Schocken (15th); Lowell Falkey (18th); Dave Smith (21st); Bruce Andrews (22nd); Fred Gifford (25th); Tom Hudson (26th); Steve LeRoy (26th); Scott Upchurch (31st).

Masonic Anniversaries

Congratulations to these Brothers raised in January:
 William Amber 1/25/75
 Ken Overslaugh 1/21/75
 Robert B. Taylor III 1/17/96
 William Sergeant 1/13/97
 Carl Carlson, Greg Dell, Ira Warren, Rodney Wolfe 1/16/01
 Todd Ruggles 1/9/02
 My wife and I extend wishes for a Happy New Year to all. "

Rochester Forest No. 133

Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America
 4th Wednesday - 7:30 p.m.
 Penfield, New York 14526



Angelo DiCataldo, GTC 738-9709
 Donald C. Bell, Scribe 334-7768

By Don Brugger
 With this message comes the hope that all had a happy and prosperous Holiday Season. Our Annual Holiday Party, at Valicia's, has not transpired at this writing. Consequently not much can be said about it except that reservations are coming in and it looks like we will have another enjoyable get together to renew acquaintances and enjoy the holiday season.

Elections

At our November meeting, the Nominating Committee proposed the slate of Officers as follows: Grand Tall Cedar,

Norm Austin; SDGTC, Don Wright; Scribe, Don Bell; and Treasurer, Paul Kober. This slate was unanimously elected. The position of Junior Deputy Grand Tall Cedar will remain unfilled until a suitable nominee can be found. These Officers, and hopefully a new JDGTC, will be installed at our January 26th meeting.

Thank you

We give a big, "Thank You," to the Lilac City Cedarettes for their contribution to the Muscular Dystrophy Fund this year and for all their support over the years. We luv ya!

Membership

We have, at this time, one petition for membership and one potential candidate waiting in the wings. We did not confer the Degrees at the November meeting as scheduled because the new candidate was not able to attend. The Degrees will possibly be conferred at our February or March meeting, depending on the availability of cast members. This is a good sign and may be a turning point for the Forest; at least we should be hopeful of this.

The excellent article, written by our JDGTC Don Wright, which appeared in the *Masonic Times*, November edition, is an excellent membership tool. If you want to promote Tall Cedarism and grow our Forest, you can have no better material at hand than Don's article. If Rochester Forest is to survive and continue funding research to find a cure for Muscular Dystrophy, we must remain a viable organization.

Our active membership is slowly dwindling, and the only way to fulfill our charitable objective and stay afloat is to increase our numbers. This makes it necessary for 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 any-

one, 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 than to obtain new members. Petitions are available from me at 458-6125 or the Scribe. This is your Forest. If you want it to survive, we need candidates

Dues

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, which is due by the end of February.

Sickness and distress

Don Freeman's condition remains about the same. Paul Kober is making more rapid progress in his recuperation. Charles Spiegel is recovering from a bout of cellulitis which affected his leg. He is now recovering, but still has some discomfort. We have just learned that Lou DiJames was taken to the hospital and was diagnosed with an acute staff infection. These Brothers would like to hear from you, please send a card or call. Let us keep these Woodsmen in our prayers. Please call me (458-6125), if you know of a Woodsman with any problems.

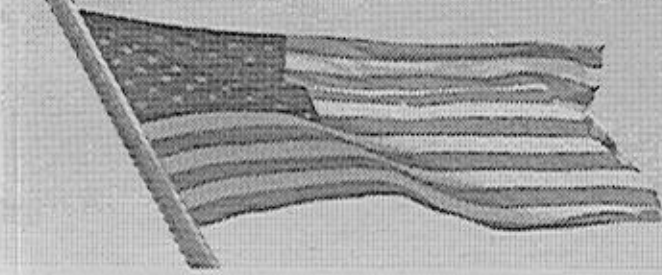
Listen up!

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 3 or 4 calls, once a month. Join our Calling Committee and get back in the mainstream. "

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Do you need a speaker for a Lodge Meeting, District Event or other special occasion?
R.:W.: James E. Sullivan
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Masonic Servicemen Reports



By R.:W.: Don Tubman
Brother Jason Scheerens, just before his US Army deployment to Iraq, was raised in Fairport Lodge with special dispensation from Grand Master, M.:W.: Edward Trosin. This was conferred by the Shrine Degree Team, led quite skillfully by W.: John Faro. I have posted in the *Masonic Times*, his earlier address where mail could be forwarded to him. Jason seeks more Masonic Light and Masonic related reading materials. He would probably appreciate a snail mail card from

each and every one of you. His access to email is very limited, but a short note of encouragement would be well received. I don't think any Brother should expect a reply from Jason, as things can be pretty busy in the bush or sands, but it would certainly make him feel like part of the Brotherhood, and that he is never alone. His mailing address is: SPC Scheerens, Jason D. E Troop 101 CAV 256 BCT APO AE 09326 His email address is: jason.scheerens@us.army.mil

By R.:W.: Herbert Spencer
Valley-Simes' elected Worshipful Master, Joseph Gingold, is now in Iraq. He is a Captain in the US Army Reserves and expects to be there at least eighteen months. Joe would like to hear from the Brothers, however, he may not be able to write back. Sending him words of cheer and letting him know we are thinking of him will, hopefully,

lift his spirits. His mailing address is as follows, and only requires a \$.37 stamp. Cpt. Gingold, Joseph 300 ASG/LSA ADDR CSC SCANIA/975th TC APO AE 09332 His email address is: Joseph.Gingold@us.army.mil Take a moment and send him a letter of cheer.

**In Memoriam
November**

VanGraafeiland, Ellsworth
Ellsworth was a member and Past Master of Seneca Lodge; Cyrene/Monroe Commandery, KT; Hiram Chapter, RAM; Rochester Consistory and Damascus Shrine. He served as Grand Sword Bearer for the 1st Monroe District in 1974-75. Ellsworth passed away November 20th.

Albright, Ronald P.
Ron died tragically in an accident on November 22nd. This fine gentleman was a member of Webster Lodge and Damascus Shrine, where he was an active member of the Wheelers. He leaves his fiancée, Karin Robinson, three children, and other family members.

Merritt, Roy L.
The Great Architect of the Universe called Roy Home on November 24th, at the age of 76 years. He was a member of Rochester Consistory and Damascus Shrine. Survivors include his wife, Mary, seven children and many grandchildren.

Bower, Doyle A.
Doyle was 82 years old when death claimed him on November 28th. He was a member of ERAC Lodge and Rochester Consistory. Survivors include his wife, Mary, two grandsons and three great-grandsons.

DeCarlo, Roosevelt (Rudy)
The loving arms of the Lord embraced Rudy on November 27th. He was a Past Master of Frank R. Lawrence Lodge (now Seneca Lodge), and a member of Clio Lodge. He leaves his wife, Adeline, four children, twelve grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. His son-in-law, Thomas Benson, is a member of Craftsman Robertson Lodge.

Pellett, Paul E.
December 6th was the date Paul met his Maker. A member of Webster Lodge, he is survived by his three sons, six grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Harris, Charles R.
Charles went to his eternal rest on December 1st at the age of 90 years. He was a member of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge and is survived by his wife, Mildred, two children, and four grandchildren.

Morrow, James D., Jr.
Death claimed James on November 24th. He was a Past Master of Oatka Lodge; member of Doric Council; Cyrene/Monroe Commandery, KT; and Hiram Chapter, RAM. He is survived by his wife, Rosa, three children, three stepchildren, eighteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

No specific information reported on the following:

O'Neal, Thomas E.
A member of Seneca Lodge and Rochester Consistory, word has reached us that Thomas passed away on April 11th.

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BIG CALENDAR of JANUARY 2005

Gem - Garnet
Flower - Carnation

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

HAPPY NEW YEAR							1 Daughters of the Nile, Zama Temple - Fairport
FROM BARB, DAVE, MAT, NORM AND SKIP							New Year's Day
2 Attica Lodge Pancake Breakfast 8:00 a.m. until Noon	3 Canandaigua - Shortsville West Star - Varysburg RAM - Palmyra/Eagle (I) OES - Irondequoit (I) KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford	4 Charlotte/Corinthian Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps Oakland - Castile OES - Fairport (I), Nolatka, Tri-Star - Palmyra (I), Webster	5 Attica Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy Damascus Shrine, Public Installation OES - Henrietta (I), Monroe	6 Constellation - Perry Eunice - Caledonia, 2" Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster RSM - Palmyra Council	7 Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m. \$6 adult; \$3 Child 30 Orchard Street	8 Road to the East, Eunice Lodge - Caledonia OSY District Child ID, Seneca Falls. Breakfast at Temple OES - Charlotte Chapter, Installation OES - Nolatka Chapter, Installation	
9 Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinner Weds. Jan 12th & 26th East Avenue, Hilton PMCO Party, Old Country Buffet - Irondequoit Eunice Lodge - Caledonia, By Laws Revision meeting	10 ERAC - Shrine Center Etollan - Spencerport Fairport/Flower City, Table Lodge, 1" Mt. Vernon - Java Village Union Star - Honeoye Falls Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield(OV) RAM - Excelsior - Shortsville	11 Arcade Batavia Fame - Irondequoit, 1" Seneca - Webster Valley-Simes RAM - Dansville, LeRoy OES - Leah - Hilton	12 Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike Masonic Service Bureau Monthly Luncheon Meeting OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville, Corinthian Fellowship (I)	13 Eagle Valley - Bliss Milnor - Victor Union - Lima (OV) RAM - Hiram (I) KT - Batavia Commandery Lalla Rookh Calderon	14	15 Road to the East, Eunice Lodge - Caledonia KT - Sagoyewatha - Phelps OES - Rochester Chapter (I), Unity Lodge - Spencerport Shrine Hillbilly Clan, East- West Shrine Game, Depot Restaurant - Shortsville	
16 Canandaigua - Shortsville West Star - Varysburg KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford OES - Irondequoit Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday celebrated	17	18 Charlotte/Corinthian Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson, 2" Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps Oakland - Castile OES - Nolatka, Tri-Star - Palmyra, Webster	19 Attica Ark - Geneva Drumlin Square - Palmyra, 3" Livonia RSM - Doric Council - Pittsford, AGL Visit	20 Constellation - Perry Eunice - Caledonia Hesperus - Bergen, 3" Northfield - Pittsford, 1" Webster, B-B-F Night Scottish Rite RAM - Western Star	21	22 Road to the East, Eunice Lodge - Caledonia Lalla Rookh Grotto, Public Installation	
23 LIV - Teresa House Fundraiser, State Street Station	24 ERAC - Shrine Center Etollan - Spencerport Mt. Vernon - Java Village Union Star - Honeoye Falls, 2" Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield Fairport/Flower City, 1" RSM - Nundawaga Council	25 Arcade Batavia Fame - Irondequoit Seneca - Webster, 1" RAM - Dansville, LeRoy, Wyoming OES - Leah - Hilton	26 Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike Tall Cedars of Lebanon OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville, Corinthian Fellowship	27 Eagle Valley - Bliss Milnor - Victor, 1" Union - Lima RAM - Hiram KT - Batavia Commandery James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post	28	29	
30	31 School of Ritual, Webster Lodge						