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Camp DeMolay Clean-up



Members of the Xerox Corporation Team, assigned to Camp DeMolay for the Day of Caring Project of the United Way of Greater Rochester, were (from left): Rex Meyers, John Barrett, Chuck Carr, Joel Durham, Jim Agnello, Rick Steinhilber, Tom Warren, Gene Updyke, Eric Smith, Todd Sweeney, Larry Small and Sarah Klejment. In front is Charles Waterstreet, Executive Director of the Masonic Service Bureau, which owns the Camp.

On a bright, cool April morning, twelve hardy Xerox Corporation employees tackled the leftovers of Mother Nature's Fall and Winter season's debris, clearing the drainage ditches on either side of Camp DeMolay's entrance driveway, the area near the storage building on the lower meadow and portions of the hillsides. Volunteering under the United Way of Greater Rochester's Day of Caring, they were part of a workforce of nearly 27,000 individuals who donated their time, talents and energy to not-for-profit organizations and people in need.

Under the direction of Camp Project Manager, R.: W.: Richard Snyder, several areas in need of cleaning and/or repair work received attention. Unity Lodge's Brother John Jamele corralled R.: E.: Karl-Heinz Reich and Brother Art Mc Michaels to join the crew to remove a damaged commode in the women's bathroom, which had frozen and cracked over the Winter months. It turns out that two were in need of repairs, and they plan to assist with the replacement when new units are procured.

Brothers Rene VanDeVeire and Skip Waterstreet spent some time sprucing up the men's bathroom. Previously, the kitchen area of Anderson Lodge had plumbing repairs, which was also the result of Winter damage.

Loading up his pickup truck, Brother Ron Weber brought the damaged items back to Rochester for disposal. He also transported the Camp DeMolay sign, which had been knocked down by an automobile in an accident last fall, to Rich's home where repairs could be completed.

Worthys Ramona Dimino, member of the Masonic Service Bureau Board of Directors, and Joy Woodley, who serves on the Service Bureau's Council, provided a delicious Pulled Pork

sandwich lunch, along with fruit, salad, potato chips and cookies for dessert, for all the workers. They were assisted by Rt. Worthy Roger Lynch, who made coffee, helped dispense the food and did the dish detail.

Snyder estimated ten tons of debris was piled and burned in two huge bonfires on the property. This was greatly assisted by Brother Jack Steinkamp and the use of his backhoe with a bucket on the front. Workers loaded the bucket full of various sizes of logs and twigs, which Jack then dumped on the fires. Rene VanDeVeire doubled as tractor driver and chainsaw welder, to cut some of the fallen trees into smaller logs, and move other small items around the grounds as needed.

Snyder also commented that it would have taken his small crew of volunteers more than two years to accomplish everything completed that day. There is always room for more help. If you are willing and can make time available, give Richard Snyder a call at 342-2419. He will be glad to add you to the crew, which usually works at the Camp one day each week all Summer long.



Downed trees and brush are pulled onto driveway (above), loaded into bucket of backhoe (below) and carted to bonfire.



Larger branches and trees were cut into more manageable-sized pieces by Rene VanDeVeire (far right). Xerox Corporation team members then pulled them out to the driveway to be loaded onto backhoe. (Group photo by Roger Lynch; others, staff photos)

Gleason Receives Johnson Medal



By Barbara Goodrich

Congratulations are extended to R.: W.: and Reverend Paul R. Gleason, Jr. He was presented the Charles H. Johnson Award by M.: W.: Edward R. Trosin, Jr., Grand Master, at Grand Lodge last month. Brother Gleason was honored for his 33 Years of service as Grand Chaplain for the State of New York.

The Charles Henry Johnson Medal, one of the top Awards of Grand Lodge, is named in memory of a Past Grand Master. It is awarded by the Grand Master to members of the Fraternity in good standing in this or any other jurisdiction, irrespective of rank or title, who have rendered distinguished or unusual service in furthering the good name of the Craft, its principles and purposes.

R.: W.: Paul was appointed Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of New York in December, 1972, and continues in that role. He has served as Grand Chaplain for the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and for St. Mark's Conclave of the Red Cross of Constantine. He affiliated with Frank L. Simes Lodge No. 990 (now Valley-Simes Lodge No. 109) and was Master in 1984.

Reverend Gleason was born in West Somerville, Massachusetts. He received his BA Degree from Kalamazoo College and his Masters Degree in Divinity from Andover/Newton Theological School in Newton Center, Massachusetts. He was Pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church on Park Avenue from 1976 until his retirement in 1993. He has occasionally assisted as Pastoral supply. He has also served as a Counselor, providing general assistance to the small business community.

Paul and Dorothy have been married 38 years. They are parents of two children and have three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

We salute Brother Gleason on this latest recognition of his service to the Craft.

Unity Lodge Strikes it Rich!

By R.: W.: Cliff Short

On a bright, sunny Sunday, May 15th, 2005, the Masonic Grand Line of New York State arrived in Spencerport, New York. Grand Master, M.: W.: Edward R. Trosin, Jr., R.: W.:s Deputy Grand Master, Neal Bidnick; Senior Grand Warden, James Sullivan; Junior Grand Warden, Dennis Breheny; Grand Treasurer, Vincent Libone; Grand Secretary, Gilbert Savitzky;



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Editor's Corner

It is the end of another Masonic year. It has been interesting and exciting. We have tried to inform you of the local and District events, so far as they have been brought to our attention. If your Lodge was one that received publicity, be sure to thank the correspondent. We are very grateful for their diligence. It takes a considerable amount of time on their part. If you don't think so, volunteer to write for your Lodge next year.

New Masters (that applies to those who may have served in the past and have been installed for the 2005-2006 Masonic year): PLEASE see that your Lodge information is furnished to the *Masonic Times* by the second Monday of every month. August 8th is the deadline for the September issue. The date is usually circled on the Big Calendar on the back page. If you have a special event you wish to chronicle a few days after that deadline, please let us know that you will be late with your response. We will try to accommodate your request.

Also, Worshipfuls: it is NOT a requirement that you write the column for your Lodge. It IS your responsibility to see that your Lodge Brothers receive the full benefits of their subscriptions, by publishing names, dates, sickness and distress news, programs and any other items of interest. Remember your Brothers living out of State; what can you say to let them know what's up with their Lodge? (By the way, it is NOT the place to print text copied from other publications or expound on your philosophy of the Fraternity, life or some other cause.)

I hope to have the guidelines revised and ready to distribute at the Monroe Masters session in August, along with the new Directories. It is something that has been relegated to the back burner, but I think you will find helpful. Feel free to call or email to ask questions at any time.

Again, our thanks to those who served so well this past year. We hope everyone has a pleasant Summer.

Thanks for reading

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Remember to mark your calendars for the Scholarship and Grants Awards Night on Wednesday, June 22nd. Light refreshments will be served at 7:00 p.m., followed by the presentations at 7:30 p.m. at the Damascus Shrine Center.

I regret there are some conflicts with other events. However, due to exam and graduation schedules, this is the only night that our recipients are able to attend. It has been this way for several years and will probably be this way in the future. Therefore, I ask groups who have conflicts to please try to change their plans for next year. I hope that with a year's notice, this will be possible. Thank you for understanding our need to have this very important ceremony when we do, and for your cooperation in trying to rearrange your plans for this night.

Scottish Rite Supports Easter Seals Foundation

The Valley of Rochester, AASR, has partnered with the Easter Seals Foundation to collect and recycle used cell phones, Ink Jet and Laser Toner cartridges. Basically, the recycling program is designed to make it hassle-free for the consumer. Complimentary collection boxes are located throughout the community. An individual places their used cell phone or laser toner cartridge in the respective box. Ink Jet cartridges are mailed in a pre-paid plastic sleeve.

Easter Seals benefits financially when the filled pre-paid box is shipped to a recycling center. Plastic sleeves will have already been mailed. It is estimated that 100 million cell phones, 630 million Ink Jet cartridges and 70 million laser toner cartridges are eligible for recycling annually.

Easter Seals' primary mission is to provide a wide array of clinical/medical services for those with developmental disabilities. For over 80 years, Easter Seals New York has worked with individuals who have birth defects, Spina Bifida, speech impediments, or mental health and human service issues, to cite a few.

Capozzi's MSB Award Funds Birdbaths

The 2004 recipient of the Distinguished Community Service Award presented by the Masonic Service Bureau, Miss Theresa Capozzi, used the cash portion of her award to fund birdbaths at two locations. This area's Mother Theresa, donated one birdbath to the Humane Society at Lollypop Farm. It was formally dedicated on May 17th, with Linda Zahn representing the Service Bureau.

The next day, Webster Comfort Care Home dedicated their birdbath. Participants, in addition to Linda, Joy Woodley, member of the MSB Council, and Theresa, were Mark J. Broussard, BSW, Director of the Home, and the Volunteer Coordinator, MaryAnn Micoli. At both locations, signs indicate that Miss Capozzi and the Masonic Service Bureau made these presentations.

Residents of the Home, as well as visitors to Lollypop Farm, will be able to enjoy the antics of our feathered friends as they discover and frolic in the new additions.



(left to right) Alice Calabrese, President and CEO of Lollypop Farm; Gretchen Wood; and Jessica Regan.



At the Webster Comfort Care Home, (from left) Joy Woodley, MSB Council member; MaryAnn Micoli, Volunteer Coordinator; Mark Broussard, Director; Theresa Capozzi, Distinguished Community Service Award recipient; Linda Zahn, Service Bureau President. (Photos courtesy L. Zahn)



Sign near birdbath designating donor information.

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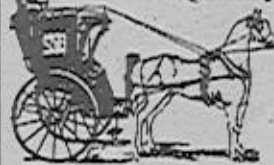
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More Unity Lodge

As promised last month, here is a photograph of ten new Master Masons raised by Unity Lodge. (From left), Donald Williams, Matthew Henshaw, Frank Sackett, Andrew Tascione, Michael Pasono, Pablo Lopez, Jr., Timothy Hull, Rick Randolph, Thomas Perrone and Chad Kyler. Unavailable when the photo was taken was Anthony Marotti. (Photo courtesy of Clifford Short)

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Widows Luncheon

Saturday, September 10th

Logan's Party House

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ROCHESTER CHAPTER OF DEMOLAY TO HOLD OPEN HOUSE, JUNE 29TH



No clowning around! OK, maybe a little once in awhile. Soon to be DeMolay Brother, Jacob Friedman, was photographed with his brother, Sam, and Chris Stump, who are both DeMolay Brothers, at the Shrine Circus with "Doc," better known as Rich Friedman, his father, and "Boxman," alias Bruce Chilton.

By Richard Friedman

The Rochester Chapter of the Order of DeMolay is looking for a bunch of good young men who wish to restart our local DeMolay Chapter. Two new initiates are already on board and the future looks bright.

To that end, we will be hosting an Open House at Dam-

ascus Shrine Center on June 29th. This night is modeled on the Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. It will feature information about the Order of DeMolay and the potential benefits it offers to young men between the ages of 12 and 21.

Please invite your sons, grandsons or any young man whom you think would be a

good candidate for a Masonic Youth Organization. They will be getting in on the ground floor of the Chapter and will have a lot to say about how the Chapter runs and what it does.

There is no obligation and your candidate can feel free to bring some buddies along to hear the information.

There will be a dinner at 6:30 p.m. The program will start at 7:30 and end before 9:00 p.m.

Please email me at: richddgm@frontiernet.net with the names of your potential candidates and their parents so that a formal invitation can be sent to them. Call me at 271-2775 if you do not do email, or send in your names to: Rich Friedman, 16 Kerry Hill, Fairport, NY 14450. Smoke signals will also be read and received.

In our society, there is a glaring need for youth groups that take on the principles of Freemasonry and give young men a place to have good clean fun.

Please help in getting the ball rolling!

Public Investiture
DEGREE OF CHEVALIER
 upon
Joshua P. Burke
 by
Rochester Chapter Order of DeMolay
 in conjunction with
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 and
DeMolay International
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The Degree of Chevalier is the highest honor an active DeMolay can receive. The Degree is a citation for outstanding and marked DeMolay activity and labor. The Degree cannot be applied for and the nomination is made without the knowledge of the DeMolay honored.

Join us as we honor one who has given of his time, talents and energy to benefit his fellow youth.

Unity Lodge

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Senior Grand Deacon, Griffith Jones; Grand Standard Bearer, Robert Finley; Past Grand Masters Bruce Widger and Carl Smith; Grand Chaplain, Paul R. Gleason, Jr.; Monroe District Deputy, Lewis Perna; Niagara/Orleans District Deputy, John Goebert; Grand Director of Ceremonies, William Kuehne; Grand Sword Bearer, Donald Tubman; Trustee of the Masonic Home, Donald Darrohn; Chairman of the Grand Lodge Veterans Committee, Tom Paglia; Chairman of the Grand Lodge Publications Committee and Editor of the *Empire State Mason*, Ronald Bower; and Grand Representative Richard Snyder, arrived to formally dedicate this newly established Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the Monroe District. Many of their spouses also attended.

Among other Masonic dignitaries were: R.:E.: James A. Ghent, Jr., District Deputy Grand High Priest of the Holy Royal Arch Masons of Prince Hall Grand Lodge and its Jurisdiction, who is also Vice-President of the Masonic Service Bureau of Rochester, New York, and E.: William Young, past Excellent High Priest of

Haggai Chapter No. 41, Holy Royal Arch Masons of the Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Lodge; Most Worthy Neil Laundry, Past Grand Patron of the Order of the Eastern Star, and Right Worthy Janet Porter, Monroe District Deputy Grand Matron, were recognized as attendees also.

The overflow attendees at the Lodge saw the ceremony from the large hall adjacent to the Lodge room on CCTV, which had been set up by Brothers Anthony Marotti and Andrew Tascione. Once the formal ceremony was completed at the Lodge, all guests retired to The Party House on Beahan Road, where they were greeted by hostesses Ramona Dimino and Joy Woodley of the Masonic Service Bureau.

Following a Social Hour, Master of Ceremonies Gabe Dalmath greeted everyone and led a program that consisted of a visual and oral historical presentation created by Brother Andrew Tascione, R.:W.: Joseph Privitera and W.: David Sylvester. This program was the featured element in the day's activities, projected on an oversized screen in the dining hall, for all to see the historical progression of Masonry through these Lodges.

Musical features and interludes were conducted by the Marini String Ensemble. Guitarist Dan Kodweis performed both at the Lodge and the Party House.

The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and principal planner of the event, R.:W.: John Goebert, were all recognized as Honorary Members of Unity Lodge and received gifts consisting of pyramid shaped acrylic paper weights with Lodge Commemorative Coins embedded in them. The past Grand Masters attending were likewise awarded with these symbols of the new Lodge. All Masons and public figures attending received commemorative coins, and the ladies a flower, or corsage. Floral sprays were presented to the Grand Master's wife, the District Deputy Grand Master's wife and the Master's wife.

Public officials who attended included Gay Lenhard, Supervisor of the Town of Ogden, and her husband, Don. She presented a proclamation on behalf of the Town Board, and another from State Senator George Maziarz. Spencerport Mayor Ted Walker, present with his wife Sherry, presented a Village Board proclamation, and County Legislator Robert Colby, presented a County certificate from himself, Legislature President Wayne Zyra and County Executive Maggie Brooks. Other notables included Ogden Police Chief Doug Nordquist and Greece Police Chief Merritt Rahn.

Lodge member, R.:W.: Derek VanHouten, presented the Master with a Tiler's sword from his collection, a replica of one which hangs in the Louvre with a Napoleonic heritage.

The cornerstone of the present Lodge building was laid in September 1905, almost 100 years preceding the current dedication. Lodges which came together to become Unity were Corinthian, Charlotte/Corinthian and Etolian. More than 360 are members of Unity and since the beginning of the year, an average of about 50 Brothers have attended bi-monthly communi-

cations. This year of 2005, the Lodge has had several Brothers join by affiliation and 12 newly raised Brothers have entered the fold. There has been a steadily increasing attendance at Lodge functions and in community visibility and activity.

All Lodge members will receive their Commemorative Coins from the Lodge Secretary when they come to a com-

munication. A future Lodge program will feature the dedication/presentation program that was captured on digital cameras and in the power point program so those who were unable to attend can get the complete story which will be preserved on disks in the archives of the Lodge, and copied to the Lodge file at the Grand Lodge Library in New York City.



M.:W.: Edward R. Trosin conducting the Dedication Ceremony with W.: David Sylvester, Master of Unity Lodge.



Delivering the Proclamation.



Members of the Grand Line attending the Dedication Ceremony gather to have a group photograph taken to record the historic event. (Photos courtesy Andrew Tascione and Eugene Brendel)

Photograph on front page is presentation of Unity Lodge Charter by M.:W.: Edward R. Trosin to W.: David Sylvester, Master, following dinner. Presentations were also made by Gay Lenhard, Supervisor of the Town of Ogden (below), County Legislator Robert Colby (upper right), on behalf of Maggie Brooks, County Executive, and Spencerport Mayor, Ted Walker (right).



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May has proven to be one of the busiest months for Masons in the OSY District, starting with the 224th Grand Lodge Communication. Twelve of our 15 Lodges were represented; five were proxies and the rest sitting Masters. I am very proud of their dedication to the Craft.

There was a Fellowcraft Degree at the Seneca Falls Masonic Temple on May 11th, with five candidates from four Lodges. On May 19th, a Master Mason Degree with seven Fellowcrafts from three Lodges, was held. It would be best if all Lodges had the ability to confer the Degrees with only their own members, but at this time it is not possible. On the positive side, when Brothers from several Lodges work together a bond is formed in the District that otherwise would not exist.

On May 15th was the 48th annual OSY Memorial Service, organized by the Finger Lakes Council No. 40, AMD. It was an opportunity to honor our Brothers who Ceased Labor in 2004. A special thank you to the members of the Farmington Methodist Church for the use of their Church. Our speaker was R.: W.: and Rev. Charles M. Roberts.

R.: W.: James Sullivan, Senior Grand Warden, was the guest speaker at the OSY Joint Investiture held May 23rd at Garoga/Sincerity Lodge.

A 3rd Degree is scheduled June 14th at the Seneca Falls Masonic Temple. This will again be a combined District Degree. Candidates and those conferring the Degree will be from several Lodges.

A very special event will take place August 13th. Dundee Lodge No. 123 will hold a Pig Roast for Master Masons and their spouses. A program for the ladies and a tiled open-air Masonic communication will take place.

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Well, the month of May is over. Highlights of the month were move-up night, because of Grand Lodge, and the election of Officers. Grand Lodge was (as always) interesting. Brother David Mason, Jr. was elected Master of Canandaigua Lodge for the ensuing year.

We have decided to keep the Lodge open again this Summer, but we have not yet completed the trestleboard. Some

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thoughts are: a picnic before one of the communications; a Chicken Bar-B-Que on a weekend or a night at the movies. Last Summer we had a couple of communications with nothing special going on except a short meeting with great fellowship afterwards; a great way to stay in touch with each other for the Summer. If you have any ideas of what you would like to see us do, just let us know.

Dates to remember
June 6th - Public Installation of Officers
June 20th - Family Picnic at 6:30 p.m.
I'm looking forward to meeting and greeting you at any or all of the above.

Ark Lodge No. 33, F. & A.M.
3rd Wednesdays
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Peter Einset
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My year has come to an end and my reflections are the past year has gone by quickly. Among the projects and activities were the Geneva Blood Drive, where 85 people donated; delivering 75 Christmas food packages to senior citizens; ringing the bells for the Salvation Army; honoring history students at Geneva and DeSales High Schools with cash gifts; presenting the DeWitt Clinton Award to Mr. and Mrs. James Adams; visiting the sick and listening to the widows of our departed Brothers.

We presented Service Award Pins and Certificates to: Maurice Bittman and Donald E. Randall (55 years); John R. Bigger and Dale J. Erickson (50 years); Gordon W. Johnson (45 years); Kenneth H. Colegrove and James F. Khouri (40 years); Roger D. Haich (30 years); Walter Strong and John A. Venuti (25 years); Jed K. Brandow (15 years) and Thomas J. Bryan (10 years).

Despite all this, I feel that I have failed in my goals for the year. The Master's gavel is sometimes very heavy, but I will pass it on to my successor. I trust those who have seen me in action will record, in a spirit of kindness, "a job well done in the East." This has been a memorable year, which I will always remember. Thank you, Brothers; thank you Officers who gave so much.

Brotherhood Fund
We are down to the wire. Please send in your donations as soon as possible to Brother Thomas Abraham, PO Box 32, Bellona, NY 14415-0032.
Thank you to all the Brothers who already have donated.

Masons Meet, Act and Part
Over 40 people from O/S/Y District enjoyed the full tour of the Masonic Care Community Campus facilities in Utica in early April.

Margaret Crane, Barbara Merrill, Anthony and Clara enjoyed a wonderful day of food, songs by Brother Gordon Osborn, and much fellowship at the OSY District Widows Luncheon on April 16th. A good time was had by all.

Dues still due
Twenty-five Brothers have not sent in their \$9.50 Grand Lodge Assessment, and twenty have not sent in their dues. Please remit to our Secretary, Brother Peter Einset, 88 North Brook Street, Geneva, NY 14456.

On May 31st, I will present our Lodge's History Award gift to the Geneva High School student in the school auditorium.

The 200th Anniversary Committee will meet on June 1st at Nonnas Restaurant. All Brothers and their wives are invited to attend. Please let me know if you and your spouse will attend.

Golf
The O/S/Y and Wayne Districts Golf Tournament to support the Ronald McDonald House will be held on June 4th at the Big Oak Golf Club, 33 Packwood Road. Registration is from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m.; cost is \$45. Tee off is at 8:00 a.m.

Muscle-Man Triathlon is on July 17th. We will be represented by, and thanks to, Brothers Tom Smart and Tom Abraham.

Sickness and distress
I spoke with Brother Roger Haich and his wife Donna. She is undergoing some tests. I also talked to Yolanda Schofield in Florida, who had sent us a beautiful card thanking us for the considerations extended to Brother Arnold.

Please pray for good health for the following Brothers: Dr. John Stelter, Harry George, Max Kaufman, Robert Inscho, Bill Kashouty, Ray Smith, Lloyd Hilimire and Ramon Baroody.

Extras
Brother Tom Bryan donated funds for the new lavatory in our Lodge building. Brothers Howard Colegrove, Jed Brandow, Robert Mattick and Charles Rouse have been making improvements to the room housing our Masonic Library and Museum.

Does any Brother have a recommendation for a deserving recipient for the Ark Lodge Hiram Award? Please let me know. (Brother John Warder was our last recipient.)


Clara and I were in New York City, where I attended the 224th Grand Lodge Communication. A report will be in the next *Masonic Times*.

Future events
Geneva Masonic Lodge No. 965 invites you and your friends on a 7-day Canadian-New England Cruise, leaving

September 10th and returning September 17th. Call me - 789-6420 - if interested.

Looking ahead
Brother Jed Brandow will conduct the 2nd Degree on November 16th. Mark your calendar now, and come out to support Jed.

Trestleboard
June 15th - Installation
June 25th - St. John's Day, Masonic Care Community, Utica. All Brothers invited.
September 21st - Regular Communication.


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Wayne District
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This will be my last column until September, my Brothers. The edict Degrees are over for this year and the report has been forwarded to the Grand Lecturer. New Masters-elect were Invested in Marion Lodge on May 26th at the Masters and Wardens meeting. I have been appointed to serve as your Assistant Grand Lecturer for another year and I appreciate the honor that has again been bestowed on me.

During the Summer it is my hope that each Lodge Officer finds some time to brush up on his Ritual so that when Lodge reopens again in the Fall, all are ready. The edict is still to be observed and I will be visiting each Lodge again to observe the final Degree that has not been observed for each.

In each of the last two years, I have seen improvement in all of the Lodges. I hope that this year will again show the same improvement.

Until September, my Brothers, I bid you a safe and enjoyable Summer and may the Great Architect of the Universe be with you and your families.

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My Brothers, this will be the last article before the Summer break. To bring you up-to-date on the Brother Bring-a-Friend Night held last month, we had four prospects attend. A delicious Meatloaf Dinner was served by the Eastern Star and the program was presented in the Lodge room, followed by Fellowship. Hopefully, we will get some petitions from this endeavor and be able to raise new Brothers into Masonry.

New Officers
On May 4th, the Lodge elected the following officers:
Master David R. Rising
Sr. Warden Robert Wharmby
Jr. Warden Charles Harris
Treasurer Leonard Bennett
Secretary William Jones
Trustee R. Stuart Smith, Jr.

Our next communication, my Brothers, will be held on September 21st and I hope to plan this as an open meeting to present the Dedicated Service Award to Brother John Blyth and any other awards due to be presented.

My Brothers, have a safe and enjoyable Summer and may the Great Architect of the Universe be with you and your families.

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Monroe District

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Grand Lodge was well represented this year by the Monroe District, who stood up to be counted on a vote proposed by Brother Richard Friedman, who is well known in the District for his views on the well-being of our Craft. I continue to be proud of Brother Friedman for having the courage of his convictions. I am proud of my Brothers who were not afraid to stand and be counted as they supported his proposal. Although the proposal was defeated, it was an opportunity to identify a Masonic practice that required further consideration and contemplation. Well done, my Brothers.

This year was also the first where Grand Lodge participants were prepared with the various proposals to be voted upon. I am hoping that this will become a regular practice.

Going forward, I challenge the newly installed Masters to be cognizant of Grand Lodge affairs so that ignorance doesn't impede the functioning of our Lodges on a local level. Also, it is important for those Lodges who could not attend, that their potential votes regarding a highly contested issue, could make the difference. Next year, a new Grand Line will be voted upon. Please begin preparing now to attend. Grand Lodge always meets on the first Monday and Tuesday of May. This will be discussed more in Masters and Wardens, which I strongly hope more of you will attend this coming year.

The next month will be filled with numerous Masonic activities, all of which recognize past and present Lodge Officers and recipients of various awards. Lodges will be having Installation of Officers and Award Presentations, while the Masonic Service Bureau will be hosting its annual Scholarship and Charities Awards on June 22nd at the Damascus Shrine Center. Please make every effort to attend these events to support the hard work of those being recognized.

This past month, another Brother of ERAC Lodge took his own life. As a practitioner in a local Psychiatric Emergency Center, I know all too well the magnitude of suffering by those who contemplate suicide. I am fully aware of the high risk factors associated with suicide. We, my Brothers, are not immune to this potential. Although we live our lives with improved character, benevolence in our hearts and well meaning intentions, we do not have control of all life's variables. We are subjected to many stressors in our lives, which at any time can overwhelm and cause any of us to feel despair. I have come to learn that risk can be lowered by increasing "protective factors," which in most cases can be provided by the natural

support of family and other caring individuals.

Often we learn of a "Brother in need of our aid or sympathy" in our Lodge rooms, and the presenter typically has contact information such as the name of the hospital, room and/or phone number. How many of us follow up on this? Like many other Masonic activities, is often that the "Someone else will do it" ideology kicks in. Assumptions are made that the issue will be handled. More prevalent is that we forget those Brothers who stop coming to Lodge. We make assumptions that they are no longer interested, have no time, and we make no provisions to check on their welfare. Follow up on "Brothers in need of our aid or sympathy" is easier. Brothers who stop coming to Lodge without any clear understanding as to the reason, or their general welfare requires a more proactive response. I am respectfully requesting that each Lodge identify someone in their Lodge to work with the Secretary, and routinely call Brothers who are not attending Lodge. No Brother should have to leave this earthly home, feeling as sad and lonely, as I know they feel, prior to ending their lives by their own hands. I acknowledge that this content may be disturbing to some of the readers. However, I make no apology for my grief and need to bring to light a most concerning issue.

As the days become longer, warmer and brighter, I invite all of you to truly enjoy all that God has given you. Take time with your families. Do or see something that you haven't done as of yet. Renew a friendship; plan a Lodge picnic at someone's house. Enjoy your Summer.

Grand Sword Bearer

Monroe



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R.:W.: Joseph A. Quarequo, Grand Tiler, allowed R.:W.: Donald A. Tubman, Grand Sword Bearer, the privilege of hefting the Grand Tiler's Sword at Grand Lodge. (Photo courtesy of Bruce Horncastle)

The Road to the East was long and fun. I got to enjoy the fruits of our labor. I have enjoyed everyone's help and support.

Have a safe Summer and I will see you in the Quarries. x

Grand Director of Ceremonies

Monroe



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Congratulations to all the new Masters, Wardens and Lodge Officers. With Grand Lodge now concluded, annual communications out of the way and installations nearing completion, your Staff Officers wish you a pleasant Summer.

Please remember during your Summer vacation that the September *Masonic Times* article is due by August 8th.

Happy Summer! x

Member Development

R.:W.:

Joseph Privitera
Monroe District

New Lodge Year

When you read this, new Masters and other Officers will have been elected and appointed. It is our responsibility, as members of our respective Lodges, to support our new Officers. It will be the responsibility of your Master and his team to communicate to its members through every means possible. He should have his trestleboard ready to go. Most new Masters are prepared for the new Lodge year. It will also be our responsibility to support the Master's program for the new year.

Widows Luncheon

The next Widows Luncheon is scheduled for Saturday, September 10th, at Logan's Party House. I hope that all the Lodges will support this activity. If your Lodge needs help putting together a database of your Lodge widows, please contact me. My number can be found in the "Hot Numbers" section on page two of this publication.

I hope to see you in Lodge in September. Have a good and safe Summer. x

Brotherhood Fund

R.:W.:

Derek VanHouten
Monroe District

I was remiss in failing to write an article for the last issue of the *Masonic Times*. I had just returned from a wonderful cruise to Panama and my mind hadn't returned to reality yet.

The Brotherhood Fund Campaign is almost over for 2004-2005 and the totals won't be available until late Summer, but I thank all the Brothers who have seen fit to open their hearts and their wallets to contribute to this year's drive. It

is because of YOU, and the hard working Lodge Chairmen, that the Monroe District is the 3rd highest contributing District in the State. The reports continue to trickle in and, as of the February report, the District has contributed \$25,208.65. I know that we will be close to last year's total of \$30,000 before the end of the drive.

Leading the way is Seneca Lodge with \$4,355. Fairport/Flower City Lodge is next with \$4,203, followed by Craftsman Robertson Lodge with \$3585. All the numbers should increase before the conclusion of the drive when I will report the final tally.

The down side to the above is that to date only 543 Brothers out of the District's 2371 Brothers have contributed, or 22.944% of our membership. Just think what could be accomplished if 50% of the Brothers had seen their way to contributing to this very important cause.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr. said, "think of giving not as a duty, but as a privilege;" Winston Churchill said, "we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." x



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Thank you!

Well, the Masonic year is coming to a close, Lodge leadership is changing, the weather is getting warmer, and I have finished my first year as an Assistant Grand Lecturer. There are many Brethren deserving of thanks. First of all is my partner, R.:W.: Richard Friedman, who has been a great teacher to me concerning the Ritual. He has also shown me the ropes of the administrative side of the job. Thank you, Rich! Thank you to my Brother and good friend, R.:W.: John Tijou, who first approached me as a possible candidate for the position of Assistant Grand Lecturer. Our Moderator of the School of Instruction, R.:W.: Clifford Short, who really supported me during our Schools of Instruction...especially my first SOR. Thank you, Cliff! Thanks go out to our Assistant AGLs - Michael Nohle, Hugh Woodside and W.: Terry Wihlen Jr. I also thank our Grand Lecturer, R.:W.: Edward Gilbert, who always had an "open door policy" with regard to questions and clarifications on the work.

Foremost, I thank all the Brothers of Lodges of the Mon-

roe District. I appreciated the hospitality all of you accorded me during my travels throughout the District. I thank you for being patient with the fact that I did not always have an answer for your questions. My thanks to those Brethren and overall Lodges who participated in our District Schools of Ritual as well as fulfilling the Grand Master's Edict. I hope to serve you again this coming Masonic year as one of your Assistant Grand Lecturers.

Summer work

For those who will be serving your Lodge as an Officer, I highly recommend that you study your parts in the work and Ritual of our Craft. I say this, not so much to stress memorizing the work flawlessly, but mainly so that you learn the subtle meaning of what the Ritual is telling you as a man and Mason. I enjoyed going through the "chairs" of my Lodge. I found that working on the Ritual gave me a whole new understanding of what it means to be a Mason. There is much subtle "Light" in what those words say.

I especially encourage the Senior Deacons to study the Middle Chamber Lecture. I realize that it takes a lot of commitment to learn that work. Believe me, if you do learn it you will gain so much more understanding of the beauty of our gentle Craft.

I hope all of you enjoy the Summer with friends and loved ones. Try to hit them straight and long. May God Bless you all! x

Monroe District Masters & Wardens Assoc.



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By Hugh Woodside
Vice-President

The next meeting of the Monroe District Masters and Wardens Association will be held on Wednesday, June 15th at the Country Village Family Restaurant, located at 1092A Long Pond Road, Rochester. The telephone number there is 227-2047. This will be a dinner meeting, which will begin at 6:30 p.m.

I encourage the incoming Masters and Wardens of all of the Lodges in the District to join us. This is an important meeting, as we will be electing Officers for the new Masonic year. It will also give us an opportunity to discuss events that are coming up over the Summer, and get a jump-start on planning for the year. We look forward to seeing you. x

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June 14th will be our last regular meeting before the Summer. That will be our Strawberry Social and Crazy Shirt Night. We plan on having a short meeting at 7:30 p.m., after which we will be joining our ladies for the strawberries.

That night we will be making any last minute arrangements for our Summer Sausage and Corn Roast.

I thank everyone for their support this year and hope that you will continue that support in the upcoming year.

Please remember our Brothers and their families in your prayers over the Summer months, especially anyone who might be going through difficult times.

I wish everyone with a birthday in June, July or August, a very Happy Birthday! *

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Mondays
7:30 p.m.
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D. Lazerson
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383-1947
Fairport Masonic Temple
87 South Main Street

My Brothers, can it be? This is my last printed communication to you as Master. This has been a truly challenging year for me—my very first time as Master of a Lodge. We have had our successes and disappointments.

My major disappointment is that the Great Architect took from us so many fine Brothers, and we only brought in two Brothers to serve Him. Our newest Brother, Jonathan Kirwan, can now be mentioned; let us congratulate him and welcome him to our Lodge.

On April 25th we enjoyed a tremendous dinner put on before the 3rd Degree, prepared by our Chef Supreme, Tom Goodrich.

May has been a time for elections and awarding those who have served our Lodge and our Creator so faithfully. Sadly, however, due to opinions beyond our control, we were not able to confer the DeWitt Clinton Award to an extremely worthy candidate. Also, this is time to renew our commitments to our Lodge and our Brotherhood.

I went to Grand Lodge May 2nd and was utterly amazed by the building and the ceremony. Many proposals were voted on and some passed. Our Brother Secretary will be given full details of the official proceedings. May was also a time for Lodge elections—was yours counted?

May saw our Lodge have the honor of performing the Joint

Investiture of Masters at our Lodge—Friday, May 20th. Again, our thanks to Tom Goodrich and many others. I must mention that Brother Gerry Spero has been doing a splendid job organizing our monthly dinners, however he took the month of May off.

June

June will be the Canal Days extravaganza—3rd, 4th and 5th. Please give all the support you can to Brother Brian. WE NEED YOU!

June 13th will be the Public Installation at our Lodge, at 7:30 sharp, with a small reception to follow. Please come out and welcome your new line.

June 27th is our final meeting of the year, with our new Master, and will feature the discussion of next year's budget. As is our custom, attire will be casual for this meeting.

Finally, let me say again that this year, few have done the work of a great many. And yet, the list is very long for me to thank in this communication. Let me just publicly thank all the line Officers, the committee chairmen and those who consistently and graciously volunteered so often to help make this one of the most rewarding years of my life. I look forward, with the Grace from Him above, to give our Lodge many years of continued service. Thank you all until we next meet in Lodge.

See you in Lodge. *

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As I write my last article as Master of ERAC Lodge, I reflect on the year gone by and on everything that I have learned from my Brothers this year: fellowship, friendship, tolerance and the true meaning of Brotherly Love. I am particularly grateful to my Senior Warden, Brother Steve Lysenko, who did not hesitate one minute in assisting me when my calebrow was too short to be able to perform some aspects of my duty as Master. I am looking forward to sitting on the left of the Master's chair as Chaplain next year.

Trestleboard

The main events in May included ERAC Lodge Past Masters' Breakfast on May 7th. The Past Masters, under the leadership of W.: David Crawford, met at the Golden Fox Restaurant and listened to Brother Steve Lysenko present his Trestleboard for next year. This is a tradition of ERAC Lodge to provide feedback and support to the incoming Master.

Our Annual Meeting and Election of Officers was held on May 9th. During this meeting we heard the reports of the Treasurer, Secretary, the different Lodge Committees and Lodge Trustees. The election of Officers went smoothly. I will leave it up to our new Mas-

ter to give a list of elected and appointed Officers of his line.

The same meeting also included a Lodge of Remembrance, where we remembered and honored our departed Brethren. A daisy flower in honor of each departed Brother was placed upon the Altar.

Dedicated Service Award

May 23rd was an open meeting where the Brothers, family and friends of ERAC Lodge came together to honor W.: David Crawford for all his help and dedication to the Craft and to ERAC Lodge. W.: Crawford was presented the 2005 Dedicated Service Award Apron and Pocket Badge. I again take the opportunity here to publicly thank Brother Dave for his continued support of the Brothers of ERAC; the new Brothers, as well as the Masters and Past Masters of ERAC.

We still have one meeting on June 13th, which will also be an open meeting for the Installation of Officers. All Officers should be in tux for this event.

Our Annual Picnic will be held in July, the date and other details will be communicated to you in due time.

Congratulations

I take the opportunity here to congratulate Brother Richard Schmanke on his new job right here in Rochester. I know for a fact that the Brothers of ERAC Lodge are happy for Brother Rick and particularly thankful that he will be staying with us. Brother Schmanke continues to be very active in his support to his Brothers and to ERAC Lodge and I look forward to seeing him again as his time allows.

Grand Lodge news

I thank the Brothers and Officers of ERAC Lodge for allowing me and my family to travel to New York City for the Grand Lodge of New York Annual Communication May 2nd and 3rd. The Grand Lodge building is a glorious reminder of the beauty of our Craft with its grand architecture and historical artifacts. Our Grand Lodge building is truly the envy of Masons all around the world. I found the staff at the Livingston Library, my favorite part of the building, to be extremely courteous and helpful. I had the chance to browse the history of ERAC Lodge and its mother Lodges. This was a true privilege.

Sickness and distress

As I write this article, Brother Warren Alhart is fighting terminal cancer at Rochester General Hospital. He has a stage 4 cancer affecting his kidneys, liver, and lungs. His doctors have decided to hold off on any further heroic measures and he is now in comfort care. Brother Alhart is an active member of Unity and ERAC Lodges.

Our thoughts and prayers are also with R.: W.: Morry Solomon, who was also diagnosed with a serious illness. I know Brother Solomon will always be the embodiment of courage and faith even as he battles sickness. Please take the time to reach out and extend your good wishes to a great Mason.

In Memoriam

I am including here the names of all the Brothers of ERAC who passed away during this year. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and loved ones.

2004

Robert G. Rode August 26
Gordon A. Neil October 17
Raymond J. Davis October 25
Everett L. Waters November 6

2005

Francis I. Warburton January 6
Reginald J. Meagher Jr. January 20
Donald R. Young February 17
Stanley F. Bluthner February 18
Robert C. Ferris March 3
Howard L. Wood April 3
James E. Wheeler April 4
Kevin G. Sharun April 19
Loren F. Alexander April 26

Master's Message

Looking back at my year as Master, I will say without any hesitation that the most difficult part of being Master, for me, was not what I expected. Not the memorization of the Ritual or preparation of the Trestleboard programs; those came relatively easily. I had a great team and I was privileged to have the support of all the Brothers and Past Masters. No, the most difficult part for me was that phone call, which came too often, informing me of the passing of a Brother, and having to preside over the Funeral Service. This is especially true when the Brother is one of our younger members, and one whom I knew personally to be an active Mason whose death came untimely and senselessly. The death of every Brother Mason is a loss to the Lodge and to the whole Fraternity. It is true that Masons are comforted by the fact that we believe that life does not end with death; we are believers in the Great Architect of the Universe and in that house, not built with hands, eternal in the heavens. We still mourn and are saddened when one of us passes away and we feel even greater pain when we know something could have been done to prevent this sad outcome. The Brothers of ERAC Lodge have come to know the painful truth that death does not come only after a long physical illness or a serious injury, but that death can also be the result of a serious mental illness and diseases of the soul. As a practicing psychiatrist, I have known this fact for a long time, and I find myself even more helpless when a Lodge Brother succumbs to a mental illness and I know that we could have helped him, if only he had reached out for help in time. I have struggled with this thought for a long time and I have been thinking about ways to inform and educate our Brothers Masons about those mental illnesses that affect a large number of Americans every year including Masons, and can lead to death or serious disability. According to statistics from the World Health Organization (WHO), Major Depression is the fourth leading cause of disability in

the world today and is projected to be the second leading cause of disability, after heart disease, in the world by the year 2020. Every year more than 30,000 Americans die by suicide. Freemasons are not immune to those diseases and we should be alert to the fact that someone close to us, a Brother, may be the next victim. Freemasonry has lessons in self improvement and the betterment of the self. I have been thinking about ways to make mental health part of that teaching. As Freemasons, we have a responsibility to aid a Brother in need. We also have a responsibility to reach out to our Brothers when we, ourselves, are in distress. The Grand Hailing sign of distress of Master Mason has an important symbolic meaning in this context, and we should not wait for the words to be said or the sign to be given, literally, as we learn them in the Degrees, as sometimes the signs of distress may be given in more subtle ways. Let us be alert for those signs and let us respond appropriately as we could save a Brother if we only listen.

I plan to introduce the idea of holding Masonic informational meetings about common psychiatric illnesses open to the Brothers and their families with the purpose of educating our Fraternity about Depression, Anxiety, Manic-Depressive illness, and other psychiatric illnesses, how they present and how they are treated, and to have an open forum of discussion to talk openly about these topics. Hopefully, such open forums can help decrease the shame and guilt associated with such illnesses, and maybe help save a Brother in the process. Let me know what you think. You may read more about this in future editions of the *Masonic Times*.

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

By Steve Lysenko
Master-elect

I am honored that you have chosen me to lead and serve our Lodge. My thanks to all of those who have "whispered words of wisdom" to me over the past decade, and especially over the past year, as I have been preparing for my year as Master.

I am proud to announce the Officer line for the coming year:

Master	Steve Lysenko
Sr. Warden	Rich Greenaway
Jr. Warden	Sean McKenna
Secretary	Terry Wihlen Sr.
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Richard Friedman
Luigi Campaniello and Nelson Bertch will be elected to 3 year terms as Lodge Trustees, joining current Trustees David Crawford, Timothy McNelly, and John Faro. Thanks to all of these Brothers for their commitment to serving the Lodge for this coming year and in the years to come.

The Installation of Officers' Ceremony will be on Monday, June 13th. The Cocktail Hour with hors d'oeuvres will start at 6:00 p.m., with the ceremony to commence promptly at 7:00 p.m. This event is open to the public, so please bring your wives, families, friends and prospective candidates as ERAC puts its best foot forward!

This year, ERAC will be hard at work in the quarries "Building a Stronger Community, One Brick at a Time." The complete work plan that I have authored, in collaboration with the current Officer line and the ERAC Past Masters Association, can be found on our website at:

eracodge163.org under the "Information" tab. We have identified five goals/areas of priority for this year and the future to help us in this effort:

- 1) Care for the entire ERAC Masonic family;
- 2) Increase participation in Lodge events and activities;
- 3) Increase membership base;
- 4) Expand ERAC's interactive role with the community;
- 5) Strengthen relationships with other Masonic Lodges and Concordant Bodies.


These are lofty goals, my Brothers, and will require the hard work of all of us in order to progress in these areas. The best way that you can help our Lodge to accomplish these goals is by coming out and supporting Lodge events. Later this year, you will be receiving the 2005-2006 Trestleboard. If you haven't been at Lodge in a while, we'd love to have you. This year, we look forward to making our new "house" at the Damascus Shrine Center a "home."

On Wednesday, July 20th, we will be holding the Scholarship Award Picnic at the Shrine in the picnic area. The hotdogs and hamburgers will be hot off the grill at 6 p.m., and the Awards Presentation will commence as soon as everyone has had their fill. Please bring your family to this annual event. Reservations can be made by calling our new Junior Warden, Sean McKenna, at 383-9161, or by sending email to:

sean.mckenna@kodak.com. The meal will be sponsored by the Lodge Trustees, and any donations which you might make to offset the cost of dinner will be much appreciated.

Brethren, I look forward to continuing my Masonic journey this year as I take on this new role of Master. Work with me to make this year a success, and to affirm the status of ERAC Lodge as "the Best Lodge in New York State!"

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



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Congratulations to Brother Adidin Haka Tuncer, our newest Lodge member. Welcome!


At the May 5th meeting we passed a motion to have the initiation fee at \$125. W.: Randy Griswold was elected as Master for 2005-2006 and Brother Glenn Schaefer as Senior Warden. The other Officers will be announced at the Public Installation on June 2nd, 7:30 p.m. Refreshments after the meeting.

My thanks to the Past Masters of the Lodge who attended the Joint Investiture at Fairport/Flower City Lodge on May 20th.

Thanks to all the Northfield Brethren, both near and far, who participated in the Brotherhood Fund. If you haven't as yet had the opportunity to send in your donation of support, do it right away. Thank you for your generosity. Thanks to our Junior Deacon, Dave Adams, for a fine job as Brotherhood Fund Chairman. Congratulations to Dave for being named Northfield Lodge Mason of the Year 2005.

Please give your support to W.: Randy Griswold as the new Master and to his Officers. Make Northfield Lodge alive!
Date to remember
June 2nd - Public Installation, 7:30 p.m.

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By Gary Sanford

As we now look forward to having a couple of months off to recharge ourselves for the coming year, please keep these thoughts in mind. We have much work ahead as we get the projects on our building completed and prepare for doing our own 3rd Degree this coming year, as well. We also have many new Officers this year who will need assistance in learning their new roles and responsibilities; please offer to help them when requested.

This past year was a busy one and one that has gone by quickly. I thank you all for your support and help as we moved forward. My wife, Gail, and I had a good time attending Grand Lodge and representing you there. As usual, I always learn something new when with a group of Brothers.

I wish to thank those who helped clean the basement and removed the unnecessary items on Saturday, April 16th.

At our May 9th meeting, I had the pleasure of presenting Service Awards to six Brothers.

They ranged from 10 to 50 years. The 50-year Award was to W.: Richard Judge.

Thanks to R.: W.: Robert Sanford for conducting the election of our Officers and Trustees for the coming year.

At our May 23rd meeting, we had the honor of conferring the 1st Degree on a new candidate. Thanks to my bride Gail, and my daughter Cheryl, for putting on a fine ham dinner prior to the Degree.

At our June 13th meeting, we will be installing our new Officers for the coming year. Please come out and support them and our Lodge. If you missed signing up for dinner, please contact our Secretary Rob Sweeney at 381-5286.

Our yearly fundraiser, Festival on the Green, is scheduled this year for June 18th and 19th. Please put this important date on your calendar, as this is what funds our Lodge for the ensuing year. If you have missed signing up, please contact Jim Nersinger at 334-9057.

The Fellowcraft Club will be holding their Annual Steak Roast on Monday, June 20th. There will be socializing at 6:30, with dinner at 7 p.m. Elections of Officers for the following year will also be held.

Please take the time to enjoy yourself and family over these Summer months and I look forward to seeing you in the Fall.

Craftsman Robertson
Lodge No. 969
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By W.: Skip Waterstreet, DSA
Our Open Installation will be on June 7th. Everyone is invited to participate and welcome the Officers' Line for 2005-2006. There will be a steak dinner, beginning at 6:30 p.m., served up by our Chef Extraordinaire, Rene VanDeVeire. Your reservation(s) is NEEDED by June 2nd to allow us time to shop for the vittles. W.: Tom Kendig handed out telephone lists at the Officers' meeting last month. Your name should be on one. If you don't receive a call, please contact Tom or me. We will take your reservation and, most importantly, will see that your name does get on a calling list.

The 21st will be the traditional Wild Shirt Night, where Lodge business will be transacted for June and authorization granted (usually) to the Secretary and Treasurer to conduct any necessary Lodge business over the Summer.

Dues

Dues are overdue. You know who. The Secretary and Treasurer do, and they would like to clear the slate for 2005. Please send in your check today.

Sickness and Distress

Doris Robertson, wife of R.: W.: Paul, underwent knee replacement surgery and is in physical therapy at St. Ann's. Reports are she is making great progress. Here's hoping you're moving around freely by the time you read this, Doris.

A Masonic Memorial Service was held for R.: W.: H. Frederick Seuffert, who went to the Celestial Lodge on April 23rd at the age of 96. A Past Master of the Lodge, Fred had been ill for quite some time. The Lodge's sympathy was extended to his wife, Thelma, and her family.

If you, or any Brother you know, are in need of our aid or sympathy, please let W.: Tom Kendig, our Secretary, or another Lodge Brother know, so we may respond accordingly.

Picnic

If you didn't put the date on your calendar yet for our annual picnic, please do so now. The date is Saturday, August 20th; location is Camp DeMolay, 8039 Lake Road, near Sodus Point. You may attend anytime after noon. We will plan to eat, as usual, around 4:00 p.m. Should the weather be inclement, there is plenty of room in Anderson Lodge for everyone to relax.

Last month I said you could meet at the Shrine Center and form car pools. Since then, I have learned that the 20th is the Shrine Family Picnic, so there might not be spaces available. If you want to ride together, it may be necessary to make other arrangements.

I'm having second thoughts about sending out the flyer, too. It is costly, takes a lot of time and doesn't seem to generate more than the normal number of responses. I just may ask the Calling Committee to do the honors. I still hope many of you will be able to attend.

Birthdays

The *Masonic Times* won't be published again until September, so here are happy birthday wishes to all the Brothers who celebrate over the Summer. We hope each one of you has a great celebration day!

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JULY

Barry Cherms, Donald Fetting, Arnold Ford, Volney Frankel, William Hook, Sidney Horton, Thomas Kendig, David King, David Lerner, Robert Lindeman, Paul Lockhart, Russell Rines, Franklin Suhr, Wesley Trendell, Rene VanDeVeire, Charles Waterstreet and Eugene White.

AUGUST

James Causey, Warren Doerrer, Nicholas Eull, Terry King, Chester Kowalski, Lester Nelson, Albert Neracker, Malcolm Nulton, Kenneth Pearce, Kenneth Schumacher, William Shelby, Duane Smith, Barry Traub and Herbert Young.

Trestleboard

R.: W.: Derek VanHouten has released, to me, an advance copy of his Trestleboard for our next Masonic year. This enables me to tell you of the following upcoming activities:

June 7th - Installation of Officers. Dinner at 6:30 p.m., Shrine Center. **RESERVATIONS REQUIRED.**

June 21st - Wild Shirt Night.

August 16th - Officers' meeting, Shrine Center

August 20th - Lodge Picnic, Camp DeMolay, dinner around 4:00 p.m.

September 6th - Dinner/Entertainment

September 20th - "Walk About"

Have a wonderful Summer. Enjoy the opportunities to be out and about with family and friends. Stay well.

See you in Lodge.

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WEBSTER LODGE NO. 538

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

Master W.: Michael Nohle 265-4922

Secretary W.: Bernard Russell 872-1353

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In April, Webster Lodge presented Service Award Certificates and Pins to (front, l. to r.): Brothers Robert Jurgensen (50 yrs), George (Brad) Hebner (35 yrs), Robert Starr (50 yrs); (middle): Mark Fenton (40 yrs), Clarence Shull (45 yrs), David Allen (45 yrs); (back): Lew Wallace (45 yrs), L. Warren Patterson (25 yrs), Donald Feil (55 yrs), and Gregory Brown (20 yrs). (Photo courtesy of John Clapp)

Summer is almost here and June marks the first month of the 2005-2006 ensuing year. The Officers of Webster Lodge were elected and installed on Saturday, May 21st. Let me introduce the Officer Line for Webster Lodge:

- Master **Mike Nohle**
- Senior Warden **Ron Bryant**
- Junior Warden **Ed Malchoff**
- Sr. Deacon **Nick Haldoupis**
- Jr. Deacon **Robert Fisher**
- Senior MC **John Ross**
- Junior MC **Karl Malchoff**
- Stewards **Bob Passino**
David Daiken
- Marshal **Warren Patterson**
- Tiler **Jacque Pearl**
- Treasurer **John Clapp**
- Trustees **Mark Brooks**
Mark Fenton
John Merz
- Chaplain **Bruce Chilton**
- Secretary **Bernard Russell**

Long Service Awards

Webster Lodge recognized the many years of devoted service to the Masonic Fraternity at the meeting on April 21st. The members were presented an Award Certificate and Masonic Pin showing the years of service. The following Brothers shared some history and affection for the Craft as they accepted their Awards. Congratulations to both those who were able to attend and those who could not. Your contributions to the Fraternity are appreciated.

W.: Greg Brown, 20 years; David Bryant (Award accepted by Ron Bryant) and W.: Warren Patterson, 25 years; Brad Hebner, 35 years; W.: Mark Fenton, 40 years; R.: W.: David Allen, Clarence Shull and Lew Wallace, 45 years; Robert Jurgensen and Robert Starr, 50 years; Don Feil, 55 years.

Those receiving Awards but unable to attend the meeting; Robert Crum, and Robert Guenther, 20 years; Richard Goodrich, 25 years; Robert Delong and Alan McKenzie, 30 years; W.: Phil King, 35 years; Robert Hewlett, Gerald Pinkley, George Utz, Don Warren and Gordon Weller, 40 years; Ken Doane, Howard Kyper, Don Olderstein and Glenn Wilkes, 45 years; Robert Krueger and Joe Wagner Jr., 50 years; W.: William Guthrie, Bruce Hegedorn, Robert Martin and R.: W.: Walter Schattner, 55 years; Clarence Stapenbeck, 60 years; Hartley Schutt, 65 years.

June Activities

June activities include a rare presentation of the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award presented by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to W.: Tom Pellett Jr. on June 2nd. This Award is given to Brothers who dedicate their time and service to Masonry and who have made significant contributions to the Boy Scouts of America. Tom Pellett, Jr., has and still makes many significant contribu-

tions to both Masonry and to the Boy Scouts of America. His years of service in both have made a positive impact on the community. Please join Webster Lodge by honoring Tom whose work in the quarries has just begun.

The weekend of June 18th, Webster Lodge is holding the Annual Fishing Trip. Brother Ed Malchoff is chairing this event. If you wish to attend, please contact him soon so he can make the proper arrangements for the trip.

In June, the annual Webster Golf Tournament is being held at a date to be determined. As information becomes available, it will be sent out.

The Webster Firemen's Carnival Parade is July 14th. All Webster Lodge Masons are welcome and encouraged to help the Firemen with their food booths and later to march in the Firemen's Parade. This is one of the many opportunities to place Masons in the public eye and show our support to the community. Take this opportunity to show your support to W.: Mike Nohle and march in the parade. As you march, you will hear the cheers of appreciation by the community for our hard work as we go by the streets lined with the people of the Webster Community.

Spaghetti Dinner is set for June 3rd from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Any Brothers who are interested in helping with the Spaghetti Dinner either cooking, serving, eating or cleaning up, please come over and join us.

The Past Masters' Dinner has been postponed until June. The time and date will be provided via invitation. This will be a special Past Masters' Dinner as we usher in the new Officer Line and Trestleboard and as we catch up on the health and news all of the Past Masters. Please keep your eye out for the correspondence that will be following. The dinner will be delicious and the brotherhood will be fulfilling.

Last, but not least, Webster Lodge is planning an August Family Picnic to dedicate the Flagpole and the new front doors. Flyers will be sent out to announce the time and date. Please stay tuned for further information.

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

help make arrangements for travel. I can be reached at 872-1353.

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

Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154

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

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By Hugh Woodside Master-Elect

As we begin another Masonic year, I would like to take a moment to congratulate the elected line of each of the Lodges in the Monroe District. I look forward to working with you during the upcoming year. Let's all work together to make this a great year for our Lodges and for Masonry in Monroe County.

Wakan/Hubbard has a number of activities coming up over the Summer months. Preliminary information on all of these activities is listed below. For those of you who will be in town over the Summer, we look forward to seeing you as frequently as possible.

Fourth of July Parade

Wakan/Hubbard has been asked to participate again this year in the Penfield Fourth of July parade. The parade is scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. We will be meeting at 1 p.m. in the Penfield High School parking lot, located on Five Mile Line Road in Penfield, one traffic light North from the Four Corners. All Brothers and their families are encouraged to join us for the parade and the picnic. It is important for the Lodge that we have a large group of Brothers participating. Not only are we going to have a nice afternoon, but it is important for the community to see that we have an active membership. I would particularly like to reach out to the Officers and the members of the Lodge with younger children, and encourage you to join us. We need to attract younger men to the Fraternity, and this is one of the few opportunities we have as a Lodge to be in the spotlight. It would be great if you could join us. For those of you with chil-

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dren, please consider having them join you in the parade: (I plan to be pushing Nevin in his stroller).

Following the parade, there will be a picnic at the Woodside's home at 1926 Penfield Road. Please bring a dish to pass, and RSVP to me at 248-2106 by July 2nd.

Fellowcraft Steak Roast

The Fellowcraft Steak Roast will be held on Saturday, July 30th, at the Upper Shelter at Harris Whalen Park in Penfield. The Steak Roast will begin at 1 p.m., and is open to Brothers and friends. Please put it on your calendar, and plan to join us for an afternoon of fellowship. More details will follow as they become available. If you have any questions, Bruce Horncastle is the man to contact. He can be reached at brhorn@yahoo.com or at (607) 347-4680, or toll-free at (866) 277-4680.

9-Hole Golf Scramble

Wakan/Hubbard's Second Annual 9-Hole Golf Scramble will be held at 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 6th at Shadow Pines in Penfield. The cost per person is \$22, including cart. This event is open to Brothers and their friends from around the District. The scramble will be followed by a trophy presentation and fellowship at the Clark House pub, which was renovated in the off-season. Last year's inaugural event was a blast, and this year should be even better. Space is limited, so contact me with your name and average 9-hole score as soon as possible. I can be reached via email at: hhw@rochester.rr.com or by phone at 248-2106.

Child ID at Penfield Days

We are tentatively planning to host a Child ID event again this year at Penfield Days on Saturday, August 19th, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please put the date on your calendar. We'll need everyone's support to improve our performance over last year when we taped 55 kids during the afternoon. More details will follow as they become available.

Clambake 2005

Wakan/Hubbard's Clambake is a family event that will be held at Ontario Beach Park on Saturday, September 17th at 1 p.m. The venue was chosen to offer some more family-oriented activities, and we encourage Brothers and their families to join us for an after-

noon of fun at the beach. Please put it on your calendar. More details will follow as the date approaches.

Master's Message

I am humbled by the trust you have placed in me, and in Wakan/Hubbard's other elected Officers, to lead the Lodge into the upcoming year. Each year begins with promise, and the hope that we can strengthen the Lodge, our Fraternity, and the bonds of Brotherhood that tie us together. None of this can be done by only a handful of well-intentioned Brothers—we need your support to make it all happen. We'll do our best to plan and execute a program that has something to offer to all Brothers and their families, but I encourage you to reach out and join us. Come to Lodge. Participate in our activities. Take a role in the Degree work. Join a committee. Reach out to help a Brother in need. You won't be disappointed by how it makes you feel; we'll be happy to see you, and we'll all benefit from working together and strengthening those ties of Brotherhood.

I look forward to seeing you soon, and frequently. x

Seneca Lodge No. 797

2nd Tuesday 7:30 p.m.

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This is my favorite time of year, as I mentioned a few weeks back when boating season was fast approaching. I can now say it is in full swing. The first of our two boats is in the water now and by the time you read this our 1939 Chris Craft will be launched in all her glory. Let us all have an enjoyable, fun-filled Summer.

I thank all the members of Seneca Lodge, District Officers, members of Masters and Wardens and my family, who so willingly helped and guided me through my year as Master. What one may see as my success is truly our success, for without your help we would not have realized such

Wright Wisner

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Claude H. Wright President

positive energy and growth this past year.

Wendy and I just returned from New York City where I attended the 224th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. This was my first visit to Grand Lodge and the Masonic Hall in New York City and I was very impressed with both the proceedings and the building. If the Masonic Hall is not on your list of wonderful sites to see, I highly recommend touring the building on your next trip to the Big Apple. As a first time attendee of the annual convention, it was a pleasure to both represent the Brothers of Seneca Lodge and experience how our Grand Lodge works. All necessary business was transacted in a timely fashion and your Master and the DDGM will report highlights to you. With that being said, I must also communicate to you that I was saddened by the way the meeting turned very non-Masonic for a period of time regarding a proposed change in the placement of titles. This proposed change caused a temporary lack of reverence we have come to expect in Lodge and did not speak well of our Fraternity. For my Brothers of Seneca Lodge and the other Lodges I have visited as a Mason, you have always shown the true values of Masonry and I applaud you for your high standards and encourage you to continue your good work. Masonry and mankind will be far better served by living up to the true qualities of a Master Mason.

With the beginning of our new year, let us look ahead to some of the coming events. Our June meeting will again be a Lodge of Remembrance and Annual Awards Night. This is an open meeting and we look forward to a large turn-out. In the next trestleboard, I will have dates for the coming year to keep in mind: Steak Roast; one or two volunteer days; breakfast with Santa; family Christmas party; ladies night; annual tea; and more. Look for your Lodge mailing; be willing to help if asked and participate as your cabletow allows.

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

Valley-Simes Lodge No. 109
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By R.: W.: Richard Snyder Important News

Our Lodge Communication this month will be a gala event. The highlight of the evening will be the Installation of Officers for the coming year, and the presentation of Service Awards to many of our Brothers. Black-tie and Tuxedo or dark suit will be appropriate dress for the evening. Entertainment is also being considered at this time.

The evening will start with a fully catered Steak Dinner and all the necessities. Gathering time will be 5:30 p.m., with

dinner served at 6:30 p.m. Lodge Ceremonies will start at 7:30. Dessert will be served at the conclusion of the meeting. Please note: Reservations are a must for ordering purposes, and walk-ins will not be fed.

The Cost Is "o"

The cost to each Valley-Simes member and his lady is zero. All others will be charged \$10.00 each. At our May Communication the Lodge voted to use a portion of the Temple Civic Center final settlement to fund the evening. Remember, no reservation no eats! Deadline is June 10th. Call now or email me at 342-2419 or: rsnyder32@rochester.rr.com, Herb Spencer at 334-7493, or: hspence1@rochester.rr.com

Elected Officers

Elected Officers for the coming year are:

Master Joseph Gingold
Sr. Warden Richard DeCroe
Jr. Warden Michael McBride
Trustee Robert Anderson

Gleason Honored

R.: W.: Paul Gleason was honored at Grand Lodge this year when M.: W.: Edward Trosin presented him the Charles Johnson Medal for his thirty-three years of service as a Grand Lodge Chaplain. Brother Paul was totally surprised by the Award and proudly wore it for all to see. Congratulations Paul, and thank you for your many years of service to our Lodge.

CLIO LODGE No. 779
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Since this is the last article I will be writing for the *Masonic Times*, I thank all of you for giving me the opportunity and privilege to serve as Master of Clio Lodge. For me the year has been most interesting, challenging and enjoyable. I sincerely hope I have met your expectations.

Over the year I have tried to recognize all of you, my Brothers, who have supported the Lodge activities and programs. The articles in the *Masonic Times* have included your names and I have tried to thank each of you personally. Only with you can our Lodge flourish.

However, there are a few Brothers who now deserve thanks. You may have noticed some new stones in the parking lot. This was provided by Brothers Bill Hunn and spread around by Jeff Robinson. The articles for the *Masonic Times* were typed on the computer and forwarded by Brother George Todd.

The Ox Roast will be over by the time you get this issue. But I thank all who helped, especially Brother Bill Hunn, who headed up the event and Bob Stevens who sold tickets to his square dance group.

As I reviewed the year, I found I neglected to thank my friend and Royal Arch Companion, Karl Heinz-Reich (Unity Lodge) who typed my

Trestleboard and helped me get ready for my year as Master. I also thank him for the Masonic Trowel which will continually remind me of my time in the East.

New Brothers

In April we were able to raise two new Brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason: Michael Postelli and Gary Richardson. Welcome Brothers. W.: Sean Noonan did an outstanding job in the East. We were also privileged to have Brother Ron Bryant (Webster Lodge) serve as Senior Deacon in the Second Section. My thanks to all who presented such fine work.

Through the efforts of the Secretary, Sean Noonan, W.: Stuart Brickman has been awarded the Dedicated Service Award. Congratulations to Brother Stu.

Out with the old, in with the new!

Installation of Officers will be at our regular meeting on June 7th. Dinner at 6:30 p.m., cost \$6.50; meeting at 7:30; reservations are a must by June 1st. Call W.: Dave Goodrich at 392-3384 with your name and phone number to make your reservations. Come and welcome our new Master, Harry DeHollander, and his Officers.

Again, I sincerely thank you for your trust, encouragement and support.

O-At-Ka Lodge No. 759
2nd & 4th Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.
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50-Year Service Awards

On May 11th, we honored those dedicated Brethren of Oatka for their 50 or more years of service to the Fraternity. Present were R.: W.: Lawrence Dunn and W.: John Horn, DSA. We also recognized our out-of-state recipients, R.: W.: Walter Lindemuth, W.: George Hall and Brother Albert McCauley. In addition, the late W.: James Morrow was acknowledged. On behalf of Oatka Lodge, I thank them for their service and dedication to the Craft.

New Line Installed

Our busy meeting on May 11th continued, after a brief call from labor to refreshment, with W.: John Pascucci conducting our Lodge elections. I am pleased to announce that Brother Timothy White was



Certificates were presented to R.: W.: Larry Dunn (left) and W.: John Horn, DSA, (right) for 50 years of Service to Oatka Lodge by W.: Mark G. Arlauckas, Master. Out-of-State Brothers recognized included Walter Lindemuth, George Hall and Albert McCauley. W.: James Morrow, deceased, was also mentioned.

elected Master, invested with the secrets of the Chair by R.: W.: Larry Dunn, and publicly installed as our new Master of Oatka Lodge.

This was the first time in anyone's recent memory of a Public Installation at Oatka to accommodate visitors. W.: Tim's wife, Shelly, expressed a desire to participate in her husband's installation and we were all to happy to grant her wish. Oatka is in for a great year ahead. Brother Tim is an well-learned and enthusiastic man in Masonry. I have the utmost respect and confidence in his abilities.

Brethren, a Master needs all the support and fellowship you can give him. Please assist him whenever possible to the best of your abilities.

Lodge Work Day

The work day was held on May 21st. A cookout followed. Repairing windows, painting, and general pruning and landscaping were the goals so everything would be spruced up by Memorial Day weekend.

Festival on the Oatka

Once again we will feature our Chicken Bar-B-Que at the Festival on the Oatka on Saturday, August 20th. W.: Larry Blazey (with his new hip) has agreed to spearhead this effort. Please help wherever you can. More details soon.

Brotherhood Fund

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

Grateful thanks

I thank all Brethren of Oatka for supporting me during my year as Master of Oatka. I also thank them for their participation, patience and assistance. It was an honor to serve you. I especially thank my wife, Edie, and my two sons, Sean and

Greg, for their love, understanding and support. Thank you all.

Churchville Lodge No. 667
2nd & 4th Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.
Master W.: Jesse Noble 321-1995
Secretary W.: George R. Burke 293-1629
www.geocities.com/churchvillelodge667
20 South Main Street, Churchville, 14428

We are having a special meeting on June 8th at 7:00 p.m. in reference to the merger of our Lodge with Unity Lodge. We need your input and concerns regarding this matter.

I thank all the Brothers of Unity Lodge who assisted us with our 2nd Degree on April 22nd. Your Lodge demonstrated brotherly love in aiding other Lodges. Once again, I extend my heartfelt thanks.

District Deputy Grand Master
Genesee/Wyoming District
R.: W.: Norman H. Steinbaugh 591-2073
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With the 224th Communication of Grand Lodge now in the history books, we can reflect on the outcome of the many proposals considered this year. The proposed Grand Lodge 17-month budget afforded some lively discussion. Updating to the electronic-records age also proved to be somewhat difficult. Several other proposals brought forth different opinions, with the most exciting being the Masonic title change. Of course, all the details will be forthcoming. The consolidation of Eagle Valley Lodge No. 1161 with Triluminal Lodge No. 543 was announced.

Potts Award

While the District attendance at Grand Lodge was somewhat disappointing, it was very gratifying that Hesperus and Oakland Lodges received the Howard W. Potts Award. Congratulations, Hesperus and Oakland, for a job


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well done. We all know that it's not an easy task.

Degrees

Several Lodges have Entered Apprentices and are working toward the Fellowcraft Degree with the possibility of a second annual District Master Mason Degree on a Saturday again this Fall. We hear that the Brothers could not secure passage and should be in attendance again this year, so anyone who missed them will have a second chance. Three brother Brothers is certainly unique and a second chance is unheard of, but the important thing is to get the Fellowcrafts ready. The date will be announced later.

HESPERUS
Lodge No. 837
1st and 3rd Thursdays



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The Widows and Awards Night was well attended, and the Viking Valhalla Restaurant did an outstanding job. The dinners were delicious and the special seating was very much appreciated. Special thanks to W.: Joe Chimino for managing the program, and for the presentation of the beautiful Widows pins to those who were in attendance.

The first meeting in May was for the Election of Officers. I would like to be the first to congratulate the newly elected Officers of Hesperus Lodge.
Master **David Smalley**
Sr. Warden **Courtney Gale**
Jr. Warden **Donald Kunego**
Treasurer **Dick Sands**
Secretary **Leo Vainio**

I wish each of you every success in the coming year.

The annual Chicken Bar-B-Que was a bigger success than last year. It's hard to believe that our permanently assigned chairman, W.: Dick Sands, could outdo himself in this event. All I can say is, "WOW." Those chickens were fantastic and the homemade pies were so good. Many thanks to Dick and his cooking crew for a job well done. Joyce Sands' macaroni salad and Marilyn Liles' baked beans were welcome additions. Also, thanks to the OES for the tasty pies.

Hesperus Lodge turned out in full force as 16 Master Masons were honored at Hesperus Chapter No. 823, Master Mason Night. Little did they realize what was in store for them when they arrived and were warmly welcomed by Worthy Matron Kathy Tyson, my wife. She and nine of her Sisters acted out a skit handed down to her by Linda Zahn, imitating a Masonic Lodge meeting. The Master Masons and all the sideliners were in stitches and left with their cheeks hurting from the laughter. Thank you ladies for a memorable Master Mason night and thank you, my Brothers, for taking time from

your busy schedules to support our OES Chapter.

Upcoming dates

June 2nd - Meeting at 7:30 p.m., followed by fellowship and pizza. All past Masters and Wardens and newly elected Masters and Wardens of the Genesee/Wyoming District are invited to join us for this time of fellowship.

June 12th - Installation of Officers for Hesperus Lodge

June 16th - Meeting at 7:30. First meeting with the newly elected Master. Sport Shirt Night. Refreshments will be Strawberry Shortcake.

July 31st - Plan to attend this year's Hesperus Lodge Family Picnic and Steak Roast to be held at Marty and Donna Krause's cottage on Silver Lake.

August 6th - Hesperus Chapter No. 823 OES is planning it's annual picnic at the Salisbury Cottage

September 1st - Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

I feel a little sad writing my last article for Hesperus Lodge, but as one of the 105 Masters of this Lodge, I also will leave you in the hands of a qualified new Master. This past year will truly be a year of wonderful memories for me. I have had the pleasure of meeting and making many new friends in the Genesee/Wyoming District.

Most important to me was being elected to serve this Lodge as its Master. It's been a great year, but it's gone by too fast. Maybe I can sneak in a couple of extra meetings before the new Officers are installed. Whom do I thank for making this year such a success, which Officer, which chairman, which appointed Officer, which Brother? There isn't just one. It was all of you; every one of you made this year such a great success. When I began my year as Master, I put together a trestleboard with dates and events that I was going to do. Well, I quickly learned a valuable lesson as Master. I can plan and I can want, but it is in the hands of the Brothers of the Lodge whether a Master is a success or not.

Thank you all so much for all your help, advice, and brotherly love. May God bless you all!

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



Master
W.: Henry Robinson
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Secretary
W.: Richard L. Smith
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By Kenneth E. Smith
I'm sitting in front of my computer screen to prepare my last article for the year and I'm hoping that I did a satisfactory job of informing the members of Oakland Lodge what has been going on throughout the past year. If I have missed any important information or news I apologize now and will try to do better next year. I can honestly say that my only regret for this year was missing the August deadline for the first is-

sue of the year that was distributed in September.

Old faces, new places

W.: Henry Robinson will not be sitting in the East next year. Henry has been the Master of Oakland Lodge for several years and is finally going to be relieved of his duties as the Master of Oakland Lodge. I thank Henry on behalf of all the members of Oakland Lodge for his continued dedication and leadership over the last several years.

Oakland Lodge held its election of Officers at our May 3rd communication. The following Officers were elected to serve for the next Masonic year:
Master **Kenneth Smith**
Sr. Warden **Robert Kemp**
Jr. Warden **Gerald (Bud) Hoffmeister**
Treasurer **Frederick Hance**
Secretary **Richard Smith**
Chaplain **David Beardsley**
Sr. Deacon

Arthur Robinson
Jr. Deacon **Michael Rhodes**
Sr. M. of C. **Thomas Scott**
Jr. M. of C. **Daniel Hamilton**
Marshal **Henry Robinson**
Tiler **Raymond Wood**

The installation of these Officers will take place at our first communication in June. The date and time of the installation is June 7 at 7:30 p.m. I would encourage all the members of Oakland Lodge to attend this installation to lend your support for the newly installed officers.

Thank you

I thank the members of Oakland Lodge for placing their trust in me and electing me as Master of Oakland Lodge for the ensuing year. This is a very special honor that I do not take lightly. I'm very proud to say that I have followed in my father's footsteps and have been afforded the chance to be the Master of the same Lodge in which my father was Master many years ago. I can only hope that I will do as wonderful a job as he did.

Dues

I would hope that by now all the members of Oakland Lodge have submitted their dues to the Secretary. If you have not, I would encourage you to do so at this time or as soon as possible. This will prevent you from falling behind a year and having to double up next year.

Here's hoping this article finds all Masons and their families experiencing a happy and healthy start to Spring. Let us never forget those who have fought and are still fighting to keep our great Nation free and safe. Always remember that freedom isn't free.

May the blessings of heaven rest upon all Masons and their families wherever they are throughout the world.

Olive Branch
Lodge No. 39, F. & A.M.
1st Wednesdays
7:30 p.m.



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At our May 4th meeting we had our best attendance of the year. For the fourth year there

was really no change in Officers. The only change is Brother Jim Nielsen was elected to the Office of Trustee for 3 years. We pray for changes at the next Election.

Installation

Officers will be installed at our June 1st communication. It will be an open affair so our families can attend. Please come out to support your Officers!

We have decided to move the Service Award and Widows Night to Saturday, September 17th. As everyone is so busy in the Summer, we thought the later date might help attendance. Yet, it is early enough in the Fall that the snowbirds will still be around.


Sickness and distress

We are sad to report the death of Shirley Roth, widow of the late John Roth.

We are happy to report that R.: W.: Bob Nicoll is on the mend from a throat problem. We hope he gets his voice back real soon.

Hope you all have a restful Summer and that we see you around the altar starting September 7th.

Eagle Valley
Lodge No. 1161
2nd & 4th Thursdays



Master
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Secretary
R.: W.: Sheldon J. Moden
322-7343

Liberty Street, Bliss 14024


Consolidation

The really big news is that our consolidation with Triluminar Lodge of Pike, was announced at Grand Lodge, May 2, 2005. Consolidation constitutes a return from whence we came many years ago.

Brothers, our status as Masons has not been affected by consolidation with Triluminar Lodge. We now join with them and meet at Harding Temple in Pike, on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month. Future dues will be paid to Triluminar Lodge. The name "Eagle Valley Lodge" will no longer be used.

Watch your mail for notices of coming Eagle Valley Temple Association meetings.

Batavia
Lodge No. 475
2nd & 4th Tuesdays



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The revision to the By-Laws concerning the change of dues was approved at the May 10th communication. This will take effect for the dues billing for the end of this year.

Election of Officers for the coming year took place at that communication, also. Elected Officers for the coming year are:

Master **Scott A. Blossom**
Sr. Warden **Vernon G. Rupert**
Jr. Warden **Aaron Belluscio**
Treasurer **Harold N. Collier**

Secretary **Robert F. Dagen**
Trustee **Franklin P. Lund**

The Officers will be Installed at a Public Installation to be held June 14th. The Purple Apron Installation Team will conduct the ceremony.

June Masonic Anniversaries

Sherman F. Babcock	64 years
Melvin G. Wood	60 years
Gustav Wahlstrom	59 years
Gordon R. Marsham	54 years
Russell W. Sharick	49 years
Donald N. Boyce	44 years
Harold N. Collier	43 years
Gilbert J. Morith	40 years
Robert F. Dagen	29 years
Robert G. Lowe	22 years
Frank A. Childs, Jr.	21 years

Happy Birthday

Harold K. Tootell	June 17th
Dewey W. Glazier	June 20th
LeRoy G. Seekins	June 28th

Please attend meetings and support your new Officers.

West Star
Lodge No. 413
F. & A. M.
1st & 3rd Mondays



Master
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535-7874

W.: Kenneth Kohlhagen
Secretary, 591-9598

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My thanks to the Officers and members of West Star Lodge for allowing me to represent them at the 224th Communication of Grand Lodge in New York City. My wife and I drove to Beacon, NY, and rode the train into Grand Central Station on 42nd Street. From there we proceeded to have a great weekend sightseeing and enjoying some of the many great restaurants.

Bright and early Monday morning, I was on the subway riding downtown to 23rd Street. We don't have subways in Varysburg, so it was pretty exciting to see where I might end up. I was lucky and made it to Lodge on time. I even had coffee and a pastry from a street vendor.

Well, I'm here to tell you, Grand Lodge was very impressive. It ran very smoothly and there were several dignitaries present. We heard several brief reports on committees. All of the proposals were voted on, but they saved the toughest one for last. A proposal was made to remove titles from your name, except for Brother, unless you currently are holding an office. A ballot was requested and it was voted on, on Tuesday morning. It was defeated, almost 4 to 1.

On Monday evening, Lorrie and I saw a Broadway show, entitled *Rent*. That would be another story in itself. I don't think I would rent the video.

Tuesday morning it was back to Lodge for election of Grand Lodge Officers. Tuesday afternoon, was installation of those elected officers. I had a great time at Grand Lodge with good friends from Hesperus Lodge and R.: W.: Norman Steinbaugh, our DDGM. We had a safe trip home and were back to work on Wednesday.

The City has changed since I was there last. The people on the street smiled, said "Good Morning," and seemed to be much friendlier than the last time I was there. It was a nice change!

Election of Officers

Our election of Officers is coming soon. West Star Past Masters will install the Officers on June 13th at 7:30 p.m. I will be out of town on an important trip for our first meeting in June, so our installation of Officers will be on the Monday following our regular stated communication.

In the next issue, I will let you know how our Antler Contest went. I hope we raise a good sum of money for Crossroads House in Batavia. This could turn out to be an annual event.

Last month I forgot to mention that Brother John Miller, from Constellation Lodge, got skunked a second time at our second Euchre Tournament. Since then, I also was skunked at a tournament at the Central House in North Java. If I can get a few members to help, we will have another tournament at Lodge late in June. Call me if you would be interested.

Scholarship Dinner

June 11th will be our Chicken Bar-B-Que to benefit our Scholarship Fund. I plan to

send each member two tickets to sell or buy. Tickets will be \$7.50 this year. Someone will also be contacting you about "Pie Donations." If at all possible, please try to support our Gordon M. Brown Scholarship Fund. We give three Scholarships to neighboring schools.

June 4th is also the deadline for this year's Brotherhood Fund. Any donations received after June 15th go on next year's report. Any amount will help. Thank You!

Awards

Awards Night was on April 18th where R.:W.: Norm Steinbaugh and I made several presentations. I am mentioning two specific Awards: one was given to R.:W.: Merle Robinson, who received his 50-Year Pin and Certificate; the second was presented to W.: Fred Luce, his 60-Year Pin and Certificate. W.: Fred Luce joined the Masons three years before I was born. This was a very enjoyable evening.

Soon we'll be closed for the Summer. Please don't forget our events coming up and hope to see you soon! ✕

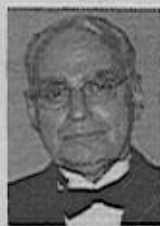
District Deputy Grand Master Livingston District



R.:W.:
Roy W.
Moses
346-9260

At this writing, Grand Lodge is behind us and Lodges are having installations. The old is being replaced with the new. What a great year this has been for the Livingston District. I

Grand Sword Bearer Livingston



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send a card or call. Please call me (458-6125), if you know of a Woodsman with any health-related problems.

Lilac City Cedarettes

It has been reported that Helen Barry is in Rochester General Hospital with complications after knee surgery. Freda Silver is recuperating in St. Ann's Home from a broken hip. I'm sure these ladies would appreciate receiving cards and keep them in your prayers.

Redundancy, redundancy
Remember, we still need help in contacting our members regularly. I know that you must be getting tired of reading this plea, but I'll keep writing it until someone responds. It will involve making only three or four calls once a month. Join our Calling Committee and get back in the mainstream.

If you have rummaged around in your old Cedar stuff and found a Ritual Book or any other Cedar paraphernalia, please let me know and I will pick it up.

Cedar Bible stand

Woodsmen Angelo DiCataldo is progressing with the Cedar Bible stand for our Altar. When completed, the plan is to dedicate this stand, suitably inscribed, at an open meeting and publicly thank Brother Kelsey for his donation of Cedar wood from Lebanon.

Looking ahead

We are hoping for another good turn out for our Annual Sausage Roast, but if you cannot attend, remember that our Annual Steak Roast will be held at Kiwanis Park in Webster on September 28th. As usual, Angelo DiCataldo will be grilling the steaks. Bring a dish to pass, your table service, tablecloth and a desire to meet old friends and have a great time. If you need directions or information, please call me or the Grand Tall Cedar, Norm Austin. Have a great Summer! ✕

can't thank the Masters of 2004-2005 enough for all the support that they have extended to R.:W.: Trescott and me. You are in a class of your own, a huge benefit to the Craft, your Lodge and your District.

The Annual District Talent Show was held April 29th at the Honeoye Falls Middle School. The talent and dedication that the children have today is amazing. To get up in front of a crowd did not faze too many of these kids. In writing the program for the Talent Show, Brother Mike Grady wrote a section on *What is Masonry?* I would like to pass some of these words of wisdom from Brother Mike on to you.

"So many of you may have wondered, just what is Masonry? Masonry, or Freemasonry, is quite simply a fraternity of men. Centuries old in origin, it unites men of the community who share like-minded values, that being of good character, integrity, charity to mankind and the betterment of society. As some may think, it is not a secret society. If that were the case, you would not be here watching this great talent show, sponsored by the Masons."

Brother Mike wrote more, but this first paragraph jumped out at me. So simple are the words, but many Masons have trouble explaining just who Masons are. ✕

Rochester Forest No. 133

Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America
3rd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.
Penfield, NY 14526
Norman P. Austin, GTC
494-2223
Donald C. Bell, Scribe
334-7768

Pot Luck Dinner

Our April 27th Pot Luck Dinner with the ladies was a night. Although there turned out to be conflicts with that evening, all were well fed and glad that they had attended. The meeting was productive and the Ladies were entertained by a program on the mining, cutting and selling of diamonds.

Coming events

The Degrees were conferred at our last Spring meeting on May 25th. It's been a long time since we had a Class of four to witness our Degrees.

Sausage Roast

Preparations are in motion for our Annual Sausage Roast on June 22nd. It will be held at the same location as last year, the Kiwanis Park at the end of Shangrila Lane in Webster. The liquid refreshments and sausage will be supplied. Bring your own table setting, tablecloth and a dish to pass. If you need directions, please call me or one of the Officers.

Membership

The only way to fulfill our charitable objective, Muscular Dystrophy, is to increase our numbers. All members should talk to their fellow Masons, friends and neighbors about our Forest, especially our charitable objective. If you know of anyone, even non-Masons, whom you think would be interested in joining in our "Fun and Frolic," talk to them. Petitions are available from me or Don Bell, the Scribe, at 259-0647. If you would like more information, pamphlets are available. This is your Forest. If you want it to survive, we need candidates.

Sickness and distress

Don Freeman's condition still remains about the same. Paul Kober is getting back on his feet. These Brothers would like to hear from you, please



These youngsters (above) were the performers in the K-5 Division of the Livingston District Talent Show held at Honeoye Falls-Lima Middle School. Students who competed in the Division 6-8 category are shown below.



The participants in the Division 9-12 are pictured here. (We are grateful for these photographs, supplied by Richard Trescott, and regret that no identification information was submitted. They are published anyway to recognize the effort put forth by these talented individuals. SW)



Bundled up members of Eunice Lodge No. 830 manning the food concession booth on a cold, damp Old Fashion Day.

piece, exquisite and elegant with all the trimmings. If you missed this dinner you were unfortunate. It was very impressive, and the food was great, as well.

I thank all the outgoing Masters for their help and support during this last year. We could

not have had the success and fun we had this year without them. Thank you all for a great year.

I welcome all the incoming Masters and offer all the support that we can give them and wish them a successful and fun new year. ✕

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Thank You!

As we begin a new term of Lodge, Council, and Chapter Officers, we must give thanks to those who have served. It is with pleasure that I offer heartfelt thanks to: Thrice Potent Master Mike McBride, for his continued effort in promoting Freemasonry and his dedication to the many programs of both the Blue Lodge, Scottish Rite, and Shrine; Sovereign Prince Norman Austin, for his leadership in our Family Life Programs and Table Lodges, which provided information to the Brothers regarding Scottish Rite and Most Wise Master Rev. Charles Roberts, for his leadership in the Symbolic Lodge Awards program and Feast of the Paschal Lamb. The caring these Brothers exhibited lead the Rite, and our Fraternity, to much closer ties. We thank you, and look forward to their continued support and assistance.

As we move forward, I would like to thank Distinguished Brother Charles Spiegel, 32° MSA, for his service and contributions to the Fraternity over the years. Many of you have worked with Chuck. You know his dedication. You are aware of his love for the Fraternity. We all wish Chuck and Elaine the best of luck, as they leave the Rochester winters, and begin a new life of boiled peanuts, Vidalia onions and grits, as they have moved to a quaint little suburb of Atlanta. We wish them well.

New Officers

It is with great pleasure we introduce the new presiding Officers of the Valley: Thrice Potent Master, Joseph Bourcy; Sovereign Prince, Reginald Reed and Most Wise Master, Michael Knolla. They have been serving your Valley for the past few years, in different capacities, and are ready to take on their new roles. As a team, we look forward to a great year in both the Valley functions and supporting our Fraternity.

I thank Donald Rose, 32° MSA, as Treasurer.

New Valley members

During our Reunion in April, we presented our Ritual Degrees to the following new Brothers of the Ill.: Robert Zabel, 33°, Class: Kenneth G. Pearce, Brennan D. Coon, James "Michael" Grady, Robin S. Hamm and Harrison F. Parson, Jr. Welcome them when you see them, as we mentor them in the upcoming years.

Annual Banquet/Award Recognition

A great time was shared by all as we gathered at the Burgundy Basin Inn, Saturday,

May 7th. While we honored our own, we also paid tribute to those servicemen who fought for the freedom we have and love today, but also to our "Moms," who without their nurturing, guidance and wisdom, we could not enjoy the personal life we do have. To the mothers everywhere, we thank you.

Many thanks to Ill.: Stephen R. Whittaker, 33°, Deputy's Representative, for being the MC. As usual, Steve pulled me through, as I was experiencing a serious foot infection, and was not up to par.

We also listened to Patrick Tyndall, a student at our Learning Center, of his accomplishments and thoughts, as he progresses through another year at the Center. We wish Patrick all the best.

It was also a pleasure to listen to Ill.: Rodney R. Rittenhouse, 33°, Chairman of our LC Board of Governors, present to Ms. Anne L. Kaczka a Certificate of Recognition for her dedication and guidance, as our Frank and Bette Paul Learning Center moves forward.

The recipients of the Ill.: John B. Mullan, 33°, Dedicated Service Award were announced. Please welcome and greet: Sublime Prince Clifford Hayner, 32° DSA; Sublime Prince Gerald Gilmore, 32° DSA; Sublime Prince Warren Doerr, 32° DSA; and Sublime Prince John H. Williams, 32° DSA. This Award is given as recognition of their service to 32° Masonry in the Valley of Rochester and the area that it serves. They will be formally presented their "Blue" Caps at our Annual outing in August. Congratulations.

"The Greatest Generation"

While I am on the younger side of this so-called generation, I believe we have an obligation to listen and learn, as we move forward. I was recently at a large gathering of Brothers, and listened as many of us tried to understand and explain the decline in membership. "The Greatest Generation" has begun to realize that we must gear ourselves to help our Fraternity heighten its appeal to qualified young men of our time. They are accustomed to the fast lane of computers, cyberspace and the modern workplace, and are often unwilling to take the time to pursue the process we took eagerly when we petitioned. We are locked in tradition, and only through time, when the few younger fellows we have among our membership are in a position to encourage change, will we see a difference. Please don't misunderstand me; I'm not advocating an immediate change in our Rituals, but am imploring the courteous consideration to be receptive to future proposals of modern thought. They are certain to be recommended by tomorrow's Masons. Even with our declining membership some Grand Lodges, in adherence to "The way it has always been," fail to recognize the value of change, as with the One-Day Classes. Admittedly, we would like to see men

clamoring for admission of their own "free will and accord," and willing to learn the catechisms just like we did. But this is not going to fly with the younger set. To hypothesize, if only ONE of TEN shortcut Masons became proficient and entered into the spirit of the Craft, that is ONE that we may never have had! The other NINE, even if only card carriers and seldom seen in the Lodge, would be better than NONE! Many of these newly-made Masons will seek further light and progress through the Concordant Bodies and Shrine.

Enjoy the Summer; see you in September.

So Mote It Be. ✕

Most Wise Master By Charles M. Roberts

A Very Successful Feast

The Chapter hosted the Annual Observance of the Solemn Feast of the Paschal Lamb at The Party House on Beahan Road on April 13th. The Feast was truly a successful event, with approximately 115 in attendance. The food, fellowship and ceremony were enjoyed by all. The only disappointment was the absence of our Sovereign Grand Commander Ill.: Walter E. Webber, 33°. We did, though, have the distinct pleasure to have in attendance: M.: W.: Edward R. Trosin, Grand Master of Masons in the State of NY; Ill.: Harold Aldrich, Deputy for New York State, and his Lady Phyllis; M.: E.: Walter Hilsenbeck, Grand High Priest of Grand Chapter of the State of NY, and his Lady Juanita; R.: E.: Sir Knight George Knorr, Grand Commander of Grand Commandery Knights Temple of the State of NY, and his Lady Cathy; Ill.: David Spencer, 33° Active; Ill.: Potentate Robert Anderson of Damascus Shrine, and his Lady Alice; and a number of Grand Lodge Officers of NY. It truly was our Fraternity at its best for the recognition of those Brethren who have joined the Celestial Temple above. I wish to thank each and every one who attended, who assisted in any way toward making the night truly memorable. Hats off to the Officers of the Chapter and "Red Hats" Club for a job well done.

This night was capped off with a financial gift of \$20,000 from the Valley of Rochester to the 32° Masonic Learning Center Program, Inc. of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America. Ill.: Aldrich received the gift for Ill.: Webber.

An active Reunion

Well, we had another successful Reunion this past April. We have five new Brothers added to our Chapter and Valley. I wish again to thank all those individuals who greatly made this Director's life easier by assisting in the performance of the 18° Degree on April 30th. Well Done, Knights Rose Croix! I believe with all of us taking part in so many Degrees for the Reunion, we all did extremely

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well under the pressure. My sincere thanks!

A Swan Song

Finally, Knights Rose Croix, I extend my sincere best wishes to all of you for your support these many years coming up through the line of Rose Croix and for your hearty support and willingness to let me lead you this past year as Most Wise Master. It is another chapter in my Masonic career I will not forget. Thank you. Thank you to my Officers, Knights and the Valley for reposing your trust in

me. It has truly been a pleasure to serve you all. I wish for my successor as Most Wise Master, Knight Michael Knolla, his Officers and the Chapter, much success this coming year. If my cabletow allows and I can be of any support this year don't hesitate to ask.

My prayer for the Valley of Rochester is that it may attain new heights of grandeur as it fulfills its calling to uphold the Masonic principles in general and Scottish Rite in particular. God-speed to all. So Mote it Be! ✕

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June ushers in Summer and we hope it will be perfect in every way!

Please attend the following activities:

Official Visits

June 6th - Irondequoit Chapter, 8:00 p.m.

June 7th - Charlotte Chapter in Spencerport, 7:30 p.m.

June 16 - Lilac Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. Reservations required, contact Rt. Wthy. Jan Porter at 663-6719.

The Lilac Luncheon is a Monroe District tradition; we take Sisters residing in the Eastern Star Home to lunch at Roselawn Restaurant. Our Sisters look forward to this full day of activity and visiting.

July 17th - District Picnic, Robert's Cabin in Henrietta Town Park from 2 to 6 p.m. Members, family and friends are invited. Bring a dish to pass, table service and a wrapped/bagged item for auction. We have lots of fun at this

event and it's a great opportunity to get better acquainted with District members and friends.

July 22nd - Monroe District Dinner in Oriskany for anyone who wants to arrive early.

July 23rd - Pilgrimage Day in Oriskany

The annual pilgrimage to the Eastern Star Home in Oriskany is a State "homecoming" of sorts - food, boutiques, the Share Booth, tours of the campus facilities and a Bar-B-Que at days end! Come and join the festivities.

Mark your calendars

September 11th - Fundraising Concert at Greece Baptist Church, 1230 Long Pond Road at 3 p.m., \$3 per ticket. This concert, featuring the Praise Chorus, is our chance to support our District projects - a fight against domestic violence. The proceeds will go to LifeSpan's Elder Abuse Unit and Alternatives for Battered Women.

We would also ask that you bring a non-perishable food item, personal hygiene item, disposable diaper/pull-ups for children, or an item of your liking to be added to the donations. Everyone's invited to this worthwhile event.

Check the date! There will also be a 9/11 tribute at the concert.

LifeSpan is the major source of assistance for elder abuse in this metro area, assisting men or women who are being abused by anyone. Alternatives for Battered Women assist "women who are being abused by a husband or boyfriend."

Elder abuse is the fastest growing segment of abuse - due largely to the growing segment of seniors. It's not always a visible form of abuse, i.e., bruises and broken bones, but can be restriction of the victim to take care of themselves. Often a child or grandchild "takes over" the victim's home, assets and security; they isolate the person from friends and support systems, and often keep them "in line" with threats and/or actual physical abuse.

It is imperative that we are all diligent and familiar with signs of elder abuse; a neighbor, friend, Sister or Brother may need our help.

Do plan to attend this major fundraising event for our District. The money stays here, and that's a good thing.

Have a safe and fruitful Summer! God Bless America. x

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Shortsville Temple

Well, I guess that Summer is coming. By the time you receive this newsletter, Chapter will be winding down for the Summer. I want to thank all my Sisters and Brothers for what they have done for the Order this year, especially for coming to the meetings as often as you did. I realize that sometimes we have other things which prevent us from coming, such as illness or we are out of town, but when you do attend, it is a pleasure to have you with us.

Have a wonderful Summer and see you in the Fall.

I leave you with this:

There's a bluebird in the orchard; I saw it just today. 'Twas flying to its nesting site this sunny day. x

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Letter from Iraq Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Line, Brethren All

Through the technology of the internet, I have just learned that you have honored our request for a Dispensation. I received the message at 2140 Iraq time, 1340 Eastern (1:40 p.m. for you civilian types!). Unfortunately, while writing this message, a severe sand storm swept thru the area, damaging our internet service.

On behalf of the appointed Officers and other serving Brother Masons, we wish to thank you for allowing this opportunity to become a reality. Masonry has now returned to the country of Iraq, after being absent for approximately 30 years.

Since submitting the Dispensation request, we have almost

doubled in potential membership. Masons from across the United States may now partake in the fellowship that this Lodge will offer to coalition forces. We look forward to continuing the great history of this Lodge and of the Masonic Fraternity. Now it is up to us to spread the good news. Who knows, maybe even an Iraqi Lodge will arise from the underground.

Again, our heartfelt thanks for this, and your continued support of us and our families.

May the Great Architect of the Universe be with us all, until we meet again.

Fraternally,
Major E.D. Walther IV, Master
Sea, Field, and Air Masonic
Lodge, F&AM, U.D. x



States ~ ~ Individual communities that have united into forty-eight great states. Forty-eight individual communities with pride and dignity and purpose. All divided with imaginary boundaries, yet united to a common purpose, and that is love for country.

And to the Republic ~ ~ Republic—a state in which sovereign power is invested in representatives chosen by the people to govern. And government is the people; and it's from the people to the leaders, not from the leaders to the people.

For which it stands

One Nation ~ ~ One Nation—meaning, so blessed by God.

Indivisible ~ ~ Incapable of being divided.

With Liberty ~ ~ Which is Freedom; the right of power to live one's own life, without threats, fear, or some sort of retaliation.

And Justice ~ ~ The principle, or qualities, of dealing fairly with others.

For All ~ ~ For All—which means, boys and girls, it's as much your country as it is mine.

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"Since I was a small boy, two states have been added to our country, and two words have been added to the Pledge of Allegiance: Under God. Wouldn't it be a pity if someone said that is a prayer, and that would be eliminated from schools, too? Red Skelton

(Editors note: As we celebrate Flag Day and the 4th of July, and every day our Service Personnel engage in freedom-protecting situations around the world, maybe it is time the Country heard this again and took it to heart. Thanks to Brother Joe Minas for bringing this rendition to my attention and to the Estate of Red Skelton for allowing us to reprint it. SW)

By Fred Cornell

My Brothers and fellow Officers in the Masonic War Vets, by the time you read this, I will have been installed as your new Commander. I wish to thank all who had a part in my election and installation.

Strawberry Social

On June 23rd, we will have our traditional Strawberry Social with the ladies. Please be informed, this is not a dinner meeting. We will have a short business meeting and then our strawberries with the ladies. This is a fundraiser and the cost will be \$3 each.

Dinner Cruise

July 11th will be our Summer cruise on the Harbor Town Belle. It will be a dinner cruise with the buffet served on board the ship. We will leave the dock at 6 p.m. sharp. The total cost will be \$25 each or \$50 a couple. I will be accepting pre-paid reservations until the cruise date, but please send in your reservations earlier.

On July 15th we will have a graveside celebration in Mt. Hope Cemetery at 2:30 p.m. We will be celebrating James A. Hard's birthday.

September

Our first official dinner meeting will be September 22nd at Fame Lodge. x

The Pledge of Allegiance

RED SKELTON: I remember this one teacher. To me, he was the greatest teacher, a real sage of my time. He had such wisdom. As we were reciting the Pledge Of Allegiance, he walked over and said, "I've been listening to you boys and girls recite the Pledge Of Allegiance all semester and it seems as though it is becoming monotonous to you. If I may, may I recite it and try to explain to you the meaning of each word."

On January 14, 1969, Red Skelton touched the hearts of millions of Americans with his "Pledge Of Allegiance."

I ~ ~ Me; an individual; a committee of one.

Pledge ~ ~ Dedicate all of my worldly goods to give without self-pity.

Allegiance ~ ~ My love and my devotion.

To the Flag ~ ~ Our standard; Old Glory; a symbol of Freedom; wherever she waves there is respect, because your loyalty has given her a dignity that shouts, Freedom is everybody's job.

United ~ ~ That means that we have all come together.

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Potentate - Robert L. Anderson II

From the Potentate

Shrine Office - 671-7701



Robert L. Anderson II

Well Nobles, we are nearly half-way through the year. What an exciting first five months we have had and it doesn't stop now. Our June meeting, once again, begins with a Steak dinner with our wives and new Nobles. We will be welcoming into our Fraternity over 25 new Nobles and their families. We will be honoring those Nobles who invited them into our midst. Most importantly, we will be honoring those 60 Nobles who have been members of Damascus for 50 years. And we will have entertainment, too!

We are a great organization and you need to encourage your Brothers to become a part of our activities, such as the exciting Noble Bring-a-Brother Night, Potentate's Reception and the Duffer's Golf Tournament that we had in May. Opportunities to travel to other Shrine Centers, such as we did in April to the NYOSA meeting in Cooperstown; Rameses in Toronto; Ziyara in Utica and to Media in Watertown this month. There are Shrine Masons throughout New York State.

This will be a busy Summer with the Club and Unit picnics. It will culminate with three Shrine Events. The first will be our trip to the Imperial Session in July.

The Family Picnic will be at the Shrine Center on August 20th. It will be open to all of the organizations that meet at the Shrine Center. We will have Moon Bounce, Air Slide and more for the kids, horseshoes and bocce for the adults, and a picnic dinner all for the low price of \$10 for the adults. The children will be free! Come one, come all for the chance to dunk your favorite Divan member in the dunking booth!

Finally, we will kick-off the Fall with a wine tasting party for our September meeting.

All of these activities have one underlying purpose, to raise awareness of the Shrine and our philanthropy, the Childrens Hospitals. We are half-way through the year and well on our way to raising our share of the money needed to support our hospitals.

Alice and I are having a great time this year. Make sure that you join us in enjoying the rest of it.

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From the Recorder

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I would like to have all of the Units and Clubs get in touch with the office and update their rosters, as we are hearing from people who say they are not receiving their *Damascus News*, or their Club or Unit notices about upcoming meetings. A couple of the Clubs and Units have added members and/or deleted a member, but did not notify us. If a member is added or deleted and we are not notified, then we cannot be blamed. Please contact us.

ILOH

I would like to report on the trip to Harrisburg and the International Legion of Honor Convention. Commander Robert Cook, now Past Commander, did a super job of visiting as many of the Units as time allowed. Many of the Nobles enjoyed the trip to the Hershey Chocolate Factory and the trip to the Gettysburg Battlefield.

Commander Paul Baker's Convention is going to be in Biloxi, Mississippi from April 2nd - 6th, 2006. Contact Cy Kloner or me for details.

New Nobles

There is still time to recruit new Nobles for the Shrine. We can vote upon and obligate them at the June 1st meeting. As of this writing, we have 26 new applications and have room for a lot more. Nobles, get out there and search out some new members.

The Noble Bring-a-Brother event went well and everybody seemed to enjoy the inspiring speech that the Past Grand Master Gary A. Henningsen gave. It really charges up your battery on Masonry and the Shrine.

Sunny weather!

As the Summer months get closer and closer it really seems good to feel those warm rays of sun instead of the cold winds. The picnics and the fun outdoor things such as the parades, festivals and the fairs, can begin. Don't forget the family picnic on August 20th. More to come on that later.

The Hospital Fund now stands at \$7,511.00 toward our \$20,000.00 goal. Let's reach that goal, Shriners.

Shrine Degree Team

John Faro, President

Nobles, another month has gone by. Time certainly flies when you are having fun, and the Degree Team certainly is having fun. We have travelled the length and breadth of the Damascus jurisdiction this past six months. We have been from

Honeoye Falls to Geneseo, from Pittsford to Sea Breeze, and from the Shrine Center to Auburn conferring 3rd Degrees and one 2nd Degree on numerous Brothers. Getting to meet new Brethren, visiting their Lodge rooms and camaraderie at pre-Degree dinners (all excellent meals by the way) has been a great experience to all the Degree Team members.

On May 5th, we travelled to Auburn and conferred the 3rd Degree on two Brothers. Noble Mike Grady was in the East and was supported by our steadfast team of Don Krech, Tom Grape, Richard Snyder, Joe Shanks, Oscar Wilson, Lee Coller, Jim Powell and myself. The Drama was led by Joe Privitera as Most Excellent King Solomon, along with Don Krech as Hiram, King of Tyre; Tom Grape as 1st Craftsman; Bill Hook as the Seafaring man. George Nasra was, as usual, Grand Master Hiram Abif. He also presented an outstanding Charge.

Unless I receive a call, that will be the end of the Degrees for the Spring term. It has been a pleasure for VP Bill Jones and me to work with you during this time. If I do get a call, you will be notified as soon as possible.

Don Freeman, Erwin Newell and Kevin Faro are on the sick list and they should be in our thoughts. A former long-time member of the team, Noble Harold Metzler, is recovering from aortal aneurism surgery and prostate surgery, both occurring within a five week span. Harold, we wish you our best.

Until the Fall Nobles, have a safe enjoyable and relaxing Summer.

Shrine Lunch Club

By James Powell, President

Dates you might like to add to your calendar:

June 20th - trip to the Masonic Care Community Campus in Utica. Everything will be provided, but we must know how many people are planning to go. Please call the Shrine Office at 671-7701 to inform us.

Remember, this includes the Ladies. The trip, tour of the grounds, lunch and trip back home will be provided free of charge. The bus will leave the Shrine parking lot at 7:30 a.m. For additional information, please call the Shrine office, me at 352-6358 or Jim Toogood at 594-2189.

There will be no meeting on May 30th.

We voted not to have the Shrine Lunch Club meet during the months of July and August. June 27th will be our last meeting until September. Remember to thank our dedicated crew of cooks and dishwashers, Rene VanDeVeire, Ron Weber, Richard Snyder and Jan Lughart, for all their efforts on our behalf.

I have tickets for the 2005 Harley Davidson Road King Custom that is being raffled off by the Damascus Wheelers on August 14th. Tickets are going for \$100 each. There will only

be 400 tickets sold. See me if you are interested in purchasing a ticket. The Harley may be seen at Damascus Temple.

If you need information regarding the Lunch Club, please contact me or Jim Toogood.

Brother Bring-a-Brother

By Larry Canfield

On May 7th, Damascus Shrine hosted a wonderful program for prospective new members. The program was conducted by Rich Friedman, who did an outstanding job, as did several other Nobles telling the story of the Shrine and the great work in which we are engaged. We had the honor and privilege of having Past Grand Master and Past Grand Secretary, M.:W.: Gary Henningsen, give a moving and inspiring talk.

Also present was Past Grand Master, M.:W.: Carl Smith, who brought his Shelby Cobra for all to see. In addition, the Senior Grand Warden, R.:W.: Dennis Breheney, and Junior Grand Warden, R.:W.: Jim

Sullivan, were in attendance to support the efforts of Damascus. The program was followed by a great Prime Rib Dinner which was enjoyed by all. We are looking at a possible 50 candidates for the June Ceremonial, which promises to be another exciting time for Damascus.

A special thanks to all who participated and helped to make this a very successful event for Damascus.



M.:W.: Gary Henningsen, keynote speaker for the program, with wife, Ada.



Gary Henningsen, PGM, inspects engine on Shelby driven to Shrine Center by Carl Smith, PGM (above). Rich Friedman (below) showing off his new "toy" to Ada and Gary Henningsen as Alice and Bob Anderson look on. (Bob Anderson)



Damascus Shriners Summer Picnic

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Donor Relations

By Derek VanHouten, PP

A new program entitled "Shriners Annual Gift Campaign" is being launched this Spring and will allow Shriners and other members of the Fraternity to give a tax deductible gift to help support our Hospital System on an annual basis. Since our doors first opened in 1922, we have been able to help over 770,000 children without ever charging them for this expert medical care. I know you are as proud as I am of what we have been able to give these children. It makes me very proud to wear my Fez.

Many of you know that Shriners Hospitals for Children

have an endowment fund. Our forefathers were wise and invested the generous donations given by those who wanted to help Shriners in our endeavor of caring for kids. However, one of the great myths in the Shrine is that our hospitals have all the money they need.

Today our endowment fund is sizable, BUT with 22 hospitals across North America; an active patient roster of nearly 190,000 children; the high cost of providing quality medical care; competition for doctors and nurses; and medical inflation, it has become obvious that our endowment fund is NOT enough to fund our 22 hospitals into the future.

I'd like to provide you with some financial information,

which you may not have heard before.

Our approved budget for 2005 is \$625 million dollars. Historically, however, our unrestricted monetary gifts other than bequests are only about 5% of our total budget each year. Even if we consider all donations, including bequests - which are historically about \$250 million historically - we would still have a shortfall of about \$375 million dollars.

The earnings from our endowment are simply not able to meet this shortfall and increase the fund adequately to meet the cost of inflation. Left unchecked, this spells disaster and will start us in a downward spiral. We must build our endowment fund.

There are several ways each of us can make a difference. First, we can continue to hold fundraisers like the football games and golf tournaments that we have to benefit the hospitals. We can participate in the 100 Million Dollar Club and the Permanent Contributing Membership and there are planned giving opportunities, such as wills and trusts, pooled income funds, gift annuities and life insurance.

Our new program, as mentioned above, will give each Shriner the opportunity to be personally involved in funding the operations of Shriners Hospitals for Children each year. As part of the Gift Campaign there are four annual levels of giving: the BRONZE

SOCIETY - \$100 to \$499; SILVER SOCIETY - \$500 to \$999; GOLD SOCIETY - \$1000 to \$2,499; and DIAMOND SOCIETY - \$2500 and above. Each contributor receives a pin, indicating the level of support, which he may wear in his lapel.

When a man wears his pin, he will show the other members of the Fraternity, as well as the outside world, that he is a member of the "World's Greatest Philanthropy," and that he makes a personal and real difference in the lives of children from all walks of life.

Shortly there will be applications available for all Shrine Clubs and friends of Shriners. Questions may be addressed to Derek VanHouten, 247-2920, or: Hooter95@rochester.rr.com. *

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On April 18th several members from our Lodge went to John Hodge Lodge No. 815 in Naples to assist them in conferring a 1st Degree. Eight Lodges were represented and one candidate was initiated. A nice Pork Loin supper, with several choices of delicious pie, was prepared and served by the Eastern Star ladies.

On April 19th our Lodge took a vote on going to Interlaken, Farmerville Union No. 183, on our regular meeting night. They were conferring a 1st Degree. A team of twelve,

assembled from our Lodge, assisted in conferring the Degree for one candidate.

At a Stated Communication, May 3rd, Officers were elected for 2005-2006. They are: Master William Sergeant Sr. Warden Ron Galens Jr. Warden

George Landstrom Secretary Clayton Ruggles Treasurer Paul Adams Trustee John Carney

June 7th will be Installation of Officers.

Grand Lodge and New York City was a wonderful experience, which dispelled any illusions of NYC I had. A big thank you to Brother George and Charlotte Stanton, and Brother Bill Valois who took my wife Gerry and me under their wing for the whole time. Did we ever do a lot of walking!

Happy Birthday in June to Brothers:

Ranse Brooks	1st
John Sherman	7th
Dan Guth	11th
Paul McIntyre	11th
Thomas Pardington	16th

Aaron Dell	19th
George Landstrom	22nd
Isaac Hessney	23rd
William Goodman	24th
Barney Wandell	29th

Happy Birthday in July to Brothers:

Rodney Wolfe	2nd
Ronald Van Camp	9th
Ernest Bishop	12th
Chris Howard	17th
Ronald Rudio	23rd
Richard Kauder	30th

Happy Birthday in August to:

Kevin Fisher	3rd
Ken Overslaugh	3rd
Frederick Wheeler	3rd
David Roll	8th
Gary Curtiss	19th
John Carney	23rd
Keith Andrews	26th
David Williams	26th

Congratulations to these Brothers raised in June:

Lloyd Akin	6/3/58
Harold Bloser	6/16/48
Peter Cheney	6/18/96
Lowell Falkey	6/1/76
Roy Farnsworth	6/5/59
Larry Gelder	6/6/72
David Retchless	6/18/53
D. Sainsbury	6/10/69
Elmer Smith	6/5/59

Brother raised in July is David Williams 7/26/58.

Dates to remember

June 3rd - Installation of Officers

June 21st - Annual Steak Roast. Contact either Bob Ruggles, (315) 548-3573, or Bill Sergeant (315) 462-3219, if you are going to attend. *

Milnor Lodge No. 139

2nd & 4th Thursdays



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This year has gone by so fast. I thank the Brothers for working with me. It's been a great experience. I also thank Milnor Lodge for allowing me to go to New York City for the Grand Lodge. It was a fantas-

tic experience, and also a coincidence that the Lodge of Oxford, N.Y. surrendered its Charter that very day. My Grandfather had a 75-year Pin from that Lodge. He passed on to the Great Architect of the Universe in 1963, at the age of 94 yrs.

The incoming Officers for Milnor 139 are:

Master	Randall Henry
Sr. Warden	Norman Smith
Jr. Warden	Larry Mahoney
Sr. Deacon	John Davis
Jr. Deacon	Steve Harwood
Tiler	John Purdy
Secretary	Ken Hall
Treasurer	Robert Meuler
M. of C.	Allen Miller
Marshal	Dustin Gress
	Bud Peglow

I feel very comfortable the new Officers will do a good job!

Now that the weather has changed from ice and snow to sunshine - our outdoor work and fun has begun - gardening, lawn care, flowers and picnics!

God Bless and keep the service personnel in your prayers!*

June 15th - May Payroll Taxes due

June 15th - Second Quarter Estimated Taxes due

June 20th - Sales Tax due

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

Taxes! Taxes! Taxes!

By Tom Michielsen

Well, Summer is about to begin. Most of us have turned our thoughts to golf, fishing, yard work and vacations. The governments have not stopped working and the tax laws continue to evolve. Therefore, I will continue to monitor them and publish, as space allows, those changes that might be of use to most of you.

Employers will no longer be required to send copies of potentially questionable W-4 withholding forms to the Internal Revenue Service. At the same time, the IRS will step up its withholding compliance program by making more effective use of information reported on W-2 wage statements to ensure that employees have enough federal income tax withheld.

Recently issued TD 9196, eliminates the requirement that employers send copies of potentially questionable Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate, Forms W-4, to the IRS. The new regulations took effect on April 14, 2005. In the past, employers had to send to the IRS any Form W-4 claiming more than ten allowances or claiming complete exemption from withholding if \$200 or more in weekly wages was expected. Forms W-4 are still subject to review by the IRS; however, employers will

no longer have to submit them to the IRS unless directed to do so in a written notice to the employer or pursuant to specified criteria set forth in future published guidance.

The Internal Revenue Service will discontinue the TeleFile program after August 16, 2005. Until then, taxpayers can use the TeleFile program to file Form 1040EZ, Income Tax Return for Single and Joint Filers With No Dependents; Form 4868, Application for Automatic Extension of Time to File U.S. Individual Income Tax Return; and Form 941, Employer's Quarterly Tax Return, by telephone. The August 16 termination date allows for taxpayers to TeleFile Form 941 second-quarter returns through July 31st, and Form 1040EZ through August 15th.

The Voluntary Nature of the Federal Income Tax System
Contention: The filing of a tax return is voluntary.

Some people assert that they are not required to file federal tax returns because the filing of a tax return is voluntary. Proponents point to the fact that the Internal Revenue Service itself tells taxpayers in the Form 1040 instruction book that the tax system is voluntary. Additionally, the Supreme Court's opinion in *Flora v. United States*, 362 U.S. 145, 176 (1960), is often quoted for the proposition that "our system of taxation is based upon voluntary assessment and payment, not upon distraint."

The Law: The word "voluntary," as used in *Flora* and in IRS publications, refers to our system of allowing taxpayers to determine the correct amount of tax and complete the appropriate returns, rather than have the government determine tax for them. The requirement to file an income tax return is not voluntary and is clearly set forth in Internal Revenue Code.

Any taxpayer who has received more than a statutorily determined amount of gross income is obligated to file a return. Failure to file a tax return could subject the non-complying individual to criminal penalties, including fines and imprisonment, as well as civil penalties. In *United States v. Tedder*, the court clearly states, "although Treasury regulations establish voluntary compliance as the general method of income tax collection, Congress gave the Secretary of the Treasury the power to enforce the income tax laws through involuntary collection. The Internal Revenue Service's efforts to obtain compliance with the tax laws are entirely proper."

Contention: Payment of tax is voluntary.

In a similar vein, some argue that they are not required to pay federal taxes because the payment of federal taxes is voluntary. Proponents of this position argue that our system of taxation is based upon voluntary assessment

and payment. The requirement to pay taxes is not voluntary and is clearly set forth in section 1 of the Internal Revenue Code, which imposes a tax on the taxable income of individuals, estates, and trusts as determined by the tables set forth in that section. (Section 11 imposes a tax on the taxable income of corporations.) Furthermore, the obligation to pay tax is described in section 6151, which requires taxpayers to submit payment with their tax returns. Failure to pay taxes could subject the non-complying individual to criminal penalties, including fines and imprisonment, as well as civil penalties. In discussing section 6151, the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals stated "when a tax return is required to be filed, the person so required 'shall' pay such taxes to the internal revenue officer with whom the return is filed at the fixed time and place."

Upcoming due dates

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As we draw closer to the Summer recess, there are a few things to bring to your attention. For those High Priests (and you know who you are) who have not written their trestleboards, START NOW and get them to me ASAP!

Do your best to get to St. John's Day on June 25th. There will be fun and camaraderie for you and your entire family.

Talking about fun and camaraderie, next there is the Grand Master's Day at Camp Turk on August 6th. Camp Turk is one of Masonry's best kept secrets. If you haven't been to the Camp recently, or not at all, make it a point to visit with your family this year. You will not be disappointed.

Canal Re-dedications

There are three Canal Re-dedication events still to come this year.

Rome - September 10th
Buffalo - October 7th and 8th
NYC - October 29th

Plan on attending these public events.

Support the Grand Chapter Charities by returning your contribution in the envelope which you received.

One last word, do not put away your Ritual book for the Summer. Why not surprise everybody and be ready for the first Conclave this Fall?

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

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I hope all of you are enjoying the warm weather. It's that time of year where we FINALLY get more sunny days than cloudy ones and at least for me, it's a very welcome and enjoyable pleasure. The April showers have brought out the May flowers and there is life all around. As I write this, it's Mother's Day weekend, the flowers are blooming, the birds are chirping, the squirrels and chipmunks are scurrying all around, and the Lilac Festival is about to start.

My year as Illustrious Master of Doric Council is almost over. I thank all of you who

helped, guided and supported me through my year. To all my Officers, your help has been tremendous; to all those who stepped up to the plate and filled the holes in the Degree Cast so we could confer the Degrees this year; to my close associates who lent an ear when I needed to talk or when I had a problem and needed an opinion; to Joy Woodley for her always welcome dinners and wonderfully uplifting spirits; and to the Companions who came out and enjoyed the fellowship of Doric Council; thank you all from the bottom of my heart for being there.

Since my last article, we had our Select Master Degree on April 20th, and I'm very happy to report that we have a new Select Master with us, Companion Glenn Schaffer. The Degree went very well, and my hat is off to R.:I.: Charles Roberts for putting on such a fine Degree. The evening started at 6:30 p.m. with a wonderful German Sausage Dinner prepared by Joy Woodley and was followed by the Degree at 7:30 p.m. It was also nice to see as many Companions present as there were. I believe we had about 15 for dinner and 20 to 25 for the Degree.

As Masons we travel down many many paths. Some lead to expected places, while others open doors we never expected and we are guided along to people, places, times and events we never expected. Every now and then we are taken full circle, and end back up where we started. With that in mind, let me leave you with a final lesson, The Lambskin Apron.

In Masonic symbolism, the Lambskin Apron holds precedence. It is the initial gift of Freemasonry to a candidate, and at the end of life's pilgrimage it is reverently placed on his casket and buried with his body in the grave. Above all other symbols, the Lambskin Apron is the distinguishing badge of a Mason. It is celebrated in poetry and prose and has been the subject of much fanciful speculation. Some Masonic writers have contended that initiation is analogous to birth, or our advent from prenatal darkness into the light of human fellowship, moral truth and spiritual faith. Much ancient lore has been adduced in an effort to show that the Lambskin Apron typifies regeneration, or a new life, and this thought of resurrection may be the cause of its interment with the body of a deceased Brother. At least it will serve until a better reason is advanced for this peculiar custom in the Masonic burial service. The association of the lamb with redemption and being born again is expressed by John, the Apocalyptic Seer, who had a vision on the Isle of Patmos, and beheld the purified and redeemed "of all nations, and kindred, and people and tongues." Of them it was said, "These are they, which came out of great tribulation and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." By many

it has been regarded as a great religious symbol.

In our present conception there are three parts of man: body, soul and spirit. What the body is to the soul, the soul is to the spirit, namely, a house or habitation, but in oriental thought there were seven parts of man, four earthly and three heavenly, four physical and three spiritual. The four sides of the square symbolized the four physical and the three sides of the flap, or triangle, symbolized the three spiritual parts of man. The apex of the triangle, or point of the flap, stood for the seventh part of man which was called Atma and which means the eternal spark, the divine flame, the indestructible spirit of the living God in every human being. In this aspect it means that...

God is not a looker on
At the life of anyone;
God is under every man,
God is part of every man.

Upon presentation of the Apron, a Master Mason is told that it is an emblem of innocence, and the Badge of a Mason; that it is his, to be worn upon all proper occasions throughout an honorable life. The Masonic Apron, when properly worn, shall be completely visible at all times. While wearing a coat as part of your dress, whether in a public meeting or within the tiled recesses of your Lodge, the Masonic Apron is correctly worn outside the coat. The Apron has always been associated with work. "Except a man be working, he would have no need for an apron." When the Mason puts on his Apron, he is signifying to the world his willingness to work at his accepted responsibility. Further, he is signifying the dedication of himself to a life of purity before God and man, because the material of the Apron is lambskin and is associated with innocence.

Glenn, as you think back on this past year and reflect upon the many events that have taken place, a lot has happened for you. You served as Junior Warden in your Blue Lodge, as well as being elevated to the Sublime Degree of Royal Arch Mason and Royal and Select Mason, completing your Circle of Perfection and bringing you full circle for the first time in Masonry. Hopefully, this will be just the beginning of many journeys, but whether it is or not, always take the time to reflect back upon your life, your journeys, and the paths down which you've traveled.

Well, it's time for me to put down my baton and pass the reigns on to the new Illustrious Master, 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.

Upcoming events

June 9th - York Rite Picnic
Henrietta Town Park

Excelsior Chapter No. 164



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Sorry I missed last month, but here goes what I know for June.

Congratulations are in order for R.: E.: Bernard DeLand, DDGHP, on an excellent job doing his Official Visits just completed in May.

The four Chapters of the 25th Capitular District will each have their last Convocation in June before going dark for the Summer recess. The dress code for the June convocations is CASUAL in all four Chapters, no ties or sport coats required. We will each be back to work in September at our regular meeting nights.

The Grand High Priest plans to make an Official Visit to the 25th Capitular District (our District) on October 11th in Geneva Chapter. Save the date and let's have a large audience for him. He is a down to earth great guy. Come out and meet him; you will be glad you did.

We pray everyone stays well and has a great Summer. God bless you. Cheerio.

Maine Humor

It was the end of August. A Summer visitor walked into Alley's store and while getting some groceries said, "You got a lot of queer people around here."

"Won't have after Labor Day."

Hiram Chapter No. 62



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7:30 p.m.

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Grand High Priest visits Hiram Chapter

The M.:E.: Walter J. Hilsenbeck, along with his Lady, the Reverend Juanita, visited Hiram Chapter on the evening of April 14th. A wonderful dinner was prepared by Joy Woodley for a sell-out crowd.



M.:E.: Walter Hilsenbeck gives Sean Noonan his "Remember the Blue Lodge" bar, as E.: Joe Oelgoetz observes.

After dinner the Companions retired to a tiled meeting where the Grand High Priest talked on several issues that are pertinent to all of us who are Royal Arch Masons. Specifically, the Grand High Priest spoke on the Royal Arch Charities. He congratulated V.:E.: George Springett on his attention to the Royal Arch Charities (George is Hiram's Chairman for Charities). Companion Springett was the first Chairman to contact Grand Chapter for further information.

Charity is one of three pillars of our spiritual temple, along with Faith and Hope. The Grand Master stated that a new pamphlet will be mailed out shortly to provide information on the Royal Arch Charities. I recently received mine. I personally grew up afflicted with Asthma, and I can tell you how important, and gratifying, it is to see the Grand Chapter of New York supporting our members who suffer from diseases of the lung, with medical reimbursement.

Other key charities to consider are the Royal Arch Medical Research Foundation. This effort sponsors fellowships to those working in the medical laboratory in Utica, as well as donations to hospitals in need of specialized medical equipment. Additionally, the Grand Chapter has its Scholarship Program. These scholarships are for children or grandchildren of Royal Arch Masons, and it is the goal of Grand High Priest Hilsenbeck to make each of these grants at least \$1,000.

Please consider a donation. Let's make Hiram Chapter one of the leading Chapters in the support of these worthy charities. If you have further questions, please contact V.:W.: George Springett.

M.:W.: Hilsenbeck presented to Companion Sean Noonan his 2004 "Remember the Blue Lodge" bar. This is a wonderful program. Remember, if we do not support our foundation - the Blue Lodge - we will not increase our membership within Royal Arch Masonry.



Teddy Roosevelt presents his "namesake" to Joe Oelgoetz.

Our entertainment for the evening was to meet Brother Theodore Roosevelt, portrayed by Brother Paul Stillman. I can safely say that everyone had a laugh or two over the uncanny humor of "Teddy." Additionally, "Teddy" was very cordial in taking pictures with everyone and he handed out one of his more famous quotes, which has always been one of my favorites. It reads: "It is not the critic who counts,



M.E.: Walter Hilsenbeck (fourth from right) with Hiram Chapter Officers, R.E.s William Zufall, Lawrence Dunn, Joseph Oelgoetz, Charles Roberts and George Springett.
(Photos courtesy Joe Oelgoetz)

not the man who points out how the strong man stumbled, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by the dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs and comes short again and again ...who knows the great enthusiasm, the great devotions and spends himself in a worthy cause; who, at the best, knows in the end the triumph of high achievement; and who, at worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory or defeat." Theodore Roosevelt

Past Master Degree

It was great to confer the Past Master Degree on April 28th for our candidate. I thank all those in the cast, especially

R.E.: William Zufall, who did an outstanding job in the East. We will be conferring the Most Excellent Master Degree on May 26th, so put the date down on your calendar.

Upcoming events

June 23rd will be our last meeting prior to going dark for the Summer. We will be exemplifying the Royal Arch Degree for our candidate. We will need help in conferring the Degree, so please consider helping out.

I wish each and every Companion a wonderful Summer season. Enjoy the warmer weather, the outdoor activities and the vacations with your family and friends. I want to thank you all for your support of the first half of my tenure as your High Priest. I have truly enjoyed it, have gained further "light" and have solidified friendships. Thank you all, and God Bless you and yours!x

Cyrene-Monroe Commandery No. 12

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By Don Brugger

Our Inspection Night began with a delicious meal at Schoen Bar and Rib Restaurant in Pittsford with 24 in attendance. Our Inspection by SK James MacConnell went very well. Several of the ladies gathered with Lady Marsha MacConnell in the dining room for fellowship and snacks, while the SKs, with visitors from Sagoyewatha, DeMolay, and Batavia Commanderies, assisted in making our Inspection a success.

Installation

A combined Installation of Officers for the Zone 11 Commanderies was May 21st at Hornell Lodge Hall. Past Grand Commander, Steve Wing, was the Installing Commander.

Summer Picnic

A joint York Rite Summer Picnic has been scheduled for June 9th at Henrietta Town Park, 6 p.m. (Roberts' Cabin). This will be for Hiram Chapter, Doric Council, Cyrene/Monroe Commandery and Genesee Council No. 51 Allied Masonic Degrees. A program of interest will be conducted by Genesee Council and Hiram Chapter will present their Scholarship Awards. All attending are to bring their own table service, a dish to pass, and their beverage of choice. All meats, condiments and soda will be provided. Hope to see you

there. This picnic is open to all members of each Body and their families. Please use the form sent to you by mail for your reservations. Reservations are a must to determine the proper amount of food.

Sickness and distress

Our thoughts and prayers need to be continued for SK Wayne Slack and his family.

Zone 11

Since there are apparently no candidates for the Orders, the next meeting for the Zone Officers will be the Zone Picnic at Zone Commander, Bill Jones' home on June 5th at 3:00 p.m. Zone Officers bring a dish to pass, your own table service, a lounge chair and good humor for the time together. Your ladies are invited to attend with you. Meats and beverages will be provided.

Membership

No organization can survive without active members. We encourage all those who have gotten out of the habit to come out, participate and support your Commandery.

From the Commander

As Commander, I would take the opportunity in this article to thank each and every Officer of the Commandery for his support this past year. It has been a true pleasure to serve our Commandery again. My Lady Leslie extends her thanks to the ladies of the Schicker Club for all their support this past year, as well. We both extend our best wishes and much success to our new Commander and the Officers elected and appointed for the coming year.

Finally, please remember those who are on the front lines sacrificing for the freedom of others and security here at home. God Bless our Commandery and God Bless the United States of America. Have an enjoyable Summer. x

Your Legal Rights FYI
By Bro. Phillip Hurwitz, Esq.

Legal Rights of Soldiers

In the March 28, 2005 electronic edition of the NY Times, (nytimes.com/2005/03/28/national) the following was reported. "Sgt. John Savage III, an Army Reservist, was about to climb onto a troop transport plane for a flight to Iraq from Fayetteville, NC, when his wife called with alarming news. "They are foreclosing on our house." Sergeant Savage recalled, "There was not a thing I could do; I had to jump on the plane and boil for 22 hours."

It makes your own blood boil just reading that. It's not enough that the Sergeant is risking his life in service of our country, but he has to risk losing his house. As John Stoessel of ABC's 20/20 would say, "Gimme a break!"

Fortunately, there are laws to prevent that. The trick is enforcing them.

Think about it. A 45-year old reservist, living a solid middle class life (with the debt to go with it) gets called up for duty. His military pay can't even begin to cover the loss of his civilian pay. He has a mortgage on his house, a note on his car, and credit card bills. That's on top of feeding and clothing his family and maintaining a household. Something has to give.

In the examples that follow, let's presume that our soldier

is on active duty somewhere in the world.

Let's start with the mortgage and car note. The Federal Service Members Civil Relief Act (50 USC app. 501, et seq.) empowers our soldier and his spouse the ability to force the lender to lower the interest rate on the mortgage and car note to 6%, provided these obligations were obtained before he entered service (50 USC app. 527). It gets even better. The lender is required to forgive any interest in excess of 6% that would otherwise have been incurred. In order to make this happen, our soldier or his spouse has to put the lender on notice.

Foreclosures. No way. A lender needs a court order to foreclose on a soldier's house.

The judge is empowered to stay all legal proceedings as justice requires; in other words, the lender can be prevented from foreclosing while our soldier is in the military. A lender who fails to follow the law in this regard may be guilty of a crime. (50 USC app.533)

Repossessing the car. Not going to happen. The lender cannot call the contract in breach and take back the car, unless he has a court order. The judge can stay all proceedings for as long as justice requires (50 USC app. 532). If the car were leased, our soldier or his spouse could break the lease without penalty (50 USC app. 535). The ability to break a lease also applies to residential leases.

To be continued...

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Fellowship

On Sunday, June 5th, there will be a Luncheon at the Apple Orchard Inn, 11004 West Center Street, Medina. This is the old Apple Grove Inn. We will meet at 12:30 p.m. and lunch will be at 1 p.m. Please call Norm Austin for your reservations at 494-2223.

June 6th is our Board meeting at 7 p.m. at the Shrine Center, 979 Bay Road, Webster.

On June 15th we will be having our picnic, which will be at the Shrine Center. The fellowship will begin at 2 p.m., with dinner at 5 p.m. This is for the Prophets only. Call Mike Bell at 244-2895 for reservations.

Golfing time is here at last. Saturday, June 25th, is the date for the Golf Tournament at Old Hickory Golf Club, Livonia. Please call Richard Topel at 663-2547 for details.

Supreme Council Sessions at Kansas City are June 29th - July 2nd. My Lady, Doreen, and I will be attending. We are looking forward to meeting the Prophets and their ladies from around the realm.

July fellowship

July 17th is the Old Fashioned Penny Days in East Shelby. This really is a lovely time with lots to do and lots to eat. I will have more details at the June Board meeting.

This is the last issue until September, so please have a pleasant Summer and safe driving.

In Memoriam

Lalla Rookh Grotto extends their condolences to the family of Prophet H. Fred Seuffert, who passed away April 23rd at the age of 96 years. ✕

Chief Justice

By Norman Austin

June is finally upon us, and another Masonic Year is nearly at a close—does it seem possible? It is nice to see Monarch Ken Rhodes and his Lady, Doreen, back among us once again, after spending time in Canada, while their grandson underwent a kidney transplant.

We were saddened by the passing last month of Prophet H. Frederick Seuffert, a 57 year member of the Grotto, and a 33rd Degree Mason. Our Condolences to his wife, Thelma.

We also hope those members and their ladies who were recuperating from various maladies, and/or who underwent surgeries last month, are progressing nicely.

We have a unique opportunity to obtain some really nice Grotto sport shirts. Lady Edna Hutchinson, wife of our Secre-

tary, Prophet Ken, is putting her talents to work for us, by creating some very nice sport shirts with the Grotto logo and Magic Lanterns and/or Moccanna emblems on them. The cost of these beautiful shirts is \$25.00, with \$3.00 of this cost being donated back to the Humanitarian Fund. Thanks, Edna, you're a Sweetheart!

On May 12th, Miss Linda became a member of Lalla Rookh Caldron, and she is extremely pleased to be counted among these wonderful ladies.

Memorial Day, Sunday went very well last month, and Lalla Rookh's Legion of Honor was well represented. The Memorial Day Parade in Greece was also well attended.

A true harbinger of more pleasant weather (or perhaps merely an example of "Grotto Optimism") is evident by the fact that our next meeting will take the form of an outdoor picnic under the pavilion at the Shrine Center. We will certainly hope for pleasant weather to help facilitate this momentous occasion. Don't forget, Prophets and Ladies, the luncheon to be held on the 5th of this month at the Apple Orchard Inn (nee Apple Grove Inn) in Medina. We will meet at 1:00 p.m., and order from the menu. We already have 14 of us planning to go—c'mon out and join us for an afternoon of fun, camaraderie and good food (I'm planning to bring along my own supply of pure butter, to circumvent any possibility of a recurrence of the unfortunate event having taken place at the ESGA banquet at the Best Western Binghamton Regency Hotel last month.) I know I need to lose weight, but I'd prefer not to do it that way!

Supreme Council will take place from June 29th through July 2nd in Kansas. Unfortunately, due to extenuating circumstances, Miss Linda and I will not be able to attend, but hopefully, the situation will be different next year.

This will be my last communication through this medium for this Masonic Year. With that thought in mind, I wish each of you a happy, healthy Summer, and look forward to communicating with you again in the Fall. ✕

Master of Ceremonies
By Michael Bell, PM

The "gremlins" have had their way with this writer's missives. Not only were last month's columns reversed, but also the Al Pulcino gallstone (the weight of which was to be estimated) somehow came out as the Rock of Gibraltar. In any event, the closest entry missed by at least a metric stone so, once again, there was no winner.

I take this occasion to remind all of the Legion of Honor's Boat Ride/Dinner on July 11th, as well as the Tattoo the first week of September.

Finally, this month's trivia question - In terms of latitude and longitude, exactly where is Doo-Wah-Ditty? No, Ron, we will not be accepting any entries sealed with a kiss. ✕

Ken Rhodes, Monarch

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In the Fall of 1901, Past Monarch George F. Loder of Lalla Rookh Grotto, became the third Grand Monarch. He presided over the twelfth Annual Session of the Supreme Council, held in Damascus Temple in Rochester, on Wednesday, November 13, 1901.

There were but four Grottoes present: Mokanna No. 1; Lalla Rookh No. 3; Azim No. 7; and Zuliaka No. 10. This was a one-day Session, very brief for that purpose, to report to the Grand Monarch.

The Committee on the Ritual believed it best to compile the present Ritual in cipher (secret form of coded symbols). A committee was formed for that purpose, to report to the Grand Monarch.

The Secretary and Treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$108.02, and after disbursements, \$1.54. Later receipts from dues from the four Grottoes were \$131.30. One interesting motion followed.

Prophet Wende made a motion that from this date the button submitted by Prophet William M. West (Founder), be adopted as the official button.

On motion, an order shall emanate and be sent to each Grotto to issue an annual pass-card to each member entitled thereto or upon payment of dues, which shall contain the member's name, number and Grotto on the front side and on the other side that, "This card shall be presented upon visiting this or any other Grotto."

On motion, the thanks of the Supreme Council was tendered to Grand Monarch Loder for the use of the Temple. There being no other business, the minutes were read and approved. Thus ended the twelfth Annual Meeting.

In 1906, The Grand Monarch, Charles M. Colton of Lalla Rookh, brought the Session back to Rochester. This time there were fourteen Grottoes represented including ones

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"SAND TRAP" RON

from Washington, Chicago and Milwaukee.

The Order was branching out. The showing in 1908 was 17 Grottoes. The roll call was 7,078 members, assuring the future of the organization.

Reference: Grand Secretary Sidney D. Smith typed the minutes on legal size paper, one of which is in Mokanna Grotto. Supreme Council records of the minutes started with 1902. ✕

Secretary's Column

By Kenneth Hutchinson, PM

The George Washington Masonic Memorial, the pride of our Fraternity, located at 101 Cullahan Drive, Alexandria, Virginia. This year they are having a year-long salute to Concordant Body Masons. The Grottoes of North America month is July, 2005.

If you are planning a vacation trip to the South, why not stop on the way? A lot of information can be obtained on your computer.

Condolences

It becomes my sad duty to report the passing of Prophet H. Frederick Seuffert on April 23rd. He was initiated on May 22, 1948, and at the age of 96 years was our oldest living Prophet. Fred was a Past Master of Craftsman Robertson Lodge, past Secretary of the Scottish Rite and was coroneted a 33 Degree Mason in 1964. He was also active in the Grotto, Shrine and other Masonic Bodies. Fred will be sadly missed, but happily remembered.

While this is the last edition of the *Masonic Times* until late August, there are many Grotto activities planned for the coming months. Plan on attending as many as you can and enjoy the good fellowship.

Have a safe and enjoyable Summer. ✕

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Prophets of the Lalla Rookh Grotto who received Service Pins ranging from 5 to 65 years of membership were photographed at the April 20th Awards Night celebration.

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What are Father's Made Of?

By Norman Austin

In last month's issue, I paid tribute to mothers. With June now upon us, I felt it only fair to do the same for fathers. My own father was, at best, a nice guy, who after my mother left, tried within his limited capabilities, as a single, albeit often absentee, parent to successfully raise, support and mentor a young son. However, the fact that he wasn't around very much, coupled with his particular and debilitating affectation for imbibing, exacerbated his misguided good intentions. There were times I felt roles were reversed: I was the parent, and he was the child. It never occurred to me at the time, to attempt to pay tribute to him for his parental efforts, although of course, I loved him unconditionally, for who he was. I was 10 when he passed away prematurely at 53, and with no other rela-

tives, I found the world to be a pretty scary and lonely place. Being as unique as I am in every aspect of my life, I decided then that I would never have children, so they would not have to go through what I had, up to that point.

I made good on my prediction. However, I do have a feline son, named Tiger, whom I love as much as any father could love his human son, and he is spoiled rotten, and consistently showered with love and affection. The reason for this is two-fold: from a benevolent point, so he would no longer be the hungry, homeless, scared little fellow he was when kismet brought us together. Conversely, from a more selfish vein, I do this so that when something happens to him, which eventually it will, I will know in my own mind and heart and have the

assurance that I did everything in my power to make his life as pleasurable and secure as possible—after all, isn't that one of a father's duties?

In anticipation of this article, I began to contemplate what fathers are "all about," and following the framework of last month's focus upon mothers being made of "sugar and spice," I asked myself, "what are fathers made of?" I came up with the following, for what it is worth:

A father is someone who growls when it feels good, and laughs when scared half to death. A father never feels worthy of the worship in a child's eyes. He's never quite the hero his daughter thinks, never quite the man his son believes him to be, and this worries him sometimes. So, he works too hard to try to smooth the rough places in the road for those of his own who will follow him. A father is someone who gets very angry when the first school grades aren't as good as he thinks they should be. He scolds his son, though he knows it's the teacher's fault. Fathers are those who give their daughters away to other men who aren't nearly good enough, so they might have grandchildren who are smarter than anybody's. Fathers make bets with insurance companies about who will live the longest. One day they lose, and the bet's paid off to the part of them they leave behind.

I don't know where father goes when he dies, but I have an idea that after a good rest, wherever he is, he won't just sit on a cloud and wait for the girl he's loved and the children she bore. He'll be busy there too, repairing the stairs, oiling the gate, improving the streets, smoothing the way.

Happy Father's Day, guys! ✕

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In Memoriam

April

Sharun, Kevin G.
Kevin went to meet his Maker on April 19th. He was a member of ERAC Lodge and leaves his wife, Nan and two daughters.

Weisenreder, Louis
A 65-year member of Webster Lodge, Louis passed away on April 20th at the age of 96 years. He was also a member of Hiram Chapter, RAM. Survivors include his five children, twenty grandchildren, thirty-four great-grandchildren and seven great-great-grandchildren.

Seuffert, H. Frederick
The Great Architect of the Universe claimed Fred on April 23rd. He was a member and Past Master of Craftsman Robertson Lodge; Hiram Chapter, RAM; Damascus Shrine and Rochester Consistory, where he once served as Secretary of the Valley, and was District Grand Lecturer of the Order of the Eastern Star. Fred was coroneted a 33° Mason in 1964. He is survived by his wife, Thelma, one daughter, stepchildren, step-grandchildren and one step-great-grandchild.

May

Kless, Veramae
Death claimed Veramae on May 4th at the age of 95 years. She was a member of Canandaigua/Fenogowone Chapter, OES, and leaves two sons and four grandchildren.

Brady, Clark F.
The loving arms of the Lord embraced Clark on May 7th. A member of ERAC Lodge, he is survived by his many friends.

Darrow, Reginald
Livonia Lodge lost a member with the passing of Reginald on May 8th. He was 85 years old and leaves one daughter, three grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Couchman, Earl W.
A 56-year member of Valley-Simes Lodge, Earl passed away on May 9th at the age of 80 years. He leaves his wife, Ethel, one daughter and two grandchildren.

Krueger, Robert J.
Robert went to be with the Lord on May 10th at the age of 82 years. He was a member of Webster Lodge and is survived by his wife, Ruth, three children, nine grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Gardner, David A.
David was only 56 years old when he passed away suddenly on May 11th. He was a member of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge and leaves his wife, Jane, four children and three grandchildren.

Hansen, Harry A.
Union Lodge lost a member with the passing of Harry on May 13th. He was 72-years old and is survived by his wife, Elaine, seven children and seventeen grandchildren.

Deaths reported with no specific information.

Ferris, Robert C.
Robert resided in Florida, where he passed away on March 3rd. He was a member of ERAC Lodge.

Martin, Luther
Rochester Consistory and Damascus Shrine lost a member with the passing of Luther on May 5th. He resided in Germantown, Maryland.

Looking Ahead

July

- 8 - 9 NYS Mason's Golf Association, Golf Tournament Farview Country Club, Avon
- 22-24 New York State Council of Deliberation - Utica

August

- 6 Wakan/Hubbard Golf Scramble Shadow Pines
- 20 Shrine Family Picnic Shrine Center

September

- 10 Widows Luncheon Logan's Party House

October

- 16 Interfaith Service, Brunch Logan's Party House

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INSTALLATIONS			1	2	3	4
Ark, June 15th Batavia, June 14th Canandaigua, June 6th Clio, June 7th Craftsman Robertson, June 7th ERAC, June 13th Fairport/Flower City, June 13th Garoga-Sincerity, June 7th	Hesperus, June 12th Northfield, June 2nd Oakland, June 7th Olive Branch, June 1st Union Star, June 13th Valley-Simes, June 14th West Star, June 13th		Attica Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy, (I) Damascus Shrine	Constellation - Perry Eunice - Caledonia Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford, (I) Webster RSM - Palmyra Council	Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m. \$6 adult; \$3 Child 30 Orchard Street	OES - Rochester Chapter - Unity - Spencerport Daughters of the Nile, Zama Temple - Fairport OSY - Golf Tournament, Big Oak Golf Club
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Lalla Rookh Grotto Luncheon, Apple Orchard Inn, 12:30 p.m. - Medina	Canandaigua - Shortsville - (I) West Star - Varysburg RAM - Palmyra/Eagle OES - Irondequoit KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford Lalla Rookh Grotto Board Meeting, Shrine Center Shrine Lunch Club	Clio - Hilton - (I) Craftsman Robertson - (I) Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps - (I) Oakland - Castile - (I) OES - Fairport, Nolatka	Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike Masonic Service Bureau Monthly Luncheon Meeting OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville, Corinthian Fellowship	Milnor - Victor Union - Lima KT - Batavia Commandery York Rite Picnic, Henrietta Town Park		KT - Sagoyewatha - Phelps West Star, Chicken Bar-B-Que
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Hesperus - Bergen - (I) Shavuot	ERAC - Shrine Center - (I) Fairport/Flower City - (I) Mt. Vernon - Java Village Union Star - Honeoye Falls - (I) Unity - Spencerport Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield West Star - Varysburg - (I) RAM - Excelsior - Shortsville Shrine Lunch Club	Arcade Batavia - (I) Fame - Irondequoit Seneca - Webster Valley-Simes - (I) RAM - Dansville, LeRoy OES - Leah - Hilton OSY District 3rd Degree, Seneca Falls Flag Day	Attica Ark - Geneva, (I) Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy Lalla Rookh Grotto MON - Masters & Wardens	Constellation - Perry Eunice - Caledonia Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster Scottish Rite RAM - Western Star Lalla Rookh Caldron		Webster Lodge, Fishing Trip Festival on the Green - Honeoye Falls
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Festival on the Green - Honeoye Falls Father's Day	Canandaigua - Shortsville West Star - Varysburg KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford OES - Irondequoit Shrine Lunch Club - Bus Trip to Masonic Care Community - Utica	Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps Oakland - Castile OES - Nolatka First Day of Summer	Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike Tall Cedars of Lebanon OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville, Corinthian Fellowship	Milnor - Victor Union - Lima RAM - Hiram KT - Batavia Commandery James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post		Lalla Rookh Grotto Golf, Old Hickory Golf Club - Livonia St. John's Day - Utica
26	27	28	29	30	31	
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