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Masonic Service Bureau Award Presented at Interfaith Brunch

The 64th Annual Interfaith Service and Brunch offered the opportunity to honor a long-time servant of the Fraternity and the Community. R.:W.: M. Donald Darrohn became the 46th recipient of the Distinguished Community Service Award, sponsored by the Masonic Service Bureau. The cash honorarium, which accompanies the Award, was donated to the Masonic Care Community in Brother Darrohn's name.



Mickey Darrohn listens to husband Don's remarks.

Begun in 1960 by then Masonic Service Bureau President, R.:W.: Herman A. Sarachan, this Award honors individuals who have freely given of themselves to assist the community and those in it who are in need of support. The list of past recipients is filled with the names of prominent Rochesterians.

Brother Darrohn has always been an active volunteer, starting with the Cub Scouts. He later worked up to a District Scout leader.

Another program which benefitted from his experience was Junior Achievement. He assisted middle grade class students to work through the issues of developing a product, purchasing, manufacturing, marketing and accounting for the products they produced.

While working in Colorado, Don took vacation time to chaperone his Church youth group on retreats and excursions.

His Masonic accomplishments are extensive. After serving as Master of Etolian Lodge (now Unity Lodge), Brother

Don was appointed District Deputy of the First Monroe District in 1999. When the Districts were combined in 2000, he assumed the duties for the new Monroe District.

Earlier he assumed the chairmanship of the Have-a-Heart Campaign, which supports the local Ronald McDonald House. He held that position until 2002. He is a Trustee of the Masonic Hall and Home.

Brother Darrohn and Mickey have been married for 41 years, have three children, who were all present for the occasion, and nine grandchildren. Two full tables of family and friends were on hand to honor Don.

Among the 125 guests in attendance were members of the Board of Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Home, including the chairman, M.:W.: Richard Thomas, R.:W.: Manuel Abad, R.:W.: Gilbert Adams and R.:W.: George Blasch. Former Trustee, and a mentor to Don, R.:W.: Kenneth "Bud" Mathers was also in attendance. Brother Ira Cooperman, Director of Development for the Masonic Care Community, was able to stop for a few minutes on the way to another function.

Congratulations were extended to Brother Don by M. Wthy. Wanda Williams, Past Grand Matron, and R.:W.: James Sullivan, Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of New York.

The event was under the general chairmanship of R.:E.: James A. Ghent, Jr., Vice-President of the Masonic Service Bureau. Many volunteers assisted in the success of the project. Ticket distribution and managing the reception table were Rt. Wthy. Beverly and Rt. Wthy. Leon Van Huben.

R.:W.: Mathew Gingold was the host for Past Recipients table, which included Rosa Wims, who received the Award in 1992. The year 2000 winner, W.: David P. Crawford, DSA,

was present, as was last year's honoree, Theresa Capozzi.

Past Recipient and Friend of the Masonic Service Bureau, Gabe Dalmath, was the Master of Ceremonies, introducing the head table and guests.

The plaque for Brother Darrohn was furnished by Brother Michael DiCataldo of NYRA Trophies & Awards, and flowers for the occasion were provided by Wthy. Linda and R.:W.: Robert Zahn. Office Manager, Barbara Goodrich, and Executive Director, W.: Charles Waterstreet, DSA, were responsible for the bulletins, programs and offering receipts.

The Brunch was preceded by an Interfaith Service, under the direction of R.:W.: and Rev. Paul R. Gleason, Jr. Ms. Susan Power served as accompanist for the hymns and provided beautiful prelude and postlude music for the congregation. Ushers were Wthy. Ramona Dimino, Rt. Wthy. Sue Goossens, Rt. Wthy. Janet Porter, Wthy. Joy Woodley, Rt. Wthy. Roger Lynch and R.:E.: Karl-Heinz Reich.

Following the Call to Worship by Wthy. Linda Zahn, Father Otto Vogt led the Invocation. A retired Priest residing at St.



Don Darrohn, holding plaque, receives congratulations from Linda Zahn and Charles Waterstreet. (Courtesy Don Darrohn)



Members of the Darrohn family posed with Don and Mickey for group photo following the brunch.

Thomas More Rectory on East Avenue, Father Vogt then offered the first of two Scripture readings.

A prayer by Rev. Gleason, followed by the second Scripture reading by Father Vogt, preceded the Meditation.

R.:W.: Maurice Solomon delivered an inspiring message entitled, "Listening to Your Body." His delivery, with a touch of Maury humor, brought some chuckles from the crowd. R.:W.: and Rev. Gleason offered the Benediction. ✕



Two photos of head table dignitaries. Above (from left), Father Otto Vogt, Gail Sullivan, James Sullivan, M. Donald Darrohn, and Gabe Dalmath, Master of Ceremonies. Below, Linda Zahn, Wanda Williams, Maurice Solomon, Dorothy Gleason and Rev. Paul R. Gleason, Jr.



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Editor's Corner

This month it's time for some housekeeping details. To my correspondents, without whom we would not exist, I have to get on my soapbox again. Please do two things for us.

First, flip the calendar over when you write your article. You are writing for next month. More and more of you are pushing events that are occurring next week, which is the future for you as you write, but history for the reader.

Second, please re-read your copy before you push the send button or seal the envelope. Check for meaning (you'd be surprised at some of the sentences we receive); check your spelling, but particularly of names...we do not know some of the people you mention and they are not in our database, where we often check for correct spelling; check the dates (again, looking at the wrong month on the calendar, we have had Lodge meetings moved to a different day of the week). I know time is short, but it is the same for everybody. When we discover a discrepancy, we try to contact the writer or someone else in the organization, but often that doesn't work. We want the information to be correct and really need your help to do that.

If you have an event a day or two after the normal deadline (2nd Monday of each month except June and July), call and tell us. We can extend the deadline once in a while to accommodate those occasions.

After you have submitted your text, if something changes we need to know. It takes us two weeks to put the paper together from typesetting to delivery of mechanical boards to the printer. While we may not be able to make drastic changes, an incorrect date or time is something that needs to be done. If you let us know, we will try...no guarantees.

Your subscriptions pay for this communications vehicle and we want it to be (and we think it is) top notch. Your members deserve the best! We can only deliver what you provide. Thanks for reading.

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I hope the Interfaith Service and Brunch, with its speakers, was as meaningful and as inspirational to all of you as it was to me.

November What a wonderful lead into November and the two very meaningful days that occur, Veterans Day and Thanksgiving. I ask each one of you to push your troubles into the background, if at all possible, and count your blessings.

Take a moment on November 11th to thank, in your own way, all our men and women who have served our country so that we may live as our forefathers wished. Say thank you to any veteran or person presently serving our country. I'm sure it would mean a lot to them and you will also have a good feeling for doing this.

Thanksgiving Turkey time is another time to rejoice and spend time with family and friends, if possible. May all of you find some good in your life and in the lives of others. I feel truly blessed to know all of you and be of service to you as your President. Thank you.

Leave a Loving Memory Remember the Masonic Service Bureau and the Camp DesMolay Endowment Fund in Your Will.

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LET'S GO BOWLING Gary leads Masonic Senior Bowling League! By F. Jay McCullough At the end of the 3rd week of the season at Brother Tom Sardou's Rose Garden Bowl in Bergen, Brother Gary Cornelius of Unity Lodge in Spencerport, holds the top average at 176. He'll participate until his annual jaunt to Texas

where he hibernates for the Winter. He is closely pursued by Brother John Specht of Hesperus Lodge in Bergen, who will also take up a Southwesterly snowbird venue, and Ron Starkweather of Byron. We'll try to overtake their leads during their absences! Brother Derek VanHouten had his high series of the season, posting a 636 handicap total. He's another who will leave for a couple of weeks while he and Judy cruise the Mediterranean. As you can see, these Brothers will leave some room at the top for the rest of us to catch up! The lanes are at 21 Buffalo Road on the East side of the Village of Bergen (phone: 494-9900). You can enjoy a light luncheon at the adjacent Vi-

king Valhalla Restaurant and Lounge, which are a part of the facility, before the first practice ball is rolled. The games commence at 1:00 p.m., so we can all get home before darkness, traffic and dinner. Brother Ruel Lovett, of Hesperus and Unity Lodges, started the Tuesday afternoon Masonic Senior's League several years ago. Several of the bowlers are signed on with the Rochester Bowling Association, establishing their official handicaps for participation in the New York State Masonic Tournament held in the Spring and other regional events held throughout the bowling year in local Masonic Districts. You do not have to own equipment. Balls and shoes are available at the hall, even for

the senior set! Non-Masons are welcome to participate, so bring your neighbor, mall-walking friend or golfing buddy, who may equally be looking for an early afternoon activity that allows him to beat heavy traffic and be home well before dusk. We're anticipating the return of Brothers Jim Toogood and Jim McAtee from Ogden, as well as others who would care to join us. Fresh coffee is always on and offered as a special house feature. Cost is a nominal 6 bucks per week, with a one-time charge for prize money and another for the sanction fee, should you care to participate in those. The season is of a 30-week duration, so there's still plenty of time to join us. See you on the lanes!

More Masonic Service Bureau Contributors

By Charles "Skip" Waterstreet, Executive Director Here, at last, is the list of additional contributors from the 2004 letter requesting support. This should have been published last month, but I was out of town and neglected to bring the information to the attention of David and Barbara before I left. My thanks to the several Brethren who notified me of the oversight. I hid a section of the computer spreadsheet while doing some calculating, and

forgot to unhide it. Therefore, when I printed the list, it didn't show up. Now, if you don't use a computer or are not familiar with spreadsheets, you won't understand what I just wrote. Trust me, they are wonderful to work with for all sorts of applications. However, you must pay close attention to the details. I'm sure all of you have been to functions where accolades are extended to those who contributed to the success of the event. At others, names are not read for fear of forgetting some-

one. That's what happened here, although they were just mis-directed not forgotten. I apologize again to all of them listed below. And the next time it occurs, I will try not to let it happen again. Joseph G. Abamonte Wendell H. Burtner Charles E. Daycock Betty Ellia George E. Fogg, Jr. Stanley M. Friedman Charles B. Gauss Frank W. Gray Paul W. Griffith Thomas E. Holtz

David M. Howlett Phillip R. Hurwitz Thomas W. Kendig William V. Nardone Thomas P. Oleary Carol M. Pickworth Robert F. Sanford Frank Sassone Duane W. Smith Robert H. Stone Charles A. Thompson Nancy C. Traugh Everett H. Vail Norman J. Weinreber Stephen R. Whittaker 2005 Campaign The initial response from our solicitation letter, which was mailed early last month, has

Masonic Events and Adventures

By Karl-Heinz Reich

I travel to Germany each year to attend my annual school class reunion. This year, as in the past, I made preparations to visit Masonic Brothers and Lodges at different places in the country. To make the visits to Masonic functions and activities more interesting, I had received from M.:W.: Carl J. Smith, Past Grand Master of the State of New York and R.:W.: Clifford H. Short, Secretary of Unity Lodge, Masonic paraphernalia to use for various presentations I intended to make. I also had purchased over 150 of the lovely flower "Forget-me-not" lapel pins with printed copies of the Masonic historical significance as memento gifts for the Brethren present at several events.

I offered thanks to Brother Werner Von der Heide, Hermanns Lodge No. 268 in Sparkill, New York and part time resident of Germany. He introduced me to Bernd and Barbara Langewort from the City of Detmold. This City is famous for its nearly sixteen-story monument of Hermann Cherusker, a folk hero of the Germanian tribesmen. Later, the Romans listed him as Arminius, after the Battle of the Teutoburger Forest in the year 9 A.D. This involved a military victory renowned in the ancient world, being the defeat of the Empire of Roman Caesars over Germany, as well as the British Isles.

On August 23rd, Brother Von der Heide and I were invited to a lavish dinner at W.: Bernd Langewort's in Detmold, which was an all-day affair. After refreshments, we were introduced to all the historic sites in the City, including the Masonic Lodge, designed by Langewort's grandfather.

We packaged all my Masonic gifts and placed higher officer names on them for an upcoming East-Westphalia-Lippe meeting on August 27th.

On August 23rd, about fifteen Brothers from the Demold Lodge Zur Rose Am Teutoburger Walde, were invited to a dinner and meeting for the upcoming season opening, at Secretary Brother I. Newmann's home. His wife, Liz, provided us with a gorgeous dinner. After dinner we had Masonic conversations and, as usual, super German refreshments (tall and small).



Ritual display

August 27th saw us visiting the Herford Lodge for a District function. About fifteen Lodges got together for the season opening, with a Temple Ritual. There were close to 100 Masons present. Two Master Masons worked on a geometrical Ritual display, which took about one hour. I found it to be very fascinating work.

W.: Helmut Arndt opened the Lodge. All dignitaries, from the Provincial Grand Master, Grand Master, District Master, Present Masters, Past Masters, Brethren and guests, were introduced. When I extended greetings from the Masons of New York, thanked ev-

eryone for the nice hospitality and informed the Master that I had a present for every member of the Fraternity in the room. He thanked me and ordered the Master of Ceremony to distribute all gifts.

The Grand Master, M.:W.: Jens Oberheide and District Master, Dr. Rainer Bauerlein, expressed their appreciation for the kindness. We later took some pictures together.

After the Temple work, we were invited to a sit-down dinner in a dining hall next to the Lodge room. Here I met W.: Rickey D. Hesse from "Zum Leuchtenden Schwert" Lodge in the City of Paderborn. Brother Rickey is also a member of Round Hill Lodge in Endicott, NY, and said that it has been six years since he was in the United States. I told him I would contact the Secretary of the Lodge and convey his greetings. I did that and found out that the Secretary is Donald Lounsbury, Past Grand High Priest, RAM of the State of New York. It proves again that it's a small world. Brother Don and I have known each other for several years!

On September 3rd I went with two Past Masters, living in the City of Bad Pyrmont, to the City of Gardelegen, near Magdeburg, about a three-hour car ride. We were driving a good 100 miles per hour on the Autobahn. Here I was invited to the Lodge Drei Tuerme im Hopfenfeld (Three Towers in the Hopfield) and witnessed another opening and closing of a Lodge in German Ritual. I was welcomed with open arms by W.: Helfried Kluender and all his Officers. He also pointed out that this was my third visit to the Lodge. I gave all Masons present two lapel pins. I received tokens from the Lodge and a bouquet of flowers.

After a light lunch, Past Masters Peter Middeldorp, Helmut Daro and I started our journey back to Bad Pyrmont and from there I flew back to the United States. I encourage all Masons to visit other States or countries, if their circumstances permit, to see how Masonic "Friendship and Brotherly Love" make you feel at home. x



Flowers were presented to W.: Karl-Heinz Reich by W.: Helfried Kluender, Master, and the Officers of Lodge Three Towers in the Hopfield, in the City of Gardelegen.



Dinner at Herforder Lodge, after the East Westphalia Lodge Ritual Festival. (Photos courtesy of Karl-Heinz Reich)



(From left): District Master East Westphalia and Lippe, R.: W.: Dr. Rainer Bauerlein, W.: Karl-Heinz Reich, Grand Master of the Land Lodge A.F. & A.M. Germany, M.:W.: Jens Oberheide.

New Speakers Bureau

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

Research has shown that, over all, little is known about the three levels of care and the services which are provided on the Masonic Care Community Campus. The goal of the Speakers Bureau is to educate Masonic and non-Masonic community organizations. We feel this direct contact will further enhance our public relations effort.

Ideal for a one-hour program for any organization, the presentations are generally 45 minutes, followed by a question and answer session. Speakers available are: Angie Caiola, Rob Lauducci and Ira Cooperman from the Masonic Care Community. Also available are Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Home: Gilbert Adams, George Blasch and Donald Darrohn.

If any group would like to schedule a talk, please contact Angie Caiola, Director of Community Relations at (315) 798-4768 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, or email: caiolaa@masoniccommunityny.org. x

EVERYTIME A FLAG IS WAVED... WE REMEMBER



November holds three special days that give us pause to remember that the rights and privileges we hold so dear are based upon the service and sacrifice of those who have gone before us. Tuesday, November 8th - ELECTION DAY - reminds us of our responsibility as FREE citizens to take the time to vote for the candidates of our choice. Americans have died to secure this special privilege for us and it should not be taken lightly.

Friday, November 11th - VETERANS DAY - reminds us of the sacrifices brave men and women in our armed forces have made...and continue to make today...so that we can enjoy many freedoms including our right to vote.

And finally, Thursday, November 24th - THANKSGIVING DAY - reminds us of the many blessings we have as Americans. It is a time to reflect upon our responsibility to use these gifts wisely and share our bounty with those less fortunate.

What do these three days have to do with funeral service? Every funeral service you attend is a Celebration of a Life lived and sacrifices made. Those who have gone before us have left precious memories and an important legacy for us to build upon.



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are available for Lodges and Districts.

If it's difficult for you to get to Utica, a member of the Masonic Care Community staff will be happy to come to you - to visit your Lodge or District meeting - and make a brief presentation about the institution that has served Masons and their families for over 100 years and which, in turn,

has been so generously supported by members of the Fraternity.

Brother Ira Cooperman, Director of Development, or Brother Robert Lauducci, Director of Volunteers, will gladly arrange to come and speak at one of your meetings about the exciting developments at the Masonic Care Community.

Contact them today!

For further information please contact:

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Around the District

The Genesee/Wyoming District year is off to a very good start. About half the Lodges have candidates and Degrees coming up. Brother Bring-a-Friend events are being held, which will very likely result in more of the same. If we keep up the good work, this may well be a record year for Remembering the Blue Lodge.

Masonic Education

Freemasonry is an educational institution, which offers many opportunities. *The Road to the East* Lodge Officer Training Program is one of the educational opportunities available, which all prospective Masters and Wardens are encouraged to attend. *The Road to the East* provides much information and points to many resources available to help achieve a successful Lodge year. It is also beneficial for any member seeking knowledge about the Lodge organization and provides further light on many subjects. Knowledgeable Masons grow a deeper appreciation for our great Fraternity and can help enlighten our communities just by talking about the many good benefits of Freemasonry with friends and family.

R.: W.: Harry Tyson, Grand Director of Ceremonies, is making the arrangements for scheduling the Course, and registration requests should be directed to him.

November Visits

- 1st - Warsaw
- 9th - Triluminar
- 16th - Attica, 7:30 p.m.

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



1st Wednesdays
7:30 p.m.

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This has been a very busy period at Lodge. Besides our normal meeting we have hosted the Grand Lecturer's Convention. We had our annual Award and Widows Night that brought in a couple of petitions for Lodge. I only mention these events as we owe a big debt to the Ladies of the Eastern Star for two delicious meals.

This month, of course, is our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner for those who have no where to go. This dinner was started years ago by Bob Nicoll and his late wife, Leone. It went from their house in Bergen to the LeRoy Methodist Church and, for the past several years, it has been at Olive Branch Lodge, 8 West Main Street in

LeRoy. There is no charge. We also take dinners to the shut-ins in the area, as Meals on Wheels doesn't deliver on the holiday. In fact, we always serve over 100 people.

Though it takes us away from our families on the holiday, it really gives you a warm feeling sharing the real reason we are thankful. We serve from 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., so if you are alone, come on down!

To spruce up for the dinner, we are planning to paint the dining room. A big thank you is due to our Treasurer/Handyman, Clayton Dimick, for patching the plaster. As soon as the Master and Secretary learn proper color schemes from the Ladies, we will get started. (We really thought light blue would look nice, honest Ladies!)

Condolences

This month I must mention the passing of Leone Nicoll, even though I know it is unusual to mention a woman in a Lodge Memorial. She was a moving force behind Veterans' Services in the Lodge. When patients from the V.A. in Batavia went fishing at the Hatchery in Caledonia, they would bring their catch to the Lodge. Leone and crew would filet the fish, and have some extra foods in case the fish were elusive, and feed them. This would go on every other week in the Summer. She is truly missed.

Mount Vernon Lodge No. 263



2nd & 4th
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Secretary
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It's November! How much longer before the Great Architect decides to blanket us with His white cover?

Our first two months have been extremely busy. As always, you have stepped up to the plate. By accepting the By-Laws changes initiated by Brother Bernie Wahley, you have saved your Lodge hundreds of dollars and insured the future financial health of Mt. Vernon for a long time.

Our District Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: Norm Steinbaugh and Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.: W.: Harry Tyson, were welcomed on September 26th. They were treated to an inspiring Walk Around by Brother Carl Fisher, not only for the benefit of our newest Brothers, but also for our "rusty" (DDGM word) Brothers. Our guests delivered the Grand Master's message and also encouraged all of us to continue our Masonic education through the multiple programs available.

October

October 10th we welcomed our District Deputy Grand Lecturer, V.: W.: George Springett, with W.: Bill Mammosser sitting in the East.

Our social functions took a huge leap on the 24th, thanks to Dana Foster. She hosted a Wine and Cheese Party for our friends, families and Brothers following, perhaps, one of the shortest meetings held.

November

On November 28th we will hold a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night, hosted by our Sisters in the Eastern Star. A special award will be presented, so make your reservation early.

YOU, my Brothers, are breathing new life into your Lodge. YOU are making things happen. Come out to your Lodge. Support the Brother Bring-a-Friend Night, and all the other events planned. Don't deprive yourself of the Brotherly love so important to us all. Things are popping at Mt. Vernon. Be a part of it!

In closing, if you haven't responded yet to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund, please do so NOW. No gift is too small. Remember those in need; Americans, fellow Brothers, their widows and orphans. Remember, "There but for the grace of God, go I."

West Star Lodge No. 413 F. & A.M.



1st & 3rd
Mondays

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A month has flown by and we had all the good weather I predicted. Next month's weather is anyone's guess. It would be nice to have another month of good weather and it is possible it could happen. Let's hope so!

V.: W.: George Springett's Official Visit was September 19th. I think the AGL was very pleased. Needless to say, I was very proud. For our first meeting of the year, with many Officers in their new stations and places, and I think we did a great job.

October 3rd was the Official Visit by R.: W.: Norm Steinbaugh, DDGM. By his side was R.: W.: Harry Tyson, Grand Director of Ceremonies. Again we had a great meeting. The DDGM delivered the Grand Master's message. The Grand Master wants every Lodge to have a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. West Star is planning to have one on December 5th.

The Grand Master would also like 100% participation in the Brotherhood Fund. Just one dollar each would help. The Veterans Service Committee would also encourage remittance of dues for members on active duty.

R.: W.: Harry Tyson talked about Masonic Education. He is planning a *Road to the East* Program.

A new beginning

In the Fall of 1982, the Senior Deacon took me by the hand and led me, and three others, through the Lodge and introduced the four of us to Masonry. One of the jobs of the 1st Degree is to impress the new candidates. This was accomplished in the work done by the Senior Deacon that evening, R.: W.: Merle Robinson. Merle has been my idol and mentor ever since. As a three-time Master of our Lodge, Merle has always been there to help in any way.

October 3rd was, possibly, Merle's last time to sit in Lodge with us, as Merle and Mary have moved to Richmond, Vir-

ginia to live near his son. I'm sure Merle will continue to be active in a Lodge in Virginia, but he will be missed very much at West Star Lodge. Brothers and friends like Merle are hard to come by! I will miss you. Stay safe!

On October 3rd, we also had two members bring two Brothers to Lodge. In all we had 15 Brothers present for the DDGM's Official Visit. Giving a friend a ride to Lodge does work. Let's keep it going.

Let's make some plans

Before next meeting, I plan to have a trestleboard established for the year. If you have something you would like to do at Lodge, give me a call and we will try to put it on the trestleboard.

Let's have some fun!

This Fall we would like to have a couple of Euchre Tournaments at Lodge. They are a lot of fun and a chance to bring some friends to Lodge. How many tournaments we have depends on how much help we have. There are some Brothers from West Seneca who want to visit West Star and play Euchre with us.

We hope to see you soon.

Oakland Lodge

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



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I think that your Master must still be on Summer recess or just didn't feel like working during the Labor Day holiday weekend. I am truly sorry that I forgot and didn't get an article in last month. I blame it on the wonderful weather that we have been experiencing this Fall. Who could have ever predicted the Fall that we have all experienced this year?

Thank you

I thank all the Brothers from Oakland Lodge who helped perform our Fall roadside clean-up detail. The support was greatly appreciated by your Master and the local community. These, my Brothers, are the type of activities that show people throughout the community what the Masons are all about. We are not some organization that meets secretly and doesn't want to be viewed by the public. We are an organization that supports the people and community in which we live and associate.

Congratulations

I congratulate Brother DJ Beardsley and Brother Bob Kemp on behalf of Oakland Lodge for their grandchildren, Andrew and Tonya Beardsley. Andrew and Tonya both received a Masonic Scholarship Award granted from the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. These are two proud grandfathers, and they have every right to be. I would also like to congratulate Andrew and Tonya for their fine academic performance. With all the bad or horrific news we get bombarded with every day, it's good to hear some of our youth putting their minds to good use. Keep up the good work Andrew and Tonya; I hope to

receive the same report next year.

Official Visits

By the time this article arrives at your mailbox, Oakland Lodge will have had both of their Official Visits for the year. V.: W.: George Springett, the Assistant Grand Lecturer, attended our September 20th communication. V.: W.: Springett informed the members of Oakland Lodge that he was very pleased with the opening and closing Ritual performed by our Lodge. He also shared a trip that he ventured upon during the Summer and met some Masons from Oklahoma. He informed us of the Grand Lecturer's Convention in LeRoy on October 12th and Oakland Lodge's luck in qualifying for the Howard Potts Award. I'm hoping to give a positive report on Oakland Lodge receiving the Howard Potts Award in next month's issue. I think it would be a great accomplishment if we received this Award two years in a row.

Oakland Lodge was graced with the presence of R.: W.: Norman Steinbaugh, District Deputy Grand Master, at our October 18th communication. R.: W.: Steinbaugh outlined the Grand Master's message and pinpointed the programs the Grand Master would like to emphasize this year. He was also pleased to see that we had some Degree activity this year. Oakland Lodge thanks both V.: W.: George Springett and R.: W.: Norman Steinbaugh for their words of wisdom and encouragement.

First Degree

Oakland Lodge will be conferring the Entered Apprentice Degree at our November 1st communication. It will be conferred on at least one candidate and possibly a second, if our Investigating Committee responds favorably. The communication will start at 7:30 p.m. sharp so that, hopefully, we can begin the Degree Ritual by 8:00 p.m. at the latest.

At the second communication we will rehearse the first section of the 2nd Degree.

Brotherhood Fund

The Brotherhood Fund Chairman for Oakland Lodge this year is Kenneth E. Smith. The best place to make your donations is at our monthly communications, but for those who are unable to make it, please mail your donations to: Kenneth E. Smith, 137 Lake Street, LeRoy, 14482. If you would like your donation to be designated towards a certain category, please inform me of that on the memo section of your check or a small note sent with your donation. For those donations that do not state a designated category, you leave



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me no choice but to designate your donation for you. I thank all the Brothers of Oakland Lodge for any donations received towards this fund. This is just one of the ways that we can show support for our great organization and those who are our Brothers.

Here's hoping this article finds all my fellow Brothers enjoying a happy and healthy start to the Fall season. 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.

**Attica Lodge
No. 462**
1st and 3rd
Wednesdays
(Jan-Feb-Mar
3rd Wed. Only)

**Master
W.: Bruce D.
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**Secretary
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Meetings are in full swing and we have hosted our first Pancake Breakfast of the 2005-2006 season. We will continue to put on our monthly Pancake Breakfast the first Sunday of the month through April. Due to our regular pancake chef (Chuck) being on the unable to perform list, I was forced to fill in at the griddle. After a few test pancakes, the mixture was thinned out and we had a successful morning. Our first breakfast was dedicated to the local D.A.R.E. Program. We sent a donation to assist in the operating expenses of the local program. Good Luck to D.A.R.E. Officer, Chris Beck.

Building repairs

We have decided to start a Building Fund for the purpose of raising money necessary to replace the East side of our roof. We currently are looking into ways to raise the funds to begin the project in the Spring of 2006, hopefully prior to the roof springing any leaks. I welcome any fundraising ideas from the Brothers, as we have several thousands of dollars of repairs and need some fresh ideas on how to fund these repairs.

Child ID Program

W.: Keith Counterline, the current District Chairman of Child ID, had an informational table at the Safety and You Day organized by Girl Scout Stephanie Seward at Pembroke High School. Thanks to Bud, Bruce and Keith for the time spent at the table. We were able to get about 30 people interested in having their child participate in this program. Keith is looking for a Lodge to sponsor a day for filming in the Batavia area. Please call Keith at 591-1023 if you would like to host a Child ID program.

2nd Degree

We have a Brother currently preparing for his 2nd Degree and I would like to confer this Degree at our regular meeting on November 2nd, but I will need a lot of assistance to make this happen. Please contact Bruce Anderson at 591-0190 to sign up for the part of your choice.

The AGL will be in attendance on November 2nd, so let's put on a great show. If any other Lodges in the District would like to volunteer a speaking part to the Degree, the AGL can give your Lodge credit for participation!!

That's all for now. I hope you will all enjoy a bountiful Fall harvest; if not enjoy the beautiful weather.

**HESPERUS
Lodge No. 837**
1st and 3rd
Thursdays

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**Secretary
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Our first order of business is to recognize V.: W.: George R. Springett with the Symbolic Lodge Award. We have used George at Lodge meetings for "Stump George" on Ritual and the history of Masonry. Almost always, George has the answer. Seldom do we stump him. He is also a plethora of information that is most useful to our Craft, as well as being an excellent Historian of Freemasonry. Congratulations, George. Continue to use your great skills in Masonry.

Hesperus is undergoing some excellent makeovers. About four years ago we had beautiful new carpet laid in the Temple. This year we had the 85-year old cushions removed and replaced. The old fabric was still in pretty good shape, but the horse hair padding was not any softer than a board. It was replaced with a rich dark blue fabric, and much more comfortable foam padding.

The purpose of this update, is that on November 3rd we will be hosting a Brother Bring-a-Friend, and Brother Bring-a-Brother, to Lodge. If you have been away, this is the time to see the upgrades, and be comfortable as well.

In March of 2006, the Brothers and Sisters of Hesperus, cordially invite you to a dinner and variety show. We are inviting you not only as an audience, but also as a participant. If you are a member of our community, or a member of neighboring Masonic, or Eastern Star organizations, Rotary, Knights of Columbus, Lions, Chamber of Commerce, etc., grace us with your talent. Our purpose is to raise funds to assist the Brothers and Sisters of Hesperus with our endeavors in the community. Through efforts so far this year, we were able to donate \$3,000 to Cross Road House in Batavia. Success with the variety show/dinner, would allow us to do so much more for so many others.

If you have talents, or wish to be a part of this event, or for more information, call David Smalley at 392-3988.

The Gift of Love
The Masonic Service Bureau greatly appreciates your contribution. If you have not made your donation, would you please do so now, before you forget? If you have, would you consider increasing it?

**District Deputy
Grand Master
Livingston District**



**R.: W.:
Roy W.
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As R.: W.: Trescott and I are embarking on our new year, we are finding it to be twice as busy as our previous one. It looks like every Lodge has a new candidate and none of the Lodges have held their Brother Bring-a-Friend Night.

The Annual Child ID Program took place October 10th - 14th. I'll have more details in next month's article. I thank Brother Ray Ellis, Child ID Chairman, for the excellent job he put forth again this year.


I remind all the Brothers that applications for the new District Grand Lodge Officers are in the hands of your Lodge Secretary or in mine. There is still time to get your application in if you have any desire to attain a Purple Apron. I would like to see more Brothers interested, because we have a lot of talent in the Livingston District that is going to be wasted if you qualified Brothers don't apply.

R.: W.: Trescott has set the dates for the MDC Course for November 8th, 14th and 21st. This is an excellent course that will enlighten even the older members. I know I found it

very interesting and I have been in Masonry for 23 years. Give R.: W.: Trescott a call and make your reservation for this unique course.

R.: W.: Trescott and I have begun the Official Visits and will be seeing you in the near future. God bless each of you and God bless this great Fraternity.

**Grand
Sword Bearer
Livingston**



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Don't forget the Masonic Development Course program on November 8th, 14th and 21st. Please encourage all new and old Brothers to attend. Let me know who will be attending as soon as possible so we can order the needed tools.

On October 13th, the Grand Lecturer's Convention was held at Livonia Lodge. The work, done by Union Lodge, was a great success and we learned a lot!

Our Official Visits have begun and we are very busy with them and all the Degree work being done in the District. This is turning out to be a great success this year and we are drawing many new members!

Don't forget that we are trying to get a Directory together of all the Masons in the District who have their own businesses

or work some place that can benefit from doing business with the public! We would like to have a Directory that a Livingston District Mason can look to see where he can deal with another Mason (Masons supporting Masons). Please send us the information so this list can be assembled soon!


It was a very educational and enjoyable time that was had with Brother Ronald Baylor as he demonstrated his wares with the historical club to which he belongs! He and his wife, Susie, camped out in his authentic Tee Pee in his buckskins. The equipment and artifacts that he has were explained very well and are most impressive! Thank you, Ronald, for sharing these with us! A picture accompanies this article with Ron in front of his Tee Pee with his Indian drum!

Well, the Annual Livingston District Ladies Night is being put together. I sure hope that we get as good or better support from the District. Please, Masters, look up your widows so that you can bring them to this special event and they can be recognized. We are looking forward to seeing you all there!

The Child ID Program is done for another year. We have had another great year with this program. We did many children in all the schools and also two days in the new Wal-Mart Super store in Geneseo! Thank you, Wal-Mart, Livingston County Sheriff's Department, Village Police Departments, District Chairmen, R.: W.: Gene Flint, and all the Brothers who worked with this program.

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Brother Ronald Baylor in buckskin outfit with Indian drum.

GSB Livingston

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Almost every Lodge in the District recognized a Brother for his efforts and time spent in his Lodge at the Scottish Rite

Symbolic Lodge Award Ceremony at the Shrine Center in Webster. I am very impressed with the Masters for recognizing a Brother and the Brothers for their dedication to the Craft. Keep up the good work. x

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I can't believe that the Holiday Season is just around the corner. We have had a busy year so far. We have been doing Degree work and had the privilege of exemplifying the Hiram Legend for the Grand Lecturer's Convention held in October.

Reminder

Don't forget to put November 17th on your calendars. That is the date for our third annual Table Lodge. This has been a fun event in the past and this year's event promises to be more of the same. I can't think of a better way to promote fellowship or camaraderie among Masons and friends than a Table Lodge. Please call Brother Mike Grady, our Senior Warden, or me, if you have any questions. Please, pass the word around to members of other Lodges you may know and invite them to come and enjoy with us.

We will be holding a Brother Bring-a-Friend event in the near future. So, if you know of anyone you feel might be interested in our Fraternity please plan on asking them and their families to join us for an Open House.

We will be having our Annual Meeting on December 8th and won't meet again until January, 2006. Our first meeting of the New Year will be our Official Visit from our DDGM, our own R.: W.: Roy Moses. I encourage everyone to make a special effort to be there that evening.

In closing, I wish every Brother and his family a happy Thanksgiving and hope to see you all in Lodge soon. x

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At Livonia Lodge, the Brothers who came to the last two meetings had a good time, after a short business meeting, playing cards in the new recreation room. We have been able to play cards with refreshments in a nice room instead of the convention room. We are planning to install more equipment.

The renovation is a large success, as it has been considered a project for all the ten years I have been a Brother. We are hoping more Brothers will attend and enjoy the fun and beauty of the Fraternity.

May Brotherly Love Prevail. x

District Deputy Grand Master Ontario/Seneca/Yates District



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November's first District event is the Grand Lecturer's Convention. It will be held on Thursday the 3rd at 7:30 p.m., with dinner at 6:30 at Pocahontas Lodge. The AGLs inform me that the Opening and Closing will be the work on the trestleboard for the convention. Last year, two Lodges in the OSY District received the Howard Potts Award; this year I hope to see at least two more! I am asking all Masters to make sure their Officers attend as well as all of the newly raised Master Masons. It is an opportunity for them to meet their Brothers and learn much more about Freemasonry.

Thanks

It appears our Brothers have remembered their obligation at the time of the writing of this article. Nearly \$2200 has been collected for Brother Ron Philbrook. A special thank you to the Editor and staff of the *Masonic Times*. Brother Philbrook and his family now have the use of a house until their home can be rebuilt; insurance will cover that cost. The money collected will cover many of the day to day expenses, as well as toys and comfort items for the family.

Official Visits

November 7th, at Canandaigua Lodge, is the first Official Visit this fall. The rest are listed below. All communications begin at 7:30 p.m.

November 10th - Geneva
November 16th - Rushville
November 22nd - Eagle x

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

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The Masonic Brotherhood Fund Campaign is now underway. Our Lodge was at the bottom of the list of the fifteen Lodges in the District. Less than 10% of our membership gave to the Brotherhood Fund. I am the chairman for this year's campaign. Please send your contributions to me at 400 Hamilton Street, Geneva 14456. In future issues of the *Masonic Times* I will list the Brothers who have donated.

M.: W.: Edward R. Trosin, Grand Master, sent a letter to all Masters, which included a plea for the Brothers to contribute to the Brotherhood Fund and earmark their contributions for "Hurricane Disaster Relief." This now encompasses both Katrina and Rita. Your donations can also be earmarked for: 1) allocation

by the Grand Master; 2) the Masonic Home in Utica; 3) Masonic Medical Research Laboratory; 4) Masonic Youth Foundation; 5) Veterans Hospital Program; 6) Masonic Benevolence; 7) Child ID Program; or 8) Drug and Alcohol Abuse prevention.

We, as upright men and Masons, are endeavoring to stress the supreme importance of giving generously to our elderly Brothers and their wives in Utica. (Please go there and see how your money is being utilized!) Our Laboratory is world-renowned and is making inroads in the fields of geriatrics and cardiac research. Our military personnel in Iraq and Afghanistan deserve our Masonic donations.

Freemasonry teaches all men to practice charity and benevolence; to assist the feeble, shelter the poor and their orphans; to raise up our downtrodden Brothers wherever they may be. I hope and pray that our Lodge Brothers who have not given in the past year will do so now. I further hope that our Lodge will be number one in the District. Masons champion worthy causes and the Brotherhood Fund is a very worthy cause.

Masons meet, act and part

1) I received a letter from Brother Maurice "Bitty" Bittman, who thanked the Lodge for recognizing his 55 years of membership. He is hoping and planning to be able to receive his 60-year Certificate and Pin. He looks forward to reading the Lodge news in the *Masonic Times*. He visualizes the faces of Brothers John Stelter, Lloyd Hilimire, Ray Smith, Bill Kasouty, Harry George and the many other Brothers of Ark Lodge. He sends best regards to all and wishes the Master and Officers the best this year and in years to come.

2) I visited Dr. John Stelter, Robert Inscho, Max Kaufman and Bill Kashouty. Keep in your prayers Harry George and Ramon Baroody.

3) Dr. John Stelter was presented his 60-year Pin and Certificate at his home. Many Brothers were present.

4) Brothers Gordon W. Johnson (45 years), James F. Khouri and Kenneth Colegrove (40 years), Roger Haich (30 years), Jed Brandow (15 years) and Tom Bryan (10 years) all received their Pins and Certificates last month.

Congratulations to Brother Terry Trenchard, who received the Hiram Award for outstanding service to Ark Lodge.

5) We will sponsor a Red Cross Blood Drive at the Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, November 22nd. Over 75 people gave blood last year.

6) I received a note from Brother Stelter telling me that in November 1825 there was an important event for our Lodge. General and Brother Marquis de Lafayette came to the Village of Geneva. Many Masonic dignitaries and Ark Lodge Brothers met him at the Geneva Hotel. The next day, 200 Genevans had breakfast with Brother Lafayette in the new Franklin House on Exchange Street.

November Trestleboard
2nd - Officers meeting
3rd - O/S/Y Grand Lecturer's Convention, Poca-

November 2005

hontas Lodge, Seneca Falls. Dinner at 6:00 p.m.; Convention at 7:00 p.m.

16th - Regular communication
22nd - Blood Drive

Brother Stelter related to me the largest number of Brothers raised in one year in Ark Lodge was 65 Brothers in 1914. The Master was W.: Charles Root. (Why, oh why, can't it happen again?) x

Milnor Lodge No. 139

2nd & 4th
Thursdays



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Thank you to all the Brothers who attended the Masonic Memorial Service we conducted for Brother Everett Schrader. It was a job well done and we received many thanks from the family.

As for our 2nd meeting in September, although the attendance was very low, a good time was had by all. A big thank you to our Junior Warden's wife for the excellent pie.

As a reminder, we are having a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night on November 17th.

See you at our next meeting. x

Garoga-Sincerity Lodge No. 200

1st & 3rd
Tuesdays



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By Clayton Ruggles, Secretary

It's that time of year again; to remove the window air conditioners, close up the pool, shock treat and cover, clean up the property, get the heating system ready for its work. We pay in the Summer and we pay in the Winter.

Sickness and distress

Brother Howard Lester continues to recover from his operation. He expects to be 100% eventually. Says he will try to make it to Lodge when the time comes. Our wishes to get well for Brother Bob Bird's wife, Marilyn, as she is recuperating at home from a fall resulting in a broken hip and foot injury. We pray for her speedy recovery. Brother Robert Patrick passed away. He was initiated October 7th, passed November 4th and raised December 2, 1969. He died October 3, 2005. A Masonic Service was held at the Patrick Funeral Home in Clifton Springs. Our prayers are with the Brother Patrick's family and friends.

Grand Master Edward R. Trosin has issued a plea to the Brethren, that anyone choosing to donate money to the "Hurricane Disaster Relief" may do so through the Brotherhood Fund. All the proceeds from our Pork Chop Bar-B-Que

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last month were donated to disaster relief.

Brother Ernie Day presented his program of when he and some members of his family and friends went to West Virginia to do volunteer work on building and bathroom repairs. His program was very interesting. He had taken several still photos and a video, which was enjoyed by all. Thanks to Brother Day for sharing this event with us.

Brother Ken Gibbs displayed his Spring and Fall jacket, with his name and Garoga/Sincerity No. 200 embroidered on the front for \$55. A square and compass can be put on the back (extra cost). Contact Bonnie Yager at (315) 942-4777. The jacket is really smart looking with sharp detail and is worth much more.

Need to contact

One candle may light another, provided there is contact. One candle will never light another at a distance—only when flame touches flame. A Brother may kindle the flame of another, but not by standing aloof and away—only by intimate contact of mind with mind and heart with heart may the fire pass from man to man. Is the gentle but powerful Light of Masonry Shining in you?

Lodge of Remembrance

On November 1st, Garoga Sincerity will be having its first "Lodge of Remembrance," which is a program to honor those Brethren whose deaths have taken them away from us. The Masters of Ceremony will escort the Senior Deacon and Chaplain to the Altar. The lights will be lowered. The Altar will be draped. The Senior and Junior Warden will escort the Master to the Altar. As the Chaplain reads each name, a flower will be placed on the Altar. At the end, the Master and Wardens place a sprig of acacia on the Altar. Lights turned back up. This program will be added to the Brother Bring-a-Brother Night. All Brothers who come will find it to be a very touching and reverent night. It's also Pot Luck Supper night.

Dates to remember

November 1st - Brother Bring-a-Brother. Lodge of Remembrance

November 3rd - Grand Lecturer's Convention. Pocahontas Lodge, Waterloo, 6:30 p.m.

November 15th - Staff Officer Visit

Happy November Birthdays to Brothers: 1st, Otis Davis and Stephen Phillips; 3rd, William Sergeant; 8th, James D. Allen; 10th, Donald Henning; 15th, Richard Hamelinck; and 30th, Robert Bird.

Congratulations to these Brothers raised in November: 11/20/01, Ronald Galens, William Smith, and Donald Romeiser; 11/20/90, Paul McIntyre and Clayton Ruggles; 11/03/81, Daniel Guth and Gary Yancey; 11/12/81, William Peterson; 11/13/75, Terrence Mays; 11/14/74, Jack Resnik; 11/09/72, Keith Andrews, Thomas Pardington and Elliott Schocken; 11/15/55, Donald Fridley, and 11/14/46, Charles Romeiser.

District Deputy Grand Master



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It seems appropriate that the theme of this article is Brotherly Love. On September 21, 2005, without warning, I was told that my position at my place of employment, no longer existed. The details of that event are less important for the purposes of this article. What is more important to share is the immediate outpouring of support that I received from my Brothers. At a point in my life when the proverbial bottom dropped out from underneath me, Masonry was there. I received numerous calls offering computer software, letters of recommendation, dinner and words of support. Those early days were hard, but you made it easier for me. My wife, too, was impressed by the actions you Brothers took. Thank you.

This event reminded me about the tenuous nature of life, and what little control we actually have on many variables. The one true constant that came out of this for me was relationships. I can count on the fact that there are people who care about me. This is something that cannot be taken, although it can be given up.

I know of many Brothers in this District who have become disillusioned with Masonry due more to differing opinions. I was taught that an opinion is an individual's strong belief on a specific idea. It concerns me that in this Fraternity, differing opinions can be divisive, particularly when we struggle with issues of membership. How do we explain to a younger Brother the fact that the person who raised him, no longer comes to Lodge? How is it that we can abandon the

very principles which we swore to uphold?

My challenge is that we set aside our negative feelings and get back to immersing ourselves in something as pure and simple as this Fraternity was meant to be.

What have you done for Masonry since my last article? You might recall that I challenged you all to become more active in Masonry by doing "one more thing a month" than you did last year. Brothers, these are not just words of encouragement. These are words of action. The revitalization of Masonry is dependent on action, not rhetoric. It is by doing that others can see the work that is done. It is by example that others perceive integrity. It is by doing that you feel the strength and love that this organization has to give.

October and November will be very busy months for me. I will be at many Lodges and related functions. I intend to ask "what have you done for Masonry lately?"

Tomorrow's Leaders help wanted!

Every Lodge in the District has received applications for the 2006-2008 Grand Lodge Officer positions. The Grand Lodge Selection Committee has been formed and, as of this writing, has received three applications. Brothers, the job is tough, the pay is horrible and the return on energy output far exceeds the apparent return. However, the actual return far exceeds expectations. These positions are required to maintain the organizational integrity of the District. What you will receive in return is an experience to meet Masons throughout the District whom you might never have met. You will expose yourselves to local traditions and different cultures while interacting with some of the nicest people you will ever meet. You will have an opportunity to infuse your skills and experience into a larger system, influencing the direction and functioning of the Craft.

As I write this, it is Rosh Hoshanna, the Jewish New Year. May the coming year bring you prosperity and joy. May your lives be sweetened by all that you have.

Grand Sword Bearer



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It is not sword swinger or sword slasher, but Sword Bearer. If you missed the Offi-



Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Neil I. Bidnick, and members of his entourage posed for picture prior to Let's Chat session.

cial Visits portion of a most interesting School of Ritual at Clio, this and other topics were reviewed. The work was well attended and performed very well by John Dyer and Joseph Olegoetz, our most capable AGLs. They reminded us that the Grand Master's Edict regarding Ritual is still in effect. All of the Masters received Ritual packets to be reviewed and returned to John or Joe.

The Deputy Grand Master's Let's Chat Session was held at Webster Lodge on Saturday, October 8th, and was well attended. Brother Bidnick was very good in answering every-



R. W. Neil I. Bidnick, Deputy Grand Master, in discussion with (from left) R. W. Bruce Chilton, R. W. Don Darrohn and R. W. Cliff Short. (Photos courtesy of Donald Tubman)



In two photos above, R. W. Neil I. Bidnick addresses Brothers in attendance at the Deputy Grand Master's Let's Chat session.

one's questions and providing insight into his vision for Masonry in New York State. I know that others will be addressing this elsewhere in the *Masonic Times*. The most important message he conveyed was that Grand Lodge is there for us. That membership retention and recruitment is of utmost importance and how we are perceived by the rest of society will help further this Fraternity. We need to promote what we are doing in our Lodges. He also emphasized that Brother is the most important title with which we should concern ourselves.

MSAT

I have contacted all of the school districts in Monroe County and provided the administrators with the contact and course content information. This program speaks for itself.

The Widows Lodge of Remembrance is a topic that I will discuss at future Official Visits, as I mentioned last month. I think that this would be a great way of reaching out and keeping track of our widows. Keeping accurate lists and keeping contacts with the widows is of paramount importance with Grand Lodge, as well.

Non-payment of dues

Both Bill and I have the responsibility of making sure that anyone being unaffiliated for non-payment of dues or taking a dimit is contacted.

This is requested by Grand Master Trosin and is something very necessary in view of the vast numbers that seemingly are leaving the Craft. Please call Bill or me if you are thinking of dimitting, are having trouble with dues or any Masonic issue which may be causing your lack of attendance at Lodge functions.

To all Masters and Secretaries: please advise us of any problems and also mail your trestleboards to me. Bill and I will review them. We would like to receive all trestleboards by November 15th.

Grand Director of Ceremonies

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Saturday, October 8th, found 35 local Masons at Webster Lodge to hear R. W. Neil Bidnick, Deputy Grand Master. A very enjoyable and informative session was held. Many questions were answered concisely and clearly by R. W. Bidnick. At the

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conclusion of the "Let's Chat" session, Lodge secretaries were able to enjoy a "hands-on" seminar experience with the new MORI system. This is a new live system for your Lodge secretary to submit all local Lodge data, and will offer for the very first time, one Grand Lodge database!



I can assure you, there are many exciting things in the planning for your Grand Lodge, including the new MUNY (Masonic University of New York), the IDC (Individual Development Course), among other programs. These are all being provided for YOUR use and enjoyment. I encourage all Brothers to contact your Lodge Secretary to find out more about these fine programs.

Our Official Visits are now being held at most of the Lodges in the District. I hope you will make an endeavor to attend your Lodge to hear the Grand Master's message. *



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Thank you!

We thank all the Brethren who participated in our second School of Ritual, held at Clio Lodge on September 28th. I found that the topic on Masonic Etiquette very enlightening and educational. Additionally, going over the District Deputy reception protocol was appreciated by several of the Masters who mentioned it afterwards. Thanks to W.: Harry DeHollander and his team for inviting all the attendees to Clio Lodge's famous Spaghetti Dinner. It was a night of great fellowship and good Masonic learning.

Our next School of Ritual is scheduled for January 31, 2006 beginning at 7:30 p.m. at Unity Lodge. A combined team of Unity and ERAC Lodges will be conferring the first section of the Entered Apprentice Degree. Stay tuned.

Grand Master's Edict

The Grand Master's Edict is in place. Each Lodge within the Monroe District is required to perform one of the three Degrees in full form. Members of the Lodge must perform this Degree. It must be the Degree that was NOT performed for the Grand Master's Edict in the

past two years. Said another way, if your Lodge performed the 3rd and 1st Degrees for the Grand Master's Edict the last two years, then it will be required that your Lodge perform the 2nd Degree this year.

Official registration forms have been available at each of the last two Schools of Ritual, as well as they have been sent to each Master and Secretary of each Lodge in the District. Each Lodge is required to submit this form to us (Assistant Grand Lecturers) with the Lodge Seal embossed on the form. This must be done even if you have "called in" a reservation to an Assistant Grand Lecturer for a date to exemplify a Degree. The Degree chosen must be done in full form. The first section must be done by the Lodge's elected and appointed Officers. The second section (i.e. lectures, Q&A, charge, etc.) can be done by someone else within the Lodge, such as Past Masters. I highly recommend that the Master learn the charge of the Degree. The charge is the one element within the Degree that summarizes for the candidate the overall meaning of that Degree, and it should be given from the East.

Additionally, if two or more Lodges are giving a Degree and that Degree has been identified by one of the Lodges to be the requirement of the Grand Master's Edict, only one Lodge can gain credit. Everything above also applies. Specifically, the Lodge that wants credit must perform the first section with their elected and appointed Officers.

If in doubt on any issues with regards to the Grand Master's Edict, please do not hesitate to call either V.: W.: John Dyer or V.: W.: Joe Oelgoetz for clarification.

Question to the AGL

Question: In a public ceremony or meeting should the Brethren come to the Sign of Fidelity during times that would call for the Sign of Fidelity in a closed Lodge meeting (i.e., during prayer)?

Answer: Only if the Brethren are wearing Aprons. If the open ceremony does not call for Aprons, Brethren do not come to the Sign of Fidelity.

If you have questions concerning Ritual or if your Lodge is in need of assistance in preparing for a Degree, do not hesitate to contact one of your Assistant Grand Lecturers. Our job is to help and instruct each and every Lodge in the District to improve the exemplification of our Ritual. We are here to help.

Thank you for your continued support and we will be looking forward to seeing you in the quarries. God Bless! *

**Member
Development
R.: W.:
Joseph Privitera
Monroe District**

Dues

It is that time of year the Lodge Secretaries dread, sending out letters for non-payment of dues. In some Lodges that letter could be a concerned letter or a form letter. Whatever the letter looks like, if you are in danger of being dropped for non-payment of dues because of a financial situation, or even some other reason, I urge you to talk to someone. Lodges are remitting dues for Brothers who are in nursing homes. Call the Master or Secretary of your Lodge. Their numbers are listed in your Lodge article of the *Masonic Times*. You can also call me. My number, as with all District level numbers, is listed on page 2 under "Hot Numbers" of this publication.

Widows Luncheon

The 2005 Widows Luncheon was very successful. My thanks to the Masonic Service Bureau for sponsoring this event and to Linda Zahn and Beverly and Leon VanHuben for all their hard work putting the luncheon together. My thanks, also, to all the Lodges and Eastern Star Chapters for their support for this activity by contacting and providing transportation for our ladies.

Other ways we can remember our widows is by sending birthday and holiday cards. There is an event called a Lodge of Remembrance Night, which a Lodge may want to try.

I know I am repeating myself, but if your Lodge needs assistance in setting up your widows' program and database, all you have to do is call.

Let's not forget our Brothers who are housebound and are ill. Hope to see you in Lodge. *

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We missed many of you at the September meeting of the Masters and Wardens. In addition to supporting District events, the Masters and Wardens is meant to serve as a forum to help us solve problems and share ideas. The November 16th gathering is designed specifically for that purpose. The topic for the evening is Masonic education and membership retention, with a particular focus on the One-Day Class. I'd like to discuss each Lodge's experience with membership retention following the One-Day Class relative to normal levels, to find out what works and what doesn't. This is a discussion which should benefit everyone, and I encourage you to attend.

On the administrative front, the group plans to revise the existing set of By-Laws, which date back to the First and Sec-

ond Monroe Districts, and is in the process of drafting an operating budget. Both of these tasks are expected to be completed before the end of this Masonic year.

Meeting location

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 16th, at the Country Village Family Restaurant, 1092A Long Pond Road. The telephone number there is 227-2047. This will be a dinner meeting, which will begin at 6:30 p.m. and adjourn no later than 8:00 p.m. *

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The October 6th meeting was most enjoyable, productive and well attended. It started out with a wonderful Chicken Dinner, prepared by W.: Dean Smith and Brother Jon Buck. The meeting followed, where we opened with some pretty good Ritual work and, to get our name out there and let people know we are here, we voted to support a Pittsford Little League team in the Spring at a cost of \$250. If you would like to donate to this cause, please contact me or another Officer of the Lodge. My thanks to W.: Glenn Hedges, W.: Dean Smith and Brother Jim Deasey for helping fill the chairs that night. Nice job!

Thanks to W.: John Dudley and W.: Glenn Hedges for putting in a new switch in the Lodge for the exhaust fan.

A very special thanks to Gene Bradshaw for a \$500 donation to the Lodge. This means a lot to us and we will put it to very good use.

Brother Dave Adams has expressed an interest in forming a membership committee to help us find out how we can boost our numbers at Lodge meetings. Anyone interested in helping with this should contact me so we can get it moving forward.

September 24th was Lodge clean-up day and workers consisted of my two sons, Brother Benjamin and Matthew, and myself. We managed to get the Lodge de-cobwebbed and the back deck bleached so we can seal it. From what I understand, a lot of Brothers didn't know about it because the Calling Committee stumbled again. The Committee is a very important part of the Lodge. We simply have to have this avenue of communication open to be successful and to have successful events.

Our thoughts and prayers go to R.: W.: Raymond Beardley and his wife, Lila. Lila's sister passed away recently.

R.: W.: Bob Zahn is undergoing chemotherapy treatments. W.: John Williams, we are thinking of you.

Well, that's it for now. I remind you to bring in items to put in the box for the Pittsford food cupboard. So far there are four items in there and I put them in. *

**Valley/Simes
Lodge No. 109**

2nd Tuesdays
7:30 p.m.



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By R.: W.: Richard Snyder

Your attendance is requested at our November communication. This is the month we honor our Brothers who have been called by the Great Architect with a brief Remembrance Ceremony. This year we will again be inviting the widows, and all of our ladies to share in our respect for our departed Brothers. Gathering time for everyone will be from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., at which time a catered dinner will be served buffet style. We will adjourn to the Lodge room at 7:25 p.m.

Officers

Lodge Officers, please note: Dress for the evening will be suit and tie. Lodge will open at 5:30 p.m., with most of the usual business being completed at this time. Stewards, please make yourself available to the Junior Warden to assist him where needed at 5:15. Everyone else will fill in where needed to set up the dining room prior to opening Lodge.

Thanks

I express the thanks of the Lodge to our own Brother, W.: Robert Anderson, Potentate of Damascus Temple, for arranging the fine Program by R.: W.: Larry Canfield on, the Masonic Fraternity, *Is Change Needed For Our Survival?* at the October communication, and the surprise program that R.: W.: Mat Gingold conducted.

News of W.: Joe

I had an email from W.: Joe early in October. He told me that he is scheduled to return to Ft. Lewis, Washington sometime in November, and hopes to be home before the end of the month. Look for a Christmas Party in December to welcome him back in due form.

The November Communication will be Move-Up Night with Brother, Senior Warden, Richard Decroce in the East.

Brotherhood Fund

By Mat Gingold
I have volunteered to be the Lodge's Brotherhood Fund Chairman for this year's campaign, which runs from June, 2005 to May, 2006. I have yet to write a letter to each of you soliciting for your contribution. I am going to ask that each member of our Lodge contribute \$1.00. If you feel that you want to give more, that would be great. Our goal for this year is to achieve 100% participation. I am asking that each of you return to me the information requested on the flap of the envelope furnished by Grand Lodge for us. If you feel you cannot afford the \$1.00, put a slip of paper in the envelope saying, "I cannot afford this amount at this time." I will put in the dollar in your name and the Lodge will

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Please Brethren, take action now as you read this message and it won't be necessary to say sometime later that you "forgot."

I thank each of you in advance for your cooperation. Together we can accomplish this goal and help the needy in our Fraternity. I am sure each of you will receive your reward for your charitable efforts during these trying times.

Please make checks payable to: Masonic Brotherhood Fund and mail furnished envelopes to: Mathew Gingold, 104 Drake Road, Rochester, NY 14617-4309.

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As our daylight hours start to grow shorter, I hope this finds you all in both good health and spirit. This year has brought its challenges to both our minds and spirits with all the destruction Mother Nature has left on our world. We, as members of the Masonic community, have been called upon to come to the aid of our fellow Brothers and again so many of you have come forward with assistance. With your generous support we have made our Fraternity shine in the hearts and minds of those in need. If you have not yet done so and your cabetow allows, please make your contribution at this time.

The annual Scottish Rite Walk-a-Thon to help children with Dyslexia was held on Saturday, October 1st, along the canal path in Fairport. This three mile fundraising walk was for a very worthy cause and also turned out to be just plain fun for all who participated. Seneca Lodge was well represented again this year with many walkers raising money for the school. Brother Jack Brietung and his daughters, Katie and Kelly, joined the group of walkers and at the half-way point everyone was met by Steve and Ann Whitaker, who not only walked, but did double duty by hand-

ing out water and refreshments for those in need. Brother Jack VanElzakker did much to organize and make the event enjoyable for all. I was pleased that my thirteen-year-old granddaughter, Adelaide Palum, once again accompanied me. Adelaide and I are happy to have raised over \$300.00 and we both thank everyone who generously supported us in this important cause. My thanks to everyone who walked to support the school for children with Dyslexia that day.

With the 2005 calendar year drawing to a close and our Masonic calendar approaching midyear, I would encourage you to take some time to review the goals you set for yourself this year and what accomplishments you have made to date. In keeping pace in our modern world, we may find our lives are sometimes too full and active. If this is so for you, then think about how you might adjust your schedule and priorities to better realize your true goals.

The November meeting is our Official Visit and we will also be voting on three new petitioners. I urge each Seneca Brother to attend this Lodge meeting and be on hand to greet and welcome our Grand Lodge Officers. Also, you will have the opportunity to perform one of your most sacred rights as a Master Mason, by casting your ballot for worthy candidates. Let's have a strong showing.

As always, I look forward to seeing you.

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November is upon us, and we have just had a couple of very busy months. I sincerely appreciate the time and hard work of everyone involved to organize and execute all the events we had in September and October. They got us off to a strong start, and have set a solid foundation for the months that lie ahead. Here are updates on a few important topics, as well as some information on our upcoming communications.

Building Update

As many of you are aware, a number of important items are in play with respect to our Lodge building. At our first communication in September, the Lodge voted to spend between \$8,000 and \$10,000 from the Trustees funds to engage a contractor to repair the



W.: Hugh Woodside presents trophy to W.: Joe Oelgoetz for 3rd Annual Golf Scramble winning foursome.

lower front façade of the building. This includes the storefronts of both the photography studio and the old opticians office. Detailed quotes were received by the end of September, and hopefully by the time you read this the work will be well underway.

This maintenance is long overdue, and it is important to complete regardless of what ultimately happens with our building. The fire suppressant system was fixed in mid-September, and we expect that the roof drain repairs will be completed before the bad weather hits for the Winter. A number of issues continue to crop up, and we will try to address them in the most prudent fashion possible.

As you know, the optician's office was vacated in September. The search for a new tenant continues. We have had a number of inquiries since the beginning of September, but nothing firm. While our current plan involves finding a new tenant and leasing the space as soon as possible, we need to do so at a reasonable rent. If this cannot be done, we will need to seriously consider our alternatives. The primary alternative would be a sale of the building. While this is not my preference, it is important to consider the best interests of the Lodge, emotions aside. Without a second tenant, we will have difficulty paying our taxes and improving the condition of the building. Discussing this with the Trustees, we have decided to hold an open meeting of the Lodge on Saturday, November 5th at 10 a.m. at the Lodge hall. The purpose of the meeting will be to solicit ideas and opinions from you concerning a sale of the building, as well as potential next steps. This will also be a topic for discussion at our Summons meeting on December 12th. Please plan to attend.

New website

I have the pleasure of presenting our newly-redesigned website, which should be fully operational by the time you read this, thanks to the hard work of Brothers Tom McCusker and John Zabel. The website has been a valuable tool for Wakan/Hubbard over the past number of years. For three of your current Officers, including Ron Lalik and me, it was our first contact with the Lodge. The website continues to be very helpful in recruiting, as a handful of our current candidates first reached us this way as well. Please check it out at: www.wakanhubbard.org, and join me in congratulating John and Tom on a job well done.

Upcoming events

EA Degree Rehearsal. This rehearsal for the 1st Degree will be on Monday, November

7th, 7 p.m. at the Lodge. All Degree participants should plan to attend. The Degree is scheduled for Monday, November 14th.

Our November 14th communication will feature a stag dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m., prior to our Entered Apprentice Degree. This is the Degree that is being observed by the Assistant Grand Lecturer this year to ensure our compliance with the Grand Master's edict. Our primary responsibility as a Lodge is to make men Masons, and this is the all-important first step. We have a number of candidates, and are looking forward to a fine evening. Please join us and take part in the education of our new candidates. Please contact me directly if you would like to serve as a mentor to any of the candidates; a very important part of their Masonic education.

EA Degree Roundtable. To be fair, I've borrowed this idea from a good friend, who tried this last year with much success. The program for our November 28th communication is a roundtable discussion on the symbolism of the Entered Apprentice Degree, and what it means to us individually. We will be open on the 1st Degree for the majority of this meeting, and the new Brothers will be joining us. Please come prepared to share your thoughts and experiences about the Degree. There are no right or wrong answers, and I hope to have a lively discussion.

Information

I recently received a telephone call from Don Gordon, whose father Win was Master of Warren C. Hubbard Lodge many years ago. Win is almost 96, and resides in Atlanta. While he lived in Rochester, he purchased two burial plots in the Masonic section of White Haven Memorial Park in Pittsford. He no longer needs them, and would like to sell the plots to a local Mason. The plots are \$750 if purchased from the cemetery, and he would be willing to sell them for \$650 each to an interested Brother. Please contact Brother Don Gordon of Springfield, Massachusetts, if interested at (413) 782-3956 or via email at: grampydon-60@aol.com.

Master's Message

Answering the call of the Grand Master, the Lodge voted to make a donation to the Brotherhood Fund earmarked for "Hurricane Disaster Relief" at its October 24th communication. Please continue to keep those in the Gulf region in your thoughts and prayers. While doing so, it is useful to reflect on what it takes for us to answer a call for help. Does it need to be something as significant as a hurricane or other natural disaster? It shouldn't, but all too often people dig deep to assist those directly affected by some sort of natural catastrophe and then walk right by a homeless person who could just use a good meal. Charity isn't just about writing a check, it's about doing the little things that matter to people right here in our own community. Keep that in mind next time you see someone who could use a little help, or just a kind word. Keep that in mind next time someone asks you to lend a hand to the Child ID Program, the Have-a-Heart Campaign, or the Adopt-

a-Highway Program. Keep that in mind when someone needs a pint of blood or a ride to a doctor. Keep that in mind when someone needs a warm meal. That's living your Masonry, and everyone benefits.

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First of all, I must apologize for the absence of any article in last month's paper. Totally my fault, so if you wish to reach me to properly chastise me, my phone number is listed above, but better yet, email me at: tgg13@yahoo.com. By contacting me through the internet, I could add your email address to my address book and we can really keep informed. Via the internet, you could actually receive condensed versions of our Lodge meeting minutes for those of you who are "connected" and for whatever reason, unable to attend. This will keep you up to date and in the know as to what is happening and who is doing what. Let's give it a try.

By the time you read this article, Fairport/Flower City Lodge will have hosted yet another Grand Lecturer's Convention. Kel Kelsey, DSA (who tends the grill) and myself (kitchen man) can't seem to agree on whether it is our Lodge facilities or the best Steak Dinner in the county that keeps bringing them back. Maybe it could be both, as I see they have listed our Lodge again as host for the Joint Investiture Dinner on May 19th, 2006.

Speaking of dinners, our Lodge has been requested to prepare and serve a Prime Rib Dinner for the OES on Tuesday, November 15th. For this I will be enlisting special help, as this could be a true testament as to our culinary ability, to serve our ladies dinner.

Our October 10th meeting was devoted to discussions on how to best balance our administrative budget, in light of upcoming rising utility costs, postage increases, Grand Lodge dues, etc. It was decided, after lengthy discussion, that we would include a separate note in your dues notice mailing that touches on some of these topics.

Because we have not yet received a response on our DeWitt Clinton Award request, previously scheduled for our October 25th meeting, W.: Al Fowler showed the movie, *National Treasure*. Although we must remember it is fiction, it does show Masonry in a very favorable light. Thank you, W.: Al.

In closing, I thank the Officers and Trustees for their great work. A special thanks to Brother Greg Ludwig, who has almost single-handedly cleaned, built, maintained and organized our facilities. So when you next see Brother Greg, let's not just say thank you, but ask, "How can I be of help?"

See you in Lodge.

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Clio Lodge has been very busy and, looking ahead, it appears it will continue that way. Our Square Dance demo and party was a very enjoyable and fun afternoon. W.: Brother Bob Stevens, his wife and their dance club, did a super job of entertaining us. Those in attendance, who never believed they would get up to dance, did! Sister Mary Hall of Leah Chapter provided the coffee and doughnuts when we could get her off the dance floor. My lady, Nancy, supplied home-baked cookies and plenty of soft drinks. We needed the calories after our workout.

Oh, did I mention that we also did some line-dancing as well? It is a very low-key exercise and if you can keep track of your left and right hands, you can do it, or so the caller tells you.

Our first meeting of the season was our Official Visit by R.: W.: Lewis Perna, District Deputy Grand Master; R.: W.: William Kuehne, Grand Director of Ceremonies; and R.: W.: Donald Tubman, Grand Sword Bearer of the Monroe District. Let me tell you it was a hot (temperature-wise) evening, but otherwise a very enjoyable Masonic event.

R.: W.: Bill spoke on Masonic Etiquette. Grand Lodge's Etiquette Book can be purchased from Lodge Services.

R.: W.: Tubman spoke on the upcoming schools and classes planned for our Monroe area Brothers. A Masonic Development Course will be held January 16th, February 20th and March 10, 2006. A new *Road to the East* Program, to include the Monroe and Livingston Districts, is being considered for the Spring.



Brother Douglas Pfund

R.: W.: Perna, assisted by me, presented a 50-year Grand Lodge Certificate and Pin to Brother Douglas Pfund. Brother Pfund stated that his 40-year Certificate had been a few years late in coming, but this one was right on time. Grand Honors were given. Two other 50-year Certificates and Pins, for Brothers Claude Barclay and Raymond Ziemann, will be presented at a later date.

The DDGM then called to the East our Brother, 1st Lieutenant Nathan Thompson, whom he thanked for his military service including his one-year service in Iraq. Grand Honors were given. Brother Nathan told us he had not been able to



W.: Stuart Brickman (left) received his Dedicated Service Award Certificate from R.: W.: Lewis Perna, DDGM, and W.: Harry DeHollander, Master.



W.: Harry DeHollander, Master of Clio Lodge, greets Brother and 1st Lieutenant Nathan Thompson (left), who was home on leave from a tour in Iraq. R.: W.: Lewis Perna, DDGM, also joined in the welcome. (Photos courtesy of Harry DeHollander)

attend a Masonic meeting in the new Military Lodge in Iraq since it was located up North and out of his area. Brother Nathan was home on leave for a few days and told us he was very happy to be able to attend a Lodge meeting with his Brothers at Clio.

"THANK YOU" to the regular and new Brothers who showed up to help out at our first Spaghetti Dinner. We had a sell-out crowd, including Brothers who were attending the School of Ritual! Regular dinners were served until 6:45 p.m., when vegetarian dinners (no meatballs) were served. We sold out!

The School topic was Masonic Etiquette and Official Protocol. If you care about up-to-date Masonry and doing things properly, you should attend these Schools; they are very interesting and informative and you hear about what is going on in the Monroe area.

Glad tidings, Brothers!

For the past several years Clio Lodge has sponsored a Masonic Child ID Program at the Hilton Apple Festival. This

year the Brothers of Clio processed 65 children during the 2-day event. I thank W.: Gordie Smith for chairing the program again and the several Brothers who showed up to make it all happen.

Brother Claude Barclay received his 50-year Certificate and Pin at lunch in early October. Accompanying me were Past Masters, Dale Polmateer and David Goodrich; Senior Warden Stephen Mitchell and Brother Robert Selbert. Brother Barclay, as some of you may recall, was a Town of Parma Justice of the Peace for many years. Several interesting stories were shared by those in attendance of past and present Clio Brothers, as well as Hilton/Parma and Greece history. Congratulations to Brother Claude!

That same evening was our regular Stated Communication meeting at the Lodge. A petition was balloted on and accepted and two more were read by the Secretary, with Investigating Committees appointed. Our 1st Degree, on October 18th, will have passed



Brother Claude Barclay (seated right) holding his 50-year Certificate presented by W.: Harry DeHollander, Master, at the Hilton Family Restaurant. Brothers Bob Selbert, David Goodrich, Steve Mitchell & Dale Polmateer (from left) also attended.

by the time you read this, and hopefully we had three candidates.

Upcoming events

Our meeting November 1st will be a report from our Secretary and Treasurer on NPDs, as well as the state of our Lodge and budget.

On Tuesday, November 8th at 7:30 p.m., Leah Chapter, OES, is hosting a Master Mason Night at the Temple for Clio Brothers and Master Mason guests. The meeting will be preceded by a Pot Luck Dinner at 6:30. If attending the dinner, please RSVP to Mary Hall, 233-0402 by November 7th. Let's support our Sisters of Leah by having a good turnout of Brothers.

November 9th will be the only Spaghetti Dinner for the month, due to the Thanksgiving holiday. For your information, without the income from these dinners, Clio would be hard pressed to balance our budget. So help support your Lodge, come and have dinner with us. It looks like the contribution for our dinners will increase shortly. As you know, our labor is contributed free to "OUR LODGE," but it's the additional costs for our dinner supplies that is forcing us to raise the price.

On November 15th we will have a 2nd Degree with W.: Scott Brickman in the East. There will be a Degree rehearsal at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 13th. W.: David Upham will be sitting in the South as Junior Warden and has agreed to do the Middle Chamber Lecture. Junior Warden, George Todd, will miss this meeting due to some scheduled surgery.

Sickness and distress

W.: Sean Noonan's wife, Dawn, has had some eye surgery and is doing very well. Brother William (Bill) Armstrong is feeling better these days and able to attend Lodge. Brother Bill tells us his wife is also doing a lot better with her back problems. Brother Nick Panarites is at The Landing, 90 West Avenue, Brockport. His niece reports that he would enjoy visits from fellow Masons. Please stop by and see him and remember Brother Nick in your prayers. W.: Robert Pederson, 33° attended Lodge on September 20th and reports his foot is on the mend. It was good seeing you, Brother Bob!

Things to remember

- There is a typo in the Trestleboard. 2nd Degree practice will be on November 13th at 7:00 p.m., (not the 12th).

- The only Spaghetti Dinner in November will be on the 9th; there is no dinner the 23rd.

- In December, the Spaghetti Dinner is scheduled for the 14th. There is no dinner on December 28th because of the holidays.

- There is no Clio meeting on January 3rd, 2006.

For those of you who have a PC, according to our Web Master, W.: David Upham, Clio's website is close at hand and should be up and running by the time you receive this paper. I am told the address will be: www.mastermason.net/clio779.

Send your up-to-date phone numbers and email addresses to our Secretary at: snoonan@esl.org.

In closing, let me ask a question. Have you been to Lodge or a Lodge function or dinner lately? If not, why not?

In God We Trust

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Our first meeting in October was the 1st Degree. A dinner put on by the Eastern Star preceded the Degree. The food was wonderful! Thank you to all the ladies who helped out. John Jamele did an excellent job as Senior Deacon for the Degree and the rest of the Officers did an outstanding job, as well. A special thanks to many of the Brothers who stepped up to perform the Ritual: Chad Kyler, W.: Jim Toogood, V.: W.: John Dyer, W.: Tom Grape, R.: W.: Joe Privitera, W.: Tom Michielson, DSA, and R.: W.: David Jones.

On October 3rd, we had a Past Master's dinner at the Brook House on Ridge Road. Red Fedele did a fine job with the accommodations. Fifteen of the sixty current Past Masters of Unity Lodge were in attendance. After dinner, the Master discussed his theme for the year and took questions from his distinguished guests. A special Certificate of Honor was presented to each of the Past Masters by the Worshipful Master. This honor was bestowed on behalf of the Brethren of Unity Lodge for service, dedication and support by these pillars of the Fraternity.

Our annual Budget meeting took place at the second meeting of the month. Please contact our Secretary, Cliff Short, if you would like a copy of the budget. The Finance Committee has included funds that will be used for Lodge entertainment. Please watch for upcoming details on these events.

November

The first meeting in November will be the 2nd Degree. The rehearsal will be Wednesday, November 9th at 7:00 p.m. All Brothers are encouraged to come out. It becomes difficult to rehearse when we don't have candidates, conductors

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and sideliners to make the night complete. Thank you for your support of our Ritual.

Our Official Visit will be November 28th. R.: W.: Lew Perna, DDGM, will be in attendance to speak on behalf of the Grand Master Edward R. Trosin. I would encourage all of our members to attend this informative meeting.

I hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving, and I wish all of our migrating Brethren safe travel and we will see you in the Spring.

God Bless.

speaker for the evening was M.: W.: Edward R. Trosin, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

The work on our Lodge building has started, with the repair of the outside brick being the first item. I hope that the weather will be kind to us so that most of the remaining work may be accomplished this year.

Condolences

We lost one of our Brothers, George Richard Bock, who was called by the Supreme Architect of the Universe on July 31st. George was a member with us for over 49 years. May the blessing of God be with his family and may he rest in Peace.

November

November will be a busy month for us with a 2nd Degree on November 14th and a rehearsal on November 7th. Please give me a call at 425-4240 to make your reservation if you missed the sign up.

We will show the movie *National Treasure* on Saturday November 19th, starting at 7 p.m. I hope to see all of you there with your families. I will be making popcorn for everyone to enjoy.

The Fellowcraft Club will meet on November 28th for a short business meeting, followed by a rehearsal for the 3rd Degree.

Please remember to drive carefully as those four-legged deer are out there running wild again.

We traveled to four countries and covered almost 10,000 miles, both in the air and onboard a ship in the waters of the Mediterranean Sea. We first flew to Rome, then traveled to Naples, Italy; on to Dubrovnik, Croatia; then to Venice and Messina, Italy and over to Barcelona, Spain, after which we sailed to Cannes and finally back to Rome.

One thing I found interesting was the countries which had a Grand Lodge and the number of Lodges each had. For example; the Grand Lodge of Spain is located in Barcelona, Spain and has 127 Lodges along with 2,000 members. Italy has its Grand Lodge in Rome and the number of Lodges in Italy total 566. As you are beginning to see, the Fraternity is a worldwide Brotherhood of like-minded men, from all walks of life, searching for more 'light' in Masonry.

Changing gears

The history of JELL-O was explained to the Brothers, spouses and guests who attended the October dinner.



Lynne Belluscio

Lynne Belluscio told some fascinating tidbits and trivia about the JELL-O Museum in LeRoy and the members of the families who invented and improved this world-renowned dessert. She invited everyone to visit this regional tourist attraction, if they are able.

The program for the November meeting will offer a discussion from W.: Bruce Horncastle on the "Roslyn Chapel," which is about the Knights Templar and should be of interest to Lodge members.

If any Brother needs a ride please contact me at 247-2920 and I will make arrangements for someone to pick you up. On the recent survey three

or four of you indicated that you don't drive at night and this would be an opportunity to come to Lodge and join us for the evening.

Congratulations to W.: Volney Frankel, our awardee at the recent Symbolic Lodge Awards Presentation, and a tip of the Master's Hat to W.: Tom Kendig, who represented the Lodge and me at that event.

Happy Birthday

Brothers who are November birthday celebrants include: William Evert, Fouad Farah, Wayne Gundry, Gary LaShomb, George Lloyd, James Locklin, George Pasch, Jr., Charles Paul, Robert Traub, Clifford White and Frank Zaffino.

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7:30 p.m.

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November! Here we are at the eleventh month of the Gregorian calendar. Soon, the holidays will be upon us. November always makes me think of giving thanks for all God's gifts. I continue in this month to pursue Whitetails and go off to the North Country to spend time at my hunting cabin. It is the perfect place to reflect on the rest of the year and on life in general. Remote camps in the Adirondack Park are rare and our camp is certainly a gift from the Great Architect. On arriving there, it is almost disturbing to experience the lack of background noise we are subjected to in our daily lives. It

takes a while to adapt one's self to the lack thereof. This quietness promotes solace and peace in one's mind and thus reflection is vivid and unclouded. I often return with a renewed outlook and calm self, which is not my ordinary. It is the best therapy I can possibly imagine. I wish I could share it with each of you. Hopefully, you, too, have some way to escape the stress and chaos of day to day living, if only for a short while.

Sickness and distress

We have been informed that Past Master Ken Hutchinson underwent a knee replacement surgery. Please keep him in your thoughts as he recovers. To W.: Ken, maybe this will allow some time to learn a few new jokes.

October in review

At our October 6th regular communication, our Secretary read seven petitions, bringing us to a total of eight. Many Brothers stepped up to interview these candidates. My sincere thanks go out to each of them. It is so exciting that we may have a class of eight go through our beloved Degrees this year. Wouldn't that be awesome? Let's make sure we get each and every one of them hooked and continue to look for good men to make Master Masons. We also approved the amended Lodge operating budget and Trustee reports. The Official Visit of our District Deputy has been rescheduled for February 2, 2006.

On October 7th, we held the first Webster Lodge/Lilac OES Spaghetti Dinner from which the proceeds go to a designated beneficiary. In this case it was Junior Girl Scout Troop No. 490. It was a great success and a great kickoff to our new community service oriented format. The Troop will be back

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I was able to attend our Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: Neal Bidnick's "Let's Chat" session at Webster Lodge. Some of the points discussed were Membership, Masonic Education, promotion of the Masonic organization, Masonic Online Registration Information system for our secretary's use and the Masonic University of New York. Our Deputy Grand Master Neal Bidnick said that he is there to help our Lodges do what will benefit them.

We conferred a 1st Degree on October 10th for our candidate. Our Senior Warden, Scott May, sat in the East for this Degree. Thanks to R.: W.: Rod Rittenhouse for the Historical Lecture; R.: W.: Ken Buckland for the Charge; W.: Bud Ripley for the Working Tools; W.: Terry Hatch and Brother Rob Sweeney for the Questions and Answers and all our Officers for their parts. There was a fine Baked Chicken Dinner prior to the Degree and thanks go to our Secretary, Rob Sweeney.

I was privileged to present the Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Award to our Senior Warden, Brother Scott May on October 20th. The main

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After many years of planning and scheduling, my wife Judy and I will be traveling to Europe during the first part of October, so I will miss the deadline for the November issue of the *Masonic Times*. In order to get my two cents worth in for the month, I'm writing this on the 26th of September.

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in December for a second go at it. Thanks to Nick Haldoupis, DSA, W.: Bernie Russell and all those who stepped up to work in support of the new program.

On October 20th, we attended the Symbolic Lodge Awards Program at the Shrine Center. Our recipient was Nick Haldoupis, DSA who is now a two-timer. He is most deserving, so please be sure to send him your congratulations or a big Attaboy! As usual, Webster was the rowdiest Lodge.

On October 25th, we attended the Grand Lecturer's convention.

November

On November 3rd, we have what will surely be a great program being presented by our Historian, W.: Tom Pellett. The topic will be the Morgan Affair and Tom will be showing an old film about the incident. Brothers, don't miss this one!

On November 4th, we have our second Spaghetti Dinner, the beneficiary of which was not determined at the time of this writing.

On November 10th, our Fellowship Club will meet.

In closing, please let me remind you to walk and act as Masons in your daily lives. If the stress of your daily grind tries to get the better of you, take a minute and think before you act. A wise friend once advised me that if I write a strongly worded email in reaction to another's shortcomings, I should wait a day and reread it before clicking on "send." I have edited or even deleted some emails as a result. It should be our way to not react harshly but rather offer wise council of our own. I hope to see all of you in Lodge. ✕

ERAC
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The October Report

• October was a productive month. On October 11th, we had a very profitable Table Lodge/Brother Bring-a-Friend program! Over 50 Brothers and guests were in attendance, and many of our guests have submitted petitions for membership and affiliation. Thanks to one and all for supporting this event and ensuring the future of our Lodge membership for the years to come! Special thanks to Brother George Nasra for organizing the speakers for this event, and for Brother Rich Friedman for acting as the MC.

• If you know of prospective members who still have petitions, please see they are returned to the Lodge ASAP.

• At our Official Visit on October 25th, our own R.: W.: Lew Perna, DDGM, delivered his annual address. It was impressive to have such a large turnout for Brother Lew's last Official Visit to ERAC.

• Brother John Crough was the 2005 ERAC recipient of the Symbolic Lodge Award. Brother John has been a stalwart supporter of our Lodge, and is always hard at work in the quarries. Congratulations.

November

• ERAC continues to cook and serve dinner at the Ronald McDonald House. If you would like more information about how you can help in this effort, contact Brother Rich Greenaway at 527-8802. Please assist Brother Rich in this very important work.

• ERAC will be sponsoring a Family Outing and Work Day at Camp DeMolay on Saturday, November 12th. For details on how you and your family can help, please call Brother Tim McNelly at 533-1477.

• Eureka Lodge will be visiting ERAC at the November 14th meeting. Come out and hear a presentation regarding Brother John Thompson, a Prince Hall Mason who was instrumental in the planning and construction of the Frederick Douglass Memorial.

• ERAC will be conferring the 1st Degree on November 28th. Please come and welcome our new Brothers as they are Initiated as Entered Apprentice.

Sickness and distress

Brother Earl Bertch passed away after suffering a massive stroke. A Masonic Service was held at Crawford Funeral Home and was well attended by our Brothers. Thanks for supporting this family in their time of sorrow.

When it rains it pours; Brother Nelson Bertch had surgery and is now home recovering under the loving care of his wife, Sharon. Please call this Brother and offer your support during this very trying time at 671-4792.

Brother John Crough had surgery for prostate cancer in

September and is currently undergoing radiation treatment for this condition. Doctors say the prognosis is good, but the recovery will be very long and arduous. Please keep this Brother in your thoughts and prayers.

November Birthdays

Please take a moment to wish our Brothers a happy November birthday: 1st, David Jones; 3rd, Don Wilson; 5th, Richard Schaefer; 6th, Leon Perkins; 8th, Charles Fosdick and Michael Newell; 9th, Jacob Jarosinski and Stephen Milne; 11th, Norbert Holderle; 13th, Richard Alexander and James Lammon; 14th, Joseph Moskowitz; 21st, Vincent Nolan; 25th, William Sutton, Jr.; 26th, John Spencer; and 27th, Carl Uttrup.

In closing, my Brothers, it is a powerful thing to see a Lodge flourish in the quarries of Masonry. I commend you on your work, and encourage each of you to press on in your individual labors. Our Lodge, our Fraternity, and our world depend on it!

May the Great Architect of the Universe bless us all. ✕

er's Convention was held at Drumlin Square Lodge last month and the program of the evening was the Masonic Memorial Service. As of the time of this writing, I have only heard from two Lodges on their schedule for Degrees. My Brothers, I have to set my calendar for the year and the Degrees have to be completed as pointed out in my letter to the Masters. Please respond with the dates as requested.


Pultneyville Lodge is planning a 2nd Degree on November 21st at 8:00 p.m. Until next month, may the Great Architect of the Universe be with you and yours. ✕

Drumlin Square
Lodge No. 1180

1st & 3rd Wednesdays

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My Brothers, my most sincere apologies for missing the October issue of the *Masonic Times* with an article. I started a new job in September and time got away from me.

Our open meeting in September went well with the presentation of the DSA to W.: John Blyth. We had several guests in attendance.

By the time you read this, the Official Visit of our DDGM, R.: W.: Craig M. Sewart, will have been held.

The trestleboard for November shows both meetings to be regular communications at this point. This is subject to change.

Until next month, may the Great Architect of the Universe be with you and yours. ✕

Assistant Grand Lecturer Wayne District



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Brethren, my sincere apologies for not having an article in the October issue of the *Masonic Times*. I started a new job in September and time just got away from me and I missed the deadline. The Grand Lectur-

MSB Contributors

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been good. Thank you! We really appreciate your confidence and support of the work we do. We don't promote ourselves enough, and the general public is pleasantly surprised to learn of our Loan Closet when they are in need and our name is given to them. The fact that a residency requirement is not attached is another plus of our program.

The local organizations who benefit from our grants and the students who receive educational assistance awards are also very appreciative of our organization. All of you who support these efforts, either through your membership in a contributing Body or by direct individual contributions, can be proud. We provide a good service to the public.

If you haven't made your contribution yet, please consider doing so. This has been a very tough year. Hurricanes, floods, earthquakes and all the "normal" charities one contributes to have stressed our means. Many of us have just so much money we can afford to donate, even though we would dearly give more if we could. We hope you consider the efforts of the Masonic Service Bureau worth your financial support. Whatever you are able to give helps us continue our work. Thank you, again, for considering us. ✕



Happy Thanksgiving

FAME
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Our first meeting is the 8th of November, a catered dinner at 6:30 p.m. It will be a Harvest Dinner at a cost of \$8.00 per person. Our regular Lodge meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. and will be a business meeting. We will be making final Degree plans for our new candidate.

Our second meeting of the month will be the 22nd of November at 7:30 p.m. There will be NO Dinner at the Lodge that evening.

Please remember all of our deceased Brothers and their families in your prayers and those Brothers and their families who find themselves in sickness or distress.

Happy Birthday to all of you with November birthdays. ✕



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After reading the Grotto Magazine, Prophet James Marples of Longview, Texas, contacted me and asked, "What U.S. Presidents were Grotto members?" This might be of interest to our membership:

1. Warren G. Harding, 29th President. Born November 2, 1865; died of a heart attack on August 2, 1923, during his Presidency. Married Florence Kling De Wolfe. Baptist/English ancestry. Membership: F & AM; Knights Templar, Shrine; Knights of Pythias; Phi Alpha Delta and the Grotto.

2. Franklin D. Roosevelt, 32nd President. Born January 30, 1882; died on April 12, 1945. Membership: Grange; F & AM; Elks; Knights of Pythias; Alpha Delta Phi; Phi Beta Kappa; Grotto. In the Fall of 1931, at Poughkeepsie, NY, the Empire State Grotto Association made New York State Governor Roosevelt a "Prophet at Sight." He then became a Prophet of Tri Po Bed Grotto. During the 1938 World's Fair in New York City, Roosevelt invited Prophets attending the World's Fair to a tour of his Hyde Park Estate. Lalla Rookh Grotto has a home movie of both events.

3. Harry S. Truman, 33rd President. Born May 8, 1884; died on December 26, 1972. Membership: American Legion; F & AM; Knights Templar; Eagles; Elks; Lambda Chi Alpha; Phi Alpha Delta and the Grotto. He was Grand Master of Masons in the State of Missouri. He joined Kallipollis Grotto in Washington, DC and later affiliated with Ankara Grotto of Shawnee, Kansas.

4. Gerald R. Ford, 38th President. Born July 14, 1913. Membership: Humane Society; American Legion; 40 & 8; Jaycees; F & AM; Shrine; Delta

Kappa Epsilon; Phi Delta Phi and the Grotto. I have a cousin in California living near him and he has had many talks with President Ford. x

Secretary's Column

By Kenneth Hutchinson, PM

Our October 19th meeting was nomination of Officers.

On October 3rd, our Past Monarch's Association met and decided to take the "bull by the horns." For the past few years, Prophets who are in line, have dropped out for various reasons, as they got to the position of Venerable Prophet. Then the Prophet behind moves up in line, without many years of experience.

To attempt to correct this from happening, for the next few years, a few Past Monarchs will assume the top positions in line, thus giving the junior Officers time to become more experienced and knowledgeable in the workings of the Grotto. The nomination will reflect that meeting.

The election of Grotto Officers is December 21st. For each of us it is a time to ask, "what can I do for the Grotto?" There is still time for others to come forward with nominations.

We have many members who are Past Masters of Masonic Lodges. Many others are equally capable to serve in line, but have not come forward, or were not asked. Come forward now and ask what you can do to support your Grotto.

This is our future! Together, we must make it work. x

Kenneth Rhodes Monarch

Master of Ceremonies
By Michael Bell, PM

Der Katzenjammer Kinder

Once again we return to the South Seas and the island home of the Captain, the Inspector, Rollo, Momma, and our favorites Hans and Fritz. In the first panel, we see Hans and Fritz plotting to take over control of Rollo's club. In the second panel, Hans and Fritz are telling Momma that Rollo is sick. In the third panel, Momma puts Rollo to bed, and Hans and Fritz talk about how their plans have worked...but the Captain and the Inspector are listening at the window. In the fourth panel we see Momma spanking Hans and Fritz and telling them not to misbehave.

A tip of my hat to Rudolph Dirks, and Harold Knerr. I hope to continue in line, and will be running for Chief Justice. x



Kris Gool, Bradford, PA, and President of the ESGA, applauds as Al Pulcino III, PM of Lalla Rookh Grotto, is installed as Captain of the Guard of ESGA.



Al Pulcino III, the Area Representative of James A. Hard-Wayne Charter Post No. 12, is sworn in by Robert Dardano as Commander of the Veterans Memorial Council, which oversees all War Memorial functions and the Memorial Day Parade.



Richard Topel, PM, chairman, presented Enchanted Lantern Lapel Pins and Certificates to Prophets Richard Bull (left) and Leslie Moore.

Caldron News

By Betty Madison, MCO

I would like to begin by saying a huge "hello" to all and a heartfelt "thank you" to each and all who attended and/or participated in our Installation of Officers on October 22nd. A special thanks to Monarch, Ken Rhodes, and the Grotto for their Honor Guard; Daughter Joy Woodley for making and serving the tasty refreshments; my Officers for saying "yes;" my family and friends for their love, support and encouragement and to all who played a part, whether great or small, in making this event a beautiful and treasured memory in my life.

Please join us at these coming events:

November 2nd, Convention meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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

November 12th - Reception honoring SMCO, Beverly Murray, and Sister Arrah, Doris Bell at the Spencerport Temple from 2-4 p.m. All are welcome.

November 17th - Executive

Attend Grotto Meetings

November 7th -
Board of Governors
meeting
Grotto Office

November 10th -
Caldron meeting
Unity Lodge hall

November 12th -
Caldron Reception
for Beverly Murray
and Doris Bell
Unity Lodge hall

November 16th -
Lalla Rookh Grotto
Shrine Center
7:30 p.m.

November 17th -
Caldron Executive
meeting
Home of Sue Wilson

Enjoy the Fellowship

Council meeting at Sue Wilson's at 7:30 p.m.

December 8th - Family Christmas Dinner at 6:00 p.m., prior to Caldron meeting at 7:30 p.m. Please bring a \$1 gift exchange and \$1 for charity per person; dinner price and more information to be announced later.

A big Caldron thank you to PMCO, Chris Eeckhout, for graciously printing our new rosters. These will be given to each and every member soon. If you haven't received yours yet, or if there are any changes, please let Rodeval Sue Wilson know as soon as possible.

I hope all are healthy, but if you become ill, or know of any sickness, please let me know at (315) 589-2317 or Sunshine Chairman, Joan Palmer at 663-8593.

Many happy birthday wishes to all who are celebrating in November and especially to Daughter Harriet Riggs, whose birthday is November 8th.

In closing, I wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving. Please don't eat too much, so that you might burst, because we need you! See you all soon. x



Prophets Ken Milner, Joe Minas, Jan Lughart, Richard Topel, Ron Morthorst and Al Pulcino were recognized at the Past Monarchs' Awards Night.

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By Don Brugger, PGTC

Our Annual Steak Roast was a great success. There were 31 Woodsmen, spouses and widows in attendance on this beautiful evening. As usual, the steaks were scrumptious and the fellowship invigorating. We thank Paul Kober and Ted Snyder for tending to the refreshments, Angelo DiCataldo for procuring and grilling the steaks, Mike Dox for stoking the fire and Don Bell

for his administrative assistance. A big thank you to the ladies who prepared the delicious dishes and to those who stayed late to assist in the clean-up. The Roast was definitely one of our better efforts. Those who did not attend really missed a good one.

What's happened and happening

The Degrees were expected to be conferred at our October 26th meeting: more on that next time.

On November 23rd we will be holding our annual Election of Officers. We encourage all Woodsmen to make an effort to be in attendance. This will be on a regular meeting night, the 4th Wednesday and the day before Thanksgiving. This is an opportunity for those

who have not been with us regularly to come out and renew old friendships.

Remember, Paul Kober is retiring as Treasurer and we are looking for a replacement. If you are interested, or know of someone who would be, please contact me (458-6125) with your suggestions. We would like to have a top three line of new Officers who have not previously served in those offices (no retreats, if possible). This is your Forest, let's hear from you.

We will also be discussing new things to accomplish with our investment income; not a very weighty subject, but of great importance.

Membership

The only way to fulfill our charitable objective, Muscular

Dystrophy Research, is to increase our numbers. Talk to your fellow Masons, friends and neighbors about our Forest, especially our charitable objective. If you know of anyone, even non-Masons, who you think would be interested in joining in our "Fun and Frolic," talk to them. Petitions are available, both for the Lodge and Forest, from Don Bell, our Scribe, at 259-0647, or me. 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

We have no news about any change in Don Freeman's condition. Please call me if you know of a Woodsmen with any health-related problems.

Looking ahead

We will try for an informal dinner prior to the meeting; place to be arranged. The Christmas Party will be on December 10th, the second Saturday, at Valicia's at the North West corner of Long Pond Road and Lyell Roads (same as last year). Gather around 6:30 p.m. and dinner around 7:15 p.m. If any member has a suggestion regarding the place or format of the Christmas Party for 2006 (next year, that is), now is the time to start thinking about it. This is your Forest, let's have your input.

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



Scottish Rite NEWS

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Dues and Don'ts

Check your wallet! If you do not have a 2005 or newer dues card, at the stroke of midnight December 31, 2005, you will no longer be a member of the Valley of Rochester. As of January 1, 2006, we must suspend any Sublime Prince who has not paid his 2005 dues. If there is a reason you cannot pay your 2005 dues, please call Bill Lindsay at the office with your situation details at 264-1160 or 1-800-858-2320.

Kudos

One should always recognize the accomplishments of those we serve, or to whom we contribute, in the great name of the Fraternity.

Walk-A-Thon

Many thanks to Joe Oelgoetz III, 2nd Lieutenant Commander, for chairing this event. Much time, effort and devotion was required by many individuals as they showed their support for one of our finest charities: 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children. The Erie Canal and Perinton Park pavilion provided an excellent venue, and Mother Nature gave us one last great day. R. Ken Howe, Senior Warden, Chapter Rose Croix, provided the musical entertainment for the picnic. Planning is beginning for next year's walk - the first Saturday in October. To assist, call the office or contact Joe Oelgoetz.

Symbolic Lodge Awards

The 20th Annual event was again well attended as we recognized deserving Brothers in the surrounding area Craft Blue Lodges. The recipients were escorted by their current Lodge Master or his representative. It was a pleasure to listen to the remarks made by M.: W.: and Ill.: Edward R. Trosin, 33°, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York. It was also a delight to have Ill.: Harold L. Aldrich, 33° Deputy for New York, present to three local Scottish Rite Masons their "Re-Member the Blue Lodge" Year Bars. Congratulations to: Ill.: John Zabel, 33°, 1st Lieutenant Commander, Wakan\Hubbard Lodge; W.: David Upham, Clio Lodge and W.: Harry DeHollander, Clio Lodge, as they proudly stepped forward to receive their medallion. The Re-Member the Blue Lodge program is jointly sponsored by the following State of New York Masonic Organizations:

- Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York
- NYS Council of Deliberation, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite

Rite Events Calendar

See article for details
(All events at Shrine Center unless otherwise noted.)

***Thursday, November 17th**
Tebeth - Table Lodge
Beer Tasting/Veteran Recognition

***Tuesday, November 22nd**
Book Review - Office

Saturday, December 10th
All Masonic Christmas Party
and Toys for Tots

Thursday, December 15th
Meeting, 4° and 5°

Saturday, January 14, 2006
MSA Meeting

Thursday, January 19th
Meeting, 14° and 15°

* Brother Bring-a-Brother events

- Grand Chapter of the State of NY, Royal Arch Masons
- Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of NY
- Grand Commandery, Knights Templar of the State of NY

The program recognizes those Scottish and York Rite Brothers who are the first line signers on the petitions of men who have become a Master Mason. The Re-Member the Blue Lodge Medallion is presented in the Brother's Blue Lodge or Masonic District. This medallion is presented by the Concordant Bodies of New York to those "Rite" members in good standing, who are first line signers of a Craft Lodge petition. ReMember, wherever we go, whatever Concordant Body you may belong, we must always realize that the strength of our Fraternity and our preservation is dependant upon the Blue Lodge and its membership.

Valley of Corning

During the recent New York Council of Deliberation and Supreme Council Annual meeting held in August, it was unanimously agreed to accept the Charters of the Valley for Council, Chapter and Consistory. The Corning Lodge of Perfection will remain intact. Those members who do not specify to join another Valley will have their membership "transferred" to the Valley of Rochester for Council, Chapter and Consistory. The coordination of this immense task is under the direction of Ill.: John Zabel, 33°, 1st Lieutenant Commander. If you are asked to assist in any way, please give this effort your attention to make a smooth transition. While there are many miles between the two, we must welcome with open arms these Sublime Princes.

Day of Adar

Please make your reservation early, as our November program is The Day of Adar Table Lodge, and the recognition of all Scottish Rite Veterans. This should be an exciting

and lively time, since the program will be presented by a narrator from Rohrbach's Brewery with samples, of course. Another first: social hour begins at 5:30 p.m.; good food/program begins at 6:30 p.m. Call the office with your reservation.

December

All Masonic Christmas (aka: Holiday) Party. This December, we will be joining the Lalla Rookh Grotto, Damascus Shrine and York Rite Bodies in sponsoring one Masonic Holiday Party with any and all Masonic members and their families invited to join in this festive event. To assist in the preparation, please contact Al Pulcino, or leave your name and contact information at the office. In order to bring to our Fraternal members and families the quality event we like to present, it will take volunteers. Your help is both needed and appreciated.

So Mote It Be. x

2nd Lt. Commander

By Joseph F. Oelgoetz III

Walk for Dyslexia

Thanks to all the walkers and volunteers who supported our Walk for Dyslexia. Everything went as planned, including the weather, which was a beautiful Fall day. It was a fun event



John Henderson pipes the Walkers out.

that included not only a beautiful stroll along the Erie Canal in Perinton, but also had a Scottish Piper that "piped" us on our way, singing and serenading from Brother K. Rich Howe and a picnic with all of the trimmings supplied by Wegman's Food Stores.

We had approximately 40 walkers in all, and collected about \$5,000 for the 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children, Inc. This \$5,000 will support the tutoring of a child for one year in the Center. Dyslexia is a condition that affects approximately two million school age children. The Rochester area is not immune to this very frustrating condition. The Frank & Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children, Inc. is consistently full to capacity with a very long waiting list (approximately 50 children, on average, are waiting this service).

It is the 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children, Inc. that is providing a viable system in which the child suffering from Dyslexia can cope and achieve in spite of their condition, all of which is free of charge. It is estimated that the cost per child for the training they receive at a Center is approximately \$5,000 or a total of \$10,000 over a two-year program (the average time it takes to go through our program).



King Mix and Anne Leska assist at the registration table for participants in the Walk for Dyslexia.

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Allegiance

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

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Ill.: Harold L. Aldrich, 33°

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The Nasras get ready to Walk.

Interested in the Scottish Rite?

The Valley of Rochester is focused around the theme, **The College of Freema-**

sonry. Specifically, the Scottish Rite in Rochester is planning to fill a niche that other Concordant Bodies are not doing completely and that is to bring further light of Freemasonry to it's membership.

The 29 additional Degrees that the Scottish Rite provides is a basis for our theme of **The College of Freemasonry**. Our Degrees do not supersede the three Degrees that we all obtained within the Lodge, but rather they delve deeper into the understanding of the Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Mason Degrees.

The 29 Degrees of the Scottish Rite are not the only tools that we have to help Brethren achieve further light. This year the Valley has scheduled several programs that will be under the auspices of **The College of Freemasonry**.

Our next Masonic Book Club meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 22nd at 7:30 p.m. at the Valley office, 3300 Monroe Avenue, Suite 320 in Pittsford. The book to be reviewed is *Born in Blood*. Non-Scottish Rite Masons are invited to participate!

Our next Rite Night at the Movies will take place on October 25th. The feature film will be *The Man Who Would be King*. Location will be the Shrine Center with the showing beginning at 7:30 p.m. Again, both Scottish Rite and non-Scottish Rite members, along with family and friends are invited. Popcorn and soft drinks will be provided by the Valley of Rochester.

Masonic Education Fair

The Valley of Rochester is sponsoring a Masonic Education Fair on Friday and Saturday, March 3rd and 4th, 2006. The keynote speaker will be Mark Tabbert, Curator for the Museum of our National Heritage in Lexington, Massachusetts. He has just written the book *History of American Freemasons*. Additionally, we will be having other Masonic Scholars presenting Masonic oriented papers, actors portraying well known historical Masons, a bookstore, and other Masonic educational exhibits.

Friday evening will consist of a dinner and a talk by one of our scholars along with the portrayal of Mason and President Teddy Roosevelt by Mr. Paul Stillman. This event will only be open to Scottish Rite members and their families.

Saturday's events will be open to the public. Masons, non-Masons and all are invited for a nominal fee. This fee will cover the cost of a box lunch provided around noon time. It is expected that the Saturday segment will run from 8:00 a.m., with a continental breakfast and presentations beginning at 9:00 a.m. to about 3:00 p.m. in the afternoon.

Consider joining the Scottish Rite

As to the Scottish Rite's 29 additional Degrees, we plan to put on more than usual this year. It is through these Degrees that we will provide additional understanding and light of Freemasonry. Our Degree presentations will form the basis of what the Scottish Rite's **The College of Freemasonry** can provide to a Brother considering membership into the Valley.

If you need further information on becoming a member of **The College of Freemasonry** contact the Valley of Rochester's office at 264-1160. The first set of Degrees for membership are scheduled for Thursday, December 15th at the Shrine Center beginning with dinner at 6:30 p.m.; the Degrees will begin around 7:30 p.m.

In the meantime, you are cordially invited to the following events in order to meet and become acquainted with some of the Scottish Rite Brethren of the Valley of Rochester and to ask questions:

Tuesday, October 25th - Rite Night at the Movies, *The Man Who Would be King* at the Shrine Center, 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 17th - Day of Adar and Veteran's Recognition. This is a Table Lodge format at the Shrine Center. Rather than wine we will be sampling 7 Rohrbach beers for our toasts. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. with Dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m., consisting of German Food.

Tuesday, November 22nd - Masonic Book Club. *Born In Blood* at 7:30 p.m. at the Valley of Rochester's office.

For further information on the above, please contact the Valley office at 264-1160.

Bringing further light to members of the Scottish Rite and Masons throughout Western New York via **The College of Freemasonry** is our goal. Consider joining and thereby improving yourself with further light. *

Blue Caps

By Jerold J. Gilmore

Greetings, once more, fellow DSAs. At the first Fall meeting of the Scottish Rite, held at the Damascus Shrine Center, our Commander-in-Chief felt it only proper that the new Blue Caps should be presented at the opening of the 2005-2006 Sessions. Therefore, our Commander-in-Chief, Bob Pedersen, presented John Williams with his Cap. Ill.: Steve Whittaker, 33°, Deputy's Representative, presented Warren Doerrer with his Cap.

I had the great honor of being presented my Cap by Ill.: Frederick D. Green, 33° Active, Supreme Council, who had journeyed in from Syracuse for that night's meeting. Afterwards we had our pictures taken, which appeared in the October issue of the *Masonic Times*. Great stuff! Bob does things right!

Good news

Our fourth recipient, Cliff Hayner, is on the road to recovery. He's back to work part-time, which is definitely good news. Keep at it, Cliff.

Update

At the September 14th meeting, I brought up project *Lion King*. With the approval of the Commander-in-Chief, I contacted Rochester Broadway Theater League personnel to make arrangements for our group to attend the 1:00 p.m. performance on Sunday, April 2nd at the Auditorium Theater. Tickets for members of the Scottish Rite are \$45 each. Our Commander-in-Chief has authorized subsidizing the remainder.

On October 6th I attended the top three Officer's meeting at the Commander's invita-



We Acknowledge and Thank our Scottish Rite Veterans

Robert E. Anderson
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William J. Babcock
Keith A. Banister
Sanford L. Barcus
Curtis W. Barker
Charles D. Barton
David Benda
John D. Bennett
Daniel C. Berger, Sr.
Brian J. Bills
Joseph Bourcy
William T. Boyd
Stuart Brickman
Donald J. Brugger
Roy T. Bruno
Homer H. Bryson
Robert D. Bueg
Robert E. Cameron
Luigi G. Campaniello
Lawrence K. Canfield
Guy T. Clark
David C. Clarke
Arthur D. Cohen
Vance R. Collom
Fredric J. Cornell
Harry E. Dainty
Harold H. De Haas
Frank J. De Santis
Fred R. Di Tirro
William H. Dorman
M. Lyon E. Dox
Floyd W. English, Jr.
Charles R. Frear
William N. Fredenburg
Thomas E. Frey
Hubert A. Friedrich

Dennis K. Gellach
Franklyn H. Ghyzel
Russell E. Gillett
Jerold J. Gilmore
Mathew E. Gingold
Paul G. Gleason
Albert E. Goldman
Orville R. Gravelle
Robert C. Green
Joseph S. Gresho
Richard E. Guilloil
Harold S. Hager
Frederick J. Halik
Kenneth R. Hall
Charles O. Hancock
Norman A. Hann
David A. Hardy
Lewis W. Hares
Robert G. Helmes
Richard A. Henderson
Harold R. Herman
Leroy M. Hess
Clarence E. Hill
Richard E. Hilliard
Everett E. Hoak
Lawrence E. Hood
Kenneth R. Howe
Gordon D. Hubbell
Ivar N. Hultman
George W. Huther
William C. Jones
Robert W. Jones
James P. Kahn
John D. Kearney
Joseph C. Kellner
Ronald E. Kennedy
Gordon J. Klekamer

Cyrus Kloner
Donald J. Krech
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Richard R. Young
John E. Zabel
Robert P. Zabel
Raymond H. Ziemann

VETERANS:
ALL Scottish Rite Veterans are invited guests of the Valley at our Table Lodge.

Thursday November 17th
5:30 p.m. - Social Hour
6:30 p.m. - Table Lodge
8:00 p.m. - Veterans' Program

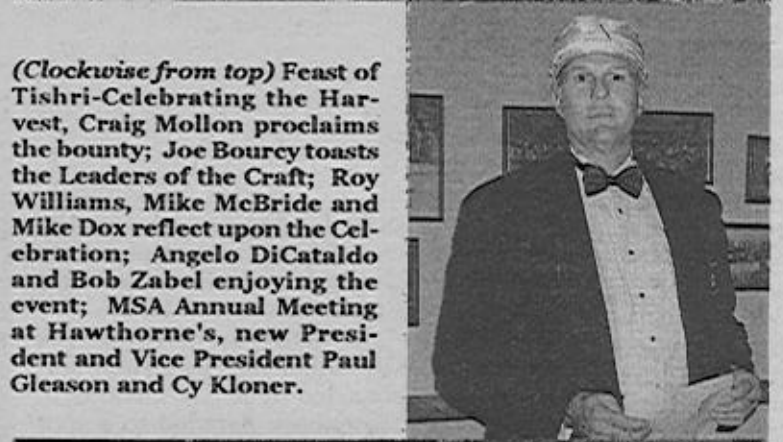
Reserve early!
Reservations required
Space is limited
Call by November 10th to the Scottish Rite Office, 264-1160

tion. I invited Warren Doerrer to join me. To say the very least, I was impressed by the proceedings. A lot of things were discussed and decisions made.

Reminder

Our next Blue Cap meeting is December 7th at Roncone's on East Avenue at 11:45 a.m. Mark your December calendar. If you have any part of our service clothing, wear it to respect our honored dead.

It's a great honor to serve the Blue Caps and I thank all of you for your support. May the Great Architect watch over us and guide us in our daily lives. *



(Clockwise from top) Feast of Tishri-Celebrating the Harvest, Craig Mollon proclaims the bounty; Joe Bourcy toasts the Leaders of the Craft; Roy Williams, Mike McBride and Mike Dox reflect upon the Celebration; Angelo DiCataldo and Bob Zabel enjoying the event; MSA Annual Meeting at Hawthorne's, new President and Vice President Paul Gleason and Cy Kloner.

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

York Rite NEWS

York Rite College
Judas Maccabeus

District Deputy Grand High Priest

24th
District
RAM



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The Grand Royal Arch Captain, R. E. Jeffrey M. Williamson, will make his Official Visitation to the 24th Capitular District on November 8th. Wayne Chapter No. 276 will host this special visit. There will be a dinner in the Chapter Dining room at the Sodus Masonic Temple, 4 East Main Street, Sodus, at 6:30 p.m. (Please note the change of venue. In my last communication, the dinner was set for the Steger Haus.) I expect every Companion from our District to make every effort to attend and show R. E. Williamson how much we appreciate and welcome his visit.

Training Course

Palmyra Eagle Chapter will be hosting a Leadership Training Course in the Palmyra Masonic Temple, 161 East Main Street, conducted by the Grand Royal Arch Captain, R. E. Jeffrey M. Williamson on Saturday, December 10th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., with registration from 8:00-9:00 a.m. Lunch will be available at a nominal cost. Contact me at

(315) 597-9546 or:
ukcy@juno.com for reservations by December 3rd. All Companions and Officers from Districts 24, 25, 27 and 28 are invited and urged to attend.

DDGHP's Official Visits

Newark: Monday, November 14th. Dinner at the Crosspark Family Restaurant, 121 Route 31, Newark at 6:00 p.m. The Convocation to follow at 7:30 p.m. in the Newark Masonic Temple, 210 East Avenue, Newark.

Palmyra Eagle: Monday, December 5th. Dinner at the Yellow Mills Restaurant, Route 31, at 6:00 p.m. The Convocation to follow at 7:30 p.m. in the Palmyra Masonic Temple, 161 East Main Street.

Wayne Chapter (Sodus): Tuesday, December 13th. The Excellent High Priest has stated there will be a dinner at the Steger Haus in Sodus Point at 6:30 p.m. The Convocation to follow at 8:00 p.m. in the Sodus Masonic Temple, 6 East Main Street (3rd Floor).

Charities

I urge you to support the Grand Chapter Charities. R. E. David W. Taber, the Charities Chairman for the 24th Capitular District, stands ready to accept your donation. His address is 57 East Ave, Fairport, NY 14450-1430. Please do this now while it's fresh on your mind. Make the check payable to Royal Arch Charities. Your generosity is appreciated.

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.

New York Mason Elected to International Office



(From left) R. E. Jeffrey M. Williamson, M. W. Edward R. Trosin, M. E. Edmund D. Harrison, M. E. W. Bruce Renner and M. E. David Stoy at the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International meeting in South Dakota.

By Jeff Williamson

On October 4, 2005, the Most Excellent Edmund (Ted) D. Harrison, who was the 2002 Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, State of New York, Royal Arch Masons, was elected and installed General Grand Scribe of General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International. The proceedings were held in Rapid City, South Dakota, at the sixty-sixth Triennial Meeting of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons International.

The nomination was delivered by M. W. Edward R. Trosin, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, who was Grand High Priest in 1993 and seconded by M. E.

W. Bruce Renner, Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of New York, who was Grand High Priest in 1995.

M. E. Harrison's accomplishment is a true highlight for New York Masonry. The General Grand Line is progressive and in the year 2011 he will be elevated to the office of General Grand High Priest.

M. E. Harrison has the honor of following in the footsteps of Governor DeWitt Clinton, who was General Grand High Priest from 1816-1829. The most recent Brother from New York State who held this prominent position was Robert F. Janes in 1951-1954, a member of Independent Royal Arch Lodge No. 2 in New York City.



Pouring water into Lake Erie.



M. W. Edward Trosin and M. E. Walter Hilsenbeck hold replica wooden barrel used in Wedding of the Waters.

After the ceremony, all adjourned to a wonderful cruise aboard the Niagara Clipper where we were treated to a full Turkey supper, while touring the lake along the Buffalo coast. Additionally, we were treated with a wonderful historical discussion concerning the lake front and Erie Canal.

As High Priest of Hiram Chapter, I was pleased to see R. E. Charles Roberts and his lady, Leslie, as well as R. E. Donald Wright and his lady, Nancy, in attendance.

Unity Table Chapter

On October 27th, Hiram Chapter hosted a Table Chapter for the purpose of York Rite Unity. In addition to the Chapter, Doric Council No. 19 of Cryptic Masons and Commandery No. 12 of Knights Templar were invited to join in the fun and festivities. This was a great stag event.

Holy Royal Arch Degree

I am changing our November 10th meeting to the exemplification of the Holy Royal Arch Degree. Companions, R. E. William Zufall, Past Grand Lecturer, will be the Degree Director. We need your help in conferring this Degree. We do have a candidate and we



R. E. Charles Roberts and M. E. Walter Hilsenbeck

must make this a wonderful experience for him. Please contact the Degree Director at 271-0795. We will be having dinner prior to this event.

Our final meeting for this year will be on December 8th. This will be our Annual meeting and Election of Officers for the 2006 Chapter year. Please consider serving as an Officer.

LeRoy Chapter No. 183 RAM



4th
Tuesday
7:30 p.m.

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This year has certainly gone by fast. Elections will be held at our November 22nd meeting. This does seem early, but we eliminated the December convocation in the new By-Laws. Best to be in attendance to assure you get the position you want.

That will also be the Official Visit of the Assistant Grand Lecturer. So it means I have a double reason to show up for the meeting. I have already received my flu shot, so I should be in good shape that night. Please keep your fingers crossed.

A warm welcome to our new Companions from the October festival. Welcome to work in the quarry. As with any organization, you only get out of it what you put in. There was a good reason in olden times why the Holy Royal Arch Degree was learned by all Master Masons. A big thanks from your all too often under the weather High Priest.

It has been my extreme pleasure to be your High Priest this year. I give a big thank you to the entire District. Your help and support are appreciated. Due to physical limitations, I have missed a lot, but my spirit has been there. It can be extremely upsetting, being my relatively young age and having so many medical issues. I consider myself very lucky to know such a great crew.

Excelsior Chapter No. 164

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

High Priest
E. L. Ronald
Edwards

394-3205

Secretary
R. E. George Stanton, Jr.
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Shortsville, NY

Excelsior Chapter has had the good fortune of gaining four new members this year. Malcolm Halliday joined Excelsior Chapter RAM on April 16th and David Mason, Jr., Vincent Garner and Roger Simmons Jr. joined on October 1st. The members of Excelsior WELCOME each of you and thank you for choosing to become Royal Arch Masons. Our Convocations are the second Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Shortsville Temple building and we want to see you among us. Remember, you only get out of any organization as much as you put into it.

The 25th Capitular District, OURS, will welcome the Visit of the Grand Royal Arch Captain, R. E. Jeffrey Williamson, to Salem Town Chapter 173 in Seneca Falls at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 1st. This will be preceded by a dinner at Abigail's Restaurant at 6:00 p.m., ordering from the menu. All Royal Arch Masons are welcome; come and break bread with us.

November 9th, at 8:00 p.m., will find us in Geneva for their Convocation and we will try to do another part of our requirement for the Grand Lecturer's Convention, coming on May 16th, 2006.

November 14th, at 7:30 p.m., will be Excelsior Chapter's Convocation with another rehearsal for the Grand Lecturer's Convention.

November 15th, at 7:30 p.m., is the Convocation of

Hiram Chapter No. 62



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

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Erie Canal & Royal Arch

Did you know that the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masonry of the State of New York was very instrumental in the opening ceremonies of the Erie Canal some 180 years ago? In fact, a driving force behind this engineering feat was none other than Governor and, at the time of the opening of the canal, Grand High Priest Dewitt Clinton. In testimony of the engineering marvel and in respect of those giants of men such as M. E. Clinton, the Grand Chapter of the State of New York held a rededication event at Buffalo. This was truly an outstanding Masonic event.

On Friday evening we were hosted by the Valley of Buffalo, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, for a wonderful dinner and a historical talk given by Professor Graham Miller on the significance of the Erie Canal to not only New York State, but to the young nation at that time. This event was attended by several Masonic dignitar-

ies, including the M. W. Edward R. Trosin, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, and M. I. Charles M. Roberts, Grand Master of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York. The Grand High Priest, M. E. Walter Hilsenbeck, provided the remarks for the evening and was attended by the entire New York State Royal Arch Grand Line.

On Saturday morning, the Grand Line of Royal Arch Masons, led by M. E. Walter J. Hilsenbeck paraded to a spot that was close to the original terminus of the Erie Canal (entering Lake Erie). It was there that a very beautiful rededication ceremony, with the focus on the *Wedding of the Waters*, took place. Specifically, water from the Atlantic Ocean was ceremoniously poured into the waters of Lake Erie. Additionally, water of Lake Erie was captured for a similar ceremony to take place in Brooklyn later in the year.

King David's Chapter in Port Byron. This is where the Convention will be held in May of 2006, and we will try to do the floor work of the Convention requirements.

Remember, December is the Election and Installation of Officers of most of our Chapters, but some may install in January.

Save this date

December 10th is the Leadership Training Course for RAM Districts 24, 25, 27 and 28 to be held in the Palmyra Masonic Temple. Registration from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and the training from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Sickness

We pray for Excellent Companion Joe Nye as he starts his treatments for cancer and may the Lord be with each of you and your family in keeping you in good health.

Maine humor

Parson Jones came over from the rectory, washed up, and sat down at the table for the evening meal. His wife had spent most of the morning making a fine stew of leftovers: some chunks of beef from Sunday's supper; some bits of chicken from Monday's dinner; the remains of a boiled ham dinner. The parson immediately dug in and started to eat.

The amazed wife said, "Ain't you going to give the blessing?" He said, "Already been blessed three times!"

Cheerio. x

ing, along with our Ladies, provided by Mrs. Oelgoetz. Karen focused on wines of the New York Finger Lakes region. It was enjoyable and a lot of fellowship ensued.

York Rite Unity Table Chapter

On October 27th, Hiram Chapter hosted a Table Chapter for the purpose of York Rite Unity. In addition to the Council, Hiram Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and Commandery No. 12 of Knights Templar were invited to join in the fun and festivities. This was a stag event and was a great time.

November meeting

Doric's meeting in November will be a Table Council with a Thanksgiving theme. Companions, we have much to be thankful for, so I plan to put together a program of thanksgiving. This will be our Companion Bring-a-Companion event. So please be sure to identify a Companion whom you feel will benefit by becoming a Council member. This will be a stag event.

December meeting

Our meeting on December 21st will be a holiday theme with the express mission of remembering those who are less fortunate than we. We will be having a "Toys for Tots" Dinner. The cost for dinner will be one unwrapped toy that can be donated to the United States Marine Corps Reserve "Toys for Tots" program. Dinner will be holiday Ham with all of the festive fixings. Plan to bring your ladies, children and grandchildren. We will have a very short business meeting before retiring to a "Council Holiday Party" with our families.

Looking forward

Before long it will be 2006 and we will be entering our Degree season within Doric Council. Our meeting on January 18th will be the Royal Master Degree, preceded by dinner at 6:30 p.m. February will be our annual York Rite Ladies night at a local restaurant. March will be the Select Master Degree. Mark all these in your calendar.

For reservations to the Dinner (including the Table Council), please get them in no later than the Friday before the meeting by either calling me at my home: 425-9969 or emailing me at: joeyo11@mac.com.

I am looking forward to seeing each of you in the Secret Vault. God Bless. x

Nine Sir Knights are needed to open the Commandery and we must be officially open to complete our line Officer Installation. Those who have to be installed are: Generalissimo, SK Dave Lathers; Captain General, SK Don Wright; Senior Warden, SK Joe Oelgoetz and Standard Bearer, SK Charles Roberts. At this writing we are hopeful the attendance at the second meeting in October will be better.

Necessary stuff

The first Monday of the month, at least until our Inspection, is being reserved for rehearsal only. If we do well there, our regular meetings can be dedicated to more pressing business and interesting programs. All that is required for rehearsal nights is a Sword and Chapeau. Although the rehearsal night is intended for those who need to practice the work (i.e., line Officers), it is always better to have as many bodies as possible there to make the Tactics more meaningful. Please help us here. These rehearsal nights are an excellent opportunity for those who are a little rusty to become more proficient. This would make our opening on regular nights less time consuming. Please come out and join us if at all possible.

The Zone Officer's meeting was held on September 25th. If you are interested in what went on, contact SK Don Brugger at 458-6125.

Looking ahead

The next scheduled rehearsal meeting will be on November 7th. On November 21st, a Thanksgiving Celebration and feast with friends and neighbors is planned. The details for this event are being worked out and you will be contacted. The Annual Christmas Observance will be on December 19th.

Our Inspection is scheduled for April 17th, so, please remember the rehearsal nights which are held on the first Monday of the month.


See you at the next meeting or rehearsal. x

the Honor Guard for the Flag Ceremony and dedication service of the Memorial Garden at the Crittenden Presbyterian Church in Crittenden.

Sir Knight Leland Jones, Zone Commander, and Sir Knight Jeffrey Williamson, Deputy Zone Commander, and I thank you for giving of your time to help when called upon.

Continue to pray for our troops and our President and may God Bless America. x

Sagoyewatha
Commandery No. 17
3rd Saturday, 9 a.m.



Commander
SK F. Edward
Powley
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SK David Taber
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Past events

Sagoyewatha opened its first conclave of the 2005-06 Templar year with most of the 2005-06 Officers in their new Stations. When all the business had been completed and recorded, the conclave closed and we had coffee and donuts before parting.

School of Instruction

October 22nd was to be the Western District School of Instruction on the Order of the Temple. Officer parts were assigned by Zone Commander, William Jones.

That evening, we served as an Honor Guard for M.:I.: Charles Roberts, Grand Master. He is a member of both Cyrene/Monroe and Sagoyewatha Commanderies.

Future events

November 5th, the Zone 11 Commanderies, with some help, will confer the Order of Red Cross at 9:00 a.m. at the Palmyra Masonic Temple. The Order of Malta will follow. Lunch will be served in the dining room and the Chamber of Reflection will go on for the

candidates at the same time, until all have been through it.

About 12:30 p.m. we will start the Order of the Temple, which should be completed by 4:00 p.m.

November 19th is our regular conclave at 9:00 a.m., preceded by breakfast at the Blue Ribbon at 7:31 a.m. This is Dutch treat and you order from the menu. We get as much or more talked about here as we do in the conclave and have a lot of enjoyment doing it.

Sickness


SK Joe Nye will be taking radiation treatments by now. May the Lord watch over you and we pray all goes well for you, Joe. We pray all other Sir Knights and their families are, and stay, well. God Bless you.

Maine humor

So much talk in a town meeting up-country about putting a fence around the cemetery. One of the older voters got up and said, "Don't make much sense to me. Nobody in there can get out, and nobody out wants to get in." x

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Sampling one of the Finger Lakes wines are Ill.: Donald Brugger and M.:I.: Charles Roberts, Grand Master.



Cora Paglia with Karen Oelgoetz, who coordinated wine tasting event, with several of the available selections.

Wine tasting

Our first meeting in September was enjoyable, thanks to the efforts of my beautiful wife and partner, Karen Oelgoetz. After a wonderful dinner provided by Ms. Joy Woodley, and our regular business meeting, the Brethren retired to the dining room to enjoy wine tast-

Cyrene-Monroe
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3rd Monday

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SK Douglas
M. Koenig
223-6638



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SK Lawrence W. Dunn
594-8033
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By Don Brugger & Doug Koenig
Now that the cooler weather has arrived, it is time to get serious about your Commandery. The turnout at our last regularly scheduled meeting in September was disappointing and the Officers who needed to be installed were not available. Sir Knights, we have to get our act together.

Batavia Commandery
No. 34
Knights
Templar

2nd & 4th
Thursdays



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591-2073
Recorder
SK James MacConnell
494-1815
39 Main Street, Attica 14011

Our November 10th conclave will begin with our annual Thanksgiving Dinner, prepared by the ladies of the Templary with Anne Rupert roasting the turkeys. I am sure you will not want to miss out on this evening, so mark your calendars now and plan on attending. This will be our only meeting in November because the fourth Thursday is Thanksgiving Day and you will be celebrating with your families.

I don't think it is too early to announce the date of our Christmas Toast. It will be on December 8th at 8 p.m. Remember, this is an open meeting and I encourage you to invite your friends and loved ones as we gather to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

On Sunday, October 2nd, several Sir Knights of Batavia Commandery participated in

LOOKING FOR A SPEAKER?

One of the organizations receiving a grant from your Masonic Service Bureau is **Advent House**. This hospice care facility is willing to provide a speaker for your meetings. Masters or Program Committee Chairmen: if you think your membership would like to know more about hospice care and you would like to arrange a program for one of your meetings, contact **Ed Rosen** at 377-3513. When you speak with him, please reference the Masonic Service Bureau, so he will know why you have the interest and how you obtained his name. x

Come visit us!

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The Masonic Care Community continues to host bus tours from Districts and Lodges around the State. An informative and exciting day is planned for you (and your spouse) when you visit Utica, including tours of the new state-of-the-art Health Pavilion, retirement living at Acacia Village, the Livingston Library and Museum, the Tompkins Chapel with its beautiful stained glass windows, and more.

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To arrange a tour, contact Rob Lauducci at (315) 798-4828, or toll-free at (800) 322-8826.

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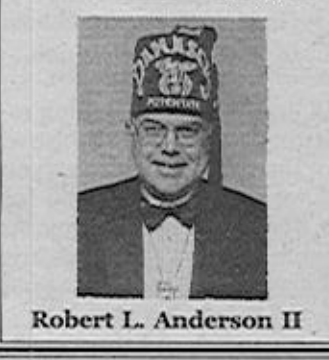
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Potentate - Robert L. Anderson II

From the Potentate



Robert L. Anderson II

"A Strong Fraternity Carries Hope for the Future."

This is Imperial Sir Gary W. Dunwoody's theme for the 2005-2006 Shrine year. It implies that we must grow our Fraternity to support our philanthropy in the future. The future of the Shriners Hospitals for Children depends on the strength and growth of our Fraternity. This growth will occur because we are men with families, families that support and participate in our activities and our hospital care for children with families.

In support of this effort, we are having a Hot Sands on November 2nd. Now is the time for us to ask our Brothers to join the Shrine in its activities and philanthropy. There continue to be scholarships available for those who wish to join

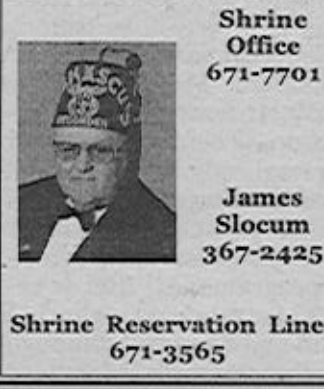
us. This is an ideal time for your younger Brethren to join us in our support for the Shriners Hospitals. The next 14 months have many activities scheduled in which they can participate. They can help us to increase the total amount that we have raised for the Hospitals beyond the \$23,000 we have raised to date.

Another part of the strength of the Fraternity is its continuity of leadership. This begins with the election and appointment of Officers. Any member of Damascus Shriners who feels that they "have what it takes" to be a leader in the Shrine is encouraged to contact the Leadership Search Committee Chairman, Derek Van Houten. They will help you to understand the opportunities available for your service to Damascus.

We will hold our annual elections at our December meeting. We will have two openings to fill in the elected line. This is because our Assistant Rabban, Bill Lozon, has left the Rochester area due to work commitments. I want to thank Bill and Patty for all their efforts on behalf of Damascus Shriners during the past years and wish them well in their new endeavors. They will be missed by us all.

As you can see, December will be an important meeting. I hope to see you all there. x

From the Recorder



Shrine Office
671-7701

James Slocum
367-2425

Shrine Reservation Line
671-3565

Just another reminder about the unpaid dues some Nobles still owe. The new 2006 dues notices will be coming out soon and the time is getting close when Nobles who are two years in arrears will be dropped. I certainly hate to see that happen. If there is a hardship or a problem, let me know and we will work something out. We are seeing some of the members who dropped out or demitted coming back for restoration and we are on our way to reaching the goal Imperial set for each Temple.

Dayne and Kathy Tharrett have reported that Damascus South has been rather dry in their area, unlike other areas. The South will rise again, as they are well on their way to recovery. It will be a long time, but they will come back. Imperial Sir Ralph Semb reports that all of our hospitals in the

devastated area of the South suffered little damage and are getting back into full service. Some patients have already received their operations and others are moving back from other hospitals.

Good suggestions

Our TRAC (Temple Review and Council) meeting went well. There were a lot of good ideas and suggestions for new members, retention of existing members, restoring members, and money raising projects, and much more, covered by J. Michael Aaron from the Imperial TRAC Team.

November 19th

Remember to sign up early for reservations for the Harvest Dinner on November 19th. It will be inside this year, not in a tent. A whole Turkey at each table will be served, along with all the trimmings. Remember, reservations are a must and no walk-ins. Sign up early.

Congratulations to the new Nobles who were obligated. We have five new petitions, which were read and voted upon, and two restorations were read.

It seems that all enjoyed themselves at the Halloween Party. A big THANKS to the Wheelers.

The total money raised for the Hospital Fund is now at \$22,391.50. Let's keep the Fund growing! x

Zama Temple Daughters of the Nile

On Wednesday, September 21st, Supreme Queen Billie Davis, made her Official Visit to Zama Temple No. 14. The initiation of the candidate was impressive. In her remarks to the members, Supreme Queen Billie complemented the Officers on their presentation and memorization of the work of the Temple.

The Pageantry Dance Unit welcomed Supreme Queen Billie with "Hello, Supreme Queen Billie" to the music of *Hello, Dolly*, sung by Kitty Noble, P.Q. Dancing was by the Dance Unit.

Queen Ginny led the procession to the Green Lantern Inn for dinner. Potentate Robert Anderson and First Lady, Alice, were among the honored guests. After dinner, Supreme Queen Billie gave an informative and interesting talk.

All who attended enjoyed the evening. x

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Don't forget the upcoming District events, which we hope everyone will attend!
November 11th - District Banquet. Gather at 5:30; dinner at 6:30; meeting at 8:00 p.m. at the Party House on Beahan Road. Paid reservations through your Chapter Secretaries.

December 11th - District Christmas Party. Gather at 3 p.m.; eat at 4 p.m.; bring a dish to pass and table service; Hilton Masonic Temple.

Cream Cheese Spritz Cookies
Try this for your Holiday baking!

- 1 cup butter (2 sticks), softened
- 1 8-oz. package cream cheese, softened
- 3 cups all purpose flour
- 2 cups powdered sugar
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees.
- Cream butter, add cream cheese - mix until smooth.
- In a separate bowl, combine flour and sugar.
- Add dry ingredients to butter mixture - mix until well

blended and smooth. For colored dough, add food coloring. Fill cookie press with dough (I used the tree and flower disks). Press onto COOL baking sheet. For "frosting free" cookies, sprinkle with colored sugar crystals before baking. Bake for 18 - 20 minutes. Cool 3 minutes on sheet, then remove to finish cooling on wire rack. You can press dough onto parchment paper, then slide

the parchment with cookies onto your baking sheet (so you don't have to wait for the sheet to cool between batches). For additional decoration, melt white or semisweet chocolate and drizzle over the top. Put melted chocolate in a small ziplock, then snip a corner and pipe over cookie - before chocolate hardens, sprinkle with red/white/green sprinkles. Makes about 6 dozen cookies. x

It's Harvest Dinner Time!

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Buffet Lunch

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Coffee - Tea - Desserts

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Taxes! Taxes! Taxes!

By Tom Michielsen

The leaves are falling faster than we can rake them. Halloween has passed and the children are stuffed with candy. The sweet smells of apple and pumpkin pies are in the air. Thanksgiving dinner will soon be cooking and we will all overeat and be stuffed for days to come.

Beginning September 1, 2005, receipts from the retail sale and installation of residential solar energy systems equipment are exempt from the State sales and use taxes.

In an effort to alleviate the rise in gasoline prices for taxpayers, the Internal Revenue Service has increased the standard mileage rate. Beginning September 1st through December 31st, the rates are as follows: a) 48.5 cents per mile for all business miles, b) 22 cents per mile for medical, c) 22 cents per mile for moving. The rate has not been increased for charitable miles, remaining at 14 cents per mile.

New York State has reduced the rate of tax on the entire net income (ENI) of small businesses to 6.5 percent. In addition, the amount of income qualifying for the small business rate is increased. Previously, taxpayers with an ENI base of \$290,000 or less qualified as small businesses, and were subject to the small business rate on the first \$200,000 of income. The benefit of the reduced rate was required to be recaptured on income above \$250,000. The legislation increases the threshold for being considered a small business from \$290,000 to \$390,000. Small businesses are now subject to the small business taxpayer rate on the first \$290,000 of income, with the benefit of the reduced rate recaptured on income above \$350,000. These provisions apply to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2005.

The New York State Tax Law has been amended to require the Department to implement a system to collect State motor fuel and diesel motor fuel excise and petroleum business

taxes, cigarette excise taxes and sales and use taxes on sales of fuels and cigarettes made to non-native Americans on recognized reservations in the State.

Non-resident and part-year taxpayers are required to include their long-term care insurance credit in the base tax they compute before applying the income percentage that allocates their tax to New York. Taxpayers can claim a credit equal to 20 percent of the amount they pay for long-term care insurance. Non-residents and part-year residents previously calculated their credit and then applied it against their allocated tax liability without adjusting it by their New York income percentage. The change is effective beginning in tax year 2005.

New York State now requires those preparers filing more than 200 original Personal Income Tax returns during calendar year 2005 and preparing at least one return using tax preparation software in 2006 to file all authorized returns electronically. It

would also require preparers filing more than 100 returns in any calendar year commencing on or after January 1, 2006, and preparing at least one return using tax preparation software, to file electronically. Preparers will be penalized \$50 for each failure to electronically file returns. The penalty may be waived if the failure to electronically file was due to reasonable cause and not willful neglect. Taxpayers may elect not to electronically file their return, and that would also absolve the preparer from any penalty.

The New York State Tax Commissioner may enter into a cooperative agreement with the Department of Health for the purpose of verifying income eligibility for the Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC) program.

Public Health Law imposes an assessment on the gross receipts of residential health care facilities. These facilities, in turn, pass the costs of this assessment on to their clients. These costs are covered by Medicaid and private insurance, but individuals without

such coverage must pay the assessment themselves. Taxpayers may claim the credit for any assessment amount, which is separately stated and accounted for on the billing statement of a resident of a residential health care facility, which is paid directly by the individual taxpayer. The credit is first effective in tax year 2005.

Due dates

October 31st - Payroll Reports due

November 15th - October Payroll Taxes Due

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

Lilac Star Chapter, OES

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Your Legal Rights FYI

By Bro. Phillip Hurwitz, Esq.



Last month I covered how to obtain copies of your credit report. A new law now allows free access to a copy of your credit report, once per year. You are allowed a free copy of your credit report if you are turned down for credit.

This month I will cover how to correct or challenge information disclosed on your credit report.

In reviewing your credit report, you may see information about you that is inaccurate. For example, you may see credit cards listed in your name that you do not recognize, or you may see a debt which you dispute.

In either case, the burden is on you to take steps to correct these errors, inaccuracies or disagreements. Fortunately, the three main credit reporting agencies have made this process easy. If you have your report, you may be able to go to the agency's website and log into your credit file. Once in-

side, you can challenge whatever entries you believe to be in error or inaccurate. Otherwise, you can write to the agency's address for reporting disputes. Information and instructions on how to challenge an entry on your file are contained in your credit report.

A credit reporting agency is just that. All they do is report what creditors tell them. For example, when you are approved for a credit card, the issuing bank notifies the credit reporting agency of that fact. Thereafter, the issuing bank will report your record of payments. So if you miss a payment, or are late in making a payment, that fact gets reported by the bank to the agency.

When the credit reporting agency receives your dispute, they must investigate it. So for example, let's say you dispute that you owe \$500 to a previous landlord. You notify the agency of your dispute. The agency in turn will go to your landlord for confirmation of the debt. This landlord will either confirm to the agency that you owe \$500 or will acknowledge the error and update their records. The agency in turn will report back to you. If the

report of a \$500 debt was in error, then the agency must correct your credit file. If the landlord stands by the claim that you owe \$500, then the entry must remain on your credit file. The agency cannot delete information verified to it by the landlord.

If you still disagree with this \$500 item on your credit report, then your next step is to dispute this item. You are entitled to have placed in your credit file, a statement disputing this \$500 claim. This is important. Your statement will serve as a record of your disagreement, and will be seen by anyone else who has a need to look at your credit file. For example, let's say you did pay that \$500 debt and have a copy of a cancelled check to prove it. Despite that fact, the landlord continually neglects to update your account to reflect that payment. Your statement will serve as an explanation as to why this \$500 arrear keeps appearing in your credit file. The mechanics of placing this statement in your credit file are explained in your credit report. I will conclude this topic in my next article, by looking at the issue of identity theft.

Perspectives on Membership

Richard E. Kaiser, Managing Editor of the *Idaho Freemason*, offers a different look at the concept of Masonry returning to the "Traditional Lodge," (*Modernization of Freemasonry*, Alex G. Davidson, SCRL Fraternal Review, No. 931, 15 April 2005)

"Can we really say that secrecy and exclusiveness will attract members? Can we say that openness and community activity will attract members? In my opinion that answer is 'yea' to both. In order to join your Lodge, two things must be accomplished.

First, they must be aware that your Lodge exists. This may seem obvious, but have you ever gone into a town and asked someone where the Masonic Lodge is located? I rest my case.

interesting question. There are many good men out there who would make good Masons and they come with a variety of personalities and social outlooks. There may be many who would love to be part of a group characterized by secrecy and exclusiveness. If that is what your Lodge is, you may well attract these men into membership.

There will also be many who are active in their communities, who wish to be part of a group where they can participate with like-minded Brothers in supporting community services, youth activities and similar efforts. The question is not so much what kind of man you would like to see apply for membership in your Lodge, but what kind of Lodge you want to be.

Second, they must perceive your Lodge as something that they would wish to join. This, too, is obvious, but leads to an

The Brothers who join and become loyal and active members are the ones who will enjoy participating in the activities your Lodge enjoys. Therefore, the first step in a membership program is to look in the mirror. Establish your collective vision of what you want your Lodge to be in the future, a vision that must be accepted by your membership, and you then know what kind of man will be attracted to join.

Your problem is then simply to find those men and make your Lodge known to them. If you recruit a member who doesn't share your vision, he



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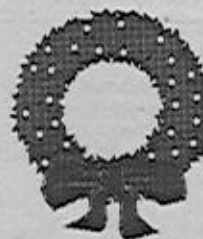
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will probably not hang around very long. If you recruit someone who shares your vision, he will help you attain it. It is not so much a matter of maintaining old ways or finding new ways, but of deciding who you are and what you are about.

It is not necessary for a Lodge to have hundreds of members. What is important is that a Lodge have a significant number of active members who not only enjoy each

other's company, but who share a common goal, whatever that goal might be. Many Brothers prefer a smaller Lodge. Every Lodge in Idaho has its own personality even though we all do the same Ritual. It is that personality, as reflected in the lives of its members, which will attract new members to join and remain active in the Lodge." (*The Idaho Freemason*, July 2005; used with permission.)

In Memoriam

September

Arlidge, Dean B.

The Deputy Mayor of the Village of Churchville and a member of Churchville Lodge, Dean passed away on September 25th at the age of 82 years. He is survived by his wife, Carol, four children, five grandchildren and one great-grandson.

October

Drake-Mason, Susan L.

Susan was a member of Nolatka Chapter, OES when she died on October 3rd at the age of 51 years. She is survived by her mother, three sisters and three brothers.

Barr, Richard A., Jr.

Death claimed Richard on October 5th at the age of 74 years. A member of Unity Lodge, he is survived by his wife, Jeanne, four children and seven grandchildren.

Cameron, Donald G.

Donald entered into eternal rest on October 6th. He was 78 years old. A member of Union Lodge, he leaves his wife, Sharon, two sons and eight grandchildren.

Bertch, Earl N.

The loving arms of the Lord embraced Earl on October 7th at the age of 87 years. A member of ERAC Lodge, he is survived by his three sons, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Dreier, Edward H.

The Great Architect of the Universe claimed Edward on October 8th. He was a member of ERAC Lodge and leaves many family members.

Hellman, Maynard

The founder of Maynard's Electric Supply and a member of Fairport/Flower City lodge, Maynard succumbed on October 11th. Survivors include his wife, Helen, four children, twelve grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Carroll, John B. "Jake"

Fame Lodge lost a member with the passing of John on October 15th at the age of 75 years. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis, two children, five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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December

10 All Masonic Bodies Children's Christmas Party, Shrine Center Sponsored by Lalla Rookh Grotto, Damascus Shrine, Valley of Rochester, AASR and York Rite

11 OES District Christmas Party Hilton Masonic Temple

January, 2006

16 Masonic Development Course Wakan/Hubbard Lodge

31 School of Ritual Unity Lodge

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March

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Deadline for the Masonic Times

BIG CALENDAR for NOVEMBER 2005

Gem - Topaz
 Flower - Chrysanthemum

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

<p>NOTE Revised Deadline Date due to THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY Copy due NOVEMBER 9TH, PLEASE!</p>	<p>1 Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps (BBF) Oakland - Castile, 1* OES - Fairport, Lilac Star, Nolatka LIV - Masonic Development Course, Livonia Lodge</p>	<p>2 Attica, 2* Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy Damascus Shrine, Hot Sands</p>	<p>3 Avon Springs Constellation - Perry Eunice - Caledonia Hesperus - Bergen (BBB) Northfield - Pittsford Webster RSM - Palmyra Council OSY - Grand Lecturer's Convention, Pocahantas Lodge - Seneca Falls</p>	<p>4 Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m. \$6 adult; \$3 Child 30 Orchard Street</p>	<p>5 OES - Rochester Chapter - Unity - Spencerport Daughters of the Nile, Zama Temple - Fairport</p>
	<p>6 Attica Lodge Pancake Breakfast Damascus Shrine, First Lady's Luncheon, DiPacific's, 1:00 p.m. Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinner Wednesday the 9th East Avenue, Hilton</p>	<p>7 Canandaigua - Shortsville West Star - Varysburg RAM - Palmyra/Eagle OES - Irondequoit KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford Shrine Lunch Club</p>	<p>8 Arcade Batavia Fame - Irondequoit Seneca - Webster Valley-Simes RAM - Dansville, LeRoy OES - Leah - Hilton Election Day</p>	<p>9 Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminal - Pike (OV) Masonic Service Bureau Monthly Luncheon Meeting OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville, Corinthian Fellowship</p>	<p>10 Milnor - Victor Union - Lima RAM - Hiram KT - Batavia Commandery Lalla Rookh Caldron</p>
<p>13 ERAC - Shrine Center Fairport/Flower City Mt. Vernon - Java Village Union Star - Honeoye Falls, 2* Unity - Spencerport, 2* Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield, 1* RAM - Excelsior - Shortsville LIV - Masonic Development Course, Livonia Lodge Shrine Lunch Club - Ladies Day</p>	<p>14 Clio - Hilton, 2* Craftsman Robertson Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps Oakland - Castile OES - Lilac Star, Nolatka</p>	<p>15 Attica (OV) Ark - Geneva Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy RSM - Doric Council, CBAC - Pittsford Lalla Rookh Grotto Masonic Service Bureau, AARP "55 Alive" Driver Course - Shrine Center, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. (1st)</p>	<p>16 Avon Springs Constellation - Perry Eunice - Caledonia Hesperus - Bergen (BBB) Milnor (BBF) Northfield - Pittsford Webster Scottish Rite, Table Lodge RAM - Western Star</p>	<p>17 Masonic Service Bureau, AARP "55 Alive" Driver Course - Shrine Center, 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. (2nd)</p>	<p>18 Damascus Shrine, Harvest Dinner - Shrine Center</p>
<p>20 Canandaigua - Shortsville West Star - Varysburg KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford OES - Irondequoit LIV - Masonic Development Course, Livonia Lodge</p>	<p>21 Arcade Batavia Fame - Irondequoit Valley-Simes RAM - Dansville, LeRoy (E), Wyoming OES - Leah - Hilton</p>	<p>22 Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminal - Pike Tall Cedars of Lebanon (E) OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville, Corinthian Fellowship</p>	<p>23 Thanksgiving Day</p>	<p>24 Thanksgiving Day</p>	<p>25 Thanksgiving Day</p>
<p>27 ERAC - Shrine Center, 1* Mt. Vernon - Java Village (BBF) Union Star - Honeoye Falls Unity - Spencerport (OV) Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield RSM - Nundawaga Council</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>31</p>