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Eureka Lodge No. 36, PHA, Celebrates 125 Years

On Saturday, November 19th, Eureka Lodge will celebrate its 125th Anniversary at the Hyatt Regency Hotel-Grand Ballroom, 125 East Main Street, Rochester. The celebration will begin with a social hour at 6:00 p.m., with dinner to be served at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$45.00 each and can be obtained from

Brother Robert L. Frazier, Jr., Ticket Chairperson, 436-7628. This will coincide with the 80th Annual Thanksgiving Banquet of Eureka Lodge.

The first meeting of Eureka Lodge was held, under dispensation, in the Wilder Building on May 8, 1879. M.: W.: John Chase, Grand Master, granted the dispensation. The Charter

was granted on December 3, 1879.

If you would like to place a commemorative ad in Eureka Lodge's Journal, please contact Brother Eugene Crews, 225-7949. A full page ad, 7 1/2 x 10" is \$125.00. A quarter page ad, 3 3/4 by 5", is \$35.00. The deadline for ads is October 28th.

Submitted by James Ghent

Among its notable achievements over the years, Eureka Lodge is most proud of the role it played in establishing the monument to the memory of the great abolitionist, writer and orator, Frederick Douglas.

On July 20, 1898 at 3:30 p.m., the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of the State of New York, (PHA) assembled with Eureka Lodge No. 36 and Estella Chapter No. 7. OES (PHA) at the Lodge room in the Durand Building. Accompanied by the 54th Regiment Band, they proceeded to Douglas Park (Central Avenue and St. Paul Street), where Grand Master E.R. Spaulding laid the cornerstone for the Frederick Douglas Monument.

The trowel used for laying the cornerstone, made of Silver with an Ivory handle, was suitably engraved and presented to Grand Master Spaulding by the members of Eureka Lodge. The monument is now standing in Highland Park in Rochester.



Hurricane Disaster Relief

To: All members of the Masonic Community in the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in New York State

From: M.: W.: Edward R. Trosin, Grand Master

We must all be aware of the magnitude of the National disaster which has impacted our nation and fellow countrymen by hurricane Katrina. Words are simply inadequate to describe the extent of the human misery we have been viewing for the last number of days since this storm of the century impacted on the Florida and Gulf coastal regions. We have yet to fully comprehend the extent of this calamity...some have called it an American Tsunami. Nevertheless, we must react now and begin our efforts to help, aid and assist those whose lives may have been changed forever.

Once again, I am calling upon our Masonic Fraternity, our families, friends and busi-

ness associates, to respond as generously as their finances permit to help alleviate the suffering of our fellow citizens. Our Fraternity has a long and distinguished history of rising to the occasion when the need has been there...from Valley Forge to 9-11 and as recently as the devastating Tsunami earlier this year.

As your Grand Master, I am asking you to please respond to this appeal and make a generous tax-deductible contribution to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund earmarked for "Hurricane Disaster Relief."

Let us count our blessings and thank the Great Architect that we are in a position to donate personally, as well as through our businesses, Lodges and District Associations. Thank you in advance for your consideration and generosity.

God Bless you and yours and God Bless America!

Interfaith Service and Brunch

Sunday, October 16th

For tickets: contact Lodge Secretary or call the Masonic Service Bureau, 671-9730

Help Requested for Brother in Need of Aid

The family of a newly raised member of Seneca Lodge No. 113 in Waterloo suffered a tragic loss when their house caught fire on September 12th. Brother Ron Philbrook was raised a Master Mason this past June in Seneca Lodge. He and his family are from out of State and have no local family members.

Ron and his wife are the parents of a 3-year old and a 6-month old infant. Both children were asleep in an upstairs bedroom when the fire broke out, but were safely removed from the house. Almost all their possessions were lost in the fire or due to water and/or smoke damage. Everyone is doing well at the present time,

but because it was close to being a fatal incident, the mother and oldest child are experiencing emotional difficulties.

Michael Duffy, Master of Seneca Lodge, now has the Philbrook's residing with his family until more suitable arrangements can be made.

The Ontario/Seneca/Yates Masonic District has established a fund for the Philbrooks. Donations may be sent to:

OSY Charities
(Ron Philbrook)
c/o Bruce Huie
3060 Johnson Road
Geneva, New York 14456

Thank you for showing what we Masons mean by Brotherly Love by helping this family in need.

Land, Sea and Air Lodge No. 1 Patches on Sale



The Masonic Service Bureau is selling Patches in support of the good and welfare of the Brothers and families of Land, Sea and Air Lodge No. 1, set up by the Masonic War Veterans of the State of New York.

Your five dollar (\$5.00) donation will secure a patch which you can wear proudly to show your support for this Historic Military Lodge composed of our Brothers who are fighting the assault on terrorists who threaten the life most of us take for granted.

The Patch is now available at the Masonic Service Bureau, 979 Bay Road, Webster or call us at 671-9730 to order your supply.

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Editor's Corner

Well, it didn't work! Regardless of your opinion of modern technology, sometimes the best laid plans of mice and men are not successful. Thus it was in Kissimmee, Florida, when I attempted to send copy corrections/changes back to Rochester using an Internet program that allowed me to access Barbara's computer, allegedly from anywhere. The theory was fine; the execution left a lot to be desired.

This prevented me from viewing and proofreading the majority of articles submitted for this issue. Consequently, I have relied on my crack staff of Barbara, Mat and Dave, who have been assisted by Beverly VanHuben and Linda and Bob Zahn, to turn out this issue while I have basked in the Florida heat and humidity. Depending on how much had been accomplished, I may have been able to review a few things before the boards went to our printer.

The Umpire's Association, to which I belong, asked me to go South and officiate at two World Series of Softball tournaments. The first weekend, twelve Rochester umpires worked the Black American National tournament; seven of us stayed (or came back) to work the Super Series for men's classes "B" and "D," and the women's classes "B," "C" and "D." Most of the games were played at the Disney World Wide World of Sports complex. Due to the large number of teams participating, it was necessary to schedule games at several other softball complexes in the area.

The winners will mean nothing to you, fond readers, so I am not reporting that information. It was a chance for me to get the balance of my vacation time for the year, even if the timing was bad. But, I don't think I'll be doing this routine in the future...too much pain.

My sincere thanks to the staff for their dedication and hard work. Enjoy this issue, but remember if you wish to make comments, the buck stops here. Thanks for reading.

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By Linda Zahn, President

First and foremost, many thanks to everyone who helped make the Widows Luncheon so successful. This leads me into advice for the future.

In the coming months, many of the Concordant Bodies, related men's organizations, Eastern Star Chapters and related women's organizations, as well as the youth groups, will be electing and appointing Officers. If you are asked to take an office, please consider the following before you give your answer, even if it means asking for some time to think it over.

What are the requirements?

For each office, you should know:

- a. Specific duties; e.g., what you would be in charge of, committees you might be expected to serve on, etc.
b. How much time will this take; attending meetings, going to District functions, etc.
c. Are you expected to continue on to the office ahead of you each year until you reach the top?
d. What is your financial obligation over and above your dues? How much help with this

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will you get from your organization? I hope this will prove helpful and that you will be able to say, "yes" when asked. Achieving Don't say, "That's too hard to do." Just say, "I'll achieve." Don't say, "I don't understand." Just say, "I believe." Anne Kreer

Hot Numbers

- Grand Lodge 1-800-3-MASON-4 (362-7664)
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Grand Master Edward R. Trosin, Jr.
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Committees: New Member, Public Involvement & Awareness, The Beacon Project, Masonic News Network, etc.

Masonic Public Awareness

In 2004, the Conference of Grand Masters asked the Masonic Information Center to look into the possibility of creating a National Masonic Public Awareness Program; we accepted the challenge. By accepting that challenge, we assumed a greater responsibility; to test the integrity of what we want to communicate to the public about Freemasonry.

Contemporary writer Thomas Friedman in his book, The World is Flat, quotes Michael Hammer, a business organization consultant who once remarked about an organization in decline, saying: "One thing that tells me a company is in trouble is when they tell me how good they were in the past. The same with countries. You don't want to forget your identity. I am glad you were great in the 14th Century, but that was then and this is now. When memories exceed dreams, the end is near."

Our Masonic memories are to be treasured. Our Masonic dreams have faltered. This report proposes that we have forgotten our Masonic identity so that our memories truly do exceed our dreams. This report is also a call to action. Freemasons must take the initiative to chart our own destiny for a bright and vital future.

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This is a month in which no business will have taken place, so I've decided to pass on some useful information.

Taps
If any of you have ever been to a military funeral in which taps were played, this brings out a new meaning of it. Here is something every American should know. Until I read this, I didn't know, but I checked it out and it's true.

We in the United States have all heard the haunting song, *Taps*. It's the song which gives us that lump in our throats and usually tears in our eyes. But, do you know the story behind the song? If not, I think you will be interested to find out about its humble beginnings.

Reportedly, it all began in 1862 during the Civil War, when Union Army Captain Robert Ellicombe was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land.

During the night, Captain Ellicombe heard the moans of a soldier who lay severely wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the Captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention. Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the Captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment.

When the Captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead. The Captain lit a lantern and suddenly caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier. It was his own son. The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out. Without telling his father, the boy enlisted in the Confederate Army.

The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission of his superiors to give

his son a full military burial, despite his enemy status. His request was only partially granted. The Captain had asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for his son at the funeral. The request was turned down since the soldier was a Confederate. But, out of respect for the father, they did say they could give him only one musician.

The Captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of the dead youth's uniform.

This wish was granted. The haunting melody, we now know as *Taps*...used at military funerals was born.

The words are:
*Day is done,
Gone the sun,
From the lakes,
From the hills,
From the skies.
All is well,
Safely rest,
God is nigh.
Fading light,
Dims the sight,
And a star,
Gems the sky,
Gleaming bright,
From afar.
Drawing nigh,
Falls the night.
Thanks and praise,
For our days,
'Neath the sun,
'Neath the stars,
'Neath the sky,
As we go,
This we know,
God is nigh.*

I, too, have felt the chills while listening to *Taps*, but I have never seen all the words to the song until now. I didn't even know there was more than one verse. I also never knew the story behind the song and I didn't know if you had either, so I thought I'd pass it along.

I now have an even deeper respect for the song than I did before.

Taxes! Taxes! Taxes!
By Tom Michielsen

The leaves are turning bright colors and soon will be falling faster than we can rake them. The sweet smells of apple and pumpkin pies are in the air. Autumn must be here again. That means Winter is coming soon right after Halloween and Thanksgiving.

The Internal Revenue Service reminds teachers and other educators to save their receipts for purchases of books and classroom supplies. These out-of-pocket expenses may lower their 2005 taxes.

The Internal Revenue Service has released new Form 1098-C, Contributions of Motor Vehicles, Boats, and Airplanes. The form is used by donee organizations to report the contribution of qualified vehicles to the Internal Revenue Service. The form may also be used to provide the donor with a contemporaneous written acknowledgment of the contribution.

The Internal Revenue Service, reflecting higher gas prices nationwide, on September 9, 2005, increased the mileage reimbursement rate that workers claim when using their personal cars for work. The standard mileage rate for the period of January 1 through August 31, 2005 is 40 1/2 cents per business mile and 48 1/2 cents for the period of September 1st through December 31, 2005. The 2006 rates have not been determined yet. The commissioner said taxpayers are entitled to a deduction that matches the real cost of operating a vehicle.

Taxpayer due date
October 15th - September Payroll Taxes Due
If you have any tax questions, please forward them to tmichiel@rochester.rr.com.

**Alan Wolfelt's
GRIEF WORDS**
added to CFH Website

Our funeral home website has a new section entitled *GRIEF WORDS* featuring 25 special articles to aid families in grief and caregivers. This new community resource is written by Dr. Alan Wolfelt, a nationally renowned author and lecturer on grief related issues, and the director of the Center For Loss and Life Transition in Colorado.

For people who have lost a loved one or friend the articles are conveniently arranged into five topic areas: General-Grief, Helping Yourself Heal, Helping Others Heal, For/About Grieving Children and Teenagers, and Funerals, Memorials, Cremations and Related Topics.

The website's resources for Caregivers follows the same topic area format but is organized specifically to quickly provide information of interest to caregivers and meet their special needs.

It is our hope that this special *GRIEF WORDS* resource section on our website will be helpful to the community and a source for family and friends to obtain well written materials by a nationally respected author. If you feel that you need more help than these articles provide, we encourage you to join a grief support group or contact your family doctor for additional assistance.

See *GRIEF WORDS* at:
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October 16th
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Lilac Star Chapter, OES

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Monday, November 7th
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**Can't visit the Masonic Care Community?
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The Masonic Care Community of New York is undergoing quite a transformation. To learn more about this new skilled nursing facility at the Health Pavilion, adult care at Wiley Hall, and independent living at Acacia Village, all Brethren and their spouses are cordially invited to visit its beautiful 400-acre campus in Utica. Free bus tours 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!

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The next few months are going to be quite busy for all of us. We just enjoyed the Widows Luncheon and the Interfaith Service and Brunch is coming quickly. Given the state of our country and the world, I see the Interfaith event as a golden opportunity for us to be together under the name of God. It is an opportunity to consider what is really important; truth, morality and fair play, which are essential to the healthy functioning of any community and organization. This is also an opportunity to enjoy a meal and fellowship with your Brothers and their families. The event will include the presentation of the Distinguished Community Service Award to one of our own, R.: W.: Don Darrohn. Brother Don is one of the solid foundations of our Masonic community, and deserves the support and recognition deserving of us all. For all the reasons stated above, please attend.

Grand Officers

The District leadership is forming a Selection and Recommendation Committee for the District Deputy Grand Master and Staff Officers for the 2006 to 2008 period. Applications have been mailed to Lodge Secretaries and can also be obtained from the Purple Club or myself. I have said from the beginning that leadership is the key to the ongoing vitality of this District, and of any organization, as far as that goes. This District is loaded with men who are talented and able to carry out the functions required by a District Grand Lodge Officer. Don't be shy or afraid that you cannot do it. I assure you that there are many Brothers in this District who will support and guide you throughout your journey. Give it some thought.

Volunteer

My challenge to all, is to do one more Masonic thing a month than you did last year. Attend one more meeting. Volunteer for a task. Take a part in the Ritual. Make a suggestion of something you believe would be good for Masonry. Tell somebody who you

haven't, that you are a Mason. Read a book or an article on Masonry. Invite someone who is not a Mason to an open Lodge meeting, perhaps to a Brother Bring-a-Friend Program. By now you probably understand my challenge. I am certain that if you meet my challenge, you will only feel better about Masonry and contribute to its vitality. When you see me, tell me what you have done. If not, I might ask you.

Lastly, I thank you for all that you already do. Having been around more than a year in this capacity, I am proudly aware of the work you do. I walk away from events feeling like a wealthy man who has his plenty. I am proud to be a part of you.

Grand Director of Ceremonies

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With the "active" Masonic year well under way, your Grand Lodge Officers are busy preparing for many upcoming activities.

Change of dates

I wrote in my September article about dates for the Masonic Development Course (MDC). We have decided to change the written dates, to the Spring. The new dates are: January 16th, February 20th, and March 10th. The classes will be conducted each evening at 7:00 p.m. at Wakan/Hubbard Lodge in Penfield. This is an ideal program for all Masons, particularly our newly raised Brothers.

As part of our Official Visits, I plan to present a short discussion on Masonic Etiquette. This subject is very important to Masonry, and seems to be neglected by many. I look forward to visiting your Lodge in the near future.

Grand Sword Bearer

Monroe



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Being the Sword Bearer, sometimes I think that I should never be allowed to carry sharp objects. I find myself in interesting situations while I seek more light and try to distribute a little.

Since I wrote last month's article I have created a little mischief. I also have attended one School of Ritual, have survived one tropical depression, missed a few meetings due to dental surgery, reviewed very positive Child ID Program numbers by several Lodges this Summer, which many of you participated in, attended a wonderful Widows Lun-

cheon, and again on 9/11 attended a very moving memorial service on the Monroe Community College Campus with my son and about 60 others commemorating the 9/11 tragedy. They recognized the efforts of our soldiers in Baghdad and Afghanistan. I also learned that Jason Scheerens (Fairport/Flower City Lodge) is back in this country from his tour of duty in Iraq. Thank God.

I look forward to a busy Fall with Official Visits and planning for the Masonic Development Course with W.: Hugh Woodside and his crew at Wakan/Hubbard Lodge for presentation in January and February. If sufficient interest/need is shown, we might consider another *Road to the East* Program in conjunction with Livingston District.

We have had both great Summer-type weather here and the ravages of Hurricane Katrina and Ophelia have taken their toll in the South. I am impressed with the efforts of our Masters and Wardens group as they have encouraged donations to the relief of victims in New Orleans and Biloxi. I also read of the efforts of Masons in Louisiana who have opened their Lodges to house evacuees.

The Grand Lecturer's Convention is scheduled for October 25th at Fairport/Flower City Lodge.

With regard to the Widows Luncheon, I have discussed with some Brothers the idea of holding two Lodges of Remembrance (one on the East side and one on the West side) to honor the memory of the Brothers and husbands who have passed to the Grand Lodge above. The Widows would be invited to attend a dinner followed by a service to honor the memory of their husbands.

The Masonic Service Bureau members do a wonderful job with the current lunch. The food, atmosphere, fellowship, and entertainment are wonderful. A Lodge of Remembrance would provide an opportunity to further demonstrate our commitment to the widows and to the memory of their husbands.

As I reported last year, the Grand Lodge of Kentucky was the first Masonic Body to undertake an event to honor the widows of our fallen Brothers (1837). Interestingly, the Brothers from Kentucky decided that by having such an event every year they would provide an opportunity to observe the widows over time and be able to talk with them each year to see if their needs were being met. An evening of remembrance would provide such an opportunity. The Concordant Bodies could participate, as well.

Tell me what you think when I see you at Official Visit. See you in the quarries.

Brotherhood Fund

R.:W.:

Derek VanHouten
Monroe District

A hearty welcome to the 2005-2006 Brotherhood Fund Annual Campaign. As District Chairman, I welcome back the Lodge chairmen.

Without their tireless efforts, the \$31,000 + funds that they collected last year, would not have happened. It really all comes down to the generosity of the Brothers and friends who have seen fit to contribute to the Brotherhood Fund. In later issues, we will examine the different programs that benefit from your contributions and generosity.

A note to the Masters of Monroe District

Please either email me at: hooter95@rochester.rr.com, or call me at 247-2920 and let me know the name of your Chairman. I know there have been some changes from last year, and I REALLY need to know who now is in that position. If I don't hear from you, I will call or visit your Lodge.

If last year's Chairman will not be continuing, please pass on any material that you may have to the new Brother who is taking over. Instead of sending out new kits each year, it is hoped that there will be some savings State-wide, so that more monies can go to the Fund.

With the recent Hurricane Katrina and the desire to contribute to that effort, it has been announced that a special fund has been formed. Just write on the check "Hurricane Katrina Fund." Grand Lodge will submit its contributions at the end of the year. Any donation to the Brotherhood Fund is Tax Deductable.

If any Lodge Chairman has any questions or problems, you know where to find me. Thank you for your continuing efforts to be of service to your Lodges and to the Grand Lodge.

Member Development

R.:W.:

Joseph Privitera
Monroe District

Another start

I'm baaaack! Yes, Joe is back from the cottage. It was a great Summer. I spent time with the grandchildren, working on the place and meeting new and old friends. I even made my Widows Luncheon phone calls from the cottage. At ten cents a minute, it beats buying gas to come home. However, the other side is that being away for a while, my place here turned into a jungle. Thanks to my son, the lawn got mowed, but otherwise there was a preponderance of weeds and the roses went a little wild.

Maybe the same has happened to your Lodge and the District. It is time to roll up our sleeves and straighten things up a bit, maybe a lot. It is time to freshen our attitudes and get back on track. Time to put all that negative stuff in the garbage, quit pointing fingers and think of positive ways to accomplish the goals we have set for ourselves and Masonry.

Widows Luncheon

The Widows Luncheon was held on September 10th. Many thanks to Linda Zahn, Leon and Beverly VanHuben, Skip Waterstreet and Barbara Goodrich for all their efforts to make this event a success. I also thank the many Brothers who worked on the sidelines with the calling, driving and the all-around support of this activity. If your Lodge needs

assistance in setting up any aspect of a widows program, or a data base for your widows, all you have to do is call. Look under the list of hot numbers on page 2 of this publication for my contact number.

Have a great Masonic year and I will see you in Lodge.



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It's good to be back. I am really looking forward to working with Joe and visiting each of the Lodges this year. I thank each of the Brothers who showed at our first School of Ritual. We are looking forward to some good competition for the attendance banner this year.

Grand Master's Edict

The edict is still in effect this year and will continue to be until it is repealed at a Grand Lodge session, and there is no sign of that happening anytime soon. Joe has sent each Master a form that needs to be filled out and returned by October 1st. All parts of each Degree must be done in order for the Degree to be certified. If multiple Lodges are planning on putting on a combined Degree, this can only be certified for one of the Lodges. Therefore each Lodge will need to confer a Degree on their own. The elected and appointed Officers of your Lodge are required to do the work for the first section, although you may enlist past Masters and Brothers of other Lodges to assist in the lectures, Q&A's and charges.

Cipher Books

According to Section 366 of the Constitution of our Grand Lodge, the ONLY acceptable version of Ritual in this jurisdiction is the 2001 edition of *The Standard Work of Ancient Craft Masonry*. If your Officers are still using the individual books, it is essential that they get copies of the new book. Any evaluation of Ritual by your AGL's or our Grand Lodge Officers will be done from this book.

One way to ensure your Officers are using the right book is to have each Lodge purchase it for them. These Officers have been good enough to donate their time and efforts to make our Lodges successful; the least we can do is to provide them with the proper tools for their labors. For your newly raised Brothers, the Scottish Rite will provide them with a free copy of the new book. Each Lodge should contact their Scottish Rite Representative or contact Joe with a list of your new Brothers.

Upcoming events

October 25th is the Grand Lecturer's Convention at Fairport/Flower City Lodge. The work for the evening is the 1st section of the Fellowcraft Degree performed by Fame Lodge. There will be a dinner at 6:30 p.m. I will be sending reservation requests to each Lodge soon.



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As the Masonic year continues, we are beginning to address some of the administrative items identified earlier. The By-Laws have been located. Since they date back to the First and Second Monroe Districts, the By-Laws are being reviewed for proposed revisions to make them current. We are in the process of developing an operating budget.

No October meeting!!

At the suggestion of our District Deputy, I have decided to cancel our previously scheduled gathering on October 19th. This is being done so that we can better support the Valley of Rochester's Symbolic Lodge Awards, which will be held at the Damascus Shrine Center on October 20th at 8 p.m. Please make every effort to attend.

November meeting

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

At our November gathering, I would like to have an open discussion about membership retention following the Spring 2003 One-Day Class. I would like to hear comparisons to your normal retention levels, and discuss the Masonic education programs used by each Lodge in both situations. Importantly, I would like to discuss what has become of the Brothers who became Masons during the One-Day Class, specifically with respect to their current level of activity in the Lodge. I think that this important discussion can help all of us to improve our Masonic education programs and assist in membership retention going forward, and I encourage you to come prepared to contribute to the discussion. We look forward to seeing you. ✕

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I am glad to announce that Brother Burt Brown is home and recovering from a stay in the hospital. We all wish him a speedy recovery and hope to see him in Lodge soon.

Our Brethren from the Ionic Lodge in Brampton have visited us and we are planning for a celebration of our ties

throughout the Masonic Year.

Brother Mark Ellwanger and his wife, Cathy, generously opened their home for the visit during the afternoon, after which we shared dinner at the Oatka Hotel before proceeding to Lodge where the history of our friendship was renewed. Plans for a further celebration in the Spring were discussed.

Our second communication for October 26th will be a celebration of the 3rd Degree. All Brethren are encouraged to attend and support this fine young man.

November

Please note our November meeting on the 9th will be our Official Visit by R.: W.: Lew Perna. Dinner is planned before the meeting and formal dress is required. Further details will be available by the time you read this.

Our December meeting will be a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. Please forward the names of those men you feel we should invite to share in our Fraternity. ✕

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As the residents of the Gulf Coast were so deeply affected by Hurricane Katrina and will try to piece their lives back together, this is a time to reflect on the blessings of our lives and the many things we take for granted. As we do, we must accept the responsibility of reaching out to help those in need. I know that many of you have done just that, and I encourage you to continue to keep those people in mind over the next several months. There will be no quick solution to this relief effort, and we must do what we can to help.

Busy month

The month of October will be another busy one for us, with a number of important events on the trestleboard. Preliminary information concerning each event is below. As a general rule, dinner reservations can be made with Ron Lalik, our Junior Warden. Ron can be reached at 377-0097, or via email at: ronlalik@rochester.rr.com.

Official Visit

Our regular communication on Monday, October 10th, will



Service Awards were given by W.: Hugh Woodside to Brothers Glynn Reynolds (65 years) and Charles Delles (55 years)

feature a stag dinner to be served at 6:30 p.m. Our featured speaker for the evening will be R.: W.: Lew Perna, District Deputy Grand Master, as he makes his Official Visit to Wakan/Hubbard Lodge. We look forward to seeing Lew, and hearing about the Grand Lodge's priorities for the year. Please join us. Send your dinner reservations in to our Junior Warden, Ron Lalik.

Interfaith Service and Brunch

I have tickets for the Interfaith Brunch, to be held on Sunday, October 16th, 10 a.m. at Logan's Party House. The cost is \$12 per person, and the event is open to all. Please see me at Lodge or call to reserve a seat. I need to RSVP on behalf of the Lodge by October 8th.

Symbolic Lodge Awards

The Symbolic Lodge Awards Night is to be held at the Damascus Shrine Center on Thursday, October 20th, at 8 p.m. The Symbolic Lodge Awards, hosted annually by the Valley of Rochester AASR, are meant to be a celebration of Blue Lodge Masonry and to honor a Brother from each Lodge for his dedication and service to the Fraternity. This year, please join me in honoring Roger Lynch, our Marshal, who was recognized by your Officers for his great attitude and willingness to assist in the Lodge's work. Brothers such as Roger set a great example for all of us to follow. As an added bonus, the guest speaker for the evening will be M.: W.: Edward R. Trosin, Grand Master of Masons for the State of New York. This will be a great opportunity for fellowship, and I encourage you to attend.

Octoberfest

The Lodge's Octoberfest celebration will be held on Friday, October 21st, at the Lodge. The event is for Brothers and their spouses, and promises to be an enjoyable evening. The festivities will begin at 7 p.m., featuring German food and beer, together with music and good cheer. Bring your beer stein and a big smile! Details on costs and reservations will follow.

Masonry in Hungary and Austria

The program for our regular communication on Monday, October 24th, will be special. A close friend of mine was raised in Corvin Mathias Lodge in Budapest, Hungary, shortly after World War II. He was a young professor of Physics at the university in Budapest during the war, and used his position to save a number of Jews from Nazi persecution—saving their lives and risking his own. He and his wife escaped Hungary in 1957, as it was being taken over by the Communist regime, fleeing to Hungary and eventually to the United States where he went on to have a very successful career. Their flight to freedom and transition to life in the United States was made easier by Masons in three countries.

In 1963, he delivered a presentation to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts concerning Masonry in Hungary and Austria. While my dear friend passed on a number of years ago, I am fortunate to be able to share this presentation with you, together with Masonic artifacts from his lifetime. Please consider joining us for

the evening—you won't be disappointed.

Grand Lecturer's Convention

The Grand Lecturer's Convention will be held on Tuesday, October 25th at Fairport/Flower City Lodge. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m., and reservations are required. The work will begin at 7:30 p.m., and will consist of the first section of the Fellowcraft Degree, to be conferred by Fame Lodge. While I encourage all Brothers to attend, it is particularly important that the top seven Officers be at this event (Master, Wardens, Deacons, and Masters of Ceremony) so that we can qualify for the Howard Potts Award. I look forward to seeing you all there!

Master's Message

We just recently held our first meeting of the Fall, and I am happy to report some progress on the building situation. Our tenant vacancy continues to be advertised and we have had some interest, although nothing was firm at the time this article was written. One of the main issues is the condition of the front façade, a question that has been raised in all cases. Following a productive discussion at our September 12th communication, spending was authorized to repair the façade. Spending was also authorized to address two other issues; the fire suppressant system in the kitchen and the drain on the roof that has been causing us trouble during the past two Winters. By the time you read this, I trust that some progress will have been made in doing the repairs.

Changes

Our December 12 communication this year will include special mid-year elections to fill two expected vacancies in our Officer line. Paul Kober, DSA, who has been our Treasurer for a number of years, has advised me that he would like to retire before the end of this year. We should all take a minute to thank Paul for his many years of service to the Lodge, and wish him well.

The second expected vacancy is in the office of Senior Deacon. David Burch and his family have recently relocated to Cooperstown, New York. David and his family have strong family and professional motivations for making the move, and are excited about their future in Cooperstown. Please take a moment to wish him well. David has already proven to be a very capable Ritualist and a responsible Officer, and his contributions to Wakan/Hubbard will be missed. However, his work will keep him in the Rochester area during the early part of each week, enabling him to remain active in the Lodge until we can find someone to replace him. I would like to identify a replacement by December, to give the new Officer some time in the Senior Deacon's chair before the next Masonic year.

There will be open elections, with nominations taken from

the floor, for both of these positions for the balance of the 2005-2006 Masonic year. If you are interested in either of these positions, contact me directly. Newly elected Officers will be installed at our December 12th communication. ✕

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Bring-a-Friend

Our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night was a success. Two petitions were turned in, and a possible affiliation is also in the works. The night started with a fine Chicken French Dinner with all the trimmings provided by the Senior Warden, Richard DeCroce. Adjourning to the Lodge room following dinner, the Candidates were given a short low key presentation by W.: Gary Burke, R.: W.: Paul Gleason and W.: Glenn Stahl, about who and what Masonry is all about, with a short history of our Lodge. Many thanks Gary, for putting the presentation together.

Disaster Relief

Grand Lodge has requested all Lodges to make a contribution towards helping our Brothers and Sisters and the people who suffered losses during the Katrina Hurricane in Louisiana and Mississippi. A discussion was held at the Officer's meeting and it was decided that we should give a thousand dollars. The proposal was presented at the Lodge meeting for a vote. All those present agreed. Should anyone wish to make an additional donation, make your check out to the "Masonic Brotherhood Fund," with a notation that it is for "Disaster Relief," and forward it to Grand Lodge at 71 West 23rd Street, New York, NY 10010-4171. Your donation is tax deductible.

Widows Luncheon

The Annual Widows Luncheon was held at Logan's this year. While the Lodge has several widows, R.: W.: Mat Gingold, Lodge Chairman for the event, reported we had more Lodge Brothers than Ladies present this year. Ladies who attended as guests of our Lodge were: Grace Revier (Lemuel), Wilma Korth (William, 1936 Master) and Joan M. Wilson (Robert). They each had many stories to relate about their husbands, and we thank them for sharing their day with us.

October events

October 11th is a regular communication. There will be a dinner at 6:30 p.m. Reservations are nice for planning, but

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it appears that I am the only one who thinks so. A program is planned. Bill Scheer is bringing the dessert. This fact alone should make you want to attend. This month he brought Cheese Cake. Thank you, Bill.

Officers will meet for planning on October 4th at the Country Kitchen on Long Pond Road. Dinner at 6:00 p.m., business at 6:30.

The Grand Lecturer's Convention is on October 25th. At 7:30 p.m., all Officers, elected and appointed, are expected to attend. Please make plans to do so now.

Craftsman Robertson Lodge No. 969
1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.



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What has five letters, wiggles and jiggles, comes in many flavors, you can see through it and Bill Cosby sells it? It is JELLO and at our next dinner meeting at the Nutcracker on October 4th we are having as a guest speaker a spokesperson from the Jello Museum in LeRoy, New York. Please come out and enjoy the fellowship of the Brothers and Ladies.

I thank the following widows who came out to the Widows Luncheon on September 10th: Mrs. Barbara Goodrich; Mrs. Alice Coon; Mrs. Lelia Miner; Mrs. Fran Cranston; Mrs. Caroline Webster; Mrs. Marguerite Bodane; Mrs. Dorothy Seville; and Mrs. Doris Eleoff. Two additional ladies wanted to come, but distance was a problem: Mrs. Gladys Bonnington and Mrs. Vicki Lee, with whom I wrote to and spoke. A special tip of the Master's Hat to Brother Royden Guess, who represented me at the Luncheon, as I had a speaking engagement in the North Country. Our Widows are very important to our Lodge, as they represent many faithful Brothers who have labored in the quarries of No. 969. We thank them for their devotion. You are all most welcome at any open function.

Official Visit

In October the District Deputy and his Staff Officers will be warmly welcomed to our Lodge for our Official Visit. Please make the effort to join us as we will hear the Grand Master's Message.

Condolences

It's my sad duty to report the passing of the following Brothers over the Summer. Brothers Robert Linderman, Fred-

ric Lang, William Kicherer, and Donald Deback. They will be missed.

Concerns

We hope that the recent Hurricane Katrina has spared any homes of our Brothers who may have relocated over the years to the South. A dear friend of mine, who lives in Cape Coral, had his other house in Tennessee damaged as a side result of Katrina when a tree fell on his home. We know that our prayers are with those Brothers and ladies who have been affected.

Happy Birthday

I would be remiss if we did not acknowledge our Birthday celebrants for the month of October. If you see the following Brothers, wish them a Happy Birthday: Victor Anderson, Phillip Cissell, Kevin Hook, Gabriel Milonni, Joseph Roe, Raymond Ross, Charles Rupert, and Richard Smith.


I thank the 25 or so Brothers who returned the survey sheets which we sent out to get a feel on your concerns. We will discuss the results in later meetings. I received lengthy letters from three Brothers and I thank them for their candor and telling it as it is.

Congratulations!

W.: Volney Frankel will be the recipient of the Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Award, representing Craftsman Robertson Lodge, on October 20th at the Shrine Center. If you are able, please attend to support Brother Volney.

In closing, a note on the word 'CANDOR' which is referenced above: James Fennimore Cooper said; "Candor is a proof of both a just frame of mind and of a good tone of breeding."

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Due to a typographical error, the Clio article last month stated September 6th as our first meeting and Official Visit date instead of September 20th. Therefore, we decided to have an unofficial meeting on the 6th and review our Opening and Closing and Official Visit Protocol. I am sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused. Our Secretary sent out emails to all those Brothers for whom we have addresses and I made phone calls to notify as many Brothers as I could of the typo. Hopefully, we had a good turnout on the 20th, the third Tuesday of September, for our first meeting and Official Visit.

Widows Luncheon Report

A dozen letters were sent out to our local widows by W.: Dale Polmateer, who invited them to the luncheon. We had one positive response, and a couple were returned for incorrect addresses or no forwarding address.

W.: Dale is also working on bringing our phone number and email address roster up to date. What a job! If you are not receiving emails from our Secretary, W.: Sean Noonan, send him your address at snoonan@esl.org. Also include your up-to-date phone number. No computer? Give us a call at one of the phone numbers at the beginning of this article.

Brother Larry McCracken called me to say hello and to be sure the Lodge had his up-to-date email and phone number. Brother Larry will be working in the Indianapolis, Indiana area until May of 2006. We wish him well.

W.: David Upham has been appointed by me to head up our Clio website. He has asked Brother Scott Blystone to give him a hand. W.: Dave has been working with Brother Skip Waterstreet to see what may be available through the Masonic Service Bureau's site, etc. I will keep you posted.

Lodge cleanup

Clio Lodge cleanup was held August 20th. Present were: W.: Harry DeHollander; Senior Warden, Steve Mitchell; Treasurer, Frank Sassone; Junior Deacon and Trustee, Frank Celona; Past Master and Trustee, J. David Goodrich and Past Master, Stu Brickman.

Brother William Hunn gave us a pep talk, then left to get his truck repaired. Brother Bill will return with his ten wheeler and pull out the stumps and root balls after we remove the top growth. Shrubs and vines were removed from the front and rear of the Lodge building. The old metal building at the rear of our Lodge building was dismantled and flattened. All the debris, consisting of old iron and plastic pipe, as well as some old pieces of lumber, were cut up and piled for removal. Cement blocks and pieces of same were used to shore up the bank at the southeast corner of the property. All the debris was taken to the Village Highway Department in Brother Mitchell's old Dodge truck. Brother Mitchell was picking up his new Chevy truck on Tuesday, so it was then or never; not in his new truck, anyway.

The front Lodge gutter was cleaned by Brother Frank Sassone, lying on his stomach on the roof scooping out the trash with what looked like the Master's trowel. He was up there so long we all thought he was taking a nap. Inside the Lodge many overhead plastic light panels were removed and new ones cut to size and installed. We did not get all the work done that had been planned, but we did have a good time.

New motion-sensor lighting has been installed outside around the entrance and on the rear over the two separate doors; some inside switches have been changed in order to control the new lighting.

A big thank you to Brother Tony Panella, our Junior Master of Ceremony, for his work

installing the reinforcement brackets which hold our Past Masters pictures on the wall in the front waiting room; also for the professional looking installation of a new slider door opening in the outer door between the Senior Deacon and Tiler. Brother Tony took the door home and did the work in his shop.

On Monday, August 29th, several Clio Officers and Brothers attended the School of Ritual at Wakan/Hubbard Lodge in Penfield. Opening, Closing and Balloting were the subjects for the evening. It was a very informative meeting.

Upcoming Events

In October, our first meeting will be on the 4th, which is a regular Stated Communication and General Business meeting. Our second meeting in October will be on the 18th. This is a scheduled 1st Degree with the Master, Harry DeHollander in the East. We are uncertain at this time as to the number of candidates; we could possibly have three. There will be a Degree practice at the Lodge on Sunday, October 16th at 7:00 p.m.

Our October Spaghetti Dinners are on the 12th and the 26th. Help support our Lodge by joining us for dinner. Serving 4:30-7:00 p.m., or until sold out.

Condolences

The Lodge Brothers extend their sympathy to Brother Scott and Betty Blystone and their family on the passing of Doris Andrews, Betty's mother.

Also on a sad note was the passing on September 9th of Sister Marilyn Judd, a long-time member of Leah Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star in Hilton, and the widow of Brother Roger Judd of Clio Lodge. We extend our sympathy to the family.

Sickness and Distress

The good news under this heading is that W.: Jerry Jones' wife had her gallbladder removed and is recovering just fine. Brother Jerry tells us she can now eat food that she has not been able to for quite some time.


Brother Douglas DeHollander, the youngest son of W.: Harry DeHollander, has returned to work after being out for several weeks with a back problem he incurred while on a birthday outing with his family at Seabreeze Park. Hopefully, special stretching and exercises will remedy the problem.

Good news!

1st Lt. Nathan Thompson has returned from Camp Liberty in Iraq and is now at Fort Dix. He will soon be home and we are all happy that he returned unscathed.

In God We Trust!

ERAC Lodge No. 163
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The Lodge Kickoff on September 12th was a huge suc-



W.: Steven Lysenko presenting ERAC's donation to W.: Skip Waterstreet for Masonic Service Bureau and Camp DeMolay

cess! We began with a sumptuous dinner planned and executed by our Junior Warden, Sean McKenna. Brother Paul Gleason delivered a poignant message how we can support one another, like the bricks of a wall, and work together to make our community stronger. I introduced the "Trestleboard Made by Men," a tool to be used by our Brothers to publicize events, sign up for community service, and share information with the Lodge. Truly, my Brothers, everything we do as a Lodge relies on the acts of individual Brothers acting selflessly. I encourage you to take the initiative to embrace a cause and raise it up to the Lodge for its support, or find length in your cabletow to support causes brought forward by other Brothers.

Special evening

The ERAC Awards Night was a very special evening for all in attendance. We took time to honor several Brothers for their many years of service to the Lodge. Of note, Brother John G. Wihlen received his 60-year Pin and Certificate. "Well done, good and faithful servant." The following Brothers received recognition for 50 years of service or more: 50 years - M. William Allen, Glenn O. Brown, Andrew A. Carafos, Wesley W. Hyde, Fred L. Maas, Jr. and Frank Voegtle; 55 years - Leland G. Comstock, Harry T. Mangurian, Jr., Raymond G. Nersinger, Jr., Paul C. Willard and Theodor Sotir; 60 years - Alvin E. Boss and John G. Wihlen.

Monday Night Football on the big screen has been a big success! Many Brothers have stayed after the meeting and taken advantage of the Shrine facilities. If you have a favorite snack that you'd like to share with the Brothers, please consider bringing it. I think that this added attraction is helping to make our new "house" at the Shrine Center more of a "home."

On Friday, September 16th, ERAC sponsored the first Mental Health Discussion at the Shrine Center. Thank you, Brothers Tony Ghaemi, Mike Batz, Lew Perna and George Nasra for planning this event, and Mrs. Meg Greenaway, for serving on the discussion panel. This is a very timely service for not only our Lodge, but for our community.

Hurricane Relief

Brothers, at our September kickoff meeting, we raised \$107 for hurricane relief efforts. Later this month, you will be receiving a notice from our new Brotherhood Fund Chairman, Brother Geoff Buell. I would encourage all of you to contribute to the relief of our fellow Americans through this important charity.

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W.: George Nasra receiving his Past Master's Apron from W.: Steve Lysenko.

At Work in the Quarries

The ERAC service project for the month of October will be cooking and serving dinner at the Ronald McDonald House. Brother Greenaway is spearheading this effort. Contact him at 527-8802. Rich has also reserved the 4th Thursday of the months of November and December for ERAC to provide dinners. Please assist Brother Rich in this very important work.

Coming to you in October

October will be a very busy month. Monday, October 10th will be the ERAC Table Lodge/Brother Bring-a-Friend Program, one of our signature events. Please forward the names and addresses of potential candidates to our secretary at:

twihlen@rochester.rr.com, or give him a call at 346-4380, so these honored guests can be properly invited. "Friends" will eat for free, while Brothers will pay \$15. Our Junior Warden has ensured me that we will be impressed with the spread that he has planned for us, and our Stewards will be ready to keep the wine and fellowship flowing. Cocktail hour will start at 5:30 p.m., and the Festive Lodge at Table will begin at 6:30. Brothers George Nasra and James Jenerson will be coordinating the Brother Bring-a-Friend Program for the evening. Please make yourself available to assist in making this program a success. Please call or email your reservations to our Junior Warden, Brother Sean McKenna, at 383-9161 or at: seanmckenna@eracodge163.org

ERAC has been invited to visit Eureka Lodge for their regular meeting and dinner on Saturday, October 15th at 4 p.m. We will meet at the Unity Hospital St. Mary's Campus parking garage at 3:30 and then car pool to the Lodge. Please RSVP to me at: stevenlysenko@eracodge163.org or call at 671-2606 so that we can give our Brothers at Eureka an accurate dinner count.

On Monday, October 24th, ERAC will be having its Official Visit. Come hear ERAC's own R.: W.: Lew Perna, DDGM, deliver the Grand Master's message for the year. Support your Officer line by coming out for this important program.

Sickness and distress

The brother of our Senior Deacon, Brother James B. Jenerson, passed away on Monday, September 12. Brian Jenerson lost his valiant battle with cancer at the age of 41. Please reach out to this Brother and his family in their time of sorrow.

Brother John Crough had surgery for prostate cancer in September and is currently undergoing treatment for this condition. Please keep this Brother in your thoughts and prayers.

October Birthdays

Please take a moment to wish our Brothers a Happy October Birthday: 1st-Harry Mangurian Jr.; 4th-George Heisel and Maury Solomon; 5th-Warren Pearse, Jr.; 9th-Walters Nyambi; 12th-Michael Johnson; 14th-Dominic Dezio; 15th-Jerrold Engel; 16th-Mike Batz; 17th-Gerald Harradine; 19th-Gary Cassia; 20th-David Weiser; 26th-Ken Bumpus and Ralph Smith; 27th-Vincent Cropro and 31st-Robert Couse.

In closing, my Brothers, I am proud of our Lodge and all we are doing to build not only spiritual edifices, but also a community of Brothers and friends. Press on in your individual labors; our whole community will reap the benefits.

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

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Well, we did it again, starting the year off with a nice warm 90° meeting room. The first meeting with all of our new Officers went well and everyone knew his part. Thanks to all for learning their parts during the Summer months.

I thank R.: W.: Robert Sanford for taking care of the arrangements for the Widows Luncheon held at Logan's Party House for our Lodge this year. We had five ladies attend with R.: W.: Sanford and me.

The Lodge cleaning schedule for this year is on the bulletin board. If you are unable to make your appointed time, please find your replacement. We have added an additional member to each group. Remember that many hands make for light work.

We still have a few Brothers who are in arrears for their dues. Please contact our Secretary, Rob Sweeney at 381-5286.

If there are some Brothers who need transportation to and from our Lodge and/or activities, please give me a call. We can make it happen.

Degree

We will be having a 1st Degree on October 10th at 7:30 p.m. There will be a dinner prior to the Degree at 6:30 p.m. If you missed making a reservation, please contact me at 425-4240.

On Saturday, October 15th, 7:00 p.m., the Fellowcraft Club has a social night planned. This one will be held at the Lodge and consist of games for the evening. If you have some

thoughts on activities, please let Gene Gordon know.

On Thursday, October 20th, 8:00 p.m., the Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Awards Night will be held at the Shrine Center in Webster. The main speaker for the evening is M.: W.: Edward R. Trosin, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

On Tuesday, October 25th, 7:30 p.m., the Grand Lecturer's Convention will be held at Fairport/Flower City Lodge. There will be a dinner at 6:30 p.m. and reservations are required. Please let me know if you plan to attend dinner by October 10th. I will make our Lodge reservations.

I look forward to working with all of you to keep our Lodge growing and improving. Please let me know of any ideas that you may have. ✕

WEBSTER LODGE NO. 538
1st & 3rd
Thursdays
7:30 p.m.
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My Brothers, as you read this I am certain that Mother Nature has begun to display her magnificence as she does every year at this time in our neck of the woods. It is far and away my most favorite season. If you are an outdoorsman, you, too, are likely invigorated by this season. The smell of drying leaves and of smoke from warming fires, the beauty of the Fall colors, the crisp coolness in the air, later sunrises and earlier sunsets, clear nights spangled with the most magnificent heralds of the infinite glory of our divine creator, all impact our psyche in such a way that we are compelled to be outdoors and in the midst of nature. It is part of the divine plan and the natural order that whitetail bucks enter the rut, large mouth bass and northern pike bulk up, King Salmon spawn, water fowl migrate South, and men feel the urges to pursue game. If you do not hunt or fish, still you must admit the unique impression made on you by the various sensory inputs of the season. Let's all be sure to find some time to get out there and enjoy.

I have often contemplated whether the change of seasons in any way mirrors our life cycles. Certainly, there are similarities. It occurs to me that Spring, Summer and Fall are in some ways similar to youth, manhood, and age. This being said, what about Winter,

LET'S CHAT SESSION
Deputy Grand Master
Neil I. Bidnick
Webster Lodge
30 Orchard Street
Saturday
October 8, 2005
8:15 a.m. - 12 noon

a time of dormancy in nature? Is there some similarity here to what becomes of us? One thing seems certain to me. As leaves fall from trees to fertilize our mother earth, so do we fall having left a lasting impression on mankind from which the future sprouts. This is Masonry so vitally important!

The future depends on how we live our lives today. The spiritual temples we erect as Masons in this life stand as spiritual monuments we leave behind which mold the future of our world. Imagine if all men were Masons?

On September 15th, we held a Brother Bring-a-Friend Program which was well attended. My sincere thanks to our District Deputy, R.: W.: Lew Perna, for being there to support this important program; R.: W.: Rich Friedman, R.: W.: Bruce Chilton, W.: Brad Lewis and Brother Niketas Haldoupi, DSA, for making presentations to our prospective candidates and guests; and to our Junior Deacon, Ed Malchoff, for a superb sausage and corn roast. As a large part of our labors, it is now time to interview, ballot on, initiate, pass, and raise new Master Masons. Let's all take on a roll in support of this process by either volunteering for an interview committee, by taking a part in one or more of our three Degrees, or by simply getting to Lodge to support our candidates. Raising Master Masons is an essential part of the future of our Lodge.

October

Our October calendar begins with the return of our District Deputy R.: W.: Lew Perna for his Official Visit on October 6th. We will have a dinner this night so please get your reservations in to our Junior Warden. Officers, the attire of the evening is formal.

On Friday, October 7th, will be our first Spaghetti Dinner of the year. We need cooks, servers, and cleanup personnel, so please come out and help and/or enjoy a delicious Spaghetti Dinner for a great price. Our beneficiary for this event will be Junior Girl Scout

Troop No. 490, to which all proceeds will go.

On Thursday, October 13th, our Fellowcraft Club meets at the Lodge. Please watch the e-mail list or call club president, W.: John Merz, for details.

On Thursday, October 20th, the Valley of Rochester Consistory (AASR) will hold a Symbolic Lodge Awards Night at the Shrine Center, 979 Bay Road, starting at 8:00 p.m. It has been the tradition of Webster Lodge to very enthusiastically support our award recipient. Please come to enjoy the fun and hear the address of M.: W.: Edward R. Trosin, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, who is the main speaker of the evening. This program supersedes our regular communication.

Tuesday, October 25th will be the Grand Lecturer's Convention at Fairport/Flower City Lodge. A dinner will precede the Convention and reservations are required. Please contact me if you plan to attend. Officers, please make sure you can attend so we can collect the Howard Potts Award for two years running! We need our top seven including WM, SW, JW, SD, JD, SMC, and JMC to all be there. The work of the evening will be the first section of the Fellowcraft Degree, which will be performed by Fame Lodge.

Looking ahead to November, we have what will surely be a very interesting and informative program on the Morgan incident on November 3rd. Our Historian, W.: Tom Pellett, Jr., will be making the presentation and showing a film recorded in the 1930's.

On November 4th will be our Spaghetti Dinner, and on November 17th we will confer the Entered Apprentice Degree.

In closing, Brothers, I encourage you to come out and support your Lodge. If you haven't attended in a while, there's no better time than now. I am more than happy to help you discretely refresh your signs, grips and words.

See you on the level. ✕

Visit a Masonic War Veteran




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I hope this month finds you and yours well and happy.

At our first meeting we had what has become traditionally known as "hot dog night." This is usually held on the first Fall meeting of the year and involves Zweigle hot dogs, reds and whites, of course, dishes to pass of different yummy things and, of course, fellowship. We also held a short meeting concentrating on the opening and closing Ritual. We need a little work on the Ritual, but a fun time was had by all. Study your books, guys.

Our Northfield Masonic Picnic was held on August 13th in the back yard of my home. About 35 Brothers and their families attended and great food and fun was had by all. Special thanks to W.: Dean Smith for making sure that calls were made, and to my wife, Debby, who made up goody bags for the children and a man's and woman's basket which we raffled off. She made a piñata for the kids to take swings at. Max Buck, son of Brother Jon Buck, dealt the final blow which sent the contents showering to the ground. All the kids scrambled to gather the candy and the other items. It was a good day.

Food Cupboard

There will be a box placed in the dining hall labeled "Pittsford Food Cupboard." We will be collecting non-perishable food items such as canned and boxed foods and paper goods. I would like to see everyone bring one or two items to every meeting so we can fill the box and deliver many times throughout my year as Master. After all, this is why we are here.

Widows Luncheon

The Monroe Districts Annual Widows Luncheon was held on September 10th. Northfield Lodge had five widows in attendance: Lucile Adams, Jean



Northfield Lodge widows at Luncheon (from left) Dorothy Luke, Jean Bradshaw, Lucile Adams, Rose Thibaut and Mary Foss.

Bradshaw, Dorothy Luke, Mary Foss and Rose Thibaut, wife of our dearly departed RW Jack Thibaut. R.: W.: William Spillane presented Rose with a Pin. We love you, Rose! My thanks to W.: Glenn Hedges for his help coordinating this event and to W.: John Dudley for taking pictures for us to share. It was said that R.: W.: Spillane looked like a thorn among the roses!

October

At the October 6th meeting there will be a dinner. Maybe we can get a card game going afterward. Come on out, we'll have fun. More information at Lodge. Reservations will be needed, so if you plan to attend, contact W.: Dean Smith at 248-9298.

The Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Awards will be presented October 20th. We will be opening Lodge at 6:30 p.m. for a short meeting and then we will head out to the Shrine Center on Bay Road in Webster. I have selected a recipient and will make an announcement at Lodge.


Official Visit

The November 3rd meeting will be the Official Visit. I have scheduled a Pot Luck Dinner to be at 6:30 p.m., with the meeting to follow. Expect a call from the Calling Committee.

Brothers, I would like to make an appeal to you. Our Lodge, like many other Lodges, is experiencing a severe decline in membership, which is going to dictate how long we will be able to meet as we have in our building for the last 100+ years. I am asking you to invite your friends, neighbors, co-workers, relatives, grandsons and good men who can make our great Fraternity even greater. If you thought it was good for you, why not them?

See you in Lodge. ✕

UNITY
Lodge No. 479



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

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We have air conditioning! A much needed improvement to the Lodge will make those late Spring, early Autumn meetings more comfortable. Thank you to all the Trustees who put forth the effort in bringing this luxury to the Lodge.

On Saturday, September 10th the annual Widow's Luncheon was held. We had seven Brothers play host to 13-widows of Unity Lodge. Good conversation and tasty food made for an excellent time. Our own Brother Karl Reich provided the musical entertainment. Grace Jackson, the widow of Brother Richard Jackson, was presented her Widow's Pin, due to the passing of Brother Jackson in 2005.

September 12th was our first meeting and we kicked-off the new year with a Table Lodge. There were many Brothers in attendance, as well as a number of guests. Mike Edelman did a fantastic job on the steaks and our Junior Warden, Don Hunter, did an outstanding job organizing the event. Toast No. 4 of the Festive Board honors the Masonic Creed of Friendship, Morality and Brotherly Love, which was quite evident among the Brethren during this special night.

On September 14th we held a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night at the Lodge. It was attended by a number of prospective candidates for the Fall class. I encourage any Brother who

knows someone who is interested in becoming a Mason and joining our Lodge to get their petition in to Cliff Short or myself. There is always room for more good men to be made better.

Our second meeting in September featured a Past Master's Night. The Lodge recognized Past Masters of the Fraternity for all their dedication, wisdom, and hard work in bringing the Craft to what we represent today. A special Certificate of Recognition was presented to those Past Masters in attendance.


October

The first meeting in October will be the Entered Apprentice Degree. As always, we would appreciate a strong turnout from the Brothers in support of the candidates taking their Degree. The Officers will open the Lodge at 6:00 p.m. and the Junior Warden will call the Craft from labor to refreshment so that we can have dinner at 6:30 p.m. We will resume our labors at 7:30 p.m. The menu will be Roast Chicken, potato, vegetable, and biscuits. Cost is \$8.00 per person and reservations must be made with our Junior Warden, Don Hunter, at 746-3718. Rehearsal for the Degree will be on October 5th at 7:00 p.m.

The second meeting in October will be a budget meeting to plan for 2006 income and expenditures. Please plan on attending this informative meeting.

Lastly, a new special committee was formed to handle our bi-annual Blood Drive. The committee members are the Master and the Senior and Junior Deacons. The Senior Deacon will chair the committee and prepare the Junior Deacon to assume the responsibility for the ensuing year. The committee will work closely with the Red Cross in planning the event, and the committee members will recruit volunteers to help promote, setup and breakdown on the day of the drive. ✕

FAME
Lodge No. 722



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

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Our first meeting for the month of October will be the 11th and there will be a Chicken Parmesan Dinner at 6:30 p.m. at a cost of \$8.00 per person. We will have our Lodge meeting at 7:30 p.m.

The second Lodge meeting of the month will be the 25th of October at 7:30 p.m. There will be no dinner that evening.

Please remember in your thoughts and prayers our Brothers and their families who find themselves in sickness or distress.

Brotherhood Fund

Once again a reminder, please support the Brotherhood Fund. Your donation is important to support many worthy activities.

I wish a Happy Birthday to everyone with an October birthday. ✕

Seneca Lodge
No. 797



2nd Tuesday
7:30 p.m.

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Although many days have passed since hurricane Katrina left her destructive mark on us, there is still much work to be done to return this nation to its former self. I am asking, if you have not already contributed to the Brotherhood Fund special "Hurricane Disaster Relief," to please do so at this time if within the length of your cabletow. We, as Masons, are asked to contribute to many worthy causes and have reached into our pockets for money or have volunteered our time often, but this is an extremely important request and you may be assured that all monies collected will go straight to our Brothers in need who were within the path of this horrific storm. You may send your contribution to our Brotherhood Fund Chairman: Richard Heidorn, 257 Volk Road, Webster, NY 14580. Thanks to all who have contributed to this relief.

Bring-a-Friend Night

Our October meeting features a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. I am not sure of the origin of this title, but it has become a part of Masonic lore. Let us look into what the phrase means to us as individuals and how it applies to our Fraternity. Membership is the lifeline of any organization and so the purpose of this evening is to provide an opportunity to introduce a friend to Masonry. Ask yourself, "why did I join Seneca Lodge?" I believe our individual decisions to join were varied and unique and that most likely we knew a member we greatly respected. Now, as you have grown in Masonry and improved yourself, I ask that you seek out that gentlemen whom you think could benefit from our Fraternity, a friend, acquaintance, co-worker, neighbor or relative who has the potential to labor with us. Let me suggest that we all reach out and talk about the good of our Fraternity and urge that person to join us on October 11th. With good fellowship, a fine meal, a short history of Masonry and a look toward the future, this will prove to be an enjoyable and informative evening for all.

Again, I ask Lodge members who are out of town or unable to attend regular meetings, to please write, call or email me at your convenience, with news of yourself and family that I might share with your Lodge Brothers.

For those electronic types in Lodge, please visit our website: www.seneca797.com, for Lodge information, history and an occasional picture. This Seneca Lodge resource is intended to help keep you informed of Lodge activities.

I look forward to hearing from you soon or seeing you in Lodge. ✕

District Deputy Grand Master

Genesee/Wyoming
District



R.: W.:
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Staff Officer

When R.: W.: J. Michael Willwerth moved to Carolina, the Genesee/Wyoming District was without a Staff Officer. W.: Harry Tyson volunteered to help out. He did much more than help out. He took over the Staff Officer's duties and did whatever needed to be done, including travel arrangements to New York City for Grand Lodge and making sure that everyone was abreast of happenings around the District. When asked if he would like to apply to fill the Staff Officer position for the next year, he said "yes" and was invested to the Grand Director of Ceremonies at Utica on St. John's Day. R.: W.: James Sullivan, Grand Senior Warden, presented his Apron at Hesperus Lodge on September 1st. Now R.: W.: Harry Tyson is looking forward to traveling around the District and making sure that all Masons are aware of the many educational opportunities available.

October visits

3rd-West Star, Varysburg
6th-Hesperus, Bergen,
7:30 p.m.
11th-Arcade, 7:30 p.m.
18th-Oakland, Castile,
7:30 p.m.

Child ID

The Genesee/Wyoming District was well represented again this year on August 29th at the Child ID video taping at the New York State Fair. There were nine Genesee/Wyoming Masons who traveled to Syracuse to take part in the taping of hundreds of children. All these Masons are anxious to do some ID taping in the District, so any Lodges wishing to host an event, should call Chairmen Michael Rhodes or Keith Countermine to schedule a date. ✕

Grand Director of Ceremonies Genesee/Wyoming



R.: W.:
Harold L.
Tyson

494-1137

Welcome back to the start of a new Masonic year. I hope you had the opportunity to enjoy the beautiful Summer which has been bestowed upon us. I have been very fortunate this Summer to have the time off to enjoy the beautiful weather, the Masonic picnics and of course St. Johns Day.

Now it's time to get back to business. By now you have attended the first Lodge meeting of the year, and your Masters have laid out their plans and chosen their committees.

From what I have heard so far, it's going to be another exciting year in the Genesee/Wyoming District. Plans and committees are being formed for Brother Bring-a-Friend Nights, Child ID Programs, award nights, Degree presentations and those special events in your Lodge.

R.: W.: Norman Steinbaugh and I have started our Official Visits in the District and will soon be visiting your Lodge. We both eagerly hope to see old friends and make many new friends along the way this year as we bring to you the latest messages from Grand Lodge.

I will be sharing with you my plans for presenting the *Road to the East* training program beginning shortly after the first of the year. This program is a MUST if your intentions are to be Master of your Lodge someday. Freemasonry is always in need of one thing above all else—leadership embodied in the Worshipful Masters of the Lodges. More details on the date and place for the *Road to the East* program will follow in the next issue of the *Masonic Times*.

Remember, your Lodge is only as good as you allow it to be. Support your Lodge by attending the meetings and taking part in the work and, above all, enjoy the fellowship.

Monday of the month. I will report next month on the success or failure of this initiative.

Many of you know me as a Civil War historian. At the Johnson's Isle Prison Campsite, Sandusky, Ohio, there is a monument of a Confederate soldier. On the base is inscribed, "They were Brothers, too." It is emblematic of the fact that even though there were those who wore gray rather than blue, they were still Masonic Brothers. My Brothers, when you receive the mailing for the Masonic Brotherhood Fund, please include a portion for the "Hurricane Disaster Relief." They are Masons, too. Even above that, they are Americans.

May the blessings of Heaven rest upon us.

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

1st & 3rd
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Welcome back! I hope you enjoyed a very restful Summer. Olive Branch Lodge has a full schedule this Fall. The first two months will be very busy.

We have several events on the trestleboard for October. We are scheduled to host the District's Grand Lecturer's Convention on October 12th.

Our second meeting, on October 19th, will be V.: W.: George Springett's visit to the Lodge. That should keep us on our toes, so brush up on your Ritual work.

Great work!

A big thank you to Clayton and Lois Dimick for painting the front door of the Lodge. Plus for all their dedication and the pride they take in maintaining the building. We owe them a huge thank you for all they do. All the bodies benefit from their efforts. We really appreciate all you do!

Batavia
Lodge No. 475

2nd & 4th
Tuesdays

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Welcome back, my Brothers, for another year of fellowship and activities at Batavia Lodge. As our year has started, we have to attend to some business.

We will be conferring the 2nd and 3rd Degrees in the near future and all available Brothers are needed to put on top notch ritual work. Dates will be posted via email and, of course, at our communications. I hope to see all of you attending and filling up the sidelines.

Speaking of email, I have the most updated list of addresses and have already sent emails out. If you did not get those emails, we do not have your address. To get on the list please email me at: cinder1@rochester.rr.com, with the word Mason in the subject line. I will add you to the list.

October Birthdays

William Genagon, 2nd; Bert Hundredmark III and Chauncey Morse, 7th; Zane Isenberg, 18th; Larry Belluscio and Kenneth Rupert, 24th; and James Corbett, 27th.

October Masonic Birthdays

58 Years - Kenneth Draycott, Stanley Halstead; 56 Years - Bert Hundredmark; 55 Years - Richard Mullen; 53 Years - Paul Bartolf, Aaron Belluscio, Scott Blossom and Jacob Denny, Jr.

It is my sad duty to report that Brother Robert G Lowe, Raised July 14, 1983, was borne to the Celestial Lodge July 3, 2005. Memorials may be sent to the Stafford Fire Department, Roswell Park Cancer Institute, or the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Please keep those who have suffered, and are still suffering from Hurricane Katrina, in your thoughts and prayers. As always, support, aid and assist our men and women serving around the world in all of our Military Services, fighting to preserve our Freedom and Liberty.

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

1st & 3rd
Mondays

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W.: Kenneth Kohlhagen
Secretary, 591-9598

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Well, I'm a month late sending out my farewell to Summer and here comes the snow newsletter. Today is September 11th and it is 85 degrees and a beautiful day here on my back porch as I write this newsletter. Last week I was in Northern Canada visiting friends and the geese are getting ready to fly South.

Here in New York the humming birds are still quite comfortable. I'm going to predict that we will have at least another month of good weather.

A few days ago a friend said she missed my newsletter last month. So, I would like to say "Hi!" to Tracey and thank her for reading the *Masonic Times*. My wife, Lorrie, reads the *Masonic Times* cover to cover, also.

Lots of laughs!

In May we had our first Big Antler Contest. We had a lot of fun and a lot of laughs. Steve Sharman brought a bag of antlers that he had found in the woods. All together we had three tables full. Steve took 1st prize with the most and biggest and Uncle Mel took 2nd prize with the most unique and the

smallest. Next year we will invite the whole District.

In June we had great success with our Chicken Bar-B-Que. We were able to give four scholarships to students attending college this Fall. I thank all who supported the Gordon M. Brown Memorial Scholarship. A big thanks to all who helped in any way. Thank you, Chuck Lapp, for the great chicken. We have some new ideas which we hope will make the work a little easier next year.

Fall plans

All of our new members are taking positions in Lodge this year. I'm looking forward to getting to work on our projects. We want to do some Degree work this Fall, so introduce a friend to Masonry. We will plan a Bring-a-Friend meeting as soon as we get back to Lodge.

This Summer has been one of the best Summers in a long time, but the people in the Gulf Coast were not as lucky as we were. Now is a good time to help someone in need by sending a donation to the Brotherhood Fund. The people in the Gulf Coast need all the help we can send.

Car pool!

I can't believe the gas prices! This Fall will be a good time to car pool to Lodge. If a Brother Mason lives near you, give him a call and come together to Lodge. This will save gas and will be great for fellowship and will fill the sidelines. Come support your new Officers and we will be glad to see you. I'll be back next month, so I'll see you then.

Don't forget we open Lodge at 7:30 p.m.

HESPERUS
Lodge No. 837

1st and 3rd
Thursdays

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It certainly is great to get back to our meetings. There is so much to do this year.

This month we took the time to celebrate the appointment of R.: W.: Harry Tyson to the Grand Lodge office as Grand Director of Ceremonies. We were very proud to have several Purple Apron members, including R.: W.: Norman Steinbaugh, DDGM of the Genesee/Wyoming District, and especially, R.: W.: James Sullivan, Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of New York, who presented Brother Harry with his Apron.

The Altar was draped in memory of John Bater, who passed on August 2, 2005.

We also presented a substantial gift to Cross Road House in Batavia from monies earned at our Van Hulburt Golf Tournament. This was a great Tournament, run by Brother Marshall Krause and committee.

Activities

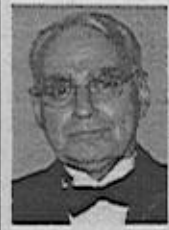
Brother Donald Kunego will be presenting a program on the digitizing of Hesperus Lodge. As a fundraiser, this will assist in funding activities for our Lodge. Brother Don

will be using several assets of our organization for pictures, narration, music, hobbies, presentations, history, banquets, picnics, musical presentations, as well as the usual humor, that often prevails. All of this and more will be displayed on DVD.

Committees established. Budget presented.

By the way, on March 5th, 2006, Hesperus Masonic Lodge and the Order of Eastern Star are having a belated birthday party for Brother George Washington. Brother George has not yet been notified, but we will have a dinner, Colonial history, musical selections, dramatic presentations, comedy and a great time. We cordially invite other organizations in the Genesee/Wyoming District to bring in some acts, as well as other community organizations to participate. More to follow.

Grand Sword Bearer
Livingston



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Welcome back, and welcome to the new Masters and their line! I am expecting to have a great time again this year, thanks to you! We all have been very busy over the Summer with our fundraisers, gatherings and community service, and I know that all were successful. R.: W.: Roy and I were invited to all the Summer events and we enjoyed them greatly. Thank you for including us!

Masonic Development Course

We are holding a MDC program on November 8th, 14th and 21st. Please encourage all new and old Brothers to attend and let me know who will be attending as soon as possible so we can order the tools that are needed!

Convention

On October 13th the Grand Lecturer's Convention will be held at Livonia Lodge. The work will be the Hiram Leg-end done by Union Lodge, a dinner will be served. Please encourage all to come and learn!

Our Official Visits have begun and, so far, we have been impressed with the new Masters and their line. You all should be proud of your Lodges. I see a great future for Livingston District. We have quite a few new petitions in the District already, so please keep the momentum going. You are playing a great part in the future growth of our District and our Fraternity. Keep in contact with all the Brothers of your Lodge, keep them informed and involved so that we only lose Brothers to God!

I am looking forward to seeing each and every one of you soon.

Visit a Masonic War Veteran



Mount Vernon
Lodge No. 263

2nd & 4th
Mondays

Master
W.: Arthur C. Brach

Secretary
W.: Jim Allan, 457-3079

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By the time you read this, our first two communications will have occurred. Our first meeting consisted of standard business, along with various reports from our budget, education, building, fellowship and membership committees. Brother Otis also reported on the activities of the Eastern Star.

Brother Carl Fisher highlighted our second communication by doing a Walk Around, not only for the benefit of our newly raised Brothers, but also for the enjoyment of those of us who have held, or are currently holding, office. His eloquence and superb style of presentation was warmly received. We then closed for refreshment with our families and friends.

Prior to that I sent an invitational letter to the ladies of our Lodge, who live within a reasonable distance, inviting them, their families and friends to participate in a Pot Luck Dinner with entertainment of their choice, on the fourth

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As I sit here writing this article, Autumn is still two weeks away, and the first day of October is over three weeks away. By the time this is printed we will have conferred the 1st Degree on two candidates.

We will be conferring the 2nd Degree on October 27th. Please make every effort to attend and support the new Brothers and the Degree Team. Besides, who can turn down Brother Knapp's famous pancake dinner!

For all you snowbirds, it will be a great opportunity to attend Lodge before you make your annual trip to the warmer regions.

Dinner

The Grand Lecturer's Convention for Livingston District will be on October 13th at Livonia. We will be doing the work for the evening, which will be the Hiram legend from the 3rd Degree. The work starts at

7:30 p.m., preceded by dinner at 6:00 p.m. Please make an effort to attend. If you can do a part, please contact me so we can coordinate the cast. We do exceptional Degree work at Union; this will be a chance to show the Grand Lecturer what we do and to pick up a few pointers, as well.

Symbolic Lodge Award

On Thursday, October 20th, Brother Bruce Whitmore will be the recipient of the Symbolic Lodge Award. This is a fine and fitting reward for all his work and dedication to the Lodge. The ceremony is at 8:00 p.m. at the Shrine Center in Webster. Please try to attend to honor Brother Whitmore. We will meet at the Lodge and leave no later than 6:30 p.m. If anyone wants to carpool, please call me.

On a more serious note, when making your donation to the Brotherhood Fund this year, you may earmark all or part of it to the relief of the victims of hurricane Katrina. Just indicate that on your check and envelope when you send it in. If you have any questions, contact Brother Ray Dreimiller, our Brotherhood Fund Chairman.

For any Brother who needs a ride, for whatever reason, to attend Lodge, please don't be shy about calling me. I will see that arrangements are made to get you there and back.

Hope to see you all in Lodge. ✕

Eunice Lodge**No. 830**1st Thursdays
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We started the year with a Steak Dinner, with Brothers and family joining together. This was a great way to get back into the swing of things. Eileen Lafave gave a short presentation on the unsolved murder/arson of "Red-neck" Kelly, which took place in Caledonia in the 1950's. The talk was well done and very interesting. I thank Eileen, the Brothers, friends and family who helped make the night a success.

R.: W.: Roy Moses and R.: W.: Richard Trescott joined our dinner and the meeting which followed. They both gave brief reports on the upcoming year. Our District is lucky to have these two Brothers who work so hard for our Fraternity. Thank you to both gentlemen.

Our Lodge had the unfortunate task of draping our Altar in memory of R.: W.: Charles

Russ, who died on August 21st. Brother Russ was elected and initiated in October, 1947, passed in November, 1947, raised December 4, 1947 and a member of Eunice for almost 58 years. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends. He is sincerely missed and remembered for his years of Masonic Service. At his Memorial, R.: W.: Gene Hill read a very thoughtful Eulogy that chronicled what a great man Brother Russ was.

Our October 6th meeting is the Official Visit for DDGM, R.: W.: Roy Moses. He will deliver the Grand Master's message. There will be a dinner at 6:30 p.m., with the regular meeting to follow.

Our Temple Club will meet this month on September 29th at 7:00 p.m. I am asking that any Brother who can attend please make an effort to be there. It will be beneficial for the Brothers to see how business is done. Few have been doing the work for many for quite a period of time and it is time others take the initiative to become more involved.

Lastly, we have a date for our Brother Bring-a-Friend/Open House. This notable evening will be November 29th. It is important that we all need to make an effort to bring a companion to this night. This is an opportunity for our friends to gain insight into the Masonic life. Our hope is that this night

may spark an interest in the Brotherhood of Masons. If we can all bring a friend and fill the Lodge, what an impressive sight it will be!

October 2005

Livonia
Lodge No. 7781st & 3rd
Wednesdays

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Welcome back to all Masons starting a new season. Livonia Lodge has participated in several events since June. The Lodge held three golf outings, a trip to a Red Wings baseball game, a family picnic, participated in the Livingston District golf tournament and held four chicken Bar-B-Que's. All Brothers who participated reportedly had a great time (except the Bar-B-Que's).

Major renovations were begun over the Summer to the recreation rooms, and most have been completed. This major project has been planned for many years, but never started. We hope to have a very good year!

Good 24-inch gauge to all. ✕

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First, I thank everyone for their cards, visits and phone calls following my surgery in August. I am now on the mend and hope to be driving again soon.

October is shaping up as a very busy month. We start with OSY Association Saturday, the 1st, 8:00 a.m., at Pocahontas in Seneca Falls. There is much to be done; we need at least one representative from each Lodge.

Friday October 7th is the annual Awards and Apron Presentation at DiPacific's, hosted by OSY Charities. This year we do not have any aprons to present, however, we have awards. Plan to attend as there will be some surprises.

All welcome

R.: W.: Herbert Goodman will present the *Road to the East* on three Monday evenings in October: the 10th, 24th, and 31st. We hope these dates will be convenient for those who work or have other obligations on Saturdays. Any Brother from area Districts is cordially welcome, please call me if you wish to attend. All sessions will be held at the Phelps Masonic Temple at 7:00 p.m.

Staff Officer visits are underway. The first at Milo 108, in Penn Yan, is October 5th; then Eagle 619 at Honeoye, October 11th; the next evening Seneca 113; Canandaigua 294, October 17th; and Pocahontas

211 on October 19th. All meetings start at 7:30 p.m. and your attendance will be most appreciated.

A reminder to all Masters in the Ontario/Seneca/Yates District, please schedule your Brother Bring-a-Friend meeting as soon as possible. Remember, R.: W.: Bruce Huie and I are at your service.

Dates

Road to the East, Mondays at 7:00, Phelps Masonic Temple, October 10th, 24th and 31st.

October 1st - O/S/Y Association meeting, 8:00 a.m., Pocahontas 211, Seneca Falls

October 7th - Apron and Award Program (O/S/Y charities) DiPacific's, Farmington.

Staff Officer visits

Milo - 5th
Eagle - 11th
Seneca 113 - 12th
Canandaigua - 17th
Pocahontas - 19th ✕

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

3rd Wednesdays

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Yes, I'm a member of Ark Lodge, but I don't seem to get much out of it! There are some Brothers who seem to get much more out of it (the precious few) than I do. I wonder why. If you have that feeling, you can find the answer and the reason why. The Brother who "belongs" makes an effort to come to Lodge and integrate himself with Freemasonry, really becoming a part of the Lodge.

The Officers have a great

sense of pride in our Masonic membership, and in our community activities. Our Masonic experiences make a deep impression on us, which is everlasting and affects our lives. Our sense of Brotherly Love draws us all together. That is unique in the Masonic Fraternity. There is a spiritual and physical bond between Brothers that is beyond our comprehension.

Freemasonry gives every Brother an opportunity to develop his man-made skills and talents. It takes good men and makes them better. We believe man can improve himself and achieve greatness. Wow! What a philosophy. So please come to Lodge, my Brothers, and give of your wisdom and feelings. We need your help, your attendance, your assistance and your advice to achieve a successful 200th Anniversary in September of 2007. God bless you all.

Hurricane Katrina

I received a letter from Grand Master, M.: W.: Edward R. Trosin, concerning the National disaster, hurricane Katrina. He is calling on all Lodge Brothers in New York State to respond as generously as their finances permit to help alleviate the suffering of our fellow citizens. Since Valley Forge, 9/11, Tsunami and now Katrina, our Masonic Fraternity has a long distinguished history of rising to the critical situations in America and the world. As your Master, I am appealing to all those Brothers to make a generous tax-deductible contribution to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund, earmarked for "Hurricane Disaster Relief."

**Masons meet,
act and part**

1) Many Brothers came to the Memorial Service for W.: Arnold Schofield at Trinity Church. W.: Thomas Abraham gave the Masonic Prayer Service before the Memorial

Service. Arnold's wife, Yolanda, presented a wonderful eulogy.

2) We received a letter from Margaret Bigger, wife of Brother John Bigger, who earned his 50-year Certificate and Pin. "On behalf of my husband, John, I accept the Grand Lodge 50-year Certificate and Pin. This is a great honor for John, as he was proud to be a Mason and a member of Ark Lodge. I am sorry to report that John passed away on July 3, 2005 and will never know this award was sent, as he would have been proud to receive it. He passed away peacefully as he lived his life

and we were at his side. Brother John was a great husband and father. We will deeply miss him and we thank Ark Lodge so very much."

3) The Valley of Rochester will honor a Brother nominated from each Lodge for his dedication and service to the Craft. The Ceremony will be held October 20th at the Shrine Center, 8:00 p.m. M.: W.: Edward R. Trosin, Grand Master, will attend. No one has been nominated as yet from Ark Lodge.

4) 55-year Pins and Certificates were sent to Brothers Maurice Bittman, Marco Is-

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land, Florida and Donald E. Randall, Pioneer, California.

5) A 50-year Pin and Certificate was sent to Brother Dale J. Erickson, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

6) Reminder: Brother John Stelter will receive his 60-year Pin and Certificate! When and where to be announced. Hopefully, there will be seven other Brothers who will receive their Pins and Certificates.

7) Please keep Brothers John Stelter, Harry George, Max Kaufman, Robert Inscho, Bill Kashouty, Ray Smith, Lloyd Johnson, Ramon Baroody and Lloyd Hilimire in your prayers, as well as those Brothers we know not of.

8) Ark Lodge is looking forward to that wonderful night when we will present the DeWitt Clinton Award to Rev. James Adams and his wife. When and where to be announced.

9) The edict from Grand Master Trosin states that all Lodges must do a Bring-a-Friend Night by December 31, 2005.

10) Your Master is the Brotherhood Fund Chairman of Ark Lodge. Please send your needed contributions to: Anthony Khoury, 400 Hamilton Street, Geneva, New York, 14456.

11) An Officer's meeting was held on September 7th at the Lodge. Brothers Robert Mattick, Jed Brandow, Tom Smart, Terry Trenchard, Tom Bryan, Charles Rouse and I discussed many issues confronting Ark Lodge. The 200th anniversary, Brother Bring-a-Friend Night, DeWitt Clinton Award, Pins and Certificates to seven Brothers deserving them: Brothers John Stelter, 60 years; Gordon Johnson, 45 years; James Khouri and Kenneth Colegrove, 40 years; Roger Haich, 30 years; Jed Brandow, 15 years and Tom Bryan, 10 years. Congratulations to all!

October trestleboard

5th - Plans are uncertain as of now.

20th - Valley of Rochester will honor those Brothers dedicated to the service of their Lodge.

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Well, I can say it's been a hot Summer. However, it'll soon be over and Winter's challenges will be upon us before we know it. These will be trivial when you consider what the survivors of Hurricane Katrina are facing. Thousands of them fled with whatever they could carry and had to endure unthinkable hardships. I get choked up when I see what's on the TV. We can all help these Americans and Brothers by donating as much as we can to the organizations designated to this cause. Plan to make it a regular and periodic donation. It will be a while before this one plays out. Also, keep in mind the Brotherhood Fund. We will send whatever donations we receive to the cause. Katrina Survivors. See the following for a list of charities. God Bless.
<http://www.cnn.com/SPECIALS/2005/katrina/help.center/>

New Officers

Following are the newly elected and installed Officers:
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 Jr. Master of Ceremony **Carl Carlson**
 Stewards **Barney Wandell**
 Steven Phillips
 Phelps had its 39th annual Sauerkraut Festival with parades and many events. The Order of the Eastern Star and Garoga/Sincerity Lodge put on its annual Chicken Bar-B-Que. Because we did not sell

out last year, we had ordered 150 fewer chickens this year. Again we were left with extras. We are aware that more and more Bar-B-Ques are happening each year. Our proceeds for charities are bound to be less. It's frustrating for all. How will we plan for the next one? Anyhow, many thanks go to Worthy Matron Mary Sherman and the members of the OES No. 425 who participated. I am equally grateful to all the Master Masons who worked to make this a success.

I thank Brothers Ray Howard and Chris Howard and their assistants for remodeling and making our Lodge porch look as good as new again.

I am looking forward, with enthusiasm, to being your Master for the ensuing year. It is indeed a great honor. One of the goals this year is to increase Lodge membership. We lost members and need to replace them. One of the ways is through the Brother Bring-a-Friend Program. We must also give thought to retaining the members we have through interesting programs and involvement. We also need to increase community awareness through our actions and the media.

Our District Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: Eldon White, will make his Official Visit January 3, 2006. Our District Staff Officer, R.: W.: Herbert Goodman, will make his Official Visit on November 15th.

Dates to remember
 October 4th - Pot Luck Supper; Ernie Day's adventure in South Carolina
 October 15th - Pork Chop Bar-B-Que
 October 10th, 24th, 31st - Road to the East
 October 18th - The Lawbreaker, video

Happy October Birthdays
 Craig Andrews, 3rd; Robert Patrick Jr., 5th; William Peter-

son, 6th; Willard Hamelinck, 8th and Clayton Barnard, 24th. Congratulations to the Brother raised in October: Jesse Gillespie, 10/26/76. ✕

Milnor Lodge No. 139
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I thank W.: Tom Ewing and W.: Bud Peglow for the outstanding Steak Dinner at our first meeting in September. The steaks were excellent and dinner well attended. A hearty thanks.

Also, many thanks to all who participated in the Annual Pancake Breakfast, which was held at the Hang Around Victor Days festivities. We had plenty of help and, as you know, many hands make light work. I had several outstanding comments from our guests that they would return next year. Details on how we did will be reported at our next business meeting.

Again, thank you to all Brothers, who made the above events a success.

November
 Our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night is scheduled for November 17th. Please be thinking of a friend whom you can invite. Let us know, so we can send them a written invitation.

If you did not see a Brother at our last meeting that you expected to see, please give him a call. Also, sponsors, please contact our new Brothers to make sure they know when we meet.

See you at our next meeting. ✕

TOTTEN ESSAY WINNER

By Clayton Ruggles
 The Brothers of the OSY District and Seneca Lodge No. 113 are especially proud to announce the winner of this year's Frank E. Totten essay contest.

Tori Marie Straw, granddaughter of Brother Bill Braunig, lives in Lenapha, Oklahoma. A high school senior, Tori's goal is to attend Oklahoma State and major in journalism. Her interests include writing, cheerleading, and ranching. Her father is a fourth generation rancher.

The following is her winning essay:

Many people consider a hero to be a person who has performed valiant and noble deeds. They read about characters such as Beowulf or Spartacus and visualize someone who slays dragons and saves kingdoms. Most people think a hero to be strong, brave and most often handsome or beautiful, not unlike characters close to superman or wonder woman. What most people don't realize is that a hero could be anyone around us. Almost everyone has a hero of some sort in their lives, whether it is a next door neighbor or someone famous they look up to.

My hero hasn't slain any dragons or saved any kingdoms. He's content to sit around on bales of hay, look at his Pokemon Card collection, or even help work outside in the midday's heat. At the moment, he is helping my father take care of the animals out at the barn. He's six years old and he's my little brother.

On October 8th, 1997, my Mother gave birth to an asthmatic baby boy whom she named Randy. He had to stay

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By Joseph F. Oelgoetz III

Walk for Dyslexia

This is a note to all Masons, their families and friends. Please support this year's Walk for children with Dyslexia. All the net proceeds to this years walk go to the 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children, Inc. Rochester is the site of one of these Centers, The Frank & Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children, Inc., located at 3300 Monroe Avenue, Suite 330 in Pittsford.

Dyslexia is a condition which affects approximately 2 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 large waiting list.

It is the 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children, Inc. which are 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 over a two year program (the average time it takes to go through our program) of \$10,000.

It is fundraising programs such as our annual Walk for Children with Dyslexia which brings in the funding for the program. This year's walk will be held on Saturday, October 1st, at the Perinton Park on 31-F in Fairport. Sign-in will begin at 9:30 a.m., with the actual Walk beginning at 10:30 a.m. The walk will take place along the beautiful Erie Canal path. The Walk will be approximately 3 miles with an out and back course. Water will be provided along the way. We are also planning on a family picnic with entertainment following the Walk. The food, drinks, and entertainment will be free to all walkers and supporters of the event.

How can you support the Walk?

First and foremost, we need walkers. We need walkers to get pledges from friends, family, co-workers, Masons, etc. If you cannot walk, you can volunteer to help out during the Walk. We need volunteers to distribute water; help with the picnic, sign folks in, distribute tee shirts, the list goes on and on. Or, you can write a check in support of the Centers. A tax deductible donation check should be made out to: CLC Walk, and sent to the Valley of Rochester, A.A.S.R.,

Rite Events Calendar

(when, where, what) see article for details

Saturday, October 1st
Walk for Dyslexia - Perinton Park ***

Saturday, October 8th
Wine Tasting with the Ladies - Casa Larga

Thursday, October 20th
Lodge Awards Open Meeting - Shrine Center ***

Tuesday, October 25th
Family movie - Shrine Center ***

Thursday, November 17th
Tabeth - Table Lodge/Beer tasting/
Veteran Recognition - Shrine Center ***

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

Saturday, December 10th
All Masonic Children's Christmas Party
Shrine Center ***

Thursday, December 15th
Meeting - 4° and 5° Shrine Center

*** Brother Bring-a-Brother events

Note: Reservation dates are firm. Late requests cannot be honored.

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To receive a pledge form or for further information please contact the Valley Office at 264-1160.

Why should I join the Scottish Rite?

The reason to join the Valley of Rochester of the Scottish Rite is to gain access to **The College of Freemasonry**. Our focus is on providing a deeper understanding of the light of Freemasonry. With the 29 additional Degrees that the Scottish Rite provides, we have 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**. We are planning to sponsor both a Masonic Book Club and the "Rite Night at the Movies". The first will take a look at several Masonic Books and schedule a time to review the book and encourage discussion of what was learned. The first Masonic Book Club meeting was Tuesday, September 20th at the Valley office. The book that we reviewed is *Wedding of the Waters, The Erie Canal and the Making of a Great Nation*, by Peter L. Bernstein. The second scheduled book review is *Born in Blood*, and will occur on November 22nd at the Valley office, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

The "Rite Night at the Movies" will take several movies that have either a Masonic theme to them or allude to Masonry in some fashion. Our first attempt at this occurred on August 23rd at the Shrine Center with the showing of *National Treasure*. Approximately ten people attended and were treated to a great showing of the movie, along with free popcorn and soda, after which a short discussion was given with questions and answers. Our next scheduled feature will be October 25th, *The Man Who Would be King*. Location will be the Shrine Center with the showing beginning at 7:00 p.m.

As a further element to supporting, **The College of Freemasonry** positioning will be the sponsorship of a one-day Masonic Education Fair on Saturday, March 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 present Masonic oriented papers, re-enactors portraying well known historical Masons, a bookstore, and other Masonic educational exhibits.

Another benefit of Scottish Rite membership will be the ability of joining the Valley of Rochester's Toastmaster's Club. This is an internationally recognized organization which helps members with public speaking, public presentation, and planning presentations. We believe this is another facet of what **The College of Freemasonry** can provide to its members. The Valley of Rochester's Toastmaster's Club is in the

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planning stages and we will provide additional information as we finalize the program.

As to the Scottish Rite's 29 additional Degrees, we will be planning on putting on more than usual this year. It is through these Degrees that additional understanding and light of Freemasonry will be provided. 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 want 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. and the Degrees beginning around 7:30 p.m.

In the meantime, you are cordially invited to the follow-

ing events in order to meet and become acquainted with some of the Scottish Rite Brethren of the Valley of Rochester and to ask questions:

September 30th - Day of Tishri - An open Table Lodge at 5:30 p.m.; Shrine Center.

October 1st - Walk for Dyslexia - Perinton Park in Fairport beginning at 9:00 a.m.

October 20th - Symbolic Lodge Awards at the Shrine Center beginning at 6:00 p.m., complete with a dinner.

October 25th - Masonic Night at the Movies, *The Man Who Would be King* at the Shrine Center, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

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

Bringing further light to members of the Scottish Rite via our focus on the Scottish Rite being **The College of Freemasonry** is our goal. Consider joining and thereby improving yourself via further light.

Blue Caps

By Jerold J. Gilmore

The highlight of the year for us took place on the 26th of August at Wildwood Country Club in Rush. What was billed as an "outing" was, in fact, the night that John Williams, Warren Doerrer and I were presented our official Blue Caps and protective carrying case from our Commander-in-Chief, Robert Pedersen, 33°. One of our recipients this year, Cliff Hayner, was unable to be with us that night due to a health problem. We hope that Cliff will be feeling much better in the near future.

Bob did an excellent presentation of the Awards. He instilled in us a feeling that we shall proudly carry always.

It should also be noted here that because we were being presented with our Caps that

evening, our Commander picked up the tab for our spouses and us. The lobster was exquisite, as was the whole meal. Many comments were overheard remarking how good the corn-on-the-cob was.

Notes of interest

a) Jack VanElzaker was presented his Red Cap for Meritorious Service by our Commander that same evening. Congratulations, Jack.

b) One of our own Blue Cap's had his picture in the *Democrat and Chronicle* newspaper. Seems that Dave Taber is a volunteer for Meals on Wheels. Congratulations, Dave. Please let us know what it was that made you laugh so hard in your picture.

Our first regular meeting was held on September 14th at Roncones on East Avenue. We had a 63% membership participation, which I felt was great. Everyone took an active



Jerold Gilmore, Warren Doerrler and John Williams receiving their Blue Caps from Ill.: Robert Pedersen, Commander-in-Chief, Fred Greene, Active for New York and Stephen Whittaker, Deputy's Representative.



New DSA members with Robert Pedersen are Jerold Gilmore, John Williams and Warren Doerrler.



2005 Class who received their 33° at Supreme Council, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, Grand Rapids, Michigan



G. Michael Morris, 33°, being formally presented to Valley following receiving his 33° at Supreme Council by Robert Pedersen, Commander-in-Chief and Fred Greene, Active for New York

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

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- Ill.: Stephen R. Whittaker, 33°

part. Bill Lindsay started us off with a prayer and we jumped right into our "guidelines."

1. Term of office: One year without re-election for the following year. This gives everyone a chance at leadership and to have fresh ideas.

2. Meetings: Four times per year, or every three months, to be held at noon for lunch. Roncones has been well received by the Brothers and have treated us well.

3. Lunch: Selected from the luncheon section of the menu with a \$2 co-pay to help defray the cost of the Consistory. Remainder to be covered by our generous Commander.

4. Motto: The selection of our motto was tabled until our next meeting in order to give our members time to make their presentations.

5. Big Brother: Assignment to shepherd new members to be done on a volunteer basis. It will be a one-on-one action for a period of one year.

It was decided that our next meeting will be held on December 7th at 11:45 a.m. at Roncones. Anyone wishing to dig out his or her old service gear to wear that day to the meeting in remembrance of that day in 1941, is encouraged to do so. It's immaterial as to when you served. We should do it to honor those who gave their lives that day and have given in the days which have followed since then.

I thank the membership for allowing me to serve them. May the Great Architect allow me to continue to do my very best for you.

Local Masonic Leader Honored

A group of more than 2,100 33° Masons and their wives gathered at the recent meeting of the Supreme Council for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. Local Freemasons were among the group of 236 selected to receive the 33°, the highest honor of Scottish Rite Freemasonry.

G. Michael Morris, Valley of Rochester, was this year's local recipient. The ceremony took place in Grand Rapids during the annual meeting of

the Scottish Rite Supreme Council. The Degree is awarded for outstanding service to Freemasonry or for significant contributions to humanity that reflect credit upon the Fraternity. The 2005 recipients were chosen from 15 Northeastern and Midwestern States that comprise the 240,000 member Northern Jurisdiction of the United States.

Congratulations to all the awardees.



Mathew Gingold receiving his 50-year Certificate from Robert Pedersen, Fred Greene and Stephen Whittaker.



Peter J. VanElzakker receiving his MSA Red Cap from Commander-in-Chief, Robert Pedersen, Fred Greene and Stephen Whittaker.



Wallace J. Wagner receives his 55-year Certificate from Robert Pedersen, Fred Greene and Stephen Whittaker.



Fred Stahl receiving his 50-year Certificate from Robert Pedersen, Fred Greene and Stephen Whittaker.



Reggie Reed receives donations for Hurricane relief victims assistance.



Robert Zabel, 33°, digs in at Summer Outing.



Enjoying the Rhinos game

Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Awards

October 20, 2005
Shrine Center 7:30 p.m.



Robert and John Zabel, Duane and Sue Smith and the Reed Family at the Rhinos game

Student Assistance Training Program

By Tim McMullin

My hope is that Masons reading this will give the program some more thought and be moved to contact a school person whom they know. Every school district should consider sending teams of educators to Utica for this valuable program. Ted Pierce, editor of

the *Southern Tier Masonic News*, wrote to me and said, "It would not only help those in our school system to better identify the many problems some of the students suffer, but MSAT is a great opportunity to get Masonry in the forefront."

The Masonic Student Assistant Training Program (MSAT) is a program funded entirely by the New York Masons, who bring national trainers to New York State to work with teams of teachers from school districts. The trainers help

schools identify and help children at risk in a systematic and proven-effective program. Since 2001, more than 180 teams have been trained from New York State elementary, middle and high schools. The training is provided free to the schools! No strings attached.

New York Masons know that schools face some major problems. Tax dollars are tight, funds are short, and we all agree that kids today face problems. Too many turn to drugs, alcohol, and even suicide. Our schools need help to

identify and help these students and their families. MSAT helps schools meet these problems head on, with a plan to address the needs of kids at risk and get them back on track.

To find out more about this exciting, valuable program, contact Tim McMullin, MSAT Chairman, at (888) 694-0511, or visit the Grand Lodge website at:

<http://www.nymasons.org/index.php?c=3DMSAT>

If you are not a teacher, administrator, guidance counselor, school nurse, or school board member, please share

the information with someone that you know who is connected to a school.

If you are with a school district, please share with a principal or a colleague in a neighboring school district.

Thanks for your help in spreading the word and helping young people who may have strayed.

2005-2006 Dates

October 25th-27th, 2005; December 6th-8th, 2005.

January 31st and February 1st and 2nd, 2006; April 4th-6th, 2006. *

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in an oxygen tent for a length of time and he is still on certain medications. However, nothing stops him from living life to the fullest and enjoying every day. He does everything from show bucket calves at the local fair to figure skating at the nearest ice arena. My brother is my mother's dream child. He

does most of his chores, loves to work outside, and he wants to be a calf roper just like his Daddy. He has dreams of being an ice-skating cowboy and becoming the next Scott Hamilton. He has so many hopes and dreams; as many as any normal six-year old in the first grade.

He's my hero because he has the will-power, determination and every other aspect need-

ed to make his dreams come true. He always gives it his all, which is something I don't do most of the time. I guess it just goes to show that heroes aren't always the big shots. Some are little shots that go a whole lot further. *

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Members and their ladies enjoying themselves at the Spring Convention (Photos Courtesy Ken Hutchinson)



Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

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Kenneth Rhodes
Monarch
621-6051

Summer is now a hot, sticky, humid memory. With good fortune and the luck of the draw, we may look forward to a more temperate Fall season.

Meetings

The Board of Governors meeting will be Monday, October 3rd, 7 p.m., at the Shrine Center.

On Wednesday, October 19th, 7:30 p.m., we will have our Fall Ceremonial meeting at the Shrine Center. There will be no dinner before the meeting, but refreshments after.

The Caldron Installation is October 22nd at 2 p.m. This is at Unity Lodge in Spencerport. Lalla Rookh Grotto has been invited to be the Honor Guard on this occasion. Officers, please wear your uniform.

Social

We will gather on October 2nd, 1 p.m., at the Plainville Farms Restaurant, 9450 Brewerton Road, Cicero, New York. Please call me for reservations at 621-6051.

Please remember to make your reservations for the Monarch's Ball, November 5th at Crescent Beach. Send your check by October 28th to Lalla Rookh Grotto, PO Box 464, Bergen, New York 14416-0464. Please do NOT send them to the Grotto Office.

Sickness and distress

We are pleased to hear that Michael Bell, PM; Leon Van-Huben, PM; Richard Topel, PM and Prophet Howard Topel are all doing well. ✕

Secretary's Column

By Kenneth Hutchinson, PM

September was a busy month and brought us many happy memories. Our Monarch, Prophets and ladies attended the ESGA Fall Convention in Warren, Pennsylvania on the 15th-17th. Kris Goll, Orak Grotto, was elevated the highest office of the ESGA, President.

On Saturday evening, Grand Monarch, Clayton E. Simons, installed the elected Officers: Vice-President, Robert Chapman, PM of Zuleika Grotto; Treasurer, Brad Mangel, PM of Orak Grotto; Secretary, Ken Milner, PM of Lalla Rookh Grotto; Marshal, Peter Vanalatiptch, PM, of Aahmes; the newly elected Captain of the Guard, our very own, Alfred Pulcino III, PM.

September 21st was Past Monarch's Night. Monarch, Ken Rhodes, had a very nice gift for each in attendance. ✕

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Generation after generation have come and passed on. The rapid time of new membership with classes has also gone. Today Mokanna's membership is made up of mostly dual memberships.

Prophets want to carry the membership card of the No. 1 Grotto and, at the same time, help support them financially. I am proud to say I am one of those. I have been going to Hamilton, New York for the past few years looking for Grotto history.

The search has taken me to the Hamilton Public Library, Colgate University, Mid York Publishers, the Internet and Mokanna Grotto's archives. Monarch, William Reed, and Secretary, Lewis McGregor, were most helpful and allowed me to search everything that was there.

I copied much of their material, as well as that in the Library. Along the way, Hamilton Lodge No. 120 had the building up for sale. They have sold it. Mokanna has until October 7th to move everything.

Not to go into detail, F.D.C. minute books and Past Grand Monarch Jewels were turned over to Grand Monarch Simons. The historical archives were transferred to Lalla Rookh Grotto. Much more is to be put on microfilm for protection.

Mokanna has not closed their doors forever. The remaining paraphernalia will be moved to the George Washington Masonic Memorial in Alexandria, Virginia. There it will be displayed as Mokanna Grotto No. 1. Once a year the Grand Line will visit and open the Grotto. Thus, Mokanna Grotto No. 1 will never fold and most importantly, it will not fade away, but will ever remain with us as a reminder of those fine gentlemen who founded our Order some one hundred and fifteen years ago. ✕

Master of Ceremonies

By Michael Bell, PM

In a return to form, the Trivia Teaser once again proved to be tough. Guesses included Wee Bonnie Baker, Arnold Ziffel, and Sleepy Jim Crowley. The correct answer was Speedy Alka-Seltzer.

This month's poser comes from the realm of sacerdotal Polynesian Terpsicore. The question is "How many Angels can hula dance on the head of a pin?" Assume the average shoe size to be 9 1/2 M, and that nobody will be "on point."

The Annual Cast Party will be held on October 28th at Henrietta Park. ALL cast members, prospective members, and guests are welcome. Call me for more information. ✕

Legion of Honor

By Brian Bills, Commander

Summer is nearing its end and Fall is on the horizon. There will be many changes bringing a wide spectrum of colors our way. The Autumn season is full of activity with the harvesting of crops and making ready for Winter.

To celebrate this time of year we will have our October meeting at the Fairport/Flower City Lodge. It will be a catered affair of Roast Beef and all of the trimmings. Please plan to bring your lady, as the meeting will be open, (very short) and fun will be plentiful. Chicken will be available for those who need that option. Let us know with your reservation.

Mark the date of Monday, October 17th on your calendar and plan on arriving around 6:00 p.m. for some pre-dinner snacks and dinner will be served around 6:30. Contact me at 388-0913 for your reservations or, better yet, send your check to me at 20 Deland Park B, Fairport, NY 14450-1406. The cost will be \$9.00 per person and we need to have a head count by October 10th. Please let us know.

Many events will be coming up in the next few months and we will be discussing them at the meetings. Please attend so we can share information and social times with you. ✕

Caldron News

By Susan Wilson, MCO

Fall is upon us as we get back into the swing of things.

Supreme Sessions in Terre Haute, Indiana, were fun-filled and busy. We are so proud and happy to have two Supreme

2005 Monarch's Ball

Honoring
Kenneth Rhodes

Saturday, November 5th
Crescent Beach Restaurant
1372 Edgemere Drive

Buffet Dinner 6:30 p.m.

Roast Beef, Chicken Roulade and Ham
\$30.00 per person

Cash Bar 5:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Entertainment by Garry Tupper, DJ

Reservations with check to:

Lalla Rookh Grotto

979 Bay Road, Suite 2, Webster, 14580

by October 28th

Officers in our Caldron: Beverly Murray, Supreme Mighty Chosen One and Doris Bell, Supreme Arrah. Congratulations and many well wishes for a most happy, successful and enjoyable year. Please know that we all are behind you and will give our help and support in any way we can.

October 1st is the White Fez Luncheon at the Lehigh Restaurant on West Henrietta Road at 12:30 p.m. The menu choices are: Turkey Club Sandwich with French Fries or Tuna Cold Plate. \$10 each includes dessert and beverage.

Our next meeting is Thursday, October 13th. It will be Elections and Reports at 7:30 p.m. We are also planning to have a reception for Daughters Beverly and Doris on Sunday, October 16th. Time and place to be announced, but all will be welcome to attend and honor them.

October 22nd will be Installation of Officers at 2 p.m. All are welcome to attend to lend support and well wishes to Daughter Betty Madison and her Officers for the new year. I, for one, am very pleased for and proud of my sister, Betty, and wish that her year as Mighty Chosen One be a most happy and successful one.

Condolences

The Caldron is deeply saddened with the passing of Arlene Topel, PMCO. She will be greatly missed by all of us. Our sympathy to her entire family.

We are also mournful of the passing of Dorothy Bartlett, PMCO. She was a grand lady who lived a full life and completed her wish of being 100 years old. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Daughter Helen Francis had her pacemaker replaced re-

cently and Mike Bell received a new pacemaker. Both are doing well and, hopefully, will continue to do so. Daughter Betty Madison will have cataract surgery on October 4th and November 3rd. Many get well wishes to these members and all others who have been under the weather.

Happy Birthday!

Many happy wishes to those celebrating in October, especially Helen Nopper, PMCO, on the 27th.

In closing, I thank you all for the help, support and love given me this past year. It flew by quickly, but will be a treasured memory always! ✕

Attend Grotto Meetings

October 1st -
Caldron White Fez Luncheon
Lehigh Restaurant

October 3rd -
Board of Governors meeting
Grotto Office

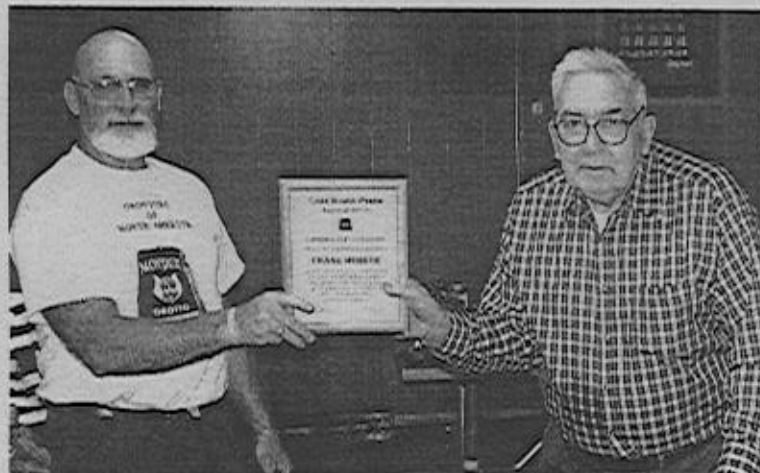
October 13th -
Caldron meeting
Unity Lodge hall

October 19th -
Fall Ceremonial Shrine Center
7:30 p.m.

October 22nd -
Caldron Installation
Lalla Rookh Honor Guard 2 p.m.

Enjoy the Fellowship

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Frank Murrer receiving special recognition for 50 years service to Grotto Legion of Honor from Greg Ludwig

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The 24th Capitular District is on the move! First meetings are in order for all Chapters.

First meetings

Newark Chapter No. 117 will hold its first meeting of the Royal Arch year on October 10th at 7:30 p.m. in their Chapter room, located in the Newark Masonic Temple at 210 East Avenue. The meetings for the rest of the year are the second Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Wayne's (Sodus) No. 276 first meeting is on October 25th at 8:00 p.m., located at the Sodus Masonic Temple at 4 East Main Street. The meetings for the balance of the Chapter year are the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 8:00 p.m.

Palmyra Eagle No. 79 will hold its first meeting on October 3rd at 7:30 p.m. in the Palmyra Masonic Temple 161 East Main Street. The meetings for the balance of the Chapter year are the 1st Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Official Visits

Palmyra Eagle No. 79: Monday December 5th. Dinner at the Yellow Mills Restaurant, Route 31 in Palmyra at 6:00 p.m. The Convocation to follow at 7:30 p.m. in the Palmyra Masonic Temple.

Newark No. 117: 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.

Wayne Chapter No. 276 (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).

Grand Chapter Official Visitations

The Grand Royal Arch Captain, R.:E.: Jeffrey M. Williamson, will be making his Grand Visitation to our District on Tuesday November 8th at 8:00 p.m. at Wayne Chapter No. 276 in Sodus. 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. Let's show our Grand Visitor the 24th Capitular District really knows how to receive and welcome him with our enthusiasm and attendance.

Leadership Training Course

Palmyra Eagle No. 79 will be hosting a Leadership Course conducted by the Grand Royal Arch Captain, R.:E.: Jeffrey M. Williamson, on Saturday,

December 10th from 9-3, with registration at 8:30 a.m. This will be for Districts 24, 25, 27 and 28. Watch this column for additional information

Special events

The Special Events Committee has two more Erie Canal events which should have your support. The first is in Buffalo on October 7th and 8th and the second in Brooklyn on October 29th. Additional information is available from the Special Events Committee or on the Royal Arch website.

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, New York, 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.

District Deputy Grand High Priest



27th
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Companions, we all know of the tragedy that occurred in New Orleans and I hope that you have given to your favorite charity to aid and assist the families in the disaster area. Every Chapter should have a Charity Chairman who can help the Companions with their charity donations.

V.:W.: George Springett, Charity Chairman for Hiram Chapter, has done an excellent job in getting out charity information to the Companions. If the other Chapters in this District need assistance in pulling the charity program together, please contact George at 247-3557.

Official Visit

I made my Official Visit to Hiram Chapter on September 8th, when their new Hiram Chapter Banner was unveiled. The new banner has a correct Grand Chapter symbol, where the old one resembled Grand Lodge. Thanks to R.:E.: Charles Roberts for pulling this effort together.

Fun Degree

If your Chapter is looking for a program, you can contact V.:E.: George R. Springett, who can help you by putting on the Order of the Ugly Knee. This is a fun Degree and can raise a few dollars for your favorite charity by collecting an initiation fee.

The Traveling Keystone is still at Bath Chapter and needs to be moved by their Officers.

Grand Visit

R.:E.: Jeffrey Williams will be making his Grand Visit to

Dansville Chapter No. 95 on Tuesday, October 11th. Each Chapter should have their Officers present for a great message. Dansville Chapter is located at 68 Elizabeth Street. If you get lost on your way, their phone number is 243-3457.

Reception

Following the installation of our new Grand Master, M.:I.: Charles M. Roberts, a member of this District, our next major event will be his Reception at the Holiday Inn Rochester Airport on Saturday, October 22nd. Please contact I.: Joseph Oelgoetz at 265-9969 or:

joeyo11@mac.com for reservation forms. Banquet menu choices are London Broil, \$30; Chicken Cordon Bleu, \$27; and Grilled Salmon Fillet \$30.

Companions, please remember the people in need and give to your favorite Charity to aid the needy in New Orleans. I have a few Council Charity Coins which are still available to coin collectors and those who want 100% of their money to go to a charity.

Companions, remember that the 8th Cryptic District has a lot of dedicated Masons who are willing to assist and are only a phone call or an e-mail away from assisting you and your Council.

I will be visiting each Council in the Fall to bring the message of our Grand Master, M.:I.: Charles M. Roberts. *

Hiram Chapter



No. 62

2nd & 4th
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Erie Canal and the 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



R.:E.: John Dudley, DDGHP and E.: Joseph Oelgoetz, III, High Priest, Hiram Chapter.



R.:E.: John Dudley presents new Assistant Grand Lecturer's Apron to R.:E.: David Lathers

such as M.:E.: Clinton, the Grand Chapter of the State of New York will be holding one of its several rededication ceremonies at Buffalo on October 7th and 8th. I have communicated to most of the members of Hiram Chapter that I would like this to be a Chapter event. I encourage each of you to make it a family outing. Bring along your children, or your grandchildren, to show them how important Freemasonry was to the making of this great Country of ours. The schedule of this event follows:

October 7th - Family Style Dinner for \$11; Chicken Breast, Pork Loin and all the trimmings at 6:30 p.m. Program is a guest speaker, the topic is, *The History of the Erie Canal*; Historical Artifacts from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the 32° Masonic Center, 2379 Union Road in Cheektowaga.

October 8th - from 9:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Erie Basin Marina. Program: 9:30 a.m., assemble; 10:00 a.m., *Wedding of the Waters Ceremony*; 11:30 a.m., board Niagara Clipper for Lake Cruise and Luncheon. Cost: \$30.00 for Cruise



New Hiram Banner



Hiram's Official Visit (from left, front) E.: James Nersinger, R.:E.: John Dudley, DDGHP, E.: Joseph Oelgoetz, III, High Priest, V.:E.: George Springett, R.:E.: Cyril White and R.:E.: William Zufall. (Back) R.:E.: Donald Brugger, R.:E.: Charles Roberts, Companion Richard Horton, R.:E.: David Lathers and R.:E.: Michael Adamus. (Photos Courtesy John Dudley)

I have additional sign-up/informational sheets which I will bring to our meetings. For information and to send in your reservation, contact either Jeffrey Williamson at (716) 912-6121 or Richard Kessler at (716) 873-0207.

I plan to stay Friday night at the "HQ hotel" - Holiday Inn Express off exit 53 at South Ogden Street. The address is Rossler at Dengins Street, Cheektowaga. To make a reservation contact the hotel directly at (716) 896-2900.

I would also like this to be our annual Canadian Sister Chapter event and will be working with our committee on this to see that this will happen. The location is ideal for both Chapters, since each will be traveling about half way.

Brother Bring-a-Brother

Our first meeting in October will be an open meeting dedicated to introducing our Blue Lodge Brethren to the wonders of Royal Arch Masonry. The plan will be to hold a dinner at 6:30 p.m., with a presentation of our Ferency and Zeal Program in the Lodge room at approximately 7:30 p.m., after which there will be a question and answer session. I have also asked E.: Bruce Horncastle to present his paper on Roslyn Chapel in Scotland.

Companions, for our future growth, it is imperative that you invite those members of your Lodge to this event. I recommend any Past Masters, who are not focused in the day-to-day workings of your Lodge, as potential candidates. The fact that they led your Lodge indicates a person who is already interested in further light in Masonry, which the Chapter provides.

York Rite Unity Table Chapter

On October 27th, Hiram Chapter will be hosting a Table Chapter for the purpose of York Rite unity. In addition to the Chapter, Doric Council of Cryptic Masons and Commandery No. 12 of Knights Templar will be invited to join in the fun and festivities. This is a black tie/dark business suit event. This stag event should be a great time, so mark your calendars.

November

Our only meeting in November will be our Veterans Celebration program on November 10th. We will also be having dinner at this event.

I look forward to seeing each of you in the quarries. God Bless.

Order of the Purple Cross



Five Brothers from New York State received the York Rite Purple Cross from the York Rite Sovereign College of North America in Spokane, Washington in July. (From left) Alan Lewis; Donald Brugger; Douglas Holbrook; Edward S. Newsham, Grand Governor of New York; Arthur Pierce; and Bert A. Larson

LeRoy Chapter No. 183 RAM



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Phelps, NY

It seems hard to believe that Summer is gone already, though I am looking forward to a few nice Fall days. I hope all are rested, as LeRoy Chapter always has a full calendar.

Thanks

I want to take a moment to thank E.: Harry Tyson for all his help this year. As my health has not been the greatest, he has had to fill in for me several times. It's good to know what a great group of Brothers we have at LeRoy.

Degrees

Our October meeting will be Degree work. Plans are to start the Degree cycle again. It is my intention to have us confer all the Degrees ourselves. With the number of new members we are taking in, it should be no problem.

November

A reminder that the November meeting is our annual meeting and Election of Officers. Then I will put on my other hat and remind Chapters in the District about AGL visits, scheduled for your October meetings. It is my wish to get them out of the way before snow flies and gas hits \$4 per gallon. I hope both these issues are a long way off.

I must say I was very pleased with the attendance of our first conclave for the year 2005/2006. I am hoping to have a couple of new programs this coming year. We are planning the Thanksgiving Dinner meeting in November and the Christmas Toast in December. I am looking forward to these very special meetings and hope you are, too.

Sir Knights, Zones 11 and 12 are scheduled to have the Zone School of Instruction on October 22nd at Batavia Commandery at 8:00 a.m. Sir Knight David L. Lathers, Grand Senior Warden, will be presenting the exemplification of the Order of the Temple. The ladies of the Temple will have coffee and doughnuts ready at the time of registration. There will also be a light lunch available for a modest fee.

Congratulations to Sir Knight George A. Harrison, as the Right Eminent Grand Commander of the State of New York.

Rochester Forest No. 133

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

By Donald Brugger

If you were not contacted for our Annual Steak Roast by email or phone, please let me know. We have been striving to contact all members one way or another, once a month.

Degrees

Because of unforeseen complications, the Degrees were not exemplified in May. They will be conferred at our October 26th meeting in place of the scheduled Pot Luck Dinner. Hopefully nothing will occur to prevent this from happening. We are calling on

all those who have participated in the past to do their regular parts for the Royal Court. In order for this to happen, we must have the required parts filled: Hiram of Tyre, Prince Master of the Palace, Azariah, Baelbazer, and Abibaal. There are also some non-speaking parts available. If you would like to participate as a cast member, please let me know at 458-6125.

Membership

Since we will be doing the Degrees, it would be great to have candidates aside from those who have already been obligated. We have four new members and it would really be nice to repeat that number this Fall. 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 had no news about changes in Don Freeman's condition. Please call me if you know of a Woodsman with any health related problems.

Looking ahead

Our Annual meeting will be held on November 23rd. We have tried moving this meeting to avoid having it just before Thanksgiving, but this has not worked for us in the past. 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, more on this later. 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.

Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York
Announce a Reception for
M.:I.: Charles M. Roberts
Grand Master
October 22, 2005
Holiday Inn Rochester Airport
Cash Bar 6:00-7:00 p.m.
Dinner 7:00 p.m.
Menu choices:
Sliced London Broil \$30.00
Chicken Cordon Bleu \$27.00
Grilled Salmon Fillet \$30.00
Make check payable to:
Charles Roberts/Grand Master Fund 2005-2006
Reservations by October 17th to:
Joseph P. Oelgoetz, III
44 East Pointe, Fairport, New York 14450-9776

Doric Council No. 19 Cryptic Masons
(Chartered 1861)
3rd Wednesday
III. Master Douglas Koenig 223-6638
quequesquared@hotmail.com
Donald W. Wright, Recorder 621-5764
dwright3@rochester.rr.com
17 Church Street, Pittsford 14534

Wine Tasting

Our first meeting in September was Dinner with our Ladies. We had a wine tasting event. We sampled some lovely Fall vintages.

Our October meeting will be our Official Visit by our District Deputy Grand Master, R.:I.: John Dudley. Since John is a member of Doric Council, and our District Deputy Grand Master, let's give him a warm "homecoming" the evening of October 19th. Plan on dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting at 7:30 p.m. This is a stag event.

Grand Illustrious Master's Reception

At the annual assembly of Cryptic Masons, Doric Council's own M.:I.: Charles Roberts was elected to the office of Grand Master of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York! In celebration of his election, the Grand Council will be holding a Grand Illustrious Master's reception on

Saturday evening, October 22nd, at the Holiday Inn Airport in Rochester. The hospitality room will be open from 1:00 p.m. to about 5:00 p.m. The Banquet, with a cash bar beginning at 6:00 p.m., will be at 7:00 p.m. Let's all plan to attend this event.

York Rite Unity Table Chapter

On October 27th, Hiram Chapter will be hosting a Table Chapter for the purpose of York Rite Unity. In addition to the Council, Hiram Chapter of Royal Arch Masons will invite Commandery No. 12 of Knights Templar to join in the fun and festivities. This is a stag event and should be a great time, so mark your calendars.

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 event will be a stag event.

Reservations for dinner, including the Table Councils, are due no later than the Friday before the meeting. Either call me at my home at 425-9969; or email me at: joeyo11@mac.com
I look forward to seeing each of you in the quarries. God Bless.

Nundawaga Council No. 92
4th Mondays
West Main Street
LeRoy 14482
I.: Richard Anderson
Master
I.: Vernon G. Rupert
Recorder - 343-8429

As we are now back to our labors in the Secret Vault, it is time to go forward with our efforts.

At the September Nundawaga Council meeting, M.:I.: Stephen Licht, Past Grand Master of Cryptic Masons, presented R.:I.: Jerold Brade with a memento of a Past Grand Sentinel's Apron.

At the Grand Master's Banquet at Grand Council, M.:I.: Licht gave each Companion a complimentary copy of the book, *Freemasonry Exposed*. This book is relative to the Morgan Affair. We have a number of these copies still available for distribution. If anyone would like one, please contact a member of Nundawaga Council. However, we would like to recover the printing cost of \$3 each.

We have scheduled a Table Council for October 24th at the LeRoy Masonic Temple at 6:30 p.m. Please make your reservations with R.:I.: Vernon Rupert or me by no later than October 20th. The cost is \$15 for dinner and cannon. I hope to see you there.

Come visit us!

It's Autumn in New York
Come visit the Masonic Care Community

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.

The grounds of the Masonic Care Community Campus are landscaped with a wide variety of beau-

tiful trees and flowers, and are especially lovely in the autumn. So please make plans to spend a day viewing what is so special in Utica for every Mason and their family. Learn what healthcare options and services are available at the Masonic Care Community. The cost of the bus is completely paid for through the generosity of the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Home.

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

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Potentate - Robert L. Anderson II

From the Potentate
Shrine Office - 671-7701



Robert L. Anderson II

Congratulations, Nobles! As our Recorder announced at the September meeting, we have reached our fundraising goal for the Hospitals. Let us not, however, rest on our laurels. The \$22,000 that we have raised to date this year is only a drop in the bucket to the needs of our kids. Our efforts need to continue, not only this year, but also every year. If you have any questions about ways to contribute to the Hospitals, feel free to ask our Donor Relations Chairman, Derek VanHouten, PP. He will be glad to assist you in your planning.

Membership is the other goal of 2005 and 2006. We have been given new member and restoration goals by Tampa. With every Noble's help, we can better both goals. Don't forget, sometimes the easiest way to increase membership is to welcome back the Brother who previously belonged to our Fraternity. Contact the Recorder to see how easy it is to have that Brother restored. Our goal is to regain the 1,000-member level. We are part way there, but it will require a full class for the November Hot Sands.

October will be an Italian Night for dinner at Damascus. This is the last night of 2005 where the wives will be our welcome guests for dinner. November will be the Hot Sands and December our annual election of officers and will be a busy evening. Make sure that you are there, as the ladies will be making a bracelet while we have our meeting. It should be a fun evening for all.

See you at the meeting. ✕

From the Recorder



Shrine Office
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James Slocum
367-2425

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671-3565

I hope all are glad that they live in this area or part of the country. At times we do complain about a little too much rain, wind, snow or cold, but we sure do not have the weather they have in the South and coastal areas. Our hearts, thoughts and prayers go out to all of the people in Louisiana, Mississippi, and other parts that have been affected by Katrina.

Ralph W. Semb, Chairman Board of Trustees, Shriners' Hospitals for Children, has been keeping us updated on the progress and the outpour of help from the Shrine Centers in the affected areas. Most of the Shrine Centers have weathered the storm with a little water damage to ceiling tiles, other than that, they came through in good shape

from the ones we have heard from. I believe there are some whom have not been heard from yet.

There have been reports that a lot of the Shriners and Masonic families lost every thing, but the ones who did survive are now helping the less fortunate ones. PP Dayne and Kathy Tharrett have offered their home and hospitality to Masonic and Shrine families who are in need, even though they are not real close by. They are now the Damascus South Center.

Having visited the Hospital in Shreveport, I know they are on higher ground and that they did not have to evacuate. They are assisting in any way possible. I did learn that they had to hire extra guards to deal with the looters. It is too bad that we see a lot of the negative side of the disaster and not more of the positive side. There were a lot of lives lost, but let's be thankful for the ones who did survive and their lives were spared. A lot of people do not realize what it takes to mobilize the relief effort under less than ideal conditions; the people and equipment are not on a 24-hour stand-by for deployment in this type of emergencies.

The Perry Shrine Club and the mini-cars. under the direc-

tion of Captain Gerald Husong, had a very successful Summer of attending eight different parades around the realm. They are looking forward to next year's parades. The new members who joined were just like old pros with their maneuvers.

Don't forget your dues for 2005. In January we do not want to drop any Nobels. They are hard to come by. If you know of anyone who has dropped out, ask them why and see if we can reinstate them or restore them to the greatest organization in the world, helping children.

We have the commemorative Shrine coins available for \$30. each. Remember, \$12.50 is returned to the Shrine Center.

We need applications for membership for the November Hot Sands. Get out there and rattle some cages. ✕

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Brothers enjoying themselves at the Geneva Shrine Club Annual Fishing Party

Your Legal Rights FYI

 By Bro. Phillip Hurwitz, Esq.

Credit Reports

Access to credit has become a necessity for many people. Without it, ones' standard of living may be different (whether that's necessarily a bad thing is a topic for another day.) Your credit history is obviously used to determine your access to credit. It's also used by: insurance companies to determine what insurance rates you will pay; banks to determine what mortgage interest rates will be and potential and current employers.

With identity theft, a person who obtains credit in your name, robs you of your good name. The best line of defense is a good offense. Credit reports are a necessary tool in securing your identity.

Beginning September 1, 2005, New Yorkers could obtain free copies of their credit reports from each of the three major consumer credit reporting companies. Under the new law enacted by Congress (Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act), consumers can obtain a free report once a year.

The process of obtaining a credit report has been simplified. The three major credit-reporting companies have teamed up to provide access to your report on the web. Go to:

WWW.annualcreditreport.com/cra/index.jsp

You have the choice of obtaining your report on-line or having it mailed to you. You can see all three credit reports at the same time. The downside to that is that you will have to wait until the following year to order a free credit report. A recommended strategy is to space out your requests by only ordering a credit report from a different company every four months. For example, there are three credit companies (Experian, Equifax and Transunion.) If you space your orders from each of the companies, every four months, you can effectively monitor your credit file throughout the year.

In future articles, I'll discuss what your rights are with respect to identity theft and correcting erroneous information on your report. Consumers Union (publishers of Consumers Reports) has excellent resources, which you can access on the web at: www.consumersunion.org/issues/creditmatters.html?AddInterest=1045

Damascus Shrine Halloween Costume Party

Sponsored by
Damascus Shrine Wheelers

October 29, 2005

5:00 to 10:00 pm

6:00 pm Food

Games for all

Haunted Hayride and House Door Prizes

Children and Adult Costume Judging

Location: 979 Bay Rd, Webster, NY

Cost: \$8.00 per adult, children under 12 free

All Shrine, Masonic members and guest are invited.
Outside friends and guest are also invited

For more detail call 671-7701 or 396-2133



In Memoriam

September

August

Larsen, Warren J.

Warren was 83 years old when he was called Home on August 21st. He was a 50-year member of Fame Lodge and is survived by his wife, Iva, two children and four grandchildren.

Russ, Charles H.

Death claimed Russ on August 21st at the age of 82 years. A member of Eunice Lodge and LeRoy Chapter, RAM, he leaves his wife, Kathryn, five children and four grandchildren.

Masten, Keith L.

The Great Architect of the Universe claimed Keith on August 23rd. He was District Deputy Grand Master of the First Monroe District in 1984-85, a 50-year member of ERAC Lodge and of Rochester Consistory. Survivors include many family members.

Brodie, Gordon S.

Gordon entered into the presence of our Lord of August 29th. A member of Churchville Lodge, he leaves four children, four grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Danley, William E.

William was 83 years old when he passed away on August 29th. A member of Damascus Shrine, he is survived by four children, fourteen grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Clark, Jay M.

Canandaigua/Fenogowone Chapter, OES, lost a member with the passing of Jay on September 6th. Three children, seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren survive him.

Schrader, Everett F.

A member of Milnor Lodge, Everett died on September 13th. He leaves his wife, Dorothy.

Brown, James A. "Tony"

James joined the Celestial Lodge above on September 15th at the age of 62 years. He was a member of Unity Lodge and is survived by two sons.

Dobson, Harold R.

Harold passed away September 18th at the age of 80 years. He was a member of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge and is survived by his wife, Bessie, three children, sixteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Baxter, William E.

The loving arms of the Lord embraced Bill on September 19th at the age of 70 years. He was a member of Churchville Lodge, Damascus Temple and Order of the Eastern Star Chapters. Bill was the District Grand Lecturer for the Eastern Star in 2003-2004. Survivors include his wife, Sula, four children, seven grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Perlmutter, Leonard F.

Unity Lodge lost a member with the passing of Leonard on September 21st. He leaves his wife, Donna, three children and three grandchildren.

Deaths reported with no specific information.

Seifert, Glenn L.

Glenn was a member of Rochester Consistory at the time of his passing on June 16th.

Raymer, Thomas L.

A member of Damascus Shrine, Thomas died in July.

Bigger, John R.

A member of Ark Lodge, John resided in Virginia at the time of his death on July 3rd.

Looking Ahead

November

7 Lilac Star, OES, Card Party and Luncheon Webster Masonic Temple

11 OES District Banquet, Beahan Road Party House

December

10 All Masonic Bodies Children's Christmas Party, Shrine Center

11 OES District Christmas Party, Hilton Masonic Temple

January, 2006

16 Masonic Development Course Wakan/Hubbard Lodge

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

Interfaith Service and Brunch

October 16th Logan's Party House \$12

Contact Lodge Secretary for tickets. It's not too late!

Give to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund Campaign

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BIG CALENDAR OF OCTOBER 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						OES - Rochester Chapter, 1 Unity Lodge - Spencerport Daughters of the Nile, Zama Temple - Fairport OSY Association - Seneca Falls
2 Canandaigua - Shortsville West Star - Varysburg (OV) RAM - Palmyra/Eagle OES - Irondequoit KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford Shrine Lunch Club	3 Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps Oakland - Castile OES - Fairport, Lilac Star, Nolatka Rosh Hashanah	4 Attica Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy Damascus Shrine	5 Avon Springs - Avon Eunice - Caledonia Hesperus - Bergen (OV) Northfield - Pittsford Webster (OV) RSM - Palmyra Council	6 Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m. \$6 adult; \$3 Child 30 Orchard Street OSY - Apron and Awards Ceremony, DiPacific's	7	8
9 Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinner Wed. 12th and 26th East Avenue, Hilton	10 ERAC - Shrine Center, BBF Fairport/Flower City Mt. Vernon - Java Village Union Star - Honeoye Falls, 1* Unity - Spencerport Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield RAM - Excelsior - Shortsville Shrine Lunch Club OSY - RTTE, Phelps Lodge Columbus Day	11 Arcade (OV) Batavia Fame - Irondequoit Seneca - Webster Valley-Simes RAM - Dansville, LeRoy OES - Leah - Hilton	12 Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminal - Pike Masonic Service Bureau Monthly Luncheon Meeting G/W - Grand Lecturer's Convention, Olive Branch OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville, Corinthian Fellowship	13 Milnor - Victor Union - Lima RAM - Hiram KT - Batavia Commandery LIV - Grand Lecturer's Convention, Livonia Lalla Rookh Caldron Yom Kippur	14	15 KT - Sagoyewatha - Phelps MON - OES, Homecoming for Grand Officers, Webster Lodge, 2:00 p.m. Garoga/Sincerity - Pork Chop Bar-B-Que
16 Interfaith Service & Brunch, Logan's Party House, 10:00 a.m.	17 Canandaigua - Shortsville West Star - Varysburg KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford OES - Irondequoit Shrine Lunch Club - Ladies Day	18 Clio - Hilton, 1* Craftsman Robertson (OV) Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps Oakland - Castile (OV) OES - Lilac Star, Nolatka	19 Attica Ark - Geneva Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy RSM - Doric Council, Pittsford (OV) Lalla Rookh Grotto, Fall Ceremonial	20 Avon Springs - Avon Eunice - Caledonia Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster Scottish Rite - Symbolic Lodge Awards Night RAM - Western Star	21	22 Batavia Commandery Zone School of instruction, 8:00 a.m. Lalla Rookh Caldron Installation, Unity Lodge, 2:00 p.m.
23 OES Grand Chapter - Saratoga Springs 30 Daylight Saving Time Ends	24 OES Grand Chapter ERAC - Shrine Center (OV) Mt. Vernon - Java Village Union Star - Honeoye Falls Unity - Spencerport Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield RSM - Nundawaga Shrine Lunch Club OSY - RTTE, Phelps 25 Shrine Lunch Club OSY - RTTE, Phelps Halloween	25 OES Grand Chapter Arcade Batavia Fame - Irondequoit RAM - Dansville, LeRoy, Wyoming OES - Leah - Hilton MON - Grand Lecturer's Convention	26 OES Grand Chapter Churchville Oatka - Scottsville - 3* Triluminal - Pike Tall Cedars of Lebanon OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville, Corinthian Fellowship	27 OES Grand Chapter Milnor - Victor Union - Lima RAM - Hiram KT - Batavia Commandery James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post WYN - Grand Lecturer's Convention	28	29

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