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## R.: W.: M. Donald Darrohn Receives Distinguished Community Service Award



M. Donald Darrohn

By Jim Ghent

The Interfaith Service and Brunch Committee of the Masonic Service Bureau is proud to announce the selection of M. Donald Darrohn to be the

recipient of the Distinguished Community Service Award at the 64th annual Interfaith Service and Brunch, to be held at Logan's Party House, 1420 Scottsville Road on October

16th. The Interfaith Service will begin at 10:00 a.m. and the Brunch will immediately follow the Service.

Volunteering has been a way of life for Brother Darrohn. After moving his young family to Colorado in 1971, he served in several capacities. First, as a Cub Scout Pack leader; and later as a District Scout leader. The Junior Achievement program provided an opportunity for experienced business personnel to work with and teach a middle grade class (typically 8th grade) about the free enterprise system. The program lasts about one semester and was one class period a week in the classroom. Don served for three years and recalls helping the youth work through the issues of developing a product, purchasing, manufacturing, marketing and accounting for the products, which included a meat saw and portable car trouble light.

Although Don's wife, Mickey, was the sparkplug for the Church youth group activities during their 16-plus years in Loveland, Colorado, on more than one occasion Don took vacation time to take the youth group, along with some adults, on retreats or excursions. The one he most fondly recalls was the trip to Wasatch

Academy, a Presbyterian school in Utah, where the youth worked on all sorts of activities with the assistance of the adults, including Don.

In 1987, the Darrohn's returned to the Rochester area, where Don had a new assignment at Kodak. Shortly thereafter, he dusted off the dimit he'd taken while in Colorado and jumped into Lodge chairs. Brother Darrohn served as Master of Etolian Lodge No. 479 for the 1996-1997 year; as District Deputy Grand Master of the First Monroe District for the 1999-2000 year and covered for the Second Monroe District in 2000, the year the Districts were combined.

It was during Brother Don's trip through the "Chairs" that he became actively involved with the local Ronald McDonald House. The campaign started at a Masters and Wardens meeting in 1987.

There was interest in building a Home-Away-from-Home in the Rochester area. Local support was required to ensure the financial stability of the venture. The Masonic Fraternity in Monroe County made a commitment to raise funds through a Have-a-Heart Campaign at local area malls. This Campaign has been conducted each year in February, staffed by local Masonic

Lodges, Eastern Star Chapters, Damascus Temple Shriners and Clowns, as well as friends and family members. The total dollars raised to date exceeds \$180,000, making the Fraternity one of the largest supporters of the Ronald McDonald House.

In the mid-1990s, Brother Darrohn assumed the chairmanship for the Have-a-Heart Campaign and served in that capacity until passing it on in 2002. Coordinating the scheduling of the malls, filling various time slots each day, the logistics of supplies and arranging components for each of the displays, still is an intense undertaking.

Darrohn was recognized by Grand Master Carl Smith in June, 2001, with the "Masonic Award for Community Service with Heart and Hands" for his efforts with the Ronald McDonald House.

In May, 2002, Don was elected to the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Home. Initially, he was told to expect one day a month in Utica for a business meeting. He has found

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## Paul Vick Appointed Grand Representative



Paul A. Vick

By Stephen Whittaker

On June 30th, at the quarterly meeting, R.: W.: M. Donald Darrohn, President of the Purple Club of the Monroe District, announced that he had received a letter from the Grand Master, M.: W.: Edward R. Trosin, naming Paul A. Vick as a Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of the Sovereign and Independent State of El Potosi of AF and AM-Mexico near the Grand Lodge of New York. W.: Brother Vick was invited to this meeting under the watchful eye of R.: W.: Raymond Beardsley and was welcomed and greeted with Grand Honors.

Paul was a 1986 Master of Seneca Lodge, No. 797, and continues active involvement with the Lodge serving as Chaplain and, until recently, delivering the Middle Chamber Lecture to candidates for the Fellowcraft Degree. His active leadership and counsel on behalf of Lodge financial matters as a Lodge Trustee has provided necessary information for appropriate actions during challenging times.

He earned his Bachelor's Degree at Kalamazoo College and went on to earn a Masters Degree in Divinity at the Colgate Rochester Divinity School and his Doctor of Laws from the Buffalo Law School. He is both a practicing attorney, as a partner with Phillips Lytle, and an ordained minister with the American Baptist Church.

Since 1995 he has served the Grand Lodge of New York as the Western Regional Proctor. For nearly four years, he was the Attorney of record representing the former seven member Bodies of the Temple Civic Center and participated in the successful dissolution of this Fraternal corporation.

Paul is a member of Hiram Chapter No. 62, RAM, Cyrene/Monroe Commandery No. 12, Knights Templar and Damascus Temple.

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Rt. Wthy. Evy Ann Heller dressed the part to drum up business for the OES Chicken B-B-Q. More photos, details on page 17.

### Special Awareness of Depression and its Victims

Myths and Misunderstandings  
September 16th - 7:00 p.m.  
Shrine Center

Mental health professionals Dr. George Nasra and Lew Perna will speak on the topic of depression and how it affects the many victims of this disease. There will be a Question and Answer session afterwards, with a panel of people who have been affected by depression.

Beverages and light refreshments will be available throughout the program. The program is FREE to the general public and will be underwritten by members of ERAC Lodge and Damascus Shrine. There will be handout materials and note pads at the program. You may bring non-Masons and relatives. The program will end by 9:00 p.m.

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Editor's Corner

I have central air conditioning. I preface my remarks with that statement so you can read the rest of this message with a grain of salt.

What a great summer! I'll even say it again, what a great summer...at least weather-wise! I can't remember having so many wonderful sunny and warm days. OK, many were too humid as well, and I know that causes a lot of problems for people with respiratory conditions.

When I took the buyout offered by Eastman Kodak Company in 1991, I should have packed my bags and left the area. I'm not really a fan of winter weather, and the older I get the more envious I become of the snowbirds.

Despite the weather and many other blessings we have received over the past few months, it was not without some dark points.

Two dozen deaths of Masons are reported on Page 23. Some of them were members of my Lodge; others, friends or acquaintances. Death is a part of the Life cycle; I understand that.

We had known of medical problems for several months, but everything seemed to go well until the last week. He died! We buried him on the day he was supposed to be born.

So while there was sadness, it was still a great summer! I enjoyed it to the fullest, and I hope you did, too. Life goes on.

Thanks for reading.

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As I watched Discovery land in early August, I felt there was a lesson we could all learn from this, especially our leaders of the various organizations who do the planning.

To reinforce this I would like to share the following with

you. On the Speaking Out page in the August 1st Democrat and Chronicle, there was an article in which some questions were asked of Robert Miller, who retired this year as President of Nazareth College.

I would, therefore, encourage you all to not be afraid to get "your feet wet." Try things, learn from your failures and rejoice in your successes and if I, or any member of the Masonic Service Bureau, can be of help to you, call on us.

Remember: "Do not throw cold water On someone else's schemes; Throw instead a lifeline, To help them with their dreams." Anne Kreer

Widows Luncheon September 10th at Logan's Party House

Beverly and Leon VanHuben await your calls, Brothers. They hope to hear from all Lodge Secretaries or Chairmen, plus members of the Order of the Eastern Star, Scottish Rite, York Rite, Shrine and Grotto with final reports for ticket sales for this event.

This annual event, sponsored by the Masonic Service Bureau, begins at noon at Logan's Party House, 1420 Scottsville Road. The doors open at 11:00 a.m.,

and the luncheon will begin at noon. Tickets are \$14.00 per person and all Lodge Secretaries should have received a supply along with a letter detailing the procedure for reporting sales, remitting payments and returning unused tickets.

The VanHubens will provide additional tickets to any organization needing them. They can be reached at 647-1391. You can send them an email at: bevlion1@netzero.net.

There will be a limited number of tickets available at the door, so if you haven't been con-

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tacted by a member of your organization and/or didn't make a reservation and find yourself available, please join us for this auspicious occasion.

Musical entertainment will be provided by Karl-Heinz Reich, who has performed for many organizations in the past and has graciously donated his services for the Luncheon. We hope to see you there.

Temple Civic Center

By Raymond Beardsley

President, TCC Board of Trustees



R.W.: Raymond Beardsley presents a check, representing the final step in the dissolution of the Temple Civic Center, to Wthy. Linda Zahn, President, and Charles Waterstreet, Executive Director of the Masonic Service Bureau.

This past Spring, the Board of Trustees of the Temple Civic Center was busy winding up the final affairs of the Rochester Masonic Temple. Since all necessary arrangements had been made, a petition was presented to the Supreme Court of the State of New York requesting permission to dissolve the Temple Civic Center

Corporation; this legal approval was subsequently granted. A final meeting of the Board of Trustees was held in June, at which time all remaining liabilities were dispensed with and the necessary disbursements made.

Rochester Temple for 75 years has been concluded.

In its original format, the TCC was composed of 25 Masonic organizations meeting in the Rochester Temple: 16 Lodges, 5 York Rite Bodies, 2 Scottish Rite Bodies, the Shrine and the Grotto. In addition, numerous women's, youth and other Masonic organizations made the Rochester Temple the center of their activities.

Over the past three decades, with many of the Bodies merging and/or leaving the Temple, the TCC had shrunk to a group of seven: Valley-Simes Lodge, Craftsman Robertson Lodge, Hiram Chapter, Doric Council, Cyrene/Monroe Commandery, Valley of Rochester (AASR) and Lalla Rookh Grotto.

The final act of the Board of Trustees was to present a check to the Masonic Service Bureau of over \$170, representing final closure of the TCC. A long and distinguished chapter in the Masonic life of the Rochester community has come to an end.

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Way Campaign or directly to the Service Bureau, has been listed below.

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## Donald Darrohn

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out that the typical week includes 20-plus hours of activities on Trustee business.

He serves as one of nine Trustees, who live throughout New York State, responsible for the significant assets that include: the Home in Utica; Masonic Hall in New York City; Camp Turk at Woodgate in the Adirondacks and The Tappan Washington Memorial at Tappan, New York. One of the key short comings he speaks of today is the lack of knowledge within the Craft about those assets! "As a trustee, I want to do everything possible to spread the word about these beautiful facilities we have available to each of us."

He speaks of sitting quietly in the Tompkins Memorial Chapel absorbed in the beauty of the Tiffany stained glass or pondering the Statue of Silence by Augustus Saint-Gaudens in the entry. Then there is The Pavilion, a state-of-the-art skilled nursing facility, the envy of every other facility in the State and beyond, where residents can get up when they want, eat when they want to and reside in households of eight or sixteen where you know your neighbor.

The Trustees have recently established a master plan for the Masonic Care Community, which looks 20 years into the future, with some significant changes anticipated.

Don Darrohn has been an active member of his Church, The First Congregational Church of Spencerport. He has served on various committees, including

Building and Grounds, Finance and Religious Services, as well as serving as Moderator of the Church. One of the activities he enjoys is the Retired Men's Group, which meets every Thursday. They start with coffee for as many as fourteen, then off to work, which could include painting, cleaning, vacuuming, fixing the plumbing, changing the rope on the Church bell (only about 75 feet up!) or setting up a Christmas tree. He reports that their efforts save the Church thousands of dollars each year in maintenance expenses.

Brother Darrohn has been married to Mickey for 41 years. They have three children: David, Renee, and Elaine, who have blessed them with nine grandchildren.

Other Masonic affiliations in which R.: W.: Don has participated include, a Director of the Masonic Service Bureau, Past President of the Purple Club of Monroe County, Past President of the Masters and Wardens Association, membership in Red Cross of Constantine, Royal Arch, Scottish Rite, Damascus Shrine (he's been a Circus helper), and an escort for his Lodge for the Widows Luncheon.

Brother Darrohn joins a distinguished list of Masons who have previously received this Award: Henri J. Projansky, Albert W. Skinner, Lennarth C. Anderson, Odell B. Kelly, Anthony Schatzlein, Frank J. Horton, Norman H. Selke, Barber B. Conable, R. Kenneth Crawford, Paul R. Gleason and David P. Crawford.

A very elite group.



## THE MASONIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA

### Florida Emergency Relief Appeal

*The Grand Lodge of Florida has been receiving many calls for assistance from the Pensacola area which has suffered two hurricanes in what has turned out to be an extremely active hurricane season. Many people are still trying to recover from the 2004 hurricane season as well and the need is very great.*

*Please forward to the MSA such funds as you feel appropriate to help our devastated Brethren and their families in this stricken jurisdiction. Please make checks payable to the MSA Disaster Relief Fund and send them to: 8120 Fenton Street, Silver Spring, MD 20910-4785*

**Richard E. Fletcher, PGM  
Executive Secretary**

## Can't visit the Masonic Care Community? We'll come to you!

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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## Enjoy the City<sup>sm</sup>

### Books are back!

Once again we are offering *Enjoy the City<sup>sm</sup>* books. This successful program will help assure continued operations of the *Masonic Times* and is full of coupons for a variety of products and services. They are now available at the Masonic Service Bureau Office for the 2006 year, and may be used any time starting now.

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### Assistant Grand Lecturer Wayne District



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Well, my Brothers, the new Masonic year is upon us. I will have met with the Grand Lecturer on August 20th for our Western District Conference and received our updates for the coming year. I will need all of the Lodges to begin providing me with dates for their Edict Degrees for the year. Most of you will be exemplifying the 3rd Degree. All of the Degree work MUST BE COMPLETED BY MARCH 31st, 2006, as my report must be in the hands of the Grand Lecturer by April 5th, 2006. I hope all Lodges will have the opportunity to work on their opening and closing rituals prior to my visitations, as this is also reflected in my report.

My Brothers, our Ritual is the backbone of our Fraternity and it must be preserved and performed with perfection. I invested three new Masters this year with the Secrets of the Chair. I am looking forward to working with them and I wish them well. Please support them with your attendance at Lodge and helping out where necessary.

### October 27th

The Grand Lecturer's Convention this year will be held at Drumlin Square Lodge in Palmyra, on October 27th. The afternoon session will begin at 4:00 p.m.; break for dinner at 6:00 p.m. and the formal session will begin at 7:00 p.m. We will be exemplifying the Second Section of the 3rd Degree. More to come on this and I will be assigning parts to the different Lodges.

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

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My Brothers, when you read this, Summer will be almost over and the new Lodge year will soon begin. The first meeting will be held on September 21st and will be a Welcome Back Night. This will be an open meeting for the purpose of presenting the Distinguished Service Award to R.: W.: John E. Blyth. The business meeting should be short and refreshments will follow.

I have been quite busy since our last meeting with presentations. On June 13th, I pre-

sented the DeWitt Clinton Award to our Boy Scout Troop at Bullis Park in Macedon. I also was privileged to present a 65-Year Certificate and Pin to Brother Arthur Leroy and a 50-Year Certificate and Pin to Brother William Donk. Our Scholarship Award winners were each presented a \$750 award and are as follows: Kimberly Veley, Palmyra-Macedon Central School and Danielle Howard, Gananda Central School. It was a pleasure to present these Awards to these fine young scholars.

My trestleboard for the year is almost complete. It looks like we will have at least one candidate for Degree work.

R.: W.: Craig M. Sewert, DDGM, will make his Official Visit on October 19th. It will be preceded by a dinner.

Brothers, we have a busy year ahead of us. Please attend Lodge; support your Officers who will give you their best.

May the Great Architect of the Universe be with you. ✕



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### District Deputy Grand Master



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Welcome back! I hope your Summer was as enjoyable as ours. Orlee and I started our Summer in Montreal where I attended an international conference on "Interdisciplinary Emergency" treatment. The conference was stimulating, but the food was remarkable. We spent the middle part of the Summer closer to home, enjoying our home, friends and family. As of the writing of this article, we are planning to end our Summer in Greece. How about you? Did you live your life with fervor? Was your time well spent with friends and family?

I begin this Fall in my second term as your District Deputy. During the Summer I met with some of you to discuss several important Masonic topics. I attended a Lodge Scholarship Picnic and participated in a program for children with autism. The District Kick-Off event was held August 18th, at which time the leadership of your Lodge was given the essence of my trestleboard for the ensuing year. The highlights include the usual Official Visits, Widows Luncheon, Interfaith Brunch and Schools of Ritual. In addition, the Individual Development Course (IDC) was introduced. IDC is an attempt by Grand Lodge to provide Masons interested in pursuing Grand Lodge appointments with an integrated professional leadership training program. The training will be locally based at the Shrine Center in a series of monthly sessions. The cost of this training is \$99. I encourage all who have an interest in pursuing a Grand Lodge appointment to take advantage of this training.

As you learn about your Lodge trestleboards, be mindful that community service is an important aspect of what Masons do. Child ID continues to be an important program for the Grand Master and I encourage you to support this program in any manner possible. The District is without a Child ID Chairperson and I am currently managing this responsibility. I need help. This does not require a significant amount of work. The program runs well. Many Lodges have done a number of Child ID events and, as a result, are self-sufficient. We have strategically placed the equipment on either side of the County, thanks to the cooperation of Wakan/Hubbard and Unity Lodges. Please contact me if you are able to shoulder this responsibility.

I look forward to my Official Visits as I continue to enjoy the warmth and hospitality of my Brothers. Enjoy your Lodge. Infuse it with your love and talents. Mimic the efforts of our long-time departed Brothers, whose single efforts culminated in the completion

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of some very impressive undertakings. Do not minimize the impact of your work. Add to the vitality of your Lodge. Officers, lead with strength, wisdom and compassion. Brothers, support your Officers and serve them with zeal. ✕

### Grand Director of Ceremonies

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Greetings to all from your District Staff Officers. I hope you enjoyed our wonderful warm Summer this year. Now it is time to return to the quarries and resume our labors.

We have set some tentative dates for the upcoming year for further Masonic instruction and enlightenment.

We are tentatively scheduling a Masonic Development Course, open for all Master Masons, which will be held on the third Wednesday evening in September, October, and November, with the respective dates being September 21st, October 19th, and November 16th. The location and other details have not yet been determined, but if interested, please contact your Lodge Master or any of your District Staff Officers.

We have also set a tentative date for another *Road to the East* program for three Saturdays in January, the 14th, 21st and 28th. Other details will be made available in future editions of the *Masonic Times*. ✕

### Grand Sword Bearer

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What a wonderful Summer. I optimistically look forward to a wonderful Autumn season and several Official Visits.

This Summer I especially enjoyed watching the faces of the scholarship recipients of the Masonic Service Bureau Scholarship Awards (12 students) and grants (12 organizations.)

I enjoyed watching the recipients of the Grand Lodge and ASSR scholarship awards. Some 30 strong, and in all cases I am impressed with the career plans of these young men and women.

I thank all who participated in the several Child ID programs this Summer.

I want you to know that Masonry is alive and well in Monroe County and New York. I would say to the nay sayers that the "good old days" are now. We need to look to the future and keep an eye on the past. I urge you to spread the word about the good works being conducted in the Lodges. To the men who be-

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long to the Craft but choose not to participate when family, business and health allow, we need only to look to Pericles for wisdom, "We alone call the man who does not participate not a private man, but a useless one..."

Will I see you in the Quarries?\*

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#### New year - New team

I can't believe that the Summer is almost past and the new Masonic year is upon us. It is with a lot of respect and thanks that I feel towards R.: W.: Rich Friedman for the assistance and guidance he provided me during my first year as an Assistant Grand Lecturer for Monroe District. I wish Rich all the best in whatever he pursues in Masonry, and know that he has the best for all Masons at heart. Thank you, Rich!

It is also with much gratitude and positive anticipation that I welcome back V.: W.: John Dyer as our second Assistant Grand Lecturer for the Monroe District. I feel that we will have a strong team for the 2005/2006 Masonic Year. Thank you, John for stepping up to serve, once again, in the important role of Assistant Grand Lecturer.

We have scheduled our first School of Ritual. It will be held at Wakan/Hubbard Lodge in Penfield on Monday, August 29th, at 7:30 p.m. Location was chosen for the important aspect that Wakan/Hubbard has air conditioning. The work, which will be performed by Wakan/Hubbard Lodge, will be opening, closing and balloting.


Please mark your calendar also for the Grand Lecturer's Convention on Tuesday, October 25th. As of this writing we are still attempting to secure a location for this event. Time for the event will be 7:30 p.m. We hope to be having dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m.

#### Grand Master's Edict

The Grand Master's Edict is, once again, in place. Each Lodge within the Monroe District is required to perform one of the three Degrees in full form. Members of the Lodge must perform this Degree. It must be the Degree that was NOT performed for the Grand Master's Edict in the past two years. Said another way, if your Lodge performed the 3rd and 1st Degrees to comply with the Grand Master's Edict during the last two years, then it will be required to perform the 2nd Degree this year. We will be getting out the forms to all of the Masters within the District shortly.

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

**Visit a Masonic War Veteran**



## Brotherhood Fund

R.: W.:  
**Derek VanHouten**  
Monroe District

It's time to shake off the effects of Summer and once again return to the quarries of Freemasonry as we start the Fall season and normal Lodge activities.

In June I had the opportunity, along with W.: Steve Mitchell, to travel to Utica. We met with R.: W.: Robert Stack and several others to obtain the final figures for the 2004-05 Brotherhood Campaign. He was surprised at the final numbers as this year the per capita increase took effect. The total collected from 16,262 contributors, or about 27% of the membership, was in excess of \$900,000. R.: W.: Stack remarked, "I am extremely proud of all of you and look forward to your continued help and cooperation in the 2005-06 Campaign effort."

The following are the first four outstanding Lodges and their total contributions. First Place goes to Valley-Simes with \$5,907, Second Place to Seneca Lodge with \$4,550, closely followed by Fairport/Flower City with \$4,228 and Craftsman Robertson with \$3,210. These are commendable efforts by these Lodges. I know that one Lodge had more than 50% of its members contributing to the Campaign.

The rest of the District is to be congratulated also, because without everyone's help we would not have had a grand total of \$31,154.65. There are a couple of Lodges who need to actively ask their members to contribute. Even a dollar will help and the feeling that you helped the overall cause will be, or could be, your good deed for the day.

At the State level, the Monroe District came in at a very respectable 5th place. Just think what could have transpired if some of our other Lodges had collected a few more dollars. There were only 26% of our District's members contributing. Out of the District membership of 2371 members, only 798 Brothers saw their way to give.

I look forward to working with you and continuing this most noble cause for the benefit of helping our Brothers within the various programs supported by Grand Lodge. Remember that contributions are tax deductible.

See you in the quarries. \*

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I hope that you have all had a safe and enjoyable Summer. I would like to introduce our elected Officers for the 2005-2006 Masonic year:  
Vice-President Steve Lysenko

Secretary **Tim White**  
Treasurer **Derek VanHouten**

I thank Steve, Tim and Derek for volunteering their time to support our organization. I would also like to thank the members of the Masters and Wardens Association for having confidence in us. We look forward to your support.

The Officers of the Masters and Wardens Association are looking forward to another good year, building on our success of 2004-2005. There is still much work to be done, as we strive to come together as a group to support the activities of the Lodges in the Monroe District. Two important items that we will be working on in the near term are the By-Laws and an operating budget. We are also working on improving communication within the group, which is important to our continued success.

#### Has Anyone Seen the By-Laws?

Like the mythical Pegasus, I have heard that the Masters and Wardens Association has By-Laws. Brothers far and wide claim to have seen them, but no one has a copy of them. Our organization needs structure, which is provided by the By-Laws. If we cannot find a copy of the By-Laws by the November 16th Masters and Wardens meeting, it is my suggestion that we work together to draft By-Laws for adoption. This will be a topic for discussion in September. If you have a copy of the existing By-Laws, or know where we can find them, please call me directly at 248-2106 or email me at:  
hhw@rochester.rr.com.

#### Operating Budget

Another topic for discussion in September will be to draft an operating budget for the year. Questions recently arose concerning the support of various charitable activities and other events, but without a budget we don't have a clear picture of what our resources are. This is another priority.

#### Communications

As with last year, the majority of our communications will be done electronically. It is efficient, and provides cost savings for the distribution of minutes and other information. Our monthly article in the *Masonic Times* will also include information about upcoming meetings and various topics that are being addressed by the group. If you are a member of the Masters and Wardens Association and are not receiving email communications, please contact our Secretary, Tim White, with your email address. Tim can be reached at 328-3732, or via email at:  
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#### Upcoming meetings

The meetings for the Masters and Wardens Association will continue to be held on the third Wednesday of the month. The next three meetings will be on September 21st, October 19th, and November 16th. Each of these meetings will be held at the Country Village Family Restaurant, located at 1092A Long Pond Road, Rochester, NY 14626. The telephone number there is 227-2047. These will be dinner meetings, which will begin at 6:30 p.m. Meetings will adjourn no later than 8 p.m. \*

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Lodge No. 722

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Well, here we are, our Summer is winding down and we are moving into the Fall months. I hope that everyone had a great Summer. Our Summer Sausage and Corn Roast was well attended and I hope that everyone had a good time. Our Masonic year starts with a dinner meeting on September 13th at 6:30 p.m.

Dinner that evening is Roast Beef with all the trimmings at a cost of \$7.50 per person. Please make your dinner reservations. Anyone who had "Rocky" as their person for reservations, please call me on my cell phone at 451-9025. Leave a message if there is no answer. Our regular business meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. We have several important issues to bring before the Lodge; hope to see you in attendance.

Our second business meeting will be on September 27th. There will be no dinner beforehand. The business meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

Please remember our Brothers and their families in your thoughts and prayers who find themselves in sickness or distress. It's been a tough year for many in our Masonic family. Keep the faith! May God bless you all.

I wish a Happy Birthday to everyone with a September birthday. \*

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It now becomes my duty, responsibility, obligation or what have you, or so I am told by our Past Master, W.: David Goodrich and W.: Sean Noonan, our Secretary, to write this article. So where do I begin? I went back through my MCC paperwork but was unable to find anything on Article Writing 101; I did find a final mark in English 101 of a "C." Oh well, here goes.

Our final meeting before the Summer break was on Tuesday, June 21st. It was our annual Steak Roast and Sport Shirt Night, and what a grand evening it was! Thirty Brothers enjoyed a 12 oz. steak dinner put together by W.: Sean

Noonan. The steaks were cooked by W.: David Upham, on W.: Dick Barnes' charcoal grill, all at one time. We did have a problem, we had 31 show up for dinner and only 30 steaks. Not to worry; Brother Denny Wright, DSA, was able to come to the roast at the last minute and brought a frozen hamburger with him. All these steaks on the grill and one burger. Brother Denny did not eat the 'burger, he ate a steak. Our honored 55-year member ate the burger. That's all I'm telling you. Not to be left out, here, is my lady, Nancy; she prepared two large pans of home-baked beans and a macaroni and crab salad, helped serve and cleaned up after we went to our meeting.

#### Condolences

The first order of business was Resolutions of Respect and the Draping of the Altar for our departed Brother, Alvin C. McMann. Al was raised a Master Mason in Clio Lodge on June 6, 1967. He passed away in Ohio on June 6, 2005.

During Summer recess, a Masonic Memorial service by Clio Lodge for Brother Alvin McMann was held on July 24, on the lawn next to the creek behind Tom Burgers Funeral Home in Hilton. There is more to the story.

Brother Al was for many years the owner and operator of Al's Barber Shop in Hilton and his wife, Beatrice, worked in the State Bank of Hilton. They lived and raised their family in the house alongside the creek on East Avenue. Al and Bea retired and sold their home to Clio Brother, Tom Burger, for his Funeral Home; now you know the rest of the story.

#### Degree work

Next was the reading of a Petition for Initiation and the appointment of an Investigating Committee. If all goes well, Clio will have Degree work this Fall!

Next came a Grand Lodge 55-Year Award. It was my pleasure, as Worshipful Master of Clio Lodge, to have our Brother Robert Fisher, a retired Greece Police Sergeant, escorted from the sidelines to the East by his son, Brother Robert Fisher, the Junior Deacon of Webster Lodge; he also is a retired Greece Police Officer. Upon his arrival in the East, I presented Brother Robert a Grand Lodge Certificate for 55-year membership in Clio Lodge, which was followed by Grand Honors. His son presented his dad a Grand Lodge 55-year pin.

Brother Robert was raised a Master Mason in the old Clio Lodge in 1947. We retired to the dining room after closing and enjoyed a very large cake and other refreshments.

#### Great picnic!

The Leah Chapter OES Summer Picnic was held on July 31st, with the Clio Lodge Brothers and other Eastern Star Chapters invited. W.: Gary and Sister Beverly Thompson really did a great job. No one went away hungry or

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## Clio Lodge

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thirsty; what an outstanding day! A big thank you to all the Leah Chapter Sisters for the tasty food and snacks.

By the time you read this, the front of the Lodge building may have changed somewhat. Brother Steve Mitchell, our Senior Warden, and Brother Bill Hunn, using his 12-wheeler dump truck, have started pulling out the over-grown evergreen shrubs next to our front entrance. This will allow our electrician to install new front lighting. The new shrubs may even be in by now. Sister Nancy Tabor, of Leah Chapter, OES, expressed an interest in planting flowers across the front of our building. I told her that would be super if she would do that, but to be sure she clears it with a Lodge Trustee so our groundskeeper, Brother Mitchell, SW, doesn't spray them with weed killer.

### Sickness and distress

I would like very much to keep this topic short, if I can. The fewer names the better! But first, let me ask a favor of all readers. If you know of anyone who might come under this heading, who is in some way connected to Clio Lodge, or who is connected in some way to Masonry, PLEASE, call a Clio Lodge Officer or member who can get the information to the Lodge.

We cannot help or acknowledge a situation if we do not, or never, know about it! Call, tell us what you know or hear. While I am at it, I am in distress! We (the Lodge) need your up-to-date phone numbers and email addresses. If you change these items or move, call us or tell someone who can pass the information on to us.

I mentioned Brother Denny Wright, DSA earlier. Brother Denny tells us he will be on dialysis indefinitely. He is getting around to some extent and plans on coming to Lodge when he can.

W.: Robert Pedersen, is still doctoring the infection in his foot brought about because of his affliction with diabetes.

Brother Ray Boddy told me by phone, the 4th week of July, that he was feeling better and able to get around after having his pacemaker replaced. He said he will be 86 in August.

W.: Jerry Jones told me by phone that he was, in fact, not an ex-Marine, but a former Marine and that he was doing okay; he also told me his wife was having some tests done to see if she needed to part ways with her gall bladder.

Hopefully, that's it for now.

### Upcoming events

Saturday, September 10th, the Masonic Widows Luncheon will be held at Logan's Party House on Scottsville Road. Doors open at 11:00

a.m.; buffet luncheon at noon. For more information, please call the Secretary or me.

Spaghetti dinners will start September 28th and we will need help!

On September 17th at 2:00 p.m. in Clio Lodge, W.: Bob Stevens is putting on a square dance demonstration for the Sisters of Leah Chapter and our pleasure. Bring your partner to see and enjoy a couple of hours of fun. Please make every effort to attend.


Our first scheduled Lodge meeting will be held on September 6th. This will be our District Deputy's Official Visit. R.: W.: Lewis Perna has assured me that we can dress according to the weather, which means slacks and a Summer shirt; please, no cut-offs or shorts, even if the weather is HOT.

Before closing, I want to tell you that while at our picnic with the Sisters of Leah, W.: Gary told us his son, and our Clio Brother, 1st Lt. Nathan Thompson, hopefully, will be home from Baghdad around the middle of September. God Bless Brother Nathan and all our military personnel.

In God We Trust!

**Craftsman  
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Isn't it interesting how time creeps up on one's Summer activities and before you know it the relatively easy schedule is over with and you find yourself contemplating getting back to business?

As I write this column, the warmth of a Summer day is upon us, shortly to be replaced with the cooler temperatures of the Fall season. It has been a good Summer and we have seen many activities within the various Lodges in the District. Instead of the usual Lodge Picnic, we joined with Valley-Simes and ERAC Lodges, together with the Shriners, at Bay Road for their Annual Shrine Picnic which was held on August 20th.

We will have the pleasure and opportunity to meet and greet our Widows at the annual Widows Luncheon on September 10th at Logan's. We need to keep in touch with these Ladies as they represent the many years of service that their husbands and our Brothers contributed to the members of Craftsman and Robertson Lodges over time. Today they live in many different parts of the country. They are



Derek VanHouten, Joseph Steffen and Ralph Jurgens (left to right) celebrate their installation with cake.

always welcome to participate in our activities when they are available. All they need to do is contact me at 247-2920 or our Secretary, W.: Tom Kendig at (315) 524-4063. We have monthly dinner meetings with the ladies and would welcome others to join us.

### September Dinner

The Nutcracker Restaurant will be the site of our September 6th dinner. The menu will consist of Turkey, mashed potatoes and vegetable. Our calling committee will be taking reservations, or feel free to call me or Tom Kendig. Brother Warren Doerrer has arranged for Mr. David Bassinger, who teaches at Roberts Wesleyan College, to speak to us. His topic will be *Ethics!*

Our first business meeting of the year will be on September 20th, where we will catch up on all the business that has transpired over the Summer and also do a "Walk About" which explains what each position in the Lodge is responsible for. This presentation should be about 15 minutes and can be informative to both the new member and the seasoned veteran of the Lodge. Light refreshments will follow the meeting.

The October meeting will be our Official Visit by the District Deputy, R.: W.: Lew Perna, and his Staff Officers, R.: W.: Donald Tubman, GSB and R.: W.: William Kuehne, GDC. Be sure to mark your calendars for this meeting as the Deputy will present the Grand Master's Message and bring us up to date on District activities.

On behalf of the Officers of the Lodge, we extend a hearty welcome to you to come out and share the meeting with us. If you haven't been to Lodge in awhile, please don't let this stop you. If you need a ride, let me or Tom Kendig know. We can make the necessary arrangements for you.

### Sickness and Distress

As this issue was about to go to press, we learned of the passing of Brother William Kicherer, who had been residing at the Masonic Care Community in Utica. Brother Bill was a Mason for over 60 years. No other information was available.

### From the Secretary

We still have a few Brothers who are in arrears. Kindly remit to me at your earliest convenience. I would like to get last year's records closed out.

### Birthdays


We extend greetings to the following Brothers who are celebrating this month: Gilbert Blew, Harold Carlson, Donald Conner, Daniel Fonseca, Robert Freitag, William Kaufman, Frank Newman, Glen Post, John Shannon, Ro-

bert Shartran, William Stark, Jr., Joseph Steffen and Robert Waldeck. May you enjoy your day and many more!

The Summer winds will still be with us for a few more delectable weeks but I leave you with this thought, "this was one of those perfect New England days in late Summer where the spirit of Autumn takes a first stealing flight, like a spy, through the ripening countryside, and with feigned sympathy for those who droop with August heat, puts her cool cloak of bracing air about leaf and flower and human shoulders." Sarah Orne Jewett  
See you in Lodge.

**Wakan/Hubbard  
Lodge No. 154**

2nd & 4th Mondays  
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I hope that you and your families have had a safe and enjoyable Summer. Wakan/Hubbard has been busy! We participated in Penfield's 4th of July parade; held the Fellowcraft Club's steak roast on July 30th; played the Third Annual Golf Scramble at Shadow Pines on August 6th, and again hosted a Child ID event at the Penfield Fire Department on August 20th. I thank everyone who participated in each of these events for your support—it sounds like everyone had a great time!

### September

The month of September will be a 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.

### Reunion Night

Our first gathering of the Fall will feature a stag dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m., with social time beginning at 6 p.m.



Fellowcraft steak roast attendees. (Front) Bruce Horncastle, Pat Torre, John Rees, Bruce Miles, Joe Oelgoetz, Ted Snyder, Gordon Oakes, John Tijou, Frank DeSantis, Rich Brockman and Mike Robinson. (Back) Hugh Woodside, Wayne McCrossen, Mike DiCataldo, Mike Adamus, Angelo DiCataldo, Sherwin Isaacs, Bob Zabel, Roger Lynch, Paul Kober, Don Osbourne and Al Downs.



W.: Hugh Woodside, Master, driving pickup in the Penfield July 4th Parade. In cab, hidden, was Brother Ron Lalik. On tailgate were Brothers Michael DiCataldo and Roger Lynch.

As noted, please contact Ron Lalik, our Junior Warden, with reservations for dinner. Reunion Night is meant to be a gathering place for all of those Brothers who can't be with us on a regular basis. We understand that your cabletow won't always allow you to join us, but we'd at least like to see you once a year. The highlight of the evening will be the recognition of the following Brothers for their many years of service to our Fraternity: Glynn Reynolds, 65 years; Charles Delles, 55 years, Bob Zabel, 55 years; and Paul Kober, 50 years. Please join us to thank them for their dedication to the Craft. Time permitting, the evening will also include an open discussion on the future of Freemasonry, and how our Lodge can meet some of the challenges that lie ahead. Please come prepared to share your thoughts!

### Clambake 2005

Wakan/Hubbard's 2005 Clambake is a family event that will be held at Ontario Beach Park on Saturday, September 17 at 1 p.m. The venue was chosen to offer some more family-oriented activities, and we encourage Brothers and their families to join us for an afternoon of fun at the beach. Please put it on your calendar. If you haven't already received detailed information on this event, please contact Dave Burch, our Senior Deacon. Dave can be reached at (315) 573-0512 or via email at: eburch66@aol.com.

### Brother Bring-a-Friend Night

On Monday, September 19th, we will be hosting a Brother Bring-a-Friend event at the Lodge. Dinner will be served for you and your guests beginning at 6:30 p.m. Brothers who Bring a friend will eat free, and so will their guests. Following dinner, there will be an informational program about Freemasonry in general and Wakan/Hubbard Lodge specifically. Invitations from the Lodge will be sent out to potential candidates by Brother Tom McCusker, our Steward. Please send contact information for potential candidates to Tom no later than August 26th. Tom can be reached at 899-9498, or via email at: tom\_mccusker@hotmail.com.

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If you have any general questions about the event, please contact me directly.

**Adopt-A-Highway Clean-up**

We will be gathering at 8 a.m. on Saturday, September 24th at the Lodge for a continental breakfast. At approximately 8:30, we will head down to the section of Whitney Road that Wakan/Hubbard has "adopted" for our semi-annual clean-up. Our section of Whitney Road runs from Spring Lake Park almost to Route 250. If we can have 10-12 volunteers, we'll start a crew at each end and meet in the middle. The clean-up should take about 2 hours, and is generally a nice morning walk. Please bring your work gloves. Please contact me at 248-2106 or email at:

hhw@rochester.rr.com to volunteer. Thanks in advance for your help!

**Ben Franklin**

Dinner with the Ladies, and a visit by Ben Franklin. Your Ladies are invited to join us for dinner on Monday, September 26th. Cocktails will be available at 6 p.m., with dinner served at 6:30 p.m. Details concerning the meal will follow, and dinner reservations can be made with Ron Lalik, our Junior Warden. After dinner, Paul Stillman, who puts on a wonderful presentation as Ben Franklin in his later years, will join us. We'll have dessert following the program, and I expect this to be a very enjoyable night. Visitors are welcome, and we look forward to seeing you.

**Master's Message**

In the midst of all of these enjoyable activities, the Lodge is dealing with some serious issues concerning the building. One of our tenants has chosen not to renew his lease in September, and we are working on finding a new tenant. If you know of anyone who may be interested in rental space at the Four Corners of Penfield, please contact our Senior Warden, Mike DiCataldo, who is leading the search for a new tenant. Some exterior maintenance will also likely be necessary to make the space more attractive, and we are in the process of assessing related costs. In order to help address these issues, the Lodge will very likely need to organize some fundraising events during the year, a topic on which the Officers are currently brainstorming. If you have any good ideas that you'd like to share, please contact me directly. I look forward to hearing from you and I look forward to seeing you in Lodge! ✕

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I am very excited and proud to be your Master for the ensuing year. We are already off to a great start. As of the time of this writing, the team of the Webster Lodge annual fishing tournament is complete. We had a very nice Summer picnic at the Lodge, and we have done battle on the links at Webster Golf Club.

The tournament was held on Saturday, August 6th, on and around the waters of great Sodus Bay. We stayed over at Camp DeMolay both nights where we enjoyed good fellowship and fun all in the beautiful and serene setting of the Camp. There were no clear winners due to the lack of cooperation by the fish, but bragging rights for Euchre go to Brad Lewis and yours truly. My congratulations go out to Junior Warden, Ed Malchoff, for a job well done on arranging this trip. I can't wait until next year!

The picnic was held Sunday, August 8th. We had approximately fifty attendees from Webster Lodge and from the Order of the Eastern Star, including Wthy. Joy Woodley, Matron of Lilac Star Chapter No. 57. We dedicated recent improvements to our Lodge building to the memory of three departed Brothers who have left a lasting impression on our Lodge. Our new flag pole was dedicated to the memory of W.: Ron Albright and to all those who have served their country and Webster Lodge. The new front doors were dedicated to the memory of Brother Charlie Penrose, and the Fellowship Room (Willie's room) was dedicated to the memory of our late Brother Willie Fuchs. Plaques proclaiming these dedications are appropriately displayed for all to see.



Wthy. Joy Woodley, Matron, Lilac Star Chapter #57, Order of the Eastern Star, presenting the New York State Flag to Webster Lodge Master, W.: Michael Nohle, with the assistance of W.: Brad Lewis, Chaplain.

On behalf of Lilac Star, Joy presented to Webster Lodge a beautiful New York State flag which will proudly wave below Old Glory on the new flag pole.



R.: W.: William Kuehne, GDC, congratulates W.: Thomas Pellett, Jr. who received the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouter Award from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

As of this writing, the winner of the prestigious golf open had not yet been determined. The tournament was slated for Sunday, August 14th at Webster Golf Club.

**Beautiful Temple**

With regard to our Lodge building, have you noticed how beautiful and well kept it is? We have new front doors, a new flag pole where Old Glory proudly waves, new paint inside and out, and more. We should all take great pride in our beautiful Temple, as it becomes more and more a rarity in these modern times, and each do his part so that it may continue to stand as a monument to our great Craft. To our Trustees and those who have worked so hard, thank you!

**Meetings**

On September 1st we will kick off our year. The agenda for the evening will be a discussion of upcoming programs and planning for our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night, which will take place on September 15th along with our annual sausage and corn roast. I hope to make this a very strong program and need volunteers to speak to our potential candidates. Also, I'm hoping for a big class this year, so let's get those petitions in!

Looking into October, we have the Official Visit of our District Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: Lew Perna on October 6th. The Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Awards night will be October 20th, when our Grand Master, M.: W.: Edward R. Trosin, will be the speaker of the evening. Let's continue our tradition of enthusiasm for this program.

In closing, I humbly ask for your support this year. Web-

ster Lodge is certainly one of the strongest Lodges in this District and in New York State. Let's keep it rolling! I encourage each of you to come out and do your Lodge proud!

Transportation can always be arranged for those who need it. Just let me know. Lastly, let's all call a Brother we haven't seen in a while and give him a nudge. ✕

**NORTHFIELD**  
 Lodge No. 426  
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Well, here I am again, shaking off the cobwebs and getting ready for another year as your Master. The Line is in place and I am excited to get the ball rolling.

**Join us!**

We are going to try something different this year, having a Pot Luck Dinner the first meeting of every month. I have been toying with the idea of making some of those an Officer's Pot Luck, as our recent Past Master Glenn Hedges did, so the Brethren can just come and enjoy. More on that later.

**Important date**

One date to remember is our White Elephant Sale at the Lodge on Saturday, September 24th. Any items you may want to donate will be accepted, providing they aren't too large. We only ask that you price the items yourself to sell before bringing them in. This will make it easier for the people working there if they don't have to worry about pricing everything. If you need transportation for your items, that can be arranged by calling me at 787-3357. We will work on having Lodge open the Thursday and Friday evenings before the sale to receive the items. You may call the Lodge those nights from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at 586-2976 to make sure there is someone there. If you have any other questions, you may call me.

My main focus this year is membership, a real sense of brotherly love and, of course, fun.

That's it for now. See you in Lodge. ✕

**Union Star**  
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This being the first article of the new Masonic year, I welcome you all back and hope you had an enjoyable Summer and were able to find those cool places with the 90° days we endured.

I thank my father, R.: W.: Robert Sanford, for the Installation of our Lodge Officers this past June. This had to be the warmest I have ever seen our Lodge room. If you look at our trestleboard for this coming year, we will be holding elections and installations in May and a sport shirt meeting in June.

We need to thank Jim Nersinger for his usual great work

on getting us organized and making the Festival on the Green successful again this year. Thanks to those who helped with the Child ID, as we were able to record 32 children this year. Thanks to the many Brothers who helped to get every thing prepared, set-up, and worked the weekend. This is part of what makes us successful and grow.

**New Chairman**

At the Annual Fellowcraft Steak Roast, Brother Gene Gordon was elected Chairman for the ensuing year. Thanks to Tom Michael and Mike Weber for their work in the kitchen and George Foehner for cooking the steaks. We also thank George for the rewiring of the game room and Tom for finding the pool table buyer.

**Widows Luncheon**

The Masonic Widows Luncheon will be at Logan's Party House at noon on Saturday, September 10th. Those wishing to attend, please contact Robert Sanford at 292-6383 to make your reservation.

**Degrees**

This will be a busy start to the year for us with a 1st Degree in October, 2nd Degree in November and 3rd in December. Thanks to all for attending the 3rd Degree rehearsals over the Summer months. This will be the first time in a number of years that Union Star will be doing the 3rd Degree by ourselves.

**Bring-a-Friend**

On Monday, September 26th at 7 p.m., the Fellowcraft Club will hold Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. This is a great opportunity to bring a friend and introduce him to our Masonic Fraternity.

I look forward to seeing you at Lodge. ✕

**Churchville**  
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Gentlemen, I hope everyone had a wonderful Summer. There will be an important meeting on September 14th at 7:00 p.m. in reference to the upcoming merger of our Lodge with Unity Lodge.

All members' concerns and issues will be addressed in regards to this matter. If you would like to attend, please contact our Secretary, W.: George Burke. For dinner reservations, please contact our Senior Warden, John Lont.

I look forward to seeing each and every one of you at the upcoming September meeting. Please contact me if you have any further questions. Thanks in advance. ✕

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The 2005-2006 Officer Line of ERAC Lodge following their installation in June. (Photos submitted by Steven Lysenko)

### Lodge Kickoff

Welcome to our new Masonic year, my Brothers! We are hitting the ground running in September, with our Lodge Kick-off on September 12th. The program for the evening will be a talk given by Brother Paul Gleason on Freemasonry and how we, as a Lodge and as a Fraternity, can "Build a Stronger Community, one Brick at a Time." If you have never heard Brother Gleason speak, please come. I assure you that you will not be disappointed. His words are as sweet as nectar, and his message as powerful and poignant as daybreak. I can think of no stronger foundation of a program upon which to build a successful year! Dinner will start promptly at 6:30 p.m., program at 7:30 p.m., and a "sumptuous repast" to accompany Monday Night Football in the Shrine dining room immediately following the meeting. Please call or email your reservation to our Junior Warden, Brother Sean McKenna, at 383-9161 or at: seanmckenna@eraclodge163.org

### Awards Night

ERAC takes time to recognize our Brothers for their years of hard work and service to the Lodge and Fraternity on September 26th. Of note, Brother John G. Wihlen, the patriarch of the Wihlen family, will receive his 60-year Pin and Certificate! This will be an open meeting, so please bring your family, friends, and any potential Brothers, as ERAC will be putting its best foot forward for our larger Masonic community. Hors d'oeuvres will begin at 6 p.m., with the awards presentation at 7 p.m., immediately followed by sweets and refreshments in the dining room. The cost of this event will be offset by the Lodge, but any and all donations will be much appreciated. Please call or email Brother McKenna with your reservations.

### Summer updates

I begin this section on a somber note by recalling in print all members of our Ma-

sonic family who have passed away during the Summer months: Alice Murphy, wife of Harold, on June 8th and Brother Chester "Chet" Wilday, July 21st. If there are any others whom I have missed, please bring them to my attention and I shall recall them in a future issue.

As a reminder, my Brothers, Masonic Memorial Services are an important part of our work as Masons. It provides comfort to grieving loved ones, respect for our Brother who has been called Home, and closure for our wounded hearts. I don't know anyone who enjoys going to funerals, especially for close friends and loved ones, but it is the least that we can do for our Brothers and their families as men and Masons. Make the room in your busy lives and find the length in your calebrow to attend these services, as we are sadly and surely to have at least a couple this year.

### Picnic

Thanks to all those who helped plan and execute a fantastic ERAC family picnic. This event went off without a hitch, and I think all who were in attendance would agree that a good time was had by all. Special thanks to ERAC's own "Lord of the Flame" Danny Emmerson; to John Hellaby for supplying us with cold refreshments in the world's largest cooler; and, to Sean McKenna for his diligence in planning this event. A huge "HOO YAH!" to all of our Stewards for their hard work in pulling this event off in the absence of senior Officer leadership. If this event was a forecast for things to come, our Officer line is bound to be rock solid for at least the next decade.

Your Officer line has had an opportunity to recharge their batteries in preparation for a jam-packed year in your Blue Lodge. Thanks to all of the Officers for their commitment to excellent Ritual and their attendance at the August School of Ritual. Our Ritual is what makes us Masons, my Broth-

ers, and ERAC will continue to shine as THE BEST RITUALISTS in the Monroe District, if not the STATE! Never done Ritual before, but have always been interested in becoming a Ritualist? Please contact our Ritual Director, Brother Rich Friedman, to find out how you can become a part of the proud ERAC tradition.

### September Birthdays

Please take a moment to wish our Brothers a Happy Birthday: 1st-Rich Ponticello; 3rd-Bill Lindsay and Abraham Chait; 4th-Bradley Smith; 14th-Fouad Haddad and Henry Meech; 17th-Harold Metzler and Robert Emmons; 22nd-Theodore Kuehne III; 23rd-William Millard; 25th-Carle Porter; 30th-Howard Kravetz. If I have missed your birthday, please let me know and I'll be sure to give you proper recognition in the next article.

### Communication

This year, the Officer Team is looking to bolster Lodge communication in the hopes of reaching out to all of our brethren with timely and important information using a variety of methods. By now you should have received the Summer mailing, including your personal copy of the 2005-2006 ERAC Trestleboard. Special thanks to Terry Wihlen, Sr., for countless hours he has put into ensuring that this mailing got out in a timely fashion. John Faro is creating an ERAC call list, which will serve to aid in emergency communication and to reach out to our Brothers, young and old, who have not been to Lodge in a while. Thank you, Brother Faro, for taking on this important duty.

Last year was the inaugural year of the ERAC website. This year, the ERAC WebSite Committee is looking to enhance the functionality and timeliness of information offered on this site. Our goal is to update the site with the latest news and information for ERAC. Instead of having lengthy, text-laden emails, members will be able to click on a link from an



The 2005 installation team for ERAC Lodge consisted of the following (from left): Brother John Faro, Marshal; Brother Richard Friedman, Installing Master; and Brother Nelson Bertch, Chaplain.

email bulletin prompt and go directly to the website for all of the latest details. We also look to enhance our service by providing photo galleries for all ERAC events, bulletin boards for online members-only discussions on ERAC and Masonic topics, and opportunities for our Brothers to make reservations and pay for their meals on-line. The website address is:

www.eraclodge163.org

Thanks to Brothers Patrick Mulrooney, Dave Upham, and Kyle Wolcott for working with me in this venture. Brother Dave Upham has created a new feature on our site, simply entitled "Masonic Trivia." Each month Dave will be posting a Masonic Education column to the site, concluding with a trivia question. For September, Dave will be contributing \$10 to the Brotherhood Fund in the name of the Brother who is the third one to email him with the correct answer to the question at:

davedoc@verizon.net

Thanks, Dave, for taking the initiative and providing us with this entertaining and educational service.

I would like to end on a personal note. On July 22nd, 2005 at 8:45 a.m., my wife and I welcomed Max Gerald Lysenko to the world. As anyone who has ever had a child can appreciate, and those who haven't can imagine, I have been filled with an amazing mix of emotions, thoughts, questions and concerns. Ten fingers, ten toes-thank God he's healthy! Welcome to the world, Max, with all of its promise and opportunity! Welcome to the world, Max, with all of its trials, tribulations, and dangers! The Great Architect of the Universe will light the way for you and protect you throughout life. May the light of Free and Accepted Masonry be burning strong when you reach adulthood. Welcome to the world, Max, my son, and future Brother.

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

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As our Summer draws to an end and Fall arrives, let us look forward with enthusiasm to our Fall activities. Soon schools will be opening, Lodge activities will be starting up, along with football, world series, wine tours and, for the snowbirds, a time to plan for the trek South or West. We should celebrate this colorful time of year.

### Masonry in practice

On Saturday, August 13th, during an event held at Powder Mills Park for families with autism, Masons provided these families with a special Child ID program. Six Brothers from Seneca Lodge, along with members of several other Lodges throughout the Monroe District, met to facilitate this program. Although none of these Masons have a direct connection to autism or to any of these families, all took the extra step forward to once again serve our community unselfishly for the benefit of others. My personal thanks to Brothers Bob Kimmel, Carl Preddy, Fred Norter, Jack Brietung, Don Jenks, Jr. and Ray Glegg for their time and effort.

Our Senior Master of Ceremony, Brother Don Jenks, Jr., provided trucks from his company to the Ronald McDonald House in order to help them transport items for their annual garage sale fundraisers. Seneca Lodge was well represented in our community.

### October

Our October meeting will be highlighted with a Red Cap presentation to W.: Jack Van Elzakker for his meritorious service to the Scottish Rite. It will also be a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night, which is always a great opportunity to explain what our brotherhood is about and how we serve the community. Again, search out that friend, co-worker or acquaintance who would like to learn more about our Craft and possibly become one of us. It will be a pleasant night of fellowship with an enjoyable meal. Look for details in the September trestleboard.

### Steak Roast

We have rescheduled our annual Steak Roast and the new date is Saturday, September 10th. If you have not made your reservation by now, please contact Brother Bob Green today. This is an enjoyable family event, with always plenty of good food, fun and fellowship.

I urge you to get out and enjoy the remaining Summer days. Finish that project, get in another round of golf, a day of fishing, A day of sailing or spending a special day with children or grandchildren. I do look forward to seeing all of you as we join on September 13th for Lodge. ✕



R.: W.: Lewis Perna, DDGM, expounded on the accomplishments and congratulated W.: David Crawford upon receiving his Dedicated Service Award. David is holding his Apron, while his wife, Linda, displays his Certificate. (Staff photos)



W.: David P. Crawford received the Dedicated Service Award from ERAC Lodge in May. Presenting the Certificate was R.: W.: Paul Gleason. David's wife, Linda, W.: Phillip Hurwitz, R.: W.: Lewis Perna and W.: Steven Lysenko observe.



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September 12th we will kick-off the new year with a Table Lodge/Steak Roast. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m., with our evening business to follow. I urge everyone to come out and join us. Dinner is \$10 and reservations may be made by calling Don Hunter, Junior Warden, at 746-3718.

This year's theme is Brotherhood: "Spreading the Cement" with many of our meetings to honor the Brethren. On September 26th, we will honor Past Masters. All Masonic Past Masters are invited to come and be a part of the celebration. Later in the year, we will present a Lodge of Remembrance Program to honor our departed Brothers, and in January we will have Roll Call Night which is intended to honor all the current members of Unity Lodge. Please come out to Lodge, pick up a trowel and spread the cement of brotherly love.

This past July the Brothers of Unity Lodge held our annual two-day Pancake Breakfast during the Spencerport Canal Days. The event is a major fundraiser for the Lodge and was a huge success. Saturday brought many people from the community in for some hot-off-the-griddle blueberry and buttermilk pancakes. On Sunday we had a record day, which was the first time we sold more pancakes on Sunday than Saturday. Thanks go out to all the Brothers who helped, especially W.: Jim Toogood, who did an outstanding job organizing the event.

On Wednesday, September 7th, there will be an Officer's meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Lodge. All are invited.

September 14th at 7:00 p.m., we will have a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. Please ask all prospective candidates to attend this informative meeting. We will serve light snacks after the meeting.

The High Twelve Lunch will be on Thursday, September 15th. The Brothers are invited to come out for a nice lunch and some socializing.

The Widows Luncheon is scheduled for Saturday, September 10th, so keep that date in mind. Tickets are \$14.00 per person. The luncheon will be held at Logan's Party House. We will need drivers for some of our ladies. If you are able to provide transportation, or need tickets, please contact Joe Privitera at 392-5583.

**Summer activities**

A huge thank you to those Brothers, wives and family members who came out to work at our Lodge's food tent at this year's Fairport Canal Days, held the first weekend in June. As most of you know, this is our major annual fundraiser. Under the direction of Brian Bills, in conjunction with Mother Nature, it again proved financially and fraternally rewarding; i.e., we made lots of money and had lots of fun. With many new faces helping along with the regulars, and you know who you are, again a heartfelt thank you on behalf of our Lodge from myself and Brother Brian.

Our annual Summer Picnic, attended by approximately 35 people, was a success. Thanks to Brother Kel Kelsey for his donation of the White Brook Nature Park pavilion, a new Town of Perinton picnic facility with a full kitchen and air conditioning. I was very pleased with the accommodations, and would pursue future use of the same.

**September**

September 12th is our end-of-Summer, Fall kick-off meeting. It will be a regular business with review of past and future agendas. Please come help us put designs on our trestleboard.

September 26th meeting is Official Business Night. Plans are in the works for a DeWitt Clinton Award presentation in the near future. It just may be one of the most highly publicized and attended events in current Lodge history.

It is my intention to keep our membership well educated and informed regarding the management of all Lodge activities, up to and including finances, membership and our building. While we are currently quite fiscally sound, pending increases in Grand Lodge dues, administrative expenses and building operational costs, will force us to soon cross some bridges to enable us to remain one of the finest Lodges in the District. Together, with input from Brothers near and far and this current Lodge administrative staff, we can develop a master plan wherein Fairport/Flower City will continue to thrive and flourish.

Welcome back. Time to dust off the Ritual and return to our Lodges. I hope you all have had a great Summer and made the most of the good weather.

**Thank you**

First, I give my thanks to W.: Mark Arlauckas who ar-

**Valley/Simes**  
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By R.: W.: Richard Snyder  
Brethren, I hope each of you had a great Summer and were able to get everything done that you had planned to do. Now we have to start thinking about our Lodge and preparing for the year ahead. There is a marked stir happening in Valley-Simes and Masonry, and we have to be ready to grab hold and go with it if we are to survive. The easy part has been done. The trestleboard has exciting programs, Lodge activities and events, but YOU are what it will take to make everyone's efforts for you a success.

**Bring-a-Friend Night**

Our first Communication on September 13th is a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. Brother Senior Warden, Dick DeCroce, Program Chairman, has said his goal is five petitions or better. We don't want to let him down. Have you met anyone lately you think should be a Mason? Now is the time to tell him about our great Lodge and invite him to an informational evening.

A great meal is being planned, and the cost will be \$5.00, same as last year. There will be no charge for guests and their ladies. Lodge will be opened at 5:30 p.m., dinner served at 6:30 p.m., and the program will begin at 7:30 p.m. I would like to see all Officers and Line in attendance. Tuxedo or dark suit please! Reservations for planning are required. Call me at 342-2419.

**Awards Night and Public Installation**

Wow! What a night! Attendance was over a hundred. R.: W.: Herbert Spencer outdid himself setting up the program, presenting awards, inviting distinguished guests, making sure no one was left out. R.: W.: James E. Sullivan, Grand Senior Warden and R.: W.: Richard Friedman, Past Junior Grand Warden, assisted in presenting the Service Awards to the following Brothers: 55 years - Harry Steinorth; 50 years - Paul

ranged and presided over the 50-Year Service Award presentations to Brothers Walt Lindemuth and George Hall during a Special Communication on August 4th. I express my personal congratulations to the Brothers on their years of service.

I also thank the Brothers who helped again this year with the Chicken Bar-B-Que at the Oatka Festival on August 20th. W.: Larry Blazey, our Senior Warden, again did an outstanding job cooking the 250 Chicken dinners. Over the past couple of years, this has been one of our principal fundraisers. It is important that all participate. Brother Larry's efforts are greatly appreciated.

I would also take a moment to thank my wife Shelle, who,

on her own time, has taken the County Food Service Certification Course, which allows us to put on these events. She has always made sure that we have a top rating by inspectors and are fully prepared for these events by helping organize, purchasing and guiding us through setup, cooking and serving. She is there with Brother Larry and others from the first event discussions to the last cleanup duties.

Please keep your calendars free for the first weekend in October, as we travel to Ionic Lodge in Brampton for what promises to be an exciting celebration of 50 years together. I am personally very excited about the event and am hoping for a great turnout of Brothers and their ladies.



(Photo above) R.: W.: Herbert Spencer presenting R.: W.: Richard Snyder a Certificate of Appreciation for his devoted service in leading the Lodge while the Master, W.: Joseph Gingold, was on active duty in Iraq. Witnesses (from left) included wife, Rita (holding bouquet of roses from Lodge), R.: W.: Richard Friedman, R.: W.: James Sullivan and R.: W.: Lewis Perna, DDGM. (Below) Senior Grand Warden, R.: W.: James Sullivan, addresses audience attending the Installation and Awards Ceremonies. (Staff photos)



Gleason, Harvey Anderson, Irving Black, Myron Biggar, Roland Butler, Jessie Mickelson, Robert Miller and Robert Schicker; 40 years - Guy Clark, Norman Gross, Gary Lind and Wesley Warren; 25 years - George Bundoc, Joseph Holt Jr., Adam Jurzyniec and Douglas Spencer. Congratulations to you all.

R.: W.: David Clarke made a special trip to Nazareth, Pennsylvania, to present Brother Myron Biggar his 50-Year Award personally with full honors the same night. He was assisted by their District Deputy and reported that Brother Biggar was very proud to receive it in person.

**Help wanted**

Your Lodge Secretary is in distress. He reports he has been trying to close his books for last year and discovered that we have twenty-four Brothers who still owe their dues, and four Brothers who owe two years. The Lodge year ends on June 30th. If anyone is in financial distress, please let us know. Dues are what keep Masonry and your Lodge ticking.

**News from**

**W.: Joseph Gingold**

W.: Joe has been home on emergency leave for the past few weeks due to sickness in his family. His brother-in-law was injured in a freak accident. He is improved enough for Joe to report back to his



R.: W.: Mathew Gingold relates information on his son, W.: Joseph Gingold, Master of Valley/Simes Lodge, who is serving with the U.S. Armed Forces in Iraq. R.: W.: James Sullivan listens to report to Lodge members and guests.

Unit. He expects to return to Iraq within the next few days until his rotation home sometime in December. He sends his regards to all of us, and his best wishes for a great year in Valley-Simes.

**Officer's Meetings**

Officer's meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month, unless you are otherwise notified. We meet at the Country Village Restaurant located in the Plaza at the corner of Maiden Lane and Long Pond Rd. Dinner is an option and starts at 6:00 p.m., with the business getting started thereafter. Your attendance is important for planning, and provides you with knowledge of the hows and whys of Freemasonry.

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Welcome back after the Summer break. I hope all the heat was bearable and that all of my Brother's refreshment can now lead to your honor, pleasure and profit in your Masonic travels.

### Howard Potts Award

I am pleased to inform all that the Grand Lecturer's Convention will be hosted by LeRoy Lodge on October 12th, beginning with a dinner at 6:30 p.m. and followed by the Convention at 7:30. To obtain the Howard Potts Award, it will be necessary to have the Master of the Lodge, Senior and Junior Wardens, Senior and Junior Deacons and both Masters of Ceremonies present that evening. It was nice to see two Lodges receive this award this past May and I challenge all the District Lodges to obtain this Award. It would be a surprise to the Grand Master and the Grand Lecturer if all the Lodges of the District were recipients of the Howard Potts Award.

I also encourage all my Brethren to attend and continue to learn. There are approximately 700 Masons in our District and it would be an honor to have more than ten percent of the membership present at this Convention.

### Visitation schedule

My visitation schedule is planned as indicated below and is subject to change if in conflict with any major activity of your Lodge.

#### September

19th - West Star  
20th - Oakland  
27th - Arcade

#### October

6th - Constellation  
11th - Batavia  
18th - Warsaw  
19th - Olive Branch

#### November

2nd - Attica  
3rd - Hesperus  
9th - Triluminar  
14th - Mt Vernon

Degree Reviews will be scheduled in conjunction with the Master's trestleboard of each Lodge.

See you in the trenches. ✕

## Triluminar Lodge No. 543



2nd & 4th  
Wednesdays

Master  
W.: David  
Mayer

Secretary  
W.: Richard Anderson  
493-2203

Main Street, Pike 14130

Now that installations are over and the beautiful Summer recess is, too, it is time to resume our labors. Just a few words to let everyone know that Triluminar Lodge is still alive and well.

The Installation of Officers went as follows:

Master David Mayer  
Sr. Warden William Olsowsky  
Jr. Warden Troy Beardsley  
Treasurer Steven Wing  
Secretary Richard Anderson  
Trustee Paul Flint

### Consolidation

The consolidation of Eagle Valley No. 1161 and Triluminar No. 543 Lodges became final at Grand Lodge in May. We are continuing to regroup and, hopefully, be active in the future. As Master, I welcome the members of Eagle Valley to participate in our meetings and functions.

### Open House

Brother Troy Beardsley proposes a public Open House Meeting on September 28th at 8 p.m. called "Recruiting New Members." Troy said that while working at a golf tournament he was approached by one of the golfers who asked who the tournament was for. He told him it was for the Masonic Lodge in town. The golfer had no idea who or what the Masons are. How many times has this happened to you or another Brother you know? Actually, very few people really know what the Masonic Fraternity is really about and what we do. Maybe this is the reason why the number of our ranks continues to drop.

A public information Open House may be just the thing we need to help correct this problem. I proposed hosting a public Open House at Triluminar Lodge in Pike. It would be a time when people of both genders, 21 years of age and older and of all races and religious beliefs, could come together to view our facilities and ask questions about the Lodge and our organization.

Maybe with some of the mystery about us answered, more men will come to join our ranks. If this Open House is successful, maybe other Lodges could give it a try. Maybe public awareness about the Masonic Fraternity will increase. ✕

## HESPERUS Lodge No. 837

1st and 3rd  
Thursdays



Master  
W.: David H.  
Smalley  
392-3988

Secretary  
Leo E. Vainio, Jr., 548-2470  
12 Lake Avenue, Bergen 14416

The Chain was not broken. We have a new Master and there has never been a repeat Master at Hesperus for 105 years.

The Summer comes closer to Fall, but Hesperus Lodge has had a very successful Summer season. Our traditional picnic was celebrated at the cottage of Marty and Donna Krause with seventy plus people enjoying boat rides, toasts, delicious steaks, salads, beans, desserts and the usual Bean bag contest. Jason and Paula Smalley were dethroned as the champions of "Adult Bean Bag" and "team Cooper" emerged with the latest bragging rights. If your Lodge is in need of a great picnic organizer, we can let you borrow our R.: W.: Holden Miller with his expertise in organizing these super galas.

The next outing will be our Van Hulbert Golf Tournament. A fair share of the earnings of this activity will go to The Cross Road House. Be sure to check your calendar for these activities.

### September 1st agenda

Presentation of the Annual Budget of Hesperus Lodge.

Draping of the Altar for our Brother, R.: W.: John Bater. He was made a Mason on October 6, 1966, and left our earthly family to unite with the heavenly family on August 2, 2005.

### Committees

Presentation of Purple Apron to R.: W.: Harry Tyson, with assistance from R.: W.: James Sullivan, Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

We are very proud to announce that W.: Harry Tyson, now R.: W.: Harry Tyson, has been appointed Grand Director of Ceremonies of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

### September 15 agenda

The digitizing of Hesperus Lodge with Donald Kunego presenting.

Presentation of a gift to The Cross Road House. A great digital photo op right here. See if you can snap the digital photo that goes into our DVD for 2005.

I sincerely hope to see more Brothers at Lodge this year. Good debate is healthy, and new blood is vital to sustain any organization, especially this of ours. We have been enjoying great meetings, but your attendance would be greatly appreciated. ✕

## Oakland Lodge

No. 379, F. & A.M.

1st and 3rd Tuesdays  
(Jan., Feb., Mar.: 1st Tuesday only)



Master  
W.: Kenneth  
E. Smith  
594-9440, x313

Secretary  
W.: Richard L. Smith  
493-5408

134 South Main Street, Castile 14427

I just can't believe that I'm sitting down to type my first article for the Masonic year. Where has the Summer gone? I just can't fathom that it's time to pick up our tools of labor and return to the quarries. Maybe it's just me, but it seems as though the Summers go by too quickly and the Winters stay forever.

### Thank you

I thank all the Brothers from Oakland Lodge and the Brothers throughout the District who attended Oakland's Installation of Officers. This was a very special night as I inherited the seat that my father once sat in. I didn't even realize until the gavel presentation that it was almost 20 years to the date that my father was installed as Master of Oakland Lodge. It was a very emotional night shared with family, friends and the memory of two beloved Brothers. I know that my grandfather and one uncle were not able to share this moment with me physically, but they were their in memory and spirit. I thank the Purple Apron Club for another wonderful installation. The continued excellence performed by this group year after year is greatly appreciated.

Oakland Lodge has a very exciting year ahead of it. The year will start out with our first communication on September 6th. This will be the first time in a long time that Brother Henry Robinson will be allowed to escape the East. This meeting will be used to catch up on any old business that was tabled from last year and give an outline for what Oakland Lodge hopes to get accomplished this year.

### Degree work

I'm proud to announce that Oakland Lodge has one candidate already lined up this year with the possibility of a couple more. I have tentatively set a date of October 18th for the conferral of the Entered Apprentice Degree. This date could change due to the Official Visit schedule of the Assistant Grand Lecturer and District Deputy Grand Master. This will allow enough time to get the new Officers comfortable with their new positions and Degree Ritual. I will confirm this date next month.

### Roadside clean-up detail

I would like to perform a roadside clean-up detail on Saturday, October 1st. This will depend upon the weather that weekend. I would invite all the members of Oakland Lodge to come and help clean up the highway. This is a great way for us to show our commitment to the community and show how great men are making the community a better place to live.

Here's hoping this article finds all my Brothers enjoying a happy and healthy Summer. Let us never forget those who have fought and are still fighting to keep our great Nation free and safe. Always remember that freedom isn't free.

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

## Mount Vernon Lodge No. 263

2nd & 4th  
Mondays



Master  
W.: Arthur  
C. Brach

Secretary  
W.: Jim Allan, 457-3079

Main Street  
Java Village 14083

It is with the utmost sincerity that I thank you for placing me in the East for 2005-2006. The Master may stand alone in the East, but certainly not in the Lodge. It is you, my Brothers, all of you, who make Mt. Vernon strong and ensure its future.

I thank those of you, especially our families, for suffering through the exceptional heat and humidity during our ceremonies. The Masonic War Veteran's Flag Retirement Ceremony, prior to the Instal-

September 2005

lation, was inspiring and reminded us of sacrifices past and present made by our service personnel to ensure our freedom to exercise our own paths from West to East.

To see many of my Companions and fellow Sir Knights, along with our Past Grand Master, was very emotional and humbling to me. Thank you all.

The Purple Aprons once again provided an inspiring dual Installation with our Brothers from Arcade Lodge.

A special thank you to W.: Craig Roberts and his wife, Lynada and to W.: Bernie Whaley and his wife, Carol, for providing the very cool and refreshing strawberry shortcake for dessert.

Thanks to those of you who stepped up and either ran for office or accepted appointments. Any organization is only as strong as those willing to take on responsibility and "get the job done."

I cannot express my gratitude to each of you, who in spite of all the calls from around the world for help, did not forget your obligation "to come to the relief of distressed Master Masons, their widows and orphans." Mt. Vernon shattered our previous Masonic Brotherhood Fund campaigns. The State average was 27% participation. Mt. Vernon's was an incredible 54.7%! Your total contribution was \$1,167! You truly dug deep into your pockets to make this an outstanding success.

Now, my Brothers, I will close with a hope that this year becomes a year for our families to remember. I hope to have our communications include our loved ones and friends, more this year than in the past. Many activities are in place on the trestleboard for all to enjoy. Come and support your Lodge this year as never before.

May He who watches over us smile, bring peace and harmony upon our families, the world and us. ✕

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part in organizing this with the VFW and inviting me.

R.: W.: Roy Moses and I met with the new Masters of the Lodges in the Livingston District to see if there was anything we could do to help them make their year a smooth success. We wanted to see if we could design a Livingston District Joint Trestleboard so that we all can enjoy the fellowship of each Lodge in the District and, if needed, help. I am sure that we will have a great new year; everyone is enthusiastic and ready to make Livingston grow even faster. \*

**District Deputy  
Grand Master  
Ontario/Seneca/Yates  
District**



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Welcome, my Brothers, to the start of a new Masonic year. I hope that you and your families have had a wonderful Summer and are ready to return to 'work' in due season.

**Campout**

The O/S/Y District had its first camp out at Cheerful Valley Campground in Phelps on the weekend of July 30/31. It was attended by over thirty people and featured a 'bring a dish' dinner on Saturday evening. The weather graciously cooperated and the fellowship of the weekend was beyond measure. A special thank you to Bill and Mary Colin for organizing this weekend and to Brother Carl Carlson, the owner of Cheerful Valley, for having us.

The Second Annual O/S/Y District Camp out will be the last full weekend in July, 2006 at Cheerful Valley. Details will be sent to each Lodge next Spring.

**Membership**

At St. John's Day, the Grand Master discussed the importance of membership and the requirement that all Lodges conduct a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night by December 31, 2005. R.: W.: Bruce Huie is the

District Coordinator for Membership and he will assist or aid all Lodges to bring this to fruition and will attend each Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. Please contact Brother Huie with your planned date.

**Discussion forum**

The O/S/Y District website, <http://www.osydistrict.org>, has recently added a discussion forum. Please visit the site and sign up for the forum. By e-mailing the Webmaster (click on the Email Us button at the top of each page on the website), R.: W.: Brother Ken Hall will put any of your Lodge events on the website calendar. If the location of the event is not at a Lodge, please provide a complete address and a map will be made available. This website is a service for all Lodges in the O/S/Y District. Please make use of this tool; send us your trestleboard.

**Traveling Trowel**

The Traveling Trowel has been delivered to Geneva Lodge. They have until October to deliver it to another Lodge or be assessed \$10 per month for the Brotherhood Fund. \*

**Garoga-Sincerity  
Lodge No. 200**



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We need to keep these Brothers in our thoughts and prayers: William Smith, Gary Clock, Ranse Brooks, Rod Wolf and others about whom we may not know.

**Condolences**

It is my sad duty to announce the passing of David R. Roll. He was Initiated on January 17, 1989, Passed March 7th and Raised March 21, 1989. A Masonic Memorial Service was held at the Cheney Funeral Home in Phelps in June. Many Brothers were in attendance. Dave will certainly be missed and remembered for his friendship and many stories.

**Memorial Fund**

A committee consisting of Brothers John Walti, Fred Wheeler, and Steven Durso have volunteered to research and come up with some ideas on how to use the Paul Sherbyn Memorial Fund in relation to the outdoor Bar-B-Que area. This was where Paul dedicated much of his time during those Bar-B-Ques.

By the time this is read, a chicken Bar-B-Que will have been performed by members of our Lodge at the Phelps Community Center. Thanks to all those who volunteered.

**Repair work update**

The porch roof to our Lodge entrance has been removed and set aside. After the removal, there was more damage found than at first seen. Response from the insurance company has been very slow regarding estimates. They had failed to include some important items. We are pursuing this situation further.

**Awards**

On June 21st, all who made reservations enjoyed our annual Steak Roast. Service Awards were presented to Clayton Barnard and Isaac Hessney-40 years; Pete Adams-45 years; Don Fridley-50 years and Jim Piper-60 years.

Presenting the Awards were R.: W.: Herbert Goodman, Staff Officer and W.: William Sergeant. Brother Piper's son, Tim, presented his father's Pin to him.

**September**

Happy Birthday to Brothers: Carl Carlson-2nd; Terrence Mays-5th; Donald Romeiser-20th; Peter Cheney and James Carney-21st; Bernard Dell-23rd; Charles Bird-25th and Michael Klimeczko-30th. \*

Welcome back, Brothers. Everything in the Livingston District is ALIVE and WELL. The Summer has proved to be an exciting one. Lodges have been busy raising money, attending parades, visiting the veteran's hospitals, helping their communities, participating in town festivals, golf outings and many other activities. The important thing is we are getting out in the public view, which promotes Masonry to its fullest.

R.: W.: Richard Trescott and I have met with the Masters of all the District Lodges and discussed the upcoming year. All the Masters are very excited about the new year and have a full trestleboard of exciting events planned. I, for one, know the Lodges are in good shape again this year. These Masters have the desire and drive to make this year a memorable one and deserve your support helping them and your Lodge to have a successful year.

This past year I saw many amazing events in the District and the one that stands out the most is the fact that all the Lodges really pulled together to help one another. In the 25 years I've been in Masonry, I have never before seen this cooperation in this District. I thank all the Masters from last year for devoting their efforts toward this goal. All this year's Masters are ready to continue the work their predecessors started. \*

I have seen brotherhood at its best this Summer with all the Brothers giving their time and efforts to raise money, repair Lodges, help their community, and to be there for others! Every Lodge in Livingston District has been very busy this Summer with their different fundraisers, such as Chicken Bar-B-Que's in Letchworth Park, 4th of July celebrations, Town Festivals, Air shows, golf outings, to doing Lodge repairs, and putting on a picnic for Disabled Veterans. I am very proud to have been invited to each one and allowed to share these times of fellowship with each Lodge.

**Working together!**

On July 26th, Geneseo Masonic Lodge, with Brothers from Livonia, Eunice, and Mt. Morris Lodges, along with Geneseo V.F.W. Post 5005, combined and presented a picnic for the Veterans of the Canandaigua VA Hospital.

There were 38 Veterans served by 19 Brothers and VFW members. The Vets all were extremely glad to see us and enjoy the company; they stated that the food was great, thanks to the cooking expertise of Charlie Becker; they enjoyed the singing by Brother Rick Howe and, as usual, his knowledge of songs was amazing, he sang everything they requested and more.

I know that this was the first time that I had been involved and I found it to be one of the most rewarding things that I have done and will continue to do this as long as they will let me. I have never felt more welcomed and missed at the same time; this selfishly made me feel needed and enjoyed. For this I thank Geneseo Masonic Lodge and Geneseo VFW Post 5005. I thank Roy Robinson and Paul Schmied for their

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New Officers, elected and appointed on June 15th, are: Master **Anthony Khoury** Sr. Warden **Robert Mattick** Jr. Warden **Tom Abraham** Secretary **Peter Einset** Treasurer **Jed Brandow** Sr. Deacon **Tom Smart** Jr. Deacon **Tom Baroody** Sr. MC **Terry Trenchard** Jr. MC **John Keeton** Chaplain **Roger Haich** Marshal **Howard Colegrove** Historian **Tom Abraham** Ritual **Charles Rouse** Tiler **Tom Bryon** Trustees **John Keeton** **Howard Colegrove** **Lance Ward**

It is with great honor and pride I will serve as your Master for the ensuing year. I look for a great turn-around of good fortune for our 90 Brothers. As Master these goals must be accomplished:

1. Develop a great positive spirit of Masonic brotherhood within the Lodge.

2. To strengthen the spirit of Masonic brotherhood to those who are outside the Lodge room.

At the Grand Lodge communication in May, Brother Harvey E. Eysman, Proctor of Grand Lodge, wrote that the cause of many of our Masonic problems is obvious and the answers to the problems are equally obvious. We Masons must be more selective in whom we allow in our Lodges to become members of our most gentle Craft. He said, "It is our obligation to admit only those who are qualified morally and ethically to be Masons. Men of whom we are proud, not only because of who they are, but because they are of the ilk that fortifies the principles of the Masonic institution. No longer can Masonry seek membership merely to swell our numbers, but we must select with great care and confidence in the petitioner's qualities. That we must look in a new direction of this Masonic Fraternity is to return to the high standards of years ago. We must seek gentlemen who will inspire other men to join in this great ancient Craft, and to do this, our Masonic doors cannot be open to all who apply. It constrains us to seek only the best of men who have honor, integrity and good citizenship, which is the bedrock of our Masonic Craft. It is a man's character, which is our staunchest criteria to become a Mason."

Many times I have asked, "Ark Lodge, whither are you traveling and what came you here to do?" We need all our Brothers help, aid and assistance, so that we, together, can make Ark Lodge more vibrant, active and known in our Geneva area. We have a wonderful working machine when all of our parts are working together. Come to Lodge on the 3rd Wednesday of the month

and help us to become the greatest Lodge possible!

**Masons meet, act and part**

1. A 2nd Degree was held in May. I presented the Obligation and Charge; Peter Einset and John Keeton the Questions and Answers; Terry Trenchard, Working Tools; Clayton Ruggles the Middle Chamber Lecture and Jed Brandow was the Exemplar. Thanks to all the Brothers who conferred a wonderful 2nd Degree.

2. It was nice to see Brothers Joe Hessney, John Warder and Robert Kane in Lodge. To those who don't come often, we would be glad to see you.

3. When any Lodge suffers from a decline in membership and a decline in enthusiasm, it must study these problems and make immediate appropriate changes. Otherwise, Lodge will weaken and perhaps fold in the future. Do we have suggestions for change?

4. I received a wonderful letter from the Principal of Geneva High School, Ann Goldfarb, thanking us for our contribution of \$100 to Linda Ochon at the May 31st Academic Awards Ceremony. Mrs. Goldfarb said, "You make this Academic Ceremony possible by your generosity and continual commitment to our school. It is genuinely appreciated."

5. Another \$100 will be given to DeSales Beall for his History Academic Award to be given at DeSales graduation ceremony.

6. Brother Jed Brandow will confer a 3rd Degree on November 16th. Please attend the Degree.

7. We are planning the Pin Award Ceremony for several Brothers. Dr. John Stelter will be receiving his 60-Year Pin!

8. Brother Allan W. Burleson wrote that he celebrated his 93rd birthday. He thanked Ark Lodge and wishes the Brothers all the best.

9. I received a letter from Brother Lloyd Johnson, Florida, who is having problems with his legs, using a cane and having physical therapy. He wishes good health to all the Brothers and cautions all to be careful of the side effects of medication.

10. Brother Walter Strong, Indianapolis, Indiana, wished all the Brothers a healthy, prosperous Summer.

11. Brother John Stelter, 94 years old, made a magnificent visit to Ark Lodge at the June 15th communication. He would love to see some of the Brothers visit him at home!

12. Brother Arnie Schofield's widow, Yolanda, just arrived in the Geneva area. We will be hearing from her soon.

13. Keep Brothers John Stelter, Harry George, Max Kaufman, Robert Inscho, Bill Kashouty, Ray Smith, Lloyd Johnson, Lloyd Hilimire, Ramon Baroody and all the other Brothers all over America who are not feeling well, in your prayers.

14. The Grand Lodge Secretary reported a drop from 60,889 Masons in New York State to 55,979 and a drop from 619 Lodges to 605 in the State. The estimated revenue and expenses from January 1, 2005 to December 31, 2005, will be a deficit of \$30,268,407.

15. Food for thought! The *Masonic Times*, which has cost

Ark Lodge \$5 a Brother, will go up to \$8 as of January 1, 2006.

16. Brother Rob Schwarting has been communicating with Brother Jed Brandow. Come to Lodge, Brother Rob, we need you.

17. The Boy Scouts of America had a Memorial Service for Brother Arnold E. Schofield on July 8th. Brother John Keeton, his wife, my wife and I attended.

18. A Brother at the Utica Medical Research Lab suggested we have Brothers who signed up, read to our elementary school children. If a Brother would like to do this project, Brother Peter Einset and I would like to take part. Doing something like this is better than doing nothing. Is this not true?


19. I called the Grand Historian, Brother George Peter, who just lost his wife, Gloria.

20. Brother Tom Abraham conducted the Installation of Officers with the help of Brother Steve Goebert. A job well done!

**Dates to remember**

September 7th - Officer's meeting at the Lodge. Opening and closing will be practiced and the coming year discussed. All Brothers invited.

September 21st - Regular communication and program to follow.

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For those of you who have not been to Lodge recently, this will be my first official greeting as your new Master. I cordially invite you to come to Lodge and meet your new Officers and me. We may very well have one of the youngest line of Officers in the District.

**Join us!**

We are looking forward to an interesting and productive Masonic year. October 17th will be the Staff Officers visit; also in October we will have our 3rd annual Table Lodge. For those of you who have not been to one of these meetings, here is a brief description: it is a seven-course dinner with ceremonial toasts given between the courses. This is an outstanding opportunity for fellowship in the Lodge. It is an evening of fun and you might learn a little, too. The last two have been a blast.

We are also going to start visiting other Lodges on a monthly basis. Each month we will choose a Lodge and visit with as many Brothers as we can muster. Let's show our support not only for our Lodge, but also for all the Lodges in the District. It's time to reopen the lines of communication and start spreading the cement of brotherly love.

If anyone is in need of transportation to Lodge, please contact me at 981-9340 and we can make arrangements. I look forward to seeing you all at our next meeting.

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Brothers, I welcome all of you as we start our Fall season. I hope everybody has had an outstanding Summer. I know mine has been very busy.

Our first Lodge meeting is September 8th, with dinner at 6:30. I hope to see everybody there, especially our new Brothers. This will be very informative for them, as well as all our Brothers.

I would also like to let everybody know that we are going to have a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night sometime this Fall. The date is still to be determined. Please be thinking of a friend whom we can invite.

Again, welcome back. See you on the 8th of September.

By Robert Roys

I hope everyone is having a great Summer! I'm looking forward to seeing everyone this September.

I thank all the Brothers of Milnor Lodge for their help and support last year. I am confident that they will continue to carry on that support to our new Master, Randy Henry, this year.

Milnor Lodge, as well as Ontario/Seneca/Yates Districts are very fortunate to have Eldon White as our District Deputy Grand Master. I feel he has done an outstanding job giving his time and energy to helping Lodges in the Districts organize their programs, as well as bringing the messages of the Grand Master to the Brothers.

A special thanks to W.: Jack Bishop and Brothers of Dundee Lodge; W.: John Wright of Geneva; W.: David Locke, and W.: Edwin Carris, for their help conferring the 3rd Degree at Milnor.

Our Eastern Star ladies and gentlemen have done an outstanding job, as always, helping the Masons putting on dinners, etc. Thanks so much!

Thanks again everyone and may God Bless!

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 By Bro. Phillip Hurwitz, Esq.

**Legal rights of soldiers**  
 In my last article, I briefly surveyed certain consumer rights that a deployed soldier's family has. For example, a lender can neither repossess a car or foreclose on a house while a soldier is deployed. In this article I'll conclude with these rights.

**Evictions**  
 A court can stop an eviction for as long as the circumstances warrant, while a service member is deployed. (Service members Civil Relief Act [SCRA])

**Installment contracts**  
 A creditor cannot repossess property purchased on credit or cancel a contract for non-payment, unless it first obtains a court order.

**Leases**  
 A service member can terminate a wide variety of leases, including a car lease and housing lease (house or apartment). As a general rule, the creditor must be given advance notice of the service members' intention to cancel the lease because of their deployment.

**Employment**  
 Under the federal law, known as the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (38 USC 4301-4333) a returning service member is entitled to his or her job back upon their return to civilian life. To qualify for this entitlement, the service member must have: 1) notified his employer of his or her deployment; 2) any separate episodes of service cannot total more than five years; 3) the service member was honorably discharged from the service; 4) the service member must return to work in a timely fashion. If a service member has been discriminated against in employment because of his prior deployment, then a call to the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve may help. Their toll free telephone number is (800) 336-4590.

The scope and breadth of protections offered to service members by the federal and state government are beyond the scope of my two articles. I recommend this website for further information, including many useful links regarding the service members Civil Relief Act: <http://usmilitary.about.com/od/sscra/>  
 The New York Patriot Plan also provides many benefits to service members who are New York state residents. The State maintains two websites with useful information and resources. They are:  
[www.nyspatriotpla.org](http://www.nyspatriotpla.org) and  
[www.dnma.state.ny.us](http://www.dnma.state.ny.us)



# "Awesome" Scholars Rewarded



**Drew S. Brendel**  
Northglenn High School, CO  
University of  
Northern Colorado



**Jason S. Cook**  
Webster Schroeder High School  
Rochester Institute  
of Technology



**Brett DeHollander**  
Hilton High School  
Alfred State University



**Daniel H. DeHollander**  
Hilton Central High School  
SUNY at Geneseo



**Sarah J. Foster**  
School of the Arts  
Pennsylvania State University



**Lindsay M. Fredenburg**  
Wakefield High School, VA  
Radford University



**Jessica Howe**  
Greece Athena High School  
Alfred University



**Natalie J. Humphrey**  
SUNY at Cortland



**Megan L. Marrese**  
Churchville-Chili High School  
Monroe Community College



**Jessica F. Schaefer**  
Pittsford Mendon High School  
Quinnipiac University



**Shawn D. Wilkinson**  
West Irondequoit High School  
Fordham University



**Rt. Wthy Janet Porter**  
District Deputy Grand Matron  
Monroe District, OES

"It was certainly an honor to direct and serve on the Scholarship committee," began Rt. Wthy Janet Porter, as she introduced the students granted financial assistance at the presentations in June at the Shrine Center. "What an impressive group of applicants we had. The upcoming generation shows great promise if this group represents a true sample." She continued by introducing each student with a bit of information furnished in his or her application. Each stu-

dent, in turn, related their accomplishments and plans. **Shawn Wilkinson** desires a career involved with politics or foreign cultures; **Jessica Schaefer** has been motivated by childhood illness to volunteer with children and organizing benefits; **Megan Marrese** wants to become an elementary school teacher and currently volunteers in the community. **Natalie Humphrey** will be a senior at SUNY College at

Cortland, where she has proven her hard work has paid off by being on the President's list with a 3.8 cumulative average, striving to become a childhood education teacher; **Jessica Howe** will be a senior at Alfred University, majoring in psychology with better than 3.6 GPA and has worked regularly to help pay school expenses; **Lindsay Fredenburg** has sensitivity to the needs of others and a cooperative spirit that is freely given to the community

and mission work, and wants to pursue interior designing at Radford University. Very active in the school, community and church is **Sarah Foster**, who is a camp counselor in the Summer and wants to pursue a career in helping people; **Brett DeHollander** participates in a band that plays at many benefits and fundraisers, and has a passion for carpentry. His twin, **Daniel DeHollander** holds a brown belt in marshal arts and

is an assistant instructor who wants to become a high school history teacher. **Jason Cook** has participated in many music activities, volunteers extensively and works at numerous jobs, and wants to be an Industrial Designer; **Drew Brendel** volunteers his musical talents to provide entertainment at a local nursing home, is an active Boy Scout, plays in the High School orchestra and plans to major in political science.



## LET'S GO BOWLING

By Jay McCullough  
**The Seniors Strike Again!**

Some of them do as the title suggests, now and again, once a week at Brother Tom Sardou's Rose Garden Bowl in Bergen. Tom is in Hesperus Lodge. The 2005-2006 season begins on September 13th at 1:00 p.m. That's at 21 Buffalo Road on the East side of the Village of Bergen (phone: 494-9900) where you can also enjoy lunch at the attached Viking Valhalla Restaurant and Lounge before you roll the first practice ball.

Brother Ruel Lovett, of Hesperus and Unity Lodges, started the Tuesday Masonic Senior's League several years ago and many original members continue to participate in this fun activity. Several of the bowlers are signed on with the Rochester Bowling Association, establishing their official handicaps for participation in the New

York State Masonic Tournament, held in the Spring and for other regional events held throughout the bowling year.

You don't have to own equipment. Balls and shoes are available at the hall, even for the senior set! Non-Masons are welcome to participate, so bring your neighbor, mall-walking friend or golfing buddy who may equally be looking for an early afternoon activity that allows him to beat heavy traffic and be home well before dusk. Brother Dick Giedd comes in from Greece; Dick Kessler, Derek VanHouten (who owns the "Derek Pin" won last season) and John Mattern from Chili; Dave Liles from Byron; Jim Toogood and Jim McAtee from Ogden, just to name a few.

Several lanes are available to us. The coffee is always on and fresh and offered as a special house feature. Cost is a nominal 6 bucks (for the "over the hill gang") with a few bucks for prize money and another one-time pittance for the sanction fee.

The season is of a 30-week duration and there are league members who are absent for several months of living in Texas, Florida, Arizona and other snowbird venues, but they do start the season and return to complete the year - before golf, tennis or whatever other sport they engage in.

See you on the lanes!!



Representatives from the Charitable Grant Recipients, shown in group photo above were (in alphabetical order): John Dretto, Sue LaTart, Robert Lauterbach, Patty Lorenzen, Vern Moore, Fran Morse, Beverly Murrell-Frasier, Jack Muthig, Mike Newcomb, Marti St. George and Eric Van Dusen. The group photo below are the students able to attend to receive their scholarship assistance awards. (Staff photos)







# Scottish Rite NEWS

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## Commander-in-Chief



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### A Summer to Remember

The weather was picture perfect this Summer. Mornings were crisp and cool, while the day wore on, the desire to partake in air-conditioning swelled. The Valley and its team hopes you enjoyed the Summer with friends and family. It was truly a Summer to remember, as *The Farmer's Almanac* almost had it right.

As for me, I am recovering from a few surgeries, and emergency room visits. I can only say thank you for all the cards, letters, phone calls and emails. Believe you me, I will get better, so I too, can enjoy the great and varied programs and events we have in store this year.

### Council of Deliberation

During the NYS COD in July, it was a wonderful pleasure for those in attendance from the Valley of Rochester to witness our newest Distinguished Brother Peter (Jack) VanElzakker, 32<sup>nd</sup> MSA, receive the Meritorious Service Award for his unselfish labor in the quarries. When you see Jack, please congratulate him. The MSA was presented to all New York State recipients by M.: W.: and Ill.: Edward R. Trosin, 33<sup>rd</sup>, Grand Master of Masons for the State of New York, R.: W.: Neil Bidnick, D.G.M., and Ill.: Harold L. Aldrich, 33<sup>rd</sup>, Deputy for New York.

It was also announced that the next Valley of Rochester recipient of the Meritorious Service Award will be Lawrence K. Canfield at next year's Council of Deliberation. What a joy it was as the Rochester Team made the obligatory phone call to Larry late that night, to notify Sublime Prince Canfield of this award. Judging by past, present and future recipients, it is obvious the New York State COD MSA Committee does their homework to find qualified candidates.

Another highlight of this year's COD, was the presentation, by Supreme Council, of the 25th Annual Family Life Program Awards. Sixty-six (66) Valleys from the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction participated in 2004-05 programs. The Valley of Rochester was very fortunate to have the Lodge of Perfection Officers coordinate our Valley's Family Life Program. These programs were structured such that all Family members of the Valley and Blue Lodge members could enjoy good Fraternal relations. If the program content allowed, we also invited non-fraternal members to promote our Masonic values; friendship, morality, and brotherly love. For the "good we do" the Valley was

presented a plaque from Supreme Council for "The Best Overall Program" for Valleys under 1,000 members.

On Sunday, August 14th, over 50 children and adults were in attendance to witness a great Rochester Red Wings ballgame against Pawtucket. A special thanks must go to Sovereign Prince Reggie Reed, and his Officers, for their diligent efforts, resulting in another great Family Life Program. A good time was enjoyed by all.

The Annual Outing, Friday August 26th, was another success, and well attended. Thank you Distinguished Brother Jack VanElzakker, 32<sup>nd</sup> MSA, assisted by the "Blue Caps" for the organization and coordination in this event. Distinguished Brother Jack, 32<sup>nd</sup> MSA, was brought forward to receive his Red Cap, for the first time in Rochester. It was also the pleasure of the Valley to present to the recipients of the Ill.: John B. Mullan, 33<sup>rd</sup>, Dedicated Service Award their Blue Caps: Sublime Prince Jerald Gilmore, 32<sup>nd</sup>, DSA; Sublime Prince Cliff Hayner, 32<sup>nd</sup>, DSA; Sublime Prince Warren Doerrer, 32<sup>nd</sup>, DSA; and Sublime Prince John Williams, 32<sup>nd</sup>, DSA. This Award is given as recognition of their service to 32<sup>nd</sup> Masonry in the Valley of Rochester and the area that it serves. Congratulations.

It is also very special to announce the Valley's latest Honorary Member of Supreme Council at Grand Rapids, Michigan. On Tuesday, August 30th, our very own Ill.: G. Michael Morris, 33<sup>rd</sup> was coroneted, with nine other NYS Scottish Rite Masons.

I know it was a pleasure for all the honorary members of Rochester in attendance to congratulate Michael and Ruth. (Congratulations also on gaining a son-in-law this Summer.) Note: Since I was not able to attend, I will forward details in later issues.

On Sunday, September 4th, another great Family Life Program will be attended by many children and adults as the summer comes to a close. A sunny day with the Raging Rhino's soccer team, as they struggle against the Vancouver Whitecaps. Again, we must say thanks to SP Reggie Reed, Officers and the office for a delightful program.

**Mark your calendars**  
(2005-2006 pocket calendars will be available soon)

As we begin another great year, the hard copy calendars we provide have been printed based upon the best information we had in the Summer. I would ask that you verify those program dates by: recent mailings sent by the office, calling the office directly or checking the calendar on the website:

[www.valleyofrochester.com](http://www.valleyofrochester.com)  
Thank you.

The Annual Meeting and Service Awards presentation is Thursday, September 15th. Please join us at Damascus Shrine Center, Bay Road at 6:00 p.m. Social, 6:30 Dinner and 7:30 p.m. for our Annual Meeting and Service Awards presentation. Dinner reservations are to be received in the

office no later than September 9th. The cost is \$10.00 per member.

Tuesday, September 20th. Why was there so much excitement for the opening of the Erie Canal in 1825? Please join the Book Club to get the answer(s). The Valley office conference room will be opened, at 7:30 p.m. as the book; *Wedding of the Waters: The Erie Canal and the making of a Great Nation*, by Peter L. Bernstein, is discussed. Please call the office for details.

The Feast of Tishri is Thursday, September 29th, at Damascus Shrine Center. The Seven Divine Attributes and the fruits associated with the bountiful harvest will be presented for remembrance. This program will be offered as a Brother Bring-a-Brother event, and this Table Lodge format is open to all Masons. The cost to a candidate (signed petition is required) and his first-line signer will be free. Otherwise the cost is \$10.00/member. Reservations no later than September 23rd.

Saturday, October 1st; Learning Center Walk for Dyslexia, 9:00 a.m., Perinton Park, under the direction of Joe Oelgoetz III, 2nd Lt. Commander. This is the 2nd Annual Fundraising event to support our very own Frank and Bette Paul 32<sup>nd</sup> Learning Center for Children. Call 264-1160, 1-800-858-2320 or e-mail: [wrl@rochester.rr.com](mailto:wrl@rochester.rr.com), for information. Your help and assistance is required to continue to support this high impact Learning Center located in Rochester.

Saturday, October 8th, Wine Tasting at Casa Larga. Another great Family Life Program (adults only, please). 6:00 p.m. Social Hour, 6:30 Winery Tour. \$10.00/member - spouse is FREE! Reservations must be on file in the office no later than Saturday, October 1st.

October 20th: Symbolic Lodge Recognition at Damascus Shrine Center. 6:30 p.m. Social hour, 7:30 p.m. program begins. On this evening, the M.: W.: and Ill.: Edward R. Trosin will be in attendance as we recognize both the Past Worshipful Master and a Lodge member for their dedication and service to their Lodge. Details are available from all Lodge Secretaries, or call the office.

Tuesday, October 25th: Movie Presentation - *The Man Who Would Be King*. The movie begins at 7:00 p.m. at the Damascus Shrine Center.

Whew, and that's just the first two months...

As the months continue, we hope you enjoy the programs presented. Next month we will discuss the membership programs open to our Masonic Brothers.

Remember, the Masonic Fraternity is NOT a conspiracy, except to do good, or a secret society, except in hiding acts of kindness.

God Bless America, our troops serving to protect and those in need of our care.  
So Mote It Be. ✕

## Rite Events Calendar

(when, where, what) see article for details

**Sunday, September 4th**

Rhinos Soccer Game - Frontier Field\*\*\*

**Wednesday, September 14th**

DSA Lunch - Roncone's

**Thursday, September 15th**

Annual Meeting - Shrine Center

**Tuesday, September 20th**

Book review - Office \*\*\*

**Wednesday, September 28th**

MSA Meeting

**Thursday, September 29th**

"Tishri" Table Lodge - Shrine Center \*\*\*

\*\*\* Brother Bring-a-Brother events

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

### 2nd Lt. Commander

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 year's walk go to the 32<sup>nd</sup> Masonic Learning Centers for Children, Inc. Rochester is the site of one of these Centers - The Frank and Bette Paul 32<sup>nd</sup> Masonic Learning Center for Children, Inc., located at 3300 Monroe Avenue, Suite 330 in Pittsford.

Dyslexia is a condition that affects approximately 2 million school age children. The Rochester area is not immune to this very frustrating condition. The Frank and Bette Paul 32<sup>nd</sup> Masonic Learning Center for Children, Inc., is consistently full to capacity with a very long waiting list.

It is the Learning Centers 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. The estimated cost per child for the training they receive at a Center is approximately \$5,000, or \$10,000 over a two-year program (the average time it takes to go through our program).

It is fundraising programs, such as our annual Walk for Children with Dyslexia, which bring in some of the funding for the program. This year's walk will be held on Saturday, October 1st at the Perinton Park on 31F in Fairport. Sign-in will begin at 9:30am with the actual walk beginning at 10:30am. 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 you can support the walk

First and foremost, we need walkers. We need walkers to

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The September 29th Table Lodge Dinner will be Roast Beef, rather than Chicken.

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, to help with the picnic, to sign folks in, to distribute t-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., 3300 Monroe Avenue, Suite 320, Rochester, NY 14618.

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

#### Why should I join the Scottish Rite?

I have heard that question asked of me for some time now by Brothers whom I have extended an invitation to join the Valley of Rochester. I can happily answer that question with confidence now. Over the Summer, the Valley's leadership has wrestled with that very question. We members feel that there is a lot about Scottish Rite that would benefit other Brothers. However, we needed a simple way in which to convey what membership would provide. We have all agreed to fashion the programs of the Valley of Rochester around a theme that had been used in the past, **The College of Freemasonry**. We realized that what we had to offer was not a focus on a social outlet, as that is what the Shrine provides, but rather a focus on providing a deeper understanding of the light of Freemasonry. With the 29 additional Degrees that the Scottish Rite provides, we had 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 a Masonic 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.

**Book Club**

The first Masonic Book Club meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 20th at 7:00 p.m. at the Valley office - 3300 Monroe Avenue, Suite 320 in Pittsford. The book that we will be reviewing is: *Wedding of the Water - 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, at 7:00 p.m.

The Masonic night at the movies will take several movies that have either a Masonic theme to them or allude to Masonry in some sort of fashion. Our first attempt at this was *National Treasure* on August 23rd at the Shrine Center. After each of these showings, as long as time permits, we will have a discussion concerning the film. 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 4, 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, rein actors 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 that helps members with public speaking, public presentations, 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 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 will provide additional understanding and light of Freemasonry. Our Degree presentations will form the basis of what the Scottish Rite's **The College of Freemasonry** can provide to a Brother considering membership into the Valley.

If you 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 at 7:30 p.m.

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

September 4th - Raging Rhinos Game at Frontier Field - Picnic Dinner prior to event beginning at 5:30 p.m.

September 20th - Masonic Book Club - *Wedding of the Waters* at 7:00 p.m. at the Valley of Rochester's office.

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.

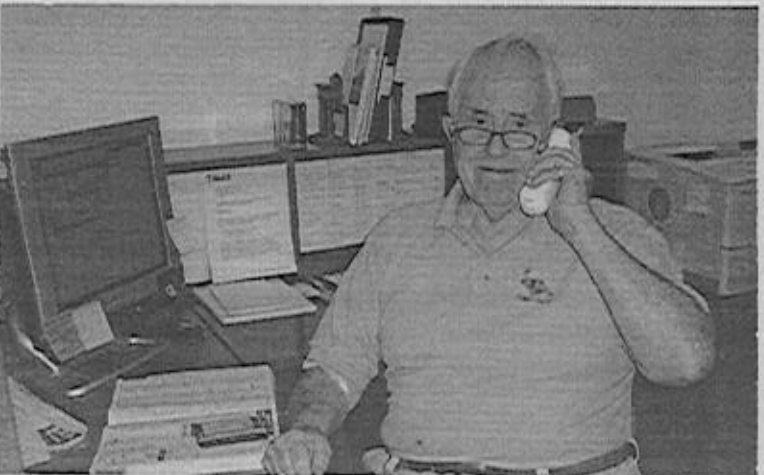
October 25th - Masonic Night at the Movies - *The Man Who Would be King* at the Shrine Center, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

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.



Putting together the Summer mailing. The Reed family assists Valley Secretary, Bill Lindsay, with folding the information sheets and inserting them into envelopes.



Summer office help at the Scottish Rite office. Paul Gleason mans the telephone. (Photos submitted by William Lindsay)



Newly installed Officers of the Valley of Rochester for 2005-2006 (from left, front) Michael McBride, Angelo DiCataldo, Alfred Pulcino III, Kenneth Howe, Seymour Kopen, Warren Doerrer and William Lindsay. (Middle) Scott Herzog, Joseph Bourcy, Reginald Reed, Lowell Falkey and William Zufall. (Back) Pedro Ugalde, Joseph Oelgoetz, James Toogood, Michael Knolla and Stephen Whittaker.



Members of the Ill.: Robert P. Zabel, 33°, Spring Reunion Class (from left) Harrison Parson, Jr.; Robin Hamm; Brennan Coon; Kenneth Pearce and James Grady.

**Valley Secretary**  
By William R. Lindsay

Congratulations to Peter (Jack) VanElzakker on receiving his Meritorious Service Award cap at the July Council of Deliberation. Every Brother should know that he is tireless, enthusiastic, dependable, friendly and ever willing to help, aid and assist. All these traits that add up to "meritorious."

September 15th is the Valley's annual meeting at the Shrine Center, preceded by an excellent dinner, but especially noteworthy because we will be recognizing Brothers for their many years of service.

65 Years: Albert E. Goldman and Robert Witmer

60 Years: Rolland P. Best, Edward P. Fulmer, George W.

Guy, Richard A. Hartman, Roland R. Orbaker, Clifford L. Orbaker and John H. Stelter

55 Years: Clarence Adams, Chapin Blake, William Byam, Donald B. Colvin, Harold F. Donish, John I. Hendricks, Warren J. Hopkins, Robert P. Hunt, Wilson W. Johncox, Robert B. Nephew, Nicholas K. Panarites, Douglas Torrance, Raymond F. Unger, Lawrence O. Upton, Lloyd C. Verbridge, Wallace J. Wagner and John G. Wihlen

50 Years: Randall G. Beachner, Herbert Bieber, Maurice Bittman, John R. Braun, Donald F. Braun, James R. Connor, William Dworkin, Ivor Edwards, Robert H. Freitag, Mathew L. Gingold, Robert W. Judd, Gordon Kotzin, Richard F. Laitenberger, Russell C. Marron, Keith L. Masten,

Lowell A. Phillips, James B. Scobell, Eric V. Seleen and Frederick A. Stahl.

This evening will be a great opportunity to congratulate those on whose shoulders we all stand.

The Summer mailing has generated all sorts of enthusiasm and interest, and the response has been most positive. Commonly, Brothers have said that it was nice to have advanced notice for activities in which they, or they and family members, could participate. Next mailing should cover November-February.

We may soon have the ability to pay for things over the phone in the Valley office using a credit card. Plans are in the works to make this happen. That means that a Brother can call the office, order tickets, pay his dues, or make reservations over the phone. Watch for further information.

October 1st will be the Walk for Dyslexia at Perinton Park. It will be followed by a picnic. Please check for exact details elsewhere in the paper. Anyone can participate, and it is a great opportunity to support the 32° Masonic Learning Center. Every Scottish Rite Mason should be justifiably proud of the positive difference the Learning Center is making in the lives of educationally disadvantaged youth in our community. Your support makes it all happen.

Congratulations to Jennifer Orbaker, Casey Clark, Ellen Frackleton and Jennifer Orman who received Abbott Scholarships this year. Jason Christman received a AASR Charities scholarship. We can all be proud of the accomplishments of these fine young people.

Finally, this is a public get-well note to Robert Pedersen, Commander-in-Chief of the Valley, who has been laid up since Spring with some difficult infections. Our prayers for your return to good health are being answered daily as you begin to get back to the quarries, but don't over do it! We'll see that all the work gets done. So here we really are.

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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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Ruth and Michael Morris at the Council of Deliberation with Peter "Jack" VanElzakker. Seated with backs to the camera are Rodney Rittenhouse and William Lindsay. (Photos courtesy of William Lindsay)



Charles Hancock and Stephen Whittaker at the Council of Deliberation.

## Optical Society of America 2005 Award to Morris

Submitted by Stephen Whittaker

At the Frontier in Optics 89th Optical Society of America's Annual Meeting, the Joseph Fraunhofer Award/Robert M. Burley Prize was presented to G. Michael Morris in recognition of significant accomplishments in optical engineering. Dr. Morris was honored for his innovation in the design, theory and application of diffractive and hybrid optical elements to solve a wide range of problems.

G. Michael Morris received his Bachelor's Degree in engineering physics from the University of Oklahoma, and his Master's and Ph.D. in electrical engineering from the California Institute of Technology. From 1982 to 2001, Morris was a professor at the Institute of Optics. In 1989 he co-founded the Rochester Photonics Corporation (RPC). A decade later, RPC was acquired by Corning and functioned as a wholly owned subsidiary, where Dr. Morris served as

CEO. In 2003 he founded Apollo Optical Systems, which develops novel lenses for the vision-care industry, and co-founded RPC Photonics, which develops optical components for the display and solid-state lighting industries.

Dr. Morris's research has spanned a wide variety of topics in statistical optics, optical information processing, automatic pattern recognition and diffractive and micro-optics technology. His current research and development interests include the design and fabrication of optical components, devices and systems that use diffractive and micro-optical elements. He holds 17 U.S. patents and has published more than 70 refereed journal articles, three book chapters and numerous conference proceedings. As a professor at the Institute of Optics, he supervised 22 Doctoral and five Master's dissertations. \*

(Source: *Optics and Photonics News*, June, 2005)



While I was doing some computer work, the telephone rang. The person identified himself and explained the problem to me. It seems that the family bought a house and discovered the outlet for the dryer, which was there, was not the same as the one they had bought for their dryer. Before installing the outlet, they turned off the circuit breaker. Good move!

The old outlet was removed and the new one installed. So far, so good. One person must have been in one part of the basement and another in a different part. The go-ahead was given to turn on the breaker. There was a big bang, the kind when there is a dead short. I don't know how the person who turned on the breaker reacted when he heard the breaker snap, but he must have been surprised. A dead short with a twin breaker and 30 amps behind it really jars someone in front of it. It sounds like the electric panel is going to blow off the wall.

I was then told how the wires were attached to the new outlet. There were four wires. They attached two so-called ground wires together under one screw and the other two under separate screws. When connecting wires and there are two so-called ground wires, they really are not, there is only one. The other is called a neutral and you do not put them together under one screw. I explained to him there must be a dead short and it could very well be dangerous.

As I was preparing to go to the scene, he called back and informed me he thought he found the problem. The black hot wire was under the ground wire and he would try to put the wires in the right slots and call me back, which he did and everything was fine.

Why do people decide to do electrical work when they know nothing about electricity? There are at least 2000 people every year who are electrocuted just because they want to save money by not calling a licensed electrician, yet they have money for beer or cigarettes and think nothing of it. These same items are hurting their health. A very serious accident could have developed where a fire would start and burn not only the breaker panel, but the cover could have blown off and put whomever was in front of it in the hospital.

Why do people take these chances? If they need brakes for their car, they go to a garage; if the washing machine does not work they call the repairman; the toilet runs over and they call a plumber. Yet, something as dangerous as electricity, where you may not get a second chance, they try to do it themselves. I have been in this business for 53 years and have seen all kinds of shenanigans.

Let's hope if you try it that your hair does not curl on you or you light up like a Christmas tree! \*



Ann Kascka, Director of the Frank & Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center, was presented an award for excellence by Rodney R. Rittenhouse, Chairman.



Chuck Spiegel, past Valley Secretary, is moving to Georgia. He was bid bon voyage with thanks and best wishes.

### Blue Caps By Jerold J. Gilmore

The initial get-together of the members of the Blue Caps (Dedicated Service Award) was held on June 1st. The food was abundant and excellent and I heard no complaints. The luncheon tab was picked up by our Commander-in-Chief, Bob Pedersen. Thank you, Commander.

At the brief business meeting, which was held prior to lunch, nominated and elected for the coming year were Jerry Gilmore as President and Bill Fredenburg as Vice-President/Secretary.

Jack VanElzakker volunteered to be Chairman of a late August outing at Wildwood Country Club in Rush. He was assisted by team co-workers,

Warren Doerrer and Al Miller. My thanks to that committee.

The rest of the Blue Cap members are as follows: Gordon Ball, Raymond Beardsey, Lawrence Canfield, Rae Clark, Dave Crawford, Larry Dunn, Cliff Hayner, Bill Hook, Bill Kuehne, Bill Lindsay, Greg Ludwig, Jim Slocum, David Taber, Derek VanHouten, Ron Weber and John Williams.

Our next luncheon meeting will be held on September 14th at Roncone's, located on East Avenue, with a brief business meeting to begin at 11:45 a.m. Orders for lunch will be taken at noon. Late arrivals will also be accommodated.

I thank every Cap member for their generous support. I will do my very best for the Blues with the support that the Great Architect will allow. \*

### Paul Vick Continued from Page 1

He is a Past President of the American Baptist Churches of Rochester/Genesee Region, Inc. and currently serves as a member of the Finance Committee. He is also on the Outdoor Ministry Team for the American Baptist Churches of New York State, Inc., where he teaches sailing at a summer youth camp.

He currently serves as the Chair of the Fairport Baptist Home's Caring Ministries Foundation Corporation Board, a member of the Planned Giving Committee of the Al Sig Center, and is a member of the Board of Trustees of Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, serving as a member of both the Finance and Program Committees.

He has served as a Board

Member and Past President for Alternatives for Battered Women, Past Chair of the Estate and Trusts Section of the Monroe County Bar Association, Cameron Community Ministries, Monroe County Association for the Hearing Impaired and a Member, the Trusts and Estates Section of the New York Bar Association and of the Trust and Probate Section of the American Bar Association. In 2005, he was recognized professionally by his peers by inclusion in the 2005 edition of *Best Lawyers in America*, a national publication.

He was recently nominated by Immanuel Baptist Church, where he serves as the Chair of the Trustees and received a "Faith In Action" Recognition Award from the Greater Rochester Community of Churches.

Paul and his wife, Joyce, enjoy their three children and three grandchildren. \*

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Our Annual Appeal letter will arrive next month.





# Order of the Eastern Star

## Monroe District HiLights, OES

DDGM Rt. Wthy. Janet Porter 663-6719  
DGL Rt. Wthy. Roger Lynch 334-7953

The Monroe Eastern Star District has had a busy Summer, with the Pilgrimage to Oriskany, a Chicken Bar-B-Que, the dedication of a new flag pole and front doors at the Webster Temple, and various Chapter picnics.

Meetings resume again in September. Sunday, Septem-

ber 11th, there will be a Concert by *Revelations* to benefit Elder Abuse and Alternatives for Battered Women. It will take place at the Greece Baptist Church, 1230 Long Pond Road at 3:00 p.m. The donation is \$3 for adults.

The Homecoming for Rt. Wthy. Janet Porter, Rt. Wthy. Roger Lynch, and Rt. Wthy. Evelyn Heller will be Saturday, October 15th, at the Webster Temple Hall at 2 p.m.

Order of the Eastern Star Grand Sessions will take place at Saratoga Springs from October 23rd to the 27th. x

need to be sent to Rt. Wthy. William Zufall at 54 Girton Place, Rochester, 14607.

As we really don't need any more warmth right now, I send comfortable greetings to all. Let Us Support One Another

**Lilac Star**  
**Chapter No. 57**  
**Order of the Eastern Star**  
1st & 3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m.  
**Matron**  
Wthy. Joy Woodley  
671-6152  
**Secretary**  
Wthy. Faythe Mattern  
594-4449  
30 Orchard Street  
Webster, New York

September starts the beginning of the last few months of my exciting and busy year. On September 15th, 7:30 p.m., we will be visiting Geneseo Chapter, where Lilac Star members will present and dedicate a Sword, Veil, Crown and Scepter to replace those which were stolen.

September 20th will be the first meeting after Summer break. There will be reports and business with dessert and games after the meeting. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone there.

On October 4th Lilac Star Chapter will have an open celebration of our merger. Everyone is welcome for tea and dessert. Street dress, please.

**Reminder**

October 15th, 2 p.m., at Webster Lodge, is the Homecoming of our present Grand Officers.

I have this theory that chocolate slows down the aging process. It may not be true, but do we dare take the chance? x

with our meeting at 7:30. I hope to see a lot of you there.

Our homecoming of our Grand Officers will be October 1st. This will be at Victor Chapter. Come and support our Grand Officers of Ontario/Seneca/Yates District. x

**NOLATKA**  
**Chapter No. 320**  
**Order of the Eastern Star**  
1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
**Matron**  
Wthy. Antoinette Jeerings  
354-1988  
**Patron**  
Wthy. Robert Crystal  
473-0279  
**Secretary**  
Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings  
594-4692  
22 South Main Street  
Churchville 14428

Greetings and many early Fall blessings to my Sisters and Brothers. I hope your Summer was spent with a cool drink in hand to beat the heat, and surrounded by loved ones!

**Sickness and distress**

Sister Lucile Mason passed away at the age of 99! We extend our deepest sympathy to Sister Barbara Heeg and the family. May the Lord bless you during your time of sorrow.

Let's have some GOOD NEWS.

Rt. Wthy. Sister Carol Wynings is soon going to be a grandmother again. Her son and daughter-in-law are beginning their journey to China to pick up little Karis Rui Li Wynings on August 11th.

Wthy. Sister Vickie Gross has been named one of our Districts new Grand Officers! Her official title will be: Rt. Wthy. Vickie Gross, Associate Grand Marshal! Much kudos and big congratulations from us all, Vickie! Dear, you know we are in your corner pulling

for you! Enjoy it to the utmost! God Bless You!

**Coming attractions**

Our next meeting will be on September 20th, at 7:30 p.m. Please, as many of you as possible, try to make this meeting to support our Matron and Patron for doing such a great job!

This will be our Birthday Celebration beginning with a Tureen Dinner at 6:30 p.m. and meeting at 7:30 p.m. Committee is Bo Clark and Toni Jeerings.

A regular meeting will be on October 4th at 7:30 p.m. Committee: Maryanne Overcool and Kim Robinson.

Our Winery limo tour: Unfortunately, I was not able to contact those with the pertinent info for this, so please give Carol Wynings a telephone call for all the information on this awesome trip!

*My Favorite Place*, an original poem by: Kim Robinson  
I walk up many stairs and enter through an opened door. They smile brightly at me, as I return their smile. I follow them down a long narrow corridor. I sit where I am told and the music begins to play; I glance longingly around the room. I am so pleased to be here tonight that I begin to sing along with the music! When it is finished, I feel almost complete. As I glance up His love surrounds me, it feels so wonderful! I am so pleased to be with my friends at Chapter tonight, and that they love me!

In closing, I wish you all a Fall as memorable as your Summer was and the days to be as long! I thank you all for being a part of our glorious Eastern Star! Remember, you only get out of it what you put into it! If God brings you to it...He will bring you through IT!!! God bless you all! x



Some of the patrons enjoying the scrumptious Chicken Bar-B-Que Dinners, sponsored by Monroe District Order of the Eastern Star, to raise funds to support their projects and charities. Over 400 Chicken Dinners were consumed at the Webster Firemen's Field or carried home for dinner. (Staff photos)

**Canandaigua/  
Fenogowone**  
**Chapter No. 326 O.E.S.**  
2nd & 4th Wednesdays  
**MATRON**  
Wthy. Leslie Smith  
554-6715  
**SECRETARY**  
Wthy. Shirley Wells  
394-2778  
Shortsville Temple

I hope that everyone has had a great Summer. I know that the Worthy Patron and I did, even for all the hot weather. We had the opportunity to travel with the Grand Matron and Grand Patron to Lancaster, Pennsylvania to see the story of Ruth. It was a wonderful time and the story was done very nicely. By the time you receive this, we will have gone on a cruise and land package to Alaska. This is something that we have planned on for over a year. We have had the opportunity to go to Alaska before, but not the land part.

Our first meeting for the Fall will be September 14th. This will be a Pot Luck Dinner. So mark it on your calendar and join us. We will eat at 6:30 p.m.

ite recipes to Rt. Wthy. Barbara E. Spano up to September 15. Our impromptu picnic is on August 31st at Charlotte Beach; Ruby Shooz is playing. Bring your own dinner, we will gather at 5pm. October 1st in Ample Form.

Congratulations to Sister Sharon McComber; she received her 25 Year Pin and Certificate at our 101st Birthday Banquet. We went to Mario's on Monroe Avenue and had a wonderful evening. Congratulations also to Wthy. George Bundoc, who will be the 2006 DDGL, along with Wthy. Nancy Venette who is the DDGM. Wthy. Vicki Gross is the Associate Grand Marshal. We extend our wishes to all of you for a great year.

Please continue to keep all of our Sisters and Brothers in your thoughts and prayers. Here is a reminder for all who need to pay dues still; please send them to Rt. Wthy. Barbara E. Spano. A quick reminder: all lottery ticket sales

## Rochester Chapter No. 314

**Order of the Eastern Star**  
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Wthy. George Bundoc  
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**Secretary**  
Rt. Wthy. Barbara Spano  
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Hello everyone. I hope all are well. Summer is quickly coming to a close and it has been a truly wonderful year, thanks to all of you.

Our next meeting will be on September 17, at 8:00 pm. (Star Point Night). It will be very nice to see you all there. As of this writing the lottery tickets are being sold for September winnings. Good Luck to all! Also the bakeless bake sale has been extended; please continue to send in your favor-

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Welcome back to you all. As we get going into another Masonic year, there are a few things I want to mention.

### Charities

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

### Grand Line Visits

The Grand Royal Arch Captain, R. E. Jeffrey M. Williamson, will be making his Grand Visitation to your District on Tuesday, November

8th at 8:00 p.m. in Wayne (Sodus) Chapter. I'm sure there will be a dinner prior to the meeting. More on this later. Let's show our Grand Visitor that the 24th really knows how to receive and welcome him by our attendance.

### Royal Arch Leadership Course

Palmyra Eagle will be hosting a Leadership Course conducted by the Grand Royal Arch Captain, R. E. Jeffrey M. Williamson, on Saturday, December 10th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with registration at 8:30 a.m. The Course is for Districts 24, 25, 27 and 28. Watch this column for additional information.

### Special events

The Special Events Committee has three more Erie Canal events that should have your support. The first is in Rome, New York, on September 10th; the second in Buffalo on October 7th and 8th and the last in Brooklyn on October 29th. Additional information is available from the Special Events Committee or on the Royal Arch website.

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

New York will be holding one of its several re-dedication ceremonies at Buffalo on the weekend of 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. What better way to show your children, or grandchildren, how Freemasonry was so important to the making of this great Country of ours. The schedule is:

Friday evening, October 7th, 6:30 p.m. Family Style Dinner: Chicken Breast, Pork Loin and all the trimmings.

Program, 7:30 p.m. Guest Speaker: Topic is The History of the Erie Canal; Historical Artifacts from 6 to 10 p.m.

Location: 32° Masonic Center, 2379 Union Road, Cheektowaga. Cost for dinner is \$11.00.

Saturday - October 8th, 9:30 a.m. to 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.

I have additional sign-up/informational sheets which I will bring to our meetings. For information and to make 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 - address is Rossler at Dengins Street, Cheektowaga. To make a reservation contact the hotel directly at (716) 896-2900.

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

A side note to this event is that the Valley of Rochester, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rites' Masonic Book Club will be reviewing the book, "Wedding of the Waters - the Erie Canal and Making of a Great Nation," by Peter L. Bernstein, on Tuesday evening, September 20th at 7:00 p.m., at the Valley office, 3300 Monroe Avenue, Suite 320, Pittsford. Phone (585) 264-1160 for more information or directions to the office.

### Brother Bring-a-Brother

In October we will be holding 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 Fervency and Zeal program in the Lodge room at approximately 7:30 p.m. It will be followed by a question and answer session.

Companions, for our future growth, it is imperative that you invite 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 went through the chairs and led your Lodge indicates a person who is already

interested in further light in Masonry, which the Chapter can provide.

### 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 No. 19 of Cryptic Masons and Commandery No. 12 of Knights Templar will be invited to join in the fun and festivities. This is a stag event and should be a great time. Please mark your calendars.

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

## Excelsior Chapter No. 164



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

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R. E. George Stanton, Jr.  
394-6829  
Shortsville, NY

It sure has been a hot Summer and it is now time to enjoy some Royal Arch Masonry. From all that I have heard, all four Chapters in the 25th Capitul District will hold their first Convocation this September, starting with Salem Town on the first Tuesday, September 6th, at 7:30 p.m. They are having a Steak Roast on August 30th at 6:00 p.m. A reservation to Lee VanDelinder (315) 568-9987, is a must or you won't get a Steak.

Excelsior Chapter will meet on the second Monday, September 12th, in Shortsville at 7:30 p.m.

Geneva will meet on the second Wednesday, September 14th, in Geneva at 8:00 p.m.

King David will meet on the third Tuesday, September 20th in Port Byron, 7:30 p.m.

That is our September schedule. Please plan to be with us as we travel the District to help each other OPEN in ample form.

See ya as we raise the Royal Arch. God Bless You. ✕

## Doric Council No. 19 Cryptic Masons

(Chartered 1861)

3rd Wednesday



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### Welcome back!

I hope all enjoyed their Summer time off from laboring in the quarries of Freemasonry. The Summer has, of course, gone by way too fast.

### Thanks and congratulations

I thank E. James Nersinger, R. E. Charles and Leslie Roberts, in the organizing and execution of the cook-out and

## York Rite Mason of the Year



Submitted by Michael Donnelly  
Stephen R. Whittaker was selected to receive the prestigious York Rite Mason of the Year Award.

The annual Award is bestowed upon a Mason who exemplifies the teachings/service which are part of the York Rite of Freemasonry and Freemasonry in general.

Steve was cited for his continuous efforts in promoting the York Rite values/principles in particular and Freemasonry.

A native of East Providence, Rhode Island, he holds a BS Degree in Printing Management from Rochester Institute of Technology.

Civic and professional alignments include: Senior member and Certified Quality Manager, American Society for Quality, Adjunct Faculty member at RIT. He has held numerous leadership positions in the Masonic Fraternity, as both a Past Master and Past District Deputy Grand Master. As a member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, he is a 33° Sovereign Grand Inspector General, Honorary member of the Supreme Council in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the USA. He is a Shrine Mason, belonging to the Damascus Temple.

A U.S. Army veteran, Steve served in Viet Nam earning a Bronze Star Medal and the New York State Conspicuous Service Cross. He is also a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. ✕

picnic at Henrietta Park. This year Hiram Chapter invited all of the Bodies of the Rochester York Rite. Doric Council was a guest and all the members who attended had a great time.

Additionally, Hiram Chapter gave out several Royal Arch Scholarships. This year the recipients were: Ms. Jessica Schafer, Mr. Robert M. Weilert and Mr. Jason D. Christman. Congratulations to all!

### Wine tasting

We are planning to have a Wine Tasting event following our regular meeting on Wednesday, September 21st. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. I have asked the "expert" to show case some lovely Fall vintages for our review.

### October meeting

Our meeting for October will be our Official Visit by our District Deputy Grand Master, the R. I. John Dudley. Since he is a member of Doric Council,

## Hiram Chapter No. 62



2nd & 4th  
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### Welcome back!

I hope all enjoyed their Summer time off from laboring in the quarries of Freemasonry. The Summer has, of course, gone by way too fast. At the time of this writing we are a month away from our first Chapter meeting scheduled for September 8th. This will be our Official Visit of our District Deputy Grand High Priest, R. E. John Dudley. Let's give him a warm reception by having a full house at our meeting that night.

### Royal Arch Degree

We will be performing the Royal Arch Degree during our September 22nd meeting. We have a candidate and it is my

hope that many of our Companions will be participating in this most important Degree.

### Thanks and congratulations

I thank E. James Nersinger, R. E. Charles and Leslie Roberts in the organizing and execution of our annual cook-out and picnic at Henrietta Park. This year we expanded this event to all the York Rite Bodies of Rochester. Much fun and great food was had by all.

It was also a great honor to recognize and bestow Royal Arch Scholarships. This year the recipients were Ms. Jessica Schafer, Robert M. Weilert and Jason D. Christman.

### Erie Canal and Royal Arch

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



Recipients of Hiram Chapter Royal Arch Scholarships were Robert M. Weilert (third from left), Jessica F. Schafer and Jason D. Christman. They were photographed at the annual picnic with R. E. Charles Roberts (left), E. James Nersinger and E. Joseph Oelgoetz, High Priest (back).



and our District Deputy Grand Master, let's give him a warm "homecoming" the evening of October 19th. Plan on dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting beginning at 7:30 p.m. This is a stag event.

**Reception**

At the Cryptic Mason Annual Assembly in August, 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 Masters 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. There will be a cash bar at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Banquet at 7:00 p.m. Let's all attend this event in honor of our own Compan-

ion, the Most Worshipful and Reverend Charles R. Roberts, Grand Master of Cryptic Masons for the State of New York!

**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 and Commandery No. 12 of Knights Templar will be invited to join in the fun and festivities. This is a stag event and should be a great time. Please mark your calendars.

Please get dinner reservations in no later than the Friday before the meeting by either calling me at my home, 425-9969, or emailing me at: joeyo11@mac.com.

I will be looking forward to see each of you in the quarries this Fall. God Bless. x

tempt at combining Chapter, Council, Commandery, York Rite College, and the Allied Masonic Degrees. One of the thoughts on this was because we had it on our Chapter evening and we discussed the possibility of moving the picnic to a Saturday next year.

I remind all those who missed the Joint Installation in Hornell on Saturday, May 21st, or the June 20th Conclave at Northfield Lodge for the same reason, that we'll try this a THIRD time and have an Installation Ceremony at our next regular Conclave on Monday, September 19th.

Speaking of the Joint Installation and of our June 20th Conclave, I was more than a little bit disappointed that only Sir Knight Larry Dunn and myself showed up in Hornell and that only four Sir Knights showed up on June 20th. Three Sir Knights were from our Commandery: Sir Knights Don Brugger; Don Addams and myself, along with Sir Knight Cy White, from Sagoyewatha Commandery.

It's gonna be an awfully simple and easy year for me if none of you show up, and/or, if we don't get our Officers installed. We won't ever have to worry about opening the Commandery, and then at our Annual Inspection in April we'll get to look like the Keystone Cops and/or the Three Stooges in front of the Inspecting Officer. Gentleman, we are, and have been, one of the premier Commanderies in the State for many years. Let's NOT let our tradition and reputation slip by the way side.

As per the conversation I had with our Zone Commander, Sir Knight Bill Jones, I now have a better understanding as to why some of you didn't make our Installation in Hornell in May. It was explained to me that if you are an installed and a sitting Officer and will be assuming the same chair again this year, you are not required to be re-installed to that same chair again this year, according to either Grand Commandery or Grand Encampment. I don't remember which one he said. There are, however, a few of you who still need to be installed because you are assuming a new chair. According to the way I understood my conversation with Sir Knight Bill, Chuck Roberts, Joe Oelgoetz and Don Wright still need to be installed, and I would like to get this accomplished at our next Conclave so we can study and work on our new parts this ensuing year. This way, our Inspection in April can "rock the house down," as the saying goes. With that in mind, I respectfully ask the rest of you Sir Knights to be present Monday night, the 19th of September at our next regular conclave. According to Sir Knight Bill, an Installation has to be done when we our legally open with nine Sir Knights present, or with three Sir Knights, from three separate Commanderies present.

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**David Lathers**  
 Captain General  
**Donald W. Wright**  
 Treasurer  
**Ernest Stelianou**  
 Recorder  
**Lawrence Dunn**  
 Sr. Warden  
**Joseph Oelgoetz III**

come you back to your Labors in the Secret Vault.

After elections and the conclusion of Grand Council in August, we now have new leaders to continue our work as Select Masters. We welcome back to Nundawaga Council M.:I.: Stephen Licht, PGM of Cryptic Masons. I express the privilege felt of this Council of having one of its members obtaining this prestigious office.

In the near future we will schedule a Table Lodge for the opportunity of those to attend before the foul weather. x

**Nundawaga Council No. 92**

4th Mondays  
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 LeRoy 14482

I.: Richard Anderson  
 Master  
 I.: Vernon G. Rupert  
 Recorder - 343-8429

As the end of a beautiful Summer draws near, I wel-

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Sir Knights, knowing everyone had a great, warm Summer, it's now time to hook up the trace chains and start pulling our share of the load for Knights Templar. We will meet at the Blue Ribbon Smoke House for Breakfast on the second Saturday of September, the 10th, at 7:31 a.m. to start our new Templar year. We will hold our conclave in the Phelps Masonic Temple at 9:00 a.m. Grand Commandery meets on the third Saturday of September, hence the change for September only. The subject of interest will be Grand Commandery and the Slate of Officers, especially the Grand Warden.

**Maine humor**

"How far is it to Kennebunkport?"  
 "Bout 26,000 miles, the way you're going."  
 "You feeling better?"  
 "Betterin' what?" x

This is my first article for the *Masonic Times* as your newly elected Commander. I thank all of you for the support and confidence you have given me over the years. It will indeed be a pleasure to serve you this coming year. Many of you have been kind enough to offer a few words of wise counsel; for each of you who has, I thank you. I hope all of you, and your families, had at least a halfway decent Summer, if not better. Myself, I've been on the run all Summer looking for work. Hopefully by our next Conclave I'll have things settled into place. If not, I'll be calling on our Generalissimo, Dave Lathers, or one of the Past Commanders to fill in.

Our Commandery Summer started out this year with the first annual Joint York Rite Picnic at Roberts Cabin in Henrietta Town Park on Thursday, June 16th. Attendance was extremely light this year considering it was our first at-

Jr. Warden  
**Donald Q. Adams**  
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**John A. Dudley**  
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**Charles M. Roberts**  
 Sword Bearer  
**Donald J. Brugger**  
 Warden  
**Arnold E. Palmer**  
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**Charles M. Roberts**  
 Zone Commander  
**Bill Jones**  
 Deputy Zone Commander  
**Donald J. Brugger**  
**Trestleboard**  
 September 5th - Rehearsal  
 September 17th - 19th  
 Grand Commandery  
 September 25th - Zone 11  
 Council Officers Meeting  
 October 3rd - Rehearsal  
 October 17th - Meeting x

**Taxes! Taxes! Taxes!**  
 By Tom Michielsen

Well, Summer is about over, the children are thinking of school days and renewing friendships, and it is time to again resume our labors. Our Representatives of Congress and the various State Assemblies have again changed the tax laws, some for the better and some for the worst.

The Internal Revenue Service has certified the following vehicles as being eligible for the clean-burning fuel deduction:

- Lexus RX400h-2006 Model
- Ford Escape Hybrid - 2005
- Toyota Prius - Model Years 2001 through 2005
- Toyota Highlander Hybrid - 2006 Model year
- Honda Insight - Model Years 2000 through 2005
- Honda Civic Hybrid - Model Years 2003 and 2005
- Honda Accord Hybrid - Model Year 2005

This certification means that taxpayers who purchase one of these hybrid vehicles new during calendar year 2005 may claim a tax deduction of

up to \$2,000 on Form 1040. This one-time deduction must be taken in the year the vehicle is originally used and the taxpayer must be the original owner. This deduction is taken as an adjustment to income on Form 1040.

The clean-burning fuel deduction is limited to up to \$2,000 for certified vehicles first put into service in 2005.

The Internal Revenue Service is discontinuing the TeleFile system after the 2005 filing season. The TeleFile program allows the telephone filing of Form 941, Employer's Quarterly Federal Tax Return, Form 1040EZ, Income Tax Return for Single Filers and Joint Filers With No Dependents, and Form 4868, Application for Automatic Extension of Time to File U.S. Individual Income Tax Return.

Those who TeleFile their 2005 second quarter Form 941 return will be sent a paper package for the third quarter. Any filer indicating on a subsequent quarter's return that they filed electronically or used a paid preparer will no longer be sent quarterly 941 mailings.

- Form 941 TeleFile ended August 11, 2005. The 1040EZ TeleFile program ended August 16, 2005. Form 4868 TeleFile ended August 16, 2005 (including military filers). TeleFile could not be used to request an additional two-month extension using Form 2688.

The American Jobs Creation Act (AJCA) generally limits the deduction for vehicles to the actual sales price of the vehicle when sold by the charity, and requires donors to get a timely acknowledgment from the charity in order to claim the deduction.

**Taxpayer due dates**

September 15th - August Payroll Taxes Due  
 September 15th - Third Quarter Estimated Taxes Due  
 September 20th - Sales Tax Due

If you have any tax questions, please forward them to [tmichie1@rochester.rr.com](mailto:tmichie1@rochester.rr.com).

**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 beautiful 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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# Shrine News

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Potentate - Robert L. Anderson II

## From the Potentate

Shrine Office - 671-7701



Robert L. Anderson II

Nobles, welcome back from your Summer vacations.

Damascus has had a very active Summer season. We are going to continue that in the Fall. We ARE the playground of Masonry. We are starting off with a Wine Tasting Party at our first meeting in September. Ladies are invited to join us and partake of the offerings. We are having hors d'ourves and dessert. There will be a short meeting. The tasting begins at 6 p.m. CALL the center with your RESERVATIONS.

### Fundraisers

Our fundraising project is still going great guns. The Wheelers and Duffers have had events that raised funds for the Hospitals. Over the Summer

many Nobles and friends have contributed to the effort. At our Summer Picnic, we raised money at the dunk tank. The Yacht Club and Hillbillies have made contributions from their Treasury. Don't forget, if you are not a Permanent Contributing Member or a Member of the Hundred Million Dollar Club, contact the office and learn how you can support the Hospitals.

### Ceremonial

Membership is a continuing effort. There will be a Ceremonial this Fall. Make this the largest class of the year. We are continuing our Membership Scholarships. Let us shatter our quota for new members. Turn in your petitions early.

By the way, membership includes retention and restoration. Invite back a former Noble. Make sure that your dues are paid. There are currently 13 percent of our members who haven't paid their dues. Check your wallet and make sure that you have a 2005 dues card.

I am looking forward to seeing you at all of the activities for the remainder of the year. We will have a GREAT time being Damascus Shriners. \*

## Shrine Degree Team

John Faro, President

Nobles, Bill Jones and I sincerely hope that you all had an enjoyable Summer and are ready to once again toil in the quarries.

It is with many regrets that Bill and I both, due to illness are resigning our positions as Vice President and President, respectively. We both have serious illnesses and feel that we cannot continue to administer the Degree Team proficiently. Therefore, I have asked Mike Grady and Joe Shanks to take over for the remainder of the year until elections in January. They both have agreed to co-administer the Team and I know they will do a great job. Both of them are very proficient in their work and have performed admirably in the past. Both have sat in the East and Senior Deacon's chair in past Degrees. I know that you will support them as well as you have supported me. Either Mike or Joe will be writing the next article (October) and they will give you the pertinent information on how to contact them.

At present there is a possibility of a 3rd Degree in late September and one in October. I will try to take care of these or Mike/Joe will.

Bill and I thank all of you who have aided and assisted us for the past two years. I will give the figures at the annual meeting or forward them to Mike/Joe so they can include them in the next article.

I have not heard from the Temple Representative about the costumes, so I assume that is still up in the air.

Once again, Bill and I thank you for all the help you gave us these past two years. \*

## Zama Temple Daughters of the Nile

### Lexington, Kentucky

Queen Virginia Gramse attended the 89th Supreme Session in Lexington, Kentucky from June 12th-16th. Many issues were discussed and voted on at the Session. Pageantry Units and other marching units performed in the evening. The costumes were beautiful and all units marched with perfect precision.

A highlight of the Session was a piano and violin duet by Zane and his mother. Zane was born in China with spina bifida. He was adopted by a member of the Daughters of the Nile and a member of the Shrine. Zane has had many operations at a Shrine Hospital. He is an accomplished violinist at his young age of eight years.

Lexington is a beautiful city with many interesting sites to visit.

### Fashion Show

Zama Temple had a successful fashion show in July at the Green Lantern Inn. In addition to Zama members, ladies from the Red Hat Society attended and four members of Athor Temple traveled from Buffalo. The fashions were from Peebles Midtown store and the lovely gowns were from Attoinelle in Canandaigua.

### Official Visit

Supreme Queen Billie Davis will visit Zama Temple at the Fairport Masonic Lodge for her Official Visit on Wednesday.

day, September 21st at 3 p.m. A reception and dinner will follow at the Green Lantern Inn. \*

## Shrine Hospitals

By Derek VanHouten, PP

For many years there have been several ways in which you could participate in providing monies or gifts to the Shrine Hospital System. These included the 100 million dollar club, the Permanent Contributing Membership and the outright gift of money. We now have a new program whereby a member or a friend may contribute on a yearly basis which will help continue the level of care at our 22 hospitals. The name of the campaign is the "Annual Gift Campaign." For a gift of \$100 to \$499 annually, a Bronze Pin will be offered; \$500 to \$999 annually, a Silver Society Pin can be worn; from \$1000-\$2499, one can be a member of the Gold Society and display a Gold Pin, and for \$2500 and above on an annual basis the Diamond Society can be worn. These gifts are all tax deductible and the Shrine Endowment Fund will continue to grow.

Please consider to make the commitment to be part of the future of Shriners Hospitals for Children. Every Shriner who joins will receive a pin to reflect his commitment to the children being treated at Shriners Hospitals.

You may also go to the web site: [www.donate2shc.org](http://www.donate2shc.org) for a downloadable Annual Gift Campaign form. \*

## From the Recorder

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James Slocum  
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at. It would make a nice gift for the children and/or grandchildren to have as a keepsake.



We can take orders or anyone can go on line to:

[www.shrinercoin.com](http://www.shrinercoin.com) and order a coin. For each coin sold there is a rebate of \$12.50 to the member's Shrine Center.

The Imperial Session in Baltimore was enjoyed by all who went. The new Imperial Potentate was elected.

I highly recommend that all Shriners join a club or unit and support your Blue Lodge.

### Reminder

I need to remind any Nobles, who are running for an elective office, that the printing, publishing, circulating or distributing of resolutions, letters, telegrams, tickets or other devices, by a Noble, suggesting, recommending, opposing or containing the names of proposed candidates for office in the Temple is prohibited.

Nobles, let's not forget to get our reservations in for any affair in a timely manner so no one will be left out. Also, keep in mind upcoming events. If you have any questions regarding them you can go on line to:

[www.damascusshriners.org](http://www.damascusshriners.org) or call the office at 671-7701.

Let's keep our Hospital Fundraiser growing. We are now at the \$16,000 mark. \*

I hope that everybody enjoyed the Summer and the heat. I had a chance to play some golf and enjoyed some picnics. The Golf and Fishing trip and Steak Roast in Geneva were great.

The trip to the Erie Children's Hospital was enjoyed by the 29 members who went. For some it was their first visit; some had been before and remarked on the improvements, which are constantly being made. Every member should go to at least one of the 22 hospitals to witness what the Shrine is all about and to see the miracles the doctors perform to let the kids lead a more productive and enjoyable life.

### HELP

I am still trying to collect last year's and this year's dues from some of the members who have forgotten or have misplaced the notice. If there is a question or doubt, call the office and we can let you know where you stand so we do not have to remove anybody for non-payment of dues.

There are going to be several fundraisers for the Temple this coming year and one of them is the selling of a Shrine commemorative coin. I have one in the office for anyone to look



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Adjutant  
Vance R. Collom, Jr.  
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We have had an active Summer, starting with our Memorial Day Parades and our Flag Day celebrations on June 14th. I, personally, thank Past Commander and local area Representative, Al Pulcino III, for leading a Color Guard at the Legacy Home on Mt. Read Boulevard for Father Heindel, the oldest and most decorated Army Priest in this Country. He is 94 years young and still

Know a man who'd make a good Mason? Too shy to ask him? Hand him one of these "bumper stickers." The Masonic Service Bureau has a limited quantity available. Call us if you are interested.



Representatives of James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post, Masonic War Veterans, and the Legion of Honor of Lalla Rookh Grotto participate in the Greece Memorial Day Parade in May. (Photo courtesy of Ken Hutchinson)

active. I also thank 1st Lt. Commander, Brian Bills, for leading a Color Guard at the Thornell Road School at the request of a teacher.

We had a nice dinner cruise on the 11th of July with a total of 62 people in attendance and a great time was had by all.

On Friday, the 15th of July, we had a great birthday celebration at Mt. Hope Cemetery for James A. Hard, who was the oldest Civil War Veteran

from this area. He passed away in 1953, at the age of 111 years. We had a Color Guard of eight with our Captain, Dennis Gellasch. John Henderson piped *Amazing Grace*.

After Colors, I introduced Carole Levering and Eva Haelen, from Irondequoit Chapter of the DAR, who were dressed in period attire. Bruce Glaser, from the Sons of Union Vets, gave a short talk and the Benediction. \*

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# Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

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## Ken Rhodes, Monarch

### M.O.V.P.E.R.



**Kenneth Rhodes**  
Monarch  
621-6051

This is to bring you up-to-date on the Summer activities and for the Fall.

Supreme Council was June 29th - July 2nd in Kansas City. My Lady, Doreen, and I were there for a week. We were joined by Ken Hutchinson, PM, and his Lady, Edna; Al

Pulcino III, PM, and Lady Shirley and Jerry Spero, PM, and his Lady, Doreen. The temperature was in the high 90's. It was 98° when we arrived, but there were several thunderstorms, even the night of the Bar-B-Que in the park. What a storm!

The theme for this year, being in Kansas, was *The Wizard of Oz*. I was a tin man and my Lake, Doreen, a munchkin. A lot of fun was had by all. We were sorry to hear that Ken Hutchinson, PM, had car problems on the way home, which delayed him a day.

Supreme Council for 2006 will be held at the Plaza Resort and Spa, Daytona Beach, Florida, June 11th-18th.

There has been a change in one of the procedures, so come to the September meet-

ing to see what it is all about.

**Wonderful day**  
Old Fashioned Day was July 11th at East Shelby. It was a wonderful day with good weather. Our daughter and grandson, Keegan, were here from Canada to enjoy this day, as were many Prophets and their Ladies.

**Picnic**  
The Legion of Honor Picnic was certainly well attended by Prophets and their Ladies. This year they were joined by the Masonic War Veterans and their Ladies to enjoy strawberries and ice cream. This, of course, was after the picnic! Our thanks to Richard Topel, PM, and his Lady, Arlene, for picking and preparing all the strawberries.

Thanks to Richard Topel, PM, for being chairperson for

the Golf at Old Hickory. Everyone had a good time.

**Fall trestleboard**  
September 14th-17th is the Fall Convention at the Holiday Inn, Warren, Pennsylvania.

September 21st brings us to our first meeting for the Fall. It will be Past Monarch's Night. Please let me know if you will attend this meeting. There will be no dinner, but refreshments afterwards.

**Plainville**  
On October 2nd, 1 p.m., there will be a dinner at the Plainville Farms Restaurant and Bakery in Cicero, New York. Please call me at 621-6051 with reservations by September 23rd. We will select from the buffet, \$12.59 plus 15% tax.

To reach the Restaurant, take Route 81 to exit 30, go

West on Route 31 for 500 feet, then North on Route 11 for 1,000 feet.

### Caribbean Cruise

There will be a Caribbean Cruise on December 11th. This is to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of the Grand Monarch, Clay Simons and his Lady, Gladys. Details at the Grotto Office.

### Sickness and distress

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Arlene Topel, August 10th. Our condolences go to Richard Topel, PM, and family.

Leon VanHuben, PM, has just had a cataract removed and is doing well. Michael Bell received a pacemaker and Howard Topel was recently hospitalized.

## Grand Historian



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**Kenneth Hutchinson, PM**  
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On May 13, 1948, 16 members of the Lalla Rookh Grotto Scotch Bagpipe Band sojourned to Hamilton, New York for the Founders Memorial Dedication Ceremonial. With them was the Patron, Color Guard, Greeters, as well as a large number of Prophets.

In that year, the Supreme Council contributed \$32,000 in form of recognition to the Founders. This included a Memorial Hall and an Archives Room, with a stage and unique lighting effects, complete with a fez alcove, for the displaying of a fez from each Grotto in the realm. An oil painting of the founders is on display in the ante-room.

The drive for this memorial was launched at the National Convention in Columbus in 1947. The two-day program on Friday included a village and Colgate Campus tour, followed by visitation and dedication of the founders' graves in Woodlawn and Colgate Cemeteries.

A large parade was on Saturday. Besides the Lalla Rookh Grotto band, there was a German Brass band from Elmira, other bands from Syracuse, Binghamton, Hamilton (and the Hamilton Central School Band) and the Fountain Fire Company Drum and Bugle Corps. There were also many Grotto Units marching.

Immediately afterward, the Dedication Ceremonies were held at Schine's State Theater. Remarks were made by Grand Monarch, J. R. Hollinger, the Grand Master of New York State and many others. Many of our members will remember the bus trip to Hamilton in 1996 and the Ceremonial we conducted there. "Now you know the rest of the story." \*

## Secretary's Column

By Kenneth Hutchinson, PM

I hope all of you experienced a happy and productive Summer and this issue of the *Masonic Times* finds you ready for the Grotto's Fall activities. The accompanying photos will attest to the many activities our Prophets were involved in this Summer.

For those of us who attended the Supreme Council in Kansas City, we had a great time with the tours and the workings of the Supreme Council Sessions. The Grand Monarch's Banquet was a proud night for us to be able to honor Grand Monarch Philip A. Gicalone, Sr., PM, who deserves our highest praise for a job well done. He impressed everyone with his sincerity and amiable character.

### ESGA

We're hoping for pleasant weather and a big attendance September 14th-17th at the ESGA Fall Convention in Warren, Pennsylvania. Put on your Fez and come and help us welcome our newly installed Grand Monarch, Clayton Simons, PM. This year there promises to be several Past Grand Monarchs, as well as several Grand Line Officers. Vice-President Kris Goll, PM, is expected to be elected as ESGA President. Come, meet the Officers and Prophets of our neighboring Grottoes.

### Ceremonial

October 19th is the date of our Fall Ceremonial. If you have petitions, forward them to the Grotto Office or phone me at my Wayne County number, (315) 589-9021.

### Sickness and distress

Our thoughts and prayers are with Dick Topel and family in the passing of his wife, Arlene.

Howard Topel was recently hospitalized.

In August, Michael Bell received a pace maker.

If you know of anyone in sickness or distress, or in need of our aid or sympathy, please let any one of our Officers know.

## Master of Ceremonies

By Michael Bell, PM

Congratulations to Grotto Trivia Maven, Ron Morthorst, who not only accurately cited the location of Doo-Wa-Diddy ("The South"), but also noted that "it ain't a town and it ain't a city." Ron declared that he intends to use all his prize money to buy drinks for his fellow Prophets at the next meeting. So belly up to the bar guys, Ron's running a tab.

Also kudos to Grotto Secretary Ken Hutchinson for his heroic efforts during the "butter shortage scare" that took place early last June in the Medina, New York area. While the full details are classified (apparently falling under Patriot Act constraint), it has been learned that Ken's quick and decisive action in providing dairy spread for his third roll was instrumental in the continued existence of a fabled Medina Bakery, and concomitant employment possibilities. This only adds to the lore of Ken's near-legendary prowess with cutlery. Way to go, big guy.

This month's teaser - If Mississippi asked Missouri if she could wear her New Jersey, what would Delaware? The answer must be in dog years. \*

## Fall Ceremonial

By Kenneth Hutchinson

What have you done toward this big event? Have you signed up at least ONE candidate? If not, what reason have you to offer? You still have time to repent. Get a signed petition and the fee and you can joyfully say you did your bit and contributed to the success of this wonderful event. DON'T HOLD YOUR PETITIONS; send them to the Secretary as soon as possible. \*

## Legion of Honor

By Brian Bills, Commander

It is hoped that this communication finds you in good health and happy spirits.

The Day at the Races at Finger Lakes Race Track in Farmington has become a yearly

## 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

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event that is enjoyed by all who attend. The day kicked off at noon in the Clubhouse where we enjoyed plenty of food at their special buffet. We sat there in the air conditioned room watching the pony's race around the track and betting on them, or not. We could go downstairs and pull the levers on the one armed bandits. Any way you look at it, we were assured of a good time. That is, unless you won too much money.

Many of us enjoyed a dinner cruise on The Harbor Town Belle. There were about 62 who attended the casual affair and, in spite of the warmth at the beginning of the trip, we had a wonderful time. The boat left the dock at 6 p.m. and traveled up the mighty Genesee to

Lake Ontario. After heading East for a while we arrived at Irondequoit Bay. We navigated past the Bay Bridge turned around and made the return trip to the Genesee. Arriving around 8:15 or so, we all regained our land legs and

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## Attend Grotto Meetings

September 8th -  
Caldron Meeting  
7:30 p.m.  
Move-Up Night  
Unity Lodge

September 14th - 17th  
Fall Convention  
Holiday Inn  
Warren, PA

September 15th -  
Caldron Executive  
Committee Meeting  
Place TBA

September 21st - Past  
Monarch's Night  
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ventured on home. My thanks go out to Fred Cornell for organizing this adventure for the Legion of Honor and me.

The annual Legion of Honor picnic in June was at the Bushman Lodge in Henrietta Town Park. This year we did things a little bit differently. We combined the picnic with the annual Strawberry Social of the Masonic War Veterans, James A. Hard-Wayne Charter Post. There were plenty of food and beverages. Well, almost enough beverages. Due to the warmth of the day and number of people attending, we had to make a couple of runs to Wegmans for additional pop. 56 members and their ladies were in attendance. We raised a little more than \$400 for the Legion of Honor with the raffles.

The Grand Prize winner was Marilyn Morthorst winning \$100. Second prize of \$75 was won by Bill Nardone, Past Master of Fairport/Flower City Lodge. Bill received his winnings at the next Fairport/Flower City Lodge meeting on June 24th. Will the third place winner of \$25 please come forward and acknowledge your prize? You were so excited to claim your prize and so fast, that we didn't see who you were.

The evening was capped off with a Strawberry Social, sponsored by both the Legion of Honor and the Masonic War Veterans. The event would not have been possible if it were not for Dick and Arlene Topel.

Dick picked many quarts of strawberries. He and Arlene cut them up and worked their magic in making a special sauce to sweeten them even more than they were. It was truly scrumptious.

I would be remiss if I did not send special thanks to the following people for their help and support in making the evening enjoyable for all. First, I thank my wife, Paula, for all her help both at the picnic and behind the scenes. Without her help we might not have been able to pull this off. As usual, Greg Ludwig was there for us to lend assistance in setting up and loading the stuff we needed. Greg also grilled all the meat to perfection. Greg, thank you again. You are a great friend and a true Mason.

Al Pulcino and Luigi Campaniello met Greg and I at the lodge around noon, ready to lend assistance as needed. They were both with us all day helping set up, tear down and clean up the lodge.

Doris Bell and her granddaughter, Melissa, readied the strawberry biscuits and placed just enough strawberries and whipped cream on each. Shirley, thank for your help in cleaning up, too. Forgive me if I neglected to thank anyone.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, September 19th, at the Nutcracker on Empire Boulevard in Webster. Please plan on being there around 5:30 p.m. for a brief social time and then dinner around 6 p.m. Dinner is up to you, as we order off the menu. The meeting

will follow directly after we are finished eating.

We have been able to get around 50% of our members out for the last couple of meetings. Could it be possible that we will have even a greater percentage out for the meeting on the 19th of September? If you made the last meeting, we hope to see you again. If you were unable to make it, we hope you will be able to break bread with us.

In closing, I would like to say it has been a great 1/2 year for me and I hope that all of you are enjoying it as well. \*

### Caldron News

By Susan Wilson, MCO

Greetings everyone! I hope you all had a nice Summer. First of all, I apologize for not having written any columns for the past two issues. Time just got away from me during those busy months.

#### April

As you know, we had our Card Party and Smorgasbord, which was a lot of work, but fun and successful. Many thanks to all who donated in any and every way and thanks to all who came and joined in the fun and fellowship!

#### May

Our Supreme Visit and Ceremonial was when we joyfully welcomed in three new members: Linda Austin, Hilde DiJames and Donna Laundry. I, for one, know that they all will be great assets and I hope they'll enjoy our group as much as we enjoy them!

We also had many visitors from other Caldrons, including: Terre Haute, Indiana; Canton, Ohio; Binghamton, New York and Toronto, Canada. Many thanks to the Officers, cast and especially to Lalla Daughter Betty Madison, for all your planning and hard work in making this event a huge success! We had a fabulous time together and look forward to more in the future.

#### June

We enjoyed a Pot Luck Picnic prior to our meeting. I had hoped for more in attendance, but those of us who were there had a great time. I missed those of you who weren't able to attend.

#### July 30th and 31st

We had a booth at Spencerport's Canal Days. It was a hot, humid weekend, which made our cold drinks booth a big success. Our thanks to Tom Michielsen and Unity Lodge for helping us to get connected with the festival and for your support. Your Pancake Breakfast was super yummy! My thanks to all who came out to work and support us on both days, especially to the Madisons, Bev Murray and the Bells for all your buying, storing, lugging, sign making, etc. What would the Caldron, or I, do without you?

#### August 12th - 14th

Bev, Betty and I went to the Re-Institution of El Rey Caldron in Elyria, Ohio. What a fun weekend we had. Congratulations to them, best wishes and welcome back to the Realm.

During the Summer the Con-

vention Committee got together a few times to discuss our plans and tie-up some loose ends. Our 2006 Convention is FAST approaching, and we need each one of you to help out and be a part of this huge undertaking. Please try to come out often and give your help and support, not only to Bev in her year as SMCO, but also to our Caldron. We need You!

Bev will be installed SMCO at Supreme Sessions in Terre Haute, Indiana on Saturday, September 24th. Several of us are planning to be there and will put on a reception for her following the Installation. We wish you could all be there!

Our next Caldron meeting will be Thursday, September 8th at 7:30 p.m. It will be Move-Up Night. Come and give Betty support as she "gets her feet wet" in the East and find out what's going on!

Executive Committee meeting is Thursday, September 15th. Place to be announced.

Get well wishes go to all who have been ill during the past several months. I hope you will all be back to normal health by this printing, and that we'll be able to see your smiling faces real soon!

Happy belated birthday to all who celebrated in the past few months and happy candle blowing day to those of you who will be celebrating in September. I know Joy Woodley's birthday will be on the 24th.

Good health and much happiness to all and I hope to see you soon. \*

## GROTTO GOLF TOURNAMENT



Above, Jerry Spero, PM, sports a large brim hat at the Golf Tournament. Bob Chapman, PM of Zuleika Grotto, and Kris Goll, PM of Orak Grotto (photo at right), at golf outing in Livonia. Bob had lost so many golf balls, he



decided to try something different...a larger ball!



Attendees at the Past Monarch's picnic in Henrietta Town Park in July were (from left) Ken and Doreen Rhodes, Marilyn and Ron Morthorst, Shirley Kothiringer and Al Pulcino, Ken Hutchinson, Arlene and Richard Topel and Jerry Spero.

(Photos courtesy of Ken Hutchinson)

year, the Kiwanis Park at the end of Shangrila Lane, in Webster. As usual, Angelo will be grilling the steaks. The liquid refreshments and Steaks will be supplied (there will be a small charge for the meat). Bring your own table setting, tablecloth, and a dish to pass. If you do not get a call or e-mail requesting your reservation by September 21st, or if you need directions, please call me 458-6125 or call one of the Officers.

#### Degrees

The Degrees will be conferred at our October 26th meeting. Hopefully, nothing will occur to prevent this happening. We are calling on all those who have participated in the past to do their regular parts for the Royal Court. If you would like to participate as a cast member, please let me know. You will be contacted by phone to verify your availability. More on this in the October issue.

#### Membership

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

#### Sickness and distress

We have no news about any change in Don Freeman's condition. Please call me if you

know of a Woodsman with any health related problems.

#### Lilac City Cedarettes

Helen Barry is doing well after knee surgery and Freda Silver is now at home. I'm sure these ladies would appreciate receiving cards; keep them in your prayers. The September 14th Cedarettes meeting will be at Helen Barry's.

#### Cedar Bible stand

It's been an eventful Summer for most of us. The cedar Bible stand for our altar is not yet complete. When completed, the plan is to dedicate this stand, suitably inscribed, at an open meeting and publicly thank Brother Kelsey for his donation of Cedar Wood from Lebanon.

The piece of cedar wood that is being used for the Bible stand has a long and interesting history. It is not only from an ancient protected Cedars Grove in Lebanon, but, it also has a long history in the Kelsey family. Kel Kelsey has written the following:

"In March of 1934, my family and I were assigned to Beirut, Lebanon, so, the piece of sawn wood you have, joined us sometime between then and the Fall of 1937 when we had a short stay in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Where the wood was for those few months, I do not know, but, it did show up in Oslo, Norway in the Spring of 1938 when the family got there. My mother and I, along with the families of the Americans Legation, left Oslo 20 minutes from the time we were awakened until we were on the road. The message we got was, "Our friends from the South are moving," meaning the Germans. The date was April 9th, 1940.

Our party managed to get far enough North to be able to

walk through the tank traps the Swedes had dug in the 6-7 foot deep snow. My father stayed on, as "Charge d' affair" for 30 different governments for 18 months. Our furniture, along with the piece of cedar, was put in storage for the duration [of WWII]. It all caught up with us in Toronto, Canada in 1946.

In June of 1948 it was moving time again. This time, [we and] the [cedar] plank, moved on to Lisbon, Portugal, where it resided until 1952, when it moved to San Paolo, Brazil. From Brazil it went back to Toronto, still in my parent's belongings.

In 1969, after the death of both my parents, my wife and I inherited the wood which we brought with us to Fairport, where it languished in the basement until the present. I grew up being told that this piece of wood came from the sacred grove of cedars, which is reputed to have over 200 surviving trees. What is truth and what is myth, I do not know. However, I would strongly suggest that my father was convinced the piece was genuine, otherwise, why would he have carted it around a good portion of the world?" More about this piece of wood in next month's issue.

#### Looking ahead

Our Annual Steak Roast, on September 28th, would be an excellent time to invite a prospective member to sample our fun and fellowship. Just include his and his spouses' name with your reservations. 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. \*

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By Don Brugger, PGTC

The Officers of Rochester Forest hope all Woodsmen had a great Summer and are ready for a busy Fall Schedule.

#### Coming events

Preparations are in motion for our Annual Steak Roast on September 28th. It will be held at the same location as last



# In Memoriam

## May

### Lunger, Gerald M.

Gerald was 90 years old when he was called Home on May 19th. He was a member of Rochester Consistory and Damascus Shrine. He leaves his wife, Lois, one daughter, two grandsons and great-grandchildren.

### Alhart, Warren D.

A talented musician, Warren shared his gift by being organist for many Lodges. He was a member of ERAC and Unity Lodges, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Shrine. Warren passed away on May 23rd at the age of 64 years. Many family members survive him.

### Berger, A. David

May 25th was the date David met his Maker at the age of 91 years. He was a member of Fairport/Flower City Lodge and the Damascus Shrine Chanters. David is survived by his two children, four grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

## June

### McMann, Alvin C.

Alvin lived in Dayton, Ohio at the time of his passing on June 6th. He was 89 years old and is survived by two children, four grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. Alvin was a member of Clio Lodge.

### Carter, Chester W.

A member of Unity Lodge, Chester went Home with the Lord on June 13th. He was 81 years old and leaves his wife, Isabelle, two sons, seven grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

### Corbett, Fay S.

Unity Lodge, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Shrine each lost a member with the passing of Fay on June 27th. He was 86 years old and leaves his wife, Fannie, three children and two grandchildren.

## July

### Myers, Kenneth L.

The great Architect of the Universe claimed Ken on July 2nd. He was a member of Churchville Lodge, Past Master of Zetland Lodge and served as District Deputy Grand Master for the 2nd Monroe District in 1988-1989. Ken is survived by his wife, Terri, two children and two granddaughters.

### Mason, E. Lucile

The loving arms of the Lord embraced Lucile on July 4th at the age of 99 years. She was a member of Nolatka Chapter, OES, and leaves three children, fifteen grandchildren, along with several great and great-great grandchildren.

### Cooley, Lawrence E.

Death came suddenly on July 10th to Larry while he was visiting in West Virginia. He was a member of Damascus Shrine and was responsible for maintaining the showcase in the Shrine Center lobby. Survivors include his wife, Lucille, one son and one granddaughter.

### Kostecke, William G.

William entered into rest on July 10th at the age of 79 years. He was a member of ERAC Lodge and is survived by two sons and three grandchildren.

### Heiligman, Raymond D.

Raymond was 97 year old when he passed away on July 15th. He was a Past Master of Fame Lodge and a member of Rochester Consistory. Survivors include two sons, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

### Wilday, Chester N.

Chester joined the Celestial Lodge above on July 21st. He was a member of ERAC Lodge and many family members survive him.

### Lowe, Robert G.

Robert was called by his Maker on July 30th. He was a member of Batavia Lodge and leaves one son and two grandchildren.

### Johnson, Ralph S.

Ralph passed away on July 31st at the age of 95 years. He was a member of Eunice Lodge and is survived by two children, nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

## August

### DeBack, Donald W.

Craftsman Robertson Lodge lost a member with the passing of Donald on August 1st. Survivors include his wife, Grace, and one son.

### Bater, John W.

A member of Hesperus Lodge and LeRoy Chapter, RAM, John went to his eternal rest on August 2nd at the age of 82 years. He leaves four children and four grandchildren.

### Santo, Robert M.

Robert was called Home on August 6th. He was a member of ERAC Lodge and is survived by his wife, Eleanor and three children.

### Lingenfelter, Dwight C.

A retired Spencerport School District Director of Transportation, Dwight passed away August 9th at the age of 83 years. He was a member of Unity Lodge and leaves his wife, Thelma, two children, six grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

### Lang, Fredric J. (Skip)

Fredric resided in Cumming, Georgia at the time of his passing on August 10th. He was 66 years old and was a member of Craftsman Robertson Lodge and Rochester Consistory. He is survived by his wife, Patricia, three daughters and two grandchildren.

### Kicherer, William C.

A Mason for over 60 years, Bill resided in the Masonic Care Community in Utica and passed away on August 14th. He was a member of Craftsman Robertson Lodge, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Shrine. His wife, Janet, survives him.

### Honsberger, Eric G.

Eric was only 30 years old when he died suddenly on August 14th. He was a member of Fairport/Flower City Lodge and leaves his parents, brother, grandparents and other family members.

### Brown, Albert W. "Bill"

Bill was taken to the Celestial Lodge Above suddenly on August 15th. He was the 1996 Potentate of Damascus Shrine and a member of Rochester Consistory. Survivors include his wife, Jane and two children.

### Lindeman, Robert P.

Craftsman Robertson Lodge lost a member with the passing of Robert on August 13th. He is survived by his wife, Margaret, four children and sixteen grandchildren.

### Deaths reported with no specific information.

### Barker, Ralph B.

Ralph was a member of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge and passed away at his home in Florida. ✕



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## Collaboration Provides Live Heart Tissue for Research at Utica's Masonic Medical Research Lab

Research on live human heart tissue began last month at the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL), as the result of a groundbreaking collaboration with the Mohawk Valley Heart Institute. A Heart Institute patient, who underwent open-heart surgery, agreed to provide the first sample.

Dr. Frederic S. Joyce, a car-

diothoracic surgeon, performed a heart bypass and valve procedure on the patient at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. During the procedure, a portion of the heart called the atrial appendage, was removed to provide access for tubes that connect the patient to the heart-lung machine. The removed atrial appendage tissue would normally have been discarded. The tissue sample was transported in a cardioplegic solution, which keeps the tissue alive, giving researchers the ability to perform studies on viable tissue.

The MMRL will use tissue from cardiac surgery patients

for research to better understand the normal function of the human heart, as well as, what causes abnormal heart rhythms and what treatment options are possible to prevent, improve or eventually cure arrhythmias such as atrial fibrillation.

"We are excited about the collaboration with the Mohawk Valley Heart Institute and look forward to gaining valuable information from these studies that will advance our ability to deal with a wide variety of cardiac diseases, including atrial fibrillation, which affects nearly 1 in 20 Americans over the age of 65,"

said Dr. Charles Antzelevitch, MMRL Executive Director and Director of Research. "Our goal is to better understand the intricacies of the electrical function of the upper chambers of the heart in health and disease, so that we can design innovative new treatments to more effectively deal with this problem."

Now that the 8-year-old Heart Institute "has developed busy diagnostic and treatment services, we are ready to add clinical research to our cardiac program," Dr. Joyce noted. "This collaboration with the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory is our

first step in this research arena."

The Masonic Medical Research Laboratory is internationally prominent, especially in the area of experimental cardiology. It has consistently rated in the top 10-20% in competition for federal grants from the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

The Mohawk Valley Heart Institute is a cooperative venture of Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare and St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Under the Heart Institute umbrella, cardiac surgery, coronary angioplasty and electrophysiology are performed at St. Elizabeth; cardiac catheterizations take place at both St. Elizabeth and Faxton-St. Luke's; outpatient cardiac rehabilitation services are offered at Faxton-St. Luke's (Faxton campus). ✕

## Strive for New Heights

By R. W.: Derek VanHouten

At the beginning of the Summer break the Rochester area was visited by the Air Force Thunderbirds and we had an interesting experience that in some ways parallels the workings of the Fraternity.

If any one is familiar with Brooks Avenue in Gates, you know that the underpass at the West side of the Airport comes out, as you're heading East, almost at right angles with the major North-South runway. With this in mind, hopefully, you can imagine the following scene.

We had just come from under the Brooks Avenue underpass when an F-18 Tomcat was taking someone of the news media for a ride prior to the Air Show. He was only about a hundred feet up and had his af-

terburner engaged as he went screaming over the roadway. The roar and the earth-shaking sound brought me out of my usual quiet demeanor as he aimed his plane straight up and quickly disappeared into the cloud cover. Later that night, as I was recovering and watching the news, I saw the inside of the plane as the camera showed the ground disappearing and you could see Brooks Avenue for a second.

I thought about this experience for awhile and jotted down some notes which I thought would encourage those who are in Officer's positions in our Lodges or for any Brother who enjoys our Fraternity. These are in no particular order:

One needs to have ENTHU-

SIASM to accomplish any job; we seek to ACHIEVE new heights while planning for the coming season; sometimes we need a NEW PLAN of attack, instead of doing things the same way each year; we all need to WORK AS A TEAM so that our Lodges can be successful; ask everyone to PROJECT IDEAS and programs, think out of the box; STRIVE for continual IMPROVEMENT so that we can all partake; LAYOUT your PLANS in advance so that everyone feels that he is a part of the Lodge; WORK the PLAN, don't let negatives control your commitment; and RISE to the OCCASION, be proud of what you represent, take PRIDE that you are a MASON who belongs to a WORLD-wide Fraternity of like minded men.

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# News from the Purple Club of the Monroe District

By R.: W.: Clifford Short

Are we, as a Fraternity, a District, or as individual Lodges, ready for an increase in the number of members? We lay the cornerstones by putting new Brothers through our three Degrees, but that should be only the beginning. We should be helping them build their Masonic edifice, one of Masonic character and Masonic ideals.

Leadership is the key. The Masonic Fraternity has that leadership base. It is called the Purple Club. This is a group of Brothers who were not asked to lead. They sought out leadership roles, because they had a vision of what Masonry could and should be within our District and State.

If you believe that you have the desire to travel to many Lodges, meet many Brothers and help increase their knowledge and understanding of what Masonry really is, then you should consider strapping on one of these Purple Aprons. But how do you go about becoming a leader of the Craft?

### District Deputy Grand Master

The District Deputy Grand Master is the Brother who works for, reports directly to and has been designated by the Grand Master to act in his behalf for his respective District. It is his responsibility to see that the Grand Master's message is conveyed to each Lodge and plan implemented

within his District. He also coordinates his District's Grand Lodge Committee Chairmen.

### Staff Officer

The primary responsibility for the Staff Officers, who are appointed by, and work directly for, the Grand Master, is Masonic Education. They coordinate District Training, such as *Road to the East* and Masonic Development Courses. They are also required to visit each Lodge within their District once each year.

### Applications

To apply for one of the two-year terms, a Brother needs to be a Past Master of a Lodge. Grand Lodge will send each Lodge Secretary applications for these positions. An interested Brother can submit his completed application to the Purple Club for consideration. After interviews and discussions, a ballot of the potential candidates is taken by the Purple Club. Recommendations are then forwarded to Grand Lodge for the Grand Master's consideration. \*

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# Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

October		October	
1	Walk for Dyslexia, Perinton Park Sponsored by Valley of Rochester	25	Grand Lecturer's Convention, Monroe District
12	Grand Lecturer's Convention, Genesee/Wyoming, LeRoy	27	Grand Lecturer's Convention, Wayne District, Drumlin Square
15	OES Grand Officer's Homecoming, at Webster Lodge	<u>November</u>	
16	Interfaith Service, Brunch Logan's Party House	11	OES District Banquet, Beahan Road Party House
19	Masonic Development Course Location TBA	<u>December</u>	
20	Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Awards Shrine Center	10	All Masonic Bodies Children's Christmas Party, Shrine Center
23-27	OES Grand Sessions, Saratoga Springs	11	OES District Christmas Party, Hilton Masonic Temple

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# BIG CALENDAR of SEPTEMBER 2005

Gem - Sapphire  
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Eunice - Caledonia Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster	2	3
4 Scottish Rite - Rochester Raging Rhinos soccer game, Frontier Field	5 KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford, Rehearsal	6 Clio - Hilton (OV) Craftsman Robertson Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps Oakland - Castile  OES - Fairport, Lilac Star	7 Attica Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy  Damascus Shrine	8 Milnor - Victor Union - Lima  RAM - Hiram  KT - Batavia Commandery	9	10 Widows Luncheon Logan's Party House 12 noon
	Labor Day					
11 Grandparents Day Patriot Day	12 ERAC - Shrine Center Fairport/Flower City Mt. Vernon - Java Village Union Star - Honeoye Falls Unity - Spencerport Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield  RAM - Excelsior - Shortsville  Shrine Lunch Club	13 Arcade Batavia Fame - Irondequoit Seneca - Webster Valley-Simes, BAF  RAM - Dansville, LeRoy  OES - Leah - Hilton	14 Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminal - Pike  Masonic Service Bureau Monthly Luncheon Meeting  OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville, Corinthian Fellowship	15 Eunice - Caledonia Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster  Scottish Rite  RAM - Western Star  Lalla Rookh Caldron	16	17 KT - Sagoyewatha - Phelps
			<< The Empire State Grotto Association Fall Convention - Warren, Pennsylvania >>			
18 Canandaigua - Shortsville West Star - Varysburg	19 KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford  OES - Irondequoit  Shrine Lunch Club - Ladies Day	20 Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps Oakland - Castile  OES - Lilac Star, Nolatka	21 Attica Ark - Geneva Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy Monroe - Masonic Development Course, TBA RSM - Doric Council, Pittsford Lalla Rookh Grotto Daughters of the Nile, Zama Temple (OV) - Green Lantern Inn, Fairport, 3 p.m.	22 Milnor - Victor Union - Lima RAM - Hiram  KT - Batavia Commandery  James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post	23	24 Northfield Lodge - Pittsford, White Elephant Sale
25 Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinner Wednesday September 28th East Avenue, Hilton	26 ERAC - Shrine Center Fairport/Flower City Mt. Vernon - Java Village Union Star - Honeoye Falls, BAF Unity - Spencerport Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield  RSM - Nundawaga Council  Shrine Lunch Club	27 Arcade Batavia Fame - Irondequoit Valley-Simes  RAM - Dansville, LeRoy, Wyoming  OES - Leah - Hilton	28 Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminal - Pike  Tall Cedars of Lebanon  OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville, Corinthian Fellowship	29 Scottish Rite - "Tishri" Table Lodge, Shrine Center	30	31