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Haggai Chapter Honors Stevens, Johnson

The Wishing Well, 1190 Chili Avenue, will be the site of the Sixth Annual Social and Community Awards Dinner, sponsored by Haggai Chapter No. 41, RAM. Festivities get underway at 6:00 p.m. with a social hour, followed by the dinner at 7:00 p.m. Reservations may be made by contacting James Robinson at 749-5088. The public is invited.

Honorees

This year's recipients are Patricia Stevens, a Rochester native, and William A. Johnson, Jr., former Mayor of the City of Rochester. Both have outstanding resumes, parts of which appear in the adjacent columns.

Introducing your host

Receiving a dispensation from Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Holy Royal Arch Masons, State of New York and its Jurisdictions, members of Eureka Lodge No. 36, Prince Hall Affiliated, performed sufficient satisfactory work in Royal Arch Masonry to be granted a Charter at the Grand Convention of Royal Arch Masons held in Albany, October 6, 2000. This Charter was formally presented on November 11, 2000 by Past Grand High Priest Willie B. Hardge, Sr.

Dispensing Charity

The mission of this Royal Arch Chapter is to dispense charity and all other such good works as are beneficial to the service of the community. Its members are committed to work in the community, doing so in times and manners that they are able, always seeking guidance in their endeavors from the Almighty while attempting to improve themselves as Masons.



Patricia Stevens

By James Ghent

Patricia Stevens has served the citizens of New York in a variety of capacities for the past 36 years. She is renowned for her tireless energy and her uncanny ability to simultaneously devote herself "24/7" to her family, career and community responsibilities.

Patricia is a disciple of quality management and the principles of continuous assessment and approval. Her colleagues can attest to this, as witnessed by her favorite saying: "If it is not broken, break it!"

Ms. Stevens was born and raised in Rochester. She is the third oldest in a close-knit family of twelve children. Patricia credits her hard working parents for ensuring that she and her siblings set lofty goals that reflected their abilities. As a result of their parents' active encouragement and inspiration, Ms. Stevens and her brothers and sisters have been life-long achievers. Ms. Stevens and her husband, Dwight, have served as similar role models to their

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William A. Johnson, Jr.

By James Ghent

In a press release dated February 22, 2005, Rochester Institute of Technology announced that "Rochester Mayor William A. Johnson, Jr., will join the RIT Faculty: Johnson to become distinguished professor of public policy in College of Liberal Arts."

The press release continues by identifying Brother Johnson as: "The man who has led the City of Rochester for 12 years will be joining the Rochester Institute of Technology faculty in 2006. Mayor William A. Johnson, Jr. will become a distinguished professor of public policy in RIT's College of Liberal arts in January, after serving Rochester for three terms as mayor."

RIT President Albert Simone stated, "Mayor Johnson will bring a wealth of experience in a unique perspective to the students in our growing liberal arts programs...He is a civic leader with national stature in areas relating to urban issues, regionalism and education."

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Grand Master's Holiday Greetings

Spring 2006

My Brothers;

The calendar has a way of creeping up on us and, more than that, days fly by and weeks and months are like the blink of an eye. Here I am, almost at the end of what has to have been one of the most busy, exciting, awe inspiring, fun-filled two years of my entire life, and I am writing one of my last messages to the Craft on the eve of Passover and Easter, my last such Holiday Message to you as your Grand Master.

So, as one phase of my Masonic career winds down, ironically it is time for me to speak of renewal; the renewal that comes with the Vernal Equinox as suddenly it is Spring once again. The days have lengthened, the weather turns warmer, the migrating birds are seen once again, and the first of the Spring flowers are showing color. And, as this season marks a rebirth in Nature, and we plan for a rebirth in Masonry in our beloved New York Grand Lodge, we pause to give thanks to our Creator for all of the wonders and joys of life itself, as the Judeo-Christian calendars signal Passover and Easter.



In that spirit, on behalf of Barbara, myself and our family, on behalf of Joyce and Neal Bidnick, our Deputy Grand Master and his family, our Grand Line and our extended Masonic family, we wish you and yours a most joyous holiday season.

May your lives be blessed with good health and great accomplishments now and in the days to come. May our successes these past few years be multiplied many times in the months and years ahead as our new leaders come to the Grand East. May Brotherly love prevail. May the Great Architect watch over all of us, especially our men and women in our Armed Forces. May God Bless them and keep them safe from harm. May God Bless you and all of those you cherish. May God continue to Bless our great Fraternity and our beloved United States of America. May we all enjoy peace, Shalom, now and forever more!

With my most sincere Fraternal regards and well wishes,

Edward R. Trosin,
Grand Master

Monroe District Widows Luncheon

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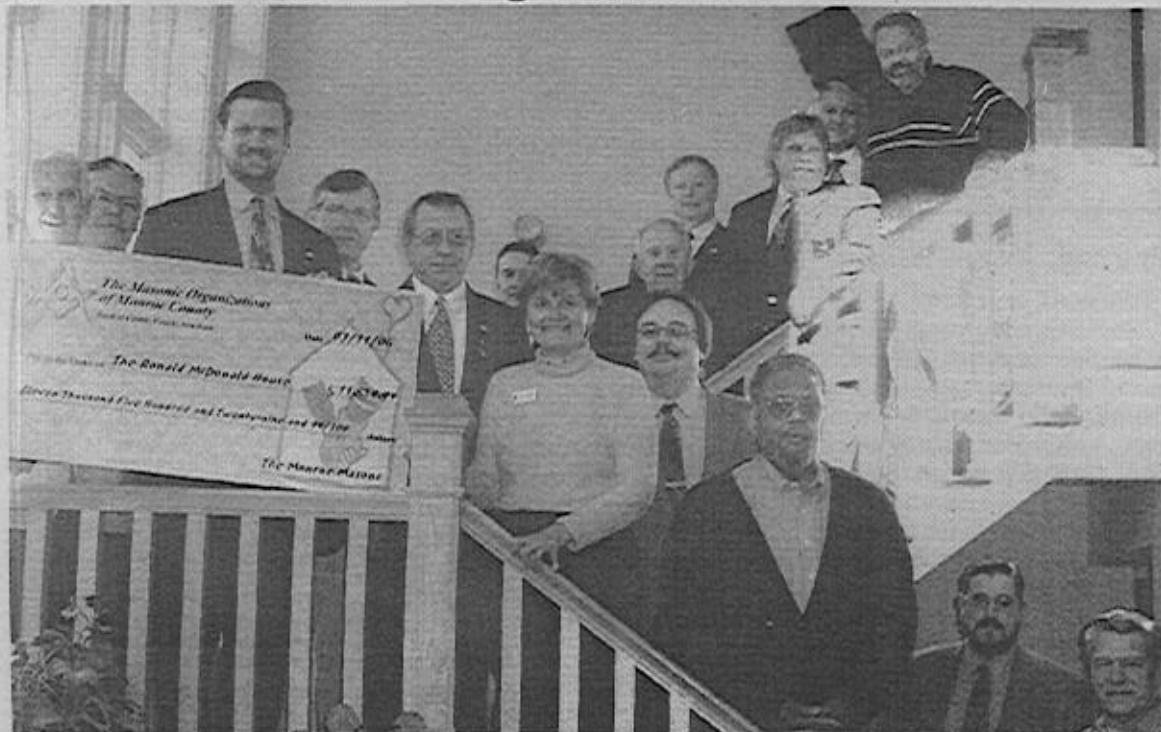
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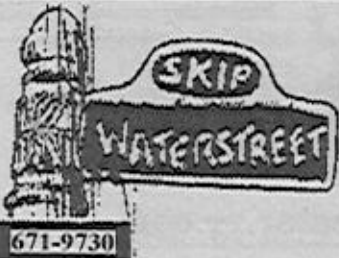


The March Monroe District Masters and Wardens meeting was held at the Ronald McDonald House so formal presentation of proceeds from annual Have-a-Heart Campaign could be presented. Total now exceeds \$198,000 for nineteen years. Participating were: (From top right) Brother Rich Greenaway; W.: Angelo DiCataldo, DSA; W.: Mike Nohle; W.: Gary Sanford; R.: W.: Herb Spencer; and W.: Tim White. (From bottom right) Brother Steve Mitchell; V.: W.: John Dyer; Brother George Todd; Brother Ron Bryant; Judie Griffin, Executive Director of the Ronald McDonald House; W.: Mike McBride; W.: Dick Shellman; W.: Hugh Woodside; R.: W.: Derek VanHouten; and Brother Art McMichael. (Photo submitted by Hugh Woodside)

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Dated Material



Editor's Corner

Forgive me for climbing on a soapbox again. (Isn't that part of an editor's job?) A few days ago, I was in a conversation with a caterer. It was interesting and eye-opening, especially because I have discussed the same topic with several Brothers in recent months. The issue? Failure to make reservations, but showing up for dinner.

The night before my conversation, 44 people came to dine at a catered Masonic function, but only 34 had decided it was appropriate to make reservations. I believe everyone attending was fed, if I understood the scenario correctly, but those who had made reservations wound up with slightly less food to eat.

Food for thought

It was "traditional" twenty or thirty years ago for Eastern Star Chapters to raise money for their activities and charitable work by feeding their Brother Masons on Lodge nights or special occasions. Degree work, Official Visits or Open Installations, the fare was always Roast Beef. You never really had to ask what the menu would be...it was automatic! I'm convinced the reason was the same then as it is now. You can slice the beef a bit thinner if a dozen extra people appear; you can dish up three-quarters of a scoop of mashed potatoes and vegetables; ice cream or sherbet for dessert can be rationed, too. This will hardly be noticeable to the diner and, God knows, we all should eat less anyway.

The down side is that the reputation of the provider is damaged, not to mention the frustration experienced when their prepared feast doesn't fulfill the guests as intended. This is magnified when the chosen entree is prepared in individual portions.

Like our Lodges, Eastern Star Chapters are declining in numbers and members. They are also aging and no longer willing or able to put in the hours to purchase the food, prepare, cook, serve and clean up following the meal. As a result, more and more dinners are being catered. These hard-working food

preparers need to know how many people they will feed, a few days in ADVANCE! They cannot show up to the Lodge kitchen to be told how many are expected to be there, for some of the reasons mentioned in the second sentence of this paragraph...some things need to be done in ADVANCE.

If you meet in a restaurant, this whole discussion is probably of no concern to you. While the establishment could run out of a particular entree, you should be able to get some food without affecting the dinners of other members of your group.

In almost all cases I am in favor of the policy I learned has been adopted by Officers of Damascus Shriners.

The Shriners now issue red tickets to Nobles who come out for their meetings without making a reservation for dinner. When all those who called the reservation line, and are present, have been fed, remaining food is distributed to those holding the red tickets.

By choice, I don't go to the dinners which precede some functions. As an empty nester, if the women are not invited, I might choose to stay home and dine with my wife. Parts of the frustrations mentioned above are also a factor. I don't want to get there, expecting a wonderful experience, to suffer the hassles of an imbalance in the people to reservations ratio. It is more relaxing to show up just for the "main event."

You will read, hopefully, elsewhere of the upcoming Apron Presentation Dinner, sponsored by the Masonic Service Bureau. Two years ago when we honored our current Grand Lodge Officers, we set a deadline and cut off the reservations. We wound up taking a few more people past that deadline. We wanted everyone willing to attend to be present. There were several Brothers who went without supper, however, when they showed up assuming there would be plenty to eat. There wasn't!

I expect to follow the same procedure for the event to be held on June 19th. We have to notify the caterer of our count for Chicken French and Beef by June 12th. We are asking you to respond by June 9th. (We will accept your reservation TODAY!) We will not be able to guarantee dinners for anyone after I call in our tabulations.

For any function you'd like to attend, you can do yourself a favor; you can please the person(s) in charge of arrangements; you can help everyone enjoy a pleasant experience... MAKE A RESERVATION!

In some cases, you will be allowed to cancel due to illness or extenuating circumstances. In most, where advance reservations are required, you can expect to be dunned for the money...the caterer must be paid, and few organizations have the financial resources to cover this item.

None of this should be earth-shattering information; I don't believe anyone has made the effort to expound on it before, as I just did.

Thanks for reading.

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By James Ghent

The March 8th meeting of the Masonic Service Bureau was held at the Atlantic Family Restaurant in Webster. The change in location was made necessary when the Old Country Buffet at 2255 East Ridge Road abruptly closed. Thanks to the timely action of our Executive Director, Skip Waterstreet, we were able to secure a private room at the Atlantic Restaurant to hold our monthly meeting. At the meeting, suggestions were made regarding a new meeting location with some preference to certain locations over others. Skip will be looking into this and the new meeting location will be posted. If you have any questions about where the April meeting will be held, please contact the Masonic Service Bureau Office, 671-9730.

At the meeting, we were very pleased to welcome back Bill Hook, Camp Manager of Camp DeMolay and Jay McCullough, Chairman of the Editorial Board of the Masonic Times, after a brief hiatus. Ramona Dimino gave a brief report on the status of the Charities Committee. Angelo DiCataldo gave a report on the status of the Widows Luncheon.

REMEMBER, the Widows Luncheon will be held on April 22nd at the Burgundy Basin Inn, 1361 Marsh Road, Pittsford. You can contact the Service Bureau Office for reservations and details. We need your help to make this a memorable event for our Widows.

There was a discussion regarding the sign that will be posted at the front of the Shrine

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Center to indicate that the Masonic Service Bureau is also located at this site. The discussion centered on the size, style and other characteristics of the sign. Several sample layouts will be presented at our next meeting.

We are still in need of volunteers to help maintain the equipment contained in the Service Bureau's Loan Closet. x

Distinguished Community Service Award

Who Will Be This Year's Recipient?

By R.: W.: Donald Darrohn

We need your help! For over sixty years our Masonic Service Bureau has recognized someone from this Community who has made significant volunteer contributions that typically go unacknowledged. Now you have an opportunity; tell us about that individual, and thereby have them considered for the Distinguished Community Service Award. The Award will be presented Sunday, October 29th,

at Logan's Party House on Scottsville Road - save the date. Nominations should be sent to the Masonic Service Bureau, Attention: Donald Darrohn. Please submit the name and description of the individual's qualifications. Don't forget to include your name along with a telephone number so that follow-up contact can be accomplished, if necessary.

In order to be considered nominations must be received in the Service Bureau office no later than May 1st. x

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Give to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund Campaign

MSB to Sponsor Bus Trip to Masonic Care Community

By Skip Waterstreet

Here is an opportunity for anyone interested in seeing the facilities available at the Masonic Care Community. The Masonic Service Bureau is sponsoring a trip to Utica on Wednesday, May 17th. The bus will leave from the Shrine Center, 979 Bay Road in Webster, about 7:30 a.m. The trip, lunch and tours will encompass most of the day. There is NO CHARGE for this event.

W.: Robert Hill, one of the area Counselors for the Masonic Care Community, is making the necessary arrangements. He is particularly interested in making this trip known and available to widows of Masons, who may not be aware they still qualify for admission or just what accommodations the facility provides.

If you have not been to Utica recently, you will be amazed at the new construction recently completed and currently underway. The new Health Care Pavilion is state-of-the-art and

among the best facilities of its type in the State. Wiley Hall is being replaced. Many other improvements have been and are being made to provide top-notch care to residents, regardless of their level of need.

You are welcome to come along even if you have recently visited. This will give you the opportunity to reinforce information previously obtained or ask questions which have come up since you made that trip.

We need to know how many people will be joining us, so please call the Masonic Service Bureau, 671-9730, to make your reservation(s). There is no limit to the number of people but, if we fill a bus, arrangements will have to be made for a second. If you could let us know by May 8th, it would be appreciated. On another note, if you can't fulfill your reservation, please let us know that as well, so we aren't looking for you to join us.

Further information or answers to questions may also be obtained by calling the Bureau.

Livonia Central Schools Grateful for MSAT

THANK YOU TO THE NEW YORK STATE MASONS

By Kim Bojara



The Masonic Student Assistance Training is well worth staff time. The Masonic Student Assistance Training (MSAT) Program is a research based program designed for New York State public schools, promoted and funded by the New York State Masons. The MSAT training in Utica has been in place since October of 2001. This program has been developed with New York State Education Guidelines for effective programs, including the requirements set forth in the No Child Left Behind Education Guidelines (NCLB) and the New York State SAVE legislation. The purpose of the program is to train core teams within a school or district in the identification, intervention and planning for students who are identified as "at risk".

The training takes place over three consecutive days on the campus of the Masonic Care Community in Utica, New York.

The Masons are very generous. They offer their service four times each year and provide not only the training, but hotel accommodations and food at no cost to the schools that attend. The recommended core team includes regular and special education teachers, support staff, nurses, counselors and/or psychologists and administration. Having a strong team with administrative support, who is willing to bring information back to their buildings and share, is the key to the implementation and success of the program. Livonia has been taking advantage of this opportunity since its inception. To date, we have been able to send 50 staff members including teachers, counselors, psychologists, nurses and administrators.

Those who have participated in the training come back excited and focused. The information learned has been put into practice through our Instructional Support Teams (IST) in each building. The training encourages teams to focus their energies on issues such as attendance, behavior, health and academics. Staff is taught how to identify the early warning signs of students who are at risk and how to develop an action plan to assist individual students to work through their difficulties. Each team has returned to their building feeling empowered and ready to use their new skills to implement plans and promote positive re-

sults with their students. The Livonia staff who has attended this training are more aware than ever about the importance of working as a team in dealing with school related problems within our control, "thinking outside the box" and showing empathy and understanding to students and their families who may be experiencing a difficult time.

The Livingston County branch of Masons provides valuable services and support to both our school and community. Gerald Pease, a Mason since 1941, continues to be an active member of the Livingston County branch. He has been a Master of our local lodge as well as the District Deputy for the Livingston County branch. In 1994, with the support of our local Sheriff's Department, he started the Identification of Missing Children and Fingerprinting program which continues today at the Primary building. He commented that the Masons are invested in the welfare of children and work hard to provide and support programs that ensure children are healthy and safe. He was very happy to hear about Livonia's level of participation in the MSAT training.

We would like to thank the Masons throughout New York State for all they do and give special thanks to the New York State Masons Committee on Drug and Alcohol Abuse who sponsor the MSAT training.

Reprinted with permission from the Winter 2006 issue of Focus, a newsletter for residents of Livonia Central School District. (Submitted by R.: W.: Terry Wihlen, Sr.)

Editor's Note: When I called to request permission to publish this article, Superintendent David Deloria not only granted approval, but expounded on the benefits of this program and how appreciative he was that the Masons would make this available to his (and other) Districts.

To further clarify a point made by Ms. Bojara above, there is no cost to the school district to send personnel to this program. However, if substitute teachers or other support are brought in to cover for the absentees, that would be an expense to the District.

APRON PRESENTATION DINNER SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 19TH

Plans are underway for the Apron Presentation Dinner, honoring our new Grand Lodge Officers and extending thank yous to those who are retiring, to be held at the Damascus Shrine Center on June 19th. R.: W.: John Zabel is Chairman of the event, sponsored by the Purple Club of Monroe District, along with the Masonic Service Bureau.

Tickets are \$20 per person for the affair, which will begin with a social hour at 6:00 p.m. The Catered Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m.

There are two menu choices: Chicken French with Rice Pilaf or sliced Roast of Beef with Mashed Potatoes. These meals

include Green Beans Almondine, Mixed Green Salad with Italian Dressing, Rolls, Dessert and Coffee.

Reservations, accompanied by your check made payable to the Masonic Service Bureau, are to be mailed to 979 Bay Road, Suite 2, Webster, NY 14580. Seating is limited. No walk-ins will be accepted. Tickets will be distributed at the door. Lodges may reserve tables of eight by notifying the Service Bureau. No reservations will be confirmed until they are paid.

The program will begin at 8:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room. If you can't come for dinner, join us then and be part of the festivities of the evening.



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Time to Change

Is this the time to make a change to the way we use our Ritual and conduct a Lodge communication? I have been your Assistant Grand Lecturer for nearly three years and I have found the presentation of the work to be proper. The one thing that I found to be most common among all my visits to the District Lodges is that each Lodge opens, conducts the necessary day to day operations and then closes for the evening.

Yes, using the Ritual to open and close is acceptable for the requirement of the Master to teach a Masonic lesson as he was obligated to do when he accepted the secrets of the chair. The question that comes to my mind is; have you, as Master of your Lodge, really satisfied this requirement and aided in the making of a better man and leader in Masonry and the community that surrounds your Lodge?

My answer is NO. Not a single Lodge I have visited ever tried to enter into a detailed discussion of any part of the Ritual explaining what its meaning is.

Would you trust any member of your Lodge with all of your financial assets, your wife or children?

Can anyone explain what is the "East?" when in actuality, by the compass, the Lodge room is situated North and South? Or can you tell me why each of the Master, Senior and Junior Wardens rap their gavels three times during the opening of the Lodge's communication? Why does the Junior Deacon purge the Lodge first during the opening?

These are just a sampling of the type of discussions and moral training that should occur during a Lodge communication, and for that manner, why do we call an assemblage of Masons in a Lodge room a communication as opposed to a meeting?

If the lodge was lowered to the level attained by your current candidate, this would be a great way for him to further his Masonic education and would give him more reasons to attend all future communications, particularly after becoming a Master Mason.

To obtain the time to have a discussion of this nature, is by conducting the paying of the bills, etc., prior to the communication using a committee and the budget, thereby eliminating the waste of time which can be used for education. A short report to the Brethren during the communication is sufficient.

Our Ritual is designed to be an educational tool today, as it was 300 years ago. This has not changed and never should be, but its usage has been forgotten and must be re-instituted for the future of Masonry.

My Brothers, we must change our ways NOW, making Ma-

sony a better educated and moral Fraternity that young men will want to be a participating member in the future. I know, we have always done it that way before. Well, have the last 50 years of decline told you that the old way has failed? Let us reverse that decline by improving our standards for membership, education and morals. Start making our communications inspiring, educational and interesting. Bring the snowbirds back to the nest by changing the Summer darkness to light, and the cold Winter months of January and February to darkness, to aid in the education of the future Masonic leaders by using these older Masons. They have a lot to offer, even when they sit on the sidelines. Put them to good use, they will appreciate being asked to educate these upcoming Masters in their endeavor to lead Lodges towards the future.

We are a charitable Fraternity which gives away millions of dollars each year. I was taught many years ago that charity begins first at home, thereby better enabling myself so that I can best assist those who are truly in need. It is time to be charitable to our Fraternity and its future by spending some of those funds for our preservation in future generations.

Change is good, and let us make the changes that will keep Masonry and its moral and leadership teachings for better community and world leaders in and for the future. If we do not make changes now, there will be no moral standings or a society with knowledge of Masonry as we know it today.

Teach our Ritual and the lessons within it to all Brothers for the future of Masonry.

I express my sincere thanks to Barbara Goodrich for all the help and assistance she has given to me over the years. I also pray to the Great Architect of the Universe that all of her future endeavors, as she joins with the Senior (with loving respect) members of this great society, will honor her always. She will be missed.

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

1st & 3rd
Mondays



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The past month has been a normal month for Western New York. We had some days up in the 50's and 60's, along with some needed sunshine. We also had 14 inches of snow one day. Now that is how it is in Western New York. The Brothers who go South for the Winter really miss this kind of weather. Poor Hungry Harold has to play golf 3 or 4 times a week. We sit home by the warm stove and relax. I think this is what Winter is all about. Uncle Mel is in Florida eating oranges and drinking lemonade. FYI, one lemon makes 5 gallons of lemonade. The flocks of geese are flying North and many robins have been sighted in the lawn. Soon the snowbirds will be home again.

West Star has had a busy month. We started out rehearsing the 1st Degree because we needed the practice. All of a sudden we have two candidates. On March 6th we conferred the 1st Degree. West Star did the 1st Degree with all its own members. We had 16 West Star members present. That is 40% of the membership present. I think that is amazing. Everyone did an outstanding job. Molly was there for a very short visit and all together we had over 40 Brothers present. The sidelines were full on both sides of the Lodge. Attica, Perry, Pike, Castile and West Seneca Lodges were there to fill the sidelines. Attica had 13 Brothers present and was able to take Molly back to reside at Attica. All together, it was a great Degree. Refreshments and a few card games ended the night.

March 20th was our Uniform Night. April 3rd will be our Awards Night. This will also be an open meeting and guests are welcome. This is a good time to bring our wives and friends to Lodge.

The 2nd Degree is planned for Monday, April 24th, 6:00 p.m.

Time is running out for the Brotherhood Fund. Reports are low for the whole District. Now is the time to send in your contribution. You can send it to West Star and we will see that it gets sent to Grand Lodge. Even a few dollars will count.

The District 3rd Degree was in Attica. This is always fun to work together to do this Degree.

March 10th was the District Fish Fry in Perry. It was a sell-out and a big success.

There is the possibility of another 1st Degree coming up soon. If so, due and timely notice will be given. I will notify everyone by email or telephone. Keep your fingers crossed. It is always nice to do Degrees and get new members.

I will close for now. I'll be back next month with more news. Until then, enjoy the nice weather and maybe we will see you at Lodge.

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HESPERUS Lodge No. 837

1st and 3rd
Thursdays



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March certainly was a very busy month with the Big Game Dinner, 3rd Degree and Past Masters Night, but April looks to be as busy as any month. We are already preparing for the Van Hulbert Memorial Golf Tournament on August 19th. If your Lodge does not have a few teams for this event, you are missing one of the finest tournaments around. Last year we raised enough money to increase, for the 5th consecutive year, our donation to Cross Roads House (a hospice home) in Batavia. Our grand total is well over \$10,000, and we certainly wish to exceed our contribution from last year. If you wish to assist with this event in any way, such as sponsoring a hole, giving a prize or sending a team for the competition, please call Marty Krause, at 494-2147. Help us assist Cross Roads House to help others.

Masters and Wardens

Several of our Officers attended the *Road to the East* program this year, and it was agreed that we would host a meeting on April 29th for Masters and Wardens of the G/W District. It will be at Hesperus Lodge at 10:00 a.m. Hesperus will be creating a snack and coffee for those attending. The agenda will be forwarded. If you have any questions, please contact Dave Smalley or Harry Tyson. Their phone numbers are in the G/W District Council of Masonic Activities Directory.

Join us!

The Hesperus Chicken Bar-B-Que will be held on Saturday, May 7th. You may eat at the Hesperus dining hall or purchase a delicious take out. The desserts are all home-made pies. What a great way to serve dinner on a busy Saturday after gardening all day! W.: Richard Sands and his crew are gearing for a great day. Please join us.

Special note to all interested G/W Masonic District residents. Hesperus Lodge will be sponsoring the Masonic Child ID Program on June 17th. This program has grown significantly in interest and in numbers of children registered statewide. This ID Program will occur during the Bergen Days Festival. We are now determining the appropriate location for the interviews. You do not have to be affiliated with the Masonic Lodge to partake in this program. All are welcome.

This year, the installation of our Officers at Hesperus will receive some special assistance. Read the *Masonic Times* for more information on this event.

I am taking a moment here to thank Brother Leo Vainio as he completes his tenure as Secretary for Hesperus Lodge. Brother Leo, you are certainly appreciated. Job well done.

Oakland Lodge

No. 379, F. & A. M.

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



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It's hard to believe that I'm sitting down to type my article for the April issue of the *Masonic Times*. It's just hard to imagine that my year as Master is almost complete. Where has this Masonic year gone? It just seems like it was yesterday that I was putting my trestleboard together. I must admit that this has been a very rewarding year for me sitting in the Master's station.

This article should find some of our Southbound Brothers starting to migrate back North for the Summer season. The members of Oakland Lodge all hope that your travel back North is safe and we will enjoy your presence at our monthly communications.

District Fish Fry

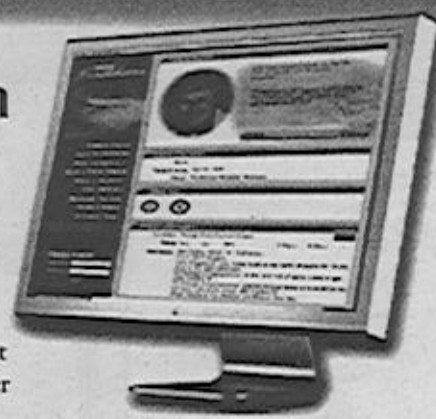
It was reported that the Council of Masonic activities annual Fish Fry was a big success. The event was well attended by Masons throughout the Genesee/Wyoming District.

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The Fish Fry was so successful that it sold out and there will be no need to sell candy bars this year. There was a lot of help provided by many of the Lodges throughout the District. My waistline and I thank all the Brothers throughout the District for making this such a great and successful event.

Master Mason Degree
Oakland Lodge traveled to Attica Lodge on March 18th to help in the District-wide 3rd Degree. I congratulate Brother Richard Robinson from Oakland Lodge and the other four Brothers on being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. It has been a long and well-traveled journey for these Brothers to attain this accomplishment. I thank Brother Bob Strang, who planned and organized this Degree.

I thank Attica Lodge for hosting this Degree, and supplying a wonderful pasta dinner; all the Brothers who volunteered in performing the Ritual and those who came and filled the sidelines. The members of Oakland Lodge can be proud of their members who went and assisted in the conferring of this Degree. Oakland Lodge was well represented in the first section of the Degree. Oakland Lodge supplied the Master, Senior Warden and Junior Warden. I must say, I was very impressed with all the different Lodges represented and the quality of Ritual performed in this Degree. I believe this was a night these newly raised Master Masons will never forget.

April
The end of the Masonic year is fast approaching and we still have a lot of work that needs to be done before we break for the Summer recess. The nomination of Officers will be at our first communication in April. The second communication of April will be Move-up Night and I will be basking in the Florida sun!

May
The month of May will be busy with the Election and Installation of Officers. We might also be conferring a 2nd Degree before the year ends. The conferring of this Degree will depend on our entered apprentice candidate's work schedule.

The year will end with our annual Ladies Night Out and Bingo night at the Batavia VA Hospital. The dates and times of these events will be communicated later.

Congratulations
I congratulate the following Brothers who were raised during the month of April: Norman O. Smith, 4/2/46; Robert L. Kingsley, 4/2/57; Robert E. Kemp, 4/17/62; Raymond W. Minnick, 4/15/80; Henry W.

Robinson, 4/15/86; and Michael Robinson, 4/3/03.
Oakland Lodge has two regular communications for the month of April on the 4th and 18th. Just a friendly reminder that our communications start at 7:30 p.m.

District Deputy Grand Master Livingston District



R.:W.:
Roy W. Moses
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What is Masonry?
It is a 600 year-old Fraternity with a 2000 year-old tradition. This has continued through the years because of the leadership put forth by the Craft. Leadership is a very courageous thing. "A leader has to have the intellect to gaze upon his experiences and mobilize the Brothers into that energy of spirit that bonds us with our Masonic duties. A leader must take on all the necessary responsibilities and expect the same from his Brothers."

The last two years I have been very fortunate that the District has had great leaders representing their Lodges. It is time again, my Brothers, to start the process of selecting the best possible Brother to lead your Lodge. The next two months will reflect a change, starting with a new Grand Line, new District Officers, Lodge Masters and Wardens, committees and programs. I will assure you that the foundation of the Fraternity will stay sound and will not bend, that a new vision will only bring positive programs into the Lodges.

I would like to see all the Lodges in the District hold an open installation of Officers this year. Get the friends, relatives and community involved. It can only benefit the Lodge. Show the new Officers that you support them and the work they are to undertake.

Ladies Night
I remind all Brothers of the upcoming Ladies Night, April 8th, at the Conesus Country Club. A great time was had last year and I expect a better time this year. If you haven't put in your reservation yet, do so immediately. Call R.:W.: Richard Trescott at 226-9042 or me at 346-2117.

I am very proud of the Livingston District. In the last two


I hope this article finds all my fellow Brothers enjoying a happy and healthy start to the Spring season. Let us never forget those who are fighting and have fought to keep this great nation free and safe and to keep the saying in the back of our

minds that freedom isn't free and to never forget how lucky we are to live in the greatest nation in the world.
May the blessings of Heaven fall upon all Masons and their families, wherever they may be throughout the world. x

Livingston District Ladies Night Saturday, April 8th Conesus Country Club
Contact
Derek Howlett, 395-1912

weeks R.:W.: Trescott and I have attended FIVE Degrees. The work has been excellent and I thank the Lodges for their great effort in the Brother Bring-a-Friend Nights, the hard work they have done on the Ritual and the enthusiasm put forth to better the Craft. Well done, Brothers. x

Grand Sword Bearer Livingston



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The talent shows for each Lodge are well under way and I am amazed at the abilities shown by the youth in this District. Each Lodge talent show has shown that the Livingston District is abundant with performers, from the singers, dancers and musicians to the comic acts. All of them are exceptional. We should be proud that we are showing the youth in this District that we stand behind them and will do all that we can to cement their future, confidence and talent.


Don't forget the Livingston District Ladies Night on April 8th, at the Conesus Golf Club in Conesus. Your guest speaker will be Senator Katherine Young. I am sure that this will be a great evening for all. We are all glad to honor our Ladies with this evening.

Remember also, the Communion Breakfast on May 21st at Mt. Morris. It will be hard to surpass last year's attendance, but I am sure that we can.

There is still a lot of Degree work in the Livingston District going on right now, and R.:W.: Roy Moses and I are glad that we can be a part of it. It is always nice to see the District grow. Growing with the

caliper of people who we are now getting is a sure sign that we are headed in the right direction and that there will always be a Masonic Fraternity!
It is hard to realize that the last two years have gone by so fast and they have been two of the most rewarding years of my life. I hope the new regime will carry on the next two years, continue the progress and has as much fun as R.:W.: Roy and I have had! Thank you, Livingston District, for all your support and brotherhood you have shown us! x

Union Lodge No. 45
2nd & 4th Thursdays 7:30 p.m.



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The month of March turned out to be a very busy one for the Brothers of Union Lodge. We were involved in four Degrees during the month, as we assisted two of our Brother Lodges in their Master Mason Degrees. At our regular meetings, we conferred two Degrees of our own!

We had a wonderful time working with our Brothers at Avon Springs Lodge and Eunice Lodge. We thank them for letting us help with the Degrees for their new members.

At our first meeting we conferred another Entered Apprentice Degree. A special thanks goes out to Brother Mike Grady and his Degree Team for conferring Degrees back to back.

I congratulate W.: Ron Manning and his Degree Team for conferring the Fellowcraft Degree at our following meeting for our three new Brothers. Everyone did a spectacular job and I am very proud of all our Brothers and how well we are able to work together.

Talent Show
This month things will be a little bit less hectic. First off, Union Lodge will be sponsoring our local youth talent show on April 7th for the Lima area youth. The show will be held in the Honeoye Falls-Lima High School Auditorium, in the B-wing of the campus. There are three age categories: Kindergarten to Grade 5; Grade 6 to Grade 8; and Grade 9 to Grade 12. The first and second place winners will go on to compete at the Livingston District talent show. This show will be held at the end of April in Mt. Morris. All are invited to come to watch these talented kids.

Degree
We have scheduled our Master Mason Degree on April 27th at 7:30 p.m. We will be having a delicious dinner, hosted by our Eastern Star Sisters and Brothers at 6:30 p.m., and anyone in the area is welcome to join us for the evening's work. This will be a very special night for me, as I will have the distinct pleasure to "Raise" my own son. I know that I will be extremely nervous that night, and I hope it will not show too much.

Ladies Night
I am looking forward to the Livingston District's Second Annual Ladies Night scheduled for April 8th. Last year's event was a big success and this year is shaping up to be even better. I hope that all our Brethren in the District can join us. Check out our District Officers' Masonic Times columns for more information on this festive evening. x

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Livonia Lodge conferred a 2nd Degree on March 1st and will be conferring a 3rd Degree on March 29th. It would be a pleasure to have everyone who can attend, be there.

Ladies Night
The District's Ladies Night is on April 8th. Those of us who went last year had a good time. You and your Lady will have fun. We have invited the widows of our Lodge Brothers to be our guests.

Family event
Another Lodge bowling event is scheduled for April 23rd at Livingston Lanes. This is a family outing. The children and adults had a great time at the February event.

Spring is here, so golf must be around the corner. We will again place a team at the District's tournament. Wait a little longer for Spring! x

Nunda Station Lodge No. 682
1st & 3rd Tuesdays 7:30 p.m.



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This is my second letter for the Masonic Times, so I guess I have already gotten my feet wet!

Happenings
First of all, the Livingston District Masonic Association is having its 2nd Annual Ladies Night on Saturday, April 8th at the Conesus Golf and Country Club. The cost is \$25 per person. Contact Brother Richard Trescott if interested. He can be reached at: 226-9042.

Memories Last Forever.....
only if you have a way of recording the memory...

That's why we are asking Lodges to help the Masonic Care Community by donating money for Digital Cameras and printers that will be placed in each of the Neighborhoods of the Health Pavilion.

If you are interested in donating \$500, please contact Angie Caiola, Director of Community Events, at 800-322-8826. The Masonic Care Community will purchase the cameras and printers and place them with the staff in each of the Neighborhoods so they can photograph residents on a daily basis.

Your help will be very much appreciated!

Nunda Station Lodge

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Bowling

I received a communication from Kip Laurence in regards to a District Bowling Tournament. There will be prizes for Lodge teams and individuals. Nunda Station Lodge will have a 5-man team. Captain of the team is Don Cox - 476-2626. For more information about the Bowling Tournament, contact Brother Trescott.

Fundraiser

The Livingston District Masonic Association is selling wall clocks for \$15.50 and watches as well - they have the Masonic logo on them. Nunda Station Lodge is raising funds by selling Emergency Shake Flashlights. They are brand new; no batteries needed. Shake flashlights will be selling for \$5 and are perfect for your car, home or boat.

Interesting topic!

Put this on your calendar. April 4th will be Widows and Ladies Night with dinner at 6:30 p.m. Karen Ward, the program speaker, will present a lecture/demonstration on "Shipwrecks of the Great Lakes." She promises to hold the ladies' attention, as well as that of the Brothers!

Talent show

Lastly, the Annual Talent Show will be held in the Keshequa Middle/High School Auditorium. The show goes on April 7th at 7:30 pm.

District Deputy Grand Master

Ontario/Seneca/Yates District



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On April 8th the Brothers from the OSY District will honor the widows and widowers from our Lodges. The luncheon has been moved to the Geneva Ramada Inn, however the program will remain the same. Brother Gordon Osburn will sing the songs Sinatra sang and Angie Caiola from the Masonic Care Community will be our speaker.

At the writing of this article at least seven Lodges are conferring Degrees. Also, John Hodge Lodge in Naples had a very successful Brother Bring-a-Friend Night; seven petitions were given to interested men. The Brothers of this Lodge are working very hard to keep Masonry alive and well in Naples.

It is very important that we remember that we are not just bringing in members to increase our rolls. The goal must always be to make Master Masons; the "raising" is a beginning not the end. Masonry should be a lifetime of learning; every new Brother needs an experienced mentor to guide his pathway. Masonic education is a life-time process.

Sunday, April 23rd, the District will hold its Communion Breakfast at the Dresden United Methodist Church. The service will begin at 9:00 a.m., with breakfast to follow. Last

year this important event was not held and I apologize.

At the end of this month we will be heading for New York City to attend the 225th Grand Lodge Communication. With the election of a new Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master, and amendments to the constitution, this should prove to be a very interesting session. It is essential that our Lodges are represented. They are the ones who hold the power because each Lodge has at least three votes. Any Lodge with over one hundred members receives an additional vote for each fifty members over the one hundred, which is why it so important that each Lodge has representation.

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

3rd Wednesdays



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To me, Freemasonry is a magical word and, if put into practice according to Masonic teachings, it can be the answer to many of our fraternal problems. To work alone and not together in every field of Masonic endeavor, can only serve to weaken our purpose and divide us in our general purpose of serving humanity. Working together we can attain heights of Masonic

unity and brotherhood never before experienced.

The efforts of our Masonic Order have ever been directed to Masonic unity. "All for one and one for all." The lessons taught in our Degrees are intended to be a profound and revolutionary experience from which the Mason becomes a new man in Freemasonry. They teach a man new thoughts and feelings about mankind and about his God. By striving to understand and live by the tenets of the Craft, he will become a true Freemason; where men learn the Brotherhood of Man by practicing it toward fellow Masons, because he who begins thus will quickly come to practice it toward all.

Masons meet, act and part

I previously failed to mention the Christmas Party, where 33 Brothers, wives and children, enjoyed the catered dinner from Club 86 and the wonderful desserts donated by all.

The Annual Widows Luncheon of the OSY District will be held at 12 noon on April 8th at the Ramada Inn. I will contact Lodge widows and, hopefully, many will attend.

The DeWitt Clinton Award was presented to Rev. Adams and his wife at Belhurst Castle.

Ark Lodge has four candidates. The 1st Degree was conferred March 15th; the 2nd Degree is scheduled for April 19th and the 3rd Degree on May 17th.

Keep in your prayers Brothers John Stelter, James Baroody, Harry George, Robert Inscho, Max Kaufman, William Kashouty and Raymond Smith.

God bless Worshipful Brother Lance Ward for committing to

be the Secretary for Ark Lodge for the 2006-2007 year. Thank you, Brother Lance.

As the head of the Brotherhood Fund, I was terribly disappointed as only two Brothers sent in donations in January. As of now we have 21 Brothers who have given \$635. That means that 69 Brothers have not given a donation! Some Brothers have given \$50 to the Hurricane Fund of the Brotherhood Fund, which includes Katrina and all the implications of the disaster. Please, my Brothers, send in \$1 or more to the Hurricane Disaster Fund. Days go by quickly. Before you know it, the May 31st cut-off date will be here.

Please note Sunday, May 21st, on your calendar as the date for the 49th Annual Masonic Memorial Service. It will be held at 2:00 p.m. in the Geneva Presbyterian Church, 24 Park Place. The host Pastor is Rev. James W. Gerling. Brother and Rev. David W. Hermann will deliver the Memorial Address. We will pay respects to our departed Brothers Arnold Schofield and John Bigger. Please try to attend. The service is open to the public.

Brother Peter Einset, Secretary, related at our Lodge meeting on February 15th that 49 Brothers have paid their dues and 16 Brothers of 50 years and over, are exempt, although many of them have paid their dues. Please, my Brothers, pay them as soon as possible as Ark Lodge and Grand Lodge would deeply appreciate it.

The following was given to me by our Historian:

Are you an active Brother, the kind who would be missed,

or are you just content that your name is on the list?

Do you attend meetings and mingle with the flock, or do you stay at home to criticize and knock?

Do you take an active part to help the work along or are you satisfied to be the kind that just belongs?

Do you ever go to visit a Brother who is sick,

or leave the work to just a few and talk about the "clique?"

Think this over, my Brothers, as you know right from wrong.

Are you an active Brother or do you just belong?

So attend the meetings regularly and help with hand and heart.

Don't be just a member, but take an active part.

Trestleboard

April 5th - Officer's meeting at Lodge. 7:00 p.m.

April 8th - Surviving Spouses Luncheon, Ramada Inn, noon.

April 19th - 2nd Degree. 7:30 p.m. Brother Robert Mattick.

April 23rd - OSY Communion Breakfast, United Methodist Church, Dresden. 9:00 a.m.

April Anniversaries

The following Brothers were raised in April: Kenneth Colegrove, Dale Erickson, David Lee Foster, Henry Funk, Joseph Gillotti, Joseph Hessney, Sr., Robert Inscho, James Khouri, Robert Mattick, Robert Stivers and Dayne A. Tharrett.

Eagle

Lodge No. 619

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



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Eagle Lodge will be conferring a 3rd Degree on April 25th. The Ritual for the first two Degrees was impeccable and I am looking forward to the 3rd Degree. There will be a dinner at 6:15 p.m. Officers should utilize their call lists so we can ascertain a head count.

District Deputy Grand Master



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The Master Mason Degree, held at Churchville Lodge on March 22nd, was a success. I thank the Brothers who participated in this event and illustrated Brotherly Love in action. Your Churchville Brothers were grateful and your DDGM is proud of you.

Transitions are occurring. The Staff Officers and I met with the impending leadership team and will continue to do so until our term ends. I am certain that you are in good hands. Can you say the same for your Lodge? At the Official Visits you may have heard me state the importance of mentoring your successors. Brothers, any new job can be anxiety provoking. Having the right tools and information makes any new job easier to start and only adds to the likelihood of success. Please take care of each other in this vein. Be sure that you take the time to insure the success of your Lodge. Begin talking about the importance of continued intra-Lodge activities, Masters and Wardens, and the promotion of Lodge activities. Start by encouraging these Brothers to be in attendance at the Widows Luncheon, scheduled for April 22nd. Perhaps more of us can try harder and take two hours of a weekend and enjoy a meal with the Widows of our Lodge.

I am told that Grand Lodge should be rather exciting this year. It appears that your Master's vote will be even more important this year in the decision of your Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master. Communicate with your Master if you have questions about the future of Grand Lodge leadership. I will do my best to provide them with up-to-date information to present back to you. The rest is up to you. Whatever decision is made, I have come to believe

that no man elected to these or any other leadership positions in this Fraternity will harm his Brothers. Please provide your support and respect for those willing to assume this level of responsibility.

At a joint Table Lodge, put on by ERAC and Wakan/Hubbard Lodges, my Brothers sang *Happy Birthday* to me for my 53rd birthday! It was a perfect way to begin my birthday. I fully enjoyed seeing Brothers who have been absent from Lodge. I enjoyed the jokes and fellowship of Brothers with whom I don't regularly dine. Sadly, I also was updated on the deteriorating health of several Brothers forcing me to ponder my own mortality. My health is good. I live a healthy and honest life. However, that only provides me with some assurance. The Great Architect has designs of which we are not aware. We can only continue to stay on the right course and be honest and upright men; Masons, who do what they can to assist their fellow human beings. We will not live forever, but the truths we reveal will.

Be well.

Grand Sword Bearer



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They say that a really poor Masonic writer always starts an article with the weather. Well, this month I am going to address "Masonic Weather." I have had a great month and have traveled to several Lodges for fellowship; my final Official Visits as Grand Sword Bearer, the Shrine Center for the "Hog Degree" and the Scottish Rite's Masonic Program, "Masonry Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow." I have had great fun and learned a great deal. I am enjoying Masonry because some of you were there sharing it with me. I will remember the experience forever because we did it

together and you all presented ideas of great diversity and interest. Well, not everyone, exactly.

I ask those of you who are reading this and have not attended Lodge for some time, why have you not come to Lodge? What would be a perfect Lodge for you? What is missing at Lodge (besides you) that you want? You say you are a member, but grumble and complain when we call for you to come and support the Lodge. What is comfortable for you? Is there something you find difficult about Masonry? Are the reasons that you became a Mason cloudy? This is a time of cleansing and renewal, "Spring Cleaning," they say. Then go to Lodge and get a clean start.

Grand Director of Ceremonies

Monroe



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My topic this issue is particularly directed to the "soon to be" Past Masters. As your term (as Master of your Lodge) comes to a climax, I hope you will think of your year as a success, not only to you, but also to your Officers and members. I know many of you have worked hard and long during your prior years building up to the culmination of your term. I also hope you will remember that you will soon join the ranks of Past Master and, as such, will assume the role of stewards, to whom the future Officers in our District will be looking for guidance.

One of the most exciting and rewarding experiences as Master of your Lodge is the attendance at Grand Lodge in May. Please make every effort to attend this year, and be sure to visit the Library to see some of the history of your particular Lodge. I know that with all of your efforts this year, the Monroe District is still the BEST District in New York. Give yourselves a pat on the back!

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By Hugh Woodside, President

Thanks to everyone's efforts, exciting things are happening. We presented a check to the Ronald McDonald House, which was the result of everyone's hard work during the Have-a-Heart Campaign in February. As with last year, it was my pleasure to make this presentation on behalf of the Masonic organizations of Monroe County. It's great to know that we remain committed to such a worthy cause.

Following the check presentation, the Masters and Wardens had its monthly meeting. At that time, we discussed final revisions to the proposed budget and By-Laws, which were approved on the first reading, as amended. The final reading of both documents will take place at our April 19th meeting. Also on April 19th, Rich Friedman will join us to discuss issues that are likely to be voted upon at the Grand Lodge sessions in May. This is a very important meeting for everyone to attend.

Otherwise, preparations for Grand Lodge are well underway. The Masters attending Grand Lodge plan to gather with their spouses in April for dinner once again. By this time, you should have received information about this gathering via email. If you have not, please contact me at: hww@rochester.rr.com or 248-2106 for information.

We are scheduled to have two more meetings this Spring on the following dates: (1) April 19th; and (2) June 21st (in each case, the third Wednesday of the month). There will be no meeting in May. Both meetings will be held at the Country Village Restaurant on Long Pond Road in Greece. Both are din-

ner meetings that will begin at 6:30 p.m. and adjourn no later than 8:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there.

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Our February 27th Table Lodge meeting was very well attended and a fun evening. As in previous years, we enjoyed Brother Brian Bills' famous chili, served with freshly baked bread, washed down with fine wine. As a bonus to the event, we were entertained with a premier showing of a new documentary film on the Morgan Affair. Mr. Michael Keene, local author and producer showed us the new movie, *The Strange Disappearance of Captain William Morgan* and, after the viewing, answered questions and explained his research. We thank Brother Kel Kelsey, DSA, for these arrangements and must say how fortunate we were, as we viewed this film three days prior to its formal release at the Rochester Museum and Science Center.

March

The first meeting in March was the conferring of the 2nd Degree on our class of five Brothers. W. Allen Fowler was Master for the evening with W. Mike Morris giving the Middle Chamber Lecture. Thanks to all who took part. I know the new Brothers were impressed, as they all were sure that W. Mike must have had a microphone/earpiece feeding him data to present such a flawless lecture.

April

April 10th is the 3rd Degree for this class, preceded by a Roast Beef Dinner served at 6:30p.m. Reservations are a must, and should be made with W. Bernie Lazerson at 271-7446. The Shrine Degree Team

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Brotherhood Fund

R. W. Derek VanHouten
Monroe District

Well, April is here and we have survived another Winter. This really has been an interesting Winter season that is (hopefully) over. Only two more months until the 2005-2006 Brotherhood Fund is completed. Again, my thanks for the strong efforts by our Lodge Chairmen to ask you, my Brothers,

to search your own circumstances and make that donation to secure that the various programs of Grand Lodge can be completed.

Just think, maybe it was your donation which helped make a difference in a scientific breakthrough that the Medical Research Laboratory needed; or

enabled the scanning of material that the Livingston Library needed to place in its online collections available for the general membership. Maybe your money went to help the Veterans Programs or the Drug and Alcohol Programs, which helped a young person turn away from a negative life.

Whatever you have considered giving, rest assured that our Grand Master has used the funds to the betterment of all. There's still time to contribute. All it takes is a moment to write a check, stick it into an envelope and place it in your mailbox. Or give it to your Lodge Chairman and we'll do the rest.

Masonic Brotherhood Fund District Report (as of 12/31/05)

Lodge	Members	Contributors			Total	Contributions			Participation Percent	Total Dollars	
		Member	Lodge	Other		Member	Lodge	Other			
Valley-Simes	145	86	1	3	90	99	1	3	103	62.07	\$3,929
Wakan/Hubbard	195	7	0	1	8	7	0	1	8	4.1	\$400
ERAC	279	59	0	0	59	60	0	0	60	21.15	\$1,833
Union Star	96	17	0	1	18	17	0	3	20	18.75	\$495
Northfield	104	10	0	0	10	12	0	0	12	9.62	\$295
Fairport/Flower City	183	7	0	0	7	7	0	0	7	3.83	\$225
Unity	320	60	1	1	62	69	1	1	71	19.38	\$3,395
Webster	179	3	0	0	3	3	0	0	3	1.68	\$65
Churchville	63	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	2	3.17	\$60
Fame	115	13	1	0	14	15	1	0	16	12.17	\$650
Oatka	71	3	0	0	3	3	0	0	3	4.23	\$50
Clio	133	27	0	1	28	28	0	1	29	21.05	\$920
Seneca	126	27	1	1	29	30	1	1	32	23.02	\$6,430
Craftsman Robertson	123	28	0	7	35	29	0	7	36	28.46	\$1,505
Totals	2132	349	4	15	368	381	4	17	402	17.26	\$20,252

Fairport/Flower City

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will confer this Degree, so let's show our thanks and support with a good attendance.

Award Night is scheduled for our April 24th meeting. Again, let's express our support for our long-timers who served as our mentors.

A note from Jerry

Once a month, generally on the second Tuesday or second Thursday, Fairport-Flower City Lodge has an evening out with the ladies. We went to Stephanie's in Fairport in February and to the Roadhouse Grill in Henrietta the second Tuesday in March. We have chosen the Napa Gino Restaurant in Pen-fair Plaza on Tuesday, April 11th at 6:30 p.m. for our next night out. Contact Jerry Spero at 334-7616 if you plan to attend.

The event for July will be a Day at the Races held on Sunday, July 30th at noon. There will be a buffet and a program for all who attend. Last year the cost was \$15 per person and it probably will be close to that amount again this year. The event is open to anyone over the age of 19 and is really a fun event. Bring an appetite and a little something if you plan to wager on a horse or two. *



Brother Nick Haldoupis presents the proceeds from the March Spaghetti Dinner to members of the Webster Schroeder Hockey Team's Boosters Club. The Lodge has donated proceeds from the monthly dinners to various community organizations.

might choose one of two possible future directions.

Thomas Jackson presented a worldly overview of Masonry and seemed to recommend one of Mark's suggested directions.

Nelson King presented and ad-libbed a great talk about Masonry in Central America today and gave similar advice and recommendations for tomorrow.

Kathleen Kutolowski gave us a history of local Freemasonry in the Genesee County area through about the time of the Morgan Incident. She helped me understand how deeply our area towns were influenced by the Masons in that time period.

Last but not least, Paul Stillman exhibited his usual genius as Galileo.

I give the Valley very high marks for this event. I appreciate the teachings of these individuals. I appreciate their talents as spokespeople for our great Craft. I appreciate their sharing of wisdom and experience. They have given me many new thoughts to ponder.

The Two Paths

The two paths which Mark Tabbert outlined are the road to continued charity or the road to a more traditional Freemasonry. I agree these may be our possible courses for the future. However, I believe the real course is probably somewhere in between.

Charity

Let me talk first about charity. Traditionally, charity among Masons was meant to relieve distressed worthy Master Masons and their families. Why do we, as Masons, today tend to direct our charity out to our greater communities? To me the answer is obvious. At one time, as Doctor Kutolowski explained to us, Masonic Lodges were an important part of every community. They were every bit as important as churches and schools. Certainly, today this is not the case.

The world has changed and forgotten the beneficent influence Masonry can shed on men and on communities. Today, many men are unaware of Masonry and most are unaware of the benefits of belonging.

Charity is a way for us to expose our Craft to the community and to show people we do good work. It makes us feel like an important part of our communities. Most importantly, it is a channel through which we can promote Masonry to other men in our communities. This creates an image of the Masons being another group of "do gooders."

The problem is, no longer are our Lodges comprised of the leadership of our towns and villages. No longer are we heavily comprised of the captains of finance and industry. No longer do we largely influence the directives of our local governments and businesses. Therefore, we must find purpose. Our purpose of late is to be a charitable organization doing good work in our communities, rather than the traditional purpose of building leaders of men.

Traditional Freemasonry

As our speakers explained to us, traditionally, Freemasonry was an organization of men who were the pillars of their community. It was an elite organization that required a certain level of intellect, of stature, and of association to join. Masons were regarded as men who were important and influential and the Lodge was a focal point in the community. The Lodge was a place where men could go to aspire to be better men and mix with those who were influential in their community. It was a place where not all men were accepted. These qualities made for a certain lure to men who had high ideals and goals. Thus men flocked to Lodges and sought membership.

Today, in other parts of the world, traditional Freemasonry thrives. The societies where this is true are unlike most societies in North America. In these places, Freemasonry is an elite group and men are very carefully and thoroughly investigated and scrutinized before they are considered for membership. The process of joining can be much more rigorous, more time consuming and more expensive than it is here. Once raised, these Masons feel they have accomplished a monumental feat. Certainly, elitism exists in these Lodges the way it once did in North America. It is interesting to note that membership is very often growing in these Lodges, rather than declining.



Webster Lodge Brothers in the kitchen preparing food for the March Spaghetti Dinner are (from left): Warren Patterson, John Merz, Nick Haldoupis and John Ross.

(Photos submitted by Michael Nohle)

My Choice

So, which path should we choose? How do we reinvigorate our great Fraternity in this country? I believe we need to set course on a middle road. First, we must return Freemasonry to the top of the heap of vehicles for self improvement for men. We must return to the traditions that made our Fraternity great. At the same time, we must deal with the extensive competition of today. How do we do this? Simple, we must market our Craft. We must get our communities to recognize us as an essential element of society and to recognize the Masonic Lodge as a place where leaders are being groomed.

How do we market Freemasonry? To begin with, we must continue to do good work in our communities. However, we must blow horns to get attention. We must utilize the media to further awareness. We must reach out to our communities and insist on the endorsement of our local governments and businesses. No longer can we afford to use the phrase "to become one, ask one." Rather, we must tell men about the Masons and ask them to become one. We must solicit membership and we must selectively target men who have the foundations to be good Masons. Also, we must always represent Freemasonry in a positive light. We must stand on high hills and speak out with loud voices our idealism. Men of this world want more than ever to be Masons. They just don't know it.

Spaghetti Dinner

In March we sponsored the Webster Schroeder High School Varsity Hockey Team. The team came out in force and, although



R. Wayne Engbrecht is presented his 50-year Anniversary Pin and Certificate from W. Ernie Rose, Master of Punta Gorda Lodge No. 115, Punta Gorda, Florida. R. Wayne is a dual member of Webster and Punta Gorda Lodges and is also a member of Sahib Shrine in Sarasota, Florida. W. Ernie is a former member of Yonondio Lodge No. 163 and was Patron of Irondequoit Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, in 1985.

it was Lent, we had a good turnout and the proceeds for the team were healthy. I was happy to see a strong representation of Webster Brothers at the dinner. Thanks so much to all for your support of this program.

On Friday, April 7th, we will again sponsor the Webster Comfort Care home. This program is one of those ways we, as Masons, can do great work and help our voices and horns be heard.

Looking Ahead

On April 6th we will have our annual Table Lodge. We have invited both Seneca and Wayne Lodges to join us. Our Junior Warden will be orchestrating a Steak Dinner and I understand he will be drafting our six Fellowcrafts to help prepare, serve and clean up. This sounds like an appropriate, yet unofficial, initiation. I'm certain it will be steeped with the festivity, fun and good fellowship that are the tradition at Webster Lodge. Please get your reservations in to Ed Malchoff at:

edmal@rochester.rr.com or (315) 483-1961, or 729-7118.

On April 20th we will confer the Master Mason Degree on our class of six men. Please come out in force to support our new Brothers. I pledge the Ritual work of the evening will be outstanding. A dinner will be served prior to the Degree.

Closing remarks

Brothers, I do hereby declare that April is "Return to Lodge" month! Let's see how many we can pack in our humble Lodge room for these good programs. Please think, "Pride in Webster Lodge!" *

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Food for thought

My Brothers, I recently attended the *College of Freemasonry*, offered by the Valley of Rochester, AASR. It was an enlightening and enjoyable event. The title of the program was "Masonry-Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow." The speakers and their presentations were impressive, to say the least. These are people who have contemplated our Fraternity at length. Their collective wisdom is an immeasurable resource. They all seemed very concerned about our future.

Mark Tabbert presented an overview of the contents of his book, *American Freemasonry*, which is a chronologically correct history of Freemasonry in the last three centuries. The book finishes giving us a sort of road map on which Masons

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This has been an exciting couple of months for me. February and March were very busy with Degree work, joint events and some progress with the building. Thanks to everyone whose hard work made all of these events and projects successful—your help is very much appreciated.

April

The month of April will be an exciting one. First, it looks like a number of us will be traveling to New Jersey to visit my home Lodge for an Entered Ap-

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Hopefully, by the time you read this, everything will be settled and the new tenant will be moving into the space. We'll keep you posted. Please keep your fingers crossed, and join me in thanking our Senior Warden, Mike DiCataldo, for all of his hard work this year to get this space filled. Thanks Mike! x

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I know by the time you receive this article, it really will be Spring, and hopefully the air will smell sweeter and the flowers will be poking their heads up in the gardens. This recent Winter has been most interesting. Many of us sometimes found ourselves scratching our heads wondering what season we were in. Fortunately, that's behind us and now we can set our minds on outside activities.

On April 18th we will host the Past Masters' Shrine Degree Team for dinner and conferring the Master Mason Degree on our three new Brothers. It has been a long road for them and I know they look forward to joining us as Master Masons. Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. in the dining room, with the meeting at 7:30 in the Lodge room. Please consider attending and supporting your Lodge that evening.

Widows Luncheon
On April 22nd, at the Burgundy Basin Inn, the Annual Widows Luncheon will be held where a sit down meal will be served. I will be contacting the ladies regarding times and meal selections.

Changes
Our Lodge is in trouble; we can no longer confer complete Degrees without assistance. We have passed a resolution to form a committee to start the process in merging with another Lodge. It was a painful decision, but the sidelines continue to shrink, it's more difficult to find those that want to step into a leadership role. Even with men who have spent a large part of their Masonic life in a position of leadership within the Lodge, the spirit slips away.

We do have certain strengths, with the widows joining us with our spouses for dinner at the beginning of the month and our

Brotherhood Fund participation. Both Craftsman Lodge and John A. Robertson Lodge were created by the ideals of hard-working men and their visions. In reading some of the Lodge bulletins from years ago, in its heyday we were vibrant, proud and supportive Lodges. Many Brothers were on the sidelines and helped contribute to the overall well-being of the Lodge through its many activities. That era has passed, my Brothers, and now we have to face the reality that we need help. We can't continue to do business as usual. Yes, we will still have our monthly dinners and meetings, and yes, we will have new leadership in the East and new challenges to meet, but the glory days are almost gone for No. 969. If you disagree with the above, please tell me.

Condolences
On February 23rd, W. Charles Chatfield passed away in Florida. He was Master of Craftsman Lodge in 1979. He was a Kodak retiree and a U.S. Navy retiree and was very proud of his service in the Navy. Charles leaves his wife, Louise, four children, ten grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

Word reached us that Alice Wyatt, wife of George, went to her Heavenly reward.

Arlene Impson, widow of Harold, passed away March 7th. Harold served the Lodge as Tiler for many years and was the leader of the Gene Harold Orchestra.

The Lodge extends its sympathy to the families in their time of sadness.

Happy Birthday!
Those Brothers celebrating birthdays in April are: Derek VanHouten, 3rd; Glenwood Ide, Ronald Sterling and Earl Martin, 6th; David Ververs, 8th; Mark Jacobs, 15th; Carmen Vitali, 17th; Arnold Raymond, 22nd and Richard Mitello, 23rd. x

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Our Lodge and Fraternity are really quite similar to a painting in its composition. Each of us represent a different brush stroke, it can be of any color, length, width or depth. A single brush stroke begins the master-

piece. No two marks will ever be the same, yet they come from the same painter's palette and the same artist chooses the canvas and paint.

I have read numerous philosophical accounts like the one that I have written above, or similar themed stories from others in our Fraternity. These thoughts usually show a comparative relationship to something that we might see as a tangible object in order to make it a more understandable and solid definition. Additionally, we often hear the familiar themes of our story as in, "Masonry makes good men better," but rarely hear the specifics of how that really happens. Just how do we put our finger on this; how do we grab on to this Fraternity?

Those of you who have been Masons for many years have a certain faith in the Fraternity, which leads you to believe in Freemasonry. In my conversations with members of Seneca and other Lodges, I find that we often express our own personal interpretation of why we are Masons and what purpose we serve in a variety of words. Most often I hear things like "It's a healthy place to spend an evening," "I like the people who come to the meetings" or "I feel like I'm giving a little back." These unassisted responses coincidentally match so nicely with our official motto, "Friendship, Morality and Brotherly love."

When speaking with non-Masons about Masonry, we might choose to discount the core principals of Freemasonry because we feel that they can't be explained well without sounding weird (think canvas and paintbrush). Or, we may be inclined to use uncommon terms like "cabletow," "subdue our passions," or "Masonry makes good men better." I suggest that we would need to think to ourselves and communicate to others in terms of the sizzle and not the steak, speaking more of the benefit not the feature. There really is a difference; here is an example. Feature: Meetings are always on the 2nd Tuesday of the month: Benefit: Just knowing that these meetings always occur at this time makes it so convenient for me and my family to make monthly schedules.

Masonic meaning is often understood through philosophy, expressed with faith and reflected in our words and actions. This means that we may not ever actually grab the Fraternity but we can grasp the Fraternity and its principles to share with others and make a masterpiece. x

prentice Degree on April 4th. We'll be carpooling down on April 4th and returning to the Rochester area on April 5th. If anyone is interested in joining us, please let me know as soon as possible.

Our regular communication on April 10th may feature a short program on Masonry and the Civil War, which was originally scheduled in March. Our incoming line may also have the opportunity to try out their new chairs. Please join us for a night of fellowship.

Widows Luncheon
The Widow's Luncheon is scheduled for Saturday, April 22nd at the Burgundy Basin Inn. Please consider coming out to join us for lunch. Contact Gordon Ball at: (315) 986-2964 or Roger Lynch at: 334-7953 for reservation information.

Degree
We will have our Master Mason Degree at the regular communication on Monday, April 24th. I will be presiding and we will have some guests coming from around the District. Also, I expect to have some information about the upcoming Grand Lodge proceedings, and plan to share it with you prior to starting the Degree. I'd like to have your input before going to New York City in early May. There will be a Roast Beef Dinner prior to the communication, at the usual cost of \$9 per head. Please join us for a night of fun and fellowship. Our Junior Warden, Ron Lalik, will take your reservation at 377-0097 or via email at: ronlalik@rochester.rr.com

Contact him no later than April 18th.

May
There are a handful of things going on in May, but our Spring Adopt-a-Highway breakfast and clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, May 6th at 8 a.m. We'll meet at the Lodge for a continental breakfast and fellowship before beginning the clean-up. There was a group of about eight Brothers who did this last Fall, and it turned out to be a very enjoyable morning. We got everything wrapped up by about 10:00 a.m. Many hands make light work! Come lend a hand and do something good for the community!

Help needed
Brother Mike DiCataldo, our Senior Warden, is busily preparing for the upcoming Masonic year. In doing so, he is in the process of putting together the expected line of Officers. There remain two key openings for next year, that of the Secretary and Junior Warden. At this time, we would like to identify two Brothers who are willing to do the Secretary's job together for two years. We have received a commitment from a Brother to take the Secretary's position beginning in June 2008, so we are not looking for a long-term commitment. Again, it is critical that all of these roles be filled, and I encourage you to lend a hand. In addition to these key chairs, there are a handful of others that need to be filled, as well. I believe that there are a number of Brothers out there who would be interested in taking a more active role in Lodge, but it is hard for us to know who to talk to if we don't know who you are. Please don't wait to be asked—if you think you may be interested, please step forward and say so. Please contact Mike DiCataldo at 654-5866 or via email at: nyra@frontiernet.net if you are interested.

Building update
At the time this article was being written, we had just executed a lease with a new tenant for the optician's space. We hope that a boutique will be opening up there shortly, and are now awaiting approval at a town meeting on March 22nd.



At the joint Table Lodge on March 13, Worshipful Masters Hugh Woodside (Wakan-Hubbard) and Steve Lysenko (ERAC) take wine with the 1989 Masters who attended.
(Photo submitted by Hugh Woodside)

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I was able to attend the Presentation on Saturday, March 11th to the Ronald McDonald House. Many different Masonic organizations helped to deliver over \$11,926 for this worthy cause. Many thanks to all who were able to donate their time and special thanks to Mike McBride for coordinating this event.

The College of Freemasonry event sponsored by the Valley of Rochester, AASR, definitely brought some leading thinkers in Freemasonry to the Rochester area. If you missed that opportunity to attend, please be sure to talk with one who did, as I am sure they learned new items about our Fraternity.

As a Lodge, we are making forward strides in supporting the Brotherhood Fund. Please continue to keep this effort going so that we may reach at least a 75% contribution level. If you have misplaced your envelope, please contact Brother Will Nersinger at 787-6887, or you may mail it to our Secretary (address listed above) and I am sure he will forward it to Will.

At our first meeting of March, we changed our trestleboard so we could discuss many topics that were on our plate. I believe we made progress on all of them with good feedback from the Brothers.

At the second meeting of March we held a Table Lodge. We usually have five to six dinners a year prior to Lodge and they mostly are for an occasion that we are celebrating. This Table Lodge was no different, as it gave us the chance to celebrate our fellowship to each other and Masonry in general.

April

This will be a special month as we honor our Lodge Masons on the second Monday for their years of service to the Fraternity. We will also show our support for the Widows of our deceased Brothers on April 22nd at the Burgundy Basin Inn. Brothers, please mark your calendar for these events.

May

This month we will be holding the election of our new Officers for the ensuing year. That is nothing new, as we have done it in the past. However, we will also be installing these Officers that same night. If you remember, we decided to move this event up a month so that it is completed properly at a time when the Lodge room temperature is comfortable.

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This year it will be difficult to tell when Spring does show up, as there has really been no Winter. We will have to let our snowbirds know they had no reason to leave us this year! ✕

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Our meeting on February 21st was well attended with 24 Brothers present. The work for the evening was a very interesting and informative lecture and slide show presented by Clio Brother, Lt. Tom Kasper, a full-time member of the Army National Guard. He covered the rights and privileges of military veterans and their families at the death of the veteran and showed a film on the Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Brother Tom is a member of the Burial Drill Team which responds to military funerals in our five-county area.

The main topic of discussion at our meeting on March 7th, was the recent vote by Leah Chapter No. 183 of the Order of the Eastern Star, to merge with other OES Chapters at Unity Lodge in Spencerport. Clio Lodge has not, as yet, received any official notification by Leah as to when this might be happening. This is all I can tell you right now; when I learn the details, you will probably read about it here.

Leah has been a part of Clio for over 40 years. When Clio built their new Lodge building after the old one was destroyed in the 1965 Hilton fire, Leah presented Clio with a set of very large cast-iron gas stoves which were assembled and installed in the downstairs kitchen. We still use these stoves to this day. Clio wishes Leah the very best in their quest. Rumor has it that dwindling attendance at their meetings and functions led to the vote. Brothers, take note to what you have just read, "Lack of Attendance," how very sad! The few Sisters keeping Leah afloat are tired and can no longer paddle the boat.

Spaghetti Dinners

We did okay at the March 1st dinner; we had considerable expenses, which cut into our small profit margin - we did save money on the help, though. April dinners will be on the 12th and 26th.

Ox Roast - May 6th

The Junior Warden, George Todd, has tickets for this event. Brothers, purchase a couple of these tickets; sell a couple or more. We really need to do well

on this fundraiser! Put the day aside so you can come and help. We are rowing this magnificent boat we call "Clio" and there is room for more Brother oarsmen. Hopefully, your lack of attendance will not cause a vote to abandon our ship and head to a new port.

Thank you

From the Master, Past Masters and Brothers of Clio Lodge, we would like to say thank you to Barb Goodrich for your past patience and kindnesses extended to us in the monthly preparation of Clio's article and on other occasions when working with Clio and the Masonic Service Bureau. We wish you a happy, enjoyable retirement.

Sickness and Distress

Brother Denny Wright, DSA, is doing somewhat better. That new heart valve and by-pass has him up, out and about, even driving his car a little. W.: Brother Stu Brickman will have had a disk trimmed by the time you read this; hopefully, it will take care of the pain in his leg. Nothing new on Brother Dana Daniels; he's taking his treatments and hoping for the best. A few days ago Brother Bill Armstrong called me by phone to let me know why I hadn't seen him in Lodge at our last couple of meetings. It seems Bill and his wife have been plagued with the flu and fever bug and have not been able to shake it off. They get feeling better and it comes right back. Brother Bill tells me that he and his wife both have had their flu shots. Hopefully, they are feeling better by the time you read this.

Brother Bill "The Ox" Hunn had his pacemaker removed and a new defibrillator installed. Hopefully, this will not interfere with the electric ignition on his 18-wheeler. Not to worry, Bill assures us he is taking care of our Ox-Roast preparations while he is recuperating.

Condolences

On March 3rd, Brother Raymond Boddy passed away while residing at the Latta Road Nursing Home. Born 8-21-1919; Initiated 2-2-59; Passed 3-2-59; Raised 4-6-59. Affiliated with Clio 12-21-1971 from Onondaga #802. Brother Ray was a former Trustee of Clio and very active in the Parma VFW Post. Several Clio Brothers attended his funeral service at Tom Burger's Funeral Home on March 7th.

Errata

Correction to last month's report: We stated that W.: Brother Gerald Jones' wife's brother passed away; it was not. It was his sister's husband who passed away. I am very sorry for that error.

Please keep these Brothers in your thoughts and prayers. ✕

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April 11th is our first scheduled Lodge meeting of the month. We, along with our new Brother, will be attending a 3rd Degree at Valley-Simes Lodge,

conferred by the Shrine Degree Team. We will open early at Fame, there will be NO DINNER AT FAME LODGE. However, THERE WILL BE A DINNER AT THE SHRINE at 6:30 p.m. Everyone should go directly to the Damascus Shrine Center, 979 Bay Road, Webster. If you take 104 East, get off at the first exit after the Irondequoit Bay Bridge. That is Bay Road. You will make a left onto Bay Road and the Shrine will be on your right, a short distance from the exit. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

Widows Luncheon

The Widows Luncheon is on the 22nd of April at the Burgundy Basin Inn. If anyone knows of any persons interested in attending, please let W.: Michael Bell or me know as soon as you can. The main entree is either Chopped Sirloin or Stuffed Chicken.

Our second meeting of the month is the 25th. There will be a dinner before hand at 6:30 p.m. Our regular meeting will start at 7:30 p.m.

Lodge elections will be next month. I hope that you will continue to support the Lodge and the new Master in the coming year. The Lodge will have a number of important decisions to make, so your input and support is needed. If there is anyone interested in getting into the line, you should make it known to V.: W.: Dan Walker.

I thank everyone who participated in the 1st and 2nd Degrees at our Lodge and say a job well done. Special thanks goes out to R.: W.: Don Krech for his great job of putting everything together.

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

Happy Birthday to everyone with an April birthday. ✕

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We had a very good meeting for our March communication and I am pleased to announce the passage of several resolutions by the Lodge Brethren. R.: W.: Herb Spencer was designated as the Lodge's proxy for the Grand Lodge Annual Communication in New York City, which meets May 1st and 2nd. He was also granted the funds budgeted for the communication and we wish him well for the trip. W.: Mike McBride was allocated funds to enable him to represent the Lodge at the Ronald McDonald Benefit Dinner. Lastly was the allocation for the escorts of our widows to the Widows' Luncheon in April, who will receive complimentary lunches.

Widows Luncheon

The Widows' Luncheon is April 22nd this year and I'm looking forward to seeing the ladies. I thank the escorts for accompanying the ladies to the event. I remind the widows if they need anything, please contact the Lodge and we will do our utmost to be of assistance.

Degree

It will be great to see our two Brother Fellowcrafts raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason at our April meeting. The Degree will be conducted by the Shrine Degree Team, but we need responsible individuals to be conductors, as well as some other non-speaking roles "behind the scenes." Thank you to all of the people who help out and/or take part in the Degree work. Thank you especially to all the members of the Degree Team, who do an outstanding job of raising our Brothers.

Sickness and distress

Best wishes to Bill Scheer; we hope that you have a speedy recovery from your surgery.

R.: W.: Richard Snyder reported that he is feeling better and will be returning home soon; we look forward to seeing him in the Lodge.

Richard Oliver's passing was noted in our minutes for the March communication and the Altar will remain draped for 30 days in his memory.

Trestleboard events

In May, I ask you to please reserve the time to come out to our regular communication and cast your vote for the ensuing year's Officers.

In closing, I again thank all of the members of the Shrine Degree Team and the members of our Lodge who assist us in our work. I am very confident that both Brothers will be great assets to the Lodge. ✕

Brotherhood Fund

By R.: W.: Mathew Gingold
This will be my final report for this year's campaign. We didn't attain 100% membership participation, but that doesn't make me any less proud of what was accomplished through your cooperation and contributions.

As of March 8th, I sent Grand Lodge checks and 10 individual report sheets. Each report had 14 listed contributors and amounts contributed. This totaled 140 contributors out of 147 members Grand Lodge claims we are accountable for. Some members made more than one contribution and one member contributed five times since September, 2005. For a Lodge with so few members, it isn't bad at all. Grand Lodge is going to have to rely on the larger Lodges to reach their goal of one million dollars total from all the Lodges in the State. We wish them well.

My opinion doesn't amount to much where Grand Lodge is concerned, but I think we did just fine this year. Period!

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We sold the building on Lake Avenue! Thank you to the Trustees for their dedication and follow through on this particularly challenging task. This is one area we can put to bed and now move forward with the remodeling plans for our Lodge in Spencerport.

Our first meeting in March was the 2nd Degree. What a fantastic turn out! We played host to a Brother from Wakan/Hubbard Lodge who was passed to the Degree of Fellowcraft, along with our own class of five. Special thanks to Cliff Short, Jim DeLorenzo, Joe Privitera and Mike Schwartz, who performed the evening's lectures.

The 3rd Degree will be at our first meeting in April and John Dyer will be in the East. Please contact Joe Privitera, the Ritual Director for the Dramatic Section, if you are interested in participating. Lodge opens at 6:00 p.m., with dinner at 6:30 p.m. Please contact Tom Michielsen or Donald Hunter to make your reservations.

On March 20th we held our bi-annual Blood Drive at the Ogden Town Center in association with the Red Cross. It was a great success. Thank you to John Jamele, our Senior Deacon, and our Junior Deacon, Craig McCann, for organizing this event. It was great to see everyone who came out to support this Blood Drive.

On March 22nd the Brothers from Unity headed out to Churchville Lodge to help support them for their 3rd Degree. There was a Chicken and Ribs Dinner prior to the meeting that was put on by Jesse Noble, the Master of Churchville Lodge. We look forward to meetings in the next few weeks to finalize plans to consolidate with Churchville Lodge.

At our second meeting in March we held a Lodge of Remembrance. This program honored the Brothers who have passed on in the last year. This program continued with this

year's theme of "Spreading the Cement" of Brotherly Love. Thank you to all the Brothers who turned out for this solemn program.

I wish all of our Brother snowbirds safe travels in the next few weeks and look forward to see you all in Lodge. We have plans for an exciting Spring ahead of us!

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The March Report

March was a month filled with celebrating fellowship and community involvement.

On March 13th, ERAC hosted the Third Annual Joint Table Lodge with Wakan/Hubbard Lodge, our neighbors to the South. Over 40 Brothers were in attendance, and all had a fine time. Special thanks to: Brother Rich Greenaway for coordinating the meal preparation; Brother Geoffrey Buell for being the head server; Brother John Hellaby for grilling the steaks and preparing the food to perfection; and to the Brothers of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge for sharing fraternal fellowship and Brotherly Love.

On March 27th, ERAC presented two Grand Lodge

awards, the Eagle Scout Award and the DeWitt Clinton Award. Zachary S. Buell, son of Geoff, is a member of DeMolay and an Eagle Scout. Thanks, Brother Geoff, for keeping this one a secret. I'm sure this will go down as one of your son's most memorable moments.

Keith Greer received the DeWitt Clinton Award. He is not a Mason by affiliation, but is one at heart. He truly embodies the qualities of a charitable man, giving generously of his time and talents to several worthy causes. Mr. Greer was recognized for his outstanding work in organizing the Webster-Penfield Faculty Hockey Game for the last six years, raising in excess of \$12,000 for the Skating Association for the Blind and Handicapped (SABAH) and Rochester Special Hockey. The Brothers of ERAC again put their best foot forward in welcoming our families and community!

Sickness and distress

Brother Michael Rice, Past Master of ERAC, is suffering from brain cancer. At the time this article was written, he was a patient in Strong Memorial Hospital. Please keep this Brother and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Brother Bill Kuehne, current Grand Lodge Staff Officer, will undergo a knee replacement on April 5th. I wish you a speedy recovery, Brother Kuehne!

Brother Bob Bueg, a stalwart Brother of ERAC for many years, is undergoing treatment for cancer of the prostate. Please reach out to this Brother and continue to pray for his health and recovery.

Brother Nelson Bertch, Past Master of Fame Lodge and of-

ficial "PAB" of ERAC, is still battling influenza and pneumonia. Please keep Brother Nelson in your thoughts and prayer.

Brother Reggie Reed, the current Junior Master of Ceremony, is on the road to recovery. Earlier this year, Reggie suffered from symptoms associated with an irregular heartbeat. We look forward to seeing Brother Reed back in Lodge in the coming weeks. Hang in there, Reggie!

Good News!!!! Brother John Crough, who has been battling prostate cancer for the past several months, has just received a report from his doctors that the test was clean! Certainly a cause for celebration!

April

On Saturday, April 8th, ERAC Lodge will raise its 8 Fellowcrafts to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Doughnuts, bagels and coffee will be available at 9:00 a.m., and the First Section will start at 10:00 a.m. We will have a coldcut sandwich buffet and chili for lunch around noon, and complete the Degree in the afternoon. Come out and support our newest Brothers as they continue their journey in Freemasonry. Please email your lunch reservations to Brother Sean McKenna at: sean.mckenna@kodak.com or call them in at 383-9161.

Due to the Saturday, April 8th Degree, the Monday, April 10th meeting is cancelled. By the time you read this article, you should have received a mailing to this effect.

On Monday, April 24th, the Scottish Rite will be spreading its Light by presenting a traveling degree entitled "December's Rose." Thanks to the Rite for

sponsoring the dinner to precede the Degree. Dinner will be free to all members of ERAC, and for sharing what is bound to be a very informative and poignant program. Please email or phone dinner reservations Brother McKenna.

Brothers, I extend a special thanks to Brother Geoff Buell, ERAC's Brotherhood Fund 2005-2006 Chairperson. He has done an outstanding job of championing this important cause. He writes the following, "Brothers, the three great tenants of Freemasonry are Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. I'd like you to give some considered thought and reflection on our basic obligation of relief to distressed Brothers, widows, and orphans. The Masonic Brotherhood Fund is our vehicle for contributing to Veterans, Masonic Youth programs, the Medical Research facility in Utica, Masonic Home, and General Benevolence. What great Masonic works to support!"

If you have not done so this year, please mail your tax-deductible contribution to our Lodge Chairman, Geoff Buell at 49 Woodstock Lane, Brockport, 14420. Brothers, please contribute as you are able to this worthy cause.

I can hardly believe that we are in April already and that my tenure as the Master of ERAC has nearly come to a close. Thanks to one and all for your support throughout this year, through attending ERAC Lodge programs, community service events, or "whispering wise counsel" to this Brother in need.

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Taxes! Taxes! Taxes!

By Tom Michielsen

It's April, and you're once again burning the midnight oil, poring over stacks of paperwork or small pieces of paper with little or no explanation on them, trying to file your income tax return on time. If you're rushing to complete your return, you may be making costly mathematical errors, overlooking important deductions or missing tax credits for which you might qualify. Yes, you might be one of those people in the TV ads who overpay their taxes each year. Why are we so stupid to subject ourselves to this torture year after year? Each year we tell our spouses and ourselves that next year will be different, but we do nothing to make our lives easier.

The definitions of custodial parent and noncustodial parent for dependency exemptions, the child tax credits, and other provisions of the Code, were changed as a result of the Gulf Opportunity Zone Act of 2005. A custodial parent is newly defined as the parent having custody of a child for the greater part of the year. The new law also restored the requirement that a noncustodial parent who claims an exemption for a child must attach Form 8332, or a similar statement, signed by the custodial parent to his or her income tax return.

According to the IRS, the changes are not reflected in the 2005 instructions for Form

1040; Form 1040A; Form 2441; Form 8615; Form 8814; Publication 17; Publication 501; Publication 503; Publication 504; and Publication 929.

The Internal Revenue Service has certified the model year 2006 Toyota Prius Hybrid for the clean fuel vehicle deduction. This certification means that taxpayers who purchased a 2006 Toyota Prius new during calendar year 2005 may claim a tax deduction of up to \$2,000 on Line 36 of Form 1040. Starting in 2006, the deduction is replaced with a credit, which will require a different certification. The tax credit for hybrid vehicles applies to vehicles purchased on or after January 1, 2006, and may be as much as \$3,400 for those who purchase the most fuel-efficient vehicles.

Taxpayers residing in Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York, Vermont and the District of Columbia, have until April 18th to file and pay their income tax. The Internal Revenue Service Center in Andover, which processes returns for those areas, will be closed April 17th in observance of Patriot's Day.

Due dates

March 31st - Electronic W2's and 1099's must be forwarded
April 15th - March Payroll Taxes

April 15th - Federal First Quarter Estimated Taxes for Corporations

April 15th - Federal and State First Quarter Estimated Taxes for Individuals

April 18th - Individual Tax Returns

April 30th - First Quarter Payroll Reports Due

May 15th - April Payroll Taxes

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Masonry: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow

This event was held March 3rd and 4th, with great attendance. Personal thanks must go to Sovereign Prince George Nasra, Sovereign Prince Joseph Oelgoetz, Sovereign Prince William Lindsay, Distinguished Brother Jack VanElzakker, 32°MSA, DeMolay, and many others. It was a very successful event. Please note the pictures taken by Skip Waterstreet and John Dudley within this *Masonic Times*. It is our hope that the Masonic Fraternity can sustain from programs such as this, to promote and educate the community in the good work we all do. Many thanks.

Upcoming Programs

"A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another." Jesus of Nazareth (John 13:34).

On Thursday, April 20th, the Solemn Feast of the Paschal Lamb, honoring our departed Brethren, will be held this year at the Damascus Shrine Center; 5:30 p.m., social hour; 6:30 dinner. The ceremony will begin at 7:30 p.m. This program is open to the public. Please note that dinner reservations are a must; while there is no charge for the ceremony. If you have any questions, please contact the office staff at 264-1160.

Bring your Passport

Please join the Valley as we pay tribute to our class sponsor for Spring, 2006, the Distinguished Brother Frank T. Jansson, 32°MSA, Reunion. Join us and discover what has made our sponsor so great and deserving of this honor. Personal tributes to our departed Brother Jansson will be given by the MSA club in his memory. Please join us as the Reunion continues on Saturday, April 29th at 9:00 a.m.; Damascus Shrine Center, Webster.

18° - Knight of the Rose Croix of H.R.D.M.

30° - Grand Inspector
Lunch (please call office for reservation).

31° - Knight Aspirant
32° - Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret

The day will conclude with our Annual Reunion Banquet, honoring the Distinguished Brother Jansson, 32°MSA, Class, announcement of the Ill. John B. Mullan, 33°, Dedicated Service Award recipients, Valley recognition award(s) and a child's story, a student and family from the 32°Masonic Learning Center for Dyslexia. Please join us at this great event. Call the office for reservations at 264-1160 or 1-800-858-2320. Dinner choices: Prime Rib, Chicken French or Poached Salmon. \$15/person,

Rite Events Calendar

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

Thursday, April 20th
Feast of Paschal Lamb

Tuesday, April 25th
Rite at the movies
Kingdom of Heaven

Saturday, April 29th
18°, 30°, 31° and 32°, Shrine Center
Reunion Banquet, Burgundy Basin Inn

\$25/couple, class members and spouse/significant other, are our guests.

Thank you

As the year approaches a climactic conclusion for many Officers and committee members, I say a heartfelt thank you to each and every one of our members, spouses and their families. I thank you for your time to make our life a better place and the time spent away from your family for the good we do; for the Fraternity in general. As each of you needs to know, our Valley is led by many individuals who are committed to making this world a better place to live, work and enjoy the freedoms we know today.

Freemasonry is a lifestyle. We are always searching to recover what is lost. In our busy lives we continue to seek brotherhood, morality and truth. For those who strive to make our world a better place, I thank you, for it is the Rite thing to do. So Mote It Be. ✕

Blue Caps

By Jerold J. Gilmore

Boy, we sure had a super Winter! I checked the snowfall so far and, as of February 26th, it was only 64 inches compared to 96 inches last year.

Good news!

We have sold all of our *Lion King* tickets. It had me worried, because in the beginning I had a feeling that I would end up eating the tickets for lunch!

I had an interesting experience I would like to share with you. At our monthly General Motors Retirement meeting, they brought up the subject of credit reports which are now free, according to New York State. They gave three toll-free numbers. I tried the first one on the list. I got through part of the computerized questionnaire and then came the kicker! "Have your credit card ready for the \$10 charge." I hung up. How do you argue with a machine? It bothered me to the point I was getting ready to call the State Attorney General's Office, but decided to use an informational source I have used before.

Instead of calling three numbers, I have one number you can call and they'll get all three for you and it is "free." The magic word is "free." I was told I would get my report in 15 days. That call was made on the 22nd and on the 27th I re-

ceived reports from each of the three companies. That's three business days with a Saturday and Sunday, which helped with mail moving between them and me. The number to call for that free report is 1-877-322-8228.

On March 2nd I attended the Top 3 meeting. It started out touching upon Ritual books and moved on from there to *Template for Growth*. There were many more items, including the Coming outreach.

On April 29th is the 18°, 30°, 31° and 32°, with the Reunion Banquet to be held that night at the Burgundy Basin Inn.

At the close of the meeting, there was a discussion regarding Line nominations and elections in May.

Masonic Education Fair

The March 3rd, Friday Night Scottish Rite Dinner, was excellent. I have never tasted fish that good before. The Blue Caps handled the registration for the evening. Bill Fredenburg, Greg Ludwig, John Williams and I manned the tables. The after dinner presentation of Teddy Roosevelt was something to see. Paul Stillman was a complete one-man show. Now I know why the Brothers rave about him.

The *College of Freemasonry* was in session on Saturday. Registration once more was handled by the Blue Caps. Those participating were Jim Slocum, John Williams, Bill Lindsay, Greg Ludwig, Bill Fredenburg and myself. Greg handled the book sales, which was very busy. The programs ran right on schedule with breaks between them. Thank you, Blue Caps, for your help.

In closing may we continue under the protection of the Great Architect. ✕



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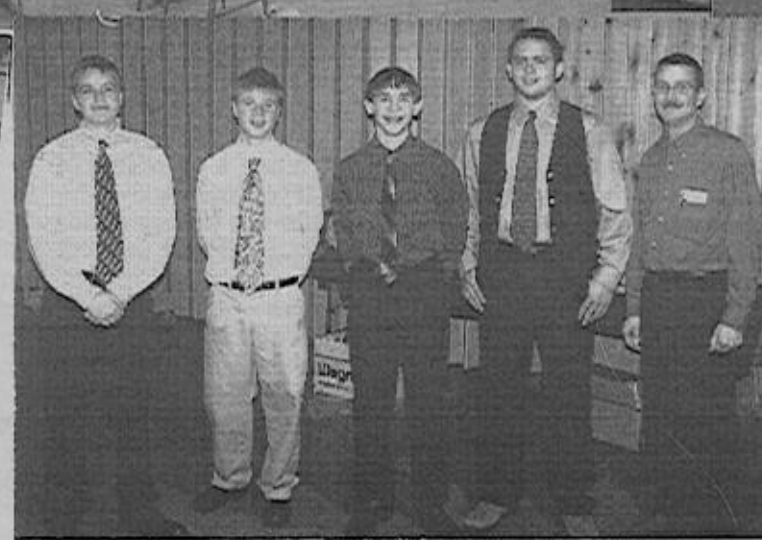
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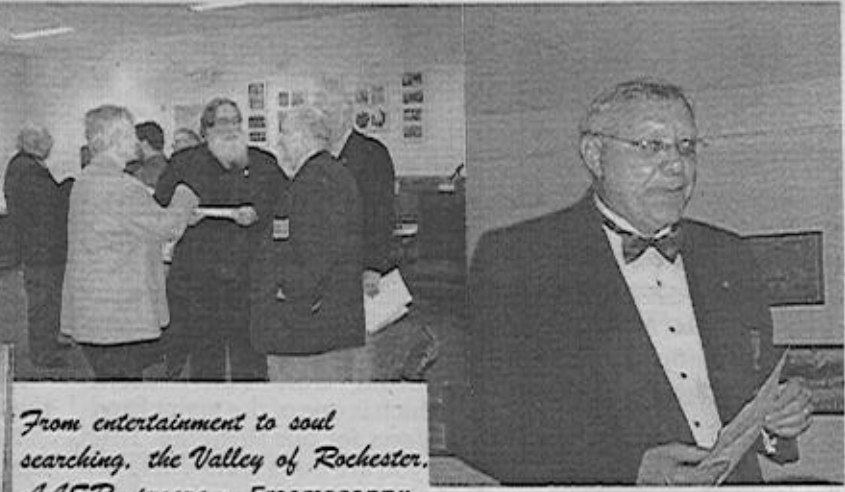
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Rochester Chapter, Order of DeMolay, assisted the Valley of Rochester at their Masonic Education Fair. Participants included (from left) Justin Mulrooney, Ian Grady, Josh Buell and Zach Buell. Gary Burke, Chapter Dad, supervised their efforts.

From entertainment to soul searching, the Valley of Rochester, AASR, program, Freemasonry: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow, had a bit of everything. From the Mason looking for more Light to friends interested in the topic, each person could pick up something previously unknown. (The Golden Age of Fraternalism was between 1860 and 1920: We have lost sight of our Core Values: It takes two years to become a Mason in Costa Rica: Jurics, which used to be picked by the local Sheriff, are picked by County Supervisors as a result of legislation enacted by New York State, an aftermath of the Morgan Affair. Just a few tidbits.) This montage of photos depicts various segments of the two-day event. □



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Shrine News

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From the Potentate

Shrine Office - 671-7701



Lance Ward

It has been another exciting month with lots of activities going on. It was great to see Past Commander, Noble Jim Pray, up and around at the Legion of Honor meeting this month.

The Tool Raffle was a success due to the effort made by the Nobles and Ladies who sold tickets. A special thanks to our High Priest and Prophet, Noble Tom Vasile, who was our Tool Raffle Chairman. Great Job, Tom.

We are now on to our next fundraiser, which is the Motorcycle Raffle. This year we are offering the tickets for only \$20 each to win a 2006 Harley RoadKing or \$17,000 cash. The drawing will be August 13th, after the Wheelers Ugly Run. Please contact Larry Canfield or the Shrine Center Office for more information and tickets.

To increase awareness of Center events, you should have received, or will be receiving in the mail, a pocket-size Damascus Events Calendar. It is our intent to try and keep you better informed of all upcoming events for the rest of the year.

June dates

Spring is here, so right around the corner is our June 7th Hot Sands Ceremonial. Please, if you know of any possible candidates, get their petition to the Recorder's office. We are still offering our Membership Scholarship program, which waives the \$100 dollar

initiation fee charged to become a Noble.

Keep June 16th open for our annual Golf Tournament, which is one of the major fundraisers for our Hospitals. Even if you are not a golfer, help sell hole sponsorships to meet our Hospital Fund goal.

Mark your calendar for our public relations event, to be held June 17th at the Geneva Ramada Inn, where we will present the success story for two of our Hospital patients. We are also fortunate to have two of our Imperial Officers there, Past Imperial Potentate Raoul Frevel and Imperial Oriental Guide George Mitchell. The Potentate's reception will follow the PR presentation. This is an event you don't want to miss. Watch for more information coming soon.

That's all for now; enjoy. ✕

From the Recorder

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James
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671-3565

A friend sent this to me and I thought I would share it.

My legs were crooked - born that way, I couldn't move around.

I never stood or walked. Sometimes I'd crawl upon the ground.

They called it "act of providence," which has to be endured.

Anyway, the neighbors said, "Such cases can't be cured."

But not my ma! She used to say that rich folks found a way to straighten crippled children's legs so they could run and play.

"It don't seem fair that there's no hope," she'd say "for boys like mine whose folks are poor."

And one day she heard about the Shrine.

The Shriners doctor saw my legs, he didn't shake his head like most folks did.

"We'll fix you up as good as new," he said.

"We're awful poor," said Ma. "It's hard to pay for food and rent."

"Give us that boy," the Shriners said. "It won't cost you a cent."

I don't know how they did it, I'm not much on doctor's talk; I only know I used to crawl and now see, I can walk;

I wonder why my mother cried when I went home so straight and fine!

But through her tears I heard her say, "God bless the Shrine!"

Springfield trip

All who went enjoyed the trip to Springfield and the Boston Children's Hospital. It is a trip that all Shriners should do if the opportunity presents itself, you will not regret it. It shows you what we are all about and why we do what we do.

Amnesty Program

At the last Divan meeting it was voted to continue the Amnesty Program. Members who are two years in arrears with their dues would pay this year's 2006 dues, then would be reinstated in good standing.

Raffle

The tool raffle was a success, thanks to Tom Vasile and all of the Nobles who sold tickets and worked on the fundraiser. It shows that with everybody working together fundraisers can be successful. As a reminder, we have more raffles coming up and we need everybody's help, as our fundraising target for the hospital is \$25,000. At this point, our total is \$521. Let's all get behind the Potentate in helping him reach his goal.

Another big event coming up is the PR presentation at the weekend of the Potentate's reception on June 17th. There is more information forthcoming. ✕

Damascus Duffers

By Joseph Bourcy, PP

The date is June 16th. The sun is high in a deep blue sky. You're a bit nervous as you stand on the first tee at Geneva Country Club. Your friends are watching as you take a few practice swings and they are heckling you as you step up to the ball. All of a sudden there is no other sound except your breathing. Slow and steady. You're ready to go. Your swing is slow and powerful, just like you practiced. The ball leaves the tee and is headed straight down the middle of the fairway about 250 yards. You have just hit the first ball of the Damascus Duffers 2006 Golf Tournament. It's the shot you have always dreamed of. What a way to start the day!

The Damascus Duffers are pleased to sponsor the 4th Annual Damascus Golf Tournament at Geneva Country Club. Imperial Sir's Raoul Frevel, Sr.,

and George Mitchell will be on hand to help us tear up this beautiful scenic golf course overlooking Seneca Lake. We also have another very special guest attending the weekend festivities. Ms. Katie Walker will be leading a foursome of her own. If you don't know who Katie is, she is a patient at our Shrine Hospital and an avid golfer.

Don't miss out on this great opportunity to not only have a great time with many of your friends and Nobles, but to contribute to the World's Greatest Philanthropy. All proceeds will be donated to the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

If you can't play golf, come and join us for a wonderful dinner. The fellowship is always great.

See the advertisement for this event in this issue and send your reservation in early. Don't miss your chance to be a "Tiger." Foursomes are limited, so book yours early. ✕

Shrine Degree Team

By John Faro

First of all, the Shrine Degree Team thanks Barb Goodrich for her help with our articles for the *Masonic Times*. We wish her a happy and joyful retirement and a "bon voyage" on her trip to Germany.

Degrees

Nobles, we have four 3rd Degrees booked for Spring. On April 10th we will be visiting Fairport/Flower City Lodge to confer the Degree on a full class of five Brothers. Ill. Sy Kopen assures me there will be a mouth-watering repast prior to the Degree. Those of us who have been to Fairport/Flower City Lodge know what I am writing about.

Noble Mike Grady will be in the East for this conferral.

Some other parts are still open. More importantly, we are in need of walk-around Craftsmen for the 2nd section. With a full compliment of Craftsmen (12), this always makes the Degree impressive.

On April 11th we will travel to the Shrine Center to confer the 3rd Degree at Valley-Simes. Noble John Faro will be in the East for this degree. Again, it is hoped we have a full compliment of Nobles to present this Degree.

We will go back to the Shrine Center on the 18th for Craftsmen Robertson Lodge's 3rd Degree.

On May 17th we will trek to the East to Geneva to assist Ark Lodge in bringing more Brothers to true Masonic light. For this journey we will try to get car pools arranged so none of us will have to bite the bullet as far as fuel costs and Thruway expenses are concerned. More on this trip in the May *Masonic Times*.

Please give Mike Grady or Joe Schanks your commitment to help us out with the Degree. They, and I, will be recruiting at the Shrine meeting in April.

Costumes

Our new regalia has arrived at long last! We should be able to perform the Degrees this Spring in proper attire, if we can figure out transportation and other logistical concerns.

Sickness and distress

Noble Don Freeman is about the same.

Noble Harold Metzler, a long-time team member, is recovering from surgery.

W.: Nelson Berch, a non-Shriner who has assisted us in Degree work a number of times, is recovering from bacterial pneumonia and the flu, both of which occurred at the same time. ✕

Ready for a fun-filled long weekend?

Then mark your calendar, because we have a great one planned for you.

Friday, June 16th

Our 4th Annual Damascus Golf Tournament and Awards Dinner, held at the Geneva Country Club. Net proceeds to support the Shriners Hospitals for Children. Hospitality following dinner at the Ramada Inn.

Saturday, June 17th

Morning boat rides on beautiful Seneca Lake. Wheelers' bike ride around the Lake. Lunch at a local winery. Public Relations presentation, open to the public, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. We are honored to have hospital patients Wendy Walker and Zane Callahan, who will tell us of their hospital experiences. We also have Past Imperial Potentate, Raoul Frevel, and Imperial Oriental Guide, George Mitchell, who will accept a Hospital donation check on behalf of our departed Noble Clinton Park. Ramada ballroom.

The presentation will be followed by autographs, social time and refreshments. Ramada Lakeside Patio.

Listen to the music of the Dundee High School Steel Drum Band, 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Ramada Lakeside Patio.

6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m., our Potentate's Reception, a Caribbean Experience. Ramada ballroom.

Damascus hospitality.

Sunday, June 18th

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Shrine-abilia

By Derek VanHouten, PP

A three-inch by five-inch card crossed my desk the other day and it may be small, but it says a lot of who we are. A membership card was glued to the card-board stock. Today most people would probably discard this card after it had served its purpose of identifying the holder as a member of an organization.

Noble Frank C. Fix was a member in good standing of Damascus Temple in 1936. Noble Luther H. Miller was the Recorder in 1936 and his signature is in the right-hand corner of the card. Noble Frank was a life member and this is also noted on the card.

Trying to think back as to how our Temple functioned almost 70 years ago, it was probably pretty much the same as it is today. We are constantly looking for new members, we probably both had Membership Committees and enjoyed the playground of Masonry, attended Club and Unit meetings and attended the yearly Imperial Sessions. Life was probably about the same. Consider the Oscars; *Mutiny on the Bounty* was voted Best Picture and the Summer Olympics were held in Berlin. I believe that our own William Cox ran in those; correct me if I'm wrong. He passed away several years back.

It's always interesting to see an object from our past and, in this case, this membership card might bring back some pleasant memories.

Shrine Lunch Club

By James Toogood, President

The Shrine Lunch Club starts Monday, April 3rd. This year's lunches will be catered. Reservations will be required by Thursday night before the Monday noon-day lunch.

Call the Shrine Reservations number at 671-3565.

Damascus Wheelers Schedule of Fun!

April 25th, Mamasan's
6:00 p.m., Bike Blessing
6:30 p.m., Dinner

May ? Camp Turk Run

May 23rd
Uncle Ralph @ TBA
6:00 p.m., Social
6:30 p.m., Dinner

June 27th, Sticky Lips
6:00 p.m., Social
6:30 p.m., Dinner

July, TBA
Annual Wheelers Picnic
Bruce & Dots
leave Shrine at 11:00 a.m.
\$10.00 each
Free to Wheelers

August 13th, Ugly Run
Shrine Center
registration 10:00 - 12:00
Poker run, food, music
cash prizes
motorcycle drawing
and more....

Reservations a must
for all events
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Parade Schedule

May 13th, Lilac Parade
June 2nd, Sulphur Springs
July 12th, Webster Parade
August 5th, Phelps Parade

**Date and event changes
announced as soon as
possible via email or
telephone calls**



Monroe District OES Highlights

DDGM Rt. Wthy. Nancy Venette 425-9590	DGL Rt. Wthy. George Bandoc 368-0111
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Greetings, Star people. Well, Rt. Wthy. Nancy Venette and I had our first Official Visit on March 4th at Rochester Chapter. It was a very interesting evening. I had to open the Chapter, obligate a Master Mason (Dr. Robert Israel), with the help of Rt. Wthy. Roger Lynch, and then install the Worthy Patron, Rt. Wthy. William Zufall. With Rt. Wthy. Evy Ann Heller and Rt. Wthy. Bill in the East, the Officers and protems from other Chapters, all did excellent jobs.

The next meeting will be a social visit on April 18th at Nolatka Chapter in Churchville at 7:30 p.m.

Due to some changes, on May 16th, three Chapters, Charlotte, Irondequoit and Leah, will have a COMBINED Official Visit at Etolian Lodge in Spencerport at 7:30 p.m.

The Monroe District All-Stars are planning a meeting on May 19th at the Hilton Masonic Temple. Some of us will be going around 6:00 p.m. to enjoy Leah Chapter's Cafe Buffet Dinner beforehand, but the actual meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. ALL OES members are welcome. *

NOLATKA Chapter No. 320

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1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
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Wthy. Kim Robinson
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Wthy. Robert Crystal
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Churchville 14428

By MaryAnne C. Sovocool
We welcome back our Worthy Matron, Kim Robinson, from her recent visit to Arizona.



Kim Robinson on vacation enjoying the Arizona weather.

Our Official Social Visit is 7:30 p.m. on April 18th. Everyone, please make a special effort to attend.

April 4th is Friendship Night. Our Worthy Matron has arranged to have a gemologist show some of her semi-precious stones to us.

We will welcome Springtime with a floral ceremony on May 2nd. This will also be Past Matrons' and Patrons' Night.

We will meet at 6:30 p.m. on May 16th for an open meeting/Mother's Day celebration and Draping of the Altar. A Remembrance Dinner will be held that evening at 7:30 p.m.

Enjoy the City-Rochester 2006 entertainment books are still available. They are \$25 a piece; buy one and get one free. If you would like a book, call Pat Dalykas at 429-6565. *

Rochester Forest No. 133

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

Norman P. Austin, GTC
494-2223

Donald C. Bell, Scribe
334-7768

By Don Brugger, PGTC

At our March meeting we presented the Prologue and Royal Court Degrees. Supreme Forest requires that we do this, even though no candidates are initiated. This was a good opportunity for those new members who were not able to see the Degrees previously, to experience them.

If you have not already received an informational letter from Supreme Forest, you will be. It concerns a fundraiser to help support Supreme Forest operations. Read the letter carefully. It is important that you return all forms, whether filled out or not, to our Scribe, Don Bell.

Membership

Unfortunately, no prospective members were present at our February meeting, but we reviewed the purpose, activities and history of both Rochester Forest and the Supreme Forest. Even though you may have missed this opportunity to acquaint a friend with our organization and our philanthropy, arrangements can be made to include these prospective members in our upcoming social activities (Sausage Roast in June or Steak Roast in September). Please let an Officer know so they can follow up.

Petitions and information are available, both for the Lodge and the Forest, from Don Bell, our Scribe, at 259-0647, or me at 458-6125.

Looking ahead

On April 26th, we will be hosting Kel Kelsey and his wife to show our appreciation for his donating the cedar wood that Angelo DiCataldo fashioned into a very nice Bible Stand. We will be publicly dedicating the Stand after a, hopefully, short business meeting. The ladies, of course, are invited and there will be ample time for socializing after the dedication.

Sickness and distress

Hilde DiJames is still recuperating at home from surgery. We are happy to report that Betty Tripp is home again after a brief stay in the nursing home for recuperation. Frieda Silver is still recuperating in a nursing home.

It is my sad duty to report the passing of Betty Glaser. Betty, the widow of our financial advisor, Jerry Glaser, was interred next to Jerry in New York City. Betty succumbed after an extended illness following her heart surgery.

If you know of any Woodsman or Cedarette who is ill or in need of our aid or sympathy, please call one of the Officers, or me.

Remember, we still need help in contacting our members regularly. Join our Calling Committee and get back in the mainstream. It will involve making only 3 or 4 calls, once a month. This is your Forest; let's help support it. I hope to see you at the next meeting. If you need a ride, we will try to accommodate you. *

LET'S GO BOWLING



By F. Jay McCullough
Masonic Tourney

Just think of it. Several senior Masons, some with their spouses, on the thruway to the Albany suburbs to try their luck at the annual State Tournament. If you have thoughts of traveling East the weekend of April 22nd and 23rd, this is fair warning to consider an alternate route!

With plans to arrive safely and early enough, your teams from the Monroe, Genesee and Wyoming Districts will attempt to bring home prizes based on their high handicap scoring. These are the "boys from Rose Garden Bowl in Bergen" (and any others who would care to enter along with us). We'll be in four-man teams, and two members may be your non-Masonic friends on each team.

In the meantime, we have our last afternoon of the regular season on April 4th, with the Banquet and Awards Luncheon the following week.

Derek Van Houten has been cursed again this year. He can crunch the deck of ten pins with a mighty blow time after time, but when he leaves the 5 pin, he breaks into a sweat, and all team mates stop, stare and hold their breath following a prolonged "oh-oh" as he lines up and let's the ball roll toward either the 7 pin or 10 pin, leaving that 5 standing without so much as a wiggle. Foiled again. To add insult to injury, when John Specht is with us and leaves the same pin, he nonchalantly pitches his ball with his eyes closed and walks away as the ball barely leaves his hand without so much as a look-back, confident he has again made his spare.

On the last Tuesday in February, John Mattern finally broke through to reclaim some of his quarters from the "pot" by getting the best poker hands for his scoring strikes and spares, in all three games yet! He just wore his teammates out! He also sought to have this tale in print so his wife could see he did not exaggerate!

While our secretary was absent, we've had a great substitute in Marilyn Liles towards the end of this season. Her reward is that her husband is planning to take her to the State event. Dick Giedd has returned, but not with Molly now, since she is in the Hurlbut Home, where he sees her each evening. After all his years of running and doing other exercises, his bones are no longer connected as in that old song "dem bones." From his ankles to his shoulders, some sinew or another has given way. We are unmerciful, though. No sympathy for the guy who can still count the cards and know who's got the best hold card!

Should the editing staff of the *Masonic Times* have space and permit use by the "Bowlers of Bergen," we hope to return in the September issue and invite all who would find the time on Tuesday afternoons to join this wild and crazy bunch of old Masons and friends to come share the couple of hours of fun with us!! In the meantime, who's ready for golf? *

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If it's difficult for you to get to Utica, a member of the Masonic Care Community staff will be happy to

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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.

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I wish to begin my first article as your new DDGHP by thanking R.:E.: Cy White for his untiring efforts to stir our enthusiasm for Royal Arch Masonry. My job is to cultivate the seeds that he has sown in each Chapter, to water them to grow and yield the fruits of new members and well-trained Officers.

One point that has become evident to me is that many of our Masonic Brothers do not know that Royal Arch Masonry exists in the Wayne District! Our Fervency and Zeal Program will enlighten our Brothers in Blue Lodge! We must use it as we use the Brother Bring-a-Friend Night in Blue Lodge. More and more Lodges see the benefit in educating prospective members. We must transfer our efforts to educating prospective members of Royal Arch Masonry. I believe they simply

don't know that three Royal Arch Chapters are in Wayne District. We need to trumpet our existence so they may ask to join Royal Arch Masonry.

Grand Chapter

M.:E.: Alan J. Morgan was elected and installed as our Grand High Priest at Grand Chapter in Albany on March 4th. He is a Star Trek fan, so he has chosen the motto "To go boldly, where no Companion has gone!" His goals are a continuation of the "progressive 6" goals- new members, better Masonic Ritual, better training and stronger Chapters. His reception will be in Syracuse on April 22nd. Reservation forms are available on the Royal Arch Mason website and are due by April 15th.

April dates

My Official Visits are supposed to be completed as soon as possible. The High Priests have cordially agreed to Palmyra Eagle Chapter on April 3rd, dinner at the Yellow Mills Diner at 6:00 p.m.; Newark Chapter on April 10th, dinner at the Cross Park Restaurant at 6:00 p.m.; Wayne Chapter on April 25th, dinner at the Steger Haus Restaurant at 6:00 p.m. I look forward to enjoying your companionship. Please mark your calendar now. Remind Companions of our meetings, car pool and catch up on one another's activities.

of the Chapter and no business will be conducted. The work of the evening is the Convention. All Companions are welcome and urged to attend.

God Bless You.

District Deputy Grand High Priest

25th District RAM



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This is my first article as the DDGHP of the 25th Capitular District and, as such, I will start with a thank you to the past DDGHP of the 25th Capitular District, Bernard DeLand, for submitting my name for consideration, and to M.:E.: Alan J. Morgan, Grand High Priest, for my appointment as DDGHP of the 25 Capitular District. Thank you all for your support.

25th District

The District is made up of four Chapters of RAM namely: King David, located in Port Byron; convenes the 3rd Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

Geneva, located in Geneva; convenes the 2nd Wednesday at 8:00 p.m.

Excelsior, located in Shortsville; convenes 2nd Monday at 7:30 p.m.

Salem Town, located in Seneca Falls; convenes 1st Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

In April, the DDGHP will make his Official Visits to each Chapter. See you there.

Convention

The District Grand Lecturer's Convention will be in Port Byron on June 20th at 7:30 p.m. The District Deputy will open the Convention and turn it over to the Grand Lecturer. There will not be any opening

Hiram Chapter No. 62



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

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Degree season is upon us!

Companions, and those Master Masons who want further light, the Degree season of Hiram Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, will begin in April. (This is a change to our trestleboard. We have moved all our Degrees back a couple of weeks.) Our first set of Degrees, the Mark Master Degree and Past Master Degree, will be conferred on Thursday, April 27th. This will be followed up on Thursday, May 25th, with our Most Excellent Master Degree.

Then, on a Thursday in June, will be the Hallmark of Ancient Craft Masonry, the Holy Royal Arch Degree. We will be seeking a special dispensation concerning the exact date for the Holy Royal Arch Degree. All will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Northfield Masonic Hall in Pittsford.

Companions, seek out those Master Masons who are within your Lodge who would welcome further light in Masonry. For you Master Masons who are interested in seeking further

light via the Royal Arch Degrees, please contact our Secretary, R.:E.: and Reverend Charles Roberts, telephone: 259-3796; or via email at:

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I believe that the Royal Arch is a critical part of any Brother's journey through Masonry, and will improve ones understanding of our wonderful Craft. So, please consider joining our Chapter and gain further light.

Upcoming events

We will be dark on April 13th, due to the Easter Holiday.

On June 7th, we will be hosting our Annual Picnic and Scholarship Awards at Pittsford Park. Get your reservations into our Recorder, R.:E.: Charles Roberts.

Think about it

As Masons, we hold Faith, Hope and Charity as important elements that help us on our journey through life. Besides the story about Faith that I wrote about in the Doric Council article for this month, I came across another article on Faith. This article was written by Ben Carson, a medical doctor who gained worldwide recognition in 1987 for his part in the first successful separation of Siamese twins, who were joined at the back of the head. Dr. Ben Carson tells us of his emotions as he faced the seemingly inevitable death of a patient, the father of three children. He writes:

It's a miracle!

"Lord, I need a booster here," I remember praying. You could do wonders for my faith right now. Somehow, bring Rob (not his real name) out of this situation. I do not know if I believed that God would do it or not; I did not know that I had to ask...

Within two days, Rob was off the respirator. He was soon talking and walking. His children came to see him, and I experienced a deep, peaceful joy as I watched him playing with his little ones...

A few days after Rob went home there was an interesting development. Since I first entered the field of medicine, I have met doctors who have difficulty with unanswerable situations. Often they'll finally admit, "Well, there's some explanation, we just don't understand it."

One of the neurosurgeons, an especially brilliant man, and one who does not acknowledge a belief in God, pondered this matter with Rob for several days. He asked question after question, determined to figure out an answer. None of us could offer an explanation for Rob's recovery. "Absolutely none," I said. "I know, but I think I finally figured it out," he said. "Really?"

"Sure. Simple. It's the mitochondria at the sub cellular level, and they can go into shock." (That is, some of the energy producing parts of the cells that constitute the central nervous system had simply started functioning again at a normal level. Basically it was like turning the lights down low, but not turning them completely off.)

I listened to his explanation before I asked him a question. "Tell me, did you ever see such

a thing before?" He said "No, not really, but..."

"This is a miracle," I said. "Why not accept it for what it is? They don't come any more blatantly than this. Rob was gone and now he's back. This is the only time I've ever seen an adult sink to such a low neurological level and then recover." As my final statement I said, "We don't have to explain miracles; all we have to do is accept them." Keep the faith!

LeRoy Chapter No. 183 RAM



4th
Tuesday
7:30 p.m.

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By R.:E.: Garry Hutchurson

By now we are looking forward to Easter and warm weather, the flowers will be breaking through the ground, our snowbirds will be returning and we are getting ready for Chapter. We have a lot of news and happenings to bring everyone up to date.

Best wishes

First of all, our High Priest Doug Poole, has been accepted for liver transplant and has been going through all the tests. He has been under the weather for a long time with this terrible disease, so this is a positive and something good to look for in the future...a real chance to have a better life. God bless you, Doug, our prayers are with you.

Official Visit

Our Annual visit for our District Deputy, R.:W.: Dennis Parameter, was on March 28th. It was very exciting, as we had our own candidate, Christopher Kramer, go through. It was a wonderful night in which we put on the Mark Master and Past Master Degrees. R.:E.: Ruel Lovett was in the East for the Mark Master Degree and E.: James MacConnell in the East for the Past Master Degree. The night was a hit!

Albany

Grand Chapter was held the first weekend of March and was very well attended by our Chapter. It was a time of hearing the direction we are going in the future and that RAM is doing well as we go forward. We elected the M.:E.: Alan J Morgan as the Grand High Priest. He seems like a great guy and I am looking forward to serving him for the next year. We wish M.:E.: Walter J. Hilsenbeck, outgoing Grand High Priest, the best in the future and thank him for all his help and visitations he did for our Chapter.

At Grand Chapter I was surprised and stunned when my name was called in the morning and I was presented with the Grand Representative to Saskatchewan honor. It is a wonderful honor, of which I thank everyone who worked to help me receive this position, and of which I intend to serve most faithfully.

Have a great April as we look forward to Grand Lodge. May God bless us as one of the most important times of Christian life, Easter, comes on us and we remember the Lord's sacrifice and rebirth. God bless us all. ✕

Doric Council No. 19 Cryptic Masons

(Chartered 1861)

3rd Wednesday



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Congratulations!

Doric's meeting in March was the performance of our Select Master Degree. I welcome George Todd, our newest Select Master. The Degree was an outstanding event that was directed by the M.:I.: Charles Roberts, Grand Master of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York. In the East, we had a distinguished "Council" of Cryptic Masons. I thank M.:I.: Raymond Beardsley and M.:I.: E. William Whittaker, Past Grand Masters of Cryptic Masons; and V.:I.: Ruel Lovett, for their portrayal of their respective parts. Additionally, I thank Companions Jim MacConnell and Garry Hutchurson for putting a lot of emotion into their roles. Right on "Buck Oh!"

Looking forward

Our April 19th meeting will be a Masonic Light Night, where we are planning to have a discussion on the Jewish Tabernacle, presented by our Illustrious Master. We hope to have dinner preceding the opening of Council.

Our May meeting will be our Annual Meeting, including election of Officers for the 2006-2007 Masonic year. This will occur on Wednesday, May 17th at the Northfield Lodge Masonic Hall in Pittsford beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Think about it

As Masons, the tenets of Faith, Hope and Charity are very important to us. I want to focus on Faith in this issue. I came across a short article that I want to share with you. It was written by James Schaap, who is a professor of English and was teaching at Dordt College in Sioux City, Iowa at the time of the writing of this short story.

Faith can move mountains!

A Doctor, who is not a believer in God, once told me that he had seen miracles with his own eyes. The bones of an old woman he treated were rotting with cancer, he said. Yet, she walked to his office for appointments. She shouldn't have been able to move, he said. Her pain should have been that bad. But what should have been wasn't. Why? Her faith, he told me. As she came closer to her death, she looked forward to life eternal. Her faith gave her the ability to take pain that no one should have been able to take.

Of course, that doesn't mean that those who feel pain have no faith. What the doctor remem-

bered, he remembered as a miracle. But faith can do things that we think are impossible...

JFO note: In the book of sacred law under the book of Numbers, chapters 13:26 to 14:9, there is the retelling of the Jewish "reconnaissance" of the Canaan.

You really can't blame the ten spies for chickening out of going to Canaan... They've seen the forts of the Canaanites. Sure, there's milk and honey, and everything's really rosy in this new land. But there are also giants running around. The place is crawling with fighters. No way, they say. No way can we take all those Hittites and Jebusites and Amorites.

Caleb and Joshua pooh-pooh the other ten.... "God loves us," they claim. "He'll bring us in safely."

But ten-to-two odds don't win elections. The Israelites believe the ten and run scared. It's easy to understand why, because it is easier not to have faith.

God doesn't like it - not at all. "If you're so scared," He says, "then why don't you just back up and start over?" Then he tells Moses the bad news. Not one of those who complained, not one of those who are over twenty-one years old, will ever make it to the Promised Land. That's their punishment for faithlessness. A whole new generation of Israelites will have to be born into the kind of strong faith that their parents lack. Then, God's chosen people will make it.

What the Israelites forgot - and what we so easily forget - is that faith can move mountains. So mote it be! *

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Sir Knights, I have returned to get back to work if you left anything for me to do.

A huge thank you to Cy for stepping up and doing all the Commander's work while Shirley and I enjoyed Florida. What a great time we had, enjoying the weather!

Thanks again to all who helped. It is now time for me to

join the workforce and this newsletter is the starting place.

Don't forget, Inspection is May 20th and, as per our By-Laws, we open at 10:00 a.m., so this month should be our election of Officers. This will help shorten our Inspection Conclave because we have to install our Officers in May.

March 18th was our dress rehearsal for Inspection and now we are under the gun, as April 15th is our last dress rehearsal and last chance to iron out any shortcomings. Larry Hood will be doing the Sword Manual. Thank you Larry.

March 22nd was the cutoff date for anyone planning to go to the Easter Sunrise Services on April 16th in Washington. Call Jim MacConnell at 494-1815 and he may still be able to get you in, but do it ASAP.

When you read this, the aluminum will have been sold for

the Eye Foundation, so now is a good time to start saving for next year's Eye Foundation Drive.

Thank you to all who have worked saving the can tops and other aluminum. The dollar amount will be in next month's newsletter.

We pray for good health for all of the Sir Knights and their families.
 God Bless You.

Maine Humor

"You got a criminal lawyer over your way?"

"We think so, but we haven't been able to prove nawthin' on him yet."

"Do you know where a woman's 'yet' is?"

"No, why?"

"I read in the paper that a woman was shot a few days ago and the bullet was in her yet." *

Johnson

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Brother Johnson is a native of Lynchburg, Virginia. He is the oldest of three children born to Roberta Davis Johnson and the late William A. Johnson, Sr. Having earned both a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Political Science from Howard University in Washington, DC, he has prior academic experience as a tenured political science professor at Mott Community College in Flint, Michigan.

While in Flint, Brother Johnson was the Deputy Executive

Director of the Urban League of Flint. He subsequently became the President and CEO of the Urban League of Rochester where he served for 21 years, until his election as Mayor of Rochester in 1993. Brother Johnson was Rochester's 64th Mayor and the first African American Mayor of any major city in upstate New York.

Andrew Moore, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, said: "One of the great advantages of bringing the Mayor to RIT is that he will help strengthen several of our initiatives, not only in public policy, but also in criminal justice, political sci-

ence and [the] planned new degree in urban and community studies." In this program it is said that undergraduates and graduate students will be working with faculty to solve problems in areas such as "environmental policy, energy policy, biotechnology policy, information and communications policy, and industrial policy."

Brother Johnson remarked that he was pleased to join the RIT faculty where he would be able to work with young people in an academic setting.

Brother Johnson is the recipient of many awards, including an Alumni Award from Howard

University, his alma mater, for Distinguished Post Graduate Achievement in Public Service, the Distinguished Minott Professor at RIT and the recipient of three honorary doctorates: Keuka College (1990); St. John Fisher College (1998); and RIT (1999). He has received over 200 awards and citations during his career and has served on the Boards of more than 30 organizations. He is a member of Eureka Lodge No. 36, PHA.

Brother Johnson is the husband of Sylvia M. Johnson, Esq., an assistant US Attorney, the father of three daughters and one stepdaughter; and the

grandfather of four. He has put his musical training to use as an organist and choir director at several churches in three States and the District of Columbia, over the past 53 years. He is currently improving his pipe organ skills under the tutelage of David Higgs, Chair of the Organ Department at the Eastman School of Music.

Brother Johnson has not only been a lifetime teacher, but a life-long learner as well. *

Stevens

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two children who are now grown and successful in their own right.

Ms. Stevens has served as Director of Government and Community Affairs in the Office of the Monroe County Executive since February, 2006. She is responsible for directing government and community affairs activities for Monroe County.

Prior to her current position, Ms. Stevens served as Commissioner of the Monroe County Department of Human Services, Deputy Commissioner for the Division of Temporary Assistance in the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, Cost Reduction Project Manager of the Office of the Monroe County Executive. She also served as the Executive Director of the Educational Opportunity Center for SUNY Brockport and Director of the Educational Opportunity Program for Monroe Community College in Rochester.

Ms. Stevens received her Bachelor of Science Degree from the State University of New York College at Brockport. She has earned two Master's Degrees from SUNY Brockport - in Counseling and Higher Education Administration. She is currently pursuing a Ph.D. at the University of Buffalo.

Governor George Pataki appointed Ms. Stevens to serve as a Trustee of the State University of New York in May, 1999. In that capacity, she serves as co-chair of the Committee on Community Colleges, the Academic Standards Committee and the Committee on Hospital Administration. She is also on the Board of Directors of the Research Foundation of the State University of New York.

In addition, Ms. Stevens serves on several Boards, including the United Way, Project Exile, Action for a Better Community, Workforce Investment Board, Camp Good Days and Special Times, Governor's Commission Honoring the Achievements of Women, and the New York State Division for Women Advisory Council. She also served on the New York Medical Advisory Board, Out of Wedlock Task Force, Empire State Advantage Excellence at Work review team, and the Partners for Children Leadership Group.

Ms. Stevens has received several awards and recognition including the Martin Luther King Humanitarian Award for 2005, presented to her by Governor George Pataki, Arthur O. Eve Distinguished Community Award, Monroe Community College Hall of Fame, Who's Who in Black America, Distinguished Service Award-Faculty Council of Community Colleges and the State University of New York Chancellor's Recognition Award.

While Ms. Stevens is a self-avowed workaholic, she loves to work out almost daily in the gym and is a devoted fan of the LA Lakers. She enjoyed spending the time during her weekly commute between Rochester and Albany listening to books on tapes and she has since become a Harry Potter fan.

Ms. Stevens relishes the opportunity to give back to the community and is a champion of young people. She enjoys speaking to and mentoring students, encouraging them to reach their full potential. In this, as in her other endeavors, Ms. Stevens embodies the motto of the State University of New York: *Let each become all she/he is capable of being.* *

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Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

Monarch
Norman Austin

Legion
Clowns
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Historian



Proclamation

Prophets: Your Monarch has been informed on good authority that Master Masons all over this area who have not yet joined, are clamoring to be admitted to the Enchanted Realm.

Now Therefore, in order to relieve them from further suspense, and a due amount of coin of the Realm, the Monarch of Lalla Rookh hereby proclaims a Grand Ceremonial Session to be held on May 17th, that all who desire may be made full-fledged Prophets, in due form, that will add ten years to their life.

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Breaking news!

Grand Monarch, Clayton E. Simons, is about to institute a new Grotto in Oklahoma in mid-March, and a second new Grotto possibly before June. These will be the first new Grottoes in many, many years.

You might be interested in the workings of the *Grotto Magazine*, the official publication of the Grottoes of North America, M.O.V.P.E.R.

There is a sizeable budget for the magazine's 3-4 publications a year. A deadline is in place several months before the date of the arrival of the magazine to our Prophets. First the information, articles and photos are mailed to the Supreme Council in Reynoldsburg, Ohio, where all is proofread and, when ready, is mailed to the editor in Great Falls, Montana.

She arranges it in the various pages. If you look closely you will see the print is sometimes larger or smaller to fit it into a page or just to take up enough space to balance everything. When all is ready, she ships it to the printing company in Texas for publication. When completed, the magazine is mailed to every Prophet in North America.

My next magazine article covers the Grand Venerable Prophet (Veiled). I found in our own minutes from 1892 we also carried out the same thing. Our Venerable Prophet was an appointed office, the Prophet was named, but veiled through the meeting. He represented the Great Mokanna in each Grotto. Among us, but not of us. x

Secretary's Column

By Kenneth Hutchinson, PM

We are now moving into our busy season of the year with many activities coming up. If you want the very latest information on any event, feel free to call our Monarch Austin's rapid answering service day or night at 234-0296.

Our Membership Chairman, Leon Randall, is all fired up, working hard with his committee in planning a top-notch Master Mason Night on April 21st. We must get behind him and offer our support. What better way to do this than with a signed petition or two?

Sickness and distress

Charles White was hospitalized for three days after suffering chest pains, due to stress. He is fine now.

Harold Davis, PM, had a stent put in recently and is also doing fine.

Harold Bollotin is home, but continues to be in poor health.

Please keep these Prophets in your thoughts and prayers. If you know of anyone in sickness or distress, contact your Monarch or any Officer.

On February 20th I had knee replacement surgery. All went well, but I am under "house arrest" for six weeks. During that time I asked Ron Morthorst, PM, to take the Board of Governor minutes for me. Other than that, I am carrying on as usual with the duties of Secretary. I do thank those who visited me in the hospital and at home; and for the phone calls and get well cards sent.

Until next time, "Don't argue with an idiot, people watching may not be able to tell the difference." x

Master of Ceremonies

By Richard Topel, PM

Now that we had our free dinner in February, we can look forward to the lunches after the meetings. As I stated in the last communication, we will try something different each month. The menu for April is Chili. x

Chief Justice

By Michael Bell, PM

The early Spring months will see the onset of serious activity throughout the realm. While the Valentine Weekend in Niagara Falls, and the Pipes and Drums Festival in Erie, Pennsylvania, were great fun, they were presages of things to come. I look forward to seeing, and partying, with you in Jamestown and Syracuse. Doris and I have great memories of fun and fellowship in both cities.

We will be performing a full-form Ceremonial in May, our first production in two years. I will be calling on many of you to take part in this effort.

Remember, Lalla Rookh Caldron will be staging a National Convention in Rochester this coming September. Be sure to get these dates down on your calendar. There will be lots of doings for tag-a-longs and other visitors. x

Legion of Honor

By Brian Bills, Commander

Our last meeting was a closed Installation of Officers, conducted by Past Monarch, Alfred Pulcino III. The new Officers are:

Commander **Brian Bills**
Adjutant **Greg Ludwig**
Finance Officer

Heinz Gunkel

Quartermaster

Luigi Campaniello
Chaplain **Richard Topel**
Sickness and Distress

Kenneth Hutchinson had his other knee replacement operation on February 20th. It was noted by Al Pulcino, PM, that though Ken was hurting he came through the surgery fine.

It was reported that Jim Pray has left the hospital after fighting an infection. We all wish him well and a speedy recovery.

Howard Topel was home from the hospital and, in fact, graced us with his presence at the meeting.

The Veterans' Administrative Council has requested donations for financial help with the Memorial Day Parade. The City of Rochester no longer supports the parade financially. The total cost of the parade is in excess of \$5000 and help is needed. The Legion of Honor has decided to assist with a donation of \$100. Thank you, my Brothers, you make me proud. Let's see if any other organizations can help as well.

As a side note, I hope that this letter finds our Brother Charlie White in good health. Charlie is missed during our Winter meetings. However, I'm certain he will return soon to honor us with his presence.

Trip

By now we have returned from our day trip to the Seneca Niagara Casino, hosted by The Legion of Honor. It is hoped that all had a good time and came home with more than they left with!

Our March 20th meeting was held at the Nutcracker Restaurant. We had guests from the New York Army Na-

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tional Guard, Military Forces Honor Guard. They talked and gave us a demonstration on how to conduct as an Honor Guard. They are also looking for volunteers to assist them at military funerals for our veterans in the Rochester area when asked by the families. I have heard their talk and it is very interesting.

April

Our next meeting will be on April 17th at the Nutcracker Restaurant, 2159 Empire Blvd in Webster. As usual, we will begin socializing at 5:30 p.m. and select from the menu at 6:00. Our meeting will follow dinner. Hope to see you there. x

Caldron News

By Betty Madison, MCO

April will be a busy month, starting with our meeting on the 13th. We will have initiation at 7:30 p.m. All Officers are to wear street dress and, PLEASE learn your parts!

Our Smorgasbord will be Saturday, April 22nd at Unity Lodge. We will be serving from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.; \$7.50 for adults and \$3.75 for children ages 3-12 years. Bring the ad found in the *Masonic Times* or the *Westside News*, and receive \$.50 off per person in your party! There will be lots

of homemade goodies, crafts, 50/50 draws and fellowship. The Calling Committee will contact all members for their donations. Please be willing and extra generous to help our Convention Fund and make the Smorgasbord a huge success!

The Executive Council meeting will be April 27th at Cecil Losinger's home, 7:30 p.m.

Future events

May 6th - White Fez Luncheon at 12:30 p.m., Lehigh Restaurant.

May 11th - Rehearsal for Supreme Visit, 2:00 p.m.

May 27th - Supreme Visit at 2:00 p.m.; 6:00 p.m. Dinner at Pineview Restaurant.

Happy Birthday

Many happy returns of the day to: Dorothy Merritt, 8th; Chris Beckhout, 13th; Ruth Stewart, 21st; and Carole Couchman, 23rd.

Thinking of you and get well wishes to all who are ill or recuperating, especially: Doris and Mike Bell, Carole Couchman, Don DeOrdio, Hilde Di-James, Jay Riggs, Mary and Howie Topel, Annie and Ray Towle and Jean Wood. Remain on the road to recovery so that we all can get together soon.

A huge "Hello" to all others we haven't seen in a long time, but hope to soon. x



Officers for 2006 of Lalla Rookh Grotto are (front row from left): Brian Bills; Michael Batz; Michael Bell, PM; Monarch Norman Austin; Richard Topel, PM; Joseph Minas, PM; Ken Hutchinson, PM. (Back row) Frank Ghyzel; William Fredenburg; Richard Bull; James Toogood; Gregory Ludwig; and Ernest Swan.

Golf Tournament
By Richard Topel, Chairman

The sun is shining, the white balls are flying and now is the time to think Golf. The Lalla Rookh Grotto Golf Tournament is June 24th at the Old Hickory Golf Course in Livonia. The cost is \$45 per person and the starting Tee Time is 9:30 a.m.

All Master Masons are wel-

come to attend. If you have a non-Mason friend whom you would like to bring, he is more than welcome. You'll be surprised who you meet at these affairs! You can enjoy 18 holes of golf with a cart, refreshments on the course and food on the turn. There will be a Steak Dinner and prizes. We use the Callaway scoring system.

To make reservations, call Dick Topel at 663-2547. x



Prophet Jim Toogood and DDGM Al Pulcino, PM, man the Have-a-Heart Booth at The Mall at Greece Ridge Center.



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Vance R. Collom, Jr.
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By the time you read this we will have had our meeting on March 25th at the Nutcracker

Restaurant. We will have installed at least one or more as new Post members and, hopefully, more will join as the year progresses.

My final meeting will be at Webster Lodge on April 27th and we will elect all Officers, both move-up and perpetual.

As your Commander, I have given a lot of thought about having a home. I have decided on Webster Lodge for the April meeting, as that is my last meeting as your Commander.

Never forget to thank our Brother Veterans who continue to secure our freedom as we did in the past. x

Looking Ahead

May

- 1, 2 225th Annual Communication of Grand Lodge of New York New York City
- 17 Masonic Service Bureau bus trip to Masonic Care Facility, Utica
- 19 Joint Investiture Fairport/Flower City Lodge
- 21 Livingston District Communion Breakfast Mt. Morris
- 21 OSY District Memorial Service Geneva Presbyterian Church
- 22 Livingston District Communion Breakfast Mt. Morris

June

- 19 Monroe District Apron Presentation Shrine Center
 - 21 Masonic Service Bureau Scholarship and Charity Awards Webster Lodge
- September
- 10 Grand Lodge Interfaith Service
- October
- 29 Monroe District Interfaith Service and Brunch Logan's Party House

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Lalla Rookh Grotto

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In Memoriam

February

Davis, Harold B.

Harold went to meet his Maker on February 19th. He was a member of Livonia Lodge and is survived by his wife, Barbara.

Kennedy, Dr. Robert E.

A member of Seneca Lodge, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Shrine, Robert went to his Heavenly reward on February 20th. His wife, Naomi, three children and one granddaughter survive him.

Cutler, Sidney B.

Death claimed Sidney on February 21st. He was a member of Fairport/Flower City Lodge and is survived by his wife, Catherine, three children and four grandchildren.

Chatfield, Charles H.

A 1979 Master of Craftsman Lodge, Charles passed away February 23rd at the age of 82 years. He has resided in Florida and leaves his wife, Louise, four children, ten grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

March

Boddy, Raymond

Clio Lodge lost a member with the passing of Raymond on March 3rd. He was 86 years old and is survived by four children, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Bailey, Kenneth C.

The Great Architect of the Universe claimed Kenneth on March 5th at the age of 52 years. He was a member of Nunda Station Lodge and is survived by his mother and two sisters.

Badgerow, George W.

George was called Home on March 13th at the age of 92 years. He was the former Supervisor of the Town of Greece and a member of Clio Lodge, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Shrine. George is survived by one daughter and two grandchildren.

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