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## Have-a-Heart Annual fundraiser Ronald McDonald House

By Mike McBride

We are back in the malls again, from Wednesday, February 1st through Tuesday, February 14th. We need help manning the booths from all Masonic and Concordant Body Brothers and Sisters (family members and friends are welcome, too!).

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Please help! The Masons have helped raise well over \$180,000 for this cause; we need to keep this going! It's been a traditional community event since 1988. Credit for this event goes to all Masonic and Concordant Bodies! We had some difficulty last year getting commitments! We have 42 days worth of time slots to schedule, so please volunteer some time for this project.

All funds raised through our efforts have been donated directly to, and are used for, the local Ronald McDonald House on Westmoreland Drive, which opened 1990. The efforts of the Masons have been acknowledged with the placement of a picture, along with an explanation of the Masonic cornerstone dedication of their facility, in the lobby. We are also recognized on their wall of contributors as a major benefactor.



The purpose of the Ronald McDonald House is to provide a home away from home for families who have a child being treated at a local hospital. Doctors refer families as the need arises and availability permits. Families who use the facility have a child being treated for cardiac care, neo-natal care, cancer, Multiple Sclerosis, etc. Families from every county in New York State have used our local facility, as well as families from 42 other States. Unfortunately, even with building renovations to increase capacity, there often is a waiting list.

The cost is a nominal fee of \$10/night per room. If the family is unable to pay, there is no charge. Services provided at the Ronald McDonald House include laundry, use of kitchen facilities or meals provided, shuttle transportation, etc. If needed, they also provide residents with food and staples for their return to their homes.

Some individuals and organizations have contributed checks in the past. These should be made payable to "Ronald McDonald House" and send them to: Mike McBride, 33 Barcrest Drive, Rochester, NY 14616, if this is in your plans.

The total amount raised last year was \$13,417.10! Let's top that!

## W.: Joseph H Gingold from Iraq to Master's Chair

### Editor's note:

Valley-Simes Lodge No. 109 elected Joseph H Gingold Master in May, 2004. Shortly thereafter, Uncle Sam called W.: Joe to active duty and on September 16, 2004, he was sent to Iraq. After fourteen months in

the Middle East, assisting convoy movements by supplying them with information on insurgent activities, feeding their men and providing facilities near Baghdad for their personnel to get some rest, Captain Gingold returned to the States.



R.: W.: Herbert Spencer presents gavel of authority to W.: Joe Gingold in ceremonies welcoming him back from the war.



W.: and Captain Joe Gingold



W.: Joe Gingold receives the Master's Hat from R.: W.: Richard Snyder, who presided over much of the trestleboard during Joe's absence. (Staff photos)

I hope that everyone enjoyed the holiday season. In that spirit, or vain, I would like to take a moment to thank all of you who have supported Valley-Simes Lodge this past year. It has been a very trying year for many of us and I thank

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## Masonic Development Course

Begins January 16th

By Hugh Woodside

The Masonic Development Course is a three-part Course designed to help all Brothers better understand the symbolism of the three Blue Lodge Degrees. It offers some detailed insight into the symbolism of the Degrees, a topic not regularly addressed in a formal setting. Having taken the Course when it was first offered, I can guarantee that you will walk away from it having learned something new,

whether you are a newly-raised Master Mason or a Brother who has served the Craft for fifty years.

The Course will be held at Wakan/Hubbard Lodge in Penfield on the third Mondays in January, February, and March of 2006. The specific dates are January 16th, February 20th, and March 20th. Each event will begin at 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person, which covers your Course materials and refreshments at each session.

All Brothers who complete the Course will receive a pin and certificate of completion. Reservations for the Course should be submitted to Bill Kuehne, Grand Director of Ceremonies, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. If you have any questions, Bill can be reached at 334-9635 or via email at: wkuehne@netacc.net

Please mail your checks to Bill at the following address: 1420 Martin Road, West Henrietta, New York, 14586.



R.: W.: Lewis Perna, DDGM, delivers greetings from the Grand Master, M.: W.: Edward R. Trosin, as W.: Joe, R.: W.: Richard and R.: W.: Mathew Gingold, Joe's father, listen to his presentation.

## THANK YOU, SANTA!



For the third consecutive year, Santa Claus has graced the halls of the Monroe District Masons, under the sponsorship of Lalla Rookh Grotto and Damascus Shriners. Transforming the Shrine Center dining room into a winter wonderland, Prophets and Nobles alike spread the decorations around for the enjoyment of the children, their parents and grandparents. With snowflakes falling from the ceiling, Santa, Mrs. Claus and Elf Al arrived with sleigh bells jingling, much to the delight of the older children and bewilderment of the toddlers.

Setting up shop on the platform in the front of the dining room, Santa had greetings for each youngster that included a polished apple, a stuffed animal (we couldn't tell if it was a reindeer or a moose!) and a Santa ring. There was also a special wrapped gift for each child, presumably an item requested in an earlier letter to Santa.

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**Editor's Corner**

Happy New Year! I say that with a few misgivings. The notices are trickling back and, as I write this column, 87% of the organizations responding have paid their subscription bills for 2006. David and I are very happy about that, but sad that several organizations have terminated their subscriptions and a few are considering that proposal. We regret the increase in the subscription price. Frankly, we waited too long. It isn't fair to rely on the Masonic Service Bureau's generous donors to underwrite the costs of the *Masonic Times*.

We still believe this is a good value. You receive your own Lodge information (providing someone sends data to us), and get other Lodge and District news. If you add together all the costs for paper, toner, envelopes and postage, you can't save a lot of money doing your own letters...and that doesn't include the time involved to get them addressed and mailed.

But, I appeal to the choir. If you are reading this, your organization (at least for the moment) subscribes. We hope to see you here for a long time.

We expect to publish into the foreseeable future. We recognize that electronic communications are the wave of the future, but there is still a good portion of our members who have no idea how to manipulate a computer keyboard or program. Other factors will be reviewed over the next several months to see if we continue to be a benefit to the Craft.

To keep you informed, the increase in charges for postal services going into effect on the 8th have increased our costs by 5% for mailing this periodical to you. And, the budget still calls for some expenses to be covered in the Service Bureau's budget.

**Oops!**

An additional donor to our Solicitation Campaign last year was inadvertently left off the list we compiled and published...twice! We appreciate James Toogood's contribution, as we do donations from ALL the members and friends of the Fraternity. My apologies, Jim. Thanks! Thanks for reading.

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This is the last article I will be writing as President of the Masonic Service Bureau. The election of officers was held last month, and the new President, James A. Ghent, Jr., now assumes that position. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as President and I hope you have been pleased with my efforts.

I have enjoyed the opportunity to meet with many of you, greeting you and your families at many events. Please continue your support of the new officers, as well as those individuals remaining in office. I thank all of you who have contributed time, talent and treasures to the Masonic Service Bureau. I hope this kind of support will carry on into the future.

**Other 2006 Leaders**

In addition to Jim, M. Donald Darrohn was elected Vice-President. He has been a strong advocate of the Bureau for many years. Re-elected were: Charles Waterstreet, Executive Director; Barbara Goodrich, Secretary; and William Lindsay, Treasurer. These five individuals compose the Executive Committee of the Service Bureau.

The following positions were also filled by ballot: **Trustees**, Gary Burke (term expires 12/07); and John Wihlen (term expires 12/08); **Directors**, Paul Gleason (term expires 12/06); Joy Woodley (term expires 12/07); Mathew Gingold, Janet Porter, Karl-Heinz Reich and Derek VanHouten (terms expire 12/08); **Advisory Council Members** (all one-year terms), Sue Goossens, Roger Lynch, Rod Meier, Joseph Privitera, Rita Snyder, Herb Spencer, Fred Stahl, Beverly VanHuben and Erna-Jean T. Walker.

My service to the Masonic Service Bureau will go on, as I remain a member of the Board of Directors for the next few years.

**Thought for the day**

"What you do, what you say, what you are, may help others in ways you never know. Your influence, like your shadow, extends where you may never be."  
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**Project Adopt a Cop**

Submitted by W. Edward J. Schmitt

Hurricane Katrina did extensive damage to the Southeast coast of the United States. Everyone is aware of that. Among the homeless are several Police Departments and this story deals with the New Orleans PD.

Four months after the disaster, the Swat Team of NOPD still does not have suitable equipment or uniforms. In the holiday spirit, this project has been



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(Left) Near staging area, a map of the United States with push pins indicating where volunteers assisting in clean-up are from. (Below) Meals are served daily to the volunteers at the "French Quarter Cafe."





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As they departed from Santa's throne, the family was given a digital photograph of the visit as a keepsake. Then it was to a corner to open the surprise package, and the squeals of delight as he or she received, "just what I always wanted!"

There was plenty of room and goodies for more participation. Still the crowd was slightly larger than previous years and everyone seemed to have a great time. The photos below can attest to that.



(Above) Once again, Karl-Heinz Reich played his keyboard and accordion to entertain the party-goers. Shrine Clowns were represented by Jingles and Boxman (right, top). Smirky and Smirky-o also joined in the festivities, making balloon sculptures for the children. Boxman even told Santa some of his desires for Christmas (right). Richard Snyder (below) supervises Rachel in the ping-pong ball roll game. (Right, below) Children hustle to gather candy spilled from broken piñata.



Kariann Snyder isn't too sure about Santa (top), but warmed up to tell him what she wanted for Christmas (middle); Mrs. Claus holds ring...a gift from Santa. (Below) Jason Bocklage, sporting his ring, holds stuffed animal gift and admires wrapped present brought by Santa and Elf Al.



THREE GENERATIONS. Santa (Alfred Pulcino III) proudly holds his grandson, Alfred Pulcino V, who is pretty much unaware of what is going on, as Mrs. Claus (Shirley Kothiringer) and beaming papa, Elf Al (Alfred Pulcino IV) watch.

(Photos courtesy of Brian Bills; *Masonic Times Staff*)

*I love seeing my grandchildren.*



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Damascus Shrine is in good hands. V.:W.: Lance Ward, a member of Ark Lodge, was elected Potentate and Oscar Wilson, of Milnor Lodge, Oriental Guide. Nobles, please give these two hard-working Brothers your support.

Brother Ward is the third OSY Brother to be Potentate in the last five years. Dayne Tharret, Garoga/Sincerity, and Harry Dainty, Eagle Lodge, prove OSY produces strong leaders.

Ontario/Seneca/Yates Masonic Charities Corporation elected: R.:W.: Bob Ruggles, President; R.:W.: Bill Colin, Vice President; R.:W.: George Stanton, Jr., Secretary; and R.:W.: Bruce Huie, Treasurer. These Brothers have been very active for many years and "Charities" will continue in good hands.

The OSY Association also elected new Officers: W.: Bill Sergeant, President; V.:W.: Bill Valois and R.:W.: Dick Bellows will continue as Secretary and Treasurer.

**May**

The trip to Grand Lodge has been planned and the forms from Jim Brown Travel Agency have been mailed to the Masters. The bus will leave from the Masonic Temple in Phelps April 29th and return May 3rd. We will stay at the Hotel Edison, which is in the heart of the entertainment district. Theaters, restaurants, and sight-seeing are right outside the door. There is plenty of time to take in shows, go to a museum or a ballgame and still have time for Grand Lodge duties. We have room on the trip for Brothers and their wives who wish to just enjoy "the Big Apple." To Masters from Districts other than Wayne or OSY, you are more than welcome. Give me a call or send an email and I will send you the details.

**Mark your calendar**

April 6th is the date for the annual Surviving Spouses Luncheon. This year's event will be at the Ramada Inn, Geneva. More details will be coming next month.

May everyone have a happy and prosperous New Year. \*

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I hope everybody had a happy holiday season. I thank all the Brothers who helped make our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night a suc-

cess. Also, I thank all the Brothers who helped with the ringing of the bells for the Salvation Army in December.

Our first monthly Spaghetti Dinner in November was also very successful. Keep up the good work. These dinners are being held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month as a joint fundraiser for our Lodge and the Eastern Star Chapter in Victor. The January dinner will be on the 18th. All are welcome to attend. Dinner starts at 5:00 p.m.

**Planning ahead**

Our next meeting is January 12th, and will be the Official Visit by the Staff Officer. On January 26th there will be a program on Estate Planning.

February 4th is our Annual Turkey Dinner. February 9th, is the Official Visit by our District Deputy.

See you on January 12th; dinner is at 6:30 p.m. \*

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**Sickness and distress**

It was reported in Lodge that Brother Paul McIntyre is experiencing serious complications from his back surgery. As of this writing he is in the hospital. Keep him in your thoughts and prayers. We all wish him well.

Brother Jim Piper has recovered from his cataract operation so well that he says he can actually see "wrinkles" on people's faces. Now when he's driving he can actually see when he's going 60 mph.

Brother Bob Ruggles gave a report on his nose operation. Says all is well, and he apologizes if his voice doesn't last through the evening.

At the December 6th Lodge meeting we had one petition submitted. An interviewing committee was selected consisting of Brothers Stephen Durso, Ernie Day and Kenn Gibbs. We await their report.

In November, V.:W.: John Walti and I went to Seneca Lodge in Dresden. John presented the 1st Degree Historical Lecture, combined with a slide show. The Brothers expressed how much they liked it. Some said it was the first time they had seen it. Seneca Lodge 108 also put on a fine Turkey supper.

Honeoye's Eagle Lodge put on a 1st Degree at their November 29th meeting with four candidates receiving the Obligation. A delegation from our Lodge consisting of Brothers Jim Piper, Ernie Day, John Walti, Lowell Falkey and myself, were happy to present the Traveling Trowel to Worshipful Master, Jim Boyer, of Eagle Lodge. The Traveling Trowel is used to encourage the Lodge which has the Trowel to deliver it to another Lodge, thereby promoting Friendship and Brotherly Love. If a Lodge holds on to the Trowel past 30 days, it has to donate a certain dollar amount for each month to the Brotherhood Fund.

Thirty Poinsettias were delivered to our widows. Just seeing how delighted they are, upon our arrival, makes one realize how the widows look forward to this event each year. It's an opportunity for socializing and cheering each other up. This is a wonderful program.

**Mistakes**

When a plumber makes a mistake, he charges twice for it. When a lawyer makes a mistake, he has a chance to try the case again. When a doctor makes a mistake, he buries it. When a judge makes a mistake, it becomes the law of the land. When a preacher makes a mistake, nobody knows the difference. But, if during a Masonic Degree, a member of the Ritual team, an electrician or property man, makes an error-GOOD NIGHT.

**Dates to remember**

January 3rd - DDGM Official visit

January 17th - 1st Degree Happy January Birthdays to John Walti, 7th; Elliot Schocken, 15th; Tim Piper, 17th; Lowell Falkey, 18th; Dave Smith, 21st; Bruce Andrews, 22nd; Fred Gifford, 25th; Tom Hudson and Steve LeRoy, 26th and Scott Upchurch, 31st.

Congratulations to these Brothers raised in January: William Amber, 1/25/75; Ken Overslaugh, 1/21/75; Robert B. Taylor III, 1/17/96; William Sergeant, 1/13/97; Carl Carlson, Greg Dell and Rodney Wolfe, 1/16/01 and Todd Ruggles, 1/9/02. \*

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

3rd Wednesdays



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We at Ark Lodge must realize what goals we are trying to achieve which will make our Masonic Lodge so proud that we can continue strong. More Brothers are needed to contribute to our success in the future. We need the thoughts, feelings and new ideas of all our Brothers to help, aid and assist those of us who attend our communications. We are traveling on uncharted waters and it takes all 88 Brothers to navigate and direct us on these raging seas.

As Master, I have the hope and faith that all Brothers will seek Masonic light and wisdom and attend our meetings. Our destiny is clear and our goal is to make Ark Lodge a major contributor to our Geneva and Finger Lakes community for many years to come. All Brothers must be a part of this operation by giving of themselves to the precious few who are doing so much.

To my way of thinking, Freemasonry is a Fraternity of brotherly love that has existed over thousands of years and that we Brothers are very special individuals who lead by examples of commitment to our Masonic Craft. We commit ourselves to find new candidates, mentor and train them to become better men to their families, Lodge and na-

tion. It is a way of living, a philosophy of life that is charitable and benevolent to our society.

Our monthly newsletter is our Lodge voice of Freemasonry in the Western region of New York State and reflects the Lodge interests and thinking. Please contribute your feelings by sending me your written thoughts for my message. Many of our Brothers are so proud to be members of our Masonic Fraternity by belonging to the Lodge, Shrine and other Masonic Bodies. Many Brothers are so charitable, loyal and give to the Brotherhood Fund and pay their dues so we can be charitable and industrious to our community and nation.

My Brothers, we can do no less! We must always accentuate the positive and eliminate the negative gloom and doom. May all Brothers have a prosperous New Year and may the Great Architect of the Universe grant you many, many years of good health and much happiness, peace and joy.

**Ark Lodge in action!**

Red Cross Blood Drive; Christmas food packages for Senior citizens; ringing bells for the Salvation Army; the DeWitt Clinton Award; History Awards; Little League baseball team sponsorship; raising money for a Brother whose house burned and giving to our Brotherhood Fund.

**Masons meet, act and part**

Jed Brandow and Charles Rouse joined me in traveling to the Grand Lecturer's Convention for the Ontario/Seneca/Yates District. There were 83 Brothers who learned details of the opening and closing of a Masonic Lodge. I acted as Chaplain and gave the Invocation and Benediction.

Dues for the Lodge year 2005-2006 are \$57 + \$9.50 for Grand Lodge Assessments 2005 and \$3 for 2006, which equals a total of \$69.50.

Brother Dale Erickson, who received his 50-year Pin and Certificate from Ark Lodge, also received the same from Cataract Lodge No. 2 of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Brother Erickson, may the Great Architect grant you many more years of health and happiness.

Thanks to Brothers Tom Ryan, Tom Abraham, Howard Colegrove and Charles Rouse, who joined me at Tops Market, ringing the bells for the Salvation Army.

I received a letter from Brother Lloyd Johnson stating he and his wife could not come to our Christmas Party as they were leaving for Florida. Lloyd wished all a good Winter and happy holidays.

The Brotherhood Fund roll for November consists of Brothers: John Nicholson, Walter Strong, Roger Haich, Joseph Hessney and Charles Rouse. Our total for the Brotherhood Fund is \$370.

I visited Brothers John Stelter, Robert Inscho, Max Kaufman, Harry George, Bill Kashouty and Ramon Baroody. Keep them all in your prayers.

I received a note from our 50-year Historian, Dr. John Stelter, stating a Masonic Lodge gets a charter to work in the quarry. Its purposes are much more complicated than a framed charter. He claims many Brothers are needed to do the work and "it's not magic." To become a good Freemason, is indeed a serious charge.

**January, 2006**

17th - Lodge communication. Official Visit of R.:W.: Eldon White, DDGM. Dinner in his honor will be at Emiles at 6:00 p.m. All Brothers and visitors are welcome. Please contact me at 789-6420 for reservations.

May the Great Architect of the Universe bless all our Brothers and their families in the New Year of 2006. We thank the silent majority whom we do not see. You are deeply appreciated; we are very proud of your commitment. \*

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My Brothers, here we are in 2006 already. I hope you all had a happy and joyous holiday season. We are now into the Edict Degree season. I have already observed two Degrees, have five more scheduled and am still waiting to hear from the Masters of four Lodges. The deadline to have the Degrees scheduled is by April 8th, as I have to have my report in to the Grand Lecturer so that he may have his report in to the Grand Master to be read at Grand Lodge.

Brothers, I am going to let you know in this article that this will be my last year as your Assistant Grand Lecturer. I have really enjoyed my time working with the Lodges in Wayne District and I have made many new friends in my travels around the District. I am looking forward to my last visitation to each of your Lodges and I wish I could have done more in the way of instruction but the Edict made this impossible.

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

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My Brothers, another year has come and gone and it is 2006 already. I hope everyone had a happy holiday season. As most of you noticed, the trestleboard for December had changed. I was unable to put together a Lodge of Remembrance for the December 7th meeting and I apologize for that. Our Degree schedule was also changed because the 1st Degree was scheduled too close to the Christmas Holiday. The new schedule is as follows:

The 1st Degree will be conferred on January 18th with the Senior Warden in the East. The 2nd Degree will be conferred on February 15th with the Junior Warden in the East and the 3rd Degree is on March 15th. This will be the Edict Degree for Drumlin Square Lodge and I plan on being in the East if I can find a past AGL to observe the Degree for me. The 3rd Degree will be a split meeting with the times to be announced.

I also hope to hold a Past Masters' night and a Knights Templar night. Grand Lodge will be early this year, May 1st and 2nd. The annual meeting and Election of Officers will be

held at the meeting on May 3rd.

We will have a busy Winter and Spring, my Brothers, so I hope to see a lot of you out to Lodge and along the sidelines to support your Officers.

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

**District Deputy  
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Driving to work recently, I began contemplating my message and decided that I would discuss the importance of structure and protocol. As a mental health care provider, I have learned that structure is extremely important for all of us in the management of our daily lives. Without it, our lives would be more chaotic and unpredictable. Protocols are developed to provide us with an organized way to complete a task. Without protocols, mistakes occur with greater frequency and danger is close at hand. Masonic structure and protocols are hallmarks of Masons. Our conduct while in the Lodge, and other Masonic activities, is guided by these hallmarks. Our meetings are not highly contentious and typically are exemplified by gentlemen. We have constitutions and by-laws which guide us. We generally know what, when and how to attend to typical Masonic business. When changes, amendments or adaptations are required, we have an administrative structure to provide us with answers. Although I would be the first to complain about the drawbacks of bureaucracy, I am also relieved to belong to an organization which demands strict adherence to certain issues. Consequently, we know what to expect, and no one gets hurt.

The New Year is upon us. It's time to celebrate and give thanks. Please remember to give thanks every day. Remember that you have your plenty, and that if you have need, there are Brothers willing to help. This is not the case for many. Please be generous when able. I also want to share the following material so that, as Masons, we can be more empathic to those whose holiday experience is different from ours.

**Holiday Depression  
and Stress**

The holiday season is a time full of joy, cheer, parties, and family gatherings. However, for many people, it is a time of self-evaluation, loneliness, reflection on past failures, and anxiety about an uncertain future.

What Causes Holiday Blues? Many factors can cause the "holiday blues:" stress, fatigue, unrealistic expectations, over-commercialization, financial constraints and the inability to be with one's family and friends. The demands of shopping, parties,

family reunions and house guests also contribute to feelings of tension. People who do not become depressed may develop other stress responses, such as: headaches, excessive drinking, over-eating and difficulty sleeping. Even more people experience post-holiday let-down after January 1st. This can result from disappointments during the preceding months compounded with the excess fatigue and stress.

**Coping with Stress  
and Depression**

Keep expectations for the holiday season manageable. Try to set realistic goals for yourself. Pace yourself. Organize your time. Make a list and prioritize the important activities. Be realistic about what you can and cannot do. Do not put entire focus on just one day (i.e., Thanksgiving Day). Remember it is a season of holiday sentiment. Activities can be spread out (time-wise) to lessen stress and increase enjoyment.

Remember the holiday season does not banish reasons for feeling sad or lonely; there is room for these feelings to be present, even if the person chooses not to express them. Leave "yesteryear" in the past and look toward the future. Life brings changes. Each season is different and can be enjoyed in its own way. Don't set yourself up in comparing today with the "good old' days."

Do something for someone else. Try volunteering some time toward helping others. Enjoy activities that are free, such as driving around to look at holiday decorations; going window shopping without buying; making a snowperson with children.

Be aware that excessive drinking will only increase your feelings of depression.

Try something new. Celebrate holidays in a new way. Spend time with supportive and caring people. Reach out and make new friends or contact someone you have not heard from for awhile.

Save time for yourself! Recharge your batteries! Let others share responsibility of activities.

**Masonic spirit**

You may have heard it was decided that Churchville Lodge would exemplify the 3rd Degree, and that I have enlisted the talents of the District to assist Churchville Lodge in accomplishing this goal. The spirit and revitalization of Masonry is all of our responsibility. I need your help to achieve this. The date is March 22, 2006. It is my most sincere hope that every Lodge Master in the Monroe District steps up to assist in this Masonic endeavor. Worshipful Jesse Noble assures me that he will cook Bar-B-Que Chicken and Ribs for the event for the low price of \$10.00 a person. Please contact me with your support by phone at 334-8265 or by email at:

dswlew@rochester.rr.com.

There are other Masonic activities in which you can become involved. The Have-a-Heart Campaign will occur in February. Details should be forthcoming, if not already in this edition of the *Masonic Times*. Masonic education is also being planned. W.: Hugh Woodside wrote about the training in the last edition of

the *Masonic Times*. Contact W.: Hugh if you need more information. He can be reached at: hhw@rochester.rr.com.

There is little reason not to attend any of the scheduled sessions. Contact me if the nominal amount of money required for the training sessions is an issue.

I continue to be proud of the Brothers of the Monroe District. Your efforts please me. Keep up the good work and don't forget to ask yourself, "What have I done for Masonry today?"

Happy New Year to all. ✕

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With the holiday season now behind us, it is time to plan our mid-Winter activities. As of this writing, we have only received one commitment for the upcoming Masonic Development Course. I urge all Masters to encourage your newly made Brethren to sign up for this informative Course. We have many newly made Masons who would benefit from this Course. See the advertisement elsewhere in this issue of the *Masonic Times*.

Masters, it is not too early to begin planning your trip to New York City for the Grand Lodge session in May.

I hope to see you in your Lodge soon. ✕

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**The Mighty Sword**

What an awesome responsibility...being a Mason, husband, father, brother, son, teacher, professional hunter, nice guy, a faithful Presbyterian, and the Grand Sword Bearer. I have given you many sword metaphors during my term in these several articles...but

bear with me, I think we all need another metaphor to live by and perhaps a little more work to reach perfection:

"For the LORD God is a sword and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly." (Psalm 84:11)

We all need a little more work to do the walk...please bear with me a bit.

**Non-payment of dues**

As I mentioned the last two months, both Bill Kuehne and I have the responsibility of insuring that anyone being unaffiliated for non-payment of dues or taking a dimit is contacted. This is requested by Grand Master Trosin and is something very necessary in view of the vast numbers who seemingly are leaving the Craft. Please call Bill or me if you are thinking of dimitting, are having trouble with dues or any Masonic issue, which may be causing your lack of attendance at Lodge functions.

To all Masters and Secretaries: please advise us of any problems; also mail your Master's/Lodge's trestleboards to me. Bill and I will review them. We would like all trestleboards ASAP, as I have only received four out of fourteen. (Richard Shellman, Seneca Lodge, and Hugh Woodside, Wakan/Hubbard, will help you-they have beauties!)

**Road to the East**

The 2006 Program is in the early planning stages and may not be done this year. We did an assessment and asked that each Lodge send at least one person. If the stated goal of fifteen to twenty Brothers from Monroe is not met, we will be canceling our intended classes with the Livingston District which are scheduled for February 4th, 11th and 18th.

**Masonic Development  
Course**

This Course is slated for January 16th, February 20th and March 20th, at Wakan/Hubbard Lodge. Remember this quote: "We alone call the man who does not participate not a private man, but a useless one."-Pericles

See you in the quarries. Good coyote and fox hunting to you if you don't come to the *Road to the East*, and stay warm. ✕

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A new year has begun, and it is time to get back to work. On January 31st there will be a School of Ritual at Unity Lodge in Spencerport. The work of the evening will be the 1st section of the 1st Degree. Unity and ERAC Lodges will be filling the Officers' chairs.

It is also the time for Senior Wardens to start planning for their year as Master. With that in mind, this year's Joint Investiture will be May 19th at Fairport/Flower City Lodge. I will be sending a letter to each retiring Master with the proper documentation and dinner reservations. Remember, that only Masters-elect, current Masters and Past Masters are eligible to attend.

Our last School of Ritual for the year will be March 29th at Webster Lodge. The work for the evening will be the Walkabout. For those who have never seen the Walkabout, it is an excellent opportunity to learn about the Officers and decorations of the Lodge. Please bring your newly raised Brothers to see the Walkabout.

#### Grand Master's Edict

As of this writing, we still have not received dates and forms from several Lodges. This is not an optional event, it is an edict, and all of us have sworn that we would support the constitutions, all laws, rules and edicts. Please contact Joe or me with date and time for your observed Degree. Remember, we must complete our visits before April 1st.

Our District Deputy is putting a Ritual team together to assist Churchville Lodge with their compliance with the edict. Please contact him if you are interested in participating in, possibly, the last 3rd Degree to be performed at Churchville Lodge.

### Brotherhood Fund R. W. : Derek VanHouten Monroe District

There is still quite a bit of interest in the special fund for Hurricane Katrina. Several thousands of dollars have been contributed from within the Monroe District to this fund in 2005. Please don't forget the other eight programs to which you may donate.

Even if it's only a couple of dollars, please remember that your gift will help your Brothers throughout New York State in some manner.

Two programs come to mind: the Livingston Library and the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory. Recently the Library placed some of its collections on their website for viewing. One can access them through the Grand Lodge website at:

nymasons.org

On the local level, as of the last report, we have a total of 2210 Brothers in 14 Lodges. Last year only 26% of our members contributed to the Fund. Remember, donating to the Brotherhood Fund is a tax deductible donation and your hard-working Lodge Chairman is only too eager to assist you. When you read this, PLEASE take a moment, take out your wallet or purse, write a check and send it to your Lodge Chairman. I know we get a lot of support from our widows in this noble cause and I thank them for remembering us. We always need to think of those who served the Lodges over the years who have passed from our ranks.

This is a new year, with new opportunities and new possibilities to contemplate the many ways in which you and I can help make a difference to those whom the BROTHERHOOD FUND assists.

If ANY of you have a question about the above, just give a call to any Lodge Chairman or to me and we will be more than happy to assist you.

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By Hugh Woodside, President  
I hope that all Brothers and their families had a safe and happy holiday season, and wish you the best of everything in the New Year.

#### Upcoming meetings

Our January meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 18th, at the Country Village Family Restaurant, located at 1092A Long Pond Road. Their telephone number is 227-2047. This will be a dinner meeting, which will begin at 6:30 p.m. and adjourn no later than 8:00 p.m.

#### Activities

The Masters and Wardens are beginning to prepare for the annual trip to Grand Lodge, which will take place in early May. As we get ready for that, we would like to have the Masters and their spouses get to-

gether a few times prior to the trip. Information will follow on upcoming events. We are also putting together some travel and other recommendations for the trip. I expect to have some preliminary information available at our meeting in January.

As discussed, we are in the process of drafting a new set of By-Laws and evaluating our operating budget. I expect that both items will be completed this Spring.

Many of you know that the Masonic Service Bureau began hosting the District website. It will provide a link to the website of any Lodge who desires for all the Lodges in the District. I know that several Lodges have websites of their own, and I encourage the Masters to make sure that the Service Bureau website either has a link to their Lodge's website or the most up-to-date information otherwise available. Please visit the website at: [www-monroemasonic.com](http://www-monroemasonic.com), and review your Lodge's information. If you have something to change or add, please contact the Masonic Service Bureau.

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I would like to start by apologizing for the December article not being in the paper. I must have messed up somehow when I faxed it over. Anyway, let me bring you up to date.

#### Condolences

It is my sad duty to inform you of the passing of Brother Donald A. Brown, who was born April 16, 1930, raised May 15, 1975 and died March 11, 2005. He was a faithful and dedicated Mason for 30 years.

Eleanor Reitz, wife of R. W. Marty Reitz, passed away in October. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families at this time.

#### Congratulations

Brother Ed Rummeler received the Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Award at the Shrine Center in October. It was a wonderful program, which was followed by pizza and wings. Thanks to the Brothers who attended. Way to go, Ed!

The November 3rd meeting was the Official Visit of R. W. Low Perna, DDGM, accompanied by R. W. Don Tubman, Grand Sword Bearer. We enjoyed a great Roast Beef Dinner and heard messages from both men which I'm sure inspired all of us. The fellowship was great!

The Lodge held a book sale on November 4th, 5th and 6th. Thanks to Brothers Dan Taylor, Pierre Dube, R. W. Bill Spillane, with Deb and James, W. Glenn Hedges, W. Dean Smith and his friend, Clayton. We made \$121 and it would not have happened without you! The leftover books were donated to the Volunteers of America.

Brother Dave Ambrose was involved in a serious automo-

bile accident and sustained some injuries. Our thoughts are with him and his family. Get well soon!

I say a job well done by W. Glenn Hedges, W. Dean Smith and the others who helped put up a railing on the left side of the staircase going up to the meeting room. This will help greatly for some of our Brothers who have a hard time climbing the stairs.

January 19th has been slated for a 1st Degree. There will be a dinner. Expect a call from a member of the Calling Committee.

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We conferred a 2nd Degree on December 12th for three Brothers. Our Junior Warden, George Foehner, sat in the East for this Degree. Thanks to W. Larry Miller for the Middle Chamber Lecture; W. Bud Ripley for the Working Tools; Senior Warden, Scott May and Brother Rob Sweeney for the Questions and Answers and all our Officers for their parts.

There was a fine Ham Dinner prior to the Degree, thanks to Scott May and Gene Gordon.

Special thanks to W. Bud Ripley for doing the Senior Deacon's part last month during the 1st Degree, as he was literally only given one-hour notice.

Thanks to all the Brothers who helped at the Rush-Henrietta Area Food Terminal on December 10th. This event allows us to help in the packaging of food baskets for seniors, which were delivered to those in need within the area.

The Christmas decorations at the Lodge are now shining brightly, thanks to W. Bud Ripley, Brothers Scott May and Brian Miller.

If you have not returned your Brotherhood Campaign Envelope, you may do so to our Chairman, Brother Will Nersinger. Please support our Lodge and our Fraternity by returning your contribution for any of the listed programs you chose. It would be great if we were able to have all Lodge members return a donation, even if it only is a dollar.

### January

We will have our Annual Communications meeting on January 9th. This is where we will receive our report for the previous year and discuss our budget for the coming year.

We will be conferring the 3rd Degree on January 23rd with three candidates. A rehearsal will be held at the Lodge at 7:00 p.m. on January 16th. Please call me at 425-4240 to make your dinner reservation if you missed the sign up.

There will be a School of Ritual on Tuesday the 31st at Unity Lodge at 7:30 p.m.

### February

We will be supporting the Have-a-Heart Campaign on Sunday, February 5th and 12th at the Marketplace Mall.

The District Deputy and Staff Officers will be having their Official Visit on Monday, February 13th.

I hope that you and your families enjoyed the holidays. The Winter months have really started for us here in Western New York. Please remember to take that extra minute and clean your car off so that you may get a full view of where you are traveling.

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### January

Our first Lodge meeting for the New Year is January 10th at 7:30 p.m. There will be a Pulled Pork Dinner at 6:30 p.m., \$8.00 per person. Please make your reservations.

Our second Lodge meeting for the month will be January 24th at 8:30 p.m. and there will be NO DINNER. I hope to have some details about the progress on the Lodge building as well as more information on our Ladies Day for February.

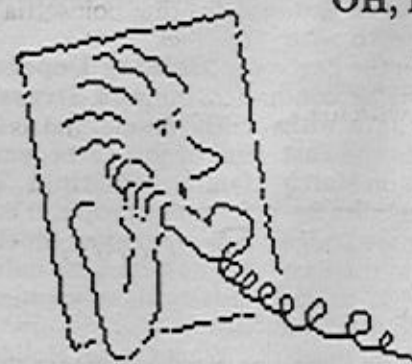
Just a reminder, please try to get your Lodge dues in as soon as possible. Also, remember the Brotherhood Fund. These donations are very important to so many worthwhile Masonic programs.

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

I wish a Happy Birthday to all with January Birthdays.

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all of the individuals who have put forth exemplary efforts to support the Lodge with your time, energy, monetary contributions and moral support.

I especially thank five members of Valley-Simes Lodge for their individual exemplary efforts and team work together to keep the Lodge functioning. The first is R.: W.: Richard Snyder. Thank you for your contributions in insuring the success of the holiday evening celebration December 13th, but especially for the past 18 months for your efforts in the East, filling all of the chairs, and your diligence as a Trustee. Your leadership and dedication to both Valley-Simes and Camp DeMolay enabled Masonry to flourish in the greater Rochester area.

Next is R.: W.: Herbert Spencer. Thank you for your dedication to the Lodge and your contributions to insure we had a great holiday celebration as well. You have put forth a great effort the past 18 months as the Lodge Secretary to keep us informed and on course as a Lodge. You have, without reservation, stepped in to help out, as well as provide leadership and guidance when it was needed or requested. On a very personal note, I really appreciated the emails from both Richard and Herb, which kept



R.: W.: Richard Snyder presents W.: Robert Hill with his Past Master's Apron.



W.: Joseph Gingold thanks his father, R.: W.: Mathew Gingold, for extra duties performed on behalf of the Lodge while Joe was in Iraq. Mat served as Chaplain and Chair of the Brotherhood Fund Campaign.



Also singled out for special accolades was the Lodge Treasurer for over 45 years, W.: Howard Belt, DSA. W.: Joe expresses gratitude on behalf of the Lodge.

me informed of Lodge issues and let me feel I was in touch with everyone.

I thank both Brother Richard DeCrocce and R.: W.: Mathew Gingold, who were very dedicated this past year and a half. Each held posts in line and assumed additional duties that have been instrumental in managing the Lodge. Richard was in the respective Warden stations and without reservation did both the Junior and Senior Warden duties. Mathew, as Chaplain, worked closely with every one in line, mentoring, and especially advising whomever was in the East. He also assumed the Brotherhood Chairman responsibilities. Thanks to his efforts as the Brotherhood Chairman, Valley-Simes is second only to Seneca Lodge in overall donations and has the highest percentage of donors in the Monroe District. Additionally, he took the lead in delivering poinsettia plants to our sick, shut-ins and widows. Both of these Brothers have distinguished themselves as great Masons and as keys to our success as a Lodge.

Last, but not least, I thank Howard Belt, DSA, for his service to the Lodge as our Treasurer. He has been a dedicated servant of the Lodge for over 45 years and continues to insure that we are financially sound and one of the best monetarily situated Lodges in the Monroe District.

Many of you know that for the past 15 months I was mobilized for Operation Iraqi Freedom. I was in a place called Convoy Support Center Scania, Iraq, for 12 of the 15 months. We were an hour and one-half South of Baghdad, Iraq, between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers. It is an army "truck stop," and an AAA on "steroids." Our mission was to fuel, feed and provide a safe haven for drivers to sleep, or rest, as well as providing them road condition information to travel North or South. We managed the Marshalling Yard traffic, controlled and coordinated the services for the convoys and we coordinated their routes designated and programmed the convoy's travel times to leave our little base haven. It was a highly intensive mission due to the volume of "customers" that we had moving through our operation and I am glad that we successfully finished our job and all sixteen of us are back home safe with our friends and families.

It was a great help and spiritually uplifting to have anything sent to us from home. I thank you all for your cards, packages and well-wishes via email and "snail mail." It is very nice to know people care when you are far away from

home and out of touch with friends.

Thank you to everyone for taking time out of your busy schedules to attend the Lodge holiday celebration. I am very glad that I was able to greet you personally and welcome you to the Lodge. We had approximately seventy (70) people in attendance including R.: W.: Lewis Perna, DDGM, who gave us the Grand Master's message. It was great to see the DDGM in attendance to help us conclude this year with one more of many great memories of Masonry in 2005 and initiating a new start for 2006. We will have many of the same challenges of this past year, but we have the ability to meet these challenges headon and overcome them.

Please join me in making a commitment to band together and remain on the course of building Valley-Simes Lodge.

Hopefully you have received your dues notices for the coming year. R.: W.: Spencer will be happy to give you your receipt and get you a new dues card as soon as he can. There is a new secretary system which enables him to process information with Grand Lodge and not send out any paperwork. Please advise him of any changes in your address, email address or telephone number changes.

Lastly, I invite each of us to reach out to a member of Lodge who has not attended a meeting within the last few months or more and say "hi." Please share with them the events you enjoyed and see if they will join you at the next event or meeting we are having. I look forward to seeing you in Lodge and at our next event. Please have a happy and safe New Year.

**Brotherhood Fund Report**

By R.: W.: Mat Gingold

As of this writing, I have had response from 98 members of our Lodge, out of a total of 147 members. From my perspective, 66% participation is great at this point in our Campaign. According to the report I received from Grand Lodge, dated October 31, 2005, Valley-Simes Lodge is credited with \$1,330. This response has been mostly from those living in New York State. My hope is that many living out of New York State will be forwarding their separate check for the Fund when they mail in their dues for this year.

As I said in the past articles, I repeat that if you feel you cannot afford the \$1 requested donation, please submit a note stating so and I will place the \$1 in your name and the Lodge will receive the credit for the donation.

I am taking for granted that all our members are reading this column and I am ignoring the thought of some people of "out of sight, out of mind." Please show me that I am wrong about their thinking. Please return your donation with a check payable to the "Masonic Brotherhood Fund" or a \$1 bill to: Mathew L. Gingold, 104 Drake Drive, Rochester, NY 14617-4309, and I will attend to whatever else is required.

May the Blessing of Heaven rest upon you and yours this coming New Year and beyond.

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Greetings and Happy New Year to all.

In last month's article, I wrote about our 2nd Degree. Let me update you now. We had two Entered Apprentices scheduled for the Degree. Unfortunately, only one made it; the other was out of town. We did wind up with two Entered Apprentices. Unity Lodge asked if we could add their candidate to our Degree. W.: M.: David Sylvester, R.: W.: Cliff Short and several other Unity Brothers showed up to support their Entered Apprentice.

What an outstanding night we had! I thank W.: Scott Brickman for taking a night off and sitting in the East; W.: Gerald Jones for filling in as Junior Warden; W.: Jeff Ross for filling in the Junior Master of Ceremonies Chair, for doing the Questions and Answers with me and for giving a word-perfect Charge. Our Senior Warden, Steve Mitchell, did an excellent job presenting the Working Tools. Not to be forgotten was our special invited guest, Brother Mike Grady of Union Lodge in Lima, who presented the Middle Chamber Lecture.

On December 6th, we had a regular stated communication. The work for the evening was the state of our Lodge as it pertains to the annual budget and a report from the Secretary on membership and dues. If your dues card does not show 2005 and is a 2004 or older card, as of January 1, 2006, you will not be a member in good standing and a report by the Secretary will be sent to Grand Lodge requesting that your membership be dropped from the rolls of the Lodge for non-payment of dues as per the Grand Lodge Constitution and our Clio Lodge By-Laws. Please check your dues card and notify the Secretary or me at the listed phone numbers at the head of this article, if you have a 2004 or older card. Be advised that this notice includes Life Members as well as regular and dual members.

**Upcoming Events**

Note: No meeting on January 3rd. Our next meeting will be on January 17th at which time we will have R.: W.: John Zabel as our guest speaker. Brother John will be talking to us about coin collecting. If you have any questions about old coins, paper money or about a coin collection, Brother John will try to answer them. You might even ask him a Masonic question or two. He answers them, also.

**Spaghetti Dinners**

These events will be January 11th and January 25th. Due to a couple of our faithful helpers heading South for the Winter, we will be needing some extra help. Please make an ef-

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fort to support your Lodge by helping out, coming for dinner, or both.

**Brotherhood Fund**

Our Senior Warden, Steve Mitchell, reports a slow response so far this year.

**Future events**

The Have-a-Heart Campaign will start on February 1st and run through the 14th. I will be asking Clio to help out, but there is no time or date set for our Lodge as yet.

Ox Roast Dinner: Mark your calendars now for Saturday, May 6th.

**Condolences**

It is with deep sorrow that I report the passing of Betty Hopkins on November 13th, 2005. She was the wife of W.: Harry Hopkins and a long-time member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

**Sickness and Distress**

I am happy to report that our Junior Warden, George Todd, is on the mend after his surgery in November.

Brother Dana Daniels is still having tests to determine the cause of his eyesight problems. It appears that the sight problem is of a more serious nature than first diagnosed.

A note from Brother Allen Mercer's wife was read in Lodge on December 6th stating that Brother Allen had been in the hospital for several weeks and is now recovering at the Orleans County Medical Center. The letter did not state the cause of Allen's hospitalization. Hopefully, he was home for the holidays.

If you know of someone who comes under this heading who we should know about, please give W.: David Goodrich or me a call.

In God We Trust!

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By Hugh Woodside, Master  
I hope that each of you had a happy and safe holiday season, and wish you and your families the best of luck in the New Year. I thank each of you who reached out to help make the DeCarlis family's Christmas a special one. We made a big difference for them this year.

**Changes**

We have a number of changes to the Spring 2006 trestleboard, which are being implemented in order to accommodate a second Entered Apprentice Degree. Please note the changes, outlined below, in your calendar.

Tuesday, January 3rd. A rehearsal for the Entered Apprentice Degree will be held at the Lodge at 7:00 p.m. The

Brothers who filled the chairs for the EA Degree in November will be expected to fill those roles once again. Please make every effort to attend the rehearsal if you will be participating in the Degree.

Monday, January 9th. Our first communication of the new calendar year will feature a social hour beginning at 6:00 p.m., with dinner to be served at 6:30 p.m. If you haven't done so already, please get your dinner reservation to our Junior Warden, Ron Lalik, via email at:

ronlalik@rochester.rr.com or phone at 377-0097.

We will have an Entered Apprentice Degree this evening for those candidates who were not able to attend in November. We're looking forward to another enjoyable evening and fine Ritual work, so please join us.

Monday, January 23rd. Following this communication, we will have a short program about the Freemason's Hall in London. I was able to secure a video and materials that I hope you will find interesting.

Monday, February 13th. We have scheduled our third annual joint Table Lodge with ERAC, which will be held at the Damascus Shrine Center on Bay Road in Webster. **Please note that we will meet at the Damascus Shrine Center, and not at the Lodge in Penfield.** This event has been very enjoyable the last two years, and is a great opportunity for fellowship with our Brothers. Please contact our Junior Warden, Ron Lalik, with your reservations by February 1st.

Our Fellowcraft Degree has been rescheduled to February 27th. We will have a rehearsal during the week before the Degree. Additional information will be passed along as soon as it is available.

**Development Course**

This is your last chance to make reservations for the Masonic Development Course to be held at the Lodge on January 16th, February 20th and March 20th. Each event will begin at 7:00 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person, which covers your Course materials and refreshments at each session. All Brothers who complete the Course will receive a Pin and Certificate of Completion. Reservations for the course should be submitted to Bill Kuehne, Grand Director of Ceremonies, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. If you have any questions, Bill can be reached at 334-9635 or via email at: wkuehne@netacc.net.

Please mail your checks to Bill at the following address: 1420 Martin Road, West Henrietta, New York 14586.

**Have-a-Heart Campaign**

As many of you know, the Masons of Monroe County are the second largest contributor to the Ronald McDonald House in Rochester. We have been able to do this through the Have-a-Heart Campaign that is held in February of each year in local malls. Wakan/Hubbard will be staffing the Have-a-Heart booth at Eastview Mall on Sunday, Febru-

ary 5th and Sunday, February 12th. My understanding is that we will need to be there from 12 noon to 6:00 p.m. each Sunday, which I'd like to break down into 3 two-hour shifts each day. I'd like to have four to six people at the booth for each two-hour shift. This is a great opportunity for your spouse or child to join you for a couple of hours to support the Ronald McDonald House. Please contact me if you'd like to assist.

**Master's Message**

Just as the month of December is frequently a time for reflection on everything that has occurred during the year drawing to a close, the beginning of a New Year is frequently a time for renewal, resolutions and goal setting. Early last Spring I recall sending an email out to all of you outlining the "Senior Warden's Wish List." While I realize that not all of the goals outlined in that list have been achieved, I also recognize that a substantial amount of progress was made. Upon reflection, one realizes that making progress may be just as important as attaining goals which have been set. Some of those goals, such as our eternal quest for light, are rarely, if ever, attained. However, if we can go to bed each night realizing that we've made progress, and taken a few additional steps in our quest, we can look back on our day and smile. Each morning is a time for renewal, and each day brings with it new opportunities to live your Masonry, taking a few more of those important steps. Seize the day!

**Craftsman Robertson Lodge No. 969**  
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Welcome to 2006, or as some would say, HAPPY NEW YEAR!! Isn't it amazing how time flies when your doing something you enjoy? To many of us, the opportunity to serve in the Craft is an honor and, at the same time, a humbling experience. Our year is more than half over and we are now counting the days until the Senior Wardens replace us in the East.

Having said that, we hope that the Senior Wardens will be in touch with their Masters to learn as much as possible to prepare for their year. During this year we have learned much. We have participated with the Masters and Wardens where we made new friends and had the opportunity to learn about the ongoings of other Lodges in the District.

**December functions**

At the social evening in December, we were entertained by Denny and Her Escorts, who have performed for us the past couple of years. This puts us in the mood and helps us celebrate the Holiday Season. A special treat was the presentation to Brother Charles Freida of his 50-year Certificate and Pin.



Brother Charles Freida holds his 50-year Certificate, presented by W.: Thomas Kendig, DSA, Lodge Secretary (right). Charlie's wife, Dolly, watched the ceremony. (Photos by C. Waterstreet)



Denny and her Escorts "in concert" at the Holiday Party for members of Craftsman Robertson Lodge. (From left), Kay Dodds, Denize Bent, Al Howe and Roger Baldwin.

On December 18th the Officers distributed poinsettias to some of our shut-in members and widows. Prior to their travels, they devoured a "Sloppy Joe" dinner prepared by our Lodge's Master Chef, Rene Van DeVeire.

At the communication on December 20th, Brother Leon VanHuben was presented his 50-year Pin. W.: David Foster, Past Master of Fame Lodge, the former Lodge of Brother Leon, provided the Pin for this ceremony. This

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**Friday - March 3, 2006**  
**6:00 p.m. Social Hour; 7:00 p.m. Dinner**  
Dinner with a presentation by Historical Re-enactor, Paul Stillman, as Theodore Roosevelt, Mason and 26th President of The United States. This event is open to Scottish Rite Masons and their Ladies. The cost is \$10 per person for the Friday Dinner, or \$15 per person for Dinner and the Saturday Masonic Education Fair.

**Saturday - March 4, 2006**  
**8:00 a.m. Registration, Continental Breakfast**  
**9:00 a.m. Presentations**  
**Open to Masons and Non-Masons**  
**Cost is \$10.00 per person**  
There will be presentations by Nationally Known Masonic Scholars:  
Mark A. Tabbert, 32°, Curator of the National Heritage Museum and author of the book, *American Freemasons - Three Centuries of Building Communities*;  
Nelson King, FPS - Editor of the *Philalethes* magazine, *Journal of Masonic Research and Letters*;  
Ill. Thomas W. Jackson, 33°, - Masonic Scholar and Book Reviewer for the *Book Nook* section of *The Northern Light* magazine, the official magazine of The Northern Jurisdiction of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry;  
Kathleen Kutolowski, Professor, and Chairman of the History Department at SUNY Brockport;  
Paul Stillman will give a Historical Presentation as Galileo.  
The final event is a Panel Discussion concerning the Future of Freemasonry.

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was a Summated Meeting for the purpose of changing our By-Laws to comply with a letter from the Grand Secretary, as well as the transaction of other business. The By-Laws will now declare our Lodge is required to have one stated communication per month.

We still plan to have our monthly dinner with the ladies on the first Tuesday and Fellowcraft Club meeting on the second Tuesday. At the Master's prerogative, additional meetings may be called at any time, but we will only be required to have one Lodge meeting per month.

**Christmas Party**

Once again Craftsman Robertson Lodge participated in the all Masonic Bodies Christmas Party at the Shrine Center. Hosted by Lalla Rookh Grotto and Damascus Shriners, with support from the Valley of Rochester and the York Rite Bodies, more than 100 people showed up for a visit with Santa



Jason Bocklage, grandson of W.: Skip and Diane Waterstreet, about to attack the wrapping on his present, which was a four-pack of magnet warriors.

Claus and to participate in games and crafts.

Several Brothers were entertained as their children or grandchildren joined in the festivities. Brothers Joseph Stefan, Richard Smith, Thomas

Kendig and Skip Waterstreet and their families provided a good portion of the patrons. The highlight, of course, was sitting on Santa's lap to receive that special gift.

**Sickness and Distress**

You may want to send get well wishes to our Senior Deacon, W.: Bill Shelby, for a speedy recovery, as he fell and broke his wrist. He may be in a plaster cast for a while.

We have received a note from Charlie Chatfield's wife, Louise. As this is written, he is in the hospital after suffering injuries from a fall. What's going on with those Navy legs? As he improves, he will undergo physical therapy. Currently, Louise says, he needs our prayers for his recovery and he sends greetings to all the Lodge Brothers.

**Ronald McDonald Hearts**

The Have-a-Heart Campaign is just around the corner and we will be doing our share to help raise monies for the local Ronald McDonald House. I will be asking for help when our day(s) and hours have been assigned. The dates are February 1st through the 14th.

**Milestones**

Our Brothers celebrating in January include: John Sanna, 1st; Lloyd Edward Walker, 8th; John Bardo, 9th; Richard Sullivan Sr., 10th; Franklyn Morse, 13th; Royden Guess, 15th; James Clark, 20th; Kenneth Skidmore, 24th; Dirk Oukes and Robert Ogden, 26th; and William Wimberly, 28th. Happy Birthday to all.



Karen Young watches her niece, Mikayla Kirwan, granddaughter of Brother Richard Smith, dance to the music provided by R.: E.: Karl-Heinz Reich on his keyboard.



(Photos by Skip Waterstreet)

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Niketas Haldoupis, DSA, (second from left) received his Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Award from M.: W.: Edward Trostin. Observing were W.: Michael Nohle and Ill.: Harold Aldrich, 33°.

My Brothers, as you read this the holidays are behind us. I hope that each of you has enjoyed the many gifts of the season like family gatherings, good food, good cheer and the warmth and fulfillment of expressing gratitude to our Creator for all the blessings of this life. I wish for each of you a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year.

Now it is time to return to our labors and get rolling in the 2006 Masonic year.

**December in review**

Our first regular communication included a program on the symbolism and teachings of the Entered Apprentice Degree. Two of our Entered Apprentices were able to make it. Our Chaplain, W.: Brad Lewis, did a wonderful job lecturing on the symbolism of the Degree. After the program, we worked on the Questions and Answers with the new Brothers.

On December 2nd, we hosted Junior Girl Scout Troop No. 490 for a second time at our monthly Spaghetti Dinner. It was well attended and the girls made out well with the proceeds. We could have used a few more hands in the suds for the aftermath clean-up, but we made it through. I would say this was another successful program.

December 8th, the Fellowcraft Club held a holiday dinner with annual elections at Pasghetti's Restaurant in East Rochester. Holiday cheer was abundant.

Our second regular communication was a Lodge of Remembrance.

**January 2006**

The program at our first regular communication of 2006 will be a Masonic Quiz night. Please come and show us how much you know about Masonry or, like me, learn a bunch you didn't already know!

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### Congratulations

In looking back on 2005, it is apparent that the Lodges of the Genesee/Wyoming District have been very busy holding Brother Bring-a-Friend events, raising new Brothers, hosting Lodge events and working on District and community projects. While we can be proud of our 2005 accomplishments, we also need to continue the good work into 2006. There are many good men who are qualified to be Masons who are not members. The Brother Bring-a-Friend Program is an excellent way to introduce them to Masonry.

### Reminder

January 10th is the deadline for the Frank M. Totton Essay Contest, which is open to all high school seniors who are sons, daughters and grandchildren or a member of the extended family of a Master Mason in the State of New York and who anticipate entering an accredited college in the Fall of 2006.

The Grand Lodge Educational Assistance Program applications are also available for the 2006 school year with a deadline of April 1st. Children, grandchildren and widows of Master Masons of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York are eligible for these grants. Lodge secretaries have the applications.

### Brotherhood Fund

With the six months left in the 2005-2006 Brotherhood Fund Campaign, the Genesee/Wyoming District is in the LOW percent for participation. Our goal is 100% participation, so it seems that we are saving the best for last. Remember, any amount is considered participation and is tax deductible. The Brotherhood Fund is the support for all of our Masonic charities and contributions may be designated to the charity of your choice. No contribution is too small.

## Attica Lodge No. 462

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Wednesdays  
(Jan-Feb-Mar  
3rd Wed. Only)



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Anderson  
591-0190

Secretary  
R.: W.: Norman Steinbaugh  
591-2073  
39 Main Street, Attica 14011

Happy New Year to all and I wish the very best for all of you in 2006.

Thanks to all the Brothers who attended our pancake breakfast on December 4th. After checking our records, Brother Walters tells us it was the most profitable to date. My thanks to all the Brothers who helped prepare and serve the food. Special thanks to Bob for filling in at the griddle as a last

minute substitute for Chuck. It is also nice to see so many Brothers from other Lodges come out to support our breakfast and we say thanks for the brotherly support.

Brother Keith Countermine continues to do a fine job of planning Child ID programs and he reports a taping to take place February 25th at Constellation Lodge from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please call Keith at 591-1023 if you can assist part of, or all, day. If you have never been to a taping, please try to come over, as there are several tasks you could perform to assist with the program.

We, at Attica Lodge, have had some discussions about communicating to our Brothers and the most effective way to accomplish this at the lowest cost to the Lodge. It has been suggested that we no longer pay each Brother's subscription to the *Masonic Times* and we send a post card to each Brother and each lodge in the Genesee/Wyoming District every quarter noting the upcoming events in the Lodge. Please plan to attend the meeting January 18th for this important vote.

### Upcoming events

We only meet once per month on the third Wednesday in January, February and March. January 25th is a special meeting to confer the 2nd Degree on our newest Brother at 7:00 p.m. I am still looking for someone to perform the Questions and Answers, and Charge at this Degree. Please call Bruce at 591-0190 if you can help out.

## HESPERUS Lodge No. 837

1st and 3rd  
Thursdays



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Smalley  
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Hesperus Lodge is about to add another class of new members this Spring. We are much honored that we will have our four new Entered Apprentices, along with one from last year who, because of illness was unable to complete his Degrees, will be advancing January 19th. Another class of applicants will also commence in January. There is nothing like growth to generate good feelings in any organization, especially this of ours. One of our most enjoyable problems is determining what to sacrifice from our trestleboard for such an important situation, yet continue with our agenda.

This past December was Masonically charged by a wonderful 1st Degree with W.: Joe Chimino in the East. Junior Warden Donald Kunego was in charge and his efforts were stellar. Kudos are in order for all of the participants.

Brother Richard Sands, the Chairman of the annual Christmas Basket Program, along with members of Hesperus Lodge and several other community organizations, worked very hard to secure items, and pack the boxes and baskets. They delivered over one hundred Christmas baskets of food

and fruit, as well as poinsettias to many citizens in our local community. This is what Masonry is all about. Great job, Brother Richard.

January will be heavy with Degree work, as well as the preparation for Table Lodge, on February 2nd. February will also be our 2nd big game dinner. We are storing the venison in several different freezers. Last year this event was very popular with many people winning wonderful door prizes. It was a real treat to have the different varieties of food.

In March we are going to be honoring George Washington's belated birthday with a variety show. The show will include some historical (or hysterical) snippets of what George Washington did for our Country and Masonry. We need to have as many quality acts as possible. If you live in the area and are a performer, we need your talents. We have several entertainers in our own Lodge and in the Eastern Star, but we need more. If you do not act, come and enjoy the evening. Every good performer needs an audience.

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

1st & 3rd  
Mondays



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Guess what? It's 2006. Time really flies when you're having fun. The wiser we get, the faster it goes by. Isn't it funny how we want the work week to fly by, so we can get to the weekend? Saturday and Sunday come and go and we are back to work again. The cycle starts all over.

I have good news to report under sickness and distress. Brother Robert Hawkins was at our meeting on December 5th. He is not back to work yet, but he is feeling much better. It was good to see him back in Lodge. We have had several reports about R.: W.: Merle Robinson. Merle is also feeling much better. He has been in touch with R.: W.: Ken Kohlhausen by phone and email. It's good news. You can still send cards to him.

On December 5th, the main business was conducted at the coffee pot in the dining room. We paid the bills and made plans for the future of Masonry. After that was done, we told stories. I laughed so hard, I had trouble getting a breath of air. We all had a lot of good old-time laughs, which I believe is best for good health.

Today we are so busy with work and life itself, that we don't have time to sit down with friends and relax. Fellowship is one of the great parts of Masonry.

### Trestleboard

We have a lot of fun things on the calendar. On January 2nd we will have Limburger, liverwurst and rye. Bring your nose plugs if you like liverwurst. I will also get the sweetest onion I can find.

On January 16th we will be doing something we haven't done in a long time. We are going to practice for the 1st Degree. Those whom I call the elders, which includes myself, are worried that Masonry will be lost soon if we don't start teaching our Ritual to our young members. I enjoy Ritual and am looking forward to teaching my new Brothers. If our neighbor Lodges have some new Brothers, bring them to West Star on the 16th.

### Other January events

On January 14th there will be a Table Lodge in Perry. I will see you there.

On January 28th, the Odd Fellows are having a Chicken Bar-B-Que at Attica Lodge. There will be take-out dinners only. I will see you there.

### FYI

One of our Brothers is a television star. W.: Harold Spink was on the news the night we had that bad snow storm. The snow didn't seem to bother Harold any.

Before I close, I have to mention the Brotherhood Fund. The Brotherhood Fund Chairman sent out his envelopes this week, so fill them up and send them back. This is the season to help those who need help. Thank you!

I hope you all have a happy New Year! If you are traveling, please be careful!

## Oakland Lodge

No. 379, F. & A.M.

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



Master  
W.: Kenneth  
E. Smith  
768-7731

Secretary

W.: Richard L. Smith  
493-5408

134 South Main Street, Castile 14427

I started last month's article by raving about the weather Western New York had been experiencing. It was wonderful while it lasted, but it didn't take old man Winter very long to bring us back to reality. I'm sitting down to type this article on a day where the high was 32 degrees and that was supposed to be the high for the week. I hope this article will find all Masons and their families experiencing a happy and healthy New Year.

### Fellowcraft Degree

By the time you receive this article, Oakland Lodge will have conferred the 2nd Degree on at least two Brothers. I congratulate these two Brothers on their advancement in Masonry. I thank all the Brothers from Oakland Lodge and other Lodges throughout the District for coming and supporting these Brothers as they made this advancement. There is nothing better to see when being brought to light than a sideline full of fellow Masons.

Just take a moment to reflect when you made your advancement through the three Degrees and how impressed you were when being brought to light. I find myself many times, while studying the Ritual or typing this article, reflecting back to when I was taking my Degrees to become a Master Mason. I can still remember what it felt and looked like to see the sidelines filled when the hoodwink was removed and I was brought to light. I

also thank the Brothers from Attica and Constellation Lodges who helped in performing the Ritual for this Degree. Your help once again is greatly appreciated.

### Master Mason Degree

I'm looking to confer the Master Mason Degree towards the end of February or the beginning of March. I'm sorry for the delay between the 2nd and 3rd Degree, but I have some personal matters to tend to throughout the month of January and into the beginning of February. I will still be around for our regular communications, but other time will be spent helping my family adjust to our second daughter's arrival. The Master Mason Degree will be the Degree on which Oakland Lodge will be graded to fulfill the Grand Master's edict for this Masonic year.

### Child ID Program

I had the pleasure of traveling to Attica in November to assist in a Child ID Program at one of the local nursery schools. It was a very informative and rewarding experience. It had been a long time since I had partaken in this program and forgot how rewarding it was to know that I was doing something to protect our youth. This is a program that I'm going to pursue for Oakland Lodge to do with the assistance of the Letchworth Central School system. I'm hoping this can possibly be done by the end of this Masonic year or at the latest, the start of our next Masonic year.

### Congratulations

I congratulate the following Brothers who were raised in January: Daniel Hamilton, 1/11/1995; Thomas Delude and Thomas Kemp, 1/24/1998; Arthur Robinson, 1/31/04. Sorry to the Brothers who I missed from September to December, but I just got the list of our membership broken into month raised and years of service.

### Brotherhood Fund

I will be the Brotherhood Chairman for Oakland Lodge this year. The best place to make your donations is at our monthly communications, but for those who are unable to make it, please mail your donations to: Kenneth E. Smith, 137 Lake Street Le Roy, NY 14482. If you would like your donation to be designated towards a certain category, please inform me of that in the memo section of your check or a note sent with your donation. For those donations that do not state a designated category, you leave me no choice but to designate your donation for you. I thank all the Brothers of Oakland Lodge for any donations received towards this Fund. This is just one of the ways that we can show support for our great organization and those who are our Brothers.

The only regular communication for the month of January will be the 3rd.

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

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



**District Deputy  
Grand Master  
Livingston District**



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

One of the most enjoyable nights I've had in a long time was on November 16th at Geneseo Lodge. They held a 3rd Degree for Brothers Alpin Genc, Eric Adamson and Tom Abrams. Having two of the fathers attend for their Degree honored the Lodge. Alpin's father flew in from Istanbul, Turkey. He is a professor at the University of Istanbul. Eric's father came in from Virginia for the Degree. Brother Col. Jim Adamson is a retired astronaut who has been in space

twice. Both fathers conducted their sons for the first section of the Degree and both raised their sons. Brother Jim Adamson, who was raised in West Point Lodge, called ahead and asked W.: English if he could take part in the Degree. Brother Adamson did the Senior Deacon's work for the second section and I did not detect one error in his work. I can honestly say that it was a pleasure to meet with both these Brothers. They are true gentlemen and a credit to the Craft.

By the time you read this, all eight Lodges in the Livingston District will have held their Brother Bring-a-Friend Night, as directed by the Grand Master. In the next issue, I will have the results. I thank all the Masters for their cooperation in achieving the goal for this directive.

Livingston District is alive and well. I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and will have a joyous New Year. \*

**Grand  
Sword Bearer  
Livingston**



R.: W.:  
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I can't say enough about the way W.: John Gallant and Brother Mike Grady presented the Masonic Development Course. We, in this District, are very lucky to have such great talent and dedication in the Fraternity as they did an outstanding job! Thank you, John and Mike.

We are now starting to present MDC Certificates and Pins to the Brothers in each Lodge who have completed the Course.

The Brother Bring-a-Friend programs have been completed. We have several new candidates, so I think they were a success. To the Masters and the chairmen of the Brother Bring-a-Friend events and all who helped out, I thank you...you all did a great job!

Don't forget the *Road to the East* Program on February 4th, 11th, and 18th. Please start getting people together for this program!

Don't forget about the Livingston District Ladies Night on April 1st at the Conesus Golf Club in Conesus. I am sure this will be a great evening for you and your Lady, also, to all Masters, don't forget to bring your widows. Last year the widows all seemed to have a great time, and I am sure they will again this year!

Our District is doing a lot of Degree work now, and it is fantastic to see all the Lodges pull together to make sure that all the positions are filled for each Degree. I have found that by our helping each other out with these Degrees in our District, we have developed a great feeling of family, and I sure am glad to be part of it!

Now that Winter is here, with all the snow on the roads, I am very happy to see all the Brothers visiting each other! Helping out with Degrees and just helping populate the Lodges is great! Keep up the good work Brothers!

I personally have never felt so proud to be a part of something and someplace as much as I feel about the Livingston Masonic District. \*

**Eunice Lodge  
No. 830**



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**R.: W.: Francis E. Oberer**  
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Happy New Year. Our December meeting was fairly brief and Annual Reports were received.

**Bring-a-Friend Night**

November 29th was our Brother Bring-a-Friend night. It was hosted by W.: Melvin Hussey and was again a success. We saw a Brother who most of us haven't seen in a while and it was good to catch up. We also received a new Petition that night. W.: Hussey has done a great job hosting these nights over the past few years. It has been the most important event for bringing new men into our Lodge. We are truly blessed to have him working for us.

**Third Degree**

On November 16th, Geneseo Lodge conferred a 3rd Degree. This was a very special night, not only because they raised three new Brothers, but two of the new Brothers were raised by their own fathers. These men traveled a great distance to be part of this most important night. One traveled from Virginia and the other from Istanbul, Turkey! This made the night most memorable for all who attended.

**Temple Club Meeting**

The Temple Club had their Annual Meeting after Lodge on December 1st. The Officers elected were: W.: Frances Oberer, President; Vice President, Brother Brian Pease; W.: Melvin Hussey, Treasurer; Secretary, Dave Howlett; Directors: W.: Derek Howlett, W.: Floyd Manley and W.: Lynn Pease.

**Senior Grand Warden**

Eunice Lodge is going to have a most distinguished guest at our January meeting. Senior Grand Warden, R.: W.: James Sullivan, is coming to give a program. I am very excited about the night and hope

all can attend. We are having a dinner at 6:30 p.m. with our communication beginning at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend. It would be appreciated if visitors could call me ahead of time to help me keep an accurate count for dinner.

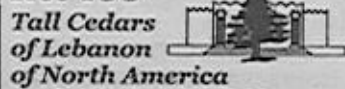
**Degrees**

We are going to bring the new year in by initiating three men. Our 1st Degree is January 18th. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. and the Degree will start at 7:30. This is the third Wednesday of the month, and a different night for us, so please carefully mark your calendars.

The 2nd Degree is scheduled for February 16th. This is the third Thursday of the month. Both of these nights will be Degree work only, there will be no business conducted. Let's fill the room to bring these new men to Light.

Happy New Year to all the Brothers of Eunice Lodge. \*

**Rochester Forest  
No. 133**



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

By Don Brugger, PGTC

Rochester Forest hopes that all Woodsmen and their families enjoyed a Merry Christmas. Our Annual Holiday Party at Valicia's was attended by 29 Woodsmen, spouses, widows and guests. The repast, as usual, was ample and tasty and all enjoyed the fellowship and holiday spirit.

**Coming up**

Our Annual Installation of Officers will be held at the January 25th meeting, weather permitting. Norman Austin will again be the Grand Tall Cedar; Don Wright, Senior Deputy Grand Tall Cedar, and George Springett, the Junior Deputy Grand Tall Cedar. Don Bell will continue as our Scribe and John Zabel will be our new Treasurer. Appointed Officers will be announced at that time.

We thank Paul Kober for his many years of dedicated service as Treasurer and for his great service as refreshment provider, funds collector, events manager, roster keep-

er, reservation taker, bill payer, etc; great job Paul!

**Membership**

Last year was a fantastic year for membership for our Forest as we initiated four new members. Let's make it six in 2006; its time to revitalize your Forest. Talk to your Lodge Brothers, friends and neighbors about Rochester Forest. Tell them about the Muscular Dystrophy Foundation, our charitable objective. If anyone is interested in joining us, or wants more information, please let an Officer know, so they can followup and perhaps invite the interested party to an informational session. Petitions are available, both for the Lodge and Forest, from Don Bell, our Scribe, at 259-0647, or me at 458-6125.

This is your Forest. If you want it to survive, we need candidates.

**Sickness and Distress**

Marge Freeman reports that Don's condition remains about the same. George Simon underwent surgery in late November. We wish him a speedy recovery. Jim Scobell continues to have problems and is on oxygen most evenings.

Frieda Silver had a bad fall just before the Christmas Party. She suffered a fractured wrist and broken hip and will have surgery to repair the hip. We should have more information next month. We are also sorry that Betty Tripp was ill and could not be with us for the Christmas Party. We hope that she is fine now.

We were saddened to hear of the sudden passing of Norm Austin's father-in-law just prior to the holidays. Our prayers go out to Norm, Linda and her family. I'm sure they would welcome cards or a phone call.

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

**Looking ahead**

You should have received your dues notice. The increase from \$17 to \$20 was necessary due to an increase in the Supreme Forest per-capita fee. Please respond as promptly as possible. Early dues returns help pay our Supreme Forest bill, which is due February 1st.

Your Forest wishes you and yours a Happy New Year. \*

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In order to provide the highest quality of care, the Masonic Care Community needs your support! Because of ever increasing costs and insurance reimbursements, the Masonic Care Community faces deficits each year. Won't you please help by sending a tax-deductible contribution? In exchange for your donation, several dedication opportunities (beginning at \$1000) are available. For more information or to make a donation, please call Brother Ira Cooperman, Director of Development, at 315-798-4703 (toll-free 800-593-3353) or mail the attached coupon. Please support *your* Community.



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# York Rite NEWS

## District Deputy Grand High Priest

24th  
District  
RAM



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Happy New Year, Companions. It is time again to think of Grand Chapter in Albany.

This year the Annual Convocation will be Friday, March 3rd and Saturday, March 4th, at the **Holiday Inn Turf on Wolf Road**, 205 Wolf Road, Albany NY 12205. For those planning to attend, PLEASE read the following reservation requirements:

Reservations for rooms, luncheons and the banquet are due to me no later than January 16th. I have deadlines, too!

### Meals

Mens or ladies Friday Luncheon - \$20.00, Friday Banquet - \$35.00.

Checks for meals should be made payable to: **GRAND**

**CHAPTER, RAM.** Please note all ticket sales are final.

### Lodgings

Room type desired: king, queen, smoking, non-smoking, twin, or doubles along with the number of days required-\$101 plus tax per night. Reservations for the hotel require cash deposit, a check made payable to the **Holiday Inn Turf**, or a credit card with expiration date.

I urge you to make your reservations with me as soon as possible so that the room you desire is available.

### District happenings

Just as a reminder of a non-happening within the District: Our District will **not** be host-

ing the Order of High Priesthood this year. The closest place for our area will be at the Salem Town Masonic Temple, Route 414N and Bailey Road, Seneca Falls on February 11th, at 1:00 p.m.

As noted in the first paragraph above, the Grand Chapter Convocation is Friday, March 3rd and Saturday, March 4th. Make every effort to come and join with Royal Arch Companions from around the State and visitors from other jurisdictions. Enjoy the camaraderie that this occasion has to offer. Plus, you can learn first hand "what's what" at Grand Chapter!

I have spoken to our Grand Lecturer, R.: E.: Eugene M.

January 2006

Ellis, and he informs me that we are scheduled for a Grand Lecturer's Convention at Newark Chapter No. 117 in October. Look for more information on this later.

The Grand High Priest, M.: E.: Walter Hilsenbeck's motto is, **STOP, LOOK, AND LISTEN.** Companions, let us

**STOP** and see if we have contributed to the Royal Arch Charities Fund.

**LOOK** at the good work that is being accomplished by these Charities.

**LISTEN** to our hearts and make that contribution, large or small, to these worthwhile causes.



# Scottish Rite NEWS

Consistory  
Chapter Rose Croix  
Council of Princes of Jerusalem  
Lodge of Perfection

## Rite Events Calendar

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

Saturday, January 14, 2006  
MSA Meeting

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

Saturday, February 11th  
Meeting, 17° and 18°

Thursday, February 16th  
Day of Tebeth Table Lodge

Tuesday, February 28th  
Book review, *Foucault's Pendulum*  
Scottish Rite Office

Friday, March 3rd  
Masonic Education Fair Dinner, AASR only

Saturday, March 4th  
Masonic Education Fair, Open



Tickets are available now for members of the Scottish Rite. These tickets will admit you to the 1:00 p.m. performance of *The Lion King* on April 2nd. Send your check to the Scottish Rite Office, 3300 Monroe Avenue, Suite 320, Rochester, NY 14618.

### Limited Time Offer

This exclusive offer for members is valid through January 31st. After that, any remaining

tickets will be made available to members of the Masonic Community, until the supply is exhausted. Get the best seats by ordering early. We have obtained a block of excellent seats at a group rate. You cannot match our location for the price, unless you have other

group opportunities.

Don't miss this terrific award-winning show, with choreography by Rochester's own Garth Fagan. If you have questions or need additional information, call Sublime Prince Bill Lindsay in the Office, 264-1160 or 1 (800) 858-2320.

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### Allegiance

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

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III.: Bruce Widger, 33°  
Past Deputy for New York  
III.: Richard H. Welkley, 33°



## Blue Caps

By Jerold J. Gilmore

On November 3rd, I again had the privilege of sitting in on the Top Three meeting, held at the Consistory Office. John Zabel, 33°, led the meeting, as our Commander was off enjoying a sea voyage with his wife and his parents.

John requested the Blue Caps to take care of registration and receive money the weekend of the **College of Freemasonry**, March 3rd and 4th. Friday evening will be a dinner for Scottish Rite members only. Saturday will be an all-day affair beginning at 9:00 a.m. There will be box lunches for our noon meal. All time slots for that weekend have been filled.

On November 17th, the Valley held a Day of Adar and invited all Scottish Rite Veterans to the evening meal to be recognized. There was a huge turnout and our Commander presented a medallion to each Veteran who gave his name, rank and station. One side of the medallion said, "God Bless America" and on the reverse was, "United We Stand" and "Home of the Free." This affair was another great presentation by our Commander-in-Chief. Thank you, Bob.

On December 1st there was another Top Three meeting with our Commander at the helm. There was a discussion about **The College of Freemasonry**, which is open to all interested Masons. It was strongly emphasized that we talk this affair up in our Lodges and other acquaintances.

Our newly acquired Brothers of Corning were also mentioned, including a Meritorious Service Award combined luncheon in December.

On December 7th, we held our 3rd luncheon. III.: Robert Pedersen, Commander-in-Chief, expressed how important our Blue Cap members are in supporting the Scottish Rite organization. He personally thanked each for their active participation in the past and is looking forward to their continued good input in future projects.

Following the splendid meal, and in keeping with the holiday spirit, we enjoyed a double scoop ice cream sundae, which was sponsored by your President.

We ask the Great Architect to continue to be our protector in our busy lives in the New Year.

## Just one more addition to the many services we provide.

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## Taxes! Taxes! Taxes!

By Tom Michielsen

"Taxes are what we pay for a civilized society."  
Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes

The Internal Revenue Service recently issued a consumer alert about an Internet scam in which consumers receive an email informing them of a tax refund. The email, which claims to be from the IRS, directs the consumer to a link that requests personal information, such as Social Security number and credit card information.

The IRS does not ask for personal identifying or financial information via unsolicited e-mail. Additionally, taxpayers do not have to complete a special form to obtain a refund.

Beginning January 1, 2006, most individuals and businesses will be able to request a full six-month tax-filing extension without a reason or even a signature. Individuals will be able to file Form 4868 to get an automatic six-month extension of time to file, beginning with 2005 returns due in 2006. This will replace the existing procedure that only allowed an automatic extension of four months. Form 2688 has been eliminated.

Extension procedures will also be streamlined for business taxpayers, thus eliminating Forms 8736 and 8800. The new regulations will make a six-month extension available to most non-corporate business taxpayers, including partnerships and trusts. Starting January 1, 2006 all eligible business taxpayers will use Form 7004 to request an automatic six-month extension of time to file.

The model year 2006 Ford Escape Hybrid and the 2006 Mercury Mariner Hybrid vehicles have been certified by the IRS as being eligible for the clean-burning fuel deduction under Section 179A. An individual who purchases one of these vehicles new during calendar year 2005 may claim a tax deduction of up to \$2,000 for tax year 2005. This is a one-time deduction that must be taken in the year the vehicle is originally used.

If the dependency exemption for Children of Divorced and Separated Parents is released to the non-custodial parent, the non-custodial parent also gets the child tax credit. However, the custodial parent could claim head of household filing status, the child and dependent care credit and the Earned Income Credit.

Beginning January 1, 2006, the standard mileage rates for

the use of a car (including vans, pickups or panel trucks) will be: 44.5 cents per mile for business miles driven; 18 cents per mile driven for medical or moving purposes; and 14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations, other than activities related to Hurricane Katrina relief.

### Please! DO NOT TRY THE FOLLOWING:

Dear IRS,  
Enclosed is my tax return showing that I owe \$3,407.00 in taxes.

Please note the attached article from *USA Today*, wherein you will see that the Pentagon is paying \$171.50 for hammers and NASA has paid \$600 for a toilet seat.

I am enclosing four toilet seats (value \$2400) and six hammers (value \$1029), bringing my total remitted to \$3429. Please apply the over-

payment of \$22.00 to the "Presidential Election Fund," as noted on my return. You can do this inexpensively by sending them one 1.5" Phillips head screw (article from *USA Today* detailing how HUD pays \$22.00 each for 1.5" Phillips head screws is enclosed for your convenience).

It has been a pleasure to pay my tax bill this year, and I look forward to paying it again next year.

Sincerely,  
A Satisfied Taxpayer

The above practice will cause you more grief than it is worth.

### Due dates

January 15th - December Payroll Taxes

January 15th - Fourth Quarter IRS Estimated Tax

January 31st - W2's and 1099's mailed to recipient

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

## Your Legal Rights FYI

By Bro. Phillip Hurwitz, Esq.

Parents of children, who were never married to each other, or who have subsequently divorced, are still bound to each other. The tie that binds is their children.

A parent who has custody of a child is commonly referred to as the custodial parent. The parent, who does not have custody of the same child, is referred to as a non-custodial parent.

The custodial parent, being primarily responsible for the child's upbringing, has the de-

cision-making authority. The legal distinction between a custodial parent and a non-custodial parent is that the custodial parent has the decision-making authority. As a practical matter, this translates into the custodial parent deciding such matters as where the child goes to school, which doctors they see, where they receive their religious training, etc.

The non-custodial parent has no right to dictate as to how the child will be raised. The exception is where a court awards joint custody to both parents. That means both parents share decision-making authority over the child's upbringing, regardless of who actually has physical custody of the child.

A non-custodial parent has a right of visitation with his/her child. A custodial parent who frustrates that right risks losing custody of the child to the other parent. Visitation is a joint right of both the child and the parent.

A custodial parent cannot relocate with the child to another community, if to do so would effectively deny the ability of the non-custodial parent to see the child on a regular basis. Absent an agreement between the parents, a custodial parent is obligated to obtain court permission to move with the child.

The risk to the custodial parent of making a move without court permission can be profound. The court that granted custody to begin with may re-

quire that parent to return with the child, or risk losing custody completely.

A custodial parent who wants to relocate to another community with their child needs permission to do so. That means petitioning the court that granted custody to begin with and requesting permission to relocate with the child.

Courts will not grant such a request, absent some compelling or exceptional circumstance. Examples of an exceptional or compelling circumstance are as varied as life itself. Some examples serve as useful guideposts.

The health of a child or a job, may justify a move, such as a child needs medical treatment that is not offered locally; the

mother has a unique or highly skilled talent that her employer relies upon; the employer decides to relocate and mother cannot find comparable employment at home, thereby necessitating a relocation with her current employer.

A move pursued for the purposes of making a fresh start or to seek better opportunities, isn't an exceptional or compelling circumstance. Not only does such a move interfere with visitation, but it also is disruptive to a child's habit and routine. This disruption is amplified when a move will effectively cut off or diminish the opportunity to be with the other parent. A court may well rule that circumstance is not in the child's best interest.

## Adopt a Cop

Continued from Page 2

started to help re-establish their identity and pride.

If you or your organization is looking for a way to provide assistance to those affected by the storm, here is a special opportunity. **Adopt a cop!**

For \$25, you will purchase a new shirt for an officer in the

New Orleans Police Department Swat Team. There are 57 members of this squad who will thus be appropriately attired with the success of this drive. Each shirt will be delivered with a card, which will contain the name(s) of the donor(s). A card, indicating the name of the officer who received the shirt, will be sent to you.



Look carefully! Six-foot-tall-man stands just to the right of the vehicle, photographing this pile of debris.



The SWAT Team Headquarters and Armory...what's left!

Additional information may be obtained by contacting me, Ed Schmitt, on my cell phone (585) 615-7900 or by email at: [eschmitt@lasermax.com](mailto:eschmitt@lasermax.com).

*Editor's Note: W.: Edward J. Schmitt is a Past Master of Valley-Simes Lodge and account manager for a company serving Military and Law Enforcement markets. His travels have taken him to New Orleans where he saw the destruction first hand. It prompted this effort to help some distressed personnel.*

**ERAC**  
Lodge No. 163

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### The December Report

December was a month filled with holiday warmth and cheer for ERAC. On December 12th, our Lodge welcomed two new Entered Apprentices and shared fellowship and fun with the Brothers of Webster Lodge. Special thanks to Noble Mike Grady and the entire Shrine Degree Team for conferring a fantastic Degree for our newest Brothers. Our 2005-2006 class is now hold-

ing steady at nine. Please work hard to not only welcome these new Brothers, but to teach them the ERAC way and the way of the Fraternity.

December 15th, ERAC members rang the Salvation Army Bell at the Panorama Plaza Tops from 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Thanks to all of the Brothers and their families who braved the cold for a good cause. A special thanks to Brother John Crough for doing a superb job of organizing yet another year of this perennial ERAC tradition.

December 17th, several Brothers started the weekend off right with a hearty, Terry Wihlen Jr. breakfast of champions, and then fanned out throughout the county to our Brothers in need of a touch of holiday cheer. Special thanks to Brother Terry and his family for hosting this breakfast, and thanks to the Brothers who delivered the Poinsettias.

ERAC adopted a family for the holidays, raising over \$150 in cash donations and a bin full of non-perishable food for a local family in need of our aid and assistance. Thank you, Brother Lew, for identifying this family and fulfilling ERAC's wish to take care of its greater community.

### At work in the quarries

On Monday, January 9th, ERAC will be clowning around with the Shrine Clowns. Bring your family and friends to the Pot Luck Dinner at 6:00 p.m., and see the clowns transform a member of the audience into

one of them. This is bound to be a treat for all, and children will be home in bed no later than 8:00 p.m. How can you go wrong?

On Monday, January 23rd, ERAC will host the 2nd Degree, and pass our nine Entered Apprentices to the Degree of Fellowcraft. Please show your support for these new Brothers, your Officer line and the Lodge by attending this important event.

My Brothers, I am proud to be at the helm of such a prosperous and generous Lodge that is "Walking the Talk of Masonry." Tighten the slack in your cable tow to help continue our service to the community and to our Fraternity.

For those of you who celebrated Hanukkah, I hope they were days filled with peace, joy, hope and light. To the Brothers and families who celebrated Christmas, I hope the hectic holiday trials and tribulations didn't obscure the "reason for the season," and it was filled with peace and goodwill toward all. To our Brothers of other faiths, I am glad that Masonry is non-denominational and has allowed me to be in community with you. Would not Masonry serve as a model for solving world sectarian strife?

To all of our Brothers and their families, regardless of what holiday you have celebrated or not celebrated, have a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!



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Damascus Shrine Center No. 2

# Shrine News

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Potentate - Robert L. Anderson II

## From the Potentate

Shrine Office - 671-7701



Robert L. Anderson II

our support and our membership. In 2005, we started two programs that should support that hope. They will both be continued during 2006. The first is the initiation fee scholarship program. The new member will only be responsible for his pro-rata share of the 2006 dues, as per the By-Laws. Additionally, we should all be aware of the permanent membership programs that can be purchased.

The second program is fundraising for the hospitals. In 2005, we raised nearly \$25,000 through contributions and fundraising by the membership. We expect to better that in 2006. These included contributions raised by various clubs and units, the Wheelers Poker Run, the Duffers Golf Tournament, and personal contributions. Including that amount with bequests, more than \$450,000 has come from Damascus territory.

I particularly thank the ladies of Zama Temple for their part in these contributions. Don't forget your opportunities to making a lasting contribution to the Hospitals through a Permanent Contributing Membership, Hundred Million Dollar Club, and the Annual Gift Campaign.

Thank you for a great 2005. I'm looking forward to a fantastic 2006.

## From the Recorder

Shrine Office  
671-7701



James Slocum  
367-2425

Shrine Reservation Line  
671-3565

This past year seems to have gone by really fast, as it seems like it was a very short time ago that I started this job of Recorder. I have enjoyed serving the Nobility this past year and I thank the Nobility for having the confidence in my ability to serve you for another year.

### Thank you

I have learned a lot in this past year and I thank Erwin Newell, PP, for helping me by answering a lot of questions, as different situations came up. I will always be grateful for that. I also thank Nicole for putting up with me and the many mistakes I have made.

I hope everyone had a Happy and Joyous Holiday and that 2005 was prosperous. We did lose some real close Nobles in 2005 and I

hope that trend does not continue for 2006. I congratulate all of the new members who joined in 2005 and hope the momentum keeps going for 2006.

With all the new Officers in place, I congratulate our new Potentate, Ill. Lance Ward. I know he has a busy year lined up with all of the activities and fundraisers he has planned to keep the Shrine Center active and growing. I know that the Potentate would like to see another 100 new Nobles this year and I do believe that is possible if each of us were to get one new petition, read and understand the proposal for new members in 2006, pertaining to initiation and dues.

I know that we want to continue our support of the hospitals and helping the kids in need of the miracles that our doctors perform in our 22 orthopedic and burn hospitals around the country.

### Check your dues card

The dues notices have gone out. If there is anyone who has not received their dues card in a reasonable time, let me know so we can track it down and make sure you receive it before the January meeting. It will entitle you to a steak dinner for one dollar (\$1.00).

## Zama Temple Daughters of the Nile

By Corrine Routly

Zama Temple hosted the annual Holiday Tea for members and guests on Sunday, December 4th at the Fairport Masonic Lodge. Potentate Robert Anderson, and First Lady Alice, attended with members of the Divan.

Congratulations to Kitty Noble, PQ, and Joan Bright, PQ, for the beautiful decorations in the dining room. The room was a festive sight to behold. It made you catch the Christmas spirit! The food was delicious and arranged attractively on the serving trays.

A Ceremonial was held at the session of December 10th.

Zama Temple will be dark in January.

A stated session will be held Saturday, February 11th. Election of Officers will be held at the session on March 11th for the ensuing year.

Thanks to the members who donated monetary gifts, toys and other items to the CRF for the patients at Erie Hospital.

A happy and healthy New Year to all!

**Hope for the Future**  
January augurs the beginning of the new year and the beginning of the future. We are looking forward to the activities of Damascus Shriners during 2006, while looking back on an active 2005.

The beginning of the year is the Installation of Officers on January 4th. At that time, we welcome Lance Ward and his Officers to the leadership of Damascus Shriners. The evening begins with the annual Shell-a-Buck dinner. Remember to make your reservation and pay your 2006 dues so that you can get a great steak dinner for \$1. It will be presented by the Aides under the leadership of Dick DeCroce, with Norris Shapiro preparing the steaks.

### Hospital support

The hope for the future of our Hospitals depends upon

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come to you - to visit your Lodge or District meeting - and make a brief presentation about the institution that has served Masons and their families for over 100 years and which, in turn, has been so generously supported by members of the Fraternity.

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

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## LET'S GO BOWLING



By Jay McCullough

It's still a fun time! We sure aren't the bowling world's greatest (except for Jack Spencer and our Prez, Ron Starkweather), but we do cheer each other on during each frame and jokes and laughter abound! We also share updates on what's happening in our Lodges and the Fraternity.

The Senior Masonic League makes its home at the Rose Garden Bowl in Bergen. At 1 p.m. each Tuesday, we gather and render unto Brother Sardou the six bucks apiece that is his. He then turns the lanes on for a little practice. Just before Dick Giedd or John Mattern can get their second shots in, his voice comes over the speakers to let us know it's time to get serious and start our games. The coffee has been ready and we even get to use china cups! This is on the house, of course.

The electronic scoreboard keeps track of things so all we have to do is sit back and wait our turn. Dick Giedd was elated when Dick Kessler took over the 5 pin (a miss means it's yours with a round of accompanying jibes) but that didn't last out the day at the beginning of December. Before the third game was completed, Giedd reclaimed it.

John Mattern brought his secret weapon, intended for the last half of the season: he was sure a two-fingered ball would get him back in form. In the end, it appears he's going to need more practice with it. We do gamble some. We use a deck of cards and make twenty-five cent bets apiece on each bowling game. It takes strikes and series of spares to earn cards. John Specht has enjoyed getting all 3 pots on occasion, but we don't intend to let it go to his head. He seems able to claim at least one each week and pockets his quarters with great glee. Must be sad to be so needy! It's his way of recouping what he lost when retired from the secretarial post at Hesperus Lodge. He has qualified for Social Security though, so he should be back in form financially!

Dave Liles has returned from being a lefty to reclaim his higher average with the return of right arm mobility. Jim Toogood has grooved his shots down the middle of each lane gaining more spares and strikes this year than in the past.

We start the second half of the season at the lanes at 21 Buffalo Road in Bergen in the month ahead. We still invite all who would like to bowl with the Seniors to join us at any time. We have a spot for you. Haven't bowled in the past two or three decades? Not a worry. You'll fit right in, so long as you don't take yourself too seriously. You don't have to own equipment. It's available at the lanes. Bring a Brother or a buddy and we'll put your names on the score pad. Let the good times roll!

## Hillbilly Fundraiser East/West Shrine Game

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# Lalla Rookh **GROTTO** News

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## Grand Historian



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### Last Knight

Samuel (Sam) was born in Utica on September 2, 1815 and died in New Orleans, Louisiana, on February 1, 1905. These dates bound a career of spotless integrity, which was crowned with distinguished honors gained in social, civil and military life. His service to the Craft extended through all the varied fields of Masonic activity.

Sam was educated in Troy, New York, and at the age of eighteen, left home and entered business with an older brother in Mobile, Alabama. He quickly came into social prominence. He remained there for thirteen years before moving to New Orleans in 1848, where he founded a firm of importers and dealers in artists' materials, bearing his name.

It was in Mobile he entered Masonry and advanced until the highest position in all Masonic Bodies. In New Orleans his fame preceded him. His Masonic career was wonderful in length of service, devotion, learning, attainments and distinctions.



October, 1889. Knights of the F.D.C. Fairchild is seated on the right in a light gray suit. The Smith Brothers are seated on the left and right ends. The bald man seated in the center is William Eaton. J.F. McGregory is standing at the right end. (File photo)

Sam was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana; Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana; Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters; Grand Commander of Knights Templar and President of the High Priesthood of his State.

In the Scottish Rite, Sam held nearly every position there was. In the Supreme Body of the Scottish Rite of the Southern Jurisdiction, he held the honor of being Sovereign Grand Inspector General for thirty-six years. This long list of honors came as rewards for his faithful and distinguished service.

On a trip North in June of 1890, he learned of the activities of the F.D.C. in Hamilton, New York. While the M.O.V.-P.E.R. started on June 10th, the F.D.C. still seemed to be at work. On July 5th, Sam was initiated into the F.D.C. by the King Devil.

Later the same day he was elected life member in the Supreme Council and appointed Grand Standard Bearer. Now you know the rest of the story of Samuel M. Todd who, at the age of 70 years, became the last initiated Knight of the F.D.C. He gave our Order the endorsement of his good name. x

### Chief Justice

By Michael Bell

The coming year promises to be a juncture in the course of Lalla Rookh Grotto. We have elected and installed the men who will determine and control the speed and success of our endeavors in the foreseeable future.

As this is the usual time for the making of New Year's Resolutions, I offer the following to all:

1. I will not enter into a cabal against, or be disloyal to, the Monarch; x

2. I will not involve myself in the passing of rumors or idle gossip;

3. I will, to the best of my ability, attempt to speak to my Brother Prophets in a quiet, polite and respectful tone.

4. I will not involve myself in a clique or private group, or otherwise take exclusionary actions.

Here's hoping for a great year. x

### Caldron News

By Betty Madison, MCO

Happy New Year!

First, on behalf of Lalla Rookh Caldron, I congratulate the newly-elected Monarch, Norman Austin, and his Officers. I hope your year will be a successful and memorable one.

Thank you, Joy, for a delicious Ham Dinner at our Christmas Family Dinner. We all enjoyed it.

There will be NO Executive Council meetings this month or in February.

Get well wishes go to Grace Jackson, who fell several months ago, breaking her hip and shoulder. She has been in rehab since then and now is home recovering.

Doris Bell is recovering nicely at home and coming along well. Keep up the good work and hope to see you both out real soon.

These Daughters would love to hear from us with cards or phone calls.

Happy Birthday wishes to Audrey Curtis on January 3rd and Rose Hartwig on January 16th. x

## Monroe District OES HiLights

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Rt. Wthy.  
Nancy Venette  
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DGL  
Rt. Wthy.  
George Bundoc  
328-0111

Happy New Year. It is here, my Sisters and Brothers, and we are off and running with parties, elections, installations and lots of fellowship!

Rt. Wthy. George Bundoc and I will be holding a Line Officers meeting, January 7th, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., at Fairport/Flower City Lodge (4 corners Fairport). All Line Officers' meetings, February on, will be held the 1st Saturday of each month. I hope to see many, or all, of the 2006 Line Officers out so we can get off to a good start with our projects and the new Clubs.

I have lots of information for you. The 1st Saturday in February will be Rt. Wthy. George's School of Instruction, so come, join the fun and learn lots too!!

Be sure to remember your sick and shut-ins with calls,

cards, and visits during this cold season when they are more homebound. The reward will be yours.

At this time of year, my mind goes back to the '70s, with my husband Nelson. Often, because of his built-in stomach, he played Santa. The Masons would take a bus trip to the Masonic Home and Care Facility in Utica, for a Visit with Santa and lots of gifts and cookies. We sure came home with smiling faces.

A thought to remember: Now age is strictly a case of mind over matter, you should know that if you don't mind, it doesn't matter! x

## NOLATKA Chapter No. 320

Order of the Eastern Star

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

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Wthy. Antoinette Jeerings

354-1988

Patron

Wthy. Robert Crystal

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Secretary

Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings

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By MaryAnne Sovocool  
Greetings and best wishes for the New Year, 2006, from the members of Nolatka Chapter. I will be assuming the correspondent duties from Wthy. Kim Robinson as she assumes the Office of Worthy Matron. We thank Wthy. Kim for her

services this year in keeping us up-to-date on the happenings at Nolatka Chapter.

Wthy. Antoinette Jeerings and Wthy. Robert Crystal thank all who helped at the Madrigal Dinner in December. Their services are greatly appreciated.

We, the Chapter members, extend our thanks for the past year to Wthy. Antoinette Jeerings and Wthy. Robert Crystal, as they move from their positions in the East. The Chapter sadly misses our Worthy Patron, William Baxter, and expresses our appreciation to Wthy. Robert Crystal for assuming this office at such a sad time.

### New Officers

At the December 6th meeting, the following Officers were elected for the 2006 year:

Matron **Kim Robinson**  
Patron **Robert Crystal**  
Associate Matron

**Felicia Clark**  
Associate Patron

**LeRoy Lester**  
Treasurer **Vickie Gross**  
Secretary **Carol Wynings**  
Conductress

**Martha Loomis**  
Assocociate Conductress  
**Tracy Dalykas**

3rd year Trustee  
**Antoinette Jeerings**

## Order of the Eastern Star

### Leah Chapter Honors First 75-year Member



Sister Minerva Haslip (center) was honored recently on the occasion of her 75th anniversary as a member of Leah Chapter No. 183, Order of the Eastern Star. She was presented with an Eastern Star necklace with charm and a bouquet of red roses by (from left) June Shaver, Beverly Thompson, Dorothy Wolfe (Worthy Matron) and Nancy Taber. Sister Minerva was Worthy Matron of the Chapter in 1935, and continues to be a true and loyal member. (Photo submitted by Nancy Taber)

1st year Trustee  
**MaryAnne Sovocool**

Installation of these Officers will be held at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 3rd in the Chapter room at 22 South Main Street, Churchville. It will be an open meeting. The dress code is street dress.

Our incoming Matron, Kim

Robinson, has chosen pink and yellow as her colors, the dove and cross as her symbols and yellow roses and forget-me-nots, with pink ribbons, for her flowers.

Congratulations to the incoming Officers and may 2006 be a happy and productive year for us all. x



**In Memoriam**

**December**

**November**

**Caudle, Howard P.**

A member of Oatka Lodge, Howard passed away November 11th at the age of 92 years. He is survived by his wife, Thelma, four daughters, six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

**Bedoar, Floyd M.**

The Great Architect of the Universe claimed Floyd on November 17th at the age of 90 years. He was a member of Unity Lodge, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Shrine. Survivors include his four children, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

**Ambeau, Fred**

The loving arms of the Lord embraced Fred on November 27th. He was a member and Past Master of Zetland Lodge (now ERAC) and a Past Monarch of Lalla Rookh Grotto.

**Wilson, Michael R.**

Michael entered eternal rest on December 2nd. He was a member of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge and leaves his wife, Roula, two children and a granddaughter.

**Flint, Robert L., Sr.**

Robert resided in Bradenton, Florida at the time of his passing. He was 96 years old and was a member of Rochester Consistory and Damascus Shrine. He is survived by one son, two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

**Leiske, Donald H.**

Death claimed Donald suddenly on December 6th. He was a member of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge and leaves his wife, Jean, two children and four grandchildren.

**Colombo, Thomas M.**

Craftsman Robertson Lodge lost a member with the passing of Thomas on December 8th. Survivors include his three children and eight grandchildren.

**Powers, George A.**

December 11th was the day George was called Home. He was 80 years old and a member of Drumlin Square Lodge. Many family members survive him.

**Ferraro, Cesare**

Cesare died unexpectedly at his home on December 12th. He was a member of Fame Lodge and is survived by many friends.

**Adams, Clarence**

Fairport/Flower City Lodge and Rochester Consistory each lost a member with the passing of Clarence on December 16th. He leaves his wife, Jean.

**Looking Ahead**

**February**

4 Road to the East Livingston District

11 Road to the East Livingston District

18 Road to the East Livingston District

20 Masonic Development Course Wakan/Hubbard Lodge

**March**

3 & 4 Valley of Rochester Masonic Education Fair Shrine Center

10 Masonic Development Course Wakan/Hubbard Lodge

29 School of Ritual Webster Lodge

**April**

1 Livingston District Ladies Night Conesus Golf Club

**May**

19 Joint Investiture Fairport/Flower City Lodge

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**BIG CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 2006**

Gem - Garnet  
Flower - Carnation

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Year's Day	2 New Year's Day Observed	3 Craftsman Robertson Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps (OV) Oakland - Castile  OES - Fairport, Lilac Star, Nolatka	4 Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy  Damascus Shrine	5 Avon Springs Eunice - Caledonia Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster  RSM - Palmyra Council	6 Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 6-7 p.m. \$6 adult; \$3 Child 30 Orchard Street	7 OES - Line Officers meeting, Fairport/Flower City Lodge, 9-11 a.m.  OES - Rochester Chapter, Unity Lodge - Spencerport
8 Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinners Weds. 11th and 25th East Avenue, Hilton	9 ERAC - Shrine Center Fairport/Flower City Mt. Vernon - Java Village Union Star - Honeoye Falls Unity - Spencerport Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield, 1*  RAM - Excelsior - Shortsville	10 Arcade Fame - Irondequoit Seneca - Webster Valley-Simes  RAM - Dansville, LeRoy OES - Leah - Hilton	11 Churchville Oatka - Scottsville  Masonic Service Bureau Monthly Luncheon Meeting  OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville, Corinthian Fellowship	12 Milnor - Victor (OV) Union - Lima  RAM - Hiram  KT - Batavia Commandery	13	14 OES - Charlotte Chapter (I), Unity Lodge - Spencerport, 1:00 p.m.
15 Milnor Lodge Spaghetti Dinner December 18 21 Maple Avenue Victor	16 Canandaigua - Shortsville West Star - Varysburg KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford  OES - Irondequoit MON - Masonic Development Course - Penfield, 7 p.m.  Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Observed	17 Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps  OES - Lilac Star, Nolatka	18 Attica Ark - Geneva Drumlin Square - Palmyra, 1* Eunice - Caledonia, 1* Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy  RSM - Doric Council, Pittsford  Lalla Rookh Grotto  MON - Masters & Wardens	19 Avon Springs Eunice - Caledonia Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford, 1* Webster  Scottish Rite  RAM - Western Star  Lalla Rookh Caldron	20	21 KT - Sagoyewatha - Phelps
22 ERAC - Shrine Center Fairport/Flower City Mt. Vernon - Java Village Union Star - Honeoye Falls, 3* Unity - Spencerport Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield	23 Arcade Fame - Irondequoit  RAM - Dansville, LeRoy, Wyoming  OES - Leah - Hilton	24 Attica, 2* Churchville Oatka - Scottsville  Tall Cedars of Lebanon (I)  OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville, Corinthian Fellowship	25 Milnor - Victor Union - Lima  RAM - Hiram  KT - Batavia Commandery  James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post	26	27	28
29	30	31 MON - School of Ritual, Unity Lodge - Spencerport, 7:30 p.m.	<p><i>Happy New Year to you from all of us at the</i> <b>Masonic Times</b></p>			