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## 2006 Elected Grand Line



Here is the official group photo of the Grand Lodge Officers. (Front row, from left): R.:W.: Gilbert Savitsky, Grand Secretary; M.:W.: Neal I. Bidnick, Grand Master; R.:W.: Edward G. Gilbert, Deputy Grand Master. (Back row): R.:W.: Dennis A. Breheny, Senior Grand Warden; R.:W.: Stephen S. King, Junior Grand Warden; R.:W.: Joseph A. Quarequio, Grand Treasurer.

At the 225th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, the first week of May, the Grand Line was elected and installed. With many of the offices having multiple nominees, it took considerable time to complete the balloting process and determine the victorious candidates. Here are biographical sketches on the men selected by Lodge representatives in attendance to manage the operations of Grand Lodge for the next term:

### M.:W.: Neal I. Bidnick Grand Master

Most Worshipful Brother Bidnick was Raised in Bredablick Lodge No. 880 in 1975 and was elected Master in 1982. Throughout his career he joined several other Lodges and has been awarded honorary memberships in still others.

In 1986 he was District Deputy Grand Master for the Sixth Manhattan District and has since held several District offices. Active in Grand Lodge for 18 years, Brother Neal served on various committees and in many roles, including Director of the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory. He has frequently been in a leadership position in long-range planning and financial management, and has held the elective offices of Grand Treasurer, 2002 to 2004, and Deputy Grand Master from 2004 to 2006.

A member of the Royal Arch and several Scottish Rite Valleys, he has also held offices in the Order of the Eastern Star and the Shrine. In his younger days he was a member of the Order of DeMolay. Among his honors is the Medal of Honor-First Degree from the Grand Lodge of Finland, two

Grand Master's Certificates of Appreciation, and the soon-to-be-conferred Scottish Rite 33°.

Grand Master Bidnick is married to Joyce and they have a son, Brian. Brother Bidnick took his schooling at Brooklyn College, City University of New York, and earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting.

### R.:W.: Edward G. Gilbert Deputy Grand Master

Born and raised in Buffalo, Right Worshipful Brother Gilbert is an active member of Buffalo-Lakeland Lodge No. 846. Forced to drop out of line due to work commitments, he eventually returned and was able to serve as Worshipful Master in 1989-90 and 1993.

In his District, Brother Ed was an Officer with the Erie County Wardens Association

in 1988 and the Masonic Past Masters Association in 1997. He was appointed Moderator of the Erie County School of Instruction from 1994 to 1998, and Grand Master Stewart C. McCloud appointed him Grand Lecturer in 1999 to succeed the retiring M.:W.: Calvin G. Bond. M.:W.: Carl J. Smith, M.:W.: Carl J. Fitje, and M.:W.: Edward R. Trosin re-appointed him in turn. He has served on the Grand Master's Education Committee, as well as with the Custodians of the Work.

R.:W.: Brother Gilbert is a member of Zuleika Grotto, where he was Monarch in 1969, and is Past President of the Empire State Grotto Association. He also maintains memberships in Scottish Rite and Royal Arch Masonry.

Brother Ed has been married to Helen "Babe" for fifty years and they enjoy three sons, a daughter and twin grandsons. The Deputy Grand Master is retired from the Security Division, General Motors Corporation (American Axle Plant).

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### Grand Master Presents Wendell K. Walker "Builder of Men" Medal to R.:W.: Maurice Solomon



R.:W.: Maurice Solomon  
Chairman Emeritus  
Custodians of the Work

The Most Worshipful Neal I. Bidnick, newly elected Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, turned the annual Joint Investiture Service of the Monroe District into an extra special event for Right Worshipful Maurice Solomon.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the Grand Master took to the floor and asked R.:W.: John Zabel to escort Brother Maury to the center of the room, West of the Altar. It was there he extolled the virtues of Brother Solomon for his service to our Grand Lodge as Chairman of the Custodians of the Work. Retiring from that posi-

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**Masonic Service Bureau**  
Scholarships & Charitable Grants Awards Night  
Wednesday, June 21st, 7:00 p.m.  
**Webster Lodge Hall**  
30 Orchard Street, Webster - All Invited!

### Apron Presentation Dinner

Join us in welcoming our new Grand Lodge Officers:  
Gary Sanford - DDGM  
Tom Grape - GDC  
Derek VanHouten - GSB

Key Note Speaker:

R.:W.: James Sullivan  
Grand Lecturer and Past Senior  
Grand Warden

Sponsored by the Masonic Service Bureau  
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Monday, June 19th  
Social 6:00 PM  
Dinner 7:00 PM  
Apron Presentation 8:00 PM  
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Dated Material



Editor's Corner

Wow! What an issue. We had extra time this month, with the deadline the 8th of May (second Monday of the Month). We took advantage of it. We had so many events and so much copy, including photographs, Dave and I had difficulty prioritizing and assembling the pages. Our Lodge news columns begin on Page 6...this is a first for us!

Of course, it isn't every year we have the Grand Master in town for our Investiture Service; a dedicated servant of the Craft is awarded the Wendell K. Walker "Builder of Men" Medal; we can celebrate the revival and enthusiasm of our DeMolay Chapter; that we plant 250 trees and shrubs at Camp DeMolay. What could I save for the Fall issue? My response was "nothing." These all seemed to be events which might lead to convince members that we are still in the groove and striving to be even more groovy!

We all are seeking new members, and the above are a few of the variety of events that, hopefully, each of us could find at least one in which we could express an interest.

Granted, the Medal presentation was a well-kept secret. Only those attending the Investiture Service were privileged to witness Maury's astonishment when M.:W.: Neal Bidnick had him escorted onto the floor of the Lodge Hall.

Attendance was good; could have been better, but only ten Lodges participated. Thirty years ago, at my first Investiture Service, we had thirty-one Lodges and a lot more Brothers attending. [Worshipful Tom Goodrich and his crew at Fairport-Flower City Lodge cooked a fabulous steak dinner! I'm sure they would have been delighted to feed more takers.]

So, take a look at the many events held last month. Check the Big Calendar on the back page for June programs, and the "Looking Ahead" column for some July and August activities. Hopefully, you will find something of interest and will show support to your Lodge or other sponsoring organization. Thanks for reading.

Masonic Service Bureau of Greater Rochester, NY Inc.

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Widows Luncheon

On Saturday, April 22nd, the Masonic Service Bureau of Greater Rochester sponsored its 19th annual Widows Luncheon at the Burgundy Basin Inn. There were 137 Brothers and Sisters in attendance, including 81 widows. Some of the highlights of the event were: Roger Lynch, who greeted all as they arrived in their vehicles with an umbrella on this rainy day; the music, which was supplied by Karl-Heinz Reich; Boxman (Bruce Chilton) the clown, who entertained all with his invisible dog; and the corsages which were presented to the widows, courtesy of Damascus Shrine. Angelo DiCataldo and Herb Spencer chaired the event, with the assistance of Beverly and Leon Van Huben, Joy Woodley, Barbara Goodrich and Linda Zahn, and many others.

This year's event was also different in that the widows were provided with a sit-down lunch, which included an entrée and dessert. The assembled guests enjoyed the accommodations to the extent that the Burgundy Basin Inn has been booked for next year for the Widows Lunch. Please come out and join us!

Camp DeMolay

A Grant proposal has been submitted to secure financial assistance for programs for youths, young men, women and adults at Camp DeMolay. The programs will focus on:

- 1. Developing character, leadership, responsibility and respect for all, including respect for our Natural Resources;
2. Examining the relationship between environmental, social and economic impacts with the community;

3. Provide a learning natural resource environment for youth and adults so that they can better understand the correlation of behavior that has a negative impact on society and within our environment.

Other aspects of the proposal deal with programs that are currently being offered by the National Masonic Foundation for Children, which focus on Respect - Responsibility - Relationships. Gary Burke is the Chairman of the Advisory Council of the Rochester Chapter, Order of DeMolay and Wendy Burrows is the State of New York Junior Deputy of the Organization of Triangles.

We thank Dr. Diane Kuehn, of SUNY Environmental Science and Forestry and Robert Remillard, Coordinator, Lake Plains Resource Conservation and Development Council and USDA, for their input in this endeavor.

Volunteers are always needed at the Camp!

Charities Symposium

Several Officers, Directors and Advisory Council members of the Masonic Service Bureau attended a Charities symposium, sponsored by the State of New York, Office of the Attorney General and moderated by Karin Kunstler Goldman, Assistant Attorney General and Section Chief for External Affairs. The event was held on May 9th at Genesee Community College in Batavia.

The first session focused on views from the Attorney General, Charities Bureau and the Internal Revenue Service. The second session was entitled "Getting on Board! Good Governance Practices for Non-Profit Boards," in which Officers and members of non-profit boards discussed potential pitfalls and avoidance strategies. The third session dealt with "Accounting From the Inside Out - Internal Controls and External Accountability."

After a short break for lunch, the Service Bureau members met in a conference room at the College to discuss what we had heard at the Symposium, and what should be suggested for consideration by the Service Bureau's Board. These suggestions were presented at the regular scheduled meeting of the Service Bureau, May 10th.

Those who attended this symposium with me were Paul

Hot Numbers

- Grand Lodge 1-800-3-MASON-4 (362-7664)
Grand Lodge Officers: Grand Master Neal I. Bidnick, Grand Marshal Kurt Ott, Deputy Grand Master Edward G. Gilbert, Grand Secretary Gilbert Savitzky
Committees: New Member, Membership, Public Involvement & Awareness, Fellowship & Family Involvement, Blood Chairman, Staff Officers
Masonic Education: Grand Lecturer James Sullivan, Regional AGL Alan Ramsay
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Rt. Wthy. Janet Porter Joins Service Bureau Staff



Janet Porter is a Kodak retiree and, after 37 years of service with Kodak, followed some volunteer and hobby interests. She has volunteered with Hospice and a local animal shelter, pursued advanced sewing and craft projects and enrolled in more computer software training. Event planning, international advertising publications, digital photography, budget management and experience with numerous computer software programs are contributory strengths Jan brings with her to this office.

Ms. Porter has served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Masonic Service Bureau Board for the past two years, and Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee. Her interest in the Service Bureau is enthusiastic and qualified; we look forward to having her on the Service Bureau staff.

Those of you who have had the privilege of dealing with Barbara, or know her from her years of work in the office, will be pleased to learn she has promised to return to help with the Masonic Times, and volunteer with other programs as we need her. She will continue in her position as the elected Secretary of the Masonic Service Bureau and a member of the Executive Committee. We all wish her many years of healthy, enjoyable retirement.

Gleason, Don Darrohn, Richard Snyder, Jan Porter, Karl-Heinz Reich, Roger Lynch and Skip Waterstreet.

At the May 10th Masonic Service Bureau Board meeting, we were pleased to welcome two of the newly designated Grand Lodge Officers: Gary R. Sanford, as District Deputy; and, G. Thomas Grape, as Grand Steward. The Masonic Service Bureau extends their best wishes to these Brothers as they take on their new responsibilities.

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**Maury Solomon**

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tion, R.: W.: Solomon was given the title Chairman Emeritus by the Grand Master.

In addition, one of the highest awards that can be presented by the Grand Lodge was bestowed upon him. Named for the long-time Grand Secretary, the Wendell K. Walker "Builder of Men" Award is given to that Mason who is recognized as understanding and exhibiting an unselfish commitment to the ideals and principles of Freemasonry; is recognized as one who always is available to support his Brothers in understanding the value of living his life by those principles and ideals; the Brother who stands out among his fellows as a true "builder of men" and who is often seen as a "mentor;" is actively involved in Freemasonry and continually lends support to those around him; and is actuated by a deep and abiding love for the Craft as demonstrated by his thorough knowledge of the tenets of the institution.



M.: W.: Neal Bidnick (left) shares a laugh with R.: W.: Maury Solomon before presenting him with the Wendell K. Walker "Builder of Men" Award. R.: W.: Kurt Ott, Grand Marshal (background), enjoys the moment.

Brother Solomon was escorted to the East and accorded Grand Honors. Asked to speak, he commented that, for the first time he could recall, he was at a loss for words. That didn't last

long, as he thanked the Grand Master for the presentation, the Brothers present and all the Fraternal family for their support over his many years of service to the Craft.

M.: W.: Bidnick thanked the members of the Purple Club of Monroe District for inviting him to the Investiture Service, praised their efforts and spoke of his plans for the coming year. He commented that he had only been in office for 16 days and had met with the other Grand Lodge Officers for about twenty-four hours since the election.

The Grand Master has devised a Compact, which, at that time, was about to be mailed to every one of the 53,000 Masons belonging to Lodges in the State of New York. He believes ALL Masons need this reminder of the values of our Fraternity and hopes the mailing will serve as inspiration to the Brothers to seek out good men. While he wants to increase our membership, it is not to be done for the sake of numbers...rather to obtain high-quality Brothers who will continue our Ritual and traditions through this century.

Ten Worshipful Masters were invested with the Secrets of the Chair by V.: W.: John Dyer, assisted by R.: W.: Paul Glea-



R.: W.: Derek VanHouten escorts W.: Joseph Steffen, Master-elect of Craftsman Robertson Lodge through honor guard of the Masonic War Veterans Color Guard.

son as Chaplain and R.: W.: John Zabel as Installing Marshal. The proceedings were under the leadership of R.: W.: Gary Sanford, District Deputy Grand Master. Other Right Worshipfuls participating were G. Thomas Grape, Grand Director of Ceremonies, Donald Tubman, James De Lorenzo and Lewis Perna. W.: Phillip Hurwitz was Tiler for the evening. x

**Grand Master  
Neal I. Bidnick's  
Compact**

Because I am a Freemason...

...I believe that *freedom of religion* is an inalienable right and *tolerance* an indispensable trait of human character; therefore, I will stand in my Lodge with Brothers of all faiths, and respect their beliefs as they respect mine, and I will demonstrate the spirit of Brotherhood in all aspects of my life.

...I know that *education* and the rational use of the mind are the keys to facing the problems of humanity; therefore, I will bring my questions and my ideas to my Lodge, and strive to advance the growth of my mind alongside my Brothers.

...I know that the rich *tradition of Freemasonry* and its framework of Ritual are important platforms for growth and learning; therefore, I vow to stand upon; these platforms to improve myself as a human being, and I vow to help in the mission of the Craft to provide tools, atmosphere, challenges and motivation to help each Brother do the same.

...I know that *charity* is the distinguishing human virtue, and that *personal community service* is the best demonstration of one's commitment to humanity; I acknowledge that words without deeds are meaningless, and I vow to work with my Lodge to provide service to the community, and to promote charity, friendship, morality, harmony, integrity, fidelity and love.

...I know that my obligation to community extends beyond my local sphere and is partly fulfilled in my *patriotism*: love of my country, obedience to its laws and celebration of the freedoms and opportunities it symbolizes.

...I know that *leadership* is best demonstrated by *commitment to serving others*; I will therefore participate in, and help work at improving individual leadership skills, and serve the Brothers of my Lodge to the best of my ability.

...I know that *friendship, fidelity and family* are the foundations of a well-lived life; I therefore vow to be a faithful friend to my Brothers, as I expect my Lodge to respect my personal obligations and to treat my family as though my family were their own.

...I know that the last great lesson of Freemasonry—the *value of personal integrity and the sanctity of one's word*—is a lesson for all people in all times; I therefore vow to be a man of my word.

...I know that Masonry's power is best exercised when its Light is shared with the world at large; I therefore vow to bring the best of myself to my Lodge, in order that my growth might be fostered and nurtured, and to present myself to the world as a working Freemason, on the path to building a more perfect temple.

Because I am a Freemason, these values and aspirations are guideposts for my progress through life.



**THANKS**



Barb Goodrich

Over the past several years, it has been an honor and privilege for me to work for the Temple Civic Center, Masonic Service Bureau and *Masonic Times*. The support I have received has been greatly appreciated and the friendships I have made within the Masonic family will always be treasured.

The frequent contacts I have with so many of you will definitely be missed, but it is time to move on. I hope to be attending Masonic functions, when invited, and will see you then. In the meantime, "thanks for the memories!"

I wish you all God's peace. x

**Custodians  
Corner**



R.: W.:  
Maurice  
Solomon  
271-5435

**Question:** I nominated a Masonic Brother friend of mine for membership in my Lodge and I was surprised to find that, although he is a Brother Master Mason in good standing, he was required to appear before an Investigation Committee. I am questioning if this procedure is correct and appropriate.

**Answer:** The answer to your question is "Yes." Section 530 in the *Handbook of Masonic Law* stipulates that when a petition is received by a Lodge, whether it be for initiation or affiliation, it must be referred to an Investigating Committee of not less than three members, and must be done each time an application is made, even though the answers in the petition demonstrate that the petitioner is disqualified for membership. If an Investigation Committee is of less than three, rejection of petitioner on a ballot is final, but election on such report is void. The Constitutions require due inquiry into the petitioner's character, and a mere search of the public records to determine that he is not a convicted felon, a bankrupt or a recalcitrant judgment debtor does not comply with this requirement. x

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# Rochester Chapter, Order of DeMolay

Instituted April 7, 1923

## Rochester Chapter Installs Officers



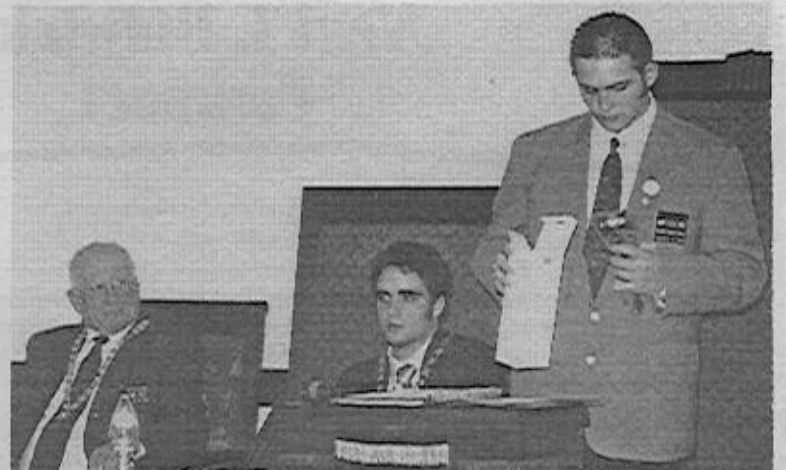
Master Councilor Zachary Buell is installed by Justin Cook, who led the Installing Team for the ceremony. Newly installed Officers posed for group photo (below). Junior Steward, Ben Short, is center front. The rest of the Officers (from left) are: Joshua Buell, Standard Bearer; Justin Mulrooney, Senior Deacon; Ian Grady, Senior Councilor; Zachary Buell, Master Councilor; Michael Bailey, Junior Councilor; Sean Goodrich, Junior Deacon; and Ronald Lalik IV, Senior Steward.



Following his installation, Master Councilor Zach Buell addressed his fellow DeMolay members and guests attending the ceremony and outlined his plans for the coming term.



Keith Rung, New York State DeMolay Executive Officer, congratulated the new Officers and their Advisors for the work done to put Rochester Chapter back in action.



The installed Master Councilor reads the engraved band on his new gavel, a gift from his mother, which was presented by his father, Geoff Buell, an Advisor to the Rochester Chapter.



← Officers of Rochester Chapter are charged with their duties by Installing Officer Justin Cook. Keith Rung, New York State DeMolay Executive Officer and State Sweetheart, Katy Brownell observe the proceedings.



The revitalized Rochester Chapter, Order of DeMolay held its Installation of Officers on May 20th at the Wakan/Hubbard Lodge Hall. Family and friends gathered to witness Zachary Buell installed as Master Councilor by New York State DeMolay Officers. Justin Cook was the Installing Officer. He was assisted by an Installing Team consisting of: Ryan Rodriguez, Senior Councilor; Brian Bidnick, Junior Councilor; Mark Rosen, Marshal/Chaplain; and William Koller, Deacon.

Chapter has met in the downtown Masonic Temple, Clio Lodge Hall in Hilton and Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge Hall.

Currently sponsored jointly by the Valley of Rochester, AASR, and Damascus Shriners, the Chapter meets the first and third Tuesdays at Wakan/Hubbard Lodge Hall in Penfield. Visitors are welcome at any of the regular meetings.

Advisory Council members are: Geoffrey Buell, John Cooper, Robert Crystal, Paul Landgren, Patrick Mulrooney, Harrison Parson, Jr., Carl Scarpulla, Jr. Joshua Burke is Chapter Advisor and Gary Burke is Chairman. Anyone interested in becoming an Advisor to the Chapter can call the Masonic Service Bureau at 671-9730 for contact information.

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← Ill.: Stephen R. Whittaker, 33°, Representing Ill.: John E. Zabel, 33°, Commander-in-Chief of the Valley of Rochester and Ill. Lance R. Ward, Potentate of Damascus Shriners, presented name badges as gifts from the sponsoring organizations to all the Officers and Advisors. Here he presents Robert Crystal with his badge. He was assisted by Michael McBride.

# Masonic Etiquette

## The Best and the Worst

By R.: W.: M. Donald Darrohn

There are many lessons offered to each of us as we progress through the allegories and messages of Freemasonry. One of the most familiar is that of the 3rd Degree working tools – especially the Trowel, which we, as Free and Accepted Masons, are taught to use for the more noble and glorious purpose of spreading the cement of brotherly love and affection, that cement which unites us into one sacred band or society of friends and Brothers, and among whom no contention, or rather emulation, of who best can work and best agree.

From the Introduction of the booklet *Masonic Etiquette*: "Harmony is the first law of the Lodge. Where discord enters, Freemasonry leaves. For one man to live in unity with another, is the very essence of the Craft." Again from *Masonic Etiquette* defining "etiquette" – "...as that set of conventions, rules written or unwritten, customs, and traditions by which Masons are expected to govern their speech and actions when engaged in the rites and ceremonies of the Craft when in Masonic assemblies, and in

their behavior toward each other as individual Masons."

The office of Grand Master was contested this year; it has been my experience attending Grand Lodge for over 12 years to see the Deputy Grand Master elected by acclamation – not the case this year! Unfortunately, the weeks even prior to Grand Lodge were nauseating with the rumors and questionable conduct. The Past Grand Masters conducted an investigation into purported allegations with a report being issued early on in the Grand Lodge session. Each candidate provided background information and commentary as to their qualifications and nomination speeches were made. The secret ballot was taken with a winner declared – Neal I. Bidnick was elected Grand Master. The opposing candidate asked to address the convention – presumably for a concession speech – that was not the case. Commentary was made about the differences this individual had with the intended direction the Grand Master-elect would be taking, with continued comment about the number of Brethren who supported him. It

was now most unfortunate that "Boo's" began to be heard and, more distressingly, from the general direction where the Monroe District was seated.

The nominations were then opened for Deputy Grand Master, contested by R.: W.: James Sullivan, the current Senior Grand Warden, and R.: W.: Edward Gilbert, the Grand Lecturer. Nominating speeches were made, the ballot taken and votes counted and a winner declared – R.: W.: Edward Gilbert was elected the Deputy Grand Master. R.: W.: James Sullivan asked to address the Craft and he did make a concession speech and asked that those who voted for him now release their vote to R.: W.: Gilbert and one unanimous ballot be cast for his election. It was so ordered by Grand Master Trosin.

Each of the subsequent elections that were contested – Junior Grand Warden and Grand Treasurer were concluded with the losing candidates requesting that the membership cast one unanimous ballot for the winner; these Brethren truly understood the message of the Trowel. It's one we all should practice regularly!\*

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By F. Jay McCullough, Editorial Board Chairman

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While there may be no column or pictures on your home Lodge, there is a lot of Masonic activity throughout our Districts that still may enlighten, entertain, amuse and "be worth the read!" You can tell your Brothers, "I saw it in my copy of the *Masonic Times*" and perhaps be envied as one in the know.

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### Rochester Forest

No. 133

Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America

4th Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Penfield, NY 14526

Norman P. Austin, GTC 494-2223

Donald C. Bell, Scribe 334-7768

By Don Brugger, PGTC

There was very little business to conduct, making our May meeting short and sweet. There was some planning for the June 28th Annual Sausage Roast at Camp Smile. Someone will be there to open up the Camp at 5:00 p.m. The refreshments will be available soon after. We need help with the refreshments. If you want to help, call Paul Kober at 381-1056 or me at 458-6125. Our usual fireman will be there to prepare the grill for the sausage and our master griller, Angelo, will do his usual fine job.

#### Membership

Though you may have missed our last Woodsman Bring-a-Brother Night, arrangements can be made to include any prospective member, and his lady, in our upcoming social activities (Sausage Roast in June or

Steak Roast in September). Please let an Officer know so we can follow-up. Petitions and information are available, both for the Lodge and the Forest, from Don Bell, our Scribe, at 259-0647, or me. This is your Forest. If you want it to survive, we need candidates. Special guests for our Steak Roast will be Jared Wright (Local MD Poster Child and his parents).

#### Sickness and distress

Hilde DiJames is still recuperating at home and is doing well. Betty Tripp is at home recuperating from recent surgery. Frieda Silver is recuperating in Bay Winds Nursing Home. Betty Schofield had a recent fall; no details. Bob Pettit is recuperating and gets around on a limited basis.

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

Remember, we still need help in contacting our members regularly. Join our Calling Committee. It will involve making only three or four calls, once a month. Staying in touch with our members is an important part of membership. This is your Forest; let's help support it. I hope to see you at the next meeting. If you need a ride, we will try to accommodate you. \*

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#### Official Visits

June 6th, Lilac Star Chapter in Webster, 7:30 p.m.

June 13th, Mary Jane Holmes Chapter, Brockport, 7:30 p.m.

#### Upcoming events

June 15th, Lilac Luncheon at the Roselawn Restaurant in New York Mills, 11:00 a.m.

June 28th, Monroe District All Stars, 25 cents A DIP dinner in Hilton, 6:00 p.m.

July 21st - 23rd, Oriskany Pilgrimage

August 6th, Monroe District Picnic, at Roberts Cabin, Henrietta Town Park. Gather at noon, eat around 3:00 p.m. Meat and soft drinks will be provided.

August 12th, District Chicken Bar-B-Que.

In her travels throughout the state, Rt. Wthy. Vickie Gross, Associate Grand Marshal, has been doing a GREAT job representing Monroe District. Rt. Wthy. Nancy Venette, DDGM and Rt. Wthy. George Bundoc, DGL, are both looking forward to seeing lots of folks from Monroe District out to the Summer events.

We hope everyone has a safe and happy Summer. See you in September.

God Bless and live strong. \*

At the May 2nd meeting of Nolatka Chapter, Wthy. Kim Robinson honored the Past Matrons and Past Patrons with a degree and flower seed packets. On May 16th, a tureen dinner honored mothers. Also at the meeting was the Draping of the Altar.

The Chapter Picnic has been changed from June to September 19th. The Town Park on Route 33, East of the Village of Churchville, has been reserved. The drawings for a bath pam-

per basket and for a shawl will be held. Tickets are on sale for 25 cents each or six for \$1. A Chapter fifty-fifty raffle will be started soon.

#### Reminders

The Lilac Luncheon will be Thursday, June 15th at 11:15 a.m. in New York Mills.

The Oriskany Pilgrimage is July 22nd.

Wthy. Kim Robinson expresses her thanks to everyone for their commitment and support so far this year. \*

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Trying to summarize the last two years in this space is nearly impossible. Serving as District Deputy Grand Master for the OSY District is an honor I never could have imagined only a few years ago. It is difficult to believe the two-year term is over. There are so many people to thank it would be hard to know where to start. However, I know without the support of my wife, Denise, I would be lost. She was there at Saint John's Day and the hotel in New York City, running the hospitality room for the Grand Lodge trip. She never complained about all the nights I was away attending meetings throughout the District and beyond.

We have achieved many accomplishments in the past two years. Some were new and some were continuations of programs from the past. These accomplishments are the result of many hard working Brothers. One of the major new programs is our District website:

[www.osydistrict.org](http://www.osydistrict.org)

R.: W.: Ken Hall is our Web Master and he does a great job. Our New District Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: David Locke, assures me the website will be even more important in the next two years.

The efforts of our Membership Chairman, R.: W.: Bruce Huie's, paid off with nearly all Lodges having at least one Brother Bring-a-Friend Night, resulting in a large increase in Degree work. Some Lodges still have Degrees scheduled. Brother Huie, along with our AGs, V.: W.: Bill Valois and

V.: W.: John Walti, have made it possible for several of our Lodges to work together on conferring Degrees, when lack of personnel is a problem. When Brothers work together, Interlodge fellowship grows.

Child ID continued to grow under the leadership of R.: W.: Don Dill, with his two co-chairmen, R.: W.: Bob Ruggles and R.: W.: Herb Goodman. I do not have the numbers for this, but there is a substantial increase. Last year we produced a demo and training video for use in the District.

#### Masonic Education

Under the direction of R.: W.: Jim Rice and our Grand Steward, R.: W.: Herbert Goodman, three *Road to the East* courses were held. Eighteen Brothers participated. R.: W.: Bob Ruggles taught the Masonic Development Course, with 20 Brothers earning their certificates.

R.: W.: Bob and Mary Ruggles were largely responsible for the success of the fourth annual Surviving Spouses Luncheon. Each year this event continues to grow, with nine of our fourteen Lodges participating. This year we had 39 widows, with a total of 66 in attendance.

Last year we had the first OSY District Campout at Cheerful Valley Campground in Phelps. R.: W.: Bill Colin, our Fellowship Chairman, headed up the event and the second annual campout is scheduled for July 29th-30th, again at Cheerful Valley.

#### Thank you

A special thank you to R.: W.: Herb and Elsie Goodman for all their hard work and support. Even more important is their friendship, which will continue long after we leave office. Denise and I are looking forward to many more camping trips.

I am also looking forward to the next two years under the leadership of R.: W.: David Locke, our new District Deputy Grand Master and R.: W.: Ed Carris, our Grand Director of Ceremonies. These Brothers are well trained and eager to serve. x

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

3rd Wednesdays



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#### Master's Message

My year as Master of Ark Lodge is coming to an end. The greatest honor that can happen to a Master Mason is to be Master of his Lodge. I have been blessed eight different times. It was a work of Masonic love, whereby I have tried to teach the Brethren of Ark Lodge what Freemasonry is about. A way of life that has to be lived, not only in the Lodge, but in the family and in the community, where the rich and poor, high and low, all live on the same human and Masonic level.

I am deeply aware of all those Officers who have contributed so heavily to the goodness and wonderfulness of the past years. To the many Past Masters: Harry George, Charles Rouse, Tom Abraham, Lance Ward, Howard Colegrove, Steve Goebert, Robert Keeton, Jed Brandow, Roger Haich and Arnold Schofield, who gave so beautifully to the Degree work and to those wonderful Brothers, Peter Einset, Robert Mattick, Terry Trenchard, Tom Bryan and Tom Smart, who gave so much to their Lodge Brethren, I say thank you so much for all you have given.

When a Master takes the oath of his office in the East, he has obligated himself to devote one year of his life to the welfare and good of his Lodge and his Brethren, or he should not take the office of Master. I have felt that I have done that.

A year goes by so quickly; the Investiture Service, Installation of Officers, dreams of many accomplishments, some of which were never delivered, our OSY Communion Breakfast, which was held at the First United Methodist Church; our OSY Memorial Service to honor Brothers Arnold Schofield and John Bigger; our wonderful Christmas Party at St. Michael's Church; our 75 Christmas packages delivered to the senior citi-

zens of Geneva; the DeWitt Clinton Award, given to Rev. James and Sue Adams at the Belhurst Castle; and honoring our Geneva High School and DeSales History students with our monetary awards.

Some of my first moments and memories of the past year consist of the fascinating fellowship with the Brothers of our Masonic Order here in Geneva, the OSY District and the Rochester Brothers of the *Masonic Times*, talking with them, finding out what they think of Ark Lodge and Masonry; the problems of getting the Lodge Brothers (89 of them) to come to Lodge and express their feelings and concerns; visiting sick Brothers Dr. John Stelter, Harry George, Max Kaufman, Bill Kashouty, Robert Incho and Ramon Baroody. To me this is the greatest, heart-warming thing a Master can do. Please keep these Brothers in your prayers.

Sometimes I feel I have failed miserably as Master, for I thought my enthusiasm would energize the Brothers. It did not happen. Be assured that Ark Lodge and its 199 years of Masonic history and tradition will survive and surely flourish under its new Master and Officers. They will carry Ark Lodge into the future with much grace and courage. The new Master will need total support and commitment of all the Lodge Brothers in Geneva and far away.

I will pass the gavel of authority to my successor to be used wisely and prudently. I trust that the Lodge Brothers, who have seen me in action, will record in kindness, "A job well done in the East."

#### Masons meet, act and part

Thoughts of Freemasonry by our beloved Historian, Dr. John Stelter: "If we are purely a social organization which meets each month to speak its platitudes, then we are an empty shell and not fit to inherit the mantle of those early speculative Freemasons in the age of enlightenment who created our Masonic Ritual and its philosophies. Their dream was to bring together good men from all walks of life as equals, bound by the one basic belief in a Supreme Being and then, by example and precept, encourage them to become the nobler individuals who ultimately benefit the community, State and nation in which they live."

The need to return to this fundamental function of the Masonic Order has never been greater. There is a spiritual vacuum that someone somewhere is going to produce a magical formula, which will solve our problems. The lessons of history suggest otherwise.

What we need today is men of quality, integrity and high ideals in our society to play a role in producing and molding men. Let us Freemasons lift up our sights to this higher role we must play in our society."

I just returned from the 225th Annual Grand Lodge Communication in New York City. There was much pomp and circumstance, as well as Grand Lodge politics (played by the New York City Brethren). This was my 10th appearance at Grand Lodge communications. All the Grand Lodge Annual Reports are at the Lodge for you to look at. The most surprising number is that we have 53,000 Brothers in New York State. In 1955 we had 350,000 Brothers. We are down to 597 Lodges.

Our Brotherhood Fund Campaign has \$735 in contributions from 22 Brothers.

The 14th Annual OSY Charities Golf Tournament on August 20th is to be held at Seneca Lake Country Club, Geneva. The proceeds are to be used: to help needy families in the OSY District; Special Olympics; House of John in Clifton Springs; Hospice House in Naples; Ontario/Yates Hospice; Camp Good Days; and the Red Cross. The Masonic Charities are asking us to solicit sponsors or to donate door prizes or hole prizes. Ark Lodge has many Brothers who have businesses that could donate and be of assistance in promoting this great charity golf tournament. Those Brothers interested may call Clayton Ruggles at (315) 548-3573 or contact him by email at: [cruggle1@rochester.rr.com](mailto:cruggle1@rochester.rr.com) Please contact me if you would like a list of businesses who previously donated prizes.

Prizes could be in the form of money, merchandise, gift certificates, discount coupons, etc. All businesses will be listed on the golf program. The Masonic Charities extends their thanks to all Brothers who participate in this event.

The Wayne, Seneca, Ontario and Yates Annual Golf and Ronald McDonald House support event will be held June 3rd at the Taranould Public Golf

## R.: W.: David W. Locke now OSY District Deputy Grand Master

Brother Locke was raised in Geneva Lodge on October 25, 1979, but due to his U.S. Coast Guard service, did not become active in the affairs of the Lodge until 1989. Brother Locke was Master of Geneva Lodge No. 965 during 1995-1996.

Born in Geneva, New York on December 5, 1955, David soon began his "career" of participation in organizations by joining the Cub Scouts in 1963 and achieving the rank of Eagle Scout in 1971.

Brother Locke joined the Geneva Volunteer Fire Department, Hydrant Hose Company in 1974. He then joined the U.S. Coast Guard in 1976 and achieved the rank of Chief Petty Officer (E-7) in 1984. Brother Locke then left the Coast Guard in 1986 to pursue a college education and founded Seneca

Plantscapes, an interior landscaping and exterior landscaping firm in Geneva.

David has been employed with Verizon for fifteen years and is currently in the Verizon Business Sales group as a Solutions Engineer. While with NYNEX then Bell Atlantic, then Verizon, he progressed from Field Technician, splicing fiber-optic and copper cable, to Staff Manager in Training and Education and then on to Sales.

He earned an Associate Degree in Engineering Science from CCFL (now FLCC) and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Information Studies from Syracuse University in 1998.

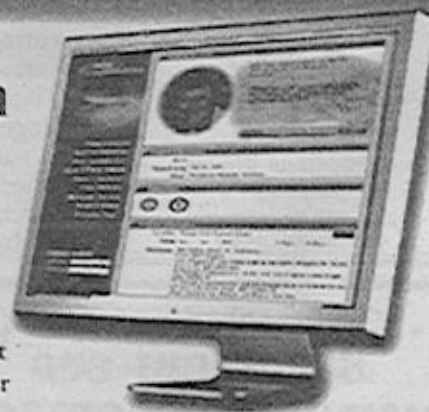
David presently resides at 4180 Teall Beach on Seneca Lake with his wife, Yvonne and two daughters, Andrea (15) and Emily (12). x

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**Dates**

June 7th - Officers' meeting at Lodge. 7:00 p.m.

June 21st - Installation of Officers, 7:30 p.m. Installing Officers are W.: Tom Abraham and W.: Howard Colegrove.

June 24th - St. John's Day, Utica.

September 20th - Ark Lodge communication.

My Brothers, this is my last newsletter. I thank all the Officers, Past Masters and Brothers who have helped, aided and assisted me these past six years. I have tried to bring Masonic light wherever possible. Thank you for so much you have given me and the Lodge over the years. Help our new Master to bring more glory and honor to our Lodge. We have 199 years of history and tradition and look forward to the 200th anniversary in September, 2007.

God bless Ark Lodge. So mote it be.

**Eagle Lodge No. 619**  
2nd & 4th Tuesdays 7:30 p.m.  
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On April 25th, the Damascus Shrine Degree Team conferred a 3rd Degree at Eagle Lodge in Honeoye. It was an incredibly moving experience to witness their impeccable Ritual during the Master Mason Degree. Including the Degree Team, we had over fifty Brothers in attendance. The ladies of Eagle Star Chapter, OES, put on a scrumptious dinner which was enjoyed by all.

Your slate of Officers for the upcoming year is as follows:

- Master **Gary Warren**
- Sr. Warden **Tom Shafer**
- Jr. Warden **George Romanyshyn**
- Secretary **Paul Farnung**
- Treasurer **Leland Durkee**
- Sr. Deacon **Ed Hudson**
- Jr. Deacon **Todd Statt**

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**Join us!**

We have a number of fund-raising events planned for the next six months. These include a Chicken Bar-B-Que at the Bluebeard Festival; the annual Steak Roast; a Hunter's Breakfast; and, as always, our monthly Spaghetti Dinner. Flyers have been sent out with tentative dates and the respective point people for each event. We will continue to do the coupon books and our largest endeavor, the Fruit Drive.

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Well, May proved to be a very busy month with Grand Lodge kicking it off. Representatives gathered in New York City to conduct their annual business while our Officers-elect stayed home and performed their annual Move-up night. It gives them a chance to find out what it feels like in their next move towards the East, and to find out where they need to hone up

a little. From where I sat, they did an excellent job.

Our business for the night was to elect Officers for 2006-2007. They are:

- Master **Ronald Galens**
- Sr. Warden **George Landstrom**
- Jr. Warden **Lowell Falkey**
- Treasurer **Paul Adams**
- Secretary **Clayton Ruggles**
- Treasurer **Paul Adams**
- Trustee **Ramon Howard**

**Sickness and distress**  
In a conversation with Lee Walters a few days before our May 2 meeting, I learned news that I'm sure weighed very heavy on Lee. He told me that Janet was in the Clifton Springs Hospital, and that she was not doing well. It has been learned that Janet passed away on Monday, May 8th. Our sympathies are extended to Brother Lee and his family.

I thank Brother Fred Wheeler for his contribution to our Pork Chop Bar-B-Que. When I spoke with him, he apologized for not being able to attend or help out, as he and his wife have health issues. I accepted his contribution and agreed to supply his choice of dessert. Thanks Fred, our prayers are with you and your family.

We have one Brother who took his 3rd Degree, May 17th, at Ark Lodge in Geneva.

Brother Stephen Durso has agreed to continue as our Chairman of the Brotherhood Fund Campaign.

It has been an honor and privilege to be the Worshipful Master of Garoga-Sincerity Lodge for the past two years. I have met many people who relate to my Fraternity. As a traveling man, I was allowed to represent our Lodge and Fraternity wherever I went and I was proud to do so. On a more personal note, in my heart I was sad for the families, when it came time to do a Masonic Service for a Brother who had gone to be with the Master of us all, especially when I lost my mentor and friend, Brother Arthur P. Day.

**Dates to remember**

May 30th - Memorial Day Parade in Waterloo at 6:00 p.m. Meet on Clark Street; cars are available for those unable to walk the two miles.

June 6th - Installation of Officers

June 20th - Annual Lodge Steak Roast. To make reservations call: Clayton Ruggles at (315) 548-3573; Ronald Galens, (315) 548-3453 or William Sergeant, (315) 462-3219.

Happy Birthday in June to Brothers Ransie Brooks, 1st; John Sherman, 7th; Dan Guth and Paul McIntyre, 11th; Thomas Pardington, 16th; Aaron Dell, 19th; Charles Romeiser, 21st; George Landstrom, 22nd; Isaac Hessney, 23rd; William Goodman, 24th; and Barney Wandell, 29th.

Happy Birthday in July to Brothers Rodney Wolfe, 2nd; Ronald Van Camp, 9th; Ernest Bishop, 12th; Chris Howard, 17th; Ronald Rudio, 23rd and Richard Kauder, 30th.

Happy Birthday in August to Kevin Fisher, Kenneth Over-slaugh and Frederick Wheeler, 3rd; Gary Curtiss, 19th; John Carney, 23rd; Keith Andrews and David Williams, 26th.

Congratulations to these Brothers raised in June: Lloyd Akin, 6/3/58; Harold Bloser, 6/16/48; Peter Cheney, 6/18/96; Lowell Falkey, 6/1/76; Roy Farnsworth, 6/5/59; Larry

Gelder, 6/6/72; David Retchless, 6/18/53; David Sainsbury, 6/10/69; and Elmer Smith, 6/5/59.

Brother raised in July is David Williams, 7/26/58.

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Thank you for all your help with the Spaghetti Dinners. Our last one for the Masonic year was May 17th. We will be taking a break until next September and then start them up again. I thank all the Brothers and Sisters for the hard work they have done to make these dinners a success.

**Planning ahead**

The 3rd Degree will be on June 8th and the dress will be coat and tie.

See you at our next meeting.

**Wayne District**

**Drumlin Square Lodge No. 1180**  
1st & 3rd Wednesdays  
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My Brothers, I guess I do have one more article to write for you before my term is complete. Our Installation of Officers will be held on June 7th at 7:30 p.m. I was advised of this by our Master-elect at the May 3rd meeting. I do not know who the Installing Officer will be. This will also be our last communication of the year until September 6th, when our new Officers will take over. The Officers elected at the May 3rd meeting are as follows:

- Master **William C. Jones**
- Sr. Warden **Robert L. Wharmby**
- Jr. Warden **Allen E. Friedman**
- Treasurer **Leonard G. Bennett**
- Secretary **David W. Taber**
- Trustees **James Airy**  
**R. Stuart Smith, Jr.**  
**David VanderMolan**

On May 1st and 2nd, I attended Grand Lodge in New York City. Neal Bidnick was elected Grand Master; Edward Gilbert, Deputy Grand Master; Dennis Breheny, Senior Grand Warden; Stephen King, Junior Grand Warden; Joseph Quarequo, Grand Treasurer and Gilbert Savitzky, Grand Secretary. On Monday evening I attended the Grand Master's banquet and witnessed Spencer Douglas David Compton, 7th Marquess of Northampton, United Grand Lodge of England, receive the Distinguished Achievement Award for 2006.

Again my Brothers, I bid you and our new Officers Godspeed and may the Great Architect of the Universe watch over us all.

**District Deputy Grand Master**



**Monroe District**  
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As your newly appointed District Deputy Grand Master, I want all of you to know that R.: W.: Tom Grape, Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.: W.: Derek VanHouten, Grand Sword Bearer, and I are here as a team to help and serve you over the next couple of years. Our mission statement is: "The Grand Lodge Officers are a District leadership team which provides education and communication for its Lodges that allows them to grow and improve themselves."

We have assembled a solid team to help in the many activities that we believe will benefit our Lodges and District. These range from the community items as the Brotherhood Fund, Child ID, MSAT, Ronald McDonald House and Youth to assistance teams as Leadership Services, Membership, Public Relations and Veterans Service. If there is an area that you would like guidance, assistance or have a question in, please let one of us know.

I thank our outgoing District Officers, District Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: Lewis Perna; Grand Sword Bearer, R.: W.: Donald Tubman, and Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.: W.: William Kuehne, for their leadership and dedication over the last two years.

At this time our Official Visits have been scheduled. The School of Ritual dates are set and plans are underway for our educational programs. We will be attending St. John's Day in June and other informative activities over the coming year and will communicate these to you as soon as we can.

We have participated in many of the learning courses over the last year and have gained much insight of this great Fraternity and I am sure we will continue to learn as we move forward.

By the time June ends, all of the Lodges will have their newly elected and appointed Officers installed for the ensuing year and we, as a team, look forward to working with every one of you.

Again, if there is anything that our team may do for you, please contact us.

I hope the Summer months will be a great time for you to enjoy your family and friends and we look forward to seeing you in the quarries.

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I thank you for the trust you have placed in me to continue the Staff Officer work in Masonic Education that my predecessors have diligently performed in the last two years. We owe them Grand Honors for a job well done!

I plan to have a Masonic Development Course in the Fall and *Road to the East* Course in the Winter/Spring for the next two years. I shall very shortly be requesting the new Masters to canvas their Lodges for attendees for these programs. Based on the expected/forecasted turnout, I will secure a place(s) to meet. Each program will occupy three sessions, usually three consecutive Saturdays, with Masonic Development Course lasting 2-3 hours per session and *Road to the East* 4-5 hours per session. I encourage input from the prospective attendees on time, day of week, and suggested location.

I also hope to coordinate classes with our neighboring Districts: Livingston, Ontario/Seneca/Yates, Genesee/Wyoming, and Wayne and would appreciate their District Officers contacting me regarding these classes. I will also take this opportunity to solicit guest instructors who taught/studied this material to contact me if they would like to participate in these efforts. The candidates for these courses will be the men who want to learn more about the Craft and desire to increase their Masonic knowledge; they are the future leaders of our Craft!

I look forward to seeing you in the quarries. ✕

## Grand Sword Bearer

Monroe



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The *Road to the East* was long and fun and I got to enjoy the fruits of our labor. I have enjoyed everyone's help and support and I particularly thank Barb Goodrich for her help to me. She will be sorely missed!!!

I thank everyone else who provided help, aid and support to me: Bill Lindsay, Jim DeLorenzo, Cliff Short, Phil Hurwitz, John Dyer, James Sullivan and all the Monroe and Livingston District Masters.

I enjoyed writing sword metaphors for you the last two years. A sword that cannot do its job is a tribute to failure and the bearer of the sword is the Master of his own labors and his success. I have found that the

Grand Sword Bearer should really be the person who carries a trowel and perhaps should be called the Grand Trowel Bearer, although that does not sound very exciting. I am sure the British Monarchy has at least one.

The trowel also acts as a metaphor for the specific spaces that had to be dug for the mason and the archeologist. Whereas archaeology traditionally digs in rubbish pits, what has been discarded or thrown away, I often troweled with what has been kept safe and preserved. If one studies the use of the trowel in operative masonry, a trowel is used to remove old mortar from old bricks that are fitted for new use. The trowel is used to smooth the fresh mortar and to fill in the spaces between the bricks, much like the older men.

Some Masons who accepted my encouragement and ideas (some whose Masonic mortar was over fifty years old and very brittle) made it possible for me to learn more than I expected of the qualities of trowels and Masons. What I found was that my ideas and, more importantly, those of Grand Lodge, were readily accepted and I tried to spread the mortar of peace and harmony. I met many wonderful people over the last two years and found much support and joy working with Lew Perna and Bill Kuehne. I will be very busy with Masonry and trust you will have a safe Summer. I will see you in the quarries in the Fall. ✕

## Grand Sword Bearer

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There's a certain anticipation when a train pulls into a station and you are about to start on a journey, no matter where that train is going. Sometimes I prefer the quiet times that one can experience riding "the rails," enjoying the varied scenery that passes by. One can sort out life's problems and organize one's thoughts. I acknowledge the delays that will happen every so often along the way; late trains, track repairs and such. Life is like that and situations happen that come along that effect our progression through this passage of our journeys.

As I write this on April 30th, we are heading to Grand Lodge in New York City and I look forward to the 360 plus miles of green valleys, rivers, small towns and countryside that is awaiting my senses as I begin another journey in my life.

I will be finishing one journey as Master of Craftsman Robertson Lodge, and beginning another. As of May 2nd, I, along with Gary Sanford of Union Star Lodge and Tom Grape of Unity Lodge, will begin the journey of serving the Monroe District as the new leadership team for the ensuing two years.

We actually began planning for this "trip" in November of 2005 when we signed up for the new Individual Development Course, which we attended with two others on a monthly basis

from November through March of this year. The Course taught concepts such as time management, team building, goal setting, data gathering and analysis and other business subjects. At the conclusion of the class, the Project Teams were required to make a formal presentation to the class, which was videotaped and critiqued by Grand Lodge.

Along with the leadership of R. W. Gary Sanford, we look forward to the "journey" that lies ahead of us. We thank the wise council of our predecessor and others. We are here to serve you and help the District flourish. Our Grand Master has many new programs and ideas in the pipeline and we will keep you informed as to what they are in future articles.

Now the journey waits for us all. Clear tracks are ahead; are you ready to begin? ✕

## Monroe District Masters & Wardens Assoc.



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The June 21st communication will be the first of the new Masonic year, at which time the group will elect its new Officers. The new group will also determine when and where it will meet during the upcoming year. If you are a newly-elected Master or a Warden of your Lodge, you have a responsibility to your Lodge to actively participate in the Masters and Wardens organization. If you do not attend the June 21st meeting, you will not have any say in these important decisions. This may limit your ability to participate and is a disservice to your Lodge. Please make every effort to attend.

As usual, the June 21st meeting will take place at the Country Village Restaurant on Long Pond Road in Greece. It is a dinner meeting that will begin at 6:30 p.m. and adjourn no later than 8:00 p.m. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via email at: hhw@rochester.rr.com or by telephone at 248-2106. ✕

## Brotherhood Fund

R. W. Derek VanHouten  
Monroe District

My Brothers, the Campaign is over for 2006. As of May 2nd, the overall total for the State was \$780,000 collected from 14,000+ Brothers. The final numbers won't reach Geoff Buell or me until Summer. We will be able to supply them to you in September.

Suffice it to say, we are very proud of what the Monroe District accomplished. However, the Lodges which let this opportunity slip away from their members need to correct this situation for next year. We are more than happy to work with you; just give us a call.

THANK YOU ALL. ✕

## Valley/Simes Lodge No. 109

2nd Tuesdays  
7:30 p.m.



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I am very pleased on how great our Past Masters' Night was on May 9th. Richard DeCroce, Mike McBride and Paul Chechek worked very hard to make the evening a great success; there was plenty to eat and the steaks were grilled to perfection. After completing the business of the evening, we all enjoyed fresh strawberries, shortcake and frozen ices.

R. W. Herb Spencer told us about his wonderful trip to New York City, representing the Lodge during the annual communication and about our new line of Grand Lodge Officers. Upon the conclusion of the annual reports and the elections, we found that the Lodge is solvent, our Trustees did a great job this year and we were the highest in the Monroe District for Brotherhood Fund contributions, and second in New York State.

We elected our new Master for the ensuing year, who is Richard DeCroce. I know that he will be a great Master and I look forward to seeing him installed

on June 13th at the Shrine Center, 979 Bay Road. I hope that you can make it to the Lodge's open installation; it will surely be a great night with a wonderful meal.

I thank everyone for their participation and contributions to the Lodge's trestleboard this past year. I had very little time between arriving back in Rochester and assuming the role as Master upon my return from Iraq. I could not have succeeded in my duties if it had not been for a lot of help from so many members of the Craft. This included the Degree Team participants, our Lodge Officers and the Shrine Degree team, to mention a few key contributors to the Lodge's successes.

On the 19th of May, the Joint Investiture Service was held at Fairport Lodge. Richard DeCroce attended along with the other Masters-elect of the Monroe District. Our Grand Master, M. W. Neal I. Bidnick, fresh from his election victory at Grand Lodge, was the guest speaker. We all enjoyed a very good steak dinner prior to the Investiture.

### Upcoming events

Please reserve the time to come out to support our new Master-elect and his line of Officers at our Lodge's open installation. Call our Secretary, R. W. Herb Spencer, to let him know that you will be joining us and to reserve a dinner for you and your guest(s).

In closing, I once again thank all of you who have helped Valley-Simes Lodge and me this past year. ✕

### "A Special Invitation To"

Tuesday - June 13<sup>th</sup> 2006

TO THE BROTHERS OF VALLEY-SIMES LODGE #109  
THEIR LADIES & FAMILIES  
OTHER BROTHER MASONS AND GUESTS

YOU ARE CORDIALLY AND FRATERNALLY INVITED  
TO ATTEND THE OPEN INSTALLATION OF

W. Richard A. DeCroce, Master  
The Officers, and Line for 2006-2007 of  
Valley-Simes Lodge #109, F. & A.M.  
and the

Presentation of our Annual Service Awards

SOCIAL HOUR FROM 5:30 - 6:30 P.M.

Dinner will be served promptly at 6:30 P.M.

Menu - Steak Dinner with ALL the trimmings

Brothers of Valley Simes-Lodge & His Lady - \$7.50 per person  
All Others Cost is \$10.00 per person

CEREMONY WILL START AT 7:30 P.M.

DAMASCUS SHRINE CENTER  
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A Reception to follow the Ceremonies

A reservation made is a reservation to be paid

## Seneca Lodge No. 797

2nd Tuesday  
7:30 p.m.



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I sincerely empathize with many of our newer members who have significant commitments to work and family responsibilities and sometimes struggle to share their time at Masonic events. Others find that they are employed past the obligatory 65-year retirement

age just to keep active or to grow their nest eggs. Taking care of a family member in need, babysitting a child or grandchild, or fulfilling a life-long dream are other noble actions that we may prioritize ahead of Masonry. There are so many things to keep us away from Masonry.

I've been privileged to personally meet or speak with many members since I joined in 1996. Seneca's membership is now comprised of about 130 Masons with a variety of life experiences, educational levels, and socio-economic backgrounds. We are married, divorced, single, black, white, gay, straight, opinionated, passive, vulnerable and strong. Our Lodge is clearly a microcosm of the world in which we live with this difference: at Lodge we meet on the level. Somehow we



enjoy having a social dinner together and sitting in the same Lodge room.

The magic and continuing presence of Masonry in our society is attributed to its core principles of morality, brotherly love and charity.

As Master of Seneca Lodge, I will call on the strength and wisdom of our members to promote our core principles.

I also ask that if you haven't been to a Lodge meeting in a long while and need a grip, step and word "refresher,"

Wakan/Hubbard Lodge No. 154
2nd & 4th Mondays 7:30 p.m.
Master W.: Hugh H. Woodside
Assistant Secretary W.: Donald C. Bell
Secretary W.: Theodore J. Snyder

By Michael DiCataldo, Master-Elect

Wakan/Hubbard has a number of activities coming up over the Summer months.

Fellowcraft Steak Roast
The Fellowcraft Steak Roast will be held on Saturday, July 22nd, in the open pavilion at Channing H. Philbrick Park.

Golf Scramble
Wakan/Hubbard's Third Annual 9-Hole Golf Scramble will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 5th at Shadow Pines in Penfield.

Child ID Program
We are tentatively planning to host a Child ID event in September, 2006.

Penfield has cancelled its Penfield Days. Another event is being planned through the Chamber of Commerce.

Clambake
Wakan/Hubbard's 2006 Clambake is a family event that will be held at Ontario Beach Park on Saturday, September 16th at 1:00 p.m.

Summer Work
Over the Summer months we plan on scheduling a Spruce-Up Day for our Lodge building.

Master's Message
I thank you for the opportunity to serve as Master of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge.

Stay safe, happy and healthy through the Summer months and I look forward to seeing you at our Summer events.

ERAC Lodge No. 163
2nd & 4th Mondays 7:30 p.m.
Master W.: Steven M. Lysenko
Secretary R.: W. Terry W. Whilen, Sr.

From the desk of the Master-elect of ERAC Lodge, I send greetings to the Brothers of ERAC Lodge and the Brethren of our larger Masonic family.

My Brothers, we will be making a better effort to do good work in our community and I will lead by example.

til June of 2007. We need your help to honor that commitment.

We will be having our Scholarship Picnic in July, date to follow.

Our open installation will be June 12th at 7:00 p.m.; cocktails and light fare at 6:00 p.m. Brothers have asked the question, "How do we make men better?"

Thank you, again.

Craftsman Robertson Lodge No. 969
1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Master R.: W. Derek Van Houten
Secretary W.: Thomas W. Kendig

Our thoughts and prayers go to the extended family of our Secretary, W.: Thomas Kendig, and we pray for his recovery.

This will be my last article as Master. I have enjoyed the year and the time spent with you, my Brothers, such as the monthly dinner meetings.

Shortly, new leadership will take over and I encourage all of you to step forward and offer assistance to the leaders of the Lodge.

Widows Luncheon
We entertained seven widows at the Widows Luncheon recently and I would like to keep that assignment after I leave the East.

Birthdays
The Masonic Times won't be published again until September, so here are happy birthday wishes to all the Brothers who celebrate over the Summer.

June
Paul Abbey, Thomas Benson, John Brown, Edward Fulmer, Alan Goodrich, Ralph Jurgens,

Philip McCaskill, John G. Meier, Kenneth Mertz, George Reiber, George Schmeer, Michael Schum, Charles Strickland and Charles Walker.

July
Barry Chermers, Donald Fetting, Arnold Ford, Volney Frankel, William Hook, Sidney Horton, Thomas Kendig, David King, David Lerner, Paul Lockhart, Russell Rines, Franklin Suhr, Wesley Trendell, Rene VanDeVeire, Charles Waterstreet and Eugene White.

August
James Causey, Warren Doerrer, Nicholas Eull, Terry King, Lester Nelson, Albert Neracker, Malcolm Nulton, Kenneth Pearce, Kenneth Schumacher, William Shelby, Duane Smith, Barry Traub and Herbert Young.

Dates
June 6th - Installation, open meeting. Officers in tux, please.
June 20th - Sport Shirt Night
August 19th - Summer Picnic, Shrine Center.

Union Star Lodge No. 320
3 North Main Street
Honeoye Falls 14472
2nd Mondays 7:30 p.m.
Master W.: Gary Sanford
Secretary Robert Sweeney

Our new Lodge Officers were duly elected, appointed and installed on May 8th. They are as follows:
Master Scott May
Sr. Warden George Foehner
Jr. Warden Gene Gordon

Thanks to George Foehner and his sons, Allen and Rob, for providing a fine Roast Pork dinner for the evening.

Saturday, April 29th, Scott May presented a Grand Lodge Masonic Eagle Scout Award to Alexander Paul Spil-lane at his Eagle Court of Honor.

This year we are pleased to present to W.: John Williams the Dedicated Service Award. This award is in recognition of his continuous support to the Lodge.

Bees and Bugs Be-gone - 872-2040
Pest Control: All Pests - "We take the sting out"
Until you know your pests are down to a minimum, you probably need a seasonal spray.

W.: John Williams for arranging the dinner at the Norton Grill in honor of our newly installed Master, Scott May.

June
Our June 12th meeting will be a Sports Shirt Night and a presentation by Hiram Chapter.

We will be holding our annual fundraiser at the Festival on the Green on Father's Day weekend, June 17th and 18th. We will also conduct a Child ID program on Saturday from 12 noon to 4:00 p.m.

On June 20th we will be holding our annual Fellowcraft Steak Roast at 6:30 p.m. at the Lodge. If you have not signed up, you may do so by contacting W.:

Go to our Lodge web-site: www.unionstar.roch-web.com, and you will be able to see our Officer line, as well as the trestleboard for the ensuing year.

I hope you enjoy the Summer with your family and friends and I look forward to seeing you in the quarries.

Churchville Lodge No. 667
2nd & 4th Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.
Master W.: Jesse Noble
Secretary W.: George R. Burke

By Garry Hutchurson

Churchville Lodge plans to merge with Unity Lodge in September of this year so, for the next few months, we will be in a shut- down mode.

Condolences
I have very sad news. W.: Edward Roman died May 9th. He was a Past Master and a wonderful Lodge Brother.

Blessings on everyone concerned with the Lodge. There will be more information available later. Be sure to read your news in the Masonic Times in September.

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**WEBSTER**  
**LODGE NO. 538**

1st & 3rd  
Thursdays  
7:30 p.m.

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Nohle  
216-9016

Secretary  
W.: Bernard Russell  
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30 Orchard Street  
Webster 14580



My Brothers, this is the last column I will be writing to you as Master of Webster Lodge. The year has just flown by! It seems like just last week I was invested with the Master's Word. The rewards have been too many to count. I have learned a great deal about Masonry and about humanity. I encourage all Master Masons to step up and serve their Lodges in the Officers' line. You, too, will enjoy the many benefits and the satisfaction of having earned the respect and warm regards of your Brothers.

#### May in review

I traveled to New York City with our District Masters, proxies, and spouses for the annual communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. Many of us shared the same flight down and a wonderful tour of the Masonic Hall on Saturday afternoon. We also had a group dinner on Sunday evening, which was full of fun and good cheer.

On Monday morning we kicked off the Grand Lodge communication on schedule. Over one thousand Masons filled the beautiful Lodge room. We pledged allegiance to the flag of our country and sang our national anthem. As our voices were joined, I was overwhelmed with emotion. The power of so many men proudly singing our beautiful anthem was an experience I will long embrace.

The business of the communication then ensued. We listened to many dignified guests address the assembly and we heard many reports from the various committees. We also approved several constitutional amendments, which were mostly concerning record keeping and electronic formats thus bringing us more in to the twenty-first century and making life easier for our Secretary.

One important constitutional amendment, which we approved, related to when Officer elections are to be held. The amendment states that elections are to be held on or after the second Monday in May. This fixes what has been a problem for us, due to the way our By-Laws are written.

On Tuesday our Grand Officer Line was elected. This was

a very interesting process, which I would not necessarily qualify as seamless and fluid. R.: W.: Neal I. Bidnick was elected our new Grand Master. Many dignitaries addressed the assembly throughout the day, as we waited for results of the various ballots.

On our last day, my wife, Kathleen, and I visited the World Trade Center site, which I found to be a moving and impressive experience. We ended our day atop the Empire State Building. All in all, our visit to New York City was enjoyable and memorable.

Our first regular communication on May 4th was our annual meeting. We heard and approved reports of Officers and elected our 2006-2007 Officers. Your Worshipful Master-elect for 2006 is Ron Bryant. Also elected were Ed Malchoff as Senior Warden, Warren Patterson as Junior Warden, Nick Haldoupis as first year Trustee, John Clapp as Treasurer and Bernie Russell as Secretary. My congratulations and best wishes go out to these fine Brothers who have made this noble commitment.

#### Service Awards

On Thursday, May 18th, we honored those Brothers who had achieved milestones of longevity in their Masonic lives. I was honored to preside over this communication at the end of my watch. I am also honored to have brushed shoulders with each of them. Congratulations to the following Brothers: Harry Brewer and Vernon Collier, 60 years; Richard McInerney, 55 years; Gerald Mackwood, 55 years; James Turner, Wesley Beard and Alvin Engbrecht, 50 years; Wellington Sanger, Willard Scott and Douglas Brummell, 40 years; Elwood Kuttruff and Jacob Ponshock, Jr., 35 years; George Bracht and John Tyler, 30 years; William Kuehne, Ronald Hollander, 25 years; Gary Henry and Scott Anthony, 20 years.

On Friday, May 19th, your Master-elect and I attended the Joint Investiture for the Monroe District at Fairport/Flower City Lodge, where he was obligated and received the Master's Word.

#### Looking to June

On Thursday, June 1st, we will have our Installation of Officers. This is our regular Lodge night and the installation will be tiled. Please come out and support your new Officers as they embark on their quest.

#### Spaghetti Dinner

On Friday, May 5th, we held our monthly Spaghetti Dinner to again benefit the Webster Community Chest. The June dinner is to benefit the Webster Museum roof replacement. I hope, going forward, that the Brothers of Webster Lodge will

support this program with enthusiasm. We have reached out to our community and have successfully spread our message which is how vital the Masonic Lodge is in our community, the beneficent influence we shed, and the beauty of our Craft. I hope good men will take notice and aspire to be Master Masons.

#### Master's Message


Brothers, we all have strong feelings and opinions about Masonry. This comes from our passion for the same. This passion is an important attribute which helps us build our spiritual temples with solid foundations, walls and supports that will long-lasting and will become our legacy. As we express ourselves with passion, we must govern our emotions. Too, as we receive passionate input, we must carefully consider what we have heard. Let no man tell you how to think and what to feel but be sure to consider what they think and how they feel. Wisdom will truly come from such experience.

**UNITY**  
**Lodge No. 479**

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

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At our first meeting in May we held elections for the ensuing year. We had a wonderful turnout for this summoned meeting. Thank you to the ladies of Etolian Chapter who provided an excellent meal before the meeting. Here are your elected and appointed Officers for 2006-2007

Master **David Sylvester**  
Sr. Warden **Don Hunter**  
Jr. Warden **John Jamele**  
Secretary **Cliff Short**  
Treasurer **Tom Michielsen**  
Sr. Deacon **Chad Kyler**  
Jr. Deacon **Andy Tascione**  
Marshal **Tom Perrone**  
Sr. MC **Mike Roberts**  
Jr. MC **John Belgiorno**  
Stewards **Mike Edleman**  
**Don Williams**

Ritual Director **Bill Mitchell**

On May 19th, in conjunction with the Red Cross, we held a Blood Drive at the Ogden Community Center. Due to our previous success, the Red Cross asked us to put on this drive in addition to our bi-annual commitments. Thank you to Junior Warden, John Jamele, who did an outstanding job of coordinating this event. Next year's co-chairmen will be Senior Deacon, Chad Kyler and Junior Deacon, Andy Tascione. Please contact these Brothers if you are interested in volunteering.

Our second meeting in May was the installation of Officers. Thank you to all the Brothers who were in attendance. This year we have implemented a new Unity Lodge Officers' handbook. Our Officer line is full of new Brothers in Masonry and I encourage the more experienced sideliners to be supportive. The Officers now have clearly defined Ritual and administrative duties and will be meeting monthly instead of quarterly. The Brothers of Unity should see a very smooth

running Lodge with lots of activities in which to be involved.

The Monroe County in Bloom Program is now in full swing. We are responsible for the flowerbeds on Route 531. After the planting is done we will need volunteers to cut the grass and water during the long Summer months. Please contact David Sylvester at 704-7496 if you can help. Many hands make light work. Also, if you are using your own equipment, please keep track of gas or oil expenditures so that we can reimburse you. Thanks.

Thank you to all the Brothers who helped out with the Lodge Clean-Up. Things are really shaping up. If you have not been out to Lodge lately, I strongly encourage you to attend this Fall.

The Lodge Picnic will be Monday, June 26th at 6:00 p.m. at Pineway Ponds Park in Spencerport, rain or shine. This is a combined picnic with the Eastern Star and is a family event with everyone encouraged to attend. Please bring a dish to pass and your own table setting. Meat and drinks will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact John Jamele at 637-5643.

The first meeting in September will be a Table Lodge on Monday, September 11th at 6:30 p.m.

I hope every Brother has a safe and happy Summer. I look forward to seeing everyone in the Fall.

**FAME**  
**Lodge No. 722**

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

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First off, thank you for electing me as Master of this Lodge for the ensuing year. The line of Officers will be working together this year on some really good things.

Our Strawberry Social and Sport Shirt night will be on Tuesday, June 13th. If all goes according to plan, this will be our last official Lodge meeting at our Culver Road Hall, as we are planning to move to the Damascus Shrine Center starting in September. Also, it was decided by a vote of the Lodge that our new meeting night for the time being will be on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays. Stay tuned.

Now for the Summer events. Our Annual Corn and Sausage Roast will be on a Tuesday

night starting around 4:30. It will take place on either July 18th or 25th; location is TBD.

We will be having an Officers' meeting on the 24th of August at 7:30 p.m. We will go over the coming year and assign duties.


Lastly, I personally thank W.: Frank Churnetski for the past two years he has served as our Master. I don't think he had any idea how much the Chair would test him. He did an outstanding job and the next time you see him, shake his hand and say "Great job as Master, Frank." Thanks again for all you have done and will continue to do as Trustee.

A happy birthday wish to all of those with birthdays in June, July and August. See you all in Lodge. Peace.

**NORTHFIELD**  
**Lodge No. 426**  
Instituted March 1857  
1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.

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I am sure everyone is enjoying the beautiful weather we have had. Our flowers and trees are blooming, we have wonderful fragrances blowing through the yard and I'm working on a great tan!

I thank the Brothers of Northfield for doing a great job on the 2nd Degree. As some of you know, I had some serious lower back trouble that made it necessary to miss two meetings. Unfortunately, the 2nd Degree fell on one of those nights. I really appreciate everyone helping to make the event a success.

#### Widows Luncheon

Eight Northfield widows enjoyed a wonderful meal and a great time at the Widows Luncheon. In attendance were: Rosie Thibaut, Jean Bradshaw, Lucille Adams, Barbara Brown, Mary Foss, Dorothy Luke, Norma Phelps and Doris Weick. I also thank the organizers of this event and R.: W.: William Spillane and W.: Glenn Hedges, who provided rides for the ladies.

#### Summer events

The Strawberry Festival is slated for June 22nd and everyone can expect to hear from the Calling Committee. Much help will be needed to make the day a success.

The Lodge Picnic will be held on August 26th and, because of positive feedback and my lack of sensibility, we have decided to hold it in my back yard, as we did last year. You should expect a call.



Three Webster Lodge Brothers received Service Awards were (from left): W.: George Bracht, 30 years; Brother Harry Brewer, 60 years; W.: Jacob Ponshock, 35 years; and Master, W.: Mike Nohle. Back row are Ed Malchoff, Junior Warden; Ron Bryant, Senior Warden; and Chaplain, W.: Brad Lewis.



Monroe District group, which toured Masonic Hall in New York, included (front, from left) Kathleen Nohle, W.: Mike Nohle (Webster), Eugene (Grand Lodge tour guide), W.: Harry DeHollander (Clio). Back row, W.: Hugh Woodside (Wakan/Hubbard), Gail Sanford, and W.: Gary Sanford (Union Star).

I will close by saying thanks to everyone for sharing with me a very interesting year, for all the hard work and for being there when I needed you and your gift of wise counsel. You know who you are.  
God bless.

**CLIO**  
**LODGE No. 779**  
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This being our final column in the *Masonic Times* until September, and having so much to convey to you from past, present and future happenings, will require me to be as brief as possible to get it all in.

Our meeting of April 18th was well attended; 28 Master Masons, which included Brothers from Unity Lodge in Spencerport and Social Lodge of Kendall. First order of business was a reinstatement to Clio by ballot of Brother Thomas Hauss. Brother Hauss dimitted from Clio about 15 years ago when he moved out of State due to work requirements. Welcome back, Brother Tom.

On behalf of Clio, to the anonymous Brother who has provided us with a new set of leather Lodge Officer Aprons, I thank you. Not knowing who you are makes it difficult to express our gratitude in any other way. We needed them; they are beautiful; thank you again.

The work for the evening consisted of two presentations. Brother Don Cambisi made the arrangements for Federal Officer, Charles Giunta, Port Director, U.S. Customs & Border Protection, to enlighten the Lodge on the history and all the latest happenings involving our U.S. borders and crossings, by land, lake or air. With all the latest problems involving our border, Officer Giunta did an outstanding job answering many questions from the Brothers.

Our second presentation was a very informative talk about the history, structure and workings of the York Rite. R.: W.: Ruel Lovett of Unity Lodge gave us some history followed by an explanation of the Holy Royal Arch; then W.: Garry Hutcherson, Hesperus Lodge of Bergen, explained the structure and workings of the Cryptic Council with R.: W.: Ruel finishing with an explanation of the Knights Templar. I (W.: Harry) am a 39 year member of Clio and a 38 year member of the AASR Valley of Rochester and until now, I never really understood what the York Rite was all about. Thank you, Brothers Lovett and Hutcherson for your time and effort in putting on this talk. Pizza, wings and beverage followed the meeting, and thank you, Senior Warden Stephen, for my birthday cake.

On April 25th, Leah Chapter held a Master Mason Night at Clio, preceded by a baked ham and scalloped potato dinner (my favorite meal). My personal thoughts were, what are they trying, or about, to tell me? Twelve Master Masons were in



Some of the approximately 350 diners prepare to indulge themselves at this year's highly successful Ox Roast. This annual fundraiser is sponsored by Clio Lodge.

attendance for the dinner and meeting. Wthy. Beverly Thompson presented a short Degree concerning the different paths or roads in life that we can take and what might be the outcome. As Master of Clio, I requested that our Master Mason Brothers who are not members of Leah bow out so that Wthy. Mary Hall could attend to personal Chapter business in private. The Sisters joined us in the downstairs dining room following their meeting.

Wthy. Mary and Beverly informed the members of Clio Lodge and me that they had voted to maintain Leah Chapter, OES Charter; the merger with the other two Chapters at Unity was off and they would be staying at Clio. Wthy. Mary and her committee will be meeting with Clio's Trustees and Master to rework our agreement for their use of our Lodge building, etc. I received a letter from Leah Chapter stating the above facts, which was read at our meeting on May 16th and attached to the minutes.

Before leaving for Grand Lodge, I appointed Senior Warden, Stephen Mitchell, to act as Master for the meeting on May 2nd. Two petitions for affiliation were read and investigative committees appointed. Clio Lodge elections were held per our Grand Lodge Constitution as explained in last month's article. Duly elected by ballot to: Master, Stephen Mitchell; to Senior Warden, Brother George Todd; to Junior Warden, W.: Jeff Ross. Also elected to remain at their posts, W.: Sean Noonan, Secretary; Brother Frank Sassone, Treasurer; and W.: David Goodrich, Trustee. Congratulations, my Brothers!

It will not be easy keeping Clio at Clio. I know the Brothers of Clio will continue to support you as they have me this past year. And you know I will be looking and listening to you, so you better look sharp/be sharp and be on the right step.

**Grand Lodge**  
 Having been told what to expect, I was still shocked. Once inside I cannot express to you in words the beauty of our Grand Lodge building; what an outstanding tribute to our Craft. This year was election year for the entire Grand Line, accompanied by many committee reports, awards and speeches by Brothers and Sisters from around the world. One item of interest to Clio was the unanimous "YES" vote to change the Blue Lodge elections; they will be held on or after the second Monday of May following the closing of Grand Lodge. This will allow Clio to elect our Officers per our By-Laws at our 2nd meeting in May, without having to request a dispensation as in the past.

**Clio's Ox Roast**  
 It pleases me to inform you that our dinner was a huge success! There are no final numbers right now, but it looks like we served about 350 customers and 20-35 hungry helpers. I cannot begin to name all the special folks who pitched in to really make this dinner happen. It took a lot of planning and a whole lot of work and I thank you all for your efforts. Those who came to eat had nothing but genuine praise for the beef and other food items and especially the outstanding table service; as soon as a serving plate was empty a full one took its place. The only problem we had was that rowdy bunch of Wheelers waiting upstairs to come down to eat. It was their leader in that long black leather coat claiming he rode the Big Blue Ox, Babe, that upset them. This statement put him in violation of their own Hog Degree! They all calmed right down as soon as they sat down to eat.

My Brothers and friends, thank you for such an outstanding day! Let's do it again, but not till next year.

**Brotherhood Fund**  
 As of this writing, Senior Warden, Brother Steve, reports

33% of Clio Brothers have made a contribution during this campaign for a total of \$1,325.

**Coming events**  
 This article has to be filed by May 8th, so I will not be able to report on our meeting of May 16th. We will be voting on two affiliation petitions and making our DSA presentation to W.: Gerald Jones.

June 6th is Clio's installation of Officers' night. Master-elect Steve has requested an open installation to be held following our regular meeting opening at 7:00 p.m.; business will be at 7:30 p.m. Family and friends will be allowed in at about 8:00 p.m. for the ceremony. There will be refreshments in the dining room for the guests following the closing of the Lodge by W.: Mitchell and his Officers.

**June 20th**  
 This is Sport Shirt and Steak Roast Night. 6:30 p.m., dinner; meeting begins around 7:30 p.m. This last dinner of the season will be a strip steak with salad, baked beans, etc. Reservations are a must. Call W.: Mitchell at 964-8747 or our Secretary, W.: Sean Noonan, at 392-8156. Last year we figured for a couple over and were one steak short; please call with your reservation!

**Spaghetti Dinners**  
 There was only one Spaghetti Dinner in May, which was on the 24th. We have been having near sell-out crowds; I am told our patrons have demanded a dinner in June. What do we do now? The Spaghetti Bender Brothers have agreed to have our final dinner on June 14th.

**Summer events**  
 W.: Mitchell has made copies of the 2006-2007 Trestleboard, available at Lodge, listing Summer events and activities. If you have any questions, call W.: Steve at 964-8747. Hope you all have a wonderful Summer.

**Condolences**  
 Our Brother and Past Master of Clio Lodge, Leonard Scorse, joined the Great Architect on May 2nd. The Lodge members extend their condolences to Leonard's family and friends.

In closing, and because this is my last article as Master, I thank all of you who have not only supported me, but most of all, supported your Lodge, our Lodge, Clio Lodge. For the Brothers who are out-of-towners or not able to attend our functions because of physical health problems or what have you, I thank you also for your continued membership in Clio and our Craft.

In God We Trust.

**Fairport/Flower City**  
**Lodge No. 476**  
 2nd & 4th  
 Mondays  
 7:30 p.m.  
 Master  
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 Secretary  
 W.: George R. Bracht  
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 87 South Main Street

Our April 24th super meeting was the annual Anniversary Awards Presentation Night. Sixteen awards were received from Grand Lodge, ranging from 25 years to 65 years. Due to geographic location, health or prior obligations, only three recipients were on hand for the evening. It was with great pride and respect that I was able to

May 1st and 2nd found me attending the 225th session of present, on behalf of Fairport/Flower City Lodge, 50-year Certificates and Pins to Brother Leonard S. Simon and W.: R. Clinton Emery, with Brother Alfred K. Miller receiving his 65-year Certificate. Upon receipt of their awards, each was given the microphone and all three graciously shared tails and tidbits of their long journeys as Master Masons. If you happen to see these Brothers, please congratulate them on their achievements.

Grand Lodge in New York City. Again, I will say it was an honor to represent our Lodge and, as with previous trips to Grand Lodge, I really enjoyed meeting and conversing with Brothers from across the State. My report on this session was given at our summoned Annual Meeting on May 8th.



Fairport-Flower City Lodge presented Service Awards to (from left) Leonard S. Simon (50 years), Alfred K. Miller (65 years) and W.: R. Clinton Emery (50 years).

**Apron Presentation Dinner**  
 Join us in welcoming our new Grand Lodge Officers:  
 Gary Sanford—DDGM  
 Tom Grape—GDC  
 Derek VanHouten—GSB  
 Key Note Speaker:  
 R.: W.: James Sullivan—Grand Lecturer and Past Senior Grand Warden  
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## Grand Steward

Genesee/Wyoming



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Marshall is a native of the Byron-Bergen area and obtained his AAS degree from Morrisville State College and a BS degree from the University of Georgia. His career consisted of thirty-one years at Curtice Burns, Inc., and eight years with the Village of Bergen. At present, he is retired and enjoying golf and his grandchildren.

Marshall and his wife, Donna, have been married 39 years and have two daughters and three granddaughters.

He has been a member of Hesperus Lodge since 1991 and worked his way through the Chairs to serve as Master in 2002. He is also a member of LeRoy Chapter, Royal Arch Masons.

R.: W.: Krause extends his congratulations to R.: W.: Harry Tyson on his appointment as the Genesee/Wyoming District Deputy Grand Master. He feels it will be a pleasure working together to further the good of our Masonic Fraternity.

## Oakland Lodge

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



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The Masonic year is quickly coming to an end and this will be the last *Masonic Times* article published until September. I wrote last month that I would wait until the final article to give my reflections and review on the year Oakland Lodge had. I don't think I can put into words what this past year has meant to me being the Master of Oakland Lodge.

I'm extremely proud and honored with the trust my fellow Brothers bestowed upon me when electing me to be their Master for this past year. I will be forever grateful for them allowing me this opportunity. I hope I lived up to any expectations that the members of Oakland Lodge had for me. I apologize for any shortcomings that may have happened and will try and improve upon them next year. I am deeply indebted to the Officers who served under me for the past year. Their dedication to the Lodge and Craft was well appreciated. I'm extremely proud of the Ritual performed this year by the Officers and members of Oakland Lodge.

To the members of Oakland Lodge who were unable to attend any of the three Degrees we held this year, you can't imagine what you missed. The Ritual performed by Oakland Lodge and the other Lodges throughout the Genesee/Wyo-

ming District is second to none. I'm very proud to report that Oakland Lodge had two candidates this year with one being raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. We encountered some work conflicts and were only able to get our second candidate initiated as Entered Apprentice, but are looking to make further progress at the beginning of the next Masonic year. I feel this has been a very successful year for Oakland Lodge and, hopefully, something to build on for next year.

### Sickness and distress

Brother Bob Kemp, our Senior Warden, has been ill and spent some time in the hospital recently. Brother Kemp underwent some surgery and, at last report, was home and recovering slowly. I hope we all can find the time to say a quick prayer for Brother Kemp as he continues to recover from this recent surgery. We all hope to see Brother Kemp up and feeling well in the near future.

I congratulate the following Brothers who were raised in the month of June: Richard Zonneville, 6/3/1958; Larry Francis, Freeman Shaw, and Ray Wood, 6/1/1965; John Coffey, 6/21/1966; Edward Heineman, 6/16/1970; Gerald Watson, 6/2/1983; Gerald Hoffmeister, 6/5/1984; Jeffrey Marcy and Thomas Scott, 6/5/1990. I apologize for any member of Oakland Lodge who was missed this year and I hope to get everybody in next year.

Oakland Lodge will only have two communications left for the Masonic year once this article reaches you. The dates for these two communications are June 6th and June 20th. The June 6th communication will be the installation of Officers. The place of this communication has yet to be determined. This will once again be a joint installation with Warsaw Lodge, but as the writing of this article, the location and which Lodge is going to travel has not been determined. I will communicate the location as soon as it is confirmed.

The June 20th communication will be our annual Ladies Night. I would encourage all members of Oakland Lodge to set aside this night and bring their significant other for a wonderful night of dining and conversation. This is an excellent opportunity for our members to thank their ladies for the nights they were away from home attending communications and conferring Degrees.

### Bingo night

Oakland Lodge will be traveling to the Batavia VA Hospital on June 27th for the annual Masonic Bingo night with the veterans. This is a very rewarding night for all who attend. This is just one way that we can thank those who have made sacrifices for our country and our freedom. This evening only takes a couple hours of your time and is time well spent. I haven't met a Mason yet who has left this event without feeling a sense of pride and self-fulfillment.

I end the year by once again thanking all my Officers and the members of Oakland Lodge who have made this one of the most rewarding years of my life. I could not have accomplished this without the help of each one of you and for that I am forever grateful. I thank my fellow Brothers throughout the Dis-

trict for all the help and support they showed Oakland Lodge and me. Our Lodge would never have been able to accomplish the Degree work performed this year without the help from many of the Lodges in the District. I hope and wish you all have a wonderful, happy and healthy Summer season.

May we never forget those who have fought and are still fighting to keep this great nation free? Let us all take some time out of our lives to be thankful for where we live and the freedoms that are offered to us each day of our lives. Always remember that freedom isn't free and living in the greatest nation in the world sometimes comes to us at a great price.

May the blessings of heaven fall upon all Masons and their families wherever they may be throughout the world. x

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



1st & 3rd  
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Degree work is keeping us busy this year. It started out with a practice, just to keep us in shape. Before our next meeting we had two candidates, so we conferred the 1st Degree for them. Before we got to do the 2nd Degree, we had two more candidates, so we did another 1st. Now we have four to take the Fellowcraft Degree.

We planned to do the 2nd Degree on our four candidates, along with a Brother from Attica. With five Brothers, we decided to do the Degree at Attica and take advantage of the extra room. Just before I left that night to go to Attica, the phone rang and I found out that one of our Brothers was in Buffalo Hospital having his appendix removed. As soon as this Brother is well enough, we will make him a Fellowcraft so all five Brothers can take the 3rd Degree on June 17th. When the time is decided, we will inform everyone by email or phone.

The 3rd Degree will also be dramatized in Attica. We hope to have a real good turnout, so mark this date on your calendar. When we get all done, we will have conferred five Degrees this Spring. Thanks to everyone who participated. You did an outstanding job.

May 15th was election of Officers. The date for installation has not yet been decided. This will be sent by email.

On May 23rd was West Star's night to go to the Vet's Hospital to help our veterans play Bingo. This was an enjoyable night. It's a little work, but you feel good knowing you helped a veteran have a good night.

Our Chicken Bar-B-Que for the Gordon M. Brown Memorial Scholarship Fund is June 10th. The plan is to cook and serve all the meals in the park. This will also be the Varysburg Neighborhood Days. The ladies in town plan to set up tables in the park for the flea market. Working together will make a successful day for all concerned. This year's pie chair-

man will be calling for home-made pies. We can't serve cream pies, so all pies have to be covered fruit pies.

Our new tenants in the restaurant are doing very well. Stop in and check it out.

On July 30th, the Varysburg Fire Department will be running the Junk Yard Reunion. If the sun is shining that day, the park will be filled with antique and classic cars and trucks. There will be a Chinese Auction and all proceeds go to the Fire Department. Stop down to look at the old cars and visit with the owners. It's a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon with your family. I will have both of my antique Buicks there, rain or shine.

I wish everyone a happy and safe Summer. We will rest for the Summer and take our vacations. We will be back again on September 18th to start a new year. See you then. x

## HESPERUS Lodge No. 837

1st and 3rd  
Thursdays



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### Elected Officers

Master **Cortney Gale**  
Sr. Warden **Donald Kunego**  
Jr. Warden **Frank Kielbasa**  
Sr. Deacon **Chris Kremer**  
Jr. Deacon **Daniel Culver**  
Grand Lodge  
District Deputy Grand Master  
R.: W.: **Harry Tyson**  
Grand Steward

R.: W.: **Marshall Krause**

It is with great pride that several Brothers are taking a journey to Utica for Saint John's Day, to enjoy the installation of these excellent choices for Grand Lodge Officers. We are so proud of you, and your excellent work in Masonry.

### June

Brother Bring-a-Friend Night will be Thursday, June 1st, at the Lodge. We will also be giving kudos and awards for Brothers being kind to our Craft, as well as some "bloopers" that were enjoyed and needed to be revisited. We will also see the CD that Brother Don Kunego has created for our viewing and listening pleasure.

Installation will be on Sunday, June 11th, at Hesperus Lodge. Our Master will be installed by M.: W.: Neal Bidnick. The Purple Apron Society will do their excellent installation of the ensemble of Officers who will be obligated that day.

### Child ID

There will be a Child ID Program on June 10th in Bergen, sponsored by the Brothers of Hesperus Lodge. Flyers for this event will be posted around the Town, at schools, and in churches. Last year the Masons videoed over 50,000 ID's for children in New York State.

### Picnic time!

The Hesperus Picnic will be at R.: W.: Marshall and Donna Krause's cottage on Silver Lake. We will be sending out cards for this event and we have created a map for the participants. Last year the boat tours took a back seat to the bean-bag game that consumed everyone in attendance. R.: W.: Holden Miller is in charge.

The Van Hulbert Golf Tournament is set for August 19th at the Batavia Country Club. This is the time that Hesperus Lodge needs your assistance to raise monies for "Crossroads House," a hospice organization that is dear to our hearts. Hesperus has given more than \$10,000 over the last few years and would like to increase our donation to more than what we gave last year. With your help, we can reach \$3,500. Sponsor a hole, offer a prize or, better yet, play in the tournament. It is a great day for golf, giving, and being a Mason. For information, contact R.: W.: Marshall Krause.

The members of Hesperus Lodge have been invited to a 92nd birthday party for W.: Kenneth Barons. It is with great pleasure that we honor this kind gentleman of our Craft. x

## District Deputy Grand Master Livingston District



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This will be my first article as District Deputy Grand Master, and I hope you will continue to support me as you have done over the last two years. I know that there are a few Lodges considering some kind of change in the near future, and I would like you to know that I will do everything in my power to help and support your Lodge.

My staff and I are here to help you and to help your Lodge grow and prosper. We are trying to put together a Summer picnic for the District and I hope that you all will be there! I also hope that you will send me a list of all your Summer ac-

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tivities so that we can come and support you over the Summer!

I was impressed with the talent that we have in our District. We had our District talent show in Mt. Morris on the 28th of April and the kids in our District showed us a great deal of ability and, as far I am concerned, they were all winners!

Don't forget St. John's Day at Utica this month. If you haven't been to this event you should come, tour the new facilities

and share Masonry with your Brothers.

I have assigned my new committee chairmen and I hope that you will use their services. Make their jobs easy by helping them obtain information in a timely manner.

I welcome all the new Masters and their new lines and assure them that we are here for them! I am sure that we will meet this Summer at our usual meeting. Please have a safe and prosperous Summer! \*

of Gates Presbyterian Church where Rick sings in the church choir and the folk/gospel group, "Joyfull Noyse."

Rick also is a local singer/musician, donating his time to VA Hospitals and retirement homes, and performing with a band in the Newark and Palmyra area, "The Next Level." \*

**R.: W.: K. Rick Howe  
Grand Steward  
Livingston District**

As you all know by now, I will be passing the AGL's Apron and Jewel on to my successor. I must say that it has been an enjoyable run. As usual, in Masonry, I got much more out of the job than I could ever give back. We have had great turnouts at our conventions and our Schools of Ritual have also been relatively well attended. The Howard Potts Award was presented to both Phoenix Lodge and Mt. Morris Lodge at this year's Grand Lodge Convention. The attendance record for the Schools of Ritual will again be awarded to Nunda Station. Is any Lodge going to challenge them next year?

At the time of this writing, I have one more 3rd Degree to observe and the first rotation of the Grand Master's Edict will be finished. That was done on May 24th at Phoenix Lodge in Dansville. Also, at the time of this writing, I am informed that there will be another 1st Degree at Geneseo Lodge on May 17th.

All in all, our Rituals are getting better and better. Our Lodges are working together and helping each other and the mentoring is showing results. Please keep up the good work you have been doing and give our next AGL the same support that you gave me.

Remember, our Ritual does not belong to the Grand Lecturer, or the AGL or any one person; it belongs to us and it is what makes us unique in the world. So, let us all commit ourselves to opening our Ritual books often and studying them, and let everyone of us resolve to improve our work. If you are having difficulty with any part, please ask for help. Thank you. \*

this September. We must get working on this, as it will be upon us before we know it.

I intend to speak with my fellow Staff Officers in the surrounding Districts about a conjoined presentation of *Road to the East*, Masonic Development Course and IDC for the coming year. It is the philosophy of this administration that knowledge is the key to the success of our beloved Fraternity.

This is an idea that I wholeheartedly endorse and embrace. There is a lot of muttering about dwindling numbers, but remember that quantity is one thing, while quality is yet another. Let us commit ourselves to becoming more and more knowledgeable about what we are part of and who we are.

With the recent and upcoming movies and books about Freemasonry, it is very important that we know how to respond when our friends and family ask us about our Fraternity. Knowledge is the key!!! So, even if you have already been through these Courses, consider taking them again and encourage our newly raised Brothers to take them, as well.

I will be working on a project this Summer of developing a spreadsheet with a list of speakers on varied subjects and I will encourage Masters to use this source to line up guest speakers for your meetings. If you feel that you would like to be included on this list, please let me know. I'm sure you will be hearing more from me on the subject of Masonic education in the coming months. \*

## Grand Steward

Livingston



**R.: W.:  
K. Rick  
Howe**

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Let me start this first article by thanking my Brothers for nominating me for Grand Steward. I look forward to the opportunity of serving in this capacity. I am committed to following in the same vein as my predecessor and continuing the great work that he and our past District Deputy Grand Master have begun.

We have already had a busy Spring and our activity will continue into Summer. Our annual Communion Breakfast was on May 21st. We had a great speaker for the occasion.

Many of our Lodges have decided to have public installations this year. The College of Grand Lodge Officers is gearing up for the task. This Summer many Lodges are participating in their community carnivals with concession stands serving everything from Pulled Pork to Chicken Bar-B-Que.

R.: W.: Trescott and I are looking forward to meeting with all the Masters this Summer to discuss plans for the coming year.

Let us not forget about our 225th anniversary celebration

**R.: W.: K. Rick Howe  
Grand Steward  
Livingston District**

R.: W.: K. Rick Howe was raised in Keshequa Lodge No. 299 in Nunda in 1991. He is past Master of that Lodge and past Master of Mt. Morris Lodge where he is now affiliated. R.: W.: Howe is past president of the Livingston Masonic Association and past AGL of the Livingston District. He is a presiding Officer of Chapter in the Scottish Rite, a member of Royal Arch Masons and the Perry Shrine Club.

Brother Rick has a Bachelor of Arts Degree from SUNY Geneseo and works as a Network Engineer at Citizens/Frontier

Communications Corp.

Rick has been married to his wife Cathy for thirty-one years and they live in Brockport. Cathy works for Nortel Telecommunications. They have four children and five grandchildren. Audrey lives in Amherst and works as a dental assistant. She and her husband, Mike, have two daughters, Christina and Nicole. Wendy lives in Brockport and works at Strong University Medical Center. Amy and her husband, Lucas, live in Stanley, North Carolina, where she teaches kindergarten. Ricci-Lynn is a housewife. She and her husband, Doug, live in Brockport and have three children, Lia, Peyton and Joshua.

Rick and Cathy are members

## Eunice Lodge No. 830

1st Thursdays  
7:30 p.m.



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Grand Lodge again proved to be quite a fun event. W.: David Howlett and I went again this year with the other Livingston District guys. I thank R.: W.: Roy Moses and R.: W.: Richard Trescott for their efforts in getting the trip together and for their work pulling the District together over the last couple of years. They have done a superb job and the District is a tightly knit group partly due to their efforts.

Mark your calendar for May 30th. Eunice Lodge will be holding an Open House for all who want to bring a friend to show the Lodge. W.: Mel Hussey has organized a Spaghetti Dinner at 7:00 p.m., with a short program to follow. Des-

sert and fellowship will round out the evening's event.

This will be my last article, as W.: David Howlett has been elected Master for the 2006-2007 Masonic year. Even though Brother David is repeating next year, we have a strong line of Officers and Eunice has a strong future ahead. The rest of the line is as follows:

Sr. Warden **Rick Lafave**  
Jr. Warden **Brian Pease**  
Secretary **Fran Oberer**  
Treasurer **Allen Roggen**

The rest of the line will be appointed this month. Eunice will have a Public Installation put on by the College of Grand Lodge on June 15th at 7:30 p.m.

I thank all the Brothers for their support this year. No Master can do everything. I also thank all the Brothers who showed up to any of our events

this year. The Holiday Dinner and Veteran's Night were highlights of my year, partly because I got to meet some of the Brothers who can't make every event. It was nice to meet you and I look forward to seeing you again at the Lodge.

### Upcoming events

May 30th, Eunice's Open House at 7:00 p.m.

June 15th, Public Installation of Officers at 7:30 p.m.

July 7th - 9th, Geneseo Air Show. We will need help at the Air Show and will be getting in contact with you. Please make an effort to join us in our work; stretch that cabletow!

Thank you again, Brothers, for the hard work you put in this year. My brother, Brother Dave, good luck and give me a call when you need anything. \*

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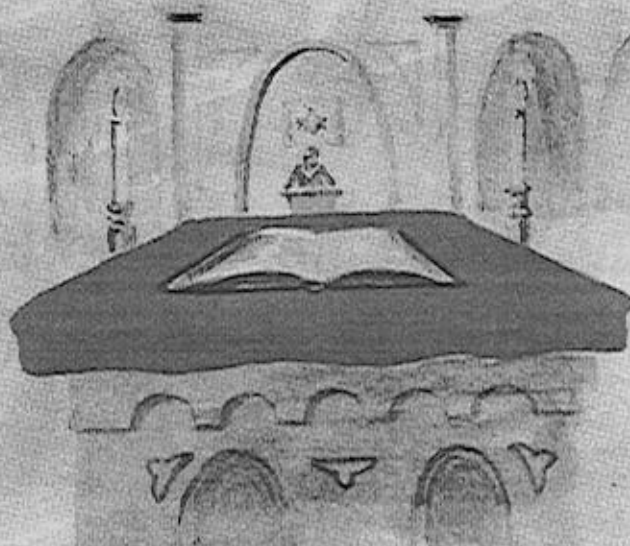
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By W.: John Gallant

It is good to have an easy month ahead of us. In June we will be having a few more activities, starting with a Public Installation of our new Officers on June 1st at 7:30 p.m. at the Lodge hall. This will be our fourth open installation in a row and they have always been well received by our families and friends. Please join us.

Our last meeting before the Summer break will be on the

8th and our new Officers will be in their respective chairs. I am sure everyone will do well and I wish the new Officers all the best for their year. I offer my continued support during their tenure.

We will be finishing up our activities with our annual Steak Roast at the Kirkwood Estate on the 15th. This event is always a wonderful time, with great food and fellowship.

Personally, I am looking forward to June. Summer is here and my Masonic year is coming to a close. It has been a very busy year with lots of activity, but very rewarding. We welcomed five new members to the Lodge, made lots of visits to our neighboring Lodges and participated in many District activities. I thank all my Brothers at Union Lodge for making my tenure as Master both enjoyable and memorable. I could not ask for a better group of friends and Brothers. \*

## Grand Line

Continued from page 1

### R.: W.: Dennis A. Breheny Senior Grand Warden

Brother Breheny was Raised in Carducci Lodge No. 924 in 1980. He served as Worshipful Master from 1985 to 1987 and again in 1989. He is also a member and Past Master of several other Lodges, a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, Scottish Rite, Shrine, and York Rite. He has held office in a number of these organizations.

R.: W.: Dennis has been active in the Grand Lodge of the State of New York since his appointment as District Deputy Grand Master for the 1st Oneida District in 1992. He has served on a number of committees and is currently Chair of Camp Turk. He was Junior Grand Warden from 2004 to 2006.

An ex-Navy man, R.: W.: Brother Breheny and his wife, Judy, reside in New Hartford. They are the proud parents of Jennifer Muia and Erin Breheny, and grandparents of Allison Muia. A licensed electrician, in his spare time he applies himself to volunteer work in his community.

### R.: W.: Stephen S. King Junior Grand Warden

Brother King and his wife, Margaret, a retired teacher, live in the Capital District, where he works as Finance Director of the New York State Office of Real Property Services. His educational background includes a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English Literature from the University at Albany in 1976 and a 1981 Master's Degree in History from Albany's College of St. Rose.

R.: W.: King is interested in outdoor activities, especially in the Adirondack Mountains, and has been a participant in community theater for many years. A member of many volunteer

organizations, he serves as a Director of the Bethlehem, New York, Chapter of the Lions Clubs International.

Masonically, Brother King was Raised in 1981 in Wadsworth Lodge No. 417 and served as Worshipful Master in 1988. He was appointed District Deputy Grand Master for the Albany District for the term from 2002 to 2004; serves in the Grand Lodge committee structure and is an enthusiastic member of the MUNY committee, shaping and executing programs. He continues to be active in his District, and belongs to both the Scottish Rite and York Rite.

### R.: W.: Joseph A. Quarequio Grand Treasurer

Raised in Roma Lodge No. 854 in 1962, Brother Quarequio became Master in 1970. He also served as Worshipful Master of Garibaldi Lodge No. 542 in 1994. He was Master of Archimede Roma Lodge No. 854 in 1991 and 1992. He was a Grand Steward in 1989. Brother Quarequio has held office in various 10th Manhattan District associations as well as Metropolitan associations. He is a Royal Arch Mason, a Scottish Rite Mason and a Shriner, and he has many other Masonic affiliations here and abroad. R.: W.: Brother Quarequio served as Grand Tiler from 1995 to 2006. Brother Quarequio is a recipient of the Grand Lodge of New York Appreciation Award as well as the DeMolay Legion of Honor.

By profession he is a registered pharmacist, with a Bachelor of Science Degree from St. John's University College of Pharmacy in 1961. He has also pursued a career in law enforcement. He accumulated a variety of formal and experiential training through the FBI, State Police and the Justice Department, and completed numerous undercover drug assign-

ments, both foreign and domestic. Brother Quarequio keeps his membership in several professional law enforcement organizations. He has received citations for his police work as well as awards, including the Chancellor Robert R. Livingston Medal, for his Masonic work.

Brother Quarequio has been married to Nina for forty-five years. They have three children, Sestina, Nina and Michael, and six grandchildren.

### R.: W.: Gilbert Savitzky Grand Secretary

R.: W.: Brother Savitzky's Masonic career commenced with his Raising in John Hancock Lodge No. 70 in 1963, which he served as Master in 1974. He was appointed District Deputy Grand Master for the 1st Manhattan District for 1979. Brother Savitzky has held several District offices. He holds multiple Lodge memberships, including a handful of honorary memberships.

As a Grand Lodge member, he has served on a variety of committees, among them, Long-Range Planning. R.: W.: Savitzky was elected Trustee of the Masonic Hall and Home Fund and became its Treasurer. In 1989 he was elected Grand Treasurer; from 2004 to 2006, he served as Grand Secretary.

Brother Savitzky and his wife, Barbara, have two daughters, Margie and Lisa. In his spare time the Grand Secretary has been involved with the Fordham and Bronx Chambers of Commerce and with different school district projects.

Brother Savitzky earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from the University of Buffalo in 1956, and then joined the military, serving in Korea until 1958. He earned Citations of Merit and an Army General Commendation. His is a New York State licensed realtor. \*



Three Brothers were raised as Master Masons in Union Lodge on April 27th. (From left) Joseph Gallant; acting Master, W.: John Gallant; Phillip Mandel; and William Combs.

## Nunda Station Lodge No. 682

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

Master  
W.: William R. Wright, Jr.  
476-2739  
Secretary  
R.: W.: Gerald J. Hussong  
476-2739



For the knowledge of Nunda Station Lodge members and others: I had the good fortune to attend Grand Lodge of the State of New York. This, the 225th Annual Communication, was held May 1st and 2nd.

Elected for the upcoming term were: Grand Master, M.: W.: Neal I. Bidnick; Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: Edward G. Gilbert; Senior Grand Warden, W.: Dennis A. Breheny; Junior Grand Warden, R.: W.: Stephen S. King; Grand Treasurer, R.: W.: Joseph A.

Quarequio and Grand Secretary, R.: W.: Gilbert Savitzky. I was very interested in the way business and elections easily moved.

I thank Nunda Station Lodge members for giving me the opportunity to represent them.

The Nunda Station Lodge election of Officers 2006-2007 was held on May 2nd and the results are as follows:

Master **William Wright, Jr.**  
Sr. Warden **Robert Cox**  
Jr. Warden **James Bailey**  
Treasurer **Robert Cox**  
Secretary **Gerald Hussong**  
Chaplain **Phil Cox**  
Sr. Deacon **Edwin Dickson**  
Jr. Deacon **Randy Cox**  
Sr. MC **Robert Martin**  
Jr. MC **Howard Simpson**  
Marshal **Donald Thompson**  
Tiler **Donald Cox**  
3 year Trustee **Donald Cox**  
2 year Trustee **Clarence Bogartus**

1 year Trustee **Ken Buckley**

The installation of these Officers was held at the annual Steak Roast on May 16th. \*

## Taxes! Taxes! Taxes!

By Tom Michielsen

Summer is about to begin. Most of us have turned our thoughts to golf, fishing, yard work and vacations. The governments have not stopped working and the tax laws continue to evolve. Therefore, I will continue to monitor them and publish, as much as space allows, those changes which might be of use to most of you. For quarters beginning on or after January 1, 2006, employers who were previously required to file Form NYS-45-CC are no longer required to do so, because the form has been discontinued.

The Internal Revenue Service has acknowledged the certification by Ford Motor Company that several of its 2006 vehicles qualify for the hybrid tax credit enacted by the Energy Policy Act of 2005. The tax credit for hybrid vehicles applies to vehicles purchased on or after January 1, 2006, and may be as much as \$3,400 for those who purchase the most fuel-efficient vehicles.

The hybrid vehicle certifications and credit amounts are:  
2006 Ford Escape Hybrid Front WD - \$2,600  
2006 Ford Escape Hybrid 4 WD - \$1,950  
2006 Mercury Mariner Hybrid 4 WD - \$1,950

The IRS has also acknowledged the certification by Toyota Motor Sales U.S.A., Inc., that several of its 2006 vehicles and a 2005 model year vehicle qualify for the hybrid tax credit enacted by the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

The hybrid vehicle certifications and credit amounts are:

2005 Toyota Prius - \$3,150  
2006 Toyota Prius - \$3,150  
2006 Toyota Highlander 4WD Hybrid - \$2,600  
2006 Toyota Highlander 2WD Hybrid - \$2,600  
2006 Lexus RX400h 2WD - \$2,200  
2006 Lexus RX400h 4WD - \$2,200  
2007 Toyota Camry Hybrid - \$2,600  
2007 Lexus GS 450h - \$1,550

The maximum credits are only available for a limited time. Taxpayers may claim the full amount of the allowable credit up to the end of the first calendar quarter after the quarter in which the manufacturer records its sale of the 60,000th vehicle. For the second and third calendar quarters after the quarter in which the 60,000th vehicle is sold, taxpayers may claim 50 percent of the credit. For the fourth and fifth calendar quarters, taxpayers may claim 25 percent of the credit. No credit is allowed after the fifth quarter.

Here is one from the "boy, that's a bummer" file. Have you

seen the reality show Extreme Makeover Home Edition? If not, it is a show that builds a new home for a deserving family. What a great idea, a free new home. Not exactly. In this particular case, the show's producers paid rent in the amount of \$50,000 to the family for the use of their home. Section 280A(g) provides, in part, that rental income from a residence that is rented for less than 15 days during the year is excluded from the taxpayer's gross income. Based on that, it would appear the homeowners received \$50,000 in tax-free income. Not so.

The Internal Revenue Service, in an information letter, pointed out that Section 74(a) states that gross income includes amounts received as prizes and awards, and that under Regulation 1.74-1(a), taxable prizes and awards specifically include amounts received from radio and television giveaway shows. So there you have it, rental income is not always rental income. In this particular case, it was a taxable prize.

### Due dates

May 31st - Exempt Organization Returns

June 15th - May Payroll Taxes  
June 15th - Second Quarter Estimated Taxes

June 20th - Sales Tax

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## District Deputy Grand High Priest 25th District RAM



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Companions, we have reached the last month of labor before our Summer recess.

Salem Town will hold its last convocation June 6th at 7:30 p.m. in Seneca Falls.

Excelsior will hold its last convocation June 12th at 7:30 p.m. in Shortsville.

Geneva will hold its last convocation June 14th at 8:00 p.m. in Geneva.

King David will meet for the District Grand Lecturer's Convention, June 20th at 7:30 p.m. in Port Byron. The evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. with dinner at Brenda's Restaurant on Route 31, East of Port Byron, just a short drive from the Masonic Hall where, at 7:30 p.m., the DDGHP will call the District meeting to Order. After the Pledge to our Flag, he will turn it over to the Grand Lecturer for instruction in the Holy Royal Arch Degree. Please plan to attend, as the District needs all the input we can get. It will be a great evening.

The 5th Tuesday, August 29th in Seneca Falls, Salem Town Chapter will host its annual Steak Roast at the Masonic Hall. Reservations are a must. Call Lee VanDelinder at (315) 568-9987 or Sam Clark at (315) 539-8959. This is a great Steak Roast and a very good way to start the Fall season with lots of fellowship.

God Bless you, one and all. ✕

## LeRoy Chapter No. 183 RAM



4th  
Tuesday  
7:30 p.m.

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Secretary

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By Garry Hutchurson

At the time of this article, our High Priest, Doug Poole, has been accepted for a liver transplant, and is now going through testing. We wish him well and blessings for his family as they also go through this with him.

We have a new candidate, Christopher Kramer, who still needs the Holy Royal Arch Degree. He is a welcome addition to our Chapter.

The Chapter is doing well. We are opening every time and just had our Grand Chapter visit from R.: E.: Dennis Parmerter. Our books passed and we received nice comments for the Chapter.

Don't forget June 27th for the Chapter Picnic at Bergen Park. The Chapter will provide the

hots and hamburgers, pop and beer; just bring a dish to pass and come have a great time.

We will be starting up again in the Fall, so watch for the notice in your September *Masonic Times*.

God bless. ✕

## Hiram Chapter No. 62



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

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I am happy to say we will have begun our Degrees by the time you receive this article. I am additionally satisfied that we will be putting two strong Masons through our series of Degrees and soon they will be our newest Royal Arch Masons.

June will be the Hallmark of Ancient Craft Masonry and we will be seeking a special dispensation concerning the exact date for the Holy Royal Arch Degree. Right now, it looks like nit will be on Thursday, June 22nd. We will be in touch via a written summons as to the details for the Degree.

Don't forget the annual picnic and Scholarship Awards night on Thursday, June 8th, at Pittsford Park. Plan to begin socializing at 5:30 p.m. Bring a dish to pass, your own place settings and any liquid refreshments that you want to consume. Get your reservations in to our Scribe, V.: E.: George Springett.

The Summer is upon us. This is a great time to put our Masonic duties on the back burner and focus on our families. So far, the Spring has been fantastic! The beautiful days provide an opportunity to spend time outside at parks, around the neighborhood and elsewhere with special people. The Summer is also the mid-point of our Capitular year. It will provide a time to refresh us and prepare for the back half of our year beginning in September. Have a great Summer!

### Something to think about

As Masons, we hold Faith, Hope, and Charity as important elements that help us on our journey through life. This month I write on the tenet of Charity or Love.

Love and Honor. "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22: 37 - 39). Loving God, loving others and finding value in ourselves. Without a doubt, these three aspects of love are the most effective weapons in living a straight and upright life.

Genuine love is a gift we give others. It isn't purchased by their actions or contingent upon our emotions at the moment. It may carry with it strong emotions, but it isn't supported by them. Rather, it is

a decision we make on a daily basis that someone is special and valuable to us.

Like genuine love, honor is a gift we give to someone. It involves the decision we make before we put love into action that a person is of high value. In fact, love for someone often begins to flow once we have made the decision to honor the person.

How do we teach honor to others: extending it first to our own family, especially our parents, helping others to find value in troubled times, showing a healthy balance in our lives, establishing loving boundaries in our relationships, building positive loyalties in our relationships, and offering honor to our God.

The following is based on a short article by Gary Smalley and John Trent.

Another aspect of love is charity. As Royal Arch Masons, we have the opportunity to extend charity via the Royal Arch Charities. Programs that are supported are scholarships for Royal Arch Masons' children and grandchildren and for the cure of diseases of the lungs. Please consider a contribution to the Royal Arch Charities. Our committee chairman is Companion George Springett. Contact him for more information.

May you all have a wonderful Summer and spread both love and honor to all you meet. ✕

## Doric Council No. 19 Cryptic Masons

(Chartered 1861)

3rd Wednesday



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### Thank you!

It truly has been an honor and a great experience as your Illustrious Master of Doric Council of Select Masters. I have truly enjoyed my time as Master. I thank all those Companions who have supported me during my year. I especially thank all of my Officers: Companions Garry Hutchurson, John Dudley, Jim McConnell, George Springett, Ruel Lovett, Don Wright and M.: I.: and Reverend Charles M. Roberts. I have learned much in the East and have cherished this leadership experience.

At the time of this article in the *Masonic Times*, Doric Council will already have held their elections for the 2006/2007 Masonic year. I wish the very best to the incoming Illustrious Master and his line. May the Great Architect of the Universe guide you in your leadership of our Council of Cryptic Masons.

### Something to think about

As Masons, the tenets of Faith, Hope and Charity are very important to us. I want to focus on Charity (or Love) in this issue. I came across an article I want to share with you:

"If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding

gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophesy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, and it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease, where there are tongues, they will be stilled, where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

And now three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." (1 Corinthians 13: 1 - 13).

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June is here and our work is done for another season. Our Inspection, Election and Installation of Officers is over. Everyone's health should improve with some sunshine on our old bodies.

I would be remiss if I did not say "thank you" to all the Officers for their support this year. A big thank you to the Commandery for allowing me to sit in the Commander's Chair this

And the greatest of these is love. This kind of love enables us to endure wrong with patience, to resist evil with conviction, to enjoy the good things with gusto, to give richly of ourselves with humility, and to nourish another's soul with long-suffering.

We are called to love one another, to support, to rejoice with, to strengthen and to cherish the relationship. To do so is to truly be human. To do so is to honor the commandment of God, and to show one's love for God.

Finally, a simple prayer to remind us, as Masons, of our duty towards brotherly love (by Leslie Brandt).

RESOLVE.... More than anything else in heaven or on earth, I pray for the power to love my fellow person, to break through the damning bigotry, the crippling prejudice, the stifling self-centeredness that smothers God's Spirit within me, and to channel and communicate divine love to lonely, loveless people about me. And I pray as well for the ability to translate the message of God's eternal love into words that will pierce the benumbed minds of busy men and move their hearts to faith and obedience.

I send to each of you my love and ask the Great Architect of the Universe to bless and love each and every one of you! ✕

past year. Now it is time to support our new Commander. A little bird says it will be Sir Knight Cy White. Let's give him our full support by attending all the conclaves this coming year. Again, it has been a pleasure to serve you this past year, 33 years since my first time in 1972. I'll see you at the next conclave.

### Zone 11

June 4th is the Zone Council Officers' annual meeting and picnic, election and installation of Officers. This is where the Commanderies of Zone 11 plan the year and dates to do the work. It will be at Mary Lou's house and, "Oh Yes," William Jones lives there, also. Thank you, Mary Lou and Bill, for hosting this again this year. Bring your table setting, a dish to pass and a lawn chair. We will meet you at 2049 State Road 350 in Macedon, the Jones' Residence, at 3:00 p.m. God Bless you, one and all. ✕

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Grand Lodge of Maine. He also chaired the Grand Lodge Standing Committees of Finance and Jurisprudence.

In 2003, he was recognized by the Grand Lodge of Maine with the presentation of the Josiah Drummond Medal, who was Sovereign Grand Commander of the Scottish Rite Supreme Council in 1867.

Brother Webber was a member of the York Rite in Portland and St. Bernard Commandery in Boston.

He was a past presiding officer of Yates Lodge of Perfection and Maine Consistory for the Portland Scottish Rite Valley. He was also a member of Kora Shrine Center.

He became a 33° Mason in 1987 and was elected to the Board of Directors of the Scottish Rite Supreme Council in 1994.

In March he was invested with the DeMolay Legion of Honor at a ceremony in Rhode Island, where he had been active in the organization.

Survivors include his wife of 41 years, Leslie; children, David S. of Harvard, Massachusetts, Seth E. of Glendale, California, and Elizabeth A. Crampsey of Newton, Massachusetts and grandchildren, Ethan J. and Allison G. Webber.

A Memorial Service was held on April 30th at the National



Ill.: Robert D. Pederson, 33°, with memorial to Ill.: Walter Webber, 33°, at Reunion.

Heritage Museum, Lexington, Massachusetts.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the 32nd Degree Masonic Learning Centers at 1903 Congress St., Portland, Maine, or 33 Marrett Road, Lexington, Massachusetts, 02420; the National Heritage Museum Acquisition Fund, 33 Marrett Road, Lexington, Massachusetts, 02420, or the Walter E. Webber Scholarship Fund, established by the trustees of Marietta College in honor of Walter's service, c/o Marietta College Development Office, Fifth Street, Marietta, Ohio, 45750.



Frank T. Jansson Memorial Class members are: (front), Ill.: Robert D. Pederson, 33°, Brian Bills, Eldridge Mount, Anthony Marotta, Andrew Tascione, Norris Shapiro, Donald Tubman, Fred Greene and Ill.: Stephen Whittaker, 33°. (Back), Juan Morales, Patrick Mulrooney, David Ferguson, James McConnell, Derek Howlett, David Howlett, John Faro, Chad Kyler, Steven Coville, John Vertigan, William Morgan and Jack VanElzakker.



Feast of the Paschal Lamb cast (from left): William Jones, Michael Fazio, Rick Howe, Ill.: Robert Pedersen, 33°, Michael Knolla, Dr. Susan Nowak, SSJ, Associate Professor of Religious Studies at Nazareth College, Patrick Mulrooney, Craig Molton and Donald Rose.

**Blue Caps**  
By Jerold J. Gilmore

Well, Blue Caps, a year has gone by and here I am writing my swan song. First and foremost, I thank each and everyone of you for allowing me to be your very first President for our initial year of operation. I have enjoyed it tremendously, even though there have been trying moments. A special thanks to my Vice-President and Secretary, Bill Fredenburg, for his support and assistance. There are many others who were there when I needed them. I've always maintained that one person can't do everything. It takes teamwork and we worked well together.

April 20th found us at the Shrine Center for the Feast of the Paschal Lamb. It was a very impressive service with excellent performances by all who participated. I was impressed by the choir from the Hilton Baptist Church. Especially their Director, Betty Benoit. What a voice! They reminded me of my days with the Inner-High Choir, composed of the cream of the nine City high schools, which sang at the Eastman Theater.

On April 24th, Fairport/Flower City Lodge recognized our own Blue Cap, Al Miller, for his 65 years as a Master Mason. Congratulations, Al. All of the Blue Caps salute you for your faithfulness. Al joins his Brother Blue Cap, John Williams, who also has 65-plus years as a Mason. John received his Pin from his Ohio Lodge.

April 29th was our Spring Reunion, held at the Burgundy Basin Inn. Our 12 new 32° Brothers joined us for this event. The meal was unbelievable. I received an Award for participating in the March Masonic Education Fair. Although I accepted it, the Caps should get the credit for all their fine work. It represents

all the Blue Caps who worked both days with registration for the event. It is

May 4th was the Top Three Meeting, conducted by our Commander-in-Chief, Bob Pedersen. This was the last one for him and it seemed to me that he may have felt some mixed feelings about it. John Zabel will be at the helm at the next meeting.

**Looking ahead**

July 16th is the Ballgame Day, preceded by a picnic.

August 11th is soccer at Paetec Park.

August 18th is the Summer Outing at Wildwood Country Club. If you would like to help, we could use the extra hands. Please call me at 392-2867 and let me know. The more help, the easier the chore. Our new Blue Caps will be with us that day to receive honors.

We discussed having a carpool for the trip to Utica for St. John's Day. We will meet at the Scottish Rite parking lot, near the Scottish Rite office.

There will be a picnic at Camp DeMolay with a possible sleep-over August 5th and 6th.

We plan to continue our movie nights.

Our meeting will be June 21st at Roncone's Restaurant at 11:45 a.m. Consistory picks up the tab. Please mark your calendars.

In closing, let us all pray the Great Architect keeps us safe in the days to come.

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Jerold Gilmore in Navy uniform, flanked by William Lindsay, Secretary, and Ill.: Robert Pedersen, 33°, Commander-in-Chief, addresses members of the Blue Caps at a recent luncheon.

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At our April meeting, Prophet Norman Gauch, 65-year member, captured the imagination of all. A member of John A. Robertson Lodge, he joined Grotto on May 24, 1941. There were 138 candidates in the downtown Masonic Temple. They were registered at 2:00 p.m., followed by a parade on Main Street at 4:00 p.m.

A Roast Beef Dinner was served in the lower dining room. Cathedral Hall was filled for the Ceremonial and the stunts which followed. There was no indication of the number present, but the June, 1941 meeting minutes indicated there were 388 present.

Norm remembered selling Grotto tickets for the Grotto Rodeo in July, 1941, starring movie star Hoot Gibson. Other Grotto events that year included the Annual Family Outing at Ellison Park in August. That featured a baked Virginia Ham Dinner at 60 cents.

The 15th ESGA Convention was September 18th-20th in Ithaca. September 27th was the Grotto Bar-B-Que at Willow Point Park. The annual Family Night, including a Band Concert and the RG&E Male Chorus, was November 16th. Ice cream and cake were served.

The Annual Monarch's Dinner on December 13th honored Monarch Carl F. Ayen and featured a "Night for the Ladies." A Roast Turkey Dinner was served. The cost was \$1.25 per plate, with entertainment and dancing later.

Norm was very active in a number of organizations. Because some met on the Grotto meeting night, he was never active in the Grotto. He was ac-

tive in his Lodge, holding prominent roles in Ritual work, but never opted to become Master.

Norm joined the Army before Pearl Harbor and trained infantry soldiers at a camp in the South in the early years of the war. He was a 1st Sergeant when he was sent to Europe and was in the Battle of the Bulge. After the war, he worked at Kodak until 1956, when he joined a small out-of-town fishing tackle shop, and later became the owner.

Norm's wife, Dorothy, passed on a few years ago, but he is still very busy with church and many other activities. We thank him for sharing an evening with us and reliving those memories of 1941.

### Secretary's Column

By Kenneth Hutchinson, PM

Our Summer activities are coming up. If you want the very latest information on any event, feel free to call our Monarch's rapid answering service, day or night. It's Norman Austin, 234-0296.

At our May meeting, we welcomed our newest Prophets: Paul L. Farnung of Eagle Lodge, recommended by Ken Milner, PM; and L. Warren Patterson, Webster Lodge, recommended by Fred Cornell.

**Sickness and distress**  
Our thoughts and prayers go to James Toogood, who is currently in Park Ridge Hospital.

Over the Summer, if you know of any Prophet in sickness or distress, kindly notify our Monarch or any Officer.

To my fellow Prophets, may I wish each and everyone a very pleasant Summer. Try to include the Grotto activities listed in our trestleboard in your plans.

### Chief Justice

By Michael Bell, PM

April saw the high points of early 2006 social and administrative activity with visits to Jamestown and Syracuse for the Chief Justice Conclave and Spring Meeting respectively. At the former, plans were established for next year's calendar, while the Syracuse out-

Prophet Norm Gauch (photo at left) recounts his experiences since joining Lalla Rookh Grotto in 1941 at the April meeting. Service Awards were presented (photo below) to Prophets Richard Bull, Alfred Pulcino III, Joseph Minas, Brian Bills, Norman Gauch and Jan Ludwig. (Photos courtesy of Ken Hutchinson)



## Attend Grotto Meetings

June 5th -  
Board of Governors Meeting, Shrine Center 7:00 p.m.

June 14th-17th -  
Supreme Council Session, Florida

June 21st -  
Grotto Outdoor Picnic/Meeting Shrine Center 5:30 p.m.

June 22nd -  
Legion of Honor/Masonic War Veterans Strawberry Social Bushman Cabin Henrietta Town Park

June 24th -  
Grotto Golf Tournament Old Hickory Golf Course

July 30th -  
Day at the Races Finger Lakes

## Enjoy the Fellowship

ing was more a party occasion.

The usual Full Form Ceremonial was rescheduled for October, due to the illness of some principals. I still have openings for players with both speaking and non-speaking roles. If you are interested, please contact me.

It's about time to begin planning for Lalla Rookh Caldron's National Convention this coming September. This is open to all Grotto family members. Events will be held Wednesday, September 20th through Friday the 22nd. You will get more about this later, but try to keep your calendar clear and bring your singing voice.

### Legion of Honor

By Brian Bills, Commander

Our April 17th meeting was held at the Nutcracker Restaurant in Webster. It was nice to see Jim Pray return to the fold. We welcome him back and hope for continued recovery.

We are into an active part of the year for all Veterans groups. The following activities have already occurred.

On April 22nd, the Masonic Service Bureau did a fine job in honoring the wives of our departed Brothers at the Widows Luncheon. It was held at the Burgundy Basin Inn this year. The Color Guard from the Masonic War Veterans presented the Colors.

On May 15th, we had our regular meeting at the Nutcracker Restaurant on Empire Boulevard in Webster. We met at 5:30 p.m., ate at 6:00, and the meeting followed.

On May 13th the Patchen Briggs VFW Post 307 held a Veterans information fair.

May 20th was the Armed Forces Day Luncheon at the US

### Golf Tournament

By Richard Topel  
Chairman

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

All Master Masons are welcome to attend. If you have a non-Mason friend whom you would like to bring, he is more than welcome.

You'll be surprised who you meet at these affairs! You can enjoy 18 holes of golf with a cart, refreshments on the course and food on the turn. There will be

Airport facility at the Greater Rochester International Airport. I was not able to get 8 members to come to the luncheon, so we did not sponsor a table. The \$90 that was agreed to assist in the cost of the table will be returned to the Legion.

May 21st was the annual Memorial Day Service at the War Memorial in Rochester. The service was about honoring all of our comrades in the past year.

May 29th was the day the Memorial Day parades were held. This year we participated in both the Rochester Downtown Parade and the Greece Parade. The Grotto Legion of Honor and the Masonic War Veterans participated.

On June 22nd the Legion of Honor will have a joint Summer Picnic with the Masonic War Veterans. Ladies are invited to this event, which will begin at 4:00 p.m., with a social period followed by the meal around 5:00 p.m. Once again, we must be reminded, that to survive and be able to donate to worthy causes, it is essential that we raise money. We are in the process of preparing tickets for our members

### TOURNAMENT



"Funny, how Ron's LOST BALL reappeared on the green!"

a Steak Dinner and prizes. We use the Callaway scoring system.

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

of the Legion of Honor and Masonic War veterans. The funds raised will be split down the middle between both organizations. We will be sending tickets to all members of both organizations to assist in raising funds. The prizes for the drawing will be: \$100 for first place; \$75 for second place; and \$25 for third place. We will also have some items to be raffled off at the picnic. Remember, if we all work together in this endeavor, we will be able to fund our projects for the upcoming year.

As an added event to the Summer, we will be offering a trip to Toronto, Canada, on Friday, July 21st, to see the New York Yankees and the Toronto Blue Jays. The bus will be leaving from Irondequoit at 10:30 a.m., then at Henrietta at 11:00 a.m. and Gates at 11:30 a.m. We will have dinner at the Town and Country Buffet in Toronto before the game. The game starts at 7:07 p.m. and we will return around 1:30 a.m. The cost for the bus trip, dinner and the game is \$85.00 per person. Reservations are a must, with a deposit to Star Travel in Ontario. For information, please call me at 388-0913.

## Lalla Rookh Grotto M.O.V.P.E.R.

LET'S PLAY



GOLF!

Saturday  
June 24

Old Hickory G.C.

6655 Big Tree Road  
Livonia

Open to all Masons  
and their Friends!

\$45.00 per person  
18 HOLES of GOLF, CART  
FOOD ON THE TURN, PRIZES  
STEAK DINNER  
TEE TIME 9:30 a.m.

Limited to 40 reservations

Deadline: June 17  
GOLF HOT LINE  
CALL DICK TOPEL, 585-663-2547

Make checks payable to and send with reservation form to:  
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Please list complete names of players on separate sheet of paper



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Damascus Shrine Center No. 2

# Shrine News

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## From the Potentate

Shrine Office - 671-7701



Lance Ward

Time flies when you're having fun. I must be having a lot of fun, because I can't believe it's June and half way through my year as your Potentate. It has been a fun-filled first half. This past month, Lynn and I have visited many of the Clubs and Units, along with going to other Potentate's receptions.

I attended the New York Ontario Shrine Association's (NYOSA) Spring seminar in Ellicottville, accompanied by our Chief Rabban, Don Rose, Treasurer and Past Potentate, Robert Anderson II and Alice, and Past Potentate Erwin Newell and Lady Brenda. Ill. Sir Erwin administered the afternoon session on the way to promote membership, which was very informative to all who attended. It stressed that we need to make changes in what we offer to new and current Nobles to grow and maintain our Fraternity. Damascus had the lowest loss in membership of the 11 NYOSA Centers in 2005, which was attributed to the great job you Nobles did bringing in new members, especially the Wheelers. Their success was presented in a handout that was summarized as follows:

"The success of the Wheelers is that it is fun. It gives the Nobles and their wives a chance to strengthen the bonds of Masonry, Shrinedom and the love of motorcycling as things that they all have in common and provides them with a group that is informally structured, while at the same time, provides a purpose that they all identify with and work together for."

The lesson being, it has to be fun to maintain interest. If there is an activity that we are not currently doing as a Club or Unit, bring it to the attention of any of the Divan members or myself. If you, or if you know of a Noble, who is not in a Club or Unit, please consider joining one to enjoy the fellowship and fun offered.

The Imperial Membership Drive for 2005-2006 is coming to a close at the end of June. I need all of you to help turn our membership decline around by finding a worthy Brother, giving him a petition and having him attend our Hot Sands Ceremonial June 7th. Then invite him and his Lady to join you in attending our fun-filled weekend June 16th and 17th, for our annual Hospital Charity Golf tournament, our public relations presentation introducing two of our patients who will tell of their experience in our hospitals and my Caribbean Experience reception. Let's make

Damascus the shining star of NYOSA by having a positive growth in 2006 and have fun doing it.

## From the Recorder

Shrine  
Office  
671-7701



James  
Slocum  
367-2425

Shrine Reservation Line  
671-3565

As I sit at my desk, the window open, listening to the birds singing, smelling the fresh air of Spring and the smell of freshly mowed grass, it is nice to be alive (verses the alternative).

We have a good number of candidates for the Hot Sands on June 7th. Please your reservation in early and not the day of, as we want to have enough food for everybody.

I hope everybody is signed up for the Illustrious Potentate's Reception on June 17th, as it sounds like it is going to be a lot of fun and a real good time. The Lilac Parade was successful again this year and there was a good turnout by the Clubs, Units and the Nobles.

### Erie Hospital Day

A reminder that August 6th is Hospital Day at Erie and a great opportunity for any of the new Nobles to visit and see what we do for the kids. There will be a preview of the sports activities that the hospitals support, such as sailing, sledge hockey, fishing, wheelchair basketball and many more. You will have a chance to see the motion analysis lab, physical therapy, and much more. They will also have a fezing of the new Nobles, if they wish, along with the rest of the entertainment and program. If there is enough interest, we will have bus transportation, which will be a lot cheaper than driving.

### Picnic time!

The family picnic is also in August, and my grandson reminded me that he wanted to come again this year. I know the Committee is working hard and planning for some new games and fun, so get out and support the Committee and enjoy a day of fun and games.

I remind any Noble that knows of a Noble who was dropped for non-payment of dues, that the amnesty program is coming to at the end of June. They should take advantage of it while they can.

### Shrine Degree Team

By John Faro

The most important item this month is for the information of those Nobles who have not participated in the last three Degrees. THE NEW COSTUMES ARE HERE!!

In my April article, I stated that we were in search of a new vendor and the costumes would be delayed. Well, the vendor came across and the costumes arrived in time for the three

### Potentate - Lance Ward

Degrees in April. We certainly needed them in May at Ark Lodge in Geneva.

I am sure Mike Grady and Joe Shanks, co-captains of the Degree Team, thank Nobles Joe Minas, Jim Slocum and Vance Collom for the care and transportation of these "brand, spanking new" costumes. We can now outfit both Kings, Chaplain, Seafarer, Guard and 15 Craftsman, properly. It is a sight to see. Come out and watch "your" Degree Team in action. Our last scheduled appearance was at Ark Lodge, home Lodge of our Potentate, Ill. Lance Ward.

Nobles, if ANY of you like Degree work, please join us. We are always in need of "new blood" on the team. Some of us who are getting older find it a little more difficult each year to participate. So, if your cabledow can stretch a little, we more than welcome you.

At this time I welcome back to the Team Nobles David Jones (whose work hours have changed), Joe Privitera (now that April 15th has passed), Ron Weber and Mike Dox (who have returned from Florida) and Noble Phil Hurwitz, who has joined the Team.

There are some rumors of a Degree Team picnic this Summer. I am sure that Mike and Joe will inform you.

I am looking forward to seeing you in the Fall.

### Shrine-abilia

By Derek VanHouten, PP

I need the help of the Nobility in identifying a picture Noble Don McDill recently hung on our Historical wall. This is the wall on the South side of the dining room. The picture is located next to the framed notice of the KLAM BAKE and is a panoramic shot taken probably in the 1920s or 1930's.

It's the top picture and if anyone can give me an idea of where it was taken or anything about who is in it, it would be appreciated. I really marvel that the cameras of that period could take such wide-angle shots, with the amount of detail. For our new members, this shows what Damascus was in its youth and why we are so proud to be members of the second oldest Unit in the Shrine.

Another piece of early photographic history was passed on to me through Noble Dean Smith, who obtained it from a neighbor of his and shows three Nobles dressed in outfits of the old Patrol. Maybe our senior members know who they are.

There is also a certificate identifying a Noble Herbert Gosnell for 40 years a Noble of Damascus, signed by Ill. Harley C. Smith and Recorder, Noble John Cummings, dated March 3, 1965. I thank Dean and Don for bringing these to my attention.

As I have said before, if you have a remembrance of the early days of the Shrine or old pictures or artifacts and want to share them or have me write a story about them, please feel free to contact me.

## Damascus Shriners Motorcycle Raffle (2nd annual)

By Larry Canfield  
Assistant Raban

Damascus Shriners are holding their second annual motorcycle raffle. We are raffling a 2006 Harley Davidson Road King motorcycle. The motorcycle is well-equipped and black cherry in color.

Additional prizes are:

Second place - \$500

Third place - \$300

Fourth place - \$200

The raffle will be held after the "Ugly Run," sponsored by the Damascus Wheelers on Sunday, August 13th, at the Damascus Shrine Center, 979 Bay Road in Webster.

Tickets are \$20 each. The first ticket drawn will be declared the bike winner. This will

be followed by the cash prize winners.\* The winner will be responsible for all taxes, license fees and their own insurance.

The winner must go to Stan's Harley Davidson in Batavia to complete the necessary paper work and taxes. (Damascus Shrine does not handle any paper work for the bike.) Delivery will be arranged through Stan's Harley Davidson, only. Should the winner elect to receive the prize in cash, it can be arranged.

Tickets may be purchased at the Damascus Shrine Center. To inquire regarding additional tickets, please call the Shrine Office at 671-7701.

\*Please note: all profits from the motorcycle will go to support Damascus Shrine Center.



## Damascus Shriners Summer Picnic

Save the date:

Saturday, August 19, 2006

1p.m. till 6 p.m.

Come one and all to the summer event of the year.  
Bring your kids, grandkids, neighbors' kids and their parents.



Fun for all ages.



We will have games for the kids and kids at heart, food, inflatables to play on and in. Dunk your favorite Potentate or clown(s) in the dunking booth.

Cost: \$10.00 per adult  
RSVP: To the reservation line  
671-3565

## Ready for a fun-filled long weekend?

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

### Friday, June 16th

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

Hospitality following dinner at the Ramada Inn.

### Saturday, June 17th

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

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

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

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

### Sunday, June 18th

Buffet breakfast. Ramada ballroom. Reservations a must.

Contact the Damascus Center at 671-7701.



# Camp DeMolay Re-Forested by Rochester Chapter

By Skip Waterstreet

On a recent walk through of Camp DeMolay with Brother Jack Steinkamp, he suggested we consider obtaining some trees and planting them around the property to replace some which have been downed by Mother Nature, others we will have to take down due to their condition and just to help improve the appearance of the property. I learned it was possible to obtain tree and shrub seedlings through the Monroe County Soil and Water Conservation District.

On April 20th, I picked up 250 seedlings. In my ignorance, I expected to have a huge number of flats (like you get at the nurseries when you want flowers for your garden). I was surprised when the whole shebang fit into one cardboard box about five feet long and one foot square on the ends.

The thought of having to plant all those trees and bushes was somewhat overwhelming. So I made a call to Brother Gary Burke, who just happens to be Secretary of the Camp's Board of Directors. As I'm sure most of you know, he is also heavily involved with the revitalization of Rochester Chapter, Order of DeMolay. My question was answered in the affirmative... some of the boys would be available on April 29th to assist in the planting.

Assist they did! Heck, under the direction of Dad Josh Burke, aided by Advisor Geoff

Buell, they had all the items in the ground in an hour and a half. I just sat back at let them have a go at it.

In an effort to add some color and variety, the following items were planted at various locations around the 16-acre site. Austrian Pines, Colorado Blue Spruce, White Pine and White Spruce represented the conifer family. Hardwoods were Pin Oak, Red Maple and Sugar Maple (from which, I was told, we could obtain sap and make maple sugar in about 15 years!). In the shrub category, they planted Red Barberry, Red Osier Dogwood, Serviceberry and Streamco Willows. They also planted some Blue Rug Juniper rooted cuttings.

Erosion is a problem in several areas of the Camp grounds. It is hoped these will help alleviate the serious nature of that concern.

While it would be too optimistic to assume we will achieve 100% satisfaction from the growth of these seedlings, we hope there will be sufficient retention later on to permit digging them up and relocating some of these larger growths to other areas as needed.

We are very appreciative of the young men giving up their Saturday morning to provide this service to Camp DeMolay. They may not personally benefit from their efforts, but their children and/or grandchildren may be able to point out trees their elders planted.

The pictures down the column, at right, show various stages of their effort... within sight of Anderson Lodge. I didn't venture too far out into the brush on this trip.

**First:** Justin Mulrooney "supervises" Dad Burke's use of the pick axe in digging a hole to insert a seedling. (Justin did do more than that!)

**Second:** Josh Burke tamps dirt around new seedling.

**Third:** Josh Buell prepares area on side of hill between the driveway and Anderson Lodge to insert seedlings.


**Fourth:** Advisor Geoff Buell mans the shovel while Ben Short clears some loose brush from an area to be planted.

**Bottom:** "The Line-up!" Standing behind a sample of their work are (from left): Dad Geoff Buell, Advisor, Mike Bailey (who really did work, even though I didn't get a picture of him!), Josh Buell, Ben Short, Justin Mulrooney and Dad Josh Burke.

Following their efforts, they were all treated to a hot dog and salad (macaroni or potato) lunch.

You possibly read last month that the SUNY School of Environmental Science and Forestry did a survey of the property. The preliminary results are in and there seems to be much we can do to improve the conditions and use of the Camp. We may be looking for some help. Are you available? Give us a call.






Come and Join us at the  
**Damascus**  
Potentate's Reception  
Honoring  
**Ill. Sir Lance R. Ward and Lady Lynn**  
Saturday June 17th, 2006 at  
The Geneva Ramada Inn on Beautiful Seneca Lake  
41 Lakefront Drive, Geneva NY 14456

The theme of this event will be a Caribbean Experience, so forget the Tux, Bring that wild tropical outfit you've been saving for this affair.

Enjoy the music of the Dundee High School Steel Drum Band during our Social Hour  
4:00 to 6:00 P.M. (Cash Bar)  
Sit down Dinner at 7:00 P.M.  
with Intermezzo, Calypso Surf and Turf and Dessert.  
Only \$40.00 per person  
Dancing to the Music of Special Blend Till 10:00  
Rooms Available at Special price of \$ 130.00 till May 16th, 2006. Call Ramada at 315-789-0400 with your reservation.  
Sunday Breakfast Buffet \$ 15.00 per person

Please cut off and mail to "Damascus Shriners"  
And send to 979 Bay Road, Webster, NY 14580

Noble: \_\_\_\_\_ Lady's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Reception Dinner	No. _____	@40 \$ _____	
Breakfast	No. _____	@ 15 \$ _____	
Total:		\$ _____	
Will be playing Golf Friday	_____		
Will attend PR session Saturday	_____		

## Apron Presentation Dinner Ticket Reservation Form

Seating is limited. If you would like to attend the Apron Presentation Dinner on Monday, June 19th at the Damascus Shrine Center, 979 Bay Road, Webster, please fill out this form and send it to the Masonic Service Bureau. Tickets will be available at the door the evening of the dinner. If you have an email address and include it with your reservation, we will email confirmation of receipt of your request. Otherwise, it is suggested you check with the Service Bureau a few days after you mail your reservation to be certain it has arrived.

**Advance reservations with payment ONLY.  
NO TICKETS will be sold at the door!**

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Guest's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to Masonic Service Bureau

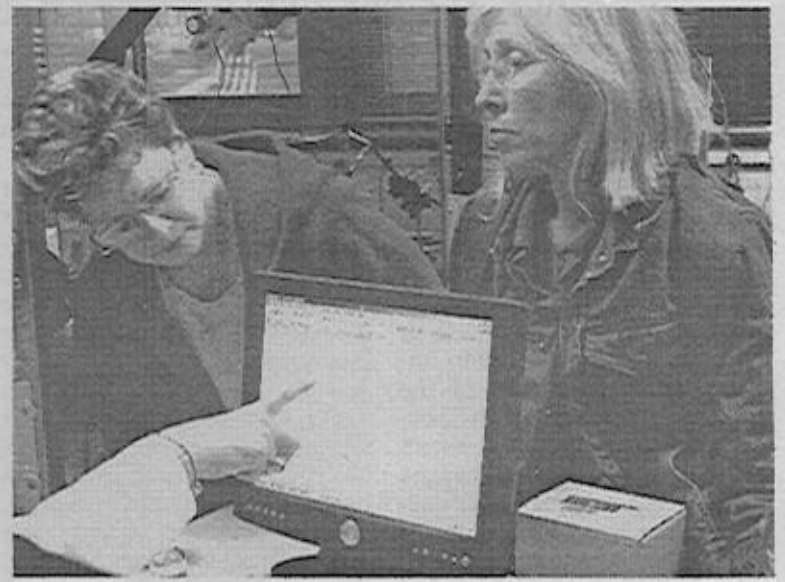
Select Entrée for Each Ticket

Beef     Chicken

# MASONIC CARE COMMUNITY HOSTS BROTHERS, SISTERS & FRIENDS ON TOUR PROMOTED BY MASONIC SERVICE BUREAU



Cindy Dardano, Retirement Counselor, Acacia Village, and one of our tour guides, points out sights in the Atrium of the new Health Pavilion. Angie Caiola, Public Relations for the Masonic Care Community, and Ira Cooperman, Director of Development, also were involved in the tour.



Janet Porter and Shauna Tucker observe an experiment with regard to stabilizing heart tissue activity in the Electrocardiac Lab. Not visible on the screen are patterns determining the degree of stability achieved. The hand pointing to the screen belongs to the researcher, Robert Goodnow.



Ron Kamp, Director of Development, greeted participants at the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory and explained some of the research in process. Prior to a tour of two working labs, a video was projected which presented an overview of the facility and the pioneering life-saving research it is conducting in the area of heart disease. There is no other laboratory whose cutting edge research is as productive and influential especially in the field of experimental cardiology. We Masons can be proud we support this world-renowned facility.

## What's new at the Masonic Care Community?

Hard hats are plentiful as the construction projects at the Masonic Care Community continue to move toward completion. The new Wiley Hall, our adult care facility, is almost finished. Residents will enjoy the spacious private and couples' rooms that include private bathrooms. The new kitchen will be state-of-the-art and the dining room will feature a dramatic skylight. Exterior excavation and demolition of the old building should commence in July. A new parking lot and inviting center driveway will highlight the entrance area to the new building.

The kitchen in our Health Pavilion is also nearing completion. It includes spacious coolers and is designed to provide innovative services for our staff and residents.

Two new resident living areas are scheduled to open this Summer, along with the new Winter Garden featuring a grand skylight and soothing water fall. This open area will house the employee dining room and cafeteria. When the new living areas are completed, crews can then begin renovations of 1 and 2 Master Mason.

The Masonic Care Community has positioned itself to be the leader in all aspects of health care for years to come. Be sure to schedule a visit this Summer and see for yourself! ✕

## St. John's Day Saturday, June 24, 2006

Saturday, June 24th, the campus of the Masonic Care Community will transform into a carnival-like atmosphere. Plans are now under way to expand the weekend to make it the most memorable Masonic event that takes place on the campus.

Although the primary purpose for this weekend is the Investiture Service of the newly appointed District Deputies and Staff Officers, it also is an opportunity for the Brethren to visit with residents and meet your "new" Grand Master.

The carnival-like atmosphere is a way of bringing families together to enjoy not only a tradition in which Masons partici-

pate, but also provides entertainment for the entire family. The air will be filled with musical sounds, kiddie rides and the aroma of great food.

Tour guides will be available to give you a tour of our "new" Wiley Hall and "Health Pavilion." If you would like to sit back and relax and see our entire campus, join us for our popular Wagon Campus Tour. The Chancellor Robert R. Livingston Library and our popular Museum will also be open so you can see the Masonic Care Community's memorabilia and the various items highlighting the Masonic Fraternity. The Masonic Medical Research Laboratory will offer a slide show, research updates and tours of the laboratory every 45 minutes.

While Mom is strolling through the 40 Arts and Crafts booths, Dad will have an opportunity to check out the Antique Car Show, located in front of the Chapel. The children will enjoy the FREE kiddie rides, games, clowns and musical entertainment. Families can hop aboard Scotty's Train Ride, ride through the campus and then have their child video taped by the Masons, free of charge.

St. John's Day is a great opportunity for family, friends and especially Lodge and District Brethren to visit with residents from your Lodge and/or District. Residents enjoy visiting and learning about the news from "back home."

The highlight of Saturday will be the parade at 3:00 p.m., led by the LaBanda Rosa Marching Band. The parade will bring the Grand Lodge Officers to the Chapel where they will be invested in their office for the next year.

On Sunday morning, at 9:00 a.m., prior to service in the Tompkins Chapel at 10:30 a.m., complimentary breakfast will be served. Required reservations must be in by June 12th to Angie Caiola, (315) 798-4768.

While you are in the Utica area, there are other activities to enjoy. Munson Williams Proctor Institute is an internationally recognized fine arts center. It serves diverse audiences through the Museum of Art, the art reference and music libraries, the School of Art and the sponsorship of more than 100 Performing Arts events during the year. The F.X. Matt Brewing Company offers

an interesting tour of their facility. The Children's Museum near the Utica Train Station has "children friendly" displays that will keep the children's attention and interest because they are so unique. The National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown is only 45 minutes away from Utica and would be a great place for the family to visit. If your schedule permits, the local golf courses will be able to accommodate you.

As you can see, the Utica area offers a variety of tourist attractions that can be enjoyed by the entire family. So, plan to attend the Masonic Festival. Take the family out for the entire weekend or a day of fun, food and relaxation. If your family travels in a motor home, we will be happy to make arrangements for parking your "home" on the Masonic Care Community campus. Make no mistake, we want to do everything we can to make you a part of this great Masonic event. Now it's up to you to do your part. Rain or shine, make plans NOW to attend this Masonic event, an event that takes place on your campus each year. If you come, we guarantee you will have a great time! ✕

## Senator Ray Meier visits Masonic Care Community

Early in March, Executive Director William Luley and other staff members gave New York State Senator Raymond Meier a tour of our new Health Pavilion. Senator Meier was very impressed with our new concept of health care and congratulated the Masonic Care Community for the vision of its leaders for providing quality care in a home-like environment for our residents. ✕

Ask  
Cindy  
About Acacia Village



A frequently asked question: What are the levels of care offered at the Masonic Care Community?

We offer the following levels of care:

**Independent Retirement Living at Acacia Village** offers a dynamic lifestyle for active seniors who are at least 62 years of age. We offer a variety of services and amenities in a



We were properly fed - cold cuts, salads, soup, beverages and pie for dessert, as the above photos depict.

beautiful environment, which enable our residents to enjoy more freedom, companionship, security and quality of life.

**Residential Adult Care at Wiley Hall.** Our brand-new Wiley Hall is an adult care community which provides room and board, as well as personal care services. We provide a residential setting to serve the elderly who need supervision and assistance in the activities of daily living, but do not require nursing care. In other words, Wiley Hall "bridges the gap" between independent living and nursing care.

**Full-time Skilled Nursing Care** is offered in our new Health Pavilion, one of the most advanced facilities of its kind in the country. Residents live in "households" consisting of 8 or 16 people. Each house-

hold has a shared living space where they can meet with friends and family.

For residents living in Wiley Hall and the Health Pavilion, we offer a full-time on-site medical staff with doctors on call. Other services include a healthcare clinic, ophthalmology, dentistry, podiatry, plus physical, occupational and speech therapies.

**Care at home (Utica area)** - Acacia Home Care provides skilled services to home-bound patients who live in the Utica area, assists in activities of daily living, teaches new information for disease management and promotes self-care abilities.

If you have any further questions regarding the levels of care, please contact the Admissions Officer at 800-322-8826 or (315) 798-4850. ✕

## Living life to the fullest.



Acacia Village offers the freedom and excitement of a rich and varied retirement, a safe and secure environment, and the companionship of good friends and neighbors.



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Rita and Richard Snyder displaying some of the lap robes Rita has made and donated to the Masonic Care Community. A friend gave Rita some odds and ends of yarn, and she decided to use the yarn to help others. This is how she got started making the lap robes, which she donates to those who have no visitors and to others in need. Her hope is to cheer people up and help keep them warm. So far she has donated 40 lap robes to Utica and is planning on completing more to help ward off the Fall chill.

## MEDICAL Research is for Life...

*Disease can strike anyone, at any age at anytime. Only through a sustained investment in medical research will investigators have the means to design better and more rational medical treatments and cures. The life saved may be your own. It was for Katelyn and Jake Baker.*



Dear Dr. Antzelevitch,

When my daughter, Katelyn began collapsing at 18 months old no one knew she was living with a medical condition that could have killed her at any time. It would be years of cardiac catheterizations, stress tests, monitoring, medications, restrictions and an ablation surgery before we would finally learn that she has Brugada syndrome. As you know, the Brugada syndrome is an irregularity in the normal heartbeat that can be inherited and is often fatal. The good news is that it can be diagnosed by an electrocardiogram and confirmed by genetic testing.

Once Katelyn was identified to have the mutated gene that causes Brugada syndrome the rest of our family was tested. It was quite a blow to find out that our 5-year-old son also has this disease, and that there is no cure. The only effective treatment at present is the implantation of a cardioverter defibrillator (ICD). Today, Katelyn, Jake and I all have ICDs.

Most people are unaware that cardiac arrhythmias or irregular heartbeats claim more lives than any other mechanism of heart disease. My family and I have dedicated ourselves to raising awareness and about inherited and potentially lethal cardiac arrhythmias like Brugada, SIDS, long QT, short QT and others. Increased awareness may help to identify those at risk. Thousands, perhaps millions, of lives of young adults, children and babies could be saved around the world if physicians and potential victims, or their parents only knew the signs and symptoms.

I recently learned via the internet that the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL) is the leading center for study of the Brugada syndrome in the United States. I was also pleasantly surprised to find out from your website that your research has been dedicated to the study of cardiac arrhythmias since 1958.

It is our hope that someday soon there will be a cure or more effective treatments available for Brugada and other sudden death syndromes. It is only through medical research at places like the MMRL that eventually physicians will have the tools and knowledge to defeat this syndrome and others.

My family and I wish to thank the MMRL for its tireless research on our behalf and for families, like ours, that are at risk.

Sincerely,

*Cyndie Baker*

Cyndie Baker



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# In Memoriam

## April

**Fisher, Paul R.**

A member of Fairport/Flower City Lodge, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Shrine, Paul went to his Heavenly Home on April 19th at the age of 76 years. He is survived by his wife, Carole, two children, fourteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

**Ellsworth, James L.**

James was 80 years old when he passed away at his Florida home on April 24th. He was a member of Flower/City Lodge. Survivors include his five children and nine grandchildren.

**Ucci, Joseph J.**

April 25th was the date Joseph met his Maker. He was a member of Eagle Lodge and leaves his five children and eight grandchildren.

**DeWolf, Robert R.**

After a courageous battle with cancer, Bob went Home to his Lord on April 30th. He was a member of Union Lodge and leaves his wife, Joan, six children, thirteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

## May

**Scorse, Leonard W.**

A Past Master of Clio Lodge, Leonard entered Eternal Rest on May 2nd at the age of 93 years. Five children, seven grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren survive him.

**Wright, Mary E.**

Mary was a kind, generous person who always worked for ways to improve and enrich lives. She served on the Masonic Service Bureau's Board of Directors for many years. Mary went Home on May 7th and is survived by her three children and three grandchildren.

**Roman, Edward S.**

The loving arms of the Lord embraced Edward on May 11th at the age of 56 years. He was a member of Churchville Lodge and Damascus Shrine. Survivors include his wife, Nancy and four children.

**Kitt, A. Ross**

The Great Architect of the Universe claimed Rosson May 14th at the age of 90 years. He leaves his wife, Phyllis, four children, nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

**Bell, J. Francis**

A member of Avon Springs Lodge and a past District Deputy Grand Master of Livingston District, Francis passed away on May 15th. He was 91 years old and is survived by four children, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Donish, Harold E.**

Webster Lodge, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Shrine each lost a member with the passing of Harold on May 15th. He was 91 years old and leaves three children, seven grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**Elliott, Lawrence A.**

Lawrence was 82 years old when death claimed him. He was a member of Unity Lodge and Rochester Consistory. Survivors include his wife, Shirley, four children, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**Brummell, Douglas E.**

Douglas went to the Celestial Lodge above on May 21st. He was a member of Webster Lodge and leaves his wife, Nancy, three children and six grandchildren.

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**Looking Ahead**

**July**

- 8 Grand Lodge Scholarships Shrine Center
- 11 AARP Defensive Driving Course, 1st Session Shrine Center
- 13 AARP Defensive Driving Course, 2nd Session Shrine Center

**August**

- 19 Van Hulburt Golf Tournament Batavia Country Club
- 21 Masonic Service Bureau Scholarship and Charity Awards Webster Lodge

**September**

- 10 Grand Lodge Interfaith Service

**October**

- 29 Monroe District Interfaith Service and Brunch Logan's Party House

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## BIG CALENDAR FOR JUNE 2006

Gem - Pearl  
Flower - Rose

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Enjoy your Summer!</i> <i>Deadline for the September issue of Masonic Times is Monday, August 14th</i></p>				<p>1 Eunice - Caledonia Hesperus - Bergen (BBF) Northfield - Pittsford Union - Lima (I) Webster (I) RSM - Palmyra Council</p> <p>Shavuot Begins</p>	<p>2 Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m. \$6 adult; \$3 Child 30 Orchard Street</p>	<p>3 OES - Rochester Chapter Unity - Spencerport Daughters of the Nile, Zama Temple - Fairport</p>
<p>4 Canandaigua - Shortsville West Star - Varysburg RAM - Palmyra/Eagle OES - Irondequoit KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford Shrine Lunch Club.</p>	<p>5 Clio - Hilton (I) Craftsman Robertson (I) Garoga/Sincerity-Phelps (I) Oakland - Castile (I) OES - Fairport, Lilac Star (OV) Nolatka</p>	<p>6 Drumlin Square-Palmyra (I) Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy Damascus Shrine - Hot Sands</p>	<p>7 Milnor - Victor, 3* Union - Lima RAM - Hiram Lalla Rookh Caldron (OV)</p>	<p>8 Hesperus - Bergen, Child ID Program</p>		
<p>11 Hesperus - Bergen (I) Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinner Wednesday 14th East Avenue, Hilton</p>	<p>12 ERAC - Shrine Center Fairport/Flower City Mt. Vernon - Java Village Union Star - Honeoye Falls Unity - Spencerport Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield RAM - Excelsior - Shortsville Shrine Lunch Club</p>	<p>13 Arcade Batavia Eagle - Honeoye Fame - Irondequoit Seneca - Webster Valley-Simes RAM - Dansville OES - Leah - Hilton</p>	<p>14 Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike Masonic Service Bureau Monthly Luncheon Meeting OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville, Corinthian Fellowship Flag Day</p>	<p>15 Eunice - Caledonia (I) Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster Scottish Rite RAM - Western Star</p>	<p>16 KT - Sagoyewatha - Phelps West Star - Varysburg, 3*</p>	
<p>18 Father's Day</p>	<p>19 Canandaigua - Shortsville West Star - Varysburg KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford OES - Irondequoit Shrine Lunch Club - Ladies Day</p>	<p>20 Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps Oakland - Castile OES - Lilac Star, Nolatka York Rite - Grand Lecturer's Convention - Port Byron, 7:30 p.m. Host-King David</p>	<p>21 Ark - Geneva (I) Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy RSM - Doric Council, Pittsford Lalla Rookh Grotto MON - Masters and Wardens OES - Oriskany Pilgrimage First Day of Summer</p>	<p>22 Milnor - Victor RAM - Hiram James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post OES - Oriskany Pilgrimage</p>	<p>23 OES - Oriskany Pilgrimage</p>	
<p>25</p>	<p>26 ERAC - Shrine Center Fairport/Flower City Mt. Vernon - Java Village Union Star - Honeoye Falls Unity - Spencerport Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield RSM - Nundawaga Council</p>	<p>27 Arcade Batavia Eagle - Honeoye Valley-Simes RAM - Dansville, LeRoy OES - Leah - Hilton</p>	<p>28 Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike Tall Cedars of Lebanon OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville, Corinthian Fellowship</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 St. John's Day</p>	