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## Have-a-Heart Another Success

By Mike McBride

We were back in the malls again, from Tuesday, February 1st through Monday, February 14th. The Program for 2006 was once again a SUCCESS! \$11,858.21 was collected! I received a total "to date" count of monies collected from this program. We have collected a total of \$198,298.01 since 1988! Special thanks to everyone who helped! On behalf of myself, Rich Greenaway at Eastview Mall, Dave Sylvester at the Mall at Greece Ridge Center, Eugene Crews at Marketplace Mall and the Management of the Local Ronald McDonald House, we thank each and everyone of you who helped! All Monroe District Lodges participated, as did Eunice Lodge, Social Lodge, ladies from all Eastern Star Chapters, the Scottish Rite, the Damascus Shriners, the Damascus Shrine Clowns, the Grotto and our Prince Hall Brothers from Eureka Lodge and Sisters from Estella Chapter of the Eastern Star. Some local National Guard members were set-up to man a booth for the second year, but got a last minute change in orders for a drill (Thanks for the thoughts!). A personal and special thanks to the Shrine Clowns, who took extra time to help at the individual mall booths (and help they did!). Special thanks to all!!!



Supporting the Have-a-Heart Campaign for the Ronald McDonald House at Eastview Mall on February 4th were Ian McNelly and his sister, Amanda. They are the children of Brother Tim McNelly, member of ERAC Lodge. In the background, ERAC Brothers Lew and JB are manning the booth and assisting donors in signing the paper die-cut hearts.

Dave Sylvester, Rich Greenaway and Eugene Crews helped open and close daily, and Derek VanHouton kept the bank records straight during this two-week event! We also owe a great deal of thanks for the donation of space from the Mall at Greece Ridge Center, Marketplace Mall and Eastview Mall, as well as The Riverside Group, for the donation of die cutting the paper hearts, and Label World, for the donation of 20 thousand sticker hearts! We all

realize that without these contributions and donations, the backing of groups and the many individual helpers, we would have been unable to achieve these results. Thanks again for the support!

We will be presenting the check on Saturday, March 11th at 9:00 a.m. sharp! Dress code is jacket and tie. Try to be there by 8:30. The Masters and Wardens meeting will follow. A tour of the facility will be available.

This will be my last year as

Chairman of the Have-a-Heart Campaign and I extend my heartfelt appreciation to all those who supported me in this effort. Because of you, I've had a successful and rewarding experience for the past four years. Thank you very much! The co-chairs will stay on if needed, but we need a volunteer as overall Chairman. Call me at home at (315) 904-4024, or at work at 722-7714 for offers of assistance, questions, input, complaints or comments.

## Welcome! New Subscribers

### Nunda Station

Lodge No. 682

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

Master

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476-2739

Secretary

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This month we have the pleasure of welcoming another new group subscriber, the Brothers of Nunda Station Lodge in Nunda, New York. Check out their initial article on page 11. You will learn of their upcoming rehearsal and the Lodge's recent support of the Livingston District Bowl-a-Thon.

### THE LION KING

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## RETIREMENT ANNOUNCED



Barbara at the computer typesetting this issue.

After nearly two decades of service to the Masonic Fraternity, Barbara Goodrich has indicated she will retire from her position as Office Manager of the Masonic Service Bureau at the end of June.

The Executive Director of the Temple Civic Center, John Moriarity, hired Barbara in June of 1987. When the Masonic Temple was sold, she moved upstairs to the Masonic Service Bureau office on the third floor in 1989. While she continued to handle some operations for the TCC by sched-

uling meeting rooms for the various organizations and handling rental arrangements for Cathedral Hall and the Dining Rooms, more and more of her duties involved the Service Bureau operations and typesetting copy submitted for publication in the *Masonic Times*.

Future plans include a trip to Germany, where she and her sister, Jean, hope to tour some areas where their ancestors lived and see different sections of the country. They will also be on a cruise ship, which will serve as their "hotel."

## Save the Date!

### April 22nd

## Widows Luncheon

Burgundy Basin Inn  
1361 Marsh Road, Pittsford

Information is now in the hands of Officers of your Organization, or contact the Service Bureau, 671-9730, for more details.

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Dated Material



Editor's Corner

Assuming you have read the front page, you are aware of Barbara's announcement. This is something I have known for a few months, but have not mentioned previously.

You will notice I said "fill the position." No one is going to replace Barbara. Her knowledge of the operations of the Service Bureau, and the Temple Civic Center before that, is something you don't replace overnight.

Position Available

Computer literacy (including the ability to speed-type with accuracy) and people skills are the two prerequisites for the job. All of our information is in various programs, which requires daily maintenance.

Telephone etiquette is also important in this position. We receive calls daily for our Loan Closet, and some of the individuals can be a challenge, which is also where the people-handling skills come in to play.

The position is part-time, essentially five hours per day, five days per week. Newspaper week may require a few more hours. Salary is negotiable, depending on experience; some medical insurance assistance is available; two-weeks paid vacation; and ten paid holidays round out the package.

If you know of someone who would be an asset to our Bureau, inform them of this opportunity and have them send in a resume or call for an appointment (I won't speak with anyone who stops in unannounced).

Thanks for reading.

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At the February 8th meeting of the Masonic Service Bureau, R.: W.: and Rev. Paul Gleason officiated at the installation of the elected and appointed Officers for the ensuing year. One of the highlights of the meeting was an announcement that the paper work for the name change of the Service Bureau is in process.

Masonic Service Bureau Committees 2006 Table with columns for committee names and chairpersons. Committees include Camp DeMolay Charities, Editorial Board, Equipment Calling, Equipment Repair\*, Finance, Insurance, Interfaith Service and Brunch, Investment, Policy, Scholarships, Widows Luncheon.

\*The Service Bureau is in need of a person or persons to help take care of equipment in the Loan Closet, wheelchairs, etc. If you are able to assist in this capacity, please call the Masonic Service Bureau office at 671-9730.

Remember the Brotherhood Fund

Camp DeMolay Wish List

The following list represents items which could be used at or for Camp DeMolay:

- Several volunteers to help clean and maintain the Camp throughout the season
A stump grinder with operator for removing old stumps
Use of a log splitter for firewood, a few times a year
Twenty rolls of paper faced 3 1/2" insulation for bunk houses
25 sheets of 4' x 8' plywood, 3/8" or 1/2"
Two pneumatic nailers
Chainsaws, in good condition, for removing dead trees
Paper toweling
Toilet tissue
Dish washing soap
Hand soap
Fire starter
Charcoal
A replacement sliding glass door for the porch entrance of Anderson Lodge
Donations to the Endowment Fund

Remember, donations to the Masonic Service Bureau are tax deductible. Call for further details.

appeared in the February issue of the Masonic Times.

The Board of Directors approved the removal of the recreation/storage building at Camp DeMolay. A recommendation of the Camp DeMolay Board of Directors and a suggestion from our insurance agent, led to this decision due to poor physical condition of the structure.

The Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee and the Widow's Luncheon Chairman made reports. Please remember the dates: The Widow's Luncheon will be held at the Burgundy Basin Inn on April 22nd, and the Scholarship and Charities Committees will make their award presentations to the selected persons and/or organizations on June 21st at Webster Lodge.

Committees were designated and their respective Chairpersons were introduced. (See chart below)

If you are interested in participating on any of these committees, please contact the Chairperson.

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There are still a few tickets available for the April 2nd after-noon performance of The Lion King. This Scottish Rite-sponsored event is now open to anyone interested in seeing this remarkable production. Tickets are on a first-come, first served basis until the remaining supply is depleted. Send your check for \$45 per ticket to the Scottish Rite Office, 3300 Monroe Avenue, Suite 320, Rochester, NY 14618. If you have any questions or need additional information, please call Bill Lindsay in the Valley of Rochester Office, 264-1160, or 1 (800) 858-2320.

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**Good Advice**

Place the contents of your wallet on a photocopy machine, do both sides of each license, credit card, etc. You will know what you had in your wallet and all of the account numbers and phone numbers to call and cancel. Keep the photocopy in a safe place.

A corporate attorney sent this to the employees in his company. I pass it along, for your information.

We've all heard horror stories about fraud that's committed in your name, address, Social Security number, credit, etc. Unfortunately I (the author of this piece who happens to be an attorney) have first-hand knowledge, because my wallet was stolen last month and within a week the thief(s) ordered an expensive monthly cell phone package, applied for a VISA credit card, had a credit line approved to buy a Gateway computer, received a PIN number from DMV to change my driving record information online, and more.

But here's some critical information to limit the damage in case this happens to you or someone you know. As everyone always advises, cancel your credit cards immediately, but the key is having the toll free numbers and your card numbers handy so you know whom to call. Keep those where you can find them easily. File a police report immediately in the jurisdiction where it was stolen; this proves to credit providers you were diligent, and is a first

step toward an investigation (if there ever is one).

Here's what is perhaps most important: (I never ever thought to do this). Call the three national credit reporting organizations immediately to place a fraud alert on your name and Social Security number. I had never heard of doing that until advised by a bank that called to tell me an application for credit was made over the Internet in my name.

The alert means any company that checks your credit knows your information was stolen and they have to contact you by phone to authorize new credit. By the time I was advised to do this, almost 2 weeks after the theft, all the damage had been done.

There are records of all the credit checks initiated by the thieves' purchases, none of which I knew about before placing the alert. Since then, no additional damage has been done, and the thieves threw my wallet away this weekend (someone turned it in). It seems to have stopped them in their tracks.

The numbers are  
 Equifax: 1-800-525-6285  
 Experian (formerly TRW): 1-888-397-3742  
 Trans Union: 1-800-680-7289  
 Social Security Administration (fraud line): 1-800-269-0271



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We have over a thousand items in inventory, including over 175 wheelchairs and handle several hundred loan requests each year.
- Special Functions:** We sponsor the following annual District-wide programs:  
 A Widows Luncheon  
 An Interfaith Service and Breakfast  
 An award to an individual for Distinguished Community Service  
 An Apron Presentation Dinner for Grand Lodge Officers [every two years].
- Camp DeMolay:** We have available for use an 16+-acre camp with waterfront and several buildings. The main building, The Anderson Lodge, has a 1500-square-foot meeting hall and a good-size, fully-equipped kitchen. The other buildings include men's and ladies' restrooms with showers, three sleeping cabins (each sleeps ten), a utility building and a recreation building. The primary focus is on the youth, but other groups are welcome to use the Camp on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Masonic Times:** We publish a monthly [10 months-per-year] tabloid-size newspaper of 16-24 pages, doing our own typesetting, photographs and layout.
- Community Service:** We provide for visitations and gifts to VA Hospitals  
 Support drives for Ronald McDonald Charities Home Away from Home program  
 Assist in providing support personnel for other charitable organizations  
 Assist in providing support for blood drive programs, both organizers and donors  
 Support for Hospice care  
 Support youth camp programs and other youth programs.
- Officers Directory:** We publish a District-wide Masonic Directory of all men's and ladies' organizations and their top officers.
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- Miscellaneous:** We provide additional support for organizations upon request by composing and duplicating event programs, mailing labels, letters, reports and other items.
- Website:** We underwrite the costs and co-ordinate the updating of a District website, [www.monroemasonic.com](http://www.monroemasonic.com).
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- United Way:** United Way's Donor choice number is 1060. [As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, your contributions are tax deductible.]

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Flying from England to lecture for us, Dr. Tim Wallace-Murphy, author of: *Templars in America: From the Crusades to the New World; Custodians of Truth: The Continuance of Rex Deus; Rosslyn: Guardian of the Secrets of the Holy Grail; and Cracking the Symbol Code: The Hidden Message Within Church and Renaissance Art*, will raise some interesting ideas about the Templars, their voyages to America way before Christopher Columbus, and the mysteries around Rosslyn Chapel.

**A night not to be missed!**

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Bus trip to

**Seneca Niagara Casino**  
**Thursday, March 16th**

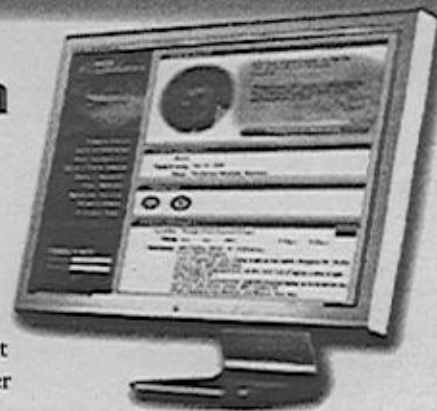
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Masonry is alive and well in the Monroe District. Lodges are busy making good men better. I have received numerous requests for dispensations to hold Degrees at other Lodges, suggesting a level of inter-Lodge fellowship and cooperation that is inspiring. Many requests have been made of the Grand Master to conduct Degrees with more than five candidates and Brothers. The turnout to recent venues of Masonic education suggest a continued interest in our history, Ritual and protocols. I assure you that the future of Masonry in the Monroe District is safe and sound. I thank those who continue to support the functioning of the District. Timeliness of meeting deadlines and prompt communication ensures the smooth operation of our organization. Involvement in community service projects promotes our worth to the greater community.

I recently discovered a potential problem that I need to address. "No man is an island" is a serious truth. I am aware that as individuals we have our responsibilities. However, we cannot afford to flaunt or misuse the authority given to us. We cannot afford to alienate our Brothers and compromise the fabric of our relationships. We can count on that type of

interaction outside of our Fraternity. Give strong consideration to your use of authority. When employing that privilege, be sure that it is for the benefit of those you serve. Provide rationale and reasonable explanation for your position. Embrace the opinions of others. Use your authority, or expertise, to teach a Brother how to do something better. Do not criticize or chastise a Brother who is only limited by his own experience.

As I begin to ramp down my term as your District Deputy, I am looking forward to ending it as I began. I am excited about the upcoming 3rd Degree at Churchville Lodge. I hope that many Brothers show up for this event. The date is Wednesday, March 22nd. Contact me if you are coming and want to enjoy dinner with us. The cast is set, but the support from my Brothers will be of greater satisfaction. I will be meeting with my successor to share all that I learned so that his term will be as successful. Please insure this success by doing the same for your successor. Momentum is a powerful force. The smallest amount of energy you add to it will only increase its power.

I do not view this as an ending but as another beginning. I prepare to vacate my position as a man who has been influenced by many Brothers whom I might never have met. My leadership skills have strengthened, providing me the increased confidence to address larger groups, and to take on responsibilities that I might have avoided in the past. My Brothers, I challenge you to challenge yourself. It's never too late to exercise dormant muscles, or to expose yourself to an unfamiliar experience. Allow yourself to experience all that life is willing to offer. Stay true to your obligation to make good men better. ✕

## Grand Sword Bearer



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Another great month. I am bearing and wielding the sword and, as most always, having a great time. But it is the philanthropic work that reminds me why I joined this great Fraternity. I knew from the very moment, on February 4th at Marketplace Mall, as I filled "Smirky the Clown's" (Gary Burke) balloon with air from the pump he provided, that I had found my true Masonic calling! Shrine clown! As the children gathered around the Have-a-Heart booth to watch Smirky do his magic, I realized this was why I was part of this great Fraternity. I watched the joy exude from the little children and thought of how their parents' contribution might help the other parents who would stay at the Ronald McDonald House while their children are treated at Strong Hospital for unimaginable medical conditions. But then the balloon slipped from my fingers, shot across the room striking someone's grandfather, and I

realized that I better stick to Sword Bearing. With Smirky's help, Tim White's nine-year old son, Phillip (quite a balloon tier and fabricator in his own right), Shelly and Tim White, Jasper Brady and Rev. Paul Gleason, we raised over \$700 on our short shift. We averaged about one donation of at least a dollar each minute.

### Masonic Education

The Masonic Development Course is going very well at Wakan/Hubbard Lodge, as is the *Road to the East* 2006 being held at Eunice Lodge in Caledonia. We have a great group of Brothers taking both programs. Photos of the graduates will appear next month.

I was very surprised when R.:W.: Derek VanHouten presented me with a real sword at Eunice Lodge. (He said that a sword bearer needs a good sword.) It is similar to Charlemagne's Sword which he used at over thirty coronations. The sword is really neat. However, the real sword bearing is to keep the Fraternity strong, educated and interested.

From my involvement with both programs, I have been struck by one thing that we must do as a Fraternity to survive. We must publicize who we are, what we stand for and what we do. From studying the Brothers who are dimitting or have dimitted, I have determined they fall into two classes. They either have moved from New York State for rea-



**The Road to the East Program** held at Eunice Lodge in Caledonia, provided past Grand Sword Bearer, R.:W.: Derek VanHouten (left), the opportunity to present a replica of Charlemagne's Sword to the current Grand Sword Bearer, R.:W.: Donald Tubman.

sons of health or business or have signed on to another Lodge, or they stay hidden in their homes and have lost interest in Lodge or attending Masonic functions.

The *Road to the East* 2006 took on the mission of my message as extolled previously and as inculcated in the 3rd Degree charge, that we have one face, one tongue, and one heart and that we should make every effort to be the same person in our public, as well as private, lives. Don't let Masonry slip away from our grasp like one of Smirky's balloons. ✕

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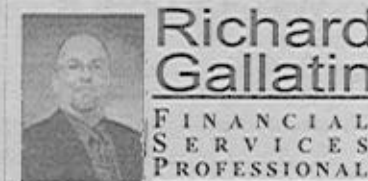
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As of this writing, we have now completed two sessions of the Masonic Development Course program. I am happy to report we had 16 participants. I want to thank all who agreed to participate this year, and to the Grand Lodge Officers who agreed to assist. I count this as a big success.

As I stated in an earlier article, it is not too soon to start making arrangements for the annual Grand Lodge communication in May. I hope all Lodge Masters will make every effort to attend this important event. Our Official Visits to Lodges are virtually completed. I wish to thank all the Lodges in the District for the hospitality shown your Grand Lodge Officers this past two years. It has made our jobs easier and more enjoyable. ✕



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## Brotherhood Fund

R.:W.:

Derek VanHouten  
Monroe District

When I joined the Fraternity, I at first thought that the Brotherhood Fund Campaign was a one-time opportunity to give. I soon learned that this Campaign was another occasion whereby Brothers could make a tax deductible donation to one or more programs offered by the Grand Lodge of New York. Each year a Brother is selected from his Lodge to be RESPONSIBLE for receiving funds from his Brethren and sending the monies to Grand Lodge. He obtains the supplies; envelopes, report forms, bookmarks, receipt forms and other material and is the main contact for his Lodge. On the District level, a Brother is appointed by the District Deputy and acts as the person responsible for the entire District to see that everyone (hopefully) is on the same page. He answers questions, keeps the YELLOW copies that Lodge Chairmen send to him and sometimes writes articles for the *Masonic Times* or other District newsletters. He also answers to the District Deputy.

Recently we have noticed that while most Lodges are in full swing, there are a few that haven't given the Brethren of their respective Lodges the chance to participate in this most NOBLE program, and that is regrettable. There are probably Brothers out there who want to help the programs of Grand Lodge, such as the Livingston Library, the programs of the world-renowned Masonic Medical Research Laboratory in Utica and the Veterans Programs, to name a few. I would ask that the MASTERS of the thirteen Lodges in the Monroe District make sure their Lodge is providing their respective Lodge chairman the support he needs to fulfill his responsibilities to himself and to the Lodge.

As I have said many times before, any questions or concerns, CONTACT ME.

The mid-year campaign results are in. The numbers are as follows: total amount given for the State is \$473,763.96 from 6,758 contributors. On

the District level, the Monroe District amount is \$20,252 or only 17.26%. With 2,132 Brothers in the District and only 368 contributors, we expect more Brothers will donate to this cause. As many have said before, even a dollar will help. There are a few truly benevolent who have contributed over and above what was expected and we send out a "job well done" to them.

Seneca Lodge is in first place followed by Valley-Simes and Unity, at this writing. State-wide, the Monroe District is in 5th place at the moment, closely followed by the Ontario/Seneca/Yates District.

If all the Brothers would read the *Masonic Times* and get fired up to help kick this total out of site, we would accomplish a great thing.

Thank you for letting me take a little of your time. ✕

## Member Development

R.:W.:

Joseph Privitera  
Monroe District

### Change

One Mason asked, "How many Masons does it take to change a light bulb?" The other Mason replies, "Change?" We are all going through some kind of change every day. Personally, I am experiencing a change of office location and a change in tax procedures, thanks to the State. But that is another situation. In the next few months, we will be changing Grand Lodge Officers. There will be new Masters of Lodges. The Widows Luncheon will be changing its date and location. Soon my own Lodge will be in the midst of a large change, as the new elevator is installed.

All these changes and others will cause us to make adjustments in our already busy lives. I think the only thing we can do is adapt and work with what we have. Keep telling ourselves that change is good and maybe with more light we can make the best of a situation.

### Widows' Luncheon

As I wrote in last month's article, please remember that the Widows' Luncheon has been rescheduled to April 22nd. The ladies should be contacted six weeks prior to this event.

Hope to see you in Lodge. ✕

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I am happy to report that proposed new By-Laws and the operating budget for the Masters and Wardens Association have been drafted and distributed to the Masters and Wardens throughout the District for review and comment. The adoption of the new operating budget will likely result in a reduction in dues for the Masters and Wardens Association. If you have not received a copy of these draft documents, please contact me immediately at 248-2106. We plan to have an official first reading of the documents at our meeting on Saturday, March 11th (see below), with a second reading to take place at our regular meeting on April 19th. We would like to incorporate any suggestions you may have prior to the March 11th meeting. I STRONGLY URGE THAT ALL SITTING MASTERS, SENIOR AND JUNIOR WARDENS REVIEW THESE DOCUMENTS, PROVIDE YOUR INPUT, AND ATTEND OUR MEETINGS IN MARCH AND APRIL TO VOTE ON THEIR APPROVAL.

**March Meeting**  
Our meeting will take place on Saturday, March 11th at the Ronald McDonald House at 9:00 a.m. We are scheduled to present a check for the amount raised through the Have-a-Heart Campaign. I urge all members of the Masters and Wardens Association to join us for the presentation. Please be there by 8:30 a.m. Our meeting will take place immediately following the check presentation.

**April and June Meetings**  
Our April and June meetings will be held at the Country Village Family Restaurant. The restaurant is located at 1092A Long Pond Road. Their telephone number is 227-2047. This will be a dinner meeting, which will begin at 6:30 p.m. and adjourn no later than 8:00 p.m. Please note that there will be no meeting in May.

The program for the meeting on Wednesday, April 19th, will include a presentation by R.: W.: Rich Friedman, Past Junior Grand Warden, concerning issues that will be raised at the Grand Lodge session in May. It is important that all Masters or proxies expecting to attend Grand Lodge be present at this meeting, as it will give you the opportunity to learn about these issues and address them with your Lodge prior to Grand Lodge. As noted above, we also plan to have a second reading of the proposed By-Laws and operating budget.

The program for the meeting on Wednesday, June 21st, will feature the elections for the upcoming Masonic year. Also, the new group is expected to determine when and where it will meet throughout the year (day of month, date and time). All new Masters and Wardens should attend to ensure that you are well represented.

**Next School of Ritual**  
The next School of Ritual will be held on March 29th at Webster Lodge. Previously we had advertised the work to be the Walk-about. Well, plans have changed and we decided to try to have some fun for the last event of the year. Every Brother should come prepared for the first section of the Master Mason Degree. There are no Lodges assigned to do the work for the evening, and you will be the AGLs for the evening. If you are confused, please come out and find out more.

**Joint Investiture Service**  
This event will be held on May 19th at Fairport/Flower City Lodge. There will be a dinner at 6:30 p.m., with the ceremonies beginning at 7:30 p.m. The guest speaker for the evening will be the R.: W.: Neal Bidnick, who is likely to be our Grand Master by then. If you have never heard Neal speak, it is quite a treat. The Joint Investiture is open to all Past Masters, current Masters and Masters-elect, ONLY. Reservation requests will be mailed out to each Lodge in April. Remember, a Master-elect MUST be in possession of the secrets of the chair prior to installation.

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At our Lodge meeting on March 14th, there will be a Soup and Reuben Sandwich Dinner at 6:30 p.m. at a cost of \$7.00 per person. Lodge meeting to start at 7:30 p.m. We have planned a 2nd Degree for that evening. Once again it is important to have a good turnout. I hope everyone had a good time at the Ladies Gala at the Sea Breeze Inn. Our second Lodge meeting is on March 28th and there will be NO DINNER beforehand. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

**Money**  
Our dues, and donations for the Brotherhood Fund, are still

coming in. If you haven't sent yours in as yet, please send them in as soon as possible to help make our bookkeeping a little easier. Please remember in your prayers all our Brothers and their families who find themselves in sickness or distress. Happy Birthday to everyone with a March Birthday.

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*Editor's note: W.: Mike Nohle emailed his column to me last month, and I lost it. There is more to the story, but that is all that is relevant. I apologized to Mike and I apologize herewith to the Brothers of Webster Lodge. The photo published at the end of the article this month, should have been printed in the February issue, acknowledging those who participated in holiday visits and poinsettia distribution. Some text material has been incorporated in this month's article.*

*Skip Waterstreet, Editor*

My Brothers, what a Winter we are having! I played golf in town on February 2nd. That's a first for sure for me. It figures I just purchased a new snow mobile and can't ride it. I promise not to buy a new boat or anything for Summer! Please accept my sincere apology that my column did not get published in the February issue of the *Masonic Times*. It

got misplaced in the electronic matrix. I have learned to follow-up to be sure it is received and is confirmed for publication. For those of you on the email list, you should have been able to read the column as an attachment I sent.

**Sickness and distress**  
Please continue to keep Jim Pray in your thoughts and prayers as he continues to struggle to recover.

**February**  
On February 2nd, we had the Official Visit of our District Deputy Grand Master, Lew Perna. His Staff Officers were also in attendance. We heard reports from each and we heard the Grand Master's message from R.: W.: Perna, who also shared his own encouragement. We enjoyed a nice dinner and good fellowship. It was a nice evening.

On February 16th, we conferred the Fellowcraft Degree to five of our six new Brothers. My congratulations to W.: Brad Lewis for a superb job from the East; W.: Bernie Russell and Brother Aaron Perry for a great job with questions and answers; R.: W.: Bill Kuehne for playing the organ, which adds so much to the atmosphere, and to all the Officers who performed solid Ritual making for a strong Degree.

It was observed by V.: W.: John Dyer, Assistant Grand Lecturer for the Monroe District, as per the Grand Master's edict. I am confident we will score well. Once again, I am very proud of our Lodge.

My heart goes out to our Junior Warden, Ed Malchoff. Ed and his wife, Dolores, prepared a wonderful dinner for us and I know Ed worked very hard to prepare for the Degree. Unfortunately, Dolores had to drive Ed home due to illness, including a high fever. We who ate

certainly enjoyed the feast they prepared. I'm sure our Junior Warden would have aced his Ritual had he been able to stay.

**March**  
Before we know it Spring will be here! We are looking forward to the return of our snowbirds! It would be nice to have a full Lodge room again.

At our regular communication on March 2nd, we will have a perspective of the Middle Chamber Lecture for the benefit of our new Brothers.

**Spaghetti Dinner**  
March 3rd is our next Spaghetti Dinner. We are sponsoring the Webster Schraeder High School Varsity Hockey Team at this event. Please come out in force to buy dinners and, if you are able, to help with the process of putting on the dinner. Let's keep this super program rolling. Our town is noticing Webster Lodge Masons. To all who are and have supported this program, please accept my sincere thanks.

**Stink Night**  
On March 16th we will have out traditional Past Master's Stink Night. The cheese is already molding. Be sure to bring your breath mints for this one. Please make reservations with our Junior Warden by calling him at (315) 483-1961 or 729-7118. I believe Ed's email may be up and working again. I don't have it at this writing, but will forward it to the email list as soon as I get it. If so, you could use it to make your reservation.

**Closing remarks**  
Brothers, we will always have our differences. What's most important is that we are true to each other and true to our Craft. Please remember that tolerance and forgiveness are virtues we must embrace for the sake of our Lodge and our Fraternity. Truly, it takes each of us to best work together and best agree.



Members of Webster Lodge who met for breakfast prior to distributing poinsettias and visiting shut-in Lodge Brothers were (From left, seated): Paul Moore, John Clapp, Dan Van Dorn, Warren Patterson, Wes Beard, Gordon Palmer, Vance Collom and Emil Shirano; (standing): Mike Nohle, John Merz, Bob Passino, Nick Haldoupis, Ron Williams, Ed Malchoff, Bruce Chilton, Ron Bryant, Brad Lewis, Dave Wissick, Larry Silver, Bill Kuehne and Mark Brooks. Also present, but not in the picture, was Fred Cornell. (Photo submitted by Mike Nohle)

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First and foremost, I would like to start this month's article with my most humble and sincere apologies to the Brothers, ladies, and widows of ERAC for not having an article prepared for the February addition of the *Masonic Times*. The blame lies squarely on my shoulders, and I accept all responsibility for this oversight. It will not happen again during my tenure.

#### The January Report

January was a month of continued growth and good cheer for ERAC. On January 9th, the Shrine Clowns shared a special presentation on what it takes to be a Shrine Clown for all our Brothers and their families.



Before...with Ponti and Rosco

Special thanks to Noble Brother Bruce Chilton and the Shrine Clowns for sharing their gift for making children, young and old, smile, and yes, the makeup did finally come off!

On January 23rd, ERAC passed eight Brothers to the Degree of Fellowcraft. Great job, Brother Greenaway, on your first time sitting as Master in the East (good practice for the year to come). Thanks to all the Brothers who sat in chairs and performed the

Ritual of the evening. Please help support our newest Brothers in their continued journeys in Freemasonry. Our Ritual is what makes our Fraternity, Brothers. We must pass it on to our initiates if we are to thrive.

#### The February Report

ERAC was out in force to support the Ronald McDonald House by manning the booth at Eastview Mall. It was a joy to see the coffers fill up for such a good cause while several Brothers and their families enjoyed a good time.

Wakan/Hubbard, Craftsman Robertson and ERAC Lodges welcomed their ladies to the Shrine Center on February 13th for a Valentines Ladies' Night. A good time was had by all. Thanks to all who had a hand in executing such a fine event, especially our Junior Warden, Sean McKenna, and his intrepid Stewards.

On February 27, we helped our newest Brothers along by presenting the 2nd Degree Q's and A's. Thank you, Brothers Nelson Bertch and Patrick Mulrooney, for such fine work. We were treated to a brief talk about the meaning of the 2nd Degree by Brother Phil Hurwitz. Fellowship mixed with



During...with Ponti and Alvie

Masonic Education is a recipe for success!

#### At Work in the Quarries

On Monday, March 13th, ERAC will host a joint Table Lodge with Wakan/Hubbard Lodge. The cost will be \$20 per head and will feature a fine Steak Dinner with all the trimmings cooked by the Brothers of ERAC. I look forward to taking wine, or grape juice, with all of our Brothers as we share Friendship, Morality, and Brotherly Love.

On Monday, March 27th, the DeWitt Clinton Award will be presented to Keith Greer. Keith is not a Mason by affiliation, but is one at heart. He truly embodies the qualities of a charitable man, giving generously of his time and talents to several worthy causes. Mr. Greer is being recognized for his outstanding work in organizing the Webster-Penfield Faculty Hockey Game for the last six years, raising in excess of \$12,000 for the Skating Association for the Blind and Handicapped (SABAH) and Rochester Special Hockey. This is an open event, so please bring your family and friends. Hors d'oeuvres and cocktails will be served at 6:00 p.m., and the presentation will happen at 7:00 p.m. Please contact Sean McKenna with your reservations to help facilitate our planning.

Want to help provide some comfort for the families of the Ronald McDonald House? Help cook a dinner and serve it to the residents of the facility? Thanks to Brothers Rich Greenaway, Kyle Wolcott, and Jeff Parker for coordinating meals at the House for the 2005-2006 Masonic year. Contact Rich Greenaway to



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find out what you can do to support this venture.

Let us continue to stand firm as a Lodge and support one another in our work in Masonry and in life. Together we are building a stronger community, one brick at a time!

May the Great Architect of the Universe bless us all.

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As you know, our Lodge recently lost two of its Past Masters, W.: Gene Waddington and R.: W.: Wayne Slack. Both Gene and Wayne have had a difficult time during the past few years, and it may be with some relief that the Great Architect of the Universe has called them home. Both were good Masons, and while we miss them, we must be comforted that they are now in a better place and will remain with us always. Our sympathy goes out to their families.

#### Changes

We have some important changes to the Trestleboard for March and April, which are outlined below. Please note the changes in your calendar.

#### Monday, March 6th

We will have our regularly scheduled Officers' meeting at 7:00 p.m. Officers, please plan to attend.

#### Monday, March 13th

This is an important change to the Trestleboard! Our joint Table Lodge with ERAC has been rescheduled to Monday, March 13th. We will meet at Damascus Shrine Center on Bay Road. Please go there directly—the Penfield Masonic Hall. The Table Lodge should begin at 6:30 p.m., with refreshments available around 6:00 p.m. The menu for the evening is: steak, potatoes, a vegetable and all the trimmings. The price for dinner, including beverages for the Table Lodge, is expected to be \$15. Wakan/Hubbard has been asked to provide personnel to help cook the steaks prior to the meal. I would appreciate your assistance, and ask that any volunteers contact Ron Lalik, our Junior Warden, who will provide more details. Please direct any questions to Ron, and get your dinner reservations to him at 377-0097 or:

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#### Monday, March 27th

This regular communication will include a short program on the origins and meaning of the letter "G," which I hope you will find interesting. Due to the rescheduling of the Table Lodge, discussed above, there will be no dinner prior to this communication. This is another change to the Trestleboard!

#### A Joint 3rd Degree

As you all know, we have a joint Master Mason Degree with ERAC Lodge, which was scheduled for Monday, April

24th. Due to the large number of Fellowcrafts between the two Lodges, we are currently seeking dispensation to hold a special joint communication on Saturday, April 8th at the Damascus Shrine Center. This event would feature the 1st section of the Degree beginning around 10 a.m. After a break for lunch, the remainder of the Degree will be conferred. A reception will follow the Degree. This change is tentative. If this special communication is called, you will receive a letter from me with further details. Look for updated information in my article in the April issue of the *Masonic Times*.

#### Building update

By the time this is published, it is my hope that a lease for the vacant optician's office will have been executed. Although we had some setbacks in January, it appears that substantial progress was made during the month of February.

Also, we have identified the problem with the drain at the back of the building, and are working with the Town of Penfield on a solution. The Town has been agreeable to work with us and I hope they will be able to complete the necessary work this Summer. Also, at long last, it appears that the kitchen stove is fixed!

#### Master's Message

Our Degrees teach us to prepare ourselves through life as a spiritual building, for that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. They also teach us to reflect on death, and the departure from our earthly existence to eternal life when we are, at last, called home by our Maker. Never has such reflection been so poignant for me as it has been over the last two months, as I have been called to preside over Masonic Services for two of our departed Brothers. While these were the first Masonic funeral services I have performed, I performed a similar service when I was only 18, for a young Boy Scout who died at the age of 13 in a tragic skiing accident. That experience was deeply moving to me, but I think I was a little young to fully appreciate the significance of the service I was performing; the significance for the family and friends, as they are reminded of how deeply their loved one's life was cherished by others; the significance it has for each of us, giving us one final opportunity to say goodbye and the significance for the departed, looking down from high above with satisfaction as they listen to those words we all hope to hear, "Well done, my good and faithful servant!"

Times like these also remind us to live our lives to the fullest, to be thankful for our families and the manifold blessings and comforts of life, and to make sure that our time here on earth is dedicated to the service of others. Such time is well spent.



Chooch and Boxman (standing), along with Ponti (kneeling) pose with children of ERAC members following the demonstration which turned Steve Lysenko into a clown (photos above). Tamilia Wihlen, Maddi Lysenko, Molly Frachel, Taylor Wihlen and Christopher Wihlen.

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hope they develop the same enthusiasm that others have felt as they learn more about our beloved Craft.

**Fellowcraft Club**

Mark your calendars for our annual Fellowcraft Club dinner to be held at Rick's Prime Rib House on April 11th. W.: Clyde Siverd is arranging this program for the Lodge.

**Attention Widows**

The Widows Luncheon this year will be held at the Burgundy Basin Inn on April 22nd and will be a sit down luncheon. I will be sending letters regarding the menu and time.

**Brotherhood Fund**

If you haven't had the opportunity to make a donation to the Brotherhood Fund, please consider contributing. Brother Ralph Jurgens would be more than happy to provide any information you might require to contribute to this most noble cause.

This year seems to be speeding by and in a few more months new leadership will be sitting in the East. Without the help of you, my Brothers, it would be a very difficult task. Thank you all for being there.

Our Chaplain, W.: Volney Frankel, is one of the most dedicated and eloquent men whom I have had the pleasure to have sit next to me. He has just the right words for the prayers he offers at Lodge functions and when we have to say

goodbye to a faithful member of the Lodge. Thank you, Brother Volney.

**Happy Birthday**

Congratulations to the following Brothers who will be celebrating their birthdays in March: Richard Barth, Douglas Fix, Ronald Freida, Robin Hamm, Clifford Hayner II, Richard Howard, Duane King, Patrick McWhinney, Jay Rodgers, Clyde Siverd, Leon Van-Huben and Larry Weekes. \*

Oliver. He was a dedicated member and a Tiler for many years; he will be missed. I would thank R.: W.: Herb Spencer for coordinating the Lodge's turnout for the service in honor of Dick and for an excellent job conducting the Masonic Service.

**Upcoming events**

I ask you to please reserve the time to come out to our regular communication in March. We will have a short meeting to address a few business issues and then there will be a slide presentation on modern day Kuwait and Iraq from my perspective. It will include sights that I saw during my travels in Kuwait and Central Iraq, both North and South of Baghdad.

On Tuesday, April 11th, we will be having the Shrine Degree Team conducting the 3rd Degree for our new Brothers. Please come out and join me in welcoming them as new Master Masons in our Lodge.

In closing, I thank all of the members of our Lodge and members of fellow Lodges who have assisted us in our work and joined in our fellowship this past month. \*

**Brotherhood Fund**

By R.: W.: Mathew Gingold  
I received a report from the Grand Lodge State Chairman dated December 31, 2005. It stated that 99 members out of 145 listed for Valley-Simes Lodge equaled 62.07% participation and a total of \$3,929 contributed. My records show 126 contributors filed on January 4, 2006 for a total of \$4,099. I think that equates to about 91% membership participation (if an adjustment is made to allow for deaths and dimits to January 1, 2006). Our goal in September, 2005, was for 100% participation and \$1 contribution from each of our members.


I am truly pleased over what our Lodge has done so far. Grand Lodge, in a letter dated January, 2006, stated it has set a goal for all the Lodges in New York State to attain one million dollars by May 31, 2006. This amount of money is necessary to fulfill commitments made for this year's Fund.

I feel we have done our best and I don't expect to receive many more contributions beyond this point in this year's campaign. I am extremely grateful for the cooperation I received from our Brothers and widows of Valley-Simes Lodge. I don't mean I won't accept and forward any funds anyone is inclined to send between now and May 31st.

Once again, we have done our best. What more can anyone ask??

"May the Blessing of Heaven rest upon us and all regular Masons." \*

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We have had a very productive month as a Lodge. We have had opportunities to socialize, aid people in our community and passed two Brothers to the Degree of Fellowcraft. We enjoyed a great time dining out at Bazil's and enjoyed a wonderful musical production by the JCC Center Stage on Saturday for our "Valentine Day" ladies night. We had a great turnout on February 14th to congratulate our newly passed Brothers to Fellowcraft. Several of us were able to help out in the Have-a-Heart Campaign at the Mall at Greece Ridge Center and take part in a Child ID event at Rochester City Hall. These were great opportunities for us to show the public that Masons help build a better society.

**Thanks, Mike**

I thank Mike McBride for his efforts coordinating the Have-a-Heart Campaign this year for our Lodge and the Monroe District. He did another fine job to ensure that all of the shifts were manned at all of the malls Monroe District covered. He was also instrumental in making sure that we had enough Brothers at City Hall for the Child ID program; this is one more project that we, as Masons in Monroe District, can be very proud of; it directly gives us a positive public exposure, but more importantly, helps protect kids from harm's way.

**Many years together**

Congratulations to three couples in our Lodge who are celebrating their respective anniversaries. I extend my congratulations to: Richard DeCrose and his wife, Jeanne, for 47 years of marriage; Richard Giedd and his wife, Molly, for 60 years of marriage and Carl Pigage and his wife, Thelma, for 60 years of marriage.

**Sickness and distress**

Some of you may already know of the passing of Richard

**Fairport/Flower City Lodge No. 476**  
2nd & 4th Mondays  
7:30 p.m.



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As I had mentioned in a previous article, our December meeting was a presentation of the DeWitt Clinton Community Service Award to Henry F. Ewing, a local Boy Scout leader. I said that I hoped it would be well attended and show Masonry in a favorable light. Well, I now must say that it was and it did. We had a fantastic turnout, and the evening went far better than expected.

Not only was Mr. Ewing presented with the Grand Lodge Certificate and a check for \$100 from our Lodge, he also received awards from the Mayor of the Village of Fairport, the Supervisor of the Town of Perinton, and was presented a flag by Assemblyman David Koon, which was procured by our Congresswoman, the Honorable Louise Slaughter. Judging from the various questions of interest by some of our guests, I am sure that our Fraternity did shine favorably, as we even had a gentleman ask for a petition for membership. Thank you to all who helped with this event, with a special thanks to W.: Jack Van-Elzakker for his efforts in making this happen.

More good news comes as a result of our January 12th Bring-a-Friend Steak Dinner. Again, I thank all involved with the dinner and presentation. Special kudos to the R.: W.: Bruce Chilton for the video package, W.: Mike Morris and R.: W.: Dwight Turner for their talks on community service and Masonic history, respectively. I do believe we did it right again, as the evening resulted in five petitions being returned for action.

February 13th was the night of our 1st Degree for these five new members. Thanks to all who worked in the Degree and to those who introduced these petitioners.

**Mark your calendars**

March 13th - 2nd Degree  
April 10th - 3rd Degree, Shrine Degree Team. Dinner before.

April 24th - Annual Awards Night

Finally, I thank everyone who helped with the Have-a-Heart booth at Eastview Mall. Our Lodge was committed to working two Wednesdays. \*

A Tip of the Master's Hat to the following Brothers and families who devoted their time to help raise funds for the Ronald McDonald House: the Steffen's, Kendig's, Nick Eull, Tom Benson, Clyde Siverd, Richard Smith, Ralph Jurgens, Ken Schumacher and Skip Waterstreet. We collected \$851 over the two days, thanks to the public and the tireless efforts of our Brothers.

**Party time!**

A tri-Lodge Valentine's Party was held at the Shrine Center on February 13th and was coordinated by our Junior Warden, Ralph Jurgens. Plenty of food was offered, a long-stemmed red rose was given to each Lady and a good time was had by all who attended.

**Degree**

On February 14th we attended Valley-Simes Lodge for the conferral of the 2nd Degree on our three new Brothers. We



Lodge Brothers supporting the Have-a-Heart Campaign at The Mall at Greece Ridge Center were R.: W.: Derek VanHouten, Master, Brother Richard Smith, Steward, and Treasurer, W.: Skip Waterstreet. Two days' work totaled over \$850.



Suzanne Feather, Preferred Care Community Educator, speaking on methods to obtain more restful (better quality) sleep. Her presentation was at the monthly Lodge and ladies gathering. Shown in photo are Bill Shelby, Roy Guess, Jane and Bob Ogden and, with backs to the camera, Connie and Clyde Siverd.



Denny and Her Escorts provided music for members of three Lodges, who gathered for a Valentine's Day party with their ladies. ERAC Lodge hosted the event on their regular meeting night and invited Wakan-Hubbard and Craftsman Robertson Lodges to join with them.

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Thank you, Brothers, for all the phone calls and cards you have sent over the past two months. After being within hours of death, my brother has made a significant recovery and is in a much more stable condition. Due to his improvement and finally getting through the busy shipping season at work, I'm ready to pick up my duties as Master of the Lodge. Thank you to all of the Officers who stepped up to the plate and took on additional responsibilities. You are truly commended for your efforts.

#### Condolences

On a very sad note, Brother Bob Spencer passed away on February 1st. He is survived by his wife, Lynne (McCann) Spencer; five brothers, Miles (Evie), Edward (Beverly), Jake, Henry (Donna) and Joseph (Janice) Spencer; several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his infant sister, Madaline Sharon Spencer. Bob was a Kodak retiree.

#### 1st Degree

On February 13th, we conferred the 1st Degree on five candidates. Junior Warden Donald Hunter did an outstanding job in the East. Also, Brothers Mike Roberts and Josh Traverzo did a great job with the Qs & As. What makes this special is that both of these Brothers were raised this past December. This is just one example of the renewed vitality of Unity Lodge. Please come out and experience the excitement!

Thank you to the ladies of Etolian Chapter who prepared the meal before the Degree. As always, the food was hearty and prepared with loving hands.

Our Fall Blood Drive in association with the Red Cross was a success. Thank you to Senior Deacon, John Jamele, who coordinated the event. Thank you to all the Brothers who helped out: Tom Perrone, Ed Gillott, Gene Brendel, Tom Grape, Karl-Heinz Reich, Art McMichaels, Jim Toogood and Dave Farley. Our next event will be March 20th, 2:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Please contact John Jamele, 637-5643, or Craig McCann, 225-8984, if you wish to volunteer.

The Have-A-Heart Campaign supporting the Ronald McDonald House took place between February 1st and the 14th. Unity Lodge covered three days at the Mall at Greece Ridge Center. We had the top-grossing day there. Thank you to all the Brothers who came out, especially Andy Tascione and Anthony Marrotti who appeared out of the blue while I was struggling to set up the booth. I really appreciated your help.

Our second meeting in February was our annual reports. Please contact Cliff Short at: short4us@frontiernet.net if you are interested in reviewing a particular report.

#### 2nd Degree

March 13th will be our 2nd Degree. Lodge opens at 6:00 p.m., with dinner being served at 6:30 p.m. Please contact either Tom Michielson at 352-4831, Donald Hunter at 746-3718 or David Sylvester at 594-9779 for dinner reservations.

High Twelve lunches continue to take place the third Thursday of each month. Please come out and enjoy the good food and fellowship.

The School of Ritual was held on January 31st at Unity Lodge. Thank you to the Brothers of ERAC as well as the Brothers of Unity who helped participate in the instruction. I am very proud at how all the Brothers of Unity acted as hosts to the Masons in attendance.

The Masonic Helping Hands program is looking for people in need. There are at least 14 Brothers of Unity Lodge who have volunteered their time to help out a Mason or his widow in a time of need. These Brothers are available for rides to the doctor, to get groceries, or some light handy man work. Please contact David Sylvester at 594-9779 if you know someone in need. We are also looking for ideas on how we can promote this program throughout the Fraternity. Any interested Brother should contact me. Thanks!

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Our meeting on January 17th had 24 Brothers in attendance. R.: W.: John Zabel of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge was our guest speaker for the evening. The topic consisted of a history lesson for metal coins and paper money going back some 500 years B.C. It was a very interesting and informative lecture. Also that evening, the Senior Warden, Stephen Mitchell, and I presented the 2006 Budget proposal. It will be voted on as required at our next meeting on February 7th.

#### Glad tidings

At 0900 hours on Wednesday, January 18th, the DDGM, R.: W.: Lewis J. Perna, accompanied by Clio Lodge Brothers W.: Harry DeHollander; Senior Warden, Stephen Mitchell; Secretary, W.: Sean Noonan; Treasurer, Brother Frank Sassone; Chaplain, W.: Gordy Smith; Steward, Jeff Robinson and W.: Gerald Jones met at St. Paul's Lutheran Church School in Hilton. The object of our visit was to present a Masonic Community Service Award to 8-year old Jessica Pink, 3rd Grade school student, as well as verbal accolades for her mother, Kathy, and teacher, Mrs. Sharon Kimmel and St. Paul's School for their involvement in providing food, presents and money to a needy local family during the holiday season.

The DDGM wrote in part in his letter to Mrs. Kimmel: "I am the District Deputy Grand Master for Free and Ac-

cepted Masons in Monroe County. I recently learned that your class, spearheaded by Jessica Pink, took up a food collection for a very worthy family. I am told that Jessica overheard her mother talking to a member of this particular family and decided to take action.

Masons are all about benevolence and community support. It overwhelms me with joy to know that there are youth practicing these important virtues. You and your school are to be commended for helping these youths develop these attributes.

It would please the Masons of Monroe County to recognize Jessica, your class and the school for this bit of fine community service."

We did, in fact, make that presentation to Jessica with her mother, Kathy; school principal, Cliff Hummel and her classmates in attendance in the school chapel-auditorium. I believe it was as much an honor for us to make this presentation as it was to receive it. As Master of Clio, I personally thanked the DDGM for making this happen and the Brothers of Clio Lodge for taking part in this important presentation.

#### Have-a-Heart Campaign

At 12 noon on Friday, February 3rd, at the Mall at Greece Ridge Center, Clio Brothers kicked off the 2006 Ronald McDonald House Have-a-Heart Campaign. The booth was closed at 9:00 p.m. and the money picked up by W.: David Sylvester of Unity Lodge. The total for the day was \$513 and change. Clio manned the booth again on Thursday, February 9th from noon till 9 p.m. Thursday, being a weekday, we did not do as well with \$314. I thank Brother and Noble Richard Ponticello, of the Damascus Shrine Clowns, who appeared in full clown dress for his shift.

#### Please contribute

Our Brotherhood Fund Campaign at Clio is running about 27%. Please mail in your contribution if you have not yet done so. Every little bit helps.

Our meeting on February 7th turned into more than the general business meeting and 2006 Budget vote that had been planned. It was a very pleasant surprise, although not entirely unexpected, to have W.: Mike Rapson of Union Lodge; R.: W.: Richard Trescott, Grand Sword Bearer for Livingston District and R.: W.: Roy Moses, DDGM for Livingston District, in attendance. The Right Worshipfuls were escorted to the East by W.: Robert Pederson, and given Grand Honors. In January I attended and took part in a 3rd Degree at Union Lodge in Lima. While at that meeting, I invited both Right Worshipfuls to attend a meeting at their convenience at Clio Lodge, hence the visit.

Also invited to the East was Clio's Past DDGM and Past Master, R.: W.: Donald W. Wright. R.: W.: Don presented to the Lodge an autographed copy of his personally authored and recently published book, "A Mystery Mason." I have not read it as yet, but understand the substance of the writing to be based on the Revolutionary War and those who fought in it. This labor of love for the Craft has taken Brother Don several years to complete. He has traveled thousands of miles around the U.S. and Canada, gathering



W.: Harry DeHollander and Lodge Brothers at the opening of the Have-a-Heart booth at The Mall at Greece Ridge Center.



Lew Perna, DDGM, and W.: Harry DeHollander extending congratulations to Jessica Pink, holding the Masonic Community Service Award plaque presented by Clio Lodge. 8-year-old Jessica, standing with her mother, Kathy, was largely responsible for a campaign at St. Paul's Lutheran School which provided food, presents and money to a needy family in Hilton.

information and taking pictures needed to complete his book. He has had only 40 copies published and we at Clio thank him for this gift to our Lodge. The book will be kept by the Lodge Secretary and signed out to our members on a first come, first served basis. I am sure with R.: W.: Don's active Masonic labors, both in Blue Lodge and the York Rite, he will have no problem in disposing of the other 39 copies.

Lastly, the 2006 budget was presented and passed. Those of you who receive the *Masonic Times* should be pleased to learn the budget contains money needed to continue our contract with the Masonic Service Bureau for this enjoyable and informative monthly publication. I will tell you that consideration is being given by members of Clio to return to our own *Clio Cable Tow* monthly publication. This, as some of you may remember, was our original newsletter, preceding the *Masonic Times*. **Spaghetti Dinner notice!**

The month of March will have three Spaghetti Dinners: March 1st, 15th and the 29th. We will be making up for only one dinner in February by adding March 1st.

#### Trestleboard changes

The 2nd Degree scheduled for March 21st and 3rd Degree on April 18th have been cancelled. Replacing the 2nd Degree will be a Masonic quiz which I believe those in attendance will find very enjoyable and enlightening. Replacing the 3rd Degree

will be a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night, sponsored by Clio Past Masters.

#### 2006 Appointment

W.: Dale Polmateer has accepted this appointment as Representative to the Masonic Service Bureau for the ensuing year. Please give him your full support in this important assignment.

#### School of Ritual Notice

Please take note that the School of Ritual will be held on March 29th at Webster Lodge at 7:30 p.m. The work for the evening has been changed from a Walk-About to the 3rd Degree. All newly raised Master Masons should make every effort to attend this School.

#### Sickness and distress

Brother Denny Wright, DSA, is at home and recovering after a double by-pass and heart valve replacement. If you talk to him, ask him where the valve came from.

W.: Stu Brickman, DSA, is still being plagued with pain down his left leg. Hopefully, the doctors will have an answer for him soon.

Brother Dana Daniels is at home being treated with radiation and chemo for his cancer. Dana would appreciate a card or a call from Brother Masons.

Brother Tom Burger is at home recovering from his knee surgery and thanks everyone for their cards and notes wishing him well and a speedy recovery.

Please keep these Brothers in your thoughts and prayers.


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By now everyone has received their Brotherhood Fund package in the mail. I commend Brother Dave Adams on the letter he wrote. It was both thought provoking and heartfelt and I hope everyone will give as liberally as their ability permits.

**Degree**

We held the 1st Degree on January 19th. It was fairly well attended. We had a catered dinner that was very tasty. We have two new Brothers who were impressed with the Ritual and are excited about the upcoming 2nd Degree. Thanks to everyone who participated. The only problem we had was that almost half of the members who made reservations didn't keep them. This means that the Lodge had to cover the cost. Please, Brothers, if you cannot keep a reservation, call early to cancel.

**Widows Luncheon**

The Widows Luncheon will be held April 22nd at the Burgundy Basin Inn. The meal will be served and will consist of either Chopped Sirloin or Stuffed Chicken. For reservations, contact the Masonic Service Bureau at 671-9730. Northfield widows should expect a call from the Lodge.


**Have-a-Heart**

Thanks to all who participated in the Have-a-Heart Campaign at Eastview Mall on Thursday, February 9th. Your help is greatly appreciated.

**Great Ritual work**

Thanks to W.: Tom Grape, W.: Jim Toogood and R.: W.: Dave Jones for coming to the February 2nd meeting and helping with the Ritual not covered at the 1st Degree. It's always good to see them and to watch good work.

*Seneca Lodge*  
 No. 797  
 2nd Tuesday  
 7:30 p.m.



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Now that we are able to enjoy the longer days and prepare ourselves for the change in seasons, let us reflect on what we have accomplished so far this year in Lodge. We have made wonderful gains in membership with the addition of four new Fellowcrafts. Our social events have been most successful, with a few more left to round out our year. The regular business meetings and the 1st and 2nd Degrees were very gratifying and I personally thank all of the Brothers who have worked hard in the quarries to make our Lodge so interesting and meaningful.

**Spring events**

Ladies' Night is just a few days away and it will be followed by an exciting March meeting with a special presentation and guest speaker. In April we will host the Seneca Tea and later in the month we will confer our 3rd Degree. Please make every effort to participate in as many of these events as possible.

**Welcome!**

To the new members of our Lodge, I welcome you into our brotherhood and urge each of you to enter into our Fraternity as your cabletow allows and your interests draw you. Use the working tools you have received in your Degrees to continue your own personal growth, remembering we contribute to a better world when we use these tools to their fullest potential. You have joined, by your own free will and accord, a Fraternity which helps you to become your best self while assisting others. I eagerly look forward to the opportunity to serve with you as we grow together in Masonry.

Our Lodge has just completed this year's Have-A-Heart Campaign and although I do not know the dollar amount raised as yet, I do appreciate the enthusiasm generated by our Lodge Brothers for this important cause. The Ronald McDonald House is a wonderful Rochester asset providing housing for families of hospitalized children. The Brothers of Seneca Lodge, along with other Brothers of Monroe District, contribute their time, money and effort to make this resource possible. My sincere thanks to Brothers Bob Kimmel, Mike Ferguson, Fred Norter, Jack Brietung, Robert Kost, Ken Nelson, Jason Trapani and Brian DiSanto for their commitment to all who depend on the Ronald McDonald House.

As I write this month's article, the opening ceremony for the 20th Winter Olympics is happening. It is always amazing to me that so many countries and people can participate peacefully in this spectacular event showing the entire world how we could and should be living in harmony. Would not the camaraderie we see both at these games every four years and in Lodge each month make for a better world? Being a Mason and living by its teachings along with true Olympians gives us all hope for a more loving and peaceful world.

As always, I look forward to the next time we meet.



Brothers Mark Hutton, Michael Hoose and Troy Shouse are the newest Master Masons in Union Star Lodge.

ert Sanford for his guidance as the Ritual Director for the 3rd Degree and Brother George Foehner for the Charge.

Our bowling get-together on Sunday, January 29th at Clover Lanes went well, as we had twenty-seven family members enjoy the bowling and pizza.

Thanks to the Brothers who helped man the booth for the Have-a-Heart on Sundays, February 5th and 12th. One-hundred percent of the monies raised by this worthwhile effort go to the local Ronald McDonald House.

**Brotherhood Fund**

Brothers, we all need to look into our hearts and support the Brotherhood Fund. I am sure that many of you could afford as little as a dollar to this Campaign. I would have thought our Lodge could do much better than the current 28% support. Remember that you may select the program you wish to support. If you have misplaced your envelope, please contact Brother Will Nersinger at 787-6887 or you may mail it to our secretary (address listed above) and I am sure he will forward it to Will.

If you have not visited our Lodge website recently, you may do so at the following location: [www.unionstar.roch-web.com](http://www.unionstar.roch-web.com).

Our webmaster, Rob Sweeney, has added pictures of our newly raised Brothers, our current Officers and a picture of when the building was the Wilcox Hotel. The current version of our trestleboard is there.

**Official Visit**

Last month we had our District Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: Lewis Perna, and Grand Sword Bearer, R.: W.: Donald Tubman, attend and deliver the Grand Master's message and their positive and encouraging words.

**March**

Our first meeting this month will be on the Walk-About Program and on the fourth Mon-

day we will have a Table Lodge. If you missed the sign-up sheet for the Table Lodge, please contact our Secretary, Rob Sweeney, at 381-5286.

On the 29th, there will be a School of Ritual at Webster Lodge at 7:30 p.m.

**April**

This will be a special month as we honor our Lodge Masons with their years of service to the Fraternity on the second Monday. We will also show our support for our Widows on April 22nd at the Burgundy Basin Inn.

It has been fun and an experience working at Marketplace Mall on the Have-a-Heart Campaign. While you are there you get to meet many wonderful and generous people donating their money to a worthy cause and enjoy the fellowship of working with your Brothers.

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On January 23rd, we conferred the 3rd Degree on our new Brothers Mark Hutton, Michael Hoose and Troy Shouse. Please be sure to congratulate them and offer them your guidance and support.

I noticed that last month I missed thanking R.: W.: Rob-

**Olive Branch**  
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The early part of this Winter has been very mellow. We hope the rest of the Winter is the same. So far we have only missed one meeting due to weather.

#### Maintenance

A major subject has been looking at the physical properties of the Lodge. Some are just normal up-keep, some we have no control over. Parking is getting to be a problem. The addition to the Village Hall has severely affected our parking there, so we must rely on a local grocery store. It either makes it a longer walk, or a very fast dash across Main Street. It is a real concern with our aging membership.

A big thank you goes to Clayton Dimick for arranging for the new hot water heater. I received a phone call that when Nundawaga Council went into the Lodge there was no hot water and water was everywhere! I had just returned from an extended Doctors appointment and was a bit under the weather. One phone call and Clayton came to the rescue. The new water heater is fantastic. We are lucky to have such a dedicated member.

**HESPERUS**  
Lodge No. 837

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A special thanks to R.: W.: Harry Tyson, who led our activities at the Genesee/Wyoming District's *Road to the East* Program. I was one of the participants, along with the Wardens from Hesperus, who enjoyed every minute of this positive activity. A tremendous amount of discussion, debate and research was made available for all to assimilate. I highly recommend that any future Officers take a good look at this opportunity to prepare for your "journey." Our interest did not stop with the meetings. We opted to keep the Past Masters, Masters and Wardens in touch on the fifth Saturday of the month for purposes of

trading good news, good ideas and great Masonic attitudes.

#### Good dinner

Our Big Game Dinner has improved with the addition of moose from a Brother of Attica Lodge, who shall remain anonymous for selfish reasons, and salmon from our own Brother Leo Vainio of Hesperus. Let me assure you that none of the meats were road kill or the fish were found floating belly-up in a lake.

#### Enjoyable time

Our Ladies Night Out was chaired by R.: W.: Harry Tyson. The evening continues to improve with better door prizes, great food and more people in attendance. It is wonderful to see Masons, Eastern Star members and friends get together. Thank you, Brother Harry.

#### Challenge!

March 2nd will be our Past Masters' night. This evening is always enjoyable, especially to observe the pros sitting in the Stations and Places. The evening always has great refreshments and this year the refreshment for this meeting is our usual "stink" night. This includes assorted cheeses, cold cuts, etc. Brothers can also bring some great "tasting" foods. We also challenge some of you to make a great tasting chili, which will be rated and a fantastic prize for the tastiest will be awarded.

Brother Kunego will continue with the digital camera to acquire the many needed portraits to fill our CD for the year. If we do not have your photo for the Past Masters' wall, please prepare to don the top hat and become a part of Hesperus' archives. We are also looking for pictures of other Past Masters, so that they may be included in the presentation.

#### Degree

Hesperus is preparing for their 3rd Degree April 6th. We will be raising five Brothers to the degree of Master Mason this year. With this in mind, I will add another Brother Bring-a-Friend activity this Spring. It worked so well last Fall that I think we could modify the activity and prepare for next Fall's Degree candidates. Some think that it is perhaps moving too fast, but we are experiencing several inquiries about Masonry. If Masonry is indeed an activity that interests good people, why not open lines of communication?

This June be prepared to have your children, grandchildren or friends' children participate in the Child ID Program during the Bergen Days festivities. This activity gives great credence to the fact that our children are our most precious belongings, and we need to ever protect them from the unthinkable. Since the inception of this program, at least seven children have been returned because of the material and documentation that is

made available to parents in the form of your own special video tape, interview, sound bites, etc. Last August, several of our members assisted with this program at the State Fair. This time Hesperus will bring it to Bergen. Watch carefully for the details of this activity, so your children can take part.

**Oakland Lodge**  
No. 379, F. & A.M.

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

Master  
W.: Kenneth E. Smith  
768-7731

Secretary  
W.: Richard L. Smith  
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The month of February always seems to be a slow month for Oakland Lodge and this year was no different. Our only communication for the month was cancelled due to weather conditions, as Winter finally decided to arrive into Western New York. I hope all of our Southern-bound Brothers are basking in the sun, smacking the rust off their golf game and enjoying their time before they have to return to reality and Western New York.

By the time this article is out, both the candidates from Oakland Lodge will have completed their 2nd Degree and are getting ready for the Master Mason Degree. It looks as though we are going to try to have a District-wide 3rd Degree towards the end of March or the beginning of April. More details of this District-wide Degree will be communicated as soon as some fine points have been ironed out. It looks as though we will have five to six candidates from four to five Lodges throughout the District coming together to confer this Degree. This is one Master who is hoping that the sidelines will be filled when the date and time of this Degree are announced.

#### Fish Fry

The Genesee/Wyoming Council of Masonic Activities will be having the annual Fish Fry on March 10th. It will be hosted by Constellation Lodge in Perry, and serving will start at 5:00 p.m. The Council would like as much attendance and assistance as possible from each Lodge. If this event is successful enough, it will take the place of the annual candy bar sales. Just think guys, it's a lot better to eat wonderful fish for one night, than eating candy bars for a few months. Hopefully, all Mason's throughout the District will come and enjoy a great meal and conversation.

The only regular communication scheduled for the month of March is Tuesday, the 7th.

I am the Brotherhood Fund Chairman for Oakland Lodge this year. The easiest place to make your donations is at our monthly communications. For those who are unable to attend, please mail your donations to: Kenneth E. Smith, 137 Lake Street, LeRoy, NY 14482. If you would like your donation to be designated towards a certain program, please inform me of that in the memo line of your check or send a note with your donation. For those contributions that do not state a designated category, you leave me no

choice but to designate your donation for you.

I thank all the Brothers of Oakland Lodge for donations received towards this Fund. This is just one of the ways that we can show support for our great organization and those who are our Brothers.

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

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

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

1st & 3rd  
Mondays

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Wow! What is this white stuff? I just came in from plowing the driveway. It's been a long time since I last had to do it! We got used to that nice weather we had in January. I hope that woodchuck didn't mean 6 more weeks of this. I must admit that my heating bill was much easier to swallow with that nice warm January.

I have lots of news, so I better get started. First of all, at our meeting on January 16th, we had 13 West Star Brothers present to practice the first half of the 1st Degree. It was good to see such a fine turnout for a fun practice. We had a good time and everyone enjoyed themselves. We are planning more practice sessions.

Now, I have some great news! The following weekend a gentleman approached me and asked, "How do I join the Masons?" I was glad to say that I was the person he had to talk to. One thing lead to another and at our meeting on February 6th I had two petitions to turn into the Secretary. Committees were assigned and we will be conferring the 1st Degree on March 6th. We want to see the sidelines full; everyone is welcome. Our practices will come in handy.

On February 6th, we were to have Fervency and Zeal Program, but it was postponed until February 20th. It has been a long time since we've had this program.

#### March

On our meeting night on March 20th, we will have our Uniform Night. Wear your uniform to Lodge and tell a little story about yourself. There are some fun things planned. On March 25th we are having a Euchre Tournament at the Lodge from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

#### April

On April 3rd we will have an Awards Night, and wives and friends are invited to the presentations. Awards will be given for years of Masonic service. We have Brothers receiving 50-year pins. Several other awards will be given.

#### Brotherhood Fund

It's time again to mention the Brotherhood Fund. The end of May is coming fast and any amount you can send will help. Send your envelopes today. Thank You!

I've been emailing W.: Brother Merle. I've tried to talk him into doing a part in our 1st Degree. He says he doesn't think he will be there to help. He is wrong. He will be there in our thoughts. With that thought in mind, I think I will close for this month. I hope to see you at some of our events. If I forgot something I will tell you about it next month.

Don't forget, 7:30 p.m. 1st and 3rd Mondays.

#### District Deputy Grand Master Livingston District



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

Another month has gone by and it seems like we just started the year. Busy it has been! Degree work all over the District and the District Bowl-a-Thon was a huge success again this year with over \$900 pledged. I thank R.: W.: Bob Ossont for all his work on the Bowl-a-Thon.

The *Road to the East* was very successful with Wayne, Monroe and Livingston Districts in a combined effort. My thanks to R.: W.: Richard Trescott and R.: W.: Donald Tubman for spearheading the *Road to the East*.

#### Celebration

Information on the 225th Grand Lodge Anniversary Celebration has been well received in the Lodges of the District. They think it is a wonderful idea and a way to promote our Craft. I will say that a lot of Brothers are doing some serious thinking on making this a grand event. Those Brothers who haven't heard about this, contact your Master and get in on your Lodge's biggest event in years.

#### Reminders

I remind everyone again of the District Ladies Night at Conesus Country Club on April 8th. The District Communion Breakfast is May 21st. These events were very well attended last year, but we can do better. Mark your calendar. Let's fill the Country Club and church to capacity.

Thank you, Brothers. You always seem to amaze the Fraternity and me.

**Learn about  
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Order of Eastern Star  
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The Road to the East program on February 4th, 11th and 18th, was again a great success. We had 16 Brothers from Livingston, Monroe and Wayne Districts who completed the Course. I thank R.: W.: William R. Lindsay, R.: W.: Louis Perna, R.: W.: Roy Moses and all the presenters for helping R.: W.: Donald Tubman and I complete and present the Course in such an enjoyable manner!

**Reminders**

Don't forget about the Livingston District Ladies Night on April 8th at the Conesus Golf Club in Conesus. Your guest speaker will be Senator Katherine Young. I am sure that this will be a great evening for you and your Lady. Don't forget to invite your Lodge's widows. Last year the widows all seemed to have a great time, and I am sure they will again this year!



A mounted replica of Charlemagne's Sword was presented to R.: W.: Donald Tubman by R.: W.: Derek Van Houten (left) during the recent Road to the East Program held at Eunice Lodge in Caledonia. Observing the presentation was Richard Trescott, co-host of the Program.

**Reminder**

The Communion Breakfast on May 21st at Mt. Morris. It will be hard to surpass last year with attendance, but I am sure that we can do it.

We are now making plans for the Grand Lodge trip for the 225th Annual Communication on May 1st and 2nd. If you have not told us about wanting to go with us, and if you are planning to bring your wife or another Brother or a friend, please contact us ASAP so we can get a group arrangement.

We held our Livingston Masonic bowling event at Mt. Morris lanes on February 5th and raised over \$900 for the Livingston Masonic Service Association. We all had a great time! I suggest you don't miss this party next year!

There is a lot of Degree work in the Livingston District going on right now! I am glad that I can join in these proceedings! They are always fun and very enjoyable!

Thank you.


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

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

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New Union Lodge Brothers Mike Faitell and Mark Heininger with W.: John Gallant.

By John Gallant

I am glad to say that the Union Lodge column is back in the Masonic Times and it is a pleasure to be writing to all of you from my dining room table here in Lima. The first thing to mention is that the Brothers of Union Lodge and I wish W.: Skip Thorp all the best with his new job. We all look forward to seeing him on his next visit back in the area.

**Welcome!**

Our last two months have been very busy here at Union. We completed one set of Degrees and have started up a second set. At the end of January we put on the Master Mason Degree for Brother Mark Heininger and Brother Mike Faitell. The entire evening was terrific! We had visitors from Hilton, Mt. Morris, Livonia, Honeoye Falls and Mendon. I thank everyone who came out that night and joined us.

At our last meeting in February, we conferred the Entered Apprentice Degree for our two

newest candidates. I congratulate Brother Mike Grady and his Degree Team. They all worked their magic that night and the evening was a big success. Our two candidates are working hard on their proficiency and I am sure they are looking forward to the next Degree.

**March**

We have scheduled their Fellowship Degree for March 23rd at 7:30 p.m. We will be having a delicious Pancake and Sausage Supper at 6:30 p.m. Anyone in the area is welcome to join us for the evening's work.

The other fun event that we have planned for March has to do with the Livingston District Traveling Gavel. Back in January we were visited by the Brothers from Livonia and W.: Kip Lawrence presented us with the Traveling Gavel. This month we will be visiting one of the Lodges in the District to present them with the Gavel. I know that my traveling companions and I look forward to visiting our Brothers.




Master Kip Lawrence and several Brothers from Livonia Lodge brought the Livingston District Traveling Gavel and presented it to John Gallant presiding in the East for Union Lodge.

**Eunice Lodge**  
No. 830  
1st Thursdays  
7:30 p.m.

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**Three New Brothers**  
Eunice Lodge initiated three new Brothers on January 18th. The Degree went well and I thank W.: James Kirkwood, V.: W.: Cameron Whitmore, and W.: Bruce Whitmore, who helped us confer the Degree. Our 2nd Degree was February 16th. The Raising of these three

Brothers will be Thursday, March 16th.


**Have-a-Heart Campaign**

Brother Rick Lafave, W.: David Howlett and W.: Derek Howlett manned the Have-a-Heart booth at Marketplace Mall on Tuesday, February 7th. All of the money raised was donated to the Ronald McDonald House. This is a very worthwhile charity that strikes close to home for a lot of people. Take some time to read about this charity.

**Ladies Night**

The Livingston District is putting on their Ladies Night again at Conesus Country Club on Saturday, April 8th. All Widows and Brothers are invited. Widows will be contacted to see if they need a ride. If you would like more information, call W.: Derek Howlett at 395-1912.

**Livonia**  
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As everybody says, the New Year is underway! To start the year off, the Lodge held a 1st Degree on February 1st. A Master Mason, Brother William E. Lawrence, was also accepted into the Lodge in January. He is from Eastgate Lodge No. 980, which merged with Ancient Landmarks Lodge No. 441 in Tonawanda. Welcome aboard, Rick!

Our Lodge was given the Livingston District Traveling Gavel by Geneseo Lodge on January 4th. The District Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: Roy Moses, also made his Official Visit on that night.

On January 18th we had a program featuring an Attorney who talked about the subject of Wills and Estate Planning. On January 26th some members of our Lodge attended a 3rd Degree at Union Lodge in Lima. The Degree was excellently presented by Union Lodge, with our Brothers participating. Just before the Degree work, we passed the District Traveling Gavel to Union.

**Dues**

The Lodge has a committee appointed to study how to arrange the dues. Of special importance are members with 50 years of service or members 70 years old. The amount of local dues is being looked at, considering that Grand Lodge keeps increasing assessments. Any member who wishes to have input to the committee, should send a letter to the Secretary, R.: W.: Richard Trescott, at 11 Meadowlark Drive, Avon, NY 14414; email him at: rtrescot@frontiernet.net; or call him at 226-9042. You may also get in touch with R.: W.: Richard Brown, PO Box 84, Livonia, 14487 or telephone him at 346-3618.

**Brotherhood Fund**

Our Brotherhood Fund contributions are still being accepted. Any Brothers who have not donated are encouraged to participate. I hope that 2006 will be a good year. The Lodge will continue to schedule programs and events and, hopefully, new men will want to become Masons!


**BLOOD DRIVE**  
March 20th  
2:00 to 7:00 p.m.  
**OGDEN COMMUNITY CENTER**  
269 Ogden Center Road, Spencerport  
**Sponsored by Unity Lodge**

**New Subscribers**

**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



Nunda Station Lodge members are now receiving the Masonic Times. It has been a long time coming and will furnish the Lodge with a lot of Livingston County and statewide Masonic information.

**Degree work**

We, at Nunda Station Lodge, have been quite active. We haven't had any new members come into the Brotherhood since September, but we have been busy practicing Degree work. We had practices for the 1st and 2nd Degree and will be having a 3rd Degree practice on March 21st at 7:30 p.m.

**Activities**

We have supported the Livingston District Masonic Association Service Committee by mustering up a 5-man team for the Bowl-a-Thon. Several Brothers attended that event to cheer the team on.

Our own W.: Ken Buckley had a tour of the Yansic Sawmill in September. His latest effort involved a trip to the Niagara Power Project and Seneca Niagara Casino on February 10th. The trip included the bus ride, casino coins and a food discount. Not bad for \$25!

**Condolences**

These are the good things happening, but as happens in life, there is also a sad side.

We received word in January that R.: W.: James R. Walters passed away in Florida on January 25th. He was a 50-year member and will be missed by the Lodge Brothers.

**Helping others**

At our February 7th meeting we voted to donate \$500 to the Noyes Hospital E.A.R.S. Lifeline Program. This money will be used to purchase Lifeline units - (a personal response service, for senior citizens in an emergency).

This is my first experience writing an article of this nature and it has been a good one. I look forward to "talking" to all of you again.

**Spaghetti Dinner**  
Honeoye  
Masonic Civic Center  
4994 County Road 36  
Honeoye, NY  
3rd Thursday  
of each month  
Serving from 5 - 7 p.m.  
Sponsored by  
**Eagle Lodge**  
and  
**Eagle Chapter OES**

### District Deputy Grand Master

Ontario/Seneca/Yates  
District



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Saturday, February 11th at the OSY Association, a new set of By-Laws was presented for ratification. The organization was originally known as "Masters and Wardens." This changed to the OSY Association in the late 1980s, with membership open to any Master Mason from the OSY District. Since that time we have not had updated By-Laws. I thank R.: W.: Clayton Ruggles for the original draft. That draft was amended by the Brothers present, and it will be posted on the District web site: [www.osydistrict.org](http://www.osydistrict.org)

On March 11th we will meet at 8:00 a.m. at the Blue Ribbon Restaurant for breakfast. We will then adjourn to the Phelps Masonic Hall for our meeting. At that time a final vote will be taken for approval of the By-Laws.

The Purpose of the Association is to share information. If approved, each Lodge would be assessed dues of \$20, half of which will be used to fund the District website.

It is with regret that we must postpone the Historic 3rd Degree, which was scheduled for the 30th of March. Some of the cast members are unable to attend. The proposed new date is April 22nd; this will be confirmed later this month.

#### Reservations needed

The fourth annual Surviving Spouses Luncheon will be held April 8th at the Geneva Ramada Inn. Angie Caiola, from the Masonic Care Community, will be our speaker. A reminder to Lodge Masters and Secretaries; please send reservations to Bob Ruggles or me.

#### Degree work

I am happy to report that Degree work is progressing in many of the Lodges, while others have just received petitions. They will be conferring Degrees soon. Brother Bring-a-Friend programs have been used in most of the Lodges, while others have the program scheduled. This has proven to be a busy and productive year.

### Garoga-Sincerity Lodge No. 200



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Our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night resulted in having three candidates to take the obligation at the February 7th meeting. We are moving forward and it's good to see new candidates moving through the process.

#### Memorial Service

The 49th annual District Masonic Memorial Service will be

held on Sunday, May 21st at 2:00 p.m. in the Geneva Presbyterian Church, 24 Park Place, Geneva. The host is the Rev. James W. Gerling. The Memorial address will be given by Rev. and Brother David W. Herrman. District Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: Eldon White, will read the names of the 2005 deceased Brothers, Companions and Knights. The AGLs will assist the Masters of the Lodges in the lighting of the Memorial candles as the names are read.

This service is open to the public and deserves our full support. This is a beautiful testimonial to our 2005 deceased Brothers and, with your help, will remain the truly significant event it has been in the past.

#### Man of the day

Rev. and Brother Albert Kamm was honored at the Clifton Springs Auditorium Wednesday, February 8th on his 90th birthday. He has devoted 58 years of service to the Clifton Springs community and the Clifton Springs Hospital. We are fortunate to have in our midst such a dedicated person. He was the man of the day.

On January 17th, the program for the evening, "Maple Syrup Time," was presented by Brother Ernie Day. A very well-made video of the "Day Brothers Farm" Maple Syrup process was shown, lasting about 20 minutes. It had lots of information on the Maple Syrup process, which was narrated by Brother Day. Thank you, Brother Day, for a fine program.

#### Dates to remember

March 7th - 2nd Degree

March 21st - George Washington visits his Lodge

#### Happy Birthday!

We send Birthday greetings in March to Brothers Gregg Dell, 2nd; Robert Taylor, 7th; Charles Anderson and Ramon Howard, 22nd; Garry Clock and Clayton Ruggles, 23rd; and Howard Burgess, 31st.

Congratulations to these Brothers raised in March: Nelson Gulvin 3/16/1954; Robert Lash, 3/16/1954; Vincent Rozella III, 3/17/1998; Stephen Phillips, 3/18/1981; Robert Patrick Jr., 3/21/1989; and Norman Schafer, 3/23/1972. \*

### Milnor Lodge No. 139



2nd & 4th  
Thursdays

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Henry

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Thanks again for all your help on the monthly Spaghetti Dinners. These dinners are being held on the 3rd Wednesday of every month and are being put on jointly with the Eastern Star Sisters. All are welcome to attend. Dinner is served from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

I thank R.: W.: Paul Vick for the excellent program on Estate Planning. I know he got a lot of people thinking.

#### Planning ahead

The Eastern Star Pork Roast Dinner is being held on March 4th at the Hall in Victor. If any of our Brothers would like to help, give me a call and I will put you in touch with the right people.

Our 2nd Degree is March 23rd. See you at our next meeting. \*

### Eagle Lodge No. 619

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



Master  
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Honeoye 14471

Here's hoping that this correspondence finds each one of you hale and hearty! On February 14th we had a visit from R.: W.: Eldon White, DDGM. A Buffet Dinner at Ace's in Honeoye preceded the meeting. R.: W.: White gave an inspiring talk and shared many historical items regarding Eagle Lodge and the OSY District. In traveling to different Lodges within the OSY District, it is enlightening, as well as fascinating, to learn of our rich historical heritage and background. I heartily encourage all of our Brothers to visit Lodges within the OSY region as well as others in neighboring counties.

Recently Eagle Lodge had seven Brothers attend a communication at Milnor Lodge. We presented them with the Traveling Trowel and enjoyed an evening of fellowship. The Traveling Gavel and Trowel are just two ways of ensuring that we get out and visit other Lodges within our District. Time spent in the company of fellow Masons is always fruitful as well as enjoyable.

#### Delicious food!

Please keep March 16th in mind for the Eagle/Star Spaghetti Dinner. It is not only an invaluable fundraiser, the food is delicious and plentiful!

#### Degree work

Our 3rd Degree will take place in April, either the 11th or 25th. I thank everyone for their patience in meeting the schedule demands of our new Brothers. I truly feel that our diligence and understanding will be rewarded in the future. \*

### Canandaigua Lodge No. 294



1st & 3rd  
Mondays

Master  
W.: David  
Mason  
981-9340

Secretary

R.: W.: George N. Stanton, Jr.

394-6829

Shortsville 14548

I hope this communication finds you all well.

On February 4th we held a Child I.D. Program at the Canandaigua Academy. Last year we did this in conjunction with the Girl Scout's festival and they were so impressed that they asked us to do it again this year. We did 19 tapes and could have done more, but we were restricted by having only one camera. We are going to look into setting up two cameras the next time. All the parents I talked with gave high praises for the program and there were a few who were repeats from last year. I thank all the Brothers who helped with the program. Without you this would not have been possible.

We have been approached by Rushville Lodge and asked to consider a merger of our two Lodges. Since Canandaigua Lodge sponsored their Charter, it only seems fitting that they be able to consolidate with us. A resolution to form a committee to handle the merger process was passed at our last meeting. The committee consists of: W.: David Mason, Jr., current Master; Brother Malcolm Halliday, current Junior Warden; Brother Vincent Garner, current Junior Deacon; W.: Paul Malcolm, current Treasurer and R.: W.: George Stanton, Jr., current Secretary. This process will take some time to accomplish and I will give updates to the progress as they become available.

We have a new member joining and will have rehearsal for the 1st Degree on Sunday, March 5th. The Degree will be performed at the meeting on March 6th. I encourage all who are able, to attend and support our new member. \*

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

3rd Wednesdays

Master  
R.: W.: Anthony  
Khoury  
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Secretary  
Peter Einset

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What is needed to make Ark Lodge a Masonic Temple where brotherly community work is being done by Brothers happy to do it? I sometimes think what we have to do is to stress the importance of sacrificing personal ambition and gain for the larger goal of a successful, happy Lodge for all Brothers. What each Brother has to do, no matter how busy, is his very best! Our Lodge has all kinds of magnificent and wonderful hearts and minds who should all be working toward the same goal, which is to make our Lodge successful, in our 200th anniversary year, and in future years. We must learn from our 198 years of Masonic Service - our past history and experiences - and our present experiences, to do our very best. We must educate the people in Geneva, many of whom have no idea who the Free and Accepted Masons are!

We have three candidates and there will be Degrees at the March, April and May communications. We have the DeWitt Clinton Award to give to Rev. Adams and his wife. We have to have a Bring-a-Friend Night and there are other events and dinners planned.

Our industrious Secretary, Brother Peter Einset, will be leaving his office in June and we will be in dire need of a good Lodge Secretary. Who will volunteer? The Secretary is the heart and soul of a Lodge.

#### Masons meet, act and part

Brother Harold L. Comstock, New Port Richey, Florida, really enjoys the messages in the *Masonic Times*. He is sorry he cannot attend Lodge meetings, which he enjoyed so much when he was in Geneva. He goes to meetings in Florida where there is great Ritual and 20 Brothers on the sidelines. Brother Comstock is Secretary of a Masonic organization called H-12, which meets once a month.

I received a wonderful letter from Brother George Gordon, Minneapolis, Minnesota, wishing all Lodge Brothers good health in the New Year.

#### Brotherhood Fund

The Masonic Brotherhood Fund Honor Roll for December consists of Brothers Lance Ward, Tom Bryan, Tom Abraham, Howard Johnson, Maurice Bittman and Stephen Goebert. The total amount received for the months of October, November and December is \$600. Many Brothers are asking that their donations be designated for the Hurricane Katrina Fund. Please give!

#### Masonic Anniversaries

I was surprised at the number of Brothers who were raised in March. They are Brothers James Baroody, Michael Baroody, Thomas Baroody, Howard Colegrove, Myron Dox, Andrew Foster, Harry George, John Girard, Roger Haich, Lloyd Johnson, Howard Keeney II, John Malyj, Horace Riddle, Richard Rockefeller, Robert Schwarting, Thomas Smart, Christopher Spina, John Stelter and James Van Houten. Wow!

The 49th Annual OSY District Memorial Service is to be held Sunday, May 21st at 2 p.m. in the Geneva Presbyterian Church, 24 Park Place. The Rev. James W. Gerling will be the host, and the Memorial Address will be given by the Rev. David Herrman. All Brothers should attend to honor our deceased Brothers. This Memorial Service is open to the public.

There will be a beautiful testimonial to our deceased Brother Arnold Schofield. It deserves our full support. With your help, this service will remain the truly significant event it has been in the past. There will be light refreshments following and a chance to socialize with families and friends.

On April 8th, the annual Widows Luncheon of the OSY District will be held at 12 noon at the Ramada Inn, with a speaker and entertainment. All Lodge widows will be contacted.

Brother Lance Ward, who is also the Potentate of Damascus Shriners, took his wife, Lynn, to Florida where they attended their daughter's college graduation. Brother Lance also went to see Brother Maurice Bittman at Marcos Island.

A wonderful dinner was held at Emiles Restaurant in honor of the visitation of R.: W.: Eldon White, DDGM. Brothers Tom Abraham, Tom Smart, Charles Rouse, Howard Colegrove, Anthony Khoury, Lance Ward, Gene Cox and Tom Bryan were there and had an enjoyable evening.

Keep Brothers John Stelter, Robert Inscho, Max Kaufman, Bill Kashouty and Harry George in your prayers.

Brother John Stelter reminded me that we are all Brothers in the Brotherhood of the Masonic Order all over America and the world. Freemasonry is a distinct way of life, of a higher level of living, that we are good friends to each other and he feels that it is obvious that no one can expect others to be Brethren to him who cannot or will not be a Brother to them. How true that is.

#### Important dates

March 1st - Officers' meeting, 7 p.m. at Lodge.

March 15th - 1st Degree, 7:30 p.m. \*



# Scottish Rite NEWS

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**College of Freemasonry**

A Masonic Education Fair has been scheduled for March 3rd and 4th. All events will be held at the Damascus Shrine Center in Webster. Paid reservations for the 2-day session are a must. Call the Scottish Rite office.

The March 3rd program consists of a social hour and dinner commencing at 6:00 p.m. for Scottish Rite Masons and their spouses only (cost is \$10 per person). Historical re-enactor, Paul Stillman, will portray Theodore Roosevelt, Mason and 26th President of the United States.

The March 4th program will begin with registration at 8:00 a.m. and a continental breakfast. The day's events are open to Masons and friends. At 9:00 a.m. the programs will begin, and include presentations by:

Kathleen Kutolowski, Chairman of the History Department at SUNY Brockport, and long-time Western New York and Masonic Scholar;

Nelson King, FPS editor of the *Philalethes Magazine* and past president of the International Philalethes Society;

Ill. Thomas Jackson, 33°, Masonic scholar and book reviewer for the *Northern Light Magazine*, past Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Secretary of the World conference of Grand Masters;

Mark A. Tabbert, 32°, who is author of *American Freemasons - Three Centuries of Building Communities*,\* former curator of our National Heritage Museum and Director of Collections, George Washington Memorial Museum, Alexandria, Virginia.

Paul Stillman, versatile and well-known re-enactor, will present Galileo, a man whose work and life laid the groundwork for the Enlightenment.

A panel discussion, lead by George Nasra, 32°, and event Chairperson, will conclude the day's activities. Opportunities will be available to ask questions of the panelists, which will include some of the above named as well as Grand Lodge Masonic leaders.

A box lunch is included with Saturday's registration fee. Seating is limited, so it is advisable to register early. A special registration fee for both days of \$15 is available to Scottish Rite Masons.

**Continue the Good Work**  
Freemasonry has given to each of us a vision and purpose: Making good men better. We know this because our Frater-

\*Note: Copies of *American Freemasons* will be available for sale, along with other books and Masonic materials.

## Rite Events Calendar

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

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

**Saturday, March 4th**  
Masonic Education Fair, Open

**Thursday, March 16th**  
Meeting, 4° and 6°  
5:30 p.m. social, 6:30 p.m. dinner

**Thursday, March 30th**  
Meeting, 14° and 16°  
5:30 p.m. social, 6:30 p.m. dinner

**Thursday, April 20th**  
Feast of Paschal Lamb

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

nity has withstood the test of time. Our Fraternity is based upon common elements which we all share, understand and appreciate. It is the responsibility of each of us, in whatever office or role we have been assigned. It makes no difference whether you hold an elected or appointed office. Whether it is the Potentate or Noble, Commander-in-Chief or Sublime Prince, High Priest, or Companion, Worshipful Master or Entered Apprentice. Offer your help; it is always needed. If you haven't asked to help - shame on you. Maybe you asked, but were ignored - shame on us all. Offer again. Show your support.

Always RE-member the Blue Lodge. It is the foundation of Freemasonry. As our foundation weakens, so do we. Strengthened, we make our Fraternal ties stronger.

If any Brother, Officer, or Symbolic Lodge requires any assistance in this never-ending education, please contact the office 264-1160.

**Join 32nd Masonry**

We will begin our second reunion series on March 16th, with the 4° Master Traveler, a classic introduction, where snippets are used to show the class various elements of the Scottish Rite Degrees and the 6°, Master of the Brazen Serpent, an Old Testament story; faith in ourselves, faith in each other, and faith in God. Be part of the Distinguished Brother Frank T. Jansson, 32°MSA, class. Expand your knowledge of Freemasonry, apply those ideals which you have been taught, as we enhance the moral and ethical spirit. You will be among men who are committed to building a world that values the worth of an individual, a world that allows every child to reach his or her potential. As Scottish Rite members, you will help support our National Heritage Museum, the Abbott Scholarship program, Schizophrenic Foundation and our 32°Masonic Learning Centers for Children. Contact the office at 264-1160, or 1-800-858-2320, or e-mail: wrl@rochester.rr.com

**Blue Caps**  
By Jerold J. Gilmore

On the 19th of January, we had an excellent dinner at the Shrine Center. The 14th and 15th Degrees were presented. Once again I assumed the role of Master of Ceremonies for the 14°. Everything was going well until towards the end when I goofed. Our Commander came to my aid and got me back on track. My heartfelt thanks to Commander Bob. All these years and I still get nervous and go blank. That night Cliff Hayner was with us at long last and was presented with his Blue Cap. Cliff's health is improving and our prayers are with him.

Again, I need to remind you that the *Lion King* tickets are available at the Consistory office. This is a Blue Cap project, so please talk it over with your significant other, friend or grandchildren. Let's support this event. Vern Goodrich used to propose such events, which I would never have been able to see if it hadn't been for his fine work. Let's continue in his absence and memory.

**Summer Outing**

Hooray, our team is complete. John Williams has graciously considered joining Warren Doerrer and me in our Blue Cap Summer Outing venture. Mark your calendars now for August 18th. We will be at the Wildwood Country Club in Rush. To accommodate our Brothers in Corning, we moved our sit-down time to 7:00 p.m. This will give them time to join with us that night. More information will be forthcoming at a later time.

February 9th, as I was driving home from our assignment for the Ronald McDonald Buy-a-Heart Campaign at Marketplace Mall, I got a very proud feeling of our Blue Caps.

When I arrived at the Mall I found Bill Fredenburg and his wife, Dotty, Dave Tabor, Dave Crawford and Bill Lindsay. Jim Slocum had already been

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**Masonic Education Fair**  
**March 3 & 4, 2006**

**Damascus Shrine Center**

For reservations and further information  
Contact the Valley Office, (585) 264-1160

**Friday - March 3, 2006**

**6:00 p.m. Social Hour; 7:00 p.m. Dinner**

Dinner with a presentation by Historical Re-enactor, Paul Stillman, as Theodore Roosevelt, Mason and 26th President of The United States. This event is open to Scottish Rite Masons and their Ladies. The cost is \$10 per person for the Friday Dinner, or \$15 per person for Dinner and the Saturday Masonic Education Fair.

**Saturday - March 4, 2006**

**8:00 a.m. Registration, Continental Breakfast**

**9:00 a.m. Presentations**

**Open to Masons and Non-Masons**  
**Cost is \$10.00 per person**

There will be presentations by Nationally Known Masonic Scholars:

Mark A. Tabbert, 32°, Curator of the National Heritage Museum and author of the book, *American Freemasons - Three Centuries of Building Communities*;

Nelson King, FPS - Editor of the *Philalethes* magazine, *Journal of Masonic Research and Letters*;

Ill. Thomas W. Jackson, 33°, - Masonic Scholar and Book Reviewer for the *Book Nook* section of *The Northern Light* magazine, the official magazine of The Northern Jurisdiction of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry;

Kathleen Kutolowski, Professor, and Chairman of the History Department at SUNY Brockport;

Paul Stillman will give a Historical Presentation as Galileo. The final event is a Panel Discussion concerning the Future of Freemasonry.

there and had to go home to pack for a trip. Bill Fredenburg told me that when he got there no one was there to fill him in on the set-up, but he looked around, found the storage box behind the curtains and set up the display table. We had a very busy afternoon. The bottle quickly began to fill. It

ranged from quarters to five-dollar bills. Thanks, Blue Caps, for your participation.

At 3:00 p.m. the Red Caps took over. As I left, there was a Red Cap and two Blue Caps holding down the fort.

In closing, may the Great Architect keep all of us safe from harm and in good health.

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# Shrine News

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## From the Potentate

Shrine Office - 671-7701



Lance Ward

It has been a great first month acting as your Potentate. I have traveled from the East side of our region to the West side. The support I have found to meet the challenges set forth for Damascus this year has been outstanding.

On the East side, at the Auburn Shrine Club, it was an honor to present Noble Ken Pollard with the Charles A. Henry, PP, 2005 Perfect Attendance Award from the Springfield Hospital, where Ken serves on the Board of Governors. I was also presented with an inscribed gavel by Noble Don Heath. Thank you, Don, I will use it well. The meeting was well attended with the Ladies present. It is always a pleasure for me to enjoy fellowship with the Tigris Nobles who attend. This month we welcomed Karl VanKnoblock, PP, and his Lady Marge and Robert McManus, PP, and his Lady Margaret.

On the West side, at the Perry Shrine Club presided by Noble Howard Wood (Woody), an informative program on a new startup winery was presented. Their new president, Noble Ed Hollwedel, has some great events planned for this year. I was told Ed is in Florida...lucky guy.

In between, I attended the installation of Officers for the Legion of Honor. Commander Jim Kahn passed the gavel to their new Commander, Seymour Kopen, PP. I enjoyed being the unit representative last year as Chief Rabban and look forward to a great year under the leadership of Sy.

Our star unit for attendance, the Wheelers, also installed new Officers this past month. Noble Kevin Faro and his Lady Debra, handed the gavel over to Noble Andy Rubey and his Lady Christine, in a memorable ceremony by the installing Officer, Bruce Chilton, PP. The Wheelers, as always, have some great upcoming events starting with their annual Euchre Tournament, which is sure to be the great success it always has been.

I also attended the Geneva Shrine Club presided by Noble Sandy Wagner; the Directors Staff, presided by Noble Carl Mason while Noble Ron Edwards is in Florida (another lucky guy), and a great tailgate party at the Phelps Hotel put on by the Hillbillies leader of the clan, Noble Bob Curtis and his Lady Lenna.

After a fun flight through the storms in my trusty plane, I arrived in Florida (lucky me) for the Snow Bird Picnic. I thank Noble Mac Gath and his Lady

Dee, who once again planned a great picnic at the Punta Gorda Elks Club. This year they had seventy-plus in attendance.

Please get your reservations in to join Lynn and me on the tour of our Springfield and Boston Hospitals, March 24-26th. Noble Ken Pollard has put together a fun-filled weekend trip for this event and the buses are filling up fast.

I welcome our newest Noble, Sean Noonan, whom I obligated at our last meeting. He was presented by Noble Harry DeHollander. When you see Sean, welcome him to our Fraternity. ✕

## From the Recorder

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671-3565

Now that the new Divan has been installed and all are hard at work with the busy 2006 schedule we have before us, it's time for our Nobles to step up to the plate and participate in working on all the projects we have ahead of us and work toward our philanthropy of helping children.

The reservations for the trip to Springfield and Boston, March 24th-26th, are coming in real good. I hope those who want to see what we are all about get their reservations in; we do have a second bus in reserve, if necessary.

Everybody is getting very excited about the fundraisers we have going; the tickets for the motorcycle raffle are starting to come in at a good pace. The sportsman raffle coming up in the Fall is getting under motion also, and there will be more information coming out on this.

The Recorders' Seminar focused on membership development and the retaining of members.

The program which Larry Canfield presented for the Nobles at the February meeting was excellent. It was all about change and I know it is hard for some people to change from the old way. If it ain't broke don't fix it. Let's face it Nobles, it is broke and we have to fix it or there won't be any Shrine to go to. Remember, Nobles, we are never too old to learn and change.

The use of the red badge for the new members is a good change as we can spot the new members, greet and make them welcome at each meeting or gathering.

I would like to start a program of each elected and appointed Divan member and or chairman of a committee, submitting to the office a profile of themselves that we can submit to the *Damascus News* and the *Masonic Times* on a regu-

lar basis. One per month would give the Nobles a chance to get to know their Divan.

## Recorder

James A. Slocum

Born - Rochester, New York, 1934. Part of my childhood was spent in Pittsford, before the family moved to a farm in Lima, where the rest of my school years were spent. I went to school in Lima before it became Honeoye Falls-Lima, graduated in 1953 and graduated from Morrisville College in 1955. I then entered the Army Corp of Engineers in 1955. I was discharged in 1958 and entered into a partnership with my wife, Beverly; we have one son and now have two grandkids, a boy and a girl.

I became involved with the Blue Lodge in 1959 and at present am the Secretary of Union Lodge. I served 2 years as Grand Sword Bearer for the Livingston District for the Grand Lodge of New York; served on many committees and I am currently serving as Secretary-Treasurer for the Purple Aprons of the Livingston District.

My work career has been challenging at times because it has been mostly in construction, residential and light commercial. I have done some consulting work, and some inspection work for the NYS DOT on roads and bridges.

I retired in 1996 and still do some inspection work. I have enjoyed my involvement in the Shrine since 1995 and Consistory as a 32° Mason and I enjoy helping with the Degree work. Being the Recorder has been most gratifying for me. I also have enjoyed being on the Board at the Children's Hospital in Erie, Pennsylvania.

## Potentate

Lance Ward

Lance and his lady, Lynn, live in Geneva and have two grown children. He is the owner of a software development company and a graduate civil engineer from the University of Buffalo. He also has a Bachelors of Science Degree in Organizational Management from Kueka College, Penn Yan.

Lance has been an active Mason since being raised in 1982. He has been Master of Ark Lodge in Geneva twice, Secretary for ten years, AGL in the OSY District and is currently serving as a Trustee of his Lodge. He is also a member of the Rochester Consistory, Geneva Chapter, and the New York College, MSRCF.

Lance has been active in OSY District Masonic Charities, in which he has served a one-year term as its President and Treasurer for thirteen years. He also started and was Chairman of their annual fundraiser, the OSY Golf Tournament, for seven years.

He has been an active member of Damascus since 1983 and has served on a number of committees. He is past president of the Geneva Shrine Club and was chairman of the 3rd Shrine run. He is a commercial, instrument-rated pilot with thirty-five years experi-

ence and has served as the Damascus Pilot for the last nine years. He has transported patients to the Erie and Boston Hospitals. He has been an elected Divan member for four years, serving as Chief Rabban last year. ✕

## Shrine Lunch Club

By James Toogood, President

The Shrine Lunch Club starts April 3rd. This year, lunch will be catered. Reservations will be required by Thursday night before the Monday noon-day lunch. Call the Shrine Reservations number at 671-3565.

Before April, some members of the Shrine Lunch Club are meeting at the Fairport Village Inn at 103 North Main Street, Fairport, Mondays at noon. ✕

## Shrine Degree Team

By John Faro

Nobles, at the January Steak Dinner, Nobles Mike Grady and Joe Shanks were officially named as co-leaders of the Degree Team. On this note, both Bill Jones and I wish to thank all the Nobles for their concerns during our illnesses.

The "Team" is having a busy Winter and Spring session. We already have conferred two 1st Degrees, one at ERAC and the other at Valley-Simes. Illustrious Bruce Chilton was in the East for both of these Degrees, supported by Ill. Lance Ward, current Potentate, as Marshal, and Past Grand Junior Warden, Nobel Rich Friedman in the South, along with Nobel Tom Grape in the West.

We have booked two 3rd Degrees in April. They are back-to-back, one being at Fairport/Flower City on April 10th, the other at Valley-Simes at the Shrine Center on April 11th. We need all the stalwart participants who we have come to rely on in the past to bring the new Brothers to true Masonic Light. Contact Mike Grady at:

[MGrady@Wordingham.com](mailto:MGrady@Wordingham.com) if you desire a part in this Ritual. Mike, Joe or I will approach you at the Shrine meeting asking you for your assistance. We hope Nobles such as Jim Powell, Ron Morthorst, Vance Collom, Joe Minas and Bill Hook will help us out.

See you at the Center. ✕

## Shrine-abilia

By Derek VanHouten, PP

I recently received a packet of historical material from our Recorder that has many interesting items contained therein. We hope that, after reading this, it might jar some memories loose from our Senior Members and they will pass on their stories to me, so that we can share them with you. I am always available to listen and enjoy the historical aspect of what went on in the early days of Damascus Shriners.

On a small notice, dated in 1899, was a calendar of events for the upcoming 25th Annual Imperial Session, which was to be held in Buffalo on June 14, 15 and 16th. Issued by Ismailia Temple, it gave some idea of the pleasures for all those who attended: probably the grandest parade ever will occur on Wednesday the 14th; Thursday, June 15th, at 9:30 a.m., there was a Lake and River Ride. (Steamers left from Main Street.) At 10 a.m., the Imperial Session convened. Ill. Sir George F. Loder was the Potentate of Damascus Shriners.

There were two worn Ritual Books, one from 1903 and the other from 1946. Several old copies of the *Damascus News*, most from the 1960s. In an article dated January, 1966, Ill. Sir Edward A. Partis indicated that during 1966 Damascus Temple will render full support to DeMolay activities in its area.

By far the most interesting item was a pamphlet with a golden hue to its cover. It was the Damascus Temple Golden Anniversary magazine, dated Monday, November 10, 1924. The festivities were held at the New York State Armory on East Main Street. The Potentate of Damascus Shriners was Ill. Sir Joseph W. McWilliams.

## Writers note

Currently, our Hospital assessment is \$5.00. In 1924 it was only \$2.00, so we really haven't kept up with inflation, but that's another story.

Some Shrine Centers have a fund called "Ladder of Baby Smiles." I often wondered where that term came from. Within the above mentioned material it explains how that term came to be.

## Save the Dates

### Potentate's Reception

June 16, 17 and 18

Geneva, New York

Hospital Golf Tournament

Wheelers' Ride Around the Lake

Scenic Boat Rides

Special Shrine Presentation

Caribbean Experience

Details to follow

In 1924 there were 600,000 Shriners and the organization was growing. There are also pictures of the Damascus Temple Patrol, the Band and a list of its members.

Hopefully you have enjoyed this brief journey back in time as we relived some of the events of our glorious past. In the future we hope to have some type of display case in the lounge area where you can see the rich history of our Shrine Center through a rotating display.



**Zama Temple No. 14 Virginia Gramse, Queen**

By Corinne Routly, PQ

Election of Officers for the ensuing 2006-2007 year will be held March 11th at a regular Stated Session.

An Open Installation will be held on March 19th. More details will be forthcoming.

**Tribute**

In November, Zama Temple lost a true and dedicated member. Doris Deminent was a Past Queen of Zama Temple. She always encouraged and supported new Officers of the Temple. Many times, Doris would suggest, in a diplomatic way, how to present the work of the Temple in a professional manner. Doris was faithful in her attendance of the Stated Sessions and attended many of the other functions of the Temple. She has left a positive legacy to enable the members to follow and practice.

Doris will truly be remembered.

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Andy Rueby, President



Bruce Chilton, PP, obligates the new Wheeler Officers, Andy Rueby, Tom Perrone and Dick DeCroce, with their right hands resting upon the "bible" of the Wheelers, and their left hands in another suitable location. (Staff photos)



Andy Rueby and his wife, Chris, listen as Past Potentate Bruce Chilton invests them with the duties of their Office as leaders of the Damascus Wheelers for 2006.



Retiring president Kevin "Skins" Faro and his lady, Debbie, receive a special award from Bruce Chilton and Andy Rueby for their dedication and service to the Wheelers in 2005.

By Skip Waterstreet

The 2006 Officers were installed on January 26th by Bruce Chilton in his own inimitable style. Swearing on the "bible" of the Wheelers (actually the History of Harley Davidson), Andy Rueby as president, Tom Perrone as vice-president and Dick DeCroce as treasurer took their "oath" of office.

President Andy introduced his wife, Chris, Tom's wife, Chris, and Dick's wife, Jeanne, and thanked them for assisting their husbands as they took on new assignments.

The Wheelers are always happy to accept new members. Any Shriner who wants to have fun may contact the Officers for additional information.

**Coming Attractions**

March 28th - 6:00 p.m., Social time; 6:30 p.m., Dinner at Capizzo's.

April 25th - 6:00 p.m., Bike Blessing; 6:30 p.m., Dinner at MAMASAN'S.

May - Camp Turk Run  
July - Wheelers Picnic  
August 13th - Ugly Run  
Reservations are a must for all events to one of the following: roadking03@frontiernet.net boxman@rochester.rr.com

**NOLATKA Chapter No. 320**  
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Nolatka Officers were installed on January 3rd. Our new Associate Matron, Felicia (Bo) Clark, was called upon early this year to conduct the February 7th meeting in place of Wthy. Kim Robinson, who was visiting family in Arizona.

At that meeting, the Chapter members decided on a fundraiser. *Enjoy the City - Rochester 2006* entertainment books may be purchased from members for \$25 each (buy one, get one free).

It was announced that the Constitutional Amendment to end the fiscal year on October 31st was approved.

**Reminders**

This year we have been donating clothing, money and other items to help Katrina Hurricane victims who have settled in the Rochester area. There is still a need, so keep the donations coming, please. Also, continue to bring used postage stamps, Campbell soup labels (fronts only) and box tops for education.

**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

All the Officers, elected and appointed, of Rochester Forest were duly installed at our January meeting. The elected Officers are: Norm Austin, Grand Tall Cedar; Don Wright, Senior Deacon Grand Tall Cedar; George Springett, Junior Deacon Grand Tall Cedar; Don Bell, Scribe, and John Zabel, Treasurer. The Appointed Officers are: Cy White, Chaplain; Joe Raubar, Preceptor; and your writer, Sentinel. We wish them all the best in the coming year.

There were eleven members present at the Installation, four of whom partook of a delicious repast at the Kam Wah Chinese Restaurant before hand. The Woodsmen made an impressive showing and some weighty business was conducted. A motion was passed to contribute \$100 from our investment earnings to the Supreme Forest M.D. Fund each year.

**Looking ahead**

At our March 22nd meeting we will be presenting the Prologue and Royal Court. If you would like to join a group for dinner, please call me at 458-6125. We are open to suggestions for a restaurant. The default is the Kam Wah. If there is little or no interest, there will be no dinner.

Some scheduling changes were made. At the April 26th meeting we will, subject to availability, host Kel Kelsey and

If you have not yet paid your dues, please do so.

Be thinking about whom you could ask to join Chapter this year and then ask them!

**Help needed**

We will be catering the birth-day banquet for Corinthian Fellowship Chapter on April 26th. If you can help, either by working that night or by donating, please call our Secretary, Carol Wynings.

**Concerns and joys**

Keep Marion Johnson, Billy Robinson, Joan Jacobs and Hilde DiJames in your prayers and let them know you are thinking of them. Let Jane LaPree, Sunshine Chairperson, know of others in need of our concerns for them.

Best wishes and congratulations to Al and Sue Goossens Ross on their recent wedding and to Pearl Smith on her 99th birthday.

**Please join us!**

On March 14th at 8:00 p.m., our Chapter member, Diane Maltese, will have her first Official Visitation as DDGM at Caledonia Chapter. I'm sure she would be pleased to have some Nolatka Chapter members in attendance.

A tri-District open meeting, honoring Esthers from Erie, Monroe and Genesee/Wyoming Districts, will be held at the Masonic Hall in Batavia on Wednesday, March 29th at 7:30 p.m.

Last, but definitely not least, our Official Visit, a social visit, will be Tuesday, April 18th. Let's have a good turnout.

his wife to show our appreciation for his donation of the cedar wood, which Angelo Di-Cataldo fashioned into a very nice Bible Stand. A history of the Wood and of the "Sacred Grove of Cedars" in Lebanon, from which it came, was read for the Brethren. A suitable plaque and a copy of the history will be attached to the stand. This addition to our paraphernalia will truly give us an "Altar of Cedar Wood." The meeting will be preceded by a Pot Luck Dinner and will be followed with an open Dedication of the Bible stand.

**Membership**

It is hoped that some of the Woodsmen will have introduced us to some prospective members at the March meeting. Even though you may have missed the opportunity to acquaint a friend with our organization and our philanthropy, arrangements can be made to include these prospective members in our social activities (Sausage Roast in June or Steak Roast in September). Please let an Officer know so they can follow up. Petitions are available, both for the Lodge and the Forest, from Don Bell, our Scribe, at 259-0647, or me at 458-6125. This is your Forest. If you want it to survive, we need candidates.

**Sickness and distress**

I received a call from Jim Scobell. He and Elaine are in Florida trying to catch a few rays; we hope he is feeling better. Hilde DiJames is still recuperating at home from surgery. We offer our sympathies to Ramona Dimino whose brother recently passed away.

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

**Can't visit the Masonic Care Community?**

**We'll come to you!**

The Masonic Care Community of New York is undergoing quite a transformation. To learn more about this new skilled nursing facility at the Health Pavilion, adult care at Wiley Hall, and independent living at Acacia Village, all Brethren and their spouses are cordially invited to visit its beautiful 400-acre campus in Utica. Free bus tours are available for Lodges and Districts.

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

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

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

For further information please contact:

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# York Rite NEWS

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Judas Maccabeus

## District Deputy Grand High Priest

24th  
District  
RAM



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This is my last article as the DDGHP for the 24th Capitular District: a time to reflect on the last two years.

I especially thank M. E. James W. Hemstrought, Jr., for my initial appointment, without which this exciting journey never could have started, and to M. E. Walter Hilsenbeck, for my reappointment, allowing me to keep on the path that the first year had established. I would be remiss if I didn't give tip of the tither (cockney rhyming slang for hat) to the Grand Line Officers for their support, encouragement and guidance. Without this help it would have been a very lonely journey, indeed. Last, but not least, a special and heartfelt thank you to the Companions of the 24th Capitular District, without whose warm support this assignment would have been a long and difficult chore. I will always be grateful for this opportunity to serve. To the incoming DDGHP, R. E. Ted Powley, I offer my congratulations and my pledge of co-operation and wish him the best of British luck for a successful and rewarding term.

M. E. Walter Hilsenbeck, Grand High Priest, has a slogan for his year, "STOP, LOOK and LISTEN." I have a slogan to wrap up my term; it is Bob Hope's signature tune, "Thanks for the memories."

As always I'm looking forward to seeing you, and you know I do me YOU, around the Holy Altar of Royal Arch Masonry at Grand Chapter and throughout the District. ✕

## Hiram Chapter

No. 62

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

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### Degree season!

Companions and those Master Masons who want further light, the Degree season of Hiram Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, will begin in March. Our first set of Degrees, the Mark Master Degree and Past Master Degree, will be conferred on Thursday, March 23rd. This will be followed up on Thursday, April 27th, with our Most Excellent Master Degree. Then on Thursday, May 25th, is the Hallmark of Ancient Craft Masonry, the Holy Royal Arch Degree. All will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Northfield Masonic Hall in Pittsford.

Companions, seek out those Master Masons who are within your Lodge who would welcome further light in Masonry. For you Master Masons who are interested in seeking further light via the Royal Arch Degrees, please contact our Secretary, R. E. and Reverend Charles Roberts via telephone at 259-3796 or email at: cholyone@frontiernet.net. I believe that Royal Arch Masonry is a critical part of any Brother's journey and will improve ones understanding of our wonderful Craft. So please consider joining our Chapter and gain further light.

### Other events

April will be a month where Hiram Chapter will only be meeting once, for the Most Excellent Master Degree on April 27th. We will be dark on April 13th due to the Easter Holiday.

In May we will be planning to have a Masonic Education Night with a program by Mr. Paul Stillman, an historical portrayer. This will be our first meeting of May on Thursday, May 11th. Plan on bringing your Lady and having dinner at the Masonic hall. Cost for dinner will be \$10.

### Think about it

No center of worship is complete without people to minister in it and utensils to use in the worship service. Exodus 28-31 describes the priests, Israel's representatives before God, who are chosen to lead the worship in the Tabernacle. Everything about them is special, from the clothing they wear to the elaborate sacrifices needed to prepare them for ministry, as well as the supplies and furnishings they use, such as incense, perfumes, oil, the altar, and the washbasin, in the Tabernacle worship. God handpicks even the designers and construction workers for the Tabernacle.

Preparing the priest for service in the Tabernacle was no small chore (Exodus 29). The most curious part of the ceremony involved killing a ram and applying the blood to the tip of the priest's right ear, the thumb of his right hand, and the big toe of his right foot.

The blood was a picture of cleansing. Before the priest could minister before the Lord, he had to be clean from the sin that polluted him. Then he needed to be dedicated to the Lord from the top of his head to the bottom of his feet. Every part of him from his ear (which harkens to God's law) to his feet (which follows in God's steps) had to be surrendered to the will of God.

Does God have that kind of control over your whole life? If not, starting with your head, give each part of your body to him in a prayer of dedication: "Lord take my eyes; help me to look only at those things that please you. Take my ears; help me to listen only to those things that build you up, not those that tear you down..." Then you and I, like Israel's High Priest, will be ready to do His will - from head to toe.

### Urim, you win;

### Thummim, you lose

The Urim and Thummim were used to determine the

will of God. They were carried in a pouch by the High Priest of Israel, and they were used to determine answers to questions, solve disagreements, etc. Scholars have been unable to determine exactly what they were or how they were used. One theory is that the Urim and Thummim were two flat stones kept in the breastplate of the high priest. Each had one dark side and one light side. They were tossed into the air and allowed to fall to the ground. Two dark sides showing meant yes, two light sides meant no, and one of each meant no reply.

May the Grand Architect of the Universe bless you and yours. ✕

## LeRoy Chapter No. 183 RAM



4th  
Tuesday  
7:30 p.m.

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By the time you are reading this, several of our members will be relaxing at Grand Chapter in Albany. We have a large crew of dedicated members who always attend, and a few may be receiving well-earned rewards.

LeRoy Chapter meets at the LeRoy Masonic Hall the 4th Tuesday of the month. I am very proud to say we have enough attendance to open every meeting. In fact, we normally have at least 1/3 of the membership present, though we can always use more (hint, hint)! It is always a pleasure to greet a member who for years has just been a name on the mailing list.

### Join us!

At our March meeting we will continue working on opening and closing. We have a fair number of new Officers and they need a little practice and encouragement from the sidelines. We would love to have you join the cheering squad. ✕

## Palmyra Council No. 26

Cryptic Masons  
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Palmyra Council will not meet in March, due to so many Companions attending Grand Chapter in Albany.

A good Assembly was held in Shortsville in February. A number of Companions enjoyed dinner at the Lehigh Valley Restaurant before the meeting. The Royal Master Degree was conferred on one Companion, thereby bringing the number ready for the Se-

lect Master Degree to three. It is planned to take the three Companions to Doric Council on March 15th for their Degree. It is hoped that most of the Companions who do not belong to Drumlin Square Lodge will travel to Pittsford to support and participate in the conferral of the Degree. Drumlin Square Lodge, in Palmyra, will be conferring the 3rd Degree that evening.

We may be a little old country Council, but our Companions are all working with a full calendar, just like the big city ones. We appreciate Doric Council's willingness to confer the Degree. ✕

## Doric Council No. 19 Cryptic Masons

(Chartered 1861)

3rd Wednesday



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### Things to look forward to

We are into the year 2006 and we will be entering our Degree season within Doric Council. By the time this article is read in March, we will have had our Royal Master Degree, directed by M. I. William Whittaker. Thank you, Bill, for your support.

At Doric's meeting on March 15th, we will be performing our Select Master Degree. We are planning to have dinner prior to the opening of Council. Plan to arrive by 6:30 p.m. for dinner. Council will open promptly at 7:30 p.m. For dinner reservations, please get them in no later than the Friday before the meeting by either calling me at my home at 425-9969 or emailing me at: joeyo11@mac.com.

Our April meeting will be a Masonic Light Night, where we are planning to have a couple of Masonic papers presented by our Companions. This is scheduled for Wednesday, April 19th. We hope to have dinner preceding the opening of Council.

Finally, our May meeting will be our annual meeting, to include election of officers for the 2006-2007 Masonic year. This will occur on Wednesday, May 17th at the Northfield Masonic Hall in Pittsford beginning at 7:30 p.m.

### Think about it

During Moses stay on the mountain, God reveals his detailed plans for the Tabernacle in which he will dwell and receive his people's worship. No item is overlooked in God's design of the portable tent of worship. Everything is to be done "according to the design you were shown on the mountain" (Exodus 26: 30). The place of God's abode with Israel will be the central structure in the camp and the focus of the nation's attention and activities.

How big is your God? Though God's presence uniquely inhabited the Tabernacle, the

fact that it could be disassembled for travel served to remind the Israelites that God could not be confined to four walls! He was with them in the fire and the cloud; He could divide great seas and drown mighty armies; He could provide water from rocks and manna from the morning dew. Contrast this with the pagan gods of neighboring nations - powerless idols which had to be carried on their worshipers' shoulders (Isaiah 46:5-7). Israel's priests carried God's temporary house on their shoulders, but Israel's God carried them!

If at times you find yourself wishing God were a little more flexible, yielding more to your own desires and expectations, consider this fact: If God were small enough for your control, he would be too small to help you in time of need.

If you can, pay a visit to your church sometime when there is not a service going on, and in the quiet, worshipful atmosphere of the silent sanctuary, spend a few minutes praising God, a God no building can contain!

God Bless all! ✕

## Sagoyewatha

Commandery No. 17, R.T.

3rd Saturday, 9 a.m.

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By SK Cyril White

While Winter is still swirling around us in Upstate New York, our Commander, SK L. Ronald Edwards, has been enjoying warmer climes in sunny Florida. Reality will be setting in shortly, because he will be returning to duty for our March meeting.

### Dress rehearsal

The next Conclave will be on Saturday, March 18th, 9:00 a.m., at the Phelps Masonic Hall, Ontario Street. At this Conclave, we will have a dress rehearsal for the Inspection embracing a full form opening, to include the reception of visitors and the *Sword Manual*. The individual recitations will not be performed, unless those assigned want to, but the logistics of their presentation will be worked out.

Let's do our very best to support our Sister Commanderies. I know it will be appreciated, as we appreciate their support of Sagoyewatha.

Don't forget breakfast at the Blue Ribbon Restaurant prior to our March Conclave at 7:31 a.m. As always, it's still Dutch treat!

### Keeping in touch

It was nice to receive communications from SK and Reverend James Hart and SK Robert Dailey. The members of Commandery thank you both for your kind words.

I look forward to seeing you, and I do mean you, around the Holy Altar of our Order. ✕






(Photo submitted by R. Stuart Smith)

On January 7th, **R. Stuart Smith, Jr.** of Palmyra was installed Eminent Prior of Empire State Priory No. 46, Knights of the York Cross of Honour in Hamburg, New York. KYCH is an honorary Masonic organization whose members have each been elected to membership by unanimous vote of the members after having been elected and installed to preside over each of the four York Rite Masonic organizations. Officers for 2006

(shown in photo above) are (left to right, front): **Reinold H. Nelson** of Frewsburg NY, Immediate Past Prior; **R. Stuart Smith Jr.**, Prior; **Edward R. Trostin**, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York; **Carl L. Fisher** of Holland NY, Orator. (Back row): **George Whitmer** of Dunkirk NY, Herald; **Kenneth E. Kohlhagen** of Attica NY, Prelate; and, **Ruel R. Lovett** of Bergen NY, Warder.

**Your Legal Rights FYI**  
By Bro. Phillip Hurwitz, Esq.



**Civil Liberties**

Much talk has been generated lately over the revelation that our government, in the interests of fighting the war on terror, has been conducting unwarranted eavesdropping on Americans.

By what authority can the government eavesdrop on American citizens? Since we are a nation of laws, and not men, the first place to look is to the amendments to the Constitution of the United States, popularly known as the Bill of Rights. The 4th Amendment states: "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized."

Essentially, this amendment to the Constitution states that a search made by the government into our private affairs, without probable cause, is presumptively unreasonable. The warrant requirement is a check on the powers of the executive branch of government - the President. As the chief magistrate, the President has the duty to enforce the laws and defend the Constitution of our country. But as our founding fathers feared, unchecked power leads to abuse and corruption.

By imposing the warrant requirement, the President must first have probable cause to believe that laws are being broken; then second, prepare a warrant for judicial review, authorizing him to search and seize evidence showing that a law is being broken. By imposing this warrant requirement, and having a judge review the warrant application, ensures that the right of the people is being upheld.

As first reported in *The New York Times*, the President has authorized warrantless eavesdropping on conversations, suspected of posing a threat to

the security of the United States. The question is, by doing this, isn't the President breaking the law?

In support of his position, the President has relied on his executive powers, granted to him by the Constitution.

Article II, sec. 1 of the Constitution vests the President with executive powers. Article II, sec. 2 makes our President the Commander-in-Chief of our armed forces and State militias.

Our current President isn't the first President to exercise his prerogative as chief executive, to do what he believes is necessary to protect and defend the Constitution.

President Lincoln suspended the right of habeas corpus during the Civil War. Essentially this meant a citizen could be taken into police custody without being told of the reasons for such. During World War II, President Franklin Roosevelt placed Americans of Japanese descent into internment camps out of fear that racial loyalty would jeopardize our efforts in fighting the Japanese.

If the Constitution requires that the President uphold the laws of our country, then how is it that present and past presidents can seemingly ignore the Bill of Rights and suspend our civil liberties?

Both Presidents Lincoln and Roosevelt sought congressional approval for their actions. President Lincoln, in his wisdom, went to Congress and explained why he felt it necessary to suspend the right of habeas corpus. Congress approved. President Roosevelt's decision to place American citizens into internment camps was approved by Congress and upheld by the Supreme Court.

The challenge facing our current President is whether Congress and eventually the Court, will approve of the President's decision to violate our civil rights for the purpose of defending us from terrorist threats.

Congress represents the will of the people. The courts interpret the Constitution. What these two co-equal branches of government decide will ultimately determine whether we, as a people, are willing to give up a freedom in return for security, or in the words of the New Hampshire State motto, "live free or die."

**Taxes, Taxes, Taxes!**

By *Thomas Michielsen*

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The wearing O' the Green is prevalent and I see Leprechauns everywhere. Even the streets are putting on the green. The aroma of corned beef and cabbage is in the air.

The IRS reminds taxpayers that they must obtain a charity's written acknowledgment of their vehicle donation before they claim a deduction for the donation. For deductions of more than \$500, the taxpayer is required to attach the acknowledgment to the taxpayer's return for the year of the donation.

Effective January 15, 2006, the local sales tax rate in Erie County will increase to 4.75 percent from the current 4.25 percent. Combined with the State's 4 percent sales tax, this local rate increase will bring the combined sales tax rate to 8.75 percent. This new rate will remain in effect through November 30, 2007.

The following disaster related and general tax forms will not be accepted electronically for individual e-filed returns until, in some cases, approximately March 1, 2006. Additional updates will be provided when the necessary form changes are completed.

**Disaster Related Forms**

- Form 982, Reduction of Tax Attributes Due to Discharge of Indebtedness;
- Form 8606, Nondeductible IRAs;
- Form 8863, Education Credits;
- Form 8915, Qualified Hurricane Retirement Plan Distributions and Repayments;
- Form 3468, Investment Credit;
- Form 3800, General Business Credit;
- Form 5884-A, Hurricane Katrina Employee Retention Credit.

**General Tax Forms**

- Form 8379, Injured Spouse Allocation;
- Form 8611, Recapture of Low Income Housing Credit;
- Form 8864, Biodiesel and Renewable Diesel Fuels Credit;
- Form 8896, Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel Production Credit;
- Form 8271, Investor Reporting of Tax Shelter Registration Number;
- Form 8886, Reportable Transaction Disclosure Statement.

On February 3rd, New York State Commissioner of Taxation and Finance, Andrew S. Eristoff, advised New York State taxpayers to be cautious when selecting a preparer for their personal income tax returns. As the April 17th filing deadline approaches, dishonest tax preparers lure unsuspecting taxpayers by promising to claim deductions to obtain refunds that taxpayers may not be eligible to receive. These claims may be backed by fraudulent documentation.

"Now is the time for people to consider e-filing their taxes or asking their tax preparer to e-file for them," said the Commissioner. "Taxpayers are receiving their W-2 forms, gathering tax records and preparing to file. For most taxpayers, e-file offers the fastest and most hassle free alternative to filing a traditional paper return."

**Due dates**

- March 15th - February Payroll Taxes
  - March 15th - Corporate Tax Returns
  - March 20th - December through February Sales Tax Returns
  - March 20th - Annual Sales Tax Returns
  - March 31st - Electronic W2's and 1099's must be forwarded
  - April 15th - March Payroll Taxes
  - April 15th - Individual Tax Returns
  - April 15th - Federal First Quarter Estimated Taxes for Corporations
  - April 15th - Federal and State First Quarter Estimated Taxes for Individuals
- If you have any tax questions, please forward them to: [tmichie1@rochester.rr.com](mailto:tmichie1@rochester.rr.com)

**LIFE IN THE 1500s**



Submitted by Derek VanHouten

The next time you are washing your hands and complain because the water temperature isn't just how you like it, think about how things used to be. Here are some facts about the 1500s:

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May and still smelled pretty good by June. However, they were starting to smell, so brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odor. Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.

Bathing consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children. Last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water."

Houses had thatched roofs - thick straw - piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and

sometimes the animals would slip off the roof. Hence the saying "It's raining cats and dogs."

There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other droppings could mess up your nice clean bed. Hence, a bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. That's how canopy beds came into existence.

The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt. Hence the saying "dirt poor." The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the Winter when wet, so they spread thresh (straw) on the floor to help keep their footing. As the Winter wore on, they added more thresh until when you opened the door it would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entranceway. Hence the saying a "thresh hold." (Getting quite an education, aren't you?)

In those old days, they cooked in the kitchen with a big kettle that always hung over the fire. Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They ate mostly vegetables and did not get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner, leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight and then start over the next day. Sometimes stew had food in it that had been there for quite a while. Hence the rhyme, "Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot, nine days old."

Sometimes they could obtain pork, which made them feel quite special. When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man could "bring home the bacon." They would cut off a little to share with guests and

would all sit around and "chew the fat."

The wealthy people had plates made of pewter. Food with high acid content caused some of the lead to leach onto the food, causing lead poisoning death. This happened most often with tomatoes, so for at least the next 400 years, they were considered poisonous.

Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top, or "upper crust."

Lead cups were used to drink ale or whisky. The combination would sometimes knock the imbibers out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial. They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up. Hence the custom of holding a "wake."


England is old and small and the local folks started running out of places to bury people. So they would dig up coffins and would take the bones to a "bone-house" and reuse the grave. When reopening these coffins, 1 out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside and they realized they had been burying people alive. So they would tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell. Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night (the graveyard shift) to listen for the bell; thus, someone could be "saved by the bell" or was considered a "dead-ringer."

That's the truth... Now, whoever said that History was boring! Educate someone...share these facts with a friend.



# Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

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## Grand Historian



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January 26, 1921, was a very busy and late night at our Grotto meeting in Gothic Hall, Downtown Masonic Temple. The typed minutes were twelve pages in length. Among those present were two Past Grand Monarchs, eight Past Monarchs and a large number of Prophets.

The bills of the evening were read. Of interest was a contribution of \$105 to the Masonic Service Bureau for support for the year 1921; \$78 to C.H. Maggs for the Drill Corps dinner; \$47.50 to Sibley, Lindsay and Curr Co. for friedcakes for lunch after the November, 1920 Minstrel Show; Masonic Club cigars, \$40.50 and \$2.50 paid to M. Hefter and Sons, for 1 Fez. \$100 was presented to outgoing Monarch, Clarence D. Galliger, in appreciation for his services rendered in 1920.

Fourteen candidates were voted upon and the Order was conferred on them in short form. For this meeting, seven were reinstated, twelve requested dimits and four were reported as deceased.

The band members, as well as other Prophets, were presented with paid 1921 dues cards for services rendered.

To stimulate the efforts of the Prophets to secure more new members, the Monarch was authorized to offer the following prizes for the Prophet who brought in the greatest number of candidates:

1st prize - \$60 to the Prophet who submits at least 10 petitions.

2nd prize - \$50 to the Prophet with at least 8 petitions

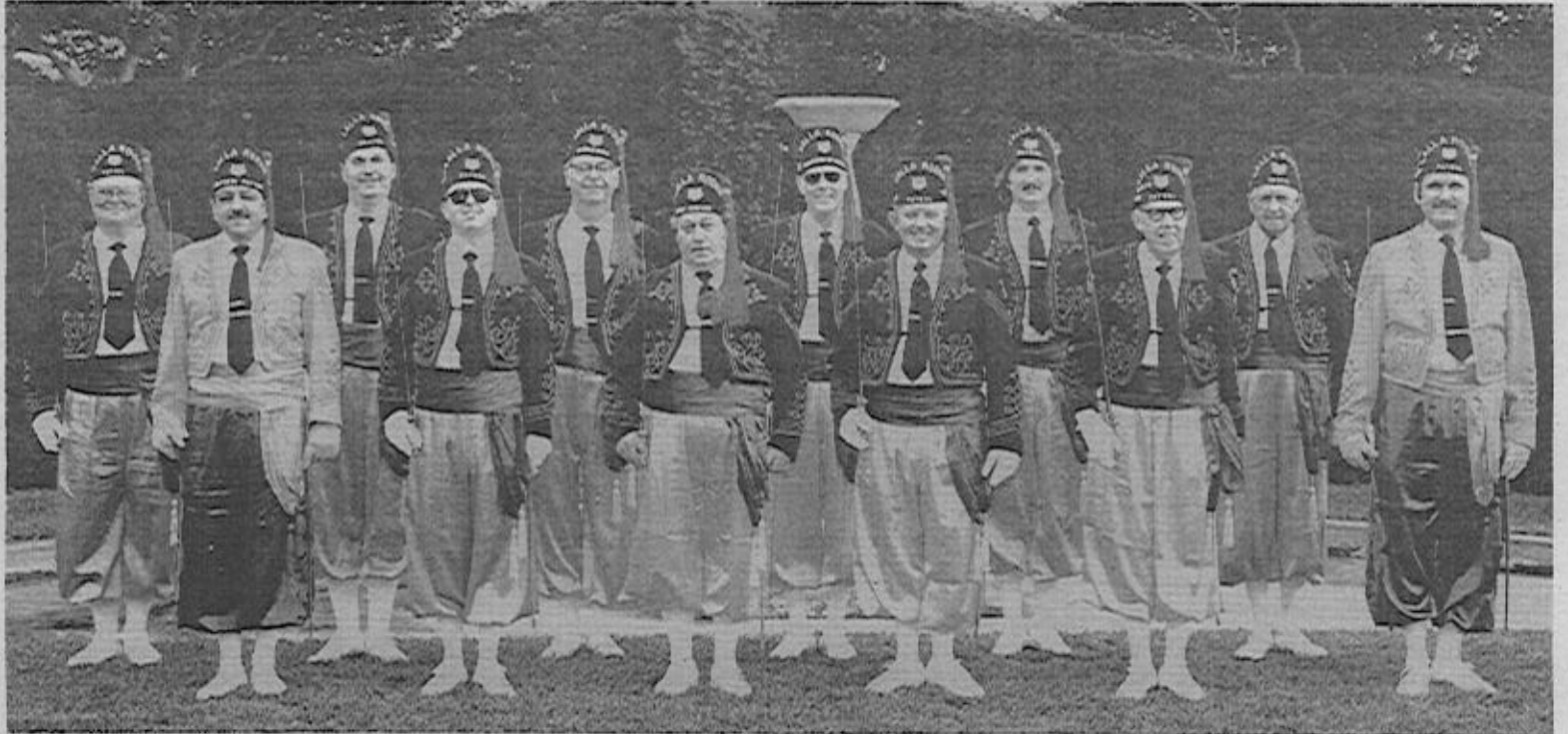
3rd prize - \$40 with at least 6 petitions.

No petition shall count until all of the initiates have paid the initiation fee and the candidate has become a member of this Grotto.

The Annual Reports were read and approved. The next order of business was nomination and election of 1921 Officers. Monarch Clarence DeForest Galliger appointed three tellers and placed in nomination for the office of Monarch, Prophet Arthur E. Williams. Prophet Williams declined the nomination stating he was so situated at the present time that it would be impossible for him to accept the office.

What comes to mind? Why did he wait until that point to make his wishes known? Also, rather than move the line up, John McKie, an unknown until then, became the 1921 Monarch. Williams later accepted the position of Cast Director and never went back into line.

## HOW MANY CAN YOU NAME?



How many members of the Grotto Patrol did you know? Here are the names! (Front row, from left): Captain Frank Dean, Gordon Dodge, Harry Davis, Jerry Sherry, Louis Heck and Lieutenant Jerry Stell. (Back row): Frank Voeghtl, Dick Jackson, Ron Bishop, Bill Hartwig, Mike Stewart and Bob Hansen.

(Photo courtesy of Ken Hutchinson, PM, Secretary and Historian)

As entertainment, there was a three-act Vaudeville presentation after the meeting, as well as the ever popular acts throughout the year. The ladies never heard about these, as they were held after the Grotto meeting at the Odd Fellows Hall. The time was after World War I, a depression had happened, and the Masonic Order had many new Prophets. Large numbers attended each meeting, which would be envied today. \*

### Secretary's Column

By Kenneth Hutchinson, PM

I look forward to this time of year and the participation of our new Officers. In particular to Prophet Leon Randall, who is our Membership Chairman and to the extended influence and new spheres of action which he will bring. He has a very important position and he will need everyone's help.

The object of our organization can be expressed in very few words. Our aim is to assist in the welding together of Masons in a homogeneous whole by drawing them together with smiles on their faces and good cheer in their hearts.



Ronald Morthorst, PM, congratulates Prophet Richard Bull on his POY selection.

### Congratulations!

February 15th was our Valentine's Day Dinner with our ladies. At that time, our long-time Chaplain, Richard



Norman Austin, Monarch, welcoming new Prophet, Bernard Lazerson, to Lalla Rookh.

Bull, was designated Prophet of the Year. Ronald Morthorst, PM, presented Richard with a Prophet of the Year Fez strip.

We welcomed our newest Prophet, Bernard Lazerson, who was obligated that night.

### Sickness and distress

It is with deep regret I report the passing of Prophet Wayne Harlan Slack on February 10th. He was a good Prophet and Mason, a fine gentleman and a true friend. Monarch Rhodes and I presented Wayne his 50-year Certificate and Pin last Summer.

At the time of this writing Bob Bueg is to have tests; Jim Pray was back in Highland Hospital with recurring infection after surgery and Frank Ghyzel had a reaction to pills he took, but is now doing fine.

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

In the coming months you will receive more and more reminders of membership. You were all given two petitions, one for the car glove compartment and one for your jacket pocket. There is a plentiful supply of petitions in the Grotto Office. All you need to do is ask or telephone me and I will mail you several.

Until next time, don't forget why you joined the Grotto - to have a good time. \*

### Membership

By Leon Randall, Chairman

Our Membership Committee has put together an event of interest to everyone. On April 21st at Henrietta Park, is Master Mason Night, with ladies invited. Good food and good fellowship.

Stand up in your Blue Lodge and let them know who you are and invite them and their ladies, too. This will give your Masonic friends a chance to find out more about the Grotto, the organization which started out with a smile and good fellowship.

Each day carry a Grotto Petition with you and talk about the Grotto. I do. \*

### ESGA

By Al Pulcino III, PM

For those who missed the Sweetheart Weekend in Canada, you missed a good time and the chance to see friends from other Grottoes. The next event is the ESGA Spring Meeting. It's close to home this time. Keder Khan Grotto will be the host on April 28th and 29th.

For hotel reservations, contact the Holiday Inn Carrier Circle at 1-315-437-2761. Ask for the ESGA rates of \$79, plus tax. There are also registration forms in the Grotto Office.

To register for all the fun activities, phone me at 225-8471 for details or contact Frank Polchlopek, PM, 3146 Allen Drive, Baldwinsville, NY. \*

### Entertainment Committee

By Jerry Spero

This year we are going to revive the Entertainment Committee, an idea of Alfred Pulcino III, PM, and myself. The goal is to create a list of guest speakers and entertainers to be called upon to help make every meeting memorable.

Until we can give a program and an activity to our membership to justify those we now

have staying in and participating, we are not going to create enough enthusiasm to go out into the Realm and bring in new members.

We ask our Officers to be part of our group and all Prophets to join us and contribute your ideas. Contact me at 334-7616 or Al at 225-8471. \*

### Legion of Honor



Alfred Pulcino III, Past Monarch, presented a Legion of Honor jacket to Past Commander Brian Bills in appreciation of his year of service.

### Caldron News

By Betty Madison, MCO

Greetings, all. With Spring almost here, we are busy planning for our Annual Smorgasbord to be held on Saturday, April 22nd, at Unity Lodge in Spencerport. Mark your calendar; plan to join us for lots of homemade goodies and fellowship and help add to the Convention Fund. All members will be contacted for donations. Look for more information next month.

The Executive Council will meet on March 23rd at Susan Wilson's home

This month our Supreme Officers, Bev and Doris, will be traveling the country from coast to coast. May God watch over them for a safe and enjoyable journey throughout the Realm.

Please try to get as many petitions as possible in by the March 9th meeting so they can be read and processed. New members will be initiated at the April 13th meeting. Officers, please learn your parts!

**Happy Birthday**

Many happy birthday wishes this month to: Annie Towle, 5th; Alida Doud, 23rd and Merline Bueg, the 28th.

**Thinking of you**

Continuing get well wishes to all those under the weather, especially Doris Bell, Hilde Di-James, Annie and Ray Towle, Mary and Howie Topel, Carole Couchman, Don DeOrdio and Jay Riggs. Keep improving so that we all can be together again soon.

Whether you are Irish or not, have a wonderful St. Patrick's Day!

**THE MASONIC RING**

Submitted by  
Derek VanHouten

Those men who help my dad each day,  
They wear those Mason rings.  
A Square and Compass set in gold,  
The praise of which I sing.

My dad, he hurt his back, you know,  
One cold and Wintry day.  
He slipped and fell upon the ice,  
The insurance would not pay.

And since that time those rings I see,  
On hands that help as much,  
With mowing lawns and hauling trash,  
Each day my heart they touch.

They even built a house for me,  
Amid our backyard tree.  
Where all the neighbor kids  
Would play with laughter full of glee.

My Mom, she cried from happiness,  
The time the Masons came.  
To aid our family in distress,  
Without a thought of gain.

And when I'm big, just like my dad,  
Of this it must be told,  
I want to wear a ring like his,  
A Square and Compass gold.

Long years have passed since when  
My dad was in that plaster cast.  
And since I swore that Solemn Oath,  
Which unites us to the last.

But more than that I'm proud to say,  
I wear his Mason ring.  
The one dad wore for many years,  
Until his death this Spring.

And one last time his comrades came,  
To aid my weeping mother.  
They praised and bid a fond farewell,  
To our fallen Brother.

And after which MY son did ask,  
About their Aprons white,  
And of the rings upon their hands  
Of gold so shiny bright.

With tearful eyes I said with pride,  
They're men of spirit pure.  
Those men who wear those Mason rings,  
Of that you can be sure.

And before he went to bed that night,  
The family he foretold.  
Someday I'll wear a ring like dads  
A Square and Compass gold.  
*Author unknown*

**Masonic Activities  
Looking Ahead**

**April**

- 8 Ontario/Seneca/Yates District Surviving Spouses Luncheon  
Geneva Ramada Inn
- 8 Livingston District Ladies Night  
Conesus Country Club
- 20 Feast of the Paschal Lamb  
Shrine Center
- 22 Monroe District Widows' Luncheon  
Burgundy Basin Inn
- 29 Scottish Rite Degrees, Shrine Center  
Reunion Banquet, Burgundy Basin Inn

**May**

- 19 Joint Investiture  
Fairport/Flower City Lodge
- 21 Livingston District Communion Breakfast  
Mt. Morris
- 21 OSY District Memorial Service  
Geneva Presbyterian Church
- 22 Livingston District  
Communion Breakfast, Mt. Morris

**June**

- 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

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



**Clown Unit**

By Alfred Pulcino III, PM

Even though I still have my Santa beard, I am active as President of the Grotto Clown Unit. We have two Prophets who have expressed an interest

in joining our fun-filled group. We will cover the cost of sending them to Clown School, where they will learn how to apply makeup, etc.

If any other Prophets wish to hear more about the opportunity call me (Uncle Al) at any hour at 225-8471.

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# In Memoriam

## January, 2006

**Brower, George J.**  
Unity Lodge lost a Brother with the passing of George on January 18th. He is survived by his wife, Muriel, three children and seven grandchildren.

**Blue, Gilbert W.**  
Gilbert met his Maker on January 21st at the age of 81 years. He was a member of Hesperus Lodge.

**Waidl, Joseph**  
The Great Architect claimed Joseph on January 23rd at the age of 93 years. He was a member of ERAC Lodge and leaves his wife, Lorraine, three children, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

**Abamonte, Joseph G.**  
Joseph died suddenly on January 29th. He was a member of Northfield Lodge and leaves his wife, Virginia, five children and twelve grandchildren.

**Oliver, Richard J.**  
The loving arms of the Lord embraced Richard on January 27th at the age of 74 years. He was a member of Valley-Simes Lodge; Hiram Chapter, RAM and Cyrene/Monroe Commandery, KT. Richard was a Past Grand Treasurer, RAM. He is survived by his wife, Elaine, five children, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

## February

**Spencer, Robert M.**  
Robert was a member of Unity Lodge at the time of his passing on February 1st. He is survived by his wife, Lynne, and many family members.

**Greene, Ford M., Jr.**  
Ford entered eternal rest on February 9th at the age of 80 years. He was a member of Union Lodge and is survived by his three children, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

**Slack, Wayne H.**  
Wayne was called Home on February 10th at the age of 79 years. He was a member of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge; Hiram Chapter, RAM; Doric Council, RSM; Cyrene/Monroe Commandery, KT; Rochester Consistory; Damascus Shrine and Lalla Rookh Grotto. Wayne was Master of his Lodge in 1974 and District Deputy Grand Master in 1983-84 for the First Monroe District. He is survived by his wife, Margaret, three children and nine grandchildren.

**Cornell, Maurice J.**  
Death claimed Maurice on February 12th at the age of 96 years. He was a member of Fairport/Flower City Lodge and leaves his wife, Bernice, three children, six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

*Deaths reported with no specific information.*

**Steinfeldt, Gordon F.**  
A member of Fairport/Flower City Lodge, Gordon passed away January 27th.

**Walters, James R.**  
James belonged to Nunda Station Lodge at the time of his passing on January 25th.

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## BIG CALENDAR FOR MARCH 2006

Gem - Aquamarine  
Flower - Jonquil

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>BLOOD DRIVE</b> March 20th, 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. <b>OGDEN COMMUNITY CENTER</b> 269 Ogden Center Road, Spencerport <b>Sponsored by Unity Lodge</b></p>			<p>1 Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy  Damascus Shrine  Ash Wednesday</p>	<p>2 Eunice - Caledonia Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster  OES - Irondequoit - Unity - Spencerport</p>	<p>3 Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m. \$6 adult; \$3 Child 30 Orchard Street</p>	<p>4 OES - Rochester Chapter - Unity - Spencerport</p>
<p>5 Canandaigua - Shortsville, 1* West Star - Varysburg, 1*  RAM - Palmyra/Eagle  KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford  OES - Etollan</p>	<p>6 Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps, 2* Nunda Station - Nunda Oakland - Castile  OES - Fairport, Lilac Star, Nolotka</p>	<p>7 Churchville Oatka - Scottsville  Masonic Service Bureau Monthly Luncheon Meeting  OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville, Corinthian Fellowship</p>	<p>8 Milnor - Victor Union - Lima  RAM - Hiram  Lalla Rookh Caldron</p>	<p>9 MON - M&amp;W - Ronald McDonald House  OSY - OSY Association - Phelps  KT - Sagoyewatha - Phelps  Daughters of the Nile, Zama Temple - Fairport  OES - Charlotte Chapter - Spencerport</p>	<p>10 GW - District Fish Fry - Perry</p>	<p>11 Scottish Rite, Masonic Education Fair - Shrine Center</p>
<p>12 Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinners Weds. 1st, 15th &amp; 29th East Avenue, Hilton  Milnor Lodge Spaghetti Dinner Wednesday 15th 21 Maple Avenue, Victor</p>	<p>13 ERAC - Shrine Center Fairport/Flower City, 2* Union Star - Honeoye Falls Unity - Spencerport Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield  RAM - Excelsior - Shortsville</p>	<p>14 Arcade Eagle Lodge Fame - Irondequoit, 2* Seneca - Webster Valley-Simes  RAM - Dansville  OES - Leah - Hilton, Mary Jane Holmes  Purim</p>	<p>15 Ark - Geneva, 1* Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy  RSM - Doric Council, Pittsford, SM*  Lalla Rookh Grotto</p>	<p>16 Eunice - Caledonia, 3* Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster  Scottish Rite, 4* and 6*  OES - Irondequoit - Unity - Spencerport</p>	<p>17 St. Patrick's Day</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 Zama Temple - Shrine Center, Open Installation  Eagle Lodge Spaghetti Dinner Thursday 16th 4994 County Road 36 Honeoye</p>	<p>20 Canandaigua - Shortsville West Star - Varysburg  KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford  OES - Etollan  First Day of Spring</p>	<p>21 Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps Nunda Station - Nunda Oakland - Castile  OES - Nolatka (OV), Lilac Star, Tri-Star - Palmyra</p>	<p>22 Churchville, 3* Oatka - Scottsville  Tall Cedars of Lebanon  OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville, Corinthian Fellowship</p>	<p>23 Milnor - Victor, 2* Union - Lima, 2*  RAM - Hiram, MM* and PM*</p>	<p>24 Damascus - Bus trip to Springfield and Boston Hospitals</p>	<p>25 West Star Euchre Tournament - Varysburg</p>
<p>26 Damascus - Bus trip</p>	<p>27 ERAC - Shrine Center Union Star - Honeoye Falls Unity - Spencerport Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield</p>	<p>28 Arcade Eagle Lodge Fame - Irondequoit Valley-Simes  RAM - Dansville, LeRoy  OES - Leah - Hilton</p>	<p>29 MON - School of Ritual, Webster Lodge  OES - Tri-District Open Meeting, Batavia</p>	<p>30 Scottish Rite, 14* and 16*</p>	<p>31</p>	