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Monroe District Grand Lodge Appointments

By Jim De Lorenzo,
Vice President,

Monroe District Purple Club

The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the State of New York has approved the recommendations of the Monroe District Purple Club and has designated W.: Gary R. Sanford as the District Deputy and W.: G. Thomas Grape and R.: W.: Derek E. VanHouten as Staff Officers. Following successful completion of their training programs, these Brothers will lead our District effective the second day of Grand Lodge and will hold office at the pleasure of the Grand Master.

District Deputy

W.: Gary R. Sanford was raised in Union Star Lodge No. 320 in 1997. He served as Master of the Lodge in 2002-2003 and in 2005-2006. W.: Sanford has served his Lodge as Chairman of the Fellowcraft Club from 1998 to 2002 and Chairman of Child ID from 2000 to



W.: Gary R. Sanford

2005. He is also member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. Brother Gary holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering from Rochester Institute of Technology. He recently retired from Eastman Kodak Company.



W.: G. Thomas Grape

He has been married to Gail since 1982. They have four married children and six grandchildren. Their oldest son, Jeff, and daughter, Cheryl, live in the Rochester area; middle son, Eric, lives in Arizona; and their



R.: W.: Derek E. VanHouten

youngest son, Todd, lives in Texas.

Brother Sanford has held several leadership positions in Cub and Boy Scouts, coached in Fairport Youth Baseball, and has been a team manager for Perinton Youth Hockey.

Staff Officers

W.: G. Thomas Grape was raised in Charlotte/Corinthian Lodge No. 1088 in 1995 and served as Master in 1999-2000. W.: Grape has served the District as Secretary of the Monroe District Masters and Wardens Association. He is also a member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite and the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North America. Brother Tom currently serves Unity Lodge as a Trustee.

Brother Grape attended General Motor's Institute where he received his Bachelors of Industrial Engineering and holds a subsequent Masters in Business Administration from the University of Rochester. He is retired from General Motors, where he was employed for 35 years. He and Emily have been married since 1961. They have three sons, Eric and twins, Sean

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Students Survey Sloppy Camp DeMolay



SUNY College of Environmental Sciences and Forestry students touring Camp DeMolay with Jack Steinkamp (3rd from left, partially hidden) were Matt Allyn, Curtis Arquette, Carrie Bazar, Kyle Brennan, Cherry Countryman, Scott Guyette, Scott McDonnell, Eric McKee, Mike Riegler and Will Vore. Professor Diane Kuehn and Cheng-Yi Pu, class teacher assistant, led the project and Robert Remillard, Department of Agriculture, and Jim Ghent of the Bureau participated.

By Jim Ghent

April 7th, Dr. Diane Kuehn, Ph.D., Assistant Professor at the SUNY College of Environmental Sciences & Forestry in Syracuse, along with a teacher

assistant and 10 students in her class on "Planning and Development of Forest Recreation Areas," visited Camp DeMolay to provide recommendations on improving the habitability of

the Camp. This was their initial visit. They returned on April 21st to continue their review of the Campsite, structures and trails. This was facilitated by Robert Remillard of the Natural Resource Conservation Service, United States Department of Agriculture, who is also the Coordinator of the Lake Plains Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council. Mr. Remillard was also in attendance and participated in walking around the Campgrounds.

Richard Snyder, Camp Trustee, and Rene VanDeVeire were busy making plumbing repairs, so Jack Steinkamp, a member of Craftsman Robertson Lodge and a Camp DeMolay neighbor, led the group on a tour of the grounds of the Camp.

Prior to embarking on their tour of the Campgrounds, a

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(Left to right) Professor Diane Kuehn, Jim Ghent and Robert Remillard discussed the scope of the survey project during lunch, provided by Linda Zahn, at Camp DeMolay.

Ambassador of Goodwill

By Don Wright

Jared Wright has been named as the 2006 Ambassador of Goodwill for the Rochester/Finger Lakes Chapter of the Muscular Dystrophy Association. I am a member of the Rochester Forest of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America and the proud grandfather of Jared.

The MDA is a voluntary health agency that works year-round with the goal of someday defeating neuromuscular diseases. They do this by making monetary grants to medical scientific research into the causes and cures of the various forms of this disease. Also, they support hospital-affiliated clinics where people with any form of this insidious disease receive medical and, the very important, support services.

As Ambassador, Jared Wright, who has been diagnosed with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, will make pub-



Jared Wright

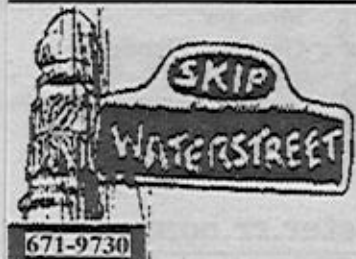
lic appearances within the local area with various groups that support this cause. He brings his smile with him wherever he goes. As his school, physical

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671-9730 Editor's Corner

I thank all the Masters who have taken the time to send in their articles each month for publication in the Masonic Times. While this can be a chore, I know from comments I receive how pleased your Brothers are to learn of your Lodge activities. We have many readers who enjoy learning what other Lodges are doing.

Thank you to all of you who still support our efforts despite the increase in the subscription rate. While we lost several old friends, we added a few new ones so the mailing quantity stayed pretty much the same. Now, if we could only stop Brothers from joining the Celestial Lodge for a while, we might reverse the trend.

Now, new Worshipfuls and Brother Secretaries, would you be so kind as to send the Masonic Service Bureau your new list of Officers, including address information, phone numbers, email addresses and spouse/significant other information (where applicable) once these Brothers have been installed? You can mail or fax (671-8390) us the information or, if you are online, you can email us easily at: bmasonic@rochester.rr.com.

I make the same request of Concordant Bodies. We will be working on the new Monroe District Masonic Directory in a couple of months and those organizations we don't hear from will receive a special request letter in June.

As these new Officers take their stations and places, we extend to you our best wishes for a very successful year. We are here to help you promote Masonry and your organization functions. We hope you, Worshipful Master, will write a column each month, or designate a Brother to do it in your stead. Feel free to submit pictures of events, presentations or activities (JPEG format, please!) involving your Brothers. Think of those out of town members and how much they enjoy reading what is going on in the Mother Lodge. If you have any questions, give us a call. Thanks for reading.

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Active Supporter Passes



Erna-Jean T. Walker 1930-2006

By Janet Porter

Erna-Jean T. Walker was called to her Heavenly Home on April 9, 2006. She was a member and Past Matron of Germania Chapter, OES, and served as the Grand Representative to Idaho in 1988-89. She was on the Board of Directors for the Masonic Service Bureau and, for many years, was Chairperson of its Scholarship Committee. Since she was a retired school teacher, her knowledge of scholastic material was a valuable tool in helping to determine scholarship recipients.

An exemplary Eastern Star member, Erna-Jean was well known for her giving spirit. She remembered many with cards and telephone calls. Even when she was housebound, she would contact the nearby Hallmark store, and give them a list of cards needed for the month. The clerk would select cards and read the verses to her over the phone. Then Erna-Jean's nephew would go to the store and pick up her selections.

Her nephew, James Taylor, and the many friends who knew her and loved her, survive Erna-Jean. She has not been well for quite some time, but always had a smile and cheerful word to greet you. "Corky" will be greatly missed.

DeMolay Installation May 20

By Gary Burke

Rochester Chapter Order of DeMolay announces its Installation of Officers for the newly re-formed Chapter on Saturday, May 20th at 3:00 p.m. The ceremony will take place at Wakan/Hubbard Lodge, 1882-A Penfield Road, Penfield. This is a public ceremony so family, friends and all Masons are invited to attend and show support of the Chapter. Refreshments will follow the Installation Ceremony.

Second part of the story

It was a great night for Masonry, as well as DeMolay and the youth of our country, on Monday, March 28th when the Grand Lodge Eagle Scout Award was presented at ERAC Lodge. Upon recommendation of the Lodge and approval of Grand Lodge, Zachary Buell, son of Geoff Buell, was presented with this prestigious Grand Lodge award. Not only is Zach a member of the Scouting program, he is also a member of Rochester Chapter Order of DeMolay. We congratulate him upon receiving this award.

Story continued

Are you interested in the youth of our area? Do you have a few hours a month to devote to the "good kids" of our community? Do you have a desire to have a positive influence in the life of a young man?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, you need to call me. We can discuss your interest in further detail and see where you fit into the picture. Call me! Gary Burke at 865-4940 or email me at: gary_burke@frontiernet.net to learn more.

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hearty lunch was provided by Linda Zahn, past President of the Masonic Service Bureau, with assistance from Janet Porter, Director and Rita Snyder, Advisory Council member.

Dr. Kuehn and her class have already provided the Service Bureau with a report of their initial observations with regards to safety, facility enhancement, camp activities and other considerations. At the end of their review of Camp DeMolay, they will provide a report containing a design of outdoor recreation facilities within forest and other natural resource recreation areas; examine relationships between visitor use and environmental, social and economic impacts within the recreation areas; specify direct and indirect visitor management strategies that could minimize negative environmental, social and economic

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Purple Apron Presentation Dinner June 19th at Damascus Shrine Center R.: W.: James E. Sullivan, Senior Grand Warden, will be the guest speaker at the Apron Presentation Dinner sponsored by the Purple Club of the Monroe District and the Masonic Service Bureau on Monday, June 19th at the Damascus Shrine Center, 979 Bay Road, Webster. A social hour will begin at 6:00 p.m. Dinner, with your choice of Chicken French or Beef, will be served at 7:00 p.m. We will adjourn to the Lodge Room at 8:00 p.m. for the presentation ceremonies. Reservations are required. Tickets are \$20 per person and must be ordered and paid for in advance. No tickets will be sold at the door. Checks should be made payable to the Masonic Service Bureau and sent to Suite 2, 979 Bay Road, Webster, NY 14580-1736. If you include an email address, we will acknowledge receipt; otherwise, please call a few days after you send in your check to make sure we have received it.

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and Steven; all Eagle Scouts, all Engineers, and all with Master's Degrees. Eric and Sean live in Rochester and each has two children: Eric and his wife, Mary, have Thomas and Hannah; Sean and his wife, Annette, have Ian and Kelsey.

Grandfather Grape still races sailboats with his sons and hopes 2006 will bring Thomas and Ian as new crew on their race boat, "Dolly."

Derek E. VanHouten

R.: W.: Derek E. VanHouten was raised in Seneca Lodge No. 797 in 1981. He affiliated with Craftsman Robertson No. 969 in 1999, and served as Master in 2001-2002. He currently sits in the East. R.: W.: Derek also holds a dual membership with Unity Lodge in Spencerport.

In 2002 - 2004, Brother VanHouten served the Monroe Dis-

trict as Grand Sword Bearer. He was elected Potentate of Damascus Shriners for 1995, and currently sits on the Imperial Donor Relations Committee as Director of Donor Relations for the State of New York.

R.: W.: Derek VanHouten is retired from Eastman Kodak Company where he worked 32 years as a Certified Welder. In 1991, he served as Chairman of the Rochester Chapter, American Welding Society. He currently is an active member of Local No. 13 and works on occasion. He and his wife, Judy, have been married for 29 years and enjoy traveling the oceans of the world, as time permits.

The members of the Purple Club have pledged themselves to the support of these fine men and Masons as they lead our District. We hope that all Masons will join us to ensure the success of our new Grand Lodge Officers.

Monroe District OES HiLights

DDGM Rt. Wthy. Nancy Venette 425-9590 DGL Rt. Wthy. George Bundoc 368-0111

At the Grand's Association dinner and meeting, Daniel Newhouse, from the National Kidney Foundation, gave a moving presentation that encouraged everybody to consider organ donation. If anybody would like more information, please contact Rt. Wthy. Ken Rhodes.

A good-sized group of Monroe District members attended the Tri-District Friendship Night in Batavia in March. The portrayal of the story of Esther was, indeed, very well done and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Ap-

proximately 130 members attended this social event.

Rt. Wthy. Roger Lynch and Rt. Wthy. George Bundoc served approximately 30 veterans a hearty lunch, prepared by Wthy. Joy Woodley. They also enjoyed homemade cookies/desserts, some of which were prepared by Rt. Wthy. Jan Porter. An ongoing list of items needed at the VA Centers will be announced at the Official Visits.

The Annual Caldron Smorgasbord was in Spencerport and was enjoyed by all.

Nolatka Chapter had their Official Visit and everyone, including Wthy. Kim Robinson and Wthy. Bob Crystal, along with their Officers, did a good job.

Official Visits

Please remember upcoming

events:

May 2nd - Fairport, 8:00 p.m.

May 15th - Etolian, 8:00 p.m.

May 16th - a combined Official Visit of three Chapters, Charlotte, Irondequoit and Leah, 7:30 p.m. in Spencerport.

May 24th - Corinthian Fellowship, 7:30 p.m.

Our Grand Matron's Official Visit is on May 11th. Luncheon will be at the Party House on Beahan Road. Dinner will be at the Golden Ponds Restaurant.

Some sad news

Rt. Wthy. Erna-Jean T. Walker passed away on April 9th. She will be sadly missed.

If anyone has any other sickness/distress or good news to pass along, PLEASE CALL either Rt. Wthy. Nancy Venette or Rt. Wthy. George Bundoc and leave a message.

Live strong and God bless. ✕

Ambassador

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therapy and swimming schedules allow, as well as the time he needs to just be a little boy, he will represent the MDA on a local level.

Jared has already met with the Taco Bell managers, as well as the Kwik-Fill/Red Apple managers, prior to this Winter's Shamrock Campaign. He has met with Old Navy/Gap employees at a bowl-a-thon and is scheduled to meet with the Fire Departments that will hold Boot Drives later this year. He will be seen on the local portion of this year's Jerry Lewis Telethon and will be at MDA Summer Camp. Finally, he is definitely scheduled to meet with Rochester Forest of the Tall Cedars of North America at their annual Steak Roast in September.

Our local Tall Cedars Forest has been active in the Rochester area since 1948. The Tall Cedars of North America have had the MDA as its only charity since long before the advent of the very first Labor Day Telethon. During this time, they have raised many millions of dollars in their year-round donations to the fund.

Tall Cedars Forests augment Symbolic Masonry in a unique manner. The Lodge approaches King Solomon's Temple from the standpoint of stone, while the Forest approaches the Temple from the standpoint of the other medium used there, Cedar Wood. If a man could only join two Masonic organizations, he would be well rounded in the Craft and well grounded in life by the teachings of these two organizations. ✕

Taxes! Taxes! Taxes! By Tom Michielsen

Whew!! The tax season rush is over. Now we can relax and turn our thoughts to Spring and Summer activities. Let us all enjoy the good and endure the bad; change what we can and let what we can't pass as quickly as possible.

Mistakes! Who makes mistakes? Everyone makes mistakes occasionally! If you filed your tax return before April 3rd and have not received your refund check yet, you may have made one or more of the following common mistakes made by individuals this year: 1) Choosing the wrong filing status. For example, taxpayers often incor-

rectly claim the "head of household" filing status without meeting the requirements for that status. 2) Failing to include or using incorrect Social Security numbers. As stated in an earlier article, the names and Social Security numbers included on a return must agree exactly with your Social Security cards. 3) Failing to put your information on the correct line of the return. Some list their taxable pension income on the line for Schedule E income and then on the New York State return try to deduct that pension on the line for federal adjustments. This frequently generates letters from both governments which upsets and scares the individual. 4) Did you sign and date your return? If not, it will not be accepted until it is. 5) Did you claim a dependent who either does not qualify or claimed themselves on their own return? College students file returns without talking to their parents and can cause problems for them and their parents. 6) Failing to check if you are liable for the Alternative Minimum Tax. More taxpayers are becoming liable for the AMT because of the changing tax laws.

Two enhancements to the IRS feature, Where's My Refund?, allow taxpayers to safely and easily trace lost refund checks and update their mailing address online from their home or office.

Taxpayers can securely access their personal refund information by entering their Social Security numbers, filing status, and the exact amounts of their refunds. These "shared secrets" data, known only to the taxpayer and IRS, verify the person is authorized to access that account. Simple instructions guide taxpayers through the steps needed to begin the trace.

The enhanced features also allow them to change or correct their mailing addresses when their refund checks have been returned to the IRS as undeliverable. When they make the address change online, it automatically updates the IRS database and advises them of the dates they should receive their refund checks.

The IRS has revised Form 1098-C, Contributions of Motor Vehicles, Boats and Airplanes, for 2006. The donee organization must use this form to report donations of qualified vehicles to the IRS under new rules added by the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004, and modified by the Gulf Opportunity Zone Act of 2005. The re-

vised form can also be used as a contemporaneous written acknowledgment for a qualified vehicle with a claimed value of at least \$250, but not more than \$500.

Beginning Saturday, April 1, 2006, a year-round exemption from the four percent New York State sales and use taxes goes into effect on the purchase of clothing, footwear, and items to make or repair exempt clothing, costing less than \$110 per item or pair. The exemption does not apply to locally imposed sales and use taxes unless the county or city imposing those taxes elected the exemption.

Due dates

April 30th - First Quarter Payroll Reports Due

May 15th - April Payroll Taxes

May 31st - Exemption Organization Returns

If you have any tax questions, please forward them to:

tmichie1@rochester.rr.com. ✕

Rochester Forest No. 133

Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America



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

Norman P. Austin, GTC 494-2223

Donald C. Bell, Scribe 334-7768

By Don Brugger, PGTC

At our April meeting, we dedicated the new Bible stand made from the cedar wood donated by Cal Kelsey. Those attending were treated to a Pot Luck Dinner prior to the meeting and Public Dedication. The Kelseys were our guests. We also had a short update on Jared Wright, grandson of our SDGTC, Don Wright, and Poster Child for the local Muscular Dystrophy Campaign. Look for the article beginning on page 1 of this issue.

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

Membership

Though you may have missed our last Woodsman Bring-A-Brother event, arrangements can be made to include any prospective members, and their ladies, in our upcoming social activities (Sausage Roast in June or Steak Roast in September). Please let an Officer know so they can follow up. We may en-

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

Sickness and distress

Hilde DiJames is still recuperating at home and is doing well. Betty Tripp is at home recuperating, as well, from recent surgery. Frieda Silver is recuperating in Bay Winds Nursing Home. Bob Zabel is doing much better since his medication change. Bob Pettit is recuperating at home. Our last report of his going into a nursing home was erroneous.

If you know of any Woodsman or Cedarette who is ill or in need of our aid or sympathy, please contact an Officer, or me.

Remember, we still need help in contacting our members regularly. Join our Calling Committee and get back in the mainstream. It will involve making only 3 or 4 calls once a month. I hope to see you at the next meeting. If you need a ride, we will do our best to accommodate you. ✕



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In the photo above, submitted by R.: W.: Richard Trescott, Grand Sword Bearer, are shown some of the women who attended the Livingston District Ladies Night last month at the Conesus Country Club. Guest speaker for the evening was State Senator Kathleen Young, shown at the far right in the photo.

District Deputy Grand Master Livingston District



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What a terrific month. On April 8th we held our annual District Ladies Night. There were over 90 in attendance and a great time was had by all. Our guest speaker was Cathy Young, our State Senator, who gave a very interesting talk. R.: W.: Richard Trescott and I gave awards to the Masters of Lodges in the Livingston District for all their hard work the past two years. These awards were justly deserved, for without their help, R.: W.: Trescott and I would have had a very difficult time in the District. These Masters are true benefits to their Lodges and the Craft. Thank you, again, for a job well done. All the widows in attendance received Widows Pins for their devotion to the Craft, even after their loved ones passed to the Great Architect.

Degree work is still flourishing with Eunice holding yet another 1st Degree. On April 27th, Union held an almost flawless 3rd Degree. There were ten Lodges from two Districts in attendance. Needless to say, what a great Degree, with the sidelines full. I know the new Master Masons were really impressed, as I was myself. This is what R.: W.: Trescott and I have been pushing the past two years and I know the Lodges are all for this cooperation.

This will be my last official newsletter, as my time in office is running short. I thank all the Brothers of the Livingston District for all their hard work and devotion to the Craft. It has been a pleasure working for the District. I said when I started two years ago that the Brothers in Livingston District were the best in the State. Believe me, YOU ARE! I ask all the Brothers to give the new Grand Line all your devotion and support, as you have given me the last two years. I'm sure you will, and Masonry will continue to grow and prosper in the Livingston District.

May God bless all of you and bless this great Fraternity. ✕

Visit a Masonic War Veteran



Grand Sword Bearer Livingston



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The Livingston District Ladies Night was a complete success and we have received many calls and letters in appreciation from all over the District! For those of you who didn't attend, we had a great dinner, thanks to Brother Rick LaFave; beautiful flowers for the Ladies from Carol Howlett, (Mrs. David); and good music from K. Rick Howe. We presented all the widows with a slipper pin and the reason for them! Our guest speaker was Senator Kathleen Young and she gave a great talk about things that we all were interested in! We honored a few Brothers for their dedication and support.

The widows and ladies enjoyed sharing with us in one of the finest celebrations of the year. It is too bad that we don't celebrate with our wives, widows, mothers and daughters much more often to thank them for supporting the Fraternity.

The Talent shows have come to an end and, as far as I can see, all were winners. I sure hope they all know they are. Again, I thank the Livingston District for all the support and enthusiasm you have shown R.: W.: Roy and me these last two years. When this paper comes out, the new Officers should be about ready to take command and I wish them good luck. I hope that you support them as you have us!

Thank you for a GREAT two years! ✕

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By W.: John Gallant

What a special month April has turned out to be! It is with great pleasure that I present our three newest Masonic Brothers. At our last meeting, we raised Joseph Gallant, Phillip Mandel

and William Combs. These three gentlemen are a wonderful addition to our Lodge and I look forward to their working with us. I wish to personally thank my Master Mason Degree team. They did an outstanding job and I am sure that our three Brothers will never forget their efforts. I also want to extend my thanks to all my friends and Brothers who came to Union to visit, help out and support us.

I would like to mention why April was a "double" special month for me, not only did I have the privilege to be in the East and raise my son, the month of April is my own Masonic anniversary. I was raised nineteen years ago at the same spot in Union Lodge. I cannot think of a better way to share an anniversary.

I want to congratulate all the talented youth who participated in our local Lima talent show. We had around 30 acts and the auditorium was filled. I also congratulate all the winners of the local shows who participated in the Livingston District's talent show in Mt. Morris. The depth and range of talent of these kids is remarkable and I wish them all the best with their future plans.

My wife and I are looking forward to visiting New York City during the Grand Lodge session this year. I know that she and the other wives making the trip are already making plans to see many of the sights of the city. So, while we Masons are busy doing the work of the Craft, our wives will be busy poking around downtown (and uptown and around town). I am sure they will have fun.

Our elections will be held on May 11th. I hope to see all our brethren there as we elect our

new Officers. I have had a wonderful time working with all my Brothers at Union and I know that next year will be just as good or ever better for all of us. ✕

Eunice Lodge No. 830

1st Thursdays
7:30 p.m.



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Spring has sprung in Upstate New York. This is a very exciting time of year when the Earth wakes up from her Winter hibernation. There is a lot going on in Eunice Lodge. W.: David Howlett and I are leaving for Grand Lodge in New York City on April 30th. The two of us went last year with the Brothers from Livingston District and had an enjoyable time. This year we plan to meet up with the guys again.

At the April Communication, we conferred a 1st Degree on Eunice's newest Brother. That night taught him a couple of great Masonic lessons. First, the lessons that are contained in the Degree. Second was about the length of the cabletow.

The Brother who was to be the Worshipful Master for the Degree had to miss the Degree due to family health concerns. The Brothers found out the night before and filled in the work the best they could. The important lesson is that we did it without any hesitation or ill

will towards our Brother. We have to remember, when we get caught up in Lodge business, that there is a more important group you belong to, and that is your family. You never let your Lodge down if you are leaving to help your family.

I thank R.: W.: Dick Trescott and R.: W.: Roy Moses for helping in the Degree.

April 8th was the 2nd Annual Livingston District Ladies Night. I was unable to attend, but the report is that the Committee put on another great night for the ladies. During the program, the widows who attended received pins. Our W.: David Howlett paid for the Widow's Pins the Eunice widows received. Thank you, Brother David, for stepping up and putting forth the funds to purchase these mementos for our widows.

The Horse Show is April 29th-30th. We expect to have great weather for the event. If you read this in time, please contact Brother Rick Lafave, R.: W.: Fran Oberer or R.: W.: Allen Roggen, to help. We need people to help set up on April 29th and to run the booth on April 30th.

The May Communication will be our Annual Election of Officers. It will also be Past Masters' Night, where the Past Masters will fill the chairs to run the meeting. I will contact the Past Masters to ask them to fill a particular chair.

Please contact Brother Mike Grady if you would like to purchase the watches or clocks he is getting (the flyer was on the back of April's Agenda). Also, remember to bring the money to pay for the Shake Lites that W.: Mel Hussey is selling for the Association.

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Bring-a-Friend Night
Put down on your calendar Tuesday, May 30th, day after Memorial Day, 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., Spaghetti Dinner, half-hour program, then socializing and refreshments. As usual, girlfriends and wives are invited. (Not both at the same time.) That is the 5th Tuesday of the month, so there should be nothing scheduled to create a conflict.

Nunda Station Lodge No. 682
1st & 3rd Tuesdays 7:30 p.m.
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R.: Gerald J. Hussong
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Here we are again as another month rolls by but... "April Showers bring May Flowers." After what seemed to be a long winter, we do have something to look forward to.

I received a communication

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By David W. Locke
This first article from the new DDGM for the OSY District will start with first things first. A heartfelt thanks to Eldon White, DDGM, Herbert Goodman, GS, and all the Grand Lodge Officers and Brothers who served the OSY District during the 2004-2006 term. On behalf of all the members of the OSY District, thank you Brothers!
Many thanks also to the "new" Past Masters, Officers and Brothers who served their Lodges over the last two years. I look forward to working with the incoming Masters and Officers for the betterment of the Craft in the ensuing two years.
As of the writing of this article, DDGMs and Staff Officers from all across New York have attended the training on the Masonic Home grounds in Utica. The 25th Grand Lodge Communication has yet to take place, but about the time you

from our Grand Sword Bearer, R.: W.: Richard Trescott in regards to the upcoming summer activities. It was good to receive this, since some time has passed since the local trestleboard for the Nunda Station Lodge was published and some Brothers may have lost their copy.

The following summer activities are planned:

- June 1, 2, 3 - Nunda Fun Days
- June 11 - Family Breakfast at the Lodge, 7:30-10:00 a.m.
- TBA - Annual Lodge Picnic at Hussong's Cottage, Rushford Lake.

Recent Events

The Youth Talent show, sponsored by our Lodge and the Keshequa School District Music Department, was a great success. There were a total of 24 acts and the talent those kids have is outstanding. Approximately 250 people were in attendance that evening. The finalists will all compete against the finalists from other school districts at Mt. Morris High School on Friday, April 28.

The 2nd Annual Livingston District Masonic Association Ladies Night and Awards Presentation was another success-

ful event. Livingston District Grand Lodge Officers, R.: W.: Richard Trescott and R.: W.: Roy Moses, started this event last year and it looks like the idea will continue to grow. There were 7 Brothers from Nunda Station Lodge along with their wives and female guests. Two widows from Nunda Station Lodge received blue slipper pins as an honor of their status and a symbol of the protection offered them by the Masons. A good time was had by all. Hopefully more women will want to attend next year! Entertainment was provided by V.: W.: K. Richard Howe. He really has a great voice and I know more Brothers and their wives would like to see him again next year. State Senator Kathy Young was the guest speaker. She told us of the recent items passed in the State budget, which is awaiting Gov. Pataki's signature.

Finally, a reminder to Nunda Station Lodge Brothers of UPCOMING events:

- April 18 - Past Masters' Night 7:30 p.m.
- May 2 - Election of Officers 7:30 p.m.
- May 16 - Annual Steak Roast 6:30 p.m.

read this issue of the *Masonic Times*, our next Grand Master will have been elected.

All that said, this is a transition article, where I can tell you that for my part, how deeply honored and appreciative I am for the privilege of serving as the DDGM of the OSY District for the 2006-2008 term.

There are many great things happening in our District, with equally great events to look forward to in the coming year. There seems to be a resurgence happening throughout OSY and many Lodges are busy with Degrees.

Ark Lodge will celebrate its 200th Anniversary in 2007 and this milestone deserves the support of all Lodges in OSY.

The Masters and Wardens Association of the OSY District has been reincarnated as the OSY Association with a new set of By-Laws. These new By-Laws include a provision to make the funding of the website more official. Many thanks to Brother Ken Hall for getting us this far by running and maintaining the site on his own. Please check: www.osydistrict.org often, as this site will figure prominently as one of our most important communication tools over the next two years and hopefully beyond.

The 2006-2008 Term Kickoff will be held Saturday afternoon, May 21st, at the home of David Locke, DDGM. The event will consist of a Steak Roast and a

planning session for the ensuing term. All OSY District Masons, their wives and families or "significant others" are cordially invited. At a minimum, at least one representative from each OSY District Lodge should attend, as we need to share plans, Trestleboard ideas and schedules. Details and directions will be posted on: www.osydistrict.org.

I very much look forward to meeting every Mason in the OSY District.

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Master's Message

A unique aspect of Freemasonry is the character and personality of the Masonic Order worldwide. In a world of selfishness and greed, where mankind is attracted to the hope and promise of wealth and material gain, Freemasonry has no such reward to offer to its Masonic Brothers. How unique! There is no other Fraternal organization among men of its kind. Yet, millions of men in these United

States and all over the world have joined our Fraternity.

So, my Brothers, what is your Masonic life like? Does it represent our actual Masonic living and giving of our Fraternal ideals? Many of our Ark Lodge Brothers have never seen the real fruits of our Masonic work. Those many beauties of Masonry are its teachings, accomplishments and future possibilities that we give to others who might want to join our Masonic Fraternity.

If one is truly interested in Masonry and wants a Masonic office, there are so many additional opportunities for self-enhancement and learning about our Masonic Degrees and Rituals. There is that ability to learn and memorize, to stand on one's feet and listen to the sound of one's voice without having jitters and shakes. Freemasonry has been the stage for many Brothers' training in public speaking and acting. Another advantage and by-product of being a Mason is to help another Brother and be a mentor to help the Brother gain self-confidence in himself. This constant exercise of Ritual memorization opens our brain and mind to unlimited adventures in our mental thinking and planning.

The honor and joy of giving and receiving is so prevalent in our Masonic Fraternity. To be a servant of humanity and be a devoted Brother, to do good to all mankind is our Masonic heritage of being a good Master Mason.

It is not the number of Degrees you have attained, it is not the titles you have received that decide what gifts you will receive on our Masonic travels throughout life. It is dependent upon our mental attitude toward each other (Brotherly Love) and our love for others.

May 17th will be a summoned communication. We will have our election of Officers, as well as a 3rd Degree conferred by the Damascus Shriners Degree Team, for our new Brothers. Lodge will open at 5:30 p.m. for the election and called from labor to refreshments at Emiles Restaurant at 6:00 p.m. Lodge will resume for the 3rd Degree at 7:30 p.m. Call me at 789-6420 for dinner reservations. See you all there!

Masons meet, act and part

March 23rd was a wonderful night. The prestigious DeWitt Clinton Award was given to Reverend James and Suzanne Adams. R.: W.: Eldon White, DDGM, Lance Ward, Potentate of Damascus Shrine, his wife, Lynn, and over 70 Brothers and guests enjoyed the hors d'oeuvres, coffee and fellowship.

I received a wonderful letter from Rev. Adams and his wife: "Dear Anthony - We wish to thank you and all the Masons for your kindness and graciousness in awarding us the DeWitt Clinton Award. This honor touched us both deeply, and will remain as one of the most memorable experiences of our lifetimes. We are deeply grateful for your thoughtfulness, your work for us to receive this prestigious award and for the generous and warm hospitality at the ceremony at Belhurst Castle. We are thankful for the work that Masons do and for the many ways the Masonic Order has worked to improve our society, generation after generation. With our warm re-

gards, Rev. James and Sue Adams, Rector, St. Peter's Episcopal Church."

Ark Lodge conferred a 1st Degree, led by our Junior Warden, W.: Tom Abraham, with twenty-eight Brothers in attendance. The 2nd Degree was April 19th, with Senior Warden, Brother Robert Mattick in the East.

With sadness I report that our Historian, John Stelter, lost his wife at the age of 89 years. God bless. Brother John is 95 years old.

May 31st is the final date for the Brotherhood Fund. No one donated in January, February or March. Twenty-one Brothers have given \$635 and 68 have not responded. Truly, charity donations are gifts of love to those who receive them.

Brothers raised in the month of May are: Thomas Abraham, Ray Allmond, Stephen Goebert, Gordon Johnson, Howard Johnson, John Keaton, Anthony Khoury, Joseph Michaels, Joseph Smith, Terry Trenchard, Jr., Jeffrey VanHouten and John Venutti.

The 49th Annual Masonic Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, May 21st at 2:00 p.m. in the Geneva Presbyterian Church, 24 Park Place. Our Lodge will pay their respects to Brothers Arnold Schofield and John Bigger, and I hope many Lodge Brothers attend.

Please visit Brothers Bill Kashouty and Bob Inscho at the North Rehab Living Center and Brothers Harry George and Max Kaufman at the South Rehab Living Center. Remember Brothers John Stelter, Raymond Baroody and Roy Smith in your prayers.

Calendar of events

- May 3rd - Officers' meeting, 7:00 a.m. at Lodge
- May 17th - Summomed Communication. Election of Officers at 5:30 p.m.; dinner at Emiles at 6:00 p.m. and the 3rd Degree at 7:30 p.m. at the Lodge.
- May 22nd - Investiture Service for new Masters, Garoga-Sincerity Lodge, Phelps. Dinner at 6:00 p.m., service, 7:00 p.m.
- Memorial Day - Masonic Parade of Brothers, Waterloo.

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Again, thanks 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 apologize for not having an article in last month's *Masonic Times*. Things were a little hectic and it went right by me.

For those going to New York this May, please have an enjoyable experience; I know it is worth it.

Planning ahead

The first meeting in May is election of Officers and the second meeting is the Installation.

The 3rd Degree has been moved to the June 8th meeting. See you at our next meeting.

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Your help will be very much appreciated!

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This Master apologizes to the Brethren for not getting the *Masonic Times* article in last month's issue. In fact, I also missed the last two Lodge meetings. I entered Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester on March 13th; I had my aorta valve replaced and, after 3 weeks, I am resuming my duties again. Also your Secretary at the same time had eye surgery for a detached retina. So, both of us were laid up and did not get the article submitted for April.

Two new Brothers took the 2nd Degree Oath at our March 7th meeting. Ron Galens, Senior Warden, Master for the evening, led the Degree Team and was assisted by many other dedicated Masons. Representatives of other Lodges and several Past Masters saw a very fine Degree.

Many thanks to Brother Senior Warden, Ron Galens for taking charge of the Lodge meetings in my absence. I also thank R.: W.: John Walti for conferring the 3rd Degree. Thanks to all Master Masons who took part in the Degree.

I congratulate the two new Brothers, David Bruzee and Jerome Phillips, on attaining the sublime Degree of Master Mason.

The Brother Bring-a-Friend Program does work. Other Lodges report having success bringing in candidates. One Lodge asked if they could bring their candidate to our 2nd Degree night. Dundee Lodge asked to bring a candidate to our 3rd Degree night on April 4th. So, Lodges are helping other Lodges and candidates are becoming Master Masons.

Successful dinner!

The Roast Pork Supper on February 18th was a sell-out. We served many people who enjoyed the meal of Roast Pork, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, applesauce, rolls, Dessert and beverage. Thanks to the many Masons and friends who helped with the supper.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to purchase a new Roaster Oven and some oven gloves. We've needed to borrow an oven for the past year to assist with our meals. It's time to buy one.

Brotherhood Fund

The Brotherhood Fund is coming along nicely; however, we are short of our goal. I know other charities and emergency situations of national disasters and the like need supporting, also. Remember, supporting charities is good for the soul.

Sickness

It was reported that Don Fridley has had his operation and is home recuperating. We wish him the very best. Brothers, please give him a call and make his day.

Note

Forget the hasty, unkind word; Forget the slander you have heard;

Forget the quarrel and the cause;
Forget the whole affair, because,
Forgetting is the only way.
Forget the storm of yesterday
Forget the knocker and the squeak;
Forget the bad day of the week.
Forget you're not a millionaire;
Forget the gray streaks in your hair;
Forget to even get the blues-
But don't Forget
To Pay your Dues!

(Eric, *Scottish Rite News*)

Dates to remember

May 2nd - Election of Officers, Move-up night
May 16th - Installation of Officers
May 20th - Pork Chop Bar-B-Que

Birthdays

Belated Happy April Birthdays to Brothers Bobby Dorgan, 7th; Todd Ruggles, 8th; Jay Ford, 9th; John Roush, 9th; Vincent Rozella II, 12th; Norman Schafer, 16th; David Mowers, 19th; Howard Lester, 20th; Robert Lash, 26th; and James Gostley, 29th.

Congratulations to these Brothers raised in April; Paul Adams, 4/5/1960; Clayton Barnard, 4/8/1965; Charles Bird, 4/19/1994; John Bowles, 4/11/1963; John Davis, 4/9/1964; Ernest Day, 4/14/1983; Aaron Dell, 4/8/1971; Dale Gelder, 4/20/1971; Elvin Grube, 4/17/1962; Isaac Hesse-ney, 4/8/1965; Robert Hines, 4/5/1950; Ramon Howard, 4/16/1974; Michael Klimeczko, 4/17/1984; George Landstrom, 4/17/1951; Milton Lum, 4/22/1969; John Roush, 4/13/1967; Robert Spink, 4/21/1959;

Dayne Tharrett, 4/18/1984; Kenneth Thomas Jr., 4/17/1962; Scott Upchurch, 4/19/1994; Ronald VanCamp, 4/1/1968; and Frederick Wheeler, 4/21/1959.

Happy May Birthdays to Brothers: David Retchless, 5th; John Davis, 10th; Gordon Campbell, 20th; Dale Gelder, and William Smith, 22nd.

Congratulations to these Brothers raised in May:

James Allen	5/19/93
Bruce Andrews	5/26/77
Robert Bird	5/14/70
Ernest Bishop	5/22/86
Ranse Brooks	5/27/71
Garry Clark	5/19/81
Gary Curtiss	5/28/81
Otis Davis	5/14/70
Bobby Dorgan	5/20/75
Jay Ford	5/10/67
James Gostley	5/27/71
Richard Hamelinck	5/22/96
Willard Hamelinck	5/22/96
Donald Henning	5/22/86
Richard Houle	5/27/70
Chris Howard	5/20/80
Thomas Hudson	5/24/73
Albert Kamm	5/5/50
Richard Kauder	5/26/70
Robert Kloepfel	5/24/62
Stephen LeRoy	5/27/71
Howard Lester	5/14/70
James Newman	5/24/62
Kenneth Pedersen	5/15/56
Timothy Piper	5/8/80
John Sabin	5/20/80
Donald Tiffany	5/15/56
F. Lee Walters	5/16/61
John Walti	5/19/98
Glen Webster	5/16/61
John Werner	5/10/55

When you see these Brothers, thank them for their years of dedication to the Craft. *

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Assistant Grand Lecturer Wayne District



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My Brothers, I am going to start out this month's article with an apology. I apologize to you for being lax in missing the March and April issues of the *Masonic Times* with an article. The deadlines got away from me with other commitments.

That out of the way, on to the business at hand. The Edict degrees have been completed in the District, my report sent to the Grand Lecturer and his report should be read to Grand Lodge about the time you read this article. Overall, I am satisfied with the performance of the District this year. As always, Ritual needs improvement, but that is the primary mission of the AGL...to teach Ritual. I would have liked to have been able to spend more time in each Lodge doing this but time did not permit it.

My Brothers, as you know, this is my last year as your Assistant Grand Lecturer. I have greatly enjoyed the last three years. It has been a tremendous learning experience for me. I have immensely enjoyed working with R.: W.: Edward G. Gilbert, our Grand Lecturer. I have

learned so much from him and have found in him a good friend. I hope you will support my successor, as you have supported me. I bid you farewell. *

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My Brothers, I am going to start out this month with an apology for missing the last two month's articles. I have been quite busy with work, Degrees and the other Lodges, and the deadlines for the *Masonic Times* just got away from me.

May will begin with my attendance at Grand Lodge on the 1st and 2nd. This will be my last meeting at NYC and my last meeting with our Grand Master, M.: W.: Edward R. Trosin. I have enjoyed working under his leadership very much and I believe he has added much to our great Fraternity.

Our May 3rd meeting will be a summoned meeting as it is the Annual Meeting with the Election of Officers and the reading of the reports of the Officers and Committees. The Nominating Committee that I appointed in April has worked long and hard in picking a slate of Officers to direct the Lodge in the future. It is my fervent hope that you will support them. Our May 17th meeting will be the Installation of Officers.

My Brothers, this will be my last message to you as Master of Drumlin Square Lodge. I have enjoyed my last two years as your Master, even though I feel that I have not done an admirable job in the chair. I did not accomplish all of my goals except that we did raise two new members, which I feel is a great accomplishment. My Brothers, with this I bid you and our new Officers Godspeed and may the Great Architect of the Universe watch over us all. *

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R.: W.:
Derek VanHouten
Monroe District

I had the chance to speak with R.: W.: Robert Stack and he indicated that we were over \$750,000 so far in this Campaign. Locally, all the credit goes to our devoted and dedicated Lodge Chairmen. They have worked tirelessly in your behalf to collect the funds, send in the reports to Grand Lodge and send the famous YELLOW copies to me to record the District's progress. Unfortunately, not all Lodges have participated and those few Lodges have in essence done a disservice to the members.

We still have a few days left and the totals won't be out until the Summer break, but we are hopeful that through the generosity of the members of the Craft, we will equal last year's total.

Changing direction, I am very pleased to announce that a very capable Brother will be taking over the duties of this Committee for the next two years and I know that he will lead the District to continued success. Brother Geoff Buell, of ERAC Lodge, is well suited for this job and I will assist him in any way that I can. It has been my pleasure to serve the Monroe District and worked with such great and dedicated men.

In closing, let me leave you with these words by others about giving: "In helping others, we shall help ourselves, for whatever good we give out completes the circle and comes back to us." Flora Edwards.....and from Henry Ward Beecher, "There never was a person who did anything worth doing that did not receive more than he gave."

Monroe District Masters & Wardens Assoc.



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By the time everyone is reading this, your Lodge's Master or his proxy should be at Grand Lodge. I sincerely hope that everyone took this responsibility seriously so that the Monroe District was well represented at the 2006 Grand Lodge Communication. While the Upstate Lodges can have a commanding presence at Grand Lodge, it is impossible if representatives from each Lodge do not attend. Attendance becomes especially important in election years such as this. As Masters, we have a responsibility to our Lodges to ensure that their voices are heard at Grand Lodge each year. I would ask that all Lodge Officers keep that in mind as they prepare for their time in the East.

As expected, the Masters and Wardens passed the proposed operating budget and By-Laws at its April 19th meeting. Cop-

ies will be made available to all incoming members at the June 21st communication.

The June 21st communication will be the first of the new Masonic year, at which time the group will elect its new Officers. The new group will also determine when and where it will meet during the upcoming year. If you will be the Master or a Warden of your Lodge during the 2006-2007 year, you have a responsibility to your Lodge to actively participate in the Masters and Wardens organization. If you do not attend the June 21st meeting, you will not have any say in these important decisions, which may limit your ability to participate and is a disservice to your Lodge. Please make every effort to attend.

As usual, the June 21st meeting will take place at the Country Village Restaurant on Long Pond Road in Greece. It is a dinner meeting that will begin at 6:30p.m. and adjourn no later than 8p.m. There will be no meeting in May.

To the current members of the Masters and Wardens, as well as our District Officers and AGLs, it has been my distinct pleasure to work with each of you this year. I believe that the Masters and Wardens organization has made great progress over the last twelve months, and it is all because of your hard work. Your challenge now is to make sure that your incoming Master and his Wardens keep up the good work, which will be to everyone's benefit. Remember that most of our Lodges individually do a good job in providing programs, performing Ritual and other important aspects that make our Craft special, BUT WE WORK BETTER TOGETHER.

I'll see you in the quarries. x

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April was a fun month, and I offer my thanks to all those who helped make the Lodge's activities successful. We raised two new Master Masons, and had two Brothers affiliate with our Lodge. We're coming into the last month of this Masonic year, and I have a number of important things to share with you about ongoing concerns and the activities of the upcoming month.

Building update

In late March, the town of Penfield approved the business of our new tenant, Salia's Boutique. The shop is scheduled to open in early May, and I'm told that the only outstanding item is the approval of the sign that will go out front. All parties involved seem to think that this would not be an issue, including the new tenants and the town. I encourage you, or your spouses, to visit the shop and encourage its patronage. The success of this business is important to us, as we'd like them to renew their lease when the time comes.

As many of you are aware, there was some wind damage to

the building during the month of March, causing some difficulties with the awnings out front and the aluminum siding at the rear on the second floor. The awnings have been fixed, and we are still exploring options concerning the siding repair. Given that it is difficult to find aluminum siding, the quotes we have been given appear to be rather high. We continue to solicit quotes to repair the siding and are also considering placing a sign on the rear of the building, with the understanding that the area around the sign would need to be properly sealed, etc., to prevent damage to the underlying structure. This might be more cost effective and could be used to promote the Lodge and the Fraternity. I hope that further information will be available at the May 8th communication.

Also, I have been in touch with the Town Supervisor and the highway department concerning the drainage issue at the back of the building, which was caused as a result of our storm sewer being disconnected about two years ago when construction was completed on Five Mile Line Road just west of the Lodge. At this time, the town is agreeable to working with us to resolve the situation, and I expect to be meeting with them shortly. I will keep you posted.

Elevator/Lift Project

Given the average age of our membership and the number of Brothers (and spouses) who have difficulty with the stairs, the Trustees decided last Fall to begin exploring the possibility of installing an elevator or vertical lift in the building. It is my feeling that, if feasible, this is a worthwhile investment for the future of our Lodge. Most importantly, it would provide a means for many Brothers (and their spouses) to attend events at the Lodge that they currently cannot attend because it is simply too difficult to get up the stairs. Of course, this is not limited to members of Wakan/Hubbard, but to all Brothers in the District who face similar issues. All of us will eventually succumb to the effects of age, so this is truly a consideration for ALL of our Brothers, not simply those who currently have difficulty. The installation of a lift would also improve our ability to rent the Lodge out to other Masonic organizations, which is an important goal to help support the ongoing upkeep of the building.

An initial investigation of our options has led us to a vertical lift, which would have capacity for about three people at a time. The costs of a lift are considerably lower than for an elevator. They are very similar, except that the lift is not fully enclosed, as an elevator would be. This tentative project will be an important topic for discussion at our May 8th communication. Information is expected to be available on the lift itself, the costs of construction, equipment and installation and ways that it could be financed. However, while we have had contractors on site to provide quotes, I believe that we will still need structural engineering assessments to verify that the project is indeed feasible. This will cost some money. There will also be permit and other approvals required before construction could begin. It is my

hope that, at a minimum, our discussion at the May 8th meeting will provide you with enough information to allow the Trustees to move forward with such studies during the Summer months, as well as with the permit process depending on the outcome of the feasibility assessment. This would allow the Lodge to take action on the project first thing in the Fall, assuming it is feasible and we choose to move forward.

Adopt-A-Highway

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

Election of Officers

The May 8th communication is our annual Summoned meeting for the election of Officers. As you can see above, we have other important business to discuss. Further, given the program for late May and the June installation, May 8th is expected to be the last tiled business meeting of the Spring. It is important that you make every effort to attend.

Also, please join me in congratulating the following 17 brothers who will be recognized at our May 8th communication for their years of service to the Craft:

70 years, Norman Gordon; 60 years, William Beil, John Ross, and Robert Black; 55 years, Harold Connor and Burton Reeves; 50 years, Jackson Hollis, John Tjou, Frank Mehlenbacher, Jack Milligan, Sherwin ("Ike") Isaacs and Roger McCaughey; 25 years, James Wheeler, Brian Innacone, Wayne W. Slack, Keith Germano and Kenneth Mattice.

In addition, I will be presenting some awards to recognize certain Brothers for service to the Lodge this year. I will also offer a token of thanks to the Officers and take a few minutes to thank all those who helped make the last twelve months a success for our Lodge. I strongly encourage each of you to join us on May 22nd to recognize all of these worthy Brothers, and share in a night of fellowship that will end this Masonic year on a high note. Please contact our Junior Warden, Ron Lalik at 377-0097 or via email at: ronlalik@rochester.rr.com no later than Tuesday, May 16th with dinner reservations.

Dinner, Awards Night

Our May 22nd communication will feature a catered dinner and open meeting. Dinner is expected to be provided by Napa Gino's restaurant in Penfield. Further information on the menu and cost of the meal will be provided as soon as it is available. Please join us with your ladies that night, as we have an open meeting to recognize a number of Brothers for their contributions to the Lodge and the Craft.

First, I am pleased to announce that W.: Don Bell will be presented with the Distinguished Service Award (DSA). Brother Bell was recognized by

Grand Lodge this year as one of a select group of Brothers in the District whose dedication to their lodge is above and beyond. Please join me in congratulating Don and thanking him for all of his hard work over the years.

Installation of Officers

At this time, it is my understanding that the new Officers will likely be installed at our regular communication on Monday, June 12th. I believe that the evening will include an open installation and dinner. Please mark your calendars, and note the change from prior years when the installation has been done on a Saturday. I expect that you will receive additional information about this event following the election of officers at our May 8th communication.

Master's Message

As anticipated, the last twelve months have flown by. It has been my honor and pleasure to serve as Wakan/Hubbard's Master during that time and I sincerely hope that you have found the last year to be as enjoyable as I have. While I think that we had a pretty good year, only you can be the judge of that. Assuming we did, I have each and every one of you to thank for it. The Lodge has its being because of each of you—it is you who come together to make things happen, and provide Wakan/Hubbard with its energy. It is your energy, your effort, your hard work and dedication that make Wakan/Hubbard a special place. I was humbled by your confidence in me last Spring and am proud to have worked alongside each of you during the past twelve months to strengthen our Lodge and our Craft. I thank you all for your support, and look forward to seeing you in Lodge soon.

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I extend a heartfelt thanks to all the Brothers who attended and supported Churchville Lodge's 3rd Degree, held March 22nd. Without your support, this event could not have taken place. I am pleased to announce that 14 Lodges were in attendance for the 3rd Degree. This participation and support is a great demonstration of true brotherly love in Masonry.

I extend special thanks to R.: W.: Louis Perna, DDGM, for assisting us in this endeavor.

I look forward to extending the fellowship in our various Lodges.

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Our first meeting of the month will be May 9th and there will be a Steak Dinner at 6:30 p.m., at a cost of \$11.00. The Lodge meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. and Lodge elections will take place. I hope that you will continue to support the Lodge and the new Master in the coming year.

Our second meeting is May 23rd and there will be no dinner beforehand. The Lodge meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. I thank all our Brothers who turned out for the 3rd Degree at Valley-Simes. It was a job well done by the Shrine Degree Team.

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

Happy Birthday to everyone with a May birthday.

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This month I have both great news and very sad news to pass on to you, as well as a very important notice on a date change for Clío's nominations and election of Officers for 2006/2007.

Elections

The Master and Secretary of Clío Lodge received an official letter from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York reminding us that we must hold our nomination and election of Officers at our first meeting in May, following the closing of Grand Lodge, which will be held on May 2nd. I know our By-Laws state this election will be held at our second meeting in May. Without getting into all the nuts and bolts of why it has to be; it has to be, according to our Grand Lodge Constitution. Therefore, all Clío Lodge Brothers are

summoned to Clío Lodge for the annual nomination and election of Officers at the regular stated communication on May 2, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. for said election. As Master, I have appointed Senior Warden, Stephen Mitchell, to Master for the evening and W.: Gerald Jones, to assist with said election. My absence that evening will be due to my participation at Grand Lodge. If all goes well at Grand Lodge, this election requirement will change for next year. Our Secretary will be making an Official Notice to all Brothers of this Summons, both by email and US Postal Service.

Our meeting on March 7th was well attended and included two visitors from Webster Lodge. W.: Warren Patterson and Brother Fred Cornell, D.S.A. Directly following our opening, Resolutions of Respect were read for two of our Brothers and the Altar was draped in their memory: Brother George W. Badgerow, born 10-20-1923, raised 6-4-68, passed away 3-13-06; Brother Dana G. Daniels, born 9-14-55, raised 6-18-91, passed away 3-18-06. May they both rest in peace.

The work for the evening was a Masonic True or False quiz consisting of 25 questions. After working it out that the right hand would be True and the left hand False, (this was the hard part). The Master read the questions and W.: Gerald Jones the answers. We had so much fun we even got a smile or two from W.: Stu Brickman, our fill-in Senior Deacon.

All in attendance were delighted hear the Secretary, W.: Sean, proclaim, during his reading of the minutes, that he had scored a perfect 100 percent on the Questions. Yeah, right! A Baked Ziti Dinner followed the meeting and then it was card-playing time. I instructed the Clío players to go easy on the Webster boys, so they would have enough money left to buy a couple of Ox Roast tickets. I think it went the other way around.

Three special items of interest were read and discussed at our meeting on March 21st. The first was the letter from Grand Lodge telling us we must vote for our Officers on May 2nd and not at our stated By-Law time of the 2nd meeting in May.

The second was an official letter from Worthy Matron Mary Hall of Leah Chapter, OES, to me as Master of Clío Lodge and to Officers of the OES. I read the letter to the Lodge and directed our Secretary to make it a part of the minutes. In the letter, Wthy. Mary Hall explained Leah's merger with two other Chapters, and that their meet-

ing place will be at Unity Lodge in Spencerport. Wthy. Mary explained that when time and dates are set, she will make them known to us.

This letter makes it official, and the Brothers of Clío are losing our Sisters of Leah. They, on the other hand, are losing their beloved Chapter. In a separate note Wthy. Bev Thompson, Leah's Secretary, writes on the matter, "We are devastated." As Master of Clío, I could write more on this, but will only say that my thoughts go to "Clío losing Clío;" get involved, my Brothers.

As Master of Clío, it gives me great pleasure to tell you about the third letter. It was from the Grand Master of Masons of the State of New York, M.: W.: Edward R. Trosin, and was read to the Lodge by our Secretary, W.: Sean Noonan. In sum and substance, it notifies W.: Gerald R. Jones, Sr., that he has been chosen to receive this year's Dedicated Service Award (DSA). W.: Brother Gerald Jones has been, is, and will continue to be, a mainstay in Masonry, not just at Clío and the Royal Arch, but to the Craft itself. It is both an honor and a pleasure to call this man, "Brother." Clío will have a DSA presentation night for W.: Brother Gerry at our regular meeting on May 16th at 7:30 p.m. Please try to attend.

Brotherhood Fund

Our Chairman, Senior Warden Stephen Mitchell, reports that approximately 30% of Clío Brothers have donated to the Fund. Brothers, if you haven't made a donation as yet, please try to do so.

Dinners

Ox Roast is Saturday, May 6th, with serving from 4:00-7:30 p.m. Prices are adults, \$10.00; Seniors, \$9.00 and children, \$6.00. All-you-can-eat Roast Beef sit-down dinner served family style. Brothers, sell or buy a couple of tickets; your help would be appreciated. Spaghetti dinner is Wednesday, May 24th. It's the only one in May, due to the Ox Roast.

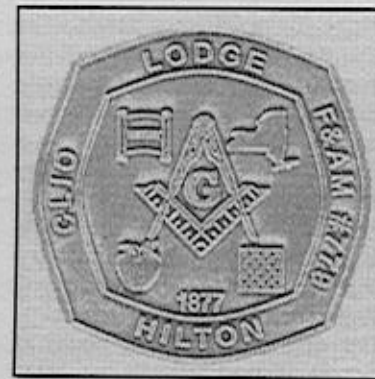
Sickness and distress

Brother Bill Armstrong is still not feeling well, even though his wife seems to be doing better. Brother Bill is having some intestinal problems and is undergoing testing. W.: David Upham has joined the group suffering sore throat, fever and coughing. If you know of a Brother or person of interest under sickness and distress, please call me or a Lodge Officer so we can acknowledge it with a card, call or visit.

Wthy. Mary Hall, Matron of Leah Chapter, OES, was hospitalized for tests. We are pleased

to hear she is home recuperating and, taking it easy!

Sometime ago Clío gave Brother J. Scott Gresko permission to have struck a "Clío Coin." They have arrived and are a thing of beauty. They cost \$10.00 each. The first ten I had were gone in thirteen minutes at Lodge. I now have ten more; well, I did at this writing. The coin is an off- gold color metal the size of a silver dollar, with "Clío Lodge F&AM #779, Hilton 1877" on the front and "Faith-Hope-Charity" on the back.



Both sides have Masonic markings. They come in a clear plastic coin folder and could be mailed if required. What a great personal little Clío keepsake! Thank you, Brother Scott.

Note to Clío Past Masters

The Joint Investiture Service will be May 19, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. at Fairport/Flower City Lodge - dinner at 6:00. Reservations are required.

Installation of Officers at Clío will be on June 6th at 7:30 p.m. This will be an open meeting with a light lunch to follow. Come out and support Clío's new Master and Officers.

In God We Trust.

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I hope by the time you read this article, the work on our building will be starting up again. The one portion on the South side that is completed looks very good. It will be nice to see the rest of the building look that great.

I will be attending the Grand Lodge Communication in New York City representing our Lodge on May 1st and 2nd. We, as a Lodge, have discussed those items that will require a vote this year; the constitutions and elections of the Grand Lodge Officers. My wife, Gail, and I will enjoy the sights and sounds of New York City, as well, as we plan to arrive there on Saturday.

At our April meeting I had the pleasure of presenting the following Service Awards to these Lodge Brothers: 10 years, Brother Kenneth Hecker; 15 years, W.: James Hart; 25 years, W.: Alfred Rodgers; 30 years, W.: Paul Josephson and Brother David Briggs; 35 years, Brother Kenneth Willi; 40 years, Brother Henry Hansen; 45 years, Brothers Robert Tozier and Herbert Dornisfe; 50 years, R.: W.: Rodney Rittenhouse and Brother Robert Palmer; 55 years, Brothers George Barker and Merton Lay and 60 years, Brother Dean Desmann. Thanks to Rob Sweeny for providing the cake and punch for these Brothers.

Thanks to R.: W.: Robert Sanford for conducting the Walk-About Program this

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Lodge	Members	Contributors			Contributions			Participation Percent	Total Dollars
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Valley-Simes	145	115	1	5	141	1	8	83.45	\$5,195
Wakan/Hubbard	193	101	1	1	133	5	1	53.37	\$2,315
ERAC	277	66	0	0	70	0	0	23.83	\$2,148
Union Star	99	33	0	1	35	0	3	34.34	\$1,595
Northfield	103	22	0	1	28	0	1	22.33	\$860
Fairport/Flower City	178	8	0	0	9	0	0	4.49	\$340
Unity	315	87	1	1	99	1	1	28.25	\$4,221
Webster	179	24	0	0	25	0	0	13.41	\$477
Churchville	63	3	0	0	4	0	0	4.76	\$90
Fame	111	23	1	0	26	3	0	21.62	\$1,160
Oatka	72	3	0	0	3	0	0	4.17	\$50
Clío	122	39	0	1	41	0	1	32.79	\$1,305
Seneca	126	37	1	1	46	1	1	30.95	\$8,240
Craftsman Robertson	122	48	0	11	59	0	11	48.36	\$2,592
Totals	2105	609	5	22	709	11	27	30.26	\$30,587

month. This program is designed to help our newly raised Brothers become more at ease and gain an understanding with our Stations and Places within the Lodge room.

I had the pleasure to attend the Widows Luncheon with our Senior Warden, Scott May and R.: W.: Robert Sanford at the Burgundy Basin Inn on Saturday, April 22nd. Six widows graced us with their presence. The food and entertainment were very good.

If you missed the opportunities to contribute to the Brotherhood Fund you still have time. Please contact Brother Will Nersinger at 787-6887 or you may mail it to our Secretary (address listed above). I am sure he will forward it to Will.

Special thanks to our Secretary, Rob Sweeney, for moving our Lodge records to MORI, the online registry program. This process allows our Secretary to keep our records up-to-date vs sending everything to Grand Lodge and having them attempt to do it.

Condolences

We have lost one of our Brothers, Arthur C. Sheeler, who was called by the Supreme Architect of the Universe on April 2nd. Art was a member for over fifty-five years. May the blessing of God be with his family and may he rest in Peace.

May

This month we will be holding the election of our new Of-

ficers for the ensuing year. That is nothing new, as we have done in the past. However, we will also be installing these Officers that same night. If you remember, we decided to move this event up a month so that it is completed properly at a time when the Lodge room temperature is reasonable. Please come out and support our newly elected and appointed Officers for the ensuing year. There will be a dinner at 6:30 p.m. If you have not made your reservation, you may do so by contacting our Junior Warden, George Foechner, at 586-5255.

On May 17th there will be a dinner for our Master-elect at the Norton Grill at 6:00 p.m. Please contact Past Master John Williams at 533-1188 for reservations.

June

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

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


This year has gone by very fast and I have to thank the many hands that have made it an enjoyable one, as well. I know that we will be in good hands in the future with the Officer line that is currently moving through the chairs. x

ciples of Freemasonry. In their honor, let us live our lives with those high standards of morality, friendship and brotherly love.

To each of the Brothers of Seneca Lodge, my sincere thank you for the privilege of serving as your Master these past two years. To the members of our extended Fraternity, whom I have come to know through Masters and Wardens, District events and visiting other Lodges, I thank you for your warm welcome and hardy handshakes. I intend to continue and enjoy these Fraternal relationships in the years ahead.

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

**Craftsman
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Time has a way of catching up to you, even when you're not thinking about it. For the 2005-2006 Masters, our terms are almost over and, after many meetings and Lodge functions, we look to the Senior Wardens to continue the work we, and others before us, have done. Looking back over the past year, we can reflect on the highs and lows of each of our terms as we took on the leadership mantles of our respective Lodges. It basically has been a good year; there are moments which we probably wish had gone better.

Organizing and planning for various Lodge functions were probably the most time consuming aspects of the year. The support we received from our Officers was a major player that helped in making our jobs as Master easier.

We face difficult times ahead as we contemplate merging with another Lodge, but there are a lot of resources that we can offer to make that procedure less painful. Craftsman Robertson has its own unique place in the history of the District. Our founding fathers were men of great character and mettle. In reading some of the old Lodge newsletters, we were at one time very active and the functions of the Lodge were an important aspect of membership within its boundaries. Sadly, those days are gone and as our membership gets smaller and the turnout at Lodge meetings slips away, we must take corrective action to do what's best for our survival.

Congratulations

On another note, I thank our Junior Warden, Brother Ralph Jurgens, for all the effort he has committed in handling the Chairmanship for our Lodge Brotherhood Fund during these past few years.

Congratulations to Lyndsey Steffen, daughter of our Senior Warden, Joe Steffen, and the granddaughter of W.: Tom Kendig, for finishing in 5th place in the State-wide Totten Essay Contest.

We congratulate our Chaplain, W.: Volney Frankel, on

receiving the Dedicated Service Award.

Fellowcraft

We all enjoyed each other's company at our Annual Fellowcraft Dinner, which was held at Rick's Prime Rib House. A Tip of the Master's Hat to W.: Clyde Siverd for his efforts in arranging and planning this event. All those in attendance dined on great food. We appreciated the fellowship of some Brothers who don't normally make it out to Lodge.

Widows Luncheon

We thank the Ladies who came to the Burgundy Basin Inn for the very lovely luncheon that was held on April 22nd. It was a gala event and old friends had the opportunity to meet and greet each other. Thank you to all who attended.

Welcome

We all extend a hearty welcome to our new Master Ma-

sons; Brothers Vincent Costanzo, Gerald Brumfield and Leroy Forbes. What you have participated in is just the beginning of an enriching life as a Mason and you will discover over the years opportunities to grow and seek out the best that life has to offer.

Celebrations

Happy Birthday to the following: Charles Freida, Clyde Horn, Terry Lee Ramsey, Paul Robertson, Edward Start, John Steinkamp, Matthew Walicke and George Wilkinson.

In closing, let me say that it has been a personal pleasure in leading Craftsman Robertson Lodge during this past year and I will be around for any help that you may need. Who knows what the future will bring, but I look forward to serving my Craft in any manner I can. I wish the very best to Brother Joseph Steffen as he takes over the East. x




Members of the Fellowcraft Club gathered for the annual dinner last month. Some of those in attendance are shown in the accompanying photos. Above (left to right), Ken Mertz, Roy Guess, Dick Smith, Leon VanHuben and Dave King chatted while waiting to be served. Below, Clyde Horn, John Bardo, Tom Benson and Clyde Siverd prepare to enjoy the feast.



Three new Brothers were raised by the Shriners Degree Team on April 18th. (From left), Vincent Costanzo, Leroy Forbes and Gerald Brumfield are seated in front of Lodge Officers Ralph Jurgens, Junior Warden, Joseph Steffen, Senior Warden, and Worshipful Master, Derek VanHouten.

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As I sit down to write this article for the *Masonic Times*, I think back to what I asked in my first message to the Brothers of Seneca Lodge. At that time I made reference to our Ritual and asked that you all look favorably to the East. My Brothers, I have been amazed by the overwhelming and enthusiastic response you have made to our Lodge, Fraternity and the community at large.

Let me point out some of the reasons I think our objectives have been met over the past two years. As a Lodge, we have been part of many Child ID Programs on both the Lodge and District level and by doing so, we've supported our Grand Master's request. When a national disaster hit our country, I asked your support for a special Katrina relief fund and many of you rushed forward with your dollars and that aid is still coming in. When asked to help a Brother in need who was seriously injured in an accident, you rallied again and lawns were cut, leaves raked, gutters were cleaned and snow was removed. When an extra day's work was needed for the Ronald McDonald House, Brothers of the Lodge met and supplied muscle, equipment and talent to help make their sale successful. Each year we have had a full complement of volunteers to work the Have-a-Heart Campaign. These are just a few of

the projects on which you so willingly worked.

I must also point out the special social events we have all enjoyed. They were made possible because when called upon to lead or participate, you responded with an enthusiastic and clear "yes." Even when I asked a Brother to fill-in for me and write an article for a publication, it was done. For all these reasons and many more, I am proud to have served as your Master and call each one of you Brother.

Now we need to look ahead to the upcoming changes in our Lodge. Let us welcome this time with an open mind and heart to assure the transition is smooth and positive. Our new line of young Officers will need the same support that you so generously gave me during my leadership. May we continue to work together in the spirit of true brotherhood?

Thanks, Bob

It is with some sadness and a deep appreciation for W.: Robert C. Green, Jr., that I announce that Brother Bob will be leaving his post as Secretary of our Lodge and handing over the responsibilities to his successor. Brother Bob has guided our lodge with countless hours of work and a constant wealth of knowledge for the past thirteen years. Bob has shown dedication and support to each and every Master and to our Fraternity. To the Brothers of Seneca Lodge, please join me in a heartfelt thank you to our Secretary, W.: Robert C. Green, Jr.

During my time as Master of Seneca Lodge, I have seen many members of our Lodge set aside their working tools of this life and be called by the Supreme Architect to their final resting place. A few I new very well, some advised me over the years and I am proud to have called all of them my Brother, for they traveled their life's journey living to the standards and prin-

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We had a very good meeting for our April communication and I am very pleased to announce we have two newly raised Brothers in our Lodge. It was great to see both our Brother Fellowcrafts raised to the sublime Degree of Master Mason, as well as the two Brothers from our fellow Lodges; one from Wakan/Hubbard and one from Fame. The combined participation of Valley-Simes, our fellow Lodges and the Shrine Degree Team filled the Lodge room; we had over seventy Brothers in attendance for the Degree. The Shrine Degree Team did an outstanding job and it was truly a pleasure to see them conducting the Degree work. I thank everyone from the Shrine who participated, as well as the many Brothers who helped ensure the night was a success by working "behind the scenes."

The May communication will be Past Masters' Night and dinner. W.: Mike McBride will be calling many of you to fill the chairs; please contact him if you are interested. Additionally, we will be holding our annual elections of Officers; please set aside the night to join us for dinner the election.

May 1st and 2nd, R.: W.: Herb Spencer represented Valley-Simes at the Grand Lodge Annual communication in New York City. We look forward to hearing his report, along with several other annual reports.

I thank everyone who helped make this year's Widows Luncheon a success for our widows, especially each of the escorts for accompanying a lady to the event. I remind each of the ladies that if they need anything to please contact the Lodge and we will do our utmost to be of assistance.

Sickness and distress

It was great to see Bill Sheer at our April meeting; he seems to be making a speedy recovery from surgery.

It was also great to see R.: W.: Richard Snyder at our April meeting. He returned home from Florida and is doing well.

Trestleboard events

In June, I ask you to please reserve the time to come out to support our Master-elect and his line of Officers at our Lodge open installation.

In closing, I again thank all of the members of the Shrine Degree Team and the members of our Lodge who have assisted us in our work and joined in our fellowship this past month. I welcome both Brothers Jose Dias and Charles Skopinski as newly raised Master Masons in our Lodge. I am very confident that both Brothers will be great assets to the Lodge.

Brotherhood Fund

By R.: W.: Mat Gingold

Valley-Simes Lodge did not reach 100% participation for this year's campaign, but we

don't need to be ashamed of what was accomplished. The final results probably won't be known before the end of the Summer season.

The Grand Lodge Brotherhood Fund Chairman had high hopes that every Lodge in New York State would have produced a much larger amount of money so as to finish with one million dollars and to be able to do the work planned with the money. I am confident that our Lodge Chairman for next year will do a job with more acceptable results.

I appreciate all the cooperation I received from everyone. I now shall retire! My wish is for good health and good luck for all.

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

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A Lodge of Remembrance was held to honor those Brothers who passed away over the previous two years. Over 25 members were in attendance. Assisting me in the East were R.: W.: Don Darrohn and V.: W.: John Dyer. Attending at the altar were John Jamele, Senior Deacon, and Chad Kyler, Chaplain. Here are the names of the Brothers who were honored: Warren D. Alhart, Floyd M. Bedoar, James Anthony Brown, Chester W. Carter, Aura Dalton Gill, Richard Edward Jackson, Frank T. Jansson, William J. Lewis, Leroy F. Lindenmuth, Dwight C. Lingenfelter, Leonard Perlmutter, Harold W. Pixley, George S. Putnam, Ronald C. Starr, Raymond L. Wallner and Robert M. Waters.

Our first meeting in April was a 3rd Degree. Congratulations to the newly raised Brothers: David Tascione, Andrew Tascione, John Belgiorno and Joseph Picioli. Also, thank you to V.: W.: John Dyer, who conferred the Degree. Brother John did an outstanding job. Thanks to Joe Privitera and Tom Grape, who were the Ritual directors for the dramatic section. Your efforts are appreciated.

The second meeting in April was a Walk-About program to help further the Masonic education for our newly raised Brothers. Thank you to all who came out for this event.



New Brothers raised in Unity Lodge pose with V.: W.: John Dyer (standing center). They are (from left) David Tascione, Andrew Tascione, John Belgiorno and Joseph Picioli.

Please watch your mail for the official Summons regarding Lodge elections. This will take place on May 8th at 7:30 p.m. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting.

Lodge clean-up is scheduled for three consecutive Saturdays starting April 29th from 9 a.m.-noon. Please pass the word along so that we can have a big turnout. Many hands make light work.

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April

April was an exciting month for ERAC!

On April 8th, ERAC raised seven of its eight Brothers to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. Our 8th candidate, who suffered a broken leg in a motocross accident, was unable to participate. The Master Mason Degree from beginning to end was portrayed using a cast composed of all ERAC Brothers, a feat that not every Lodge can claim! We should be proud of the Ritual we did that day, and even more pleased to welcome seven Brothers to the Craft in a manner befitting of ERAC's proud traditions. Please join me in welcoming our newest Master Masons: Brothers Joseph Andres, Chris Bernhard, Steven Buckley, Joshua Burke, Matthew Fero, Jason Hermance and Larry MacDonald.

Special thanks to Brother John Hellaby and Brother Dave Ferguson for coordinating the meals and refreshments for a long day of work in the quarries; Brother Rich Friedman for stepping up at the last minute and taking care of the instructions to the new Brothers; Brother Patrick Mulrooney for his exemplary work in performing the Ritual and organizing the key players for the day; to all of the Brothers who took part in the Ritual, witnessed the days events and helped welcome our newest Brothers to the Craft. A job well done by ALL!

On April 24th, the Valley of Rochester Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite treated ERAC to a feast followed by a Feast! After a Steak Dinner, with all of the trimmings, compliments of the

Valley, the AASR treated the Brothers of ERAC to a private portrayal of the Feast of the Paschal Lamb. It was truly a moving ceremony, and was a very meaningful way of paying homage to our dearly departed Brothers. Special thanks to the Valley of Rochester, especially to Brother Michael Knolla, for putting on this program for our Lodge.

Sickness and distress

Brother Michael Rice, Past Master of ERAC, is suffering from brain cancer. Please keep this Brother and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Brother Bill Kuehne, current Grand Lodge Staff Officer, underwent a successful knee replacement surgery. He is convalescing in the comfort of his home.

Brother Nelson Bertch is on the mend and we look forward to seeing him back in Lodge in the near future.

Brother Reggie Reed, the current Junior Master of Ceremony, recovering from an irregular heart beat, was back in Lodge this month. Welcome back, Brother Reed!

May

On May 8th, ERAC will hold its annual meeting, election of Officers and Lodge of Remembrance. Please come out, exercise your right to shape the future of YOUR Lodge and support the incoming Officer's line.

It is with mixed emotions that I have authored my final column as Master of ERAC Lodge. This has been a busy year for me, personally and Masonically, and I am glad to have had the opportunity to serve the Fraternity, our Lodge and, most importantly, the Brothers of ERAC. I have been humbled by the task of leading and lifted up by the many Brothers who were there to whisper wise counsel to this erring Brother, attend and participate in the many programs of this past Masonic year and just pitched in whenever they were asked. Thank you, my Brothers, for making me proud to be a Mason, proud to be a member of ERAC and proud to be a Brother!

May the Great Architect of the Universe bless us all.

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1st & 3rd
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It has been my great honor and pleasure, my Brothers, to serve as your Master in 2005 and 2006. The rewards for me

have been abundant. Thanks to all who have given me so much support and guidance. I will always remember you with the warmest fraternal regards. I plan to continue to contribute to our Lodge every way I am able. I believe we have been strengthened in the last few years with new Brothers who are enthusiastic and with a renewed interest by long-standing Brothers. I hope, from the bottom of my heart, that this trend will continue. I believe Webster Lodge is among the strongest and most vibrant Lodges in the Monroe District and, as well, in the State of New York. I am extremely proud to be a part of this great Lodge and especially, to call each of you "my Brother."

April in review

Our first regular communication on April 4th was our annual and traditional Table Lodge Program. It was very well attended, with several other area Lodges represented. Our Master of Ceremonies for the evening was my friend and mentor, R.: W.: Bruce Chilton, who was in usual high character, which made for a fun and festive event. My sincere thanks to Bruce, to my Junior Warden, Ed Malchoff, who pulled off a terrific Steak Dinner; to my Stewards, Dave Daiken and Bob Passino, for all their hard work; and to our Fellowcraft Brothers who were drafted to cook, serve and clean up.

At our second communication on April 20th, we conferred the Master Mason Degree to our Fellowcrafts. We had a great dinner and a full Lodge room in support of our new Brothers. I am proud of all who participated in the Degree work. Congratulations to our newly raised Master Masons!

May

I will be traveling to New York City for Grand Lodge Sessions. I look forward to touring the Grand Lodge Building and participating in the annual communication.

May 4th is our Summoned communication for annual reports and election of Officers.

On May 18th we will have our Awards Night. I hope this will be a special night for our Lodge. Please come out both nights, one and all, to elect your new Officers and to honor those who have hit milestones in their Masonic lives.

Closing remarks

Brothers, please help the revitalization of your Lodge continue. Come to Lodge! Support your hard working Officers. Let them know what programs and activities you would be interested in. They need your support and guidance in person, in deeds and in words.

May God bless you, your families, our great Craft and this world we all share.

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The 3 Strang brothers, and Brothers, portrayed the 3 ruffians in the 3rd Degree at Attica Lodge in March. 9 of the 11 Genesee/Wyoming District Lodges participated, plus one from Erie.

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

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I'm sitting down on what was a wonderful Palm Sunday to prepare one of the last *Masonic Times* articles for this year. It was a wonderful weekend to kick-off the Easter holiday. This is a great time of the year in that it usually means an end to that white stuff flying through the air and a time when we can start to enjoy the sunshine again. It is also a time of year to start reflecting upon the Masonic year which has passed and begin to think about what our Lodge needs to accomplish the following year. I will keep my reflections on what happened during the year to my last article and keep this article to inform my fellow Brothers on what to look forward to in the future.

Oakland Lodge held nominations for the new line of Officers for next year at our April 4th regular communication. The following Brothers were nominated for office for the 2006-2007 Masonic year:

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| Master | Ken Smith |
| Sr. Warden | Bob Kemp |
| Jr. Warden | Art Robinson |
| Secretary | Richard Smith |
| Treasurer | Fred Hance |
| Sr. Deacon | Bud Hoffmeister |
| Jr. Deacon | Henry Robinson |
| Chaplain | David Beardsley |
| Sr. MC | Michael Rhodes |
| Jr. MC | Thomas Scott |
| Stewards | Richard Robinson |
| | Tom Kemp |
| Marshal | Daniel Hamilton |
| Tiler | Ray Wood |

I would encourage all Brothers to attend our May 16th communication for the election of these Brothers. Your support would be greatly appreciated by your current Master and the new slate of Officers. This is your first chance to show your support for the men who will lead you through next year.

I welcome Brothers David Beardsley and Fred Hance back to Western New York. Your attendance at our first communication in April was welcomed. Brothers Hance and Beardsley decided to spend a good portion of their Winter months down South. It was good to have them back and hear they had drastically honed their golfing skills for the upcoming links season.

I congratulate the following Brothers who were raised in the month of May: Laverne Boyd, Nathaniel Finch and Kenneth Hance, 5/18/65; Fred Hance, 5/21/68; David Tallman, 5/20/75; David Hurlburt, 5/17/77. I apologize to Brother Michael Rhodes for misspelling his name in last month's article. I should have typed Michael Rhodes, 4/3/03 and not Michael Robinson. I never claimed to be the best typist in the world and, unfortunately, spell check doesn't correct the wrong information being put in. I guess the old saying is true, a computer is only as smart as the one putting the information in.

Oakland Lodge will have two communications in the month

of May. The first communication will be on Tuesday, May 2nd. The plan is for a regular business communication to get everything caught up before the end of the year. The second communication on Tuesday, May 16th, will be the election of Officers. I hope all who are able will attend these communications and offer their support to the Officers, past and present, of Oakland Lodge.

The Brotherhood Fund Campaign is nearing the end, but there is still time to get your donation in if you have not done so. I would also like to remind all the members of Oakland Lodge to submit their dues to the Secretary if they haven't already done so. I wouldn't want any members to get behind and have to double- or triple-up next year.

I hope this article finds all my Brothers enjoyed a happy and healthy Easter season. Let us never forget those who are fighting, and have fought, to keep this great nation free and safe. To keep the saying in the back of our minds that freedom isn't free and to never forget how lucky we are to live in the greatest nation in the world. Let the blessings of heaven fall upon all Mason's and their families wherever they may be throughout the world.

HESPERUS
 Lodge No. 837
 1st and 3rd
 Thursdays

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Our Degree work is almost finished for the year. It has been an absolute joy to observe the fine work that our Brothers of Hesperus have done this year. Three Brothers were raised. Many thanks to Worshipful Master, Charles (Skip) Scroger, and the Brothers of Social Lodge of Kendall for passing our Brother to the Degree of Fellowcraft, and Worshipful Master, William Greene, and the Brothers of Newfane Lodge, for their kind gesture to see that our Brother was raised on April 19th. It has been a wonderful opportunity to observe excellent Degree work everywhere.

An outcrop of the *Road to the East* is the Masters and Wardens group that will be meeting on April 29th at Hesperus. The topics this month are;

How should we line the Officers for continuity of succession?

Where do we go to intelligently recruit? Would we like some District classes on Ritual performance?

Grand Lodge will soon be upon us, and Hesperus is sending Master David Smalley; Senior Warden, Courtney Gale; Junior Warden, Donald Kune-go; R.: W.: Harry Tyson, Grand Director of Ceremonies and soon to be DDGM, and W.: Marshall Krause, who will be a Grand Steward. The last two named were instructors at our *Road to the East* program, along with W.: James McConnell, who also will be traveling to New York City with four additional Brothers.

The annual Hesperus Chicken Bar-B-Que will be May 13th. Serving will start at 4:00 p.m. The chicken is the best, but we top off the entire meal with homemade pies. You can eat in the Lodge dining hall at 12 South Lake Road, or you can get a take-out. Remember that the next day is Mother's Day and you can take out extra dinners for that great day. Cost is \$7.00.

The Masonic Child ID program will be held in Bergen on June 10th. The Lodge members will be creating your data, video taping and interviewing your children. The procedure is free, including the tape.

Hesperus is eagerly anticipating the arrival of M.: W.: Neil Bidnick, Deputy Grand Master and candidate for Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. He will be assisting our next Master and the Purple Aprons in the installation of Officers. Our communications with him and his Marshal are more frequent and we are certainly impressed by his graciousness and availability. We will send out the necessary tickets for Masons and friends. Please be advised that we will only accommodate the number the Fire Marshal has declared as the capacity limit for the building.

On St. John's Day we will be traveling to Utica to observe the appointments and installations of R.: W.: Harry Tyson as District Deputy Grand Master, and W.: Marshall Krause as Grand Steward. Congratulations to both of you.

A special treat is in store for the Brothers of Hesperus. Brother Donald Kune-go has been photographing our activities this year, and they will be displayed after installation. Everything has been documented, from the picnic to the Degrees in Kendall and Newfane. Don't miss this great show. Disks will be for sale after the installation. Installation pictures will be added to this year's disk and the start of next year's disk.

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 Genesee/Wyoming District

On March 18th, the Brothers from nine of the eleven Lodges of the Genesee/Wyoming District and one Brother from the Erie District, assembled together at Attica Lodge to hold a special communication for the purpose of conferring a 3rd Degree. Some of the best Ritualists in the District were present to do the work, starting with the first section prior to the dinner. After dinner, the balance of the work was completed. This work was the best display of the Ritual that was possible without it being presented by professionals. It was of special interest to have three brothers, namely Douglas Strang, of Akron Lodge, Erie District, and his two brothers from the Genesee/Wyoming District, Robert, of Attica Lodge, and Donald, of West Star Lodge, do the parts of the three ruffians. It was a joy to actually see these Brothers come together and exemplify true Brotherly Love.

There were 43 Brothers present at this special communication to witness the raising of five new Master Masons from five different Lodges of the District at one time. My congratulations go to these newly made Master Masons: Brothers Bernard Reese, LeRoy; Richard Robinson, Oakland; Mark Kingsley, Constellation; William Shea, Attica; and Justin Rosenbeck, Batavia; and to the fine Brothers who gave of their time so that this Degree would come to fruition. This type of kinship of Masons from a rural district proves Masonry is alive and vibrant today.

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I think that everyone is ready for some sunshine and warm weather. We can't complain, we had one of the best Winters I can ever remember. Even in

Varysburg I only had to plow my driveway twice. I did use the new snowblower once just because it was new.

West Star has had a very busy month. We have two new Entered Apprentices. Both Brothers are doing an excellent job and I'm looking forward to seeing them become Master Masons. The 3rd Degree is penciled in for June 17th. As plans are fine-tuned, I will let you know.

Back in March, we had Uniform Night. Brothers wore their uniform to Lodge and had a chance to explain their jobs and uniform. We all enjoyed the evening. Next year we will try to get more Lodges involved.

On April 3rd we had Awards Night. All together we had 10 Brothers receive awards. Brothers received certificates for 5, 10, 15, and 20 years of Masonry. Brothers present to receive their certificates were: W.: Dennis Parmeter, who received an award for 10 years; Brothers Harold Merle, Milburn Parmeter, W.: Carl Parmeter and W.: Glenn Cramer, who received certificates for 20 years of Masonry.

Four Brothers joined West Star Lodge on May 5, 1986. R.: W.: Norman Steinbaugh, DDGM, was present and helped award the certificates. We saved the best awards for last. R.: W.: Norm and I presented W.: Richard Sikes with his 50-year Pin and Certificate from Grand Lodge. I explained that I was only 9 years old when he joined the Lodge. Next we had the pleasure to award R.: W.: Kenneth Kohlhagen his 55-year Pin and Certificate from Grand Lodge. R.: W.: Norm read the Certificates to the honored Brothers and pictures were then taken.

We had a little problem with batteries, but we did get the pictures. I made Dick feel good when I explained that I was 5 years old when Ken joined the Masons.

On the trestleboard, the next meeting is May 1st. This will be Move-Up Night and the meeting when Grand Lodge is in session in New York City. It will be a good time to move up a chair and get ready for next year.

On May 15th, we will have election of Officers. If you would like to take an office, be sure to be there.

Sickness and distress
 I have to report that Brother Ron Sikes is not feeling well. A card was signed and sent at our last meeting. If you would like to send Ron a card, give me a call and I will get his address for you.

With a little luck I might be able to include a picture of our Awards Night. Come and see us do our Degrees, we always need conductors.

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Solemn Feast of the Pascal Lamb

What a glorious event this was. The Feast of the Pascal Lamb, our annual celebration to acknowledge our departed Brothers, was performed with distinction. The Chapter Rose Croix, under the direction of Most Wise Master, Michael Knolla, 32°, took the occasion and exemplified this program beautifully! Many thanks to the Rose Croix line; the Hilton Baptist Choir; and guest speaker, Dr. Susan Nowak, SSJ, Associate Professor of Religious Studies, Nazareth College.

The Distinguished Brother Frank T. Jansson, 32° MSA, Class Reunion was completed by the Valley of Rochester on April 29th. Sixteen new Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret were welcomed. I thank each and every member for their support and dedication to this Reunion. As they say "...many hands, make light work," and it truly showed. What a pleasure to watch with the class members, as the Lodge, Council, Chapter and Consistorial Degrees were portrayed. I hope that the class will continue with their enthusiasm in future events, programs and Degrees. Our late Brother Frank would have been proud to watch the pageantry displayed, as the cast wore the costumes handled so many times with care by him, our Class Sponsor.

Lodge of Perfection Class members are: Brian J. Bills, John R. Faro, David M. Ferguson, Derek S. Howlett, David M. Howlett, Chad E. Kyler, James R. MacConnell, Anthony Marotti, William G. Moogan II, Eldridge M. Mount III, Patrick J. Mulrooney, Joseph L. Shanks, Norris P. Shapiro, Andrew A. Tascione III, Donald A. Tubman and John D. Vertigan.

Upcoming Program

Budget approval, Nominations, Elections and Installation will take place on May 18th. Once again it is that time of year to approve the 2006-2007 operating budget, as required by our By-Laws. Upon ratification, we will then hear communications by the Nominating Committee, as they present for nomination and election your Lodge, Council, Chapter and Consistory Officers for the ensuing year. Please join us as we welcome these Officers, and offer a warm thanks for the job well done, to the outgoing 2005-2006 Presiding Officers.

For all the Officers, I promise it will be an exciting year to, once again, lead the Valley of Rochester in promoting the greatest Fraternity in the world - Freemasonry. Haven't made your reservations? Call the office! Reservation deadline is

Rite Events Calendar

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

Thursday, May 18th Summoned Communication

Social hour 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.
Steak Dinner 6:30 p.m.
\$10/person, Reservations requested
Meeting 7:30 p.m.
Annual Budget review, Nominations,
Elections and Installation
All Bodies

May 15th. All activities take place at the Damascus Shrine Center, Thursday May 18th. The evening will begin with another great social hour at 5:30, \$10/person Steak Dinner at 6:30, and meeting promptly at 7:30 p.m. Come and enjoy yourself and the camaraderie.

Interested?

You don't have the time to hold office, or are busy with other Fraternal and/or personal affairs? I know for many this is the case, but if you can assist, or help periodically throughout the year, why not give the office a call? The new Valley Officers need good men, like yourself, to assist. There are many committees with openings, many envelopes to stuff and telephone calls to be made. This Valley does not operate in a vacuum. It has, and continues to need, those who want to make a little bit of a difference. The ONLY way we can continue is with your support. Please don't sit back and watch the Fraternal "Parade" go by. Join the critical mass; be a part, for it is the Rite thing to do!

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Thank you

As the year approaches a climactic closure for many Officers and committee members, I say a heartfelt thank you to each and every one of you and our members' spouses and families. A thank you for your time, time spent away from your family, and your effort to make our life a healthier existence, a place rich in brotherly love, rich in honor and rich in tradition. As each of you know, our Valley has been blessed to have Officers and committee members who are committed to making this world a better place to live, work and to enjoy the freedoms we know today. To those who strive to make our world a better place, I thank you. Special thanks go to Thrice Potent Master Joseph E.

Bourcy, for his continual efforts in promoting Freemasonry, especially our many programs and Degrees; Sovereign Prince Reginald Reed, for his leadership in our Family Life Programs and the Table Lodges; and to Most Wise Master Michael A. Knolla for his educational leadership in our Degree Club.

I thank a very dear Brother and his Lady for their support. This Brother will soon receive his 50-year Pin from the Grand Lodge of New York. He has seen the Fraternity flourish, and regress. Many times this Brother sat me down, and explained the fraternal ways of the past, and I have listened and learned the values held so dear. You both have given me the ideals and integrity under which I live today. You have conspired with my wife, Mary. The three of you have allowed me to set my own sights and goals and you have allowed me to enjoy and engage in activities I know so dear. Thanks Mom and Dad.

God bless this great Fraternity, bless our great Nation and, most of all, bless those who protect and serve, so we all may enjoy the freedoms we know so dear.

So Mote It Be. ✕

Blue Caps

By Jerold J. Gilmore

I hope all had a happy Easter. I noticed that the newspaper indicated that we've had 74 inches of snow so far, with the season's normal of 100 inches. We've really lucked out. Our powers in high places say that there's no such thing as global warming. Sure, pull my other leg and watch the water rise!

The 4th Degree was on March 16th and I was very impressed with its presentation. The cast was excellent and John Zabel, our future Commander-in-Chief, did a clever move by flashing the lights to indicate each new act within the Degree. Nice going, John.

On March 22nd we had our quarterly meeting of the Blue Caps at Roncone's, with only 50% of our reservations being filled. "We" either forgot or our cabled felt more pressing business elsewhere. Our future Commander-in-Chief, John, discussed his wishes for our involvement with his coming reign. Jack VanElzakker made a request for his need for drivers for the upcoming Widows Luncheon.

April 30th found me at the Shrine Center for the 14th De-

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gree, as Master of Ceremonies, once again. It was preceded by a dinner of either Stuffed Pork Chop or Stuffed Chicken Breast. The ladies who catered the dinner prepared an excellent meal for us. The Degree work went off without a hitch. This was the first time since I started in 1998 that I felt comfortable doing it, all due to our Commander's suggestion that I should practice my speaking part by saying it out loud. That I did, and got used to hearing it rather than hearing it during the Degree, which always causes me to lose my concentration. This time, no boo-boo. Thank you, Commander Bob, for that input.

"Wow, speechless." Those were the two things that came to mind during the opening number of the *Lion King*, when I sat watching it on the afternoon of April 2nd. What a show! Thanks to our Commander for picking up a third of the cost of the tickets, 50 people were present to enjoy the spectacular event at a reasonable price. This event reminded me of the events that

Vern Goodrich organized when we were at the Temple. Thanks again, Commander Bob.

On April 6th I attended the top three meeting and assisted our Commander in various duties. On the agenda was nominations for Line Officers, plus those who would be appointed to various positions for the Lodge, Council, Chapter and Consistory.

A review of work on March 30th was put forward by Stephen Whittaker, 33°. Our Spring Reunion activities for April 29th were discussed.

Note

Mark your calendars for May 18th. There will be a dinner and nominations/elections and installation of Officers. Try not to miss this event. Call the Office for reservations.

Various other items were brought to light, too numerous to go into detail.

Now that Spring is in full swing, let us not forget to ask the Great Architect to keep a protective watch over us and to protect us against the evils in today's world. ✕

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Barring complications, the DDGHP Official Visits will be completed by the time you read this. Thank you, to each Chapter, for the warm reception given at this time. Now it is time for the V.: E.: Ernest Day, AGL, to complete his visits as follows:

May 2nd, King David in Seneca Falls at 7:30 p.m.

May 8th, Excelsior in Shortsville at 7:30 p.m.

May 10th, Geneva in Geneva at 8:00 p.m. Ernie say's "THE END."

The Grand Lecturer's Convention is in Port Byron on June 20th, hosted by King David. It is the duty of all Officers of each Chapter to attend and all other Companions are urged to attend. There will not be any opening Ritual and no business will be conducted. A dinner will be served at Brenda's Restaurant at 6:00 p.m. The DDGHP will open the Convention at 7:30 p.m. and the business of the evening is the Convention. The work of the evening is the Holy Royal Arch Degree.

May the Lord keep us all in good Health. Till next time we meet, God Bless you.

Maine

Most early colonial homes in Maine and New England had rooms 13' x 13' from corner post to corner post. Thirteen was considered lucky. There were thirteen original States. The national emblem, the eagle, has thirteen olive branches in its right claw, thirteen arrows in its left claw, and thirteen feathers in its tail. The British started the rumor that thirteen was an unlucky number.

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Companions, I must start with an apology for missing the March and April issues of the *Masonic Times*. Commitments got in the way of the deadline and I missed them. HAIL COMPANIONS, we have a candidate and on April 27th he received the MMM and PM Degrees at Hiram Chapter in Pittsford. He will be receiving the MEM Degree on May 25 at Hiram Chapter. The date and location for the RAM Degree will be announced.

I will not be sitting in the East at the May meeting, as I will be attending Grand Lodge. R.: E.: David Taber will take my place that evening. Until our next meeting, may the Great Architect of the Universe be with all of you.

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Degree season continues!

On Thursday, May 25th, we will be conducting our Most Excellent Master Degree. Then on a Thursday in June will be the Hallmark of Ancient Craft Masonry, the Holy Royal Arch Degree. We will be seeking a special dispensation concerning the exact date for the Holy Royal Arch Degree. All will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Northfield Masonic Hall in Pittsford.

As we enter the Summer months we will be hosting our annual picnic and Scholarship Awards night on June 7th, at Pittsford Park. Get your reservations into our Scribe, V.: E.: George Springett.

Something to think about

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

Have you ever been faced with the death of a child in your family, or know a close friend who faced this very tragic, very painful situation? The following comes from an article written by Mr. Gerald Oosterveen, upon reflection on the day his 9-year old son Gerard was buried after a courageous battle with cancer.

"Parents are not supposed to bury their children. The old are not supposed to stand beside the graves of the young. It is unnatural. One is not prepared for it. The death of child tears apart a family like uprooting of one plant out of a cluster that have been allowed to grow together in one pot. It cannot be done. All those roots become so intertwined over the years that nothing short of violence can separate them, and it leaves all the plants stunted.

Oh, yes, we mourn. But we have hope - bright hope for tomorrow, when all who trust in God will move beyond pain and grief forever because we shall be forever with God and those loved ones who passed before us. And it is not just some pipe dream, some opium to stupefy and mislead hurting people. It is real, because God is real. Because of God's love for us we have hope when all things are made new and death shall be no more, nor grief, nor crying.

So mote it be!

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End of Cryptic year

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. This meeting will be the final meeting for me as the Illustrious Master of Doric Council No. 19 of Select Masters. I have truly enjoyed my time as Master. I thank all of those Companions who have supported me during my time. I thank all of my Officers. I want to especially thank R.: I.: Donald Wright, who has served as our Recorder. He has kept everyone "up-to-speed" on every and all activities of the Council. **Something to think about**

As Masons, the tenets of Faith, Hope and Charity are very important to us. I want to focus on Hope in this issue. I came across a short article I want to share with you. Eugene H. Peterson, a Pastor, wrote it.

Living in Hope

A good example of acting in hope comes from the Book of Sacred Law in Jeremiah 32. God wanted Jeremiah to buy a field in Anathoth, so Jeremiah bought the field in "Hope" of the Lord. The buying of the field was an act of Hope. All acts of hope expose themselves to ridicule because they seem impractical, failing to conform to visible reality. But in fact, they are the reality that is being constructed, but is not yet visible. Hope commits us to actions that connect us to God's promises. What we call hoping is often only wishing. We want things we think are impossible, but we have better sense than to spend any money or commit our lives to them. Biblical hope, though, is an act - like buying a field in Anathoth. Hope acts on the conviction that God will complete the work that he has begun, even when the appearances, especially when the appearances oppose it.

We have to get practical. Really practical. The most practical thing we can do is hear what God says and act in appropriate response to it. Hope determined actions participate in the future that God is bringing into being. These acts are rarely spectacular. Usually they take place outside sacred settings. Almost never are they perceived to be significant by bystanders. It is not easy to act in hope because most of the immediate evidence is against it. As a result, we live in one of the most impractical societies the world has ever seen. If we are to live practically, we must frequently defy the practicalities of our peers. It takes courage to act in hope. But it is the only practi-

cal action, for it is the only action that survives the decay of the moment and escapes the scrap heap of yesterday's fashion. God Bless.

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The Election of Officers and Inspection rehearsal will be history as you read this, but as I write, it is still in the future. We are now looking forward to the Easter sunrise report.

Our INSPECTION is this month, Saturday May 20th, at 10:00 a.m., with breakfast at the Blue Ribbon Cafe at 8:01 a.m. SK Christos Papadopoulos, Grand Senior Warden, is the Inspecting Officer. The Installation of Officers may follow or, if not, we will have to call a special conclave to install them.

May 21st, at 2:00 p.m., is the Ontario/Seneca/Yates District Masonic Memorial Service, at the Geneva Presbyterian Church, 24 Park Place, Geneva. Let's have a great turnout of Sir Knights in Full Uniform for the

Honor Guard.

June 4th is the Council Officer's Picnic at Bill Jones' Home, 2049 State Route 350, Macedon, at 3:00 p.m. Bring a dish to pass, your lawn chair and table service and don't forget your Lady. This is the Election of Officers for 2006/2007 and all other Zone 11 business. Members are all Council Officers of the Commanderies in Zone 11, Recorders, Senior Wardens and Past Commanders. Plan to attend, as this is where and when Zone 11 sets up the dates for the Commandery functions in the Zone, so we can work together in a smooth running Zone.

Thanks to all who helped in our aluminum drive for 2005/2006. We already have quite a few pounds towards next year's drive for the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. This year we had 89 pounds and received \$31.15 for our efforts. That is good, but I think we can do better. Anything ALUMINUM helps bring up the weight. Start saving today.

Condolences

Cullen Henry left his earthly duties on Wednesday, April 5th, to join our Heavenly Father. Our prayers go out to his wife, Isabele and family in this time of sorrow. May God be with you and comfort you.

Maine Glossary

Sperm whale is the only whale with teeth, and then only on the lower jaw.

Your Legal Rights FYI

By Bro. Phillip Hurwitz, Esq.

Workers' Compensation

If you are injured on the job then, absent some exceptions, you are entitled to Workers' Compensation; or, as it is popularly know, Workers' Comp.

Workers' Comp pays benefits to the employee if injured during the course of employment. This benefit is an exclusive remedy. That means you cannot sue your employer directly if you are injured during the course of employment. But that does not prevent the employee from suing a third party. For example, while at work a top file drawer comes off its tracks and lands on your foot, breaking it. While you cannot sue your employer for your injury, you can sue the manufacturer who built the file cabinet.

In order to qualify for benefits the employee must report the injury to his employer within 30 days.

These benefits cover either partial or total wage loss, and medical treatment for job-related injuries. Payments of benefits could conceivably be unlimited in duration, so long as there is a disability. A disability can either be permanent or temporary.

Today Workers' Comp pays 2/3rds of the injured employee's average weekly wage. The wage calculation is based on earnings for the year before the injury. The wage benefit cannot exceed \$400 per week. Workers' Comp benefits are

tax-free.

Medical care and treatment for injuries can be obtained from any physician, including a chiropractor, so long as the Workers' Compensation Board recognizes the practitioner. Payment for medical treatment is provided directly by Workers' Comp to the medical care provider. An injured employee, seeking treatment for employment related injuries, for which a claim was filed with Workers' Comp, does not have to pay for such medical care.

A claim for Workers' Comp is heard before an administrative law judge (popularly known as "ALJs") employed by the Workers' Comp. Board. If either the employee or the employer disagree with the decision of the ALJ, then that decision can be appealed. An appeal must be filed within 30 days of the ALJ's decision. The appeal is filed with the Workers' Comp Board.

The Workers' Comp Board has a few options in deciding the appeal. They can either hear the evidence all over again or, as more likely the case, only review the evidence on the record and decide those issues being appealed. Regardless of the level of review, the Board can either decide to affirm, reverse or amend the ALJ's decision.

If either party is dissatisfied with the Board's decision, then judicial review is available. An appeal must be taken to the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court, 3rd Department. That court is located in Albany. A decision of the Workers' Comp Board will be upheld, unless the decision is not supported by substantial evidence or the Board's decision was arbitrary or capricious.

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Potentate - Lance Ward

From the Potentate

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Lance Ward

iam Kuehne, Board Member. This trip highlighted for me the importance of our Representatives on the Hospitals' Boards of Governors. Once a month these Nobles, along with Ken Pollard at the Springfield Hospital, take a day out of their busy schedules to meet with Nobles from other Temples to review, change and recommend procedures that affect the operation of the Hospitals. A tip of the Fez to these hard working Nobles.

Lynn and I were honored to be invited to the Installation of the Queen of the Nile. The installation of Queen Debi Burke and her Officers was done in a beautiful, impressive ceremony, followed by an outstanding dinner. Our Center meeting room was beautifully decorated for the event.

The true high spot of the month was the Springfield/Boston Hospital trip. Nobles, Ladies and guests joined Lynn and I for a three-day tour of two of our finest Hospitals. For many, this was their first visit to a Shriners' Hospital. Our first stop was at the Springfield Hospital, where our own Noble Paul Schenck and his Lady Sandy presented a one million dollar check on behalf of their departed Uncle, Noble Clinton "Clint" Clark. We were given a first class tour of the Hospital by the Hospital Administrator and the Chief of Staff.

The next day, after rest and refreshment, we toured the Boston Burn Unit, where once again we saw the cutting-edge miracles performed by our Hospital Staff. Both Hospitals were bright, clean and well-maintained, but nothing could have made us more proud to be a Shriner than the sincere thank you we received from the children and their parents. I wish all of you could have been with us to know that feeling.

Well, the weather is clearing and it's time to file my flight plan. Till next month, enjoy. ✕

From the Recorder

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Spring has finally come as the flowers are poking thru the mulch in the flowerbeds. I hope they don't get covered with snow, as I have seen happen before. How lucky we have been to have so little snow this past Winter.

The trip to the Springfield Hospital and Boston Burn Hospital turned out to be a fabulous trip, which was enjoyed by all. The food, weather and hospitality were the best. Evar Miller, one of our newest members, was surprised to see one of his former college students, Dr. David M. Drvaric, who is now Chief of Staff of Orthopedics at the Springfield Hospital. While at the Hospital we saw a patient presentation. The patient, a girl, was from the Island of Crete off the Southwestern coast of Greece in the Mediterranean Sea. The girl was born with curvature of the spine and as she grew up, became worse. When the doctors examined her, the spine was over 45 degrees out of being straight, and it was starting to affect her breathing and her heart. She is now 13 years old and can walk upright with no pain. It is a complete miracle, what the Doctors did as was seen in her pictures, x-rays and in the patient herself. The rest of the tour of the Hospital also was enjoyed by all.

Friday night we ate at the Storowton Tavern, sitting on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition.

Saturday morning, we left Springfield and traveled to the Boston Shriners Hospital for Burns. We had a wonderful tour of the Hospital and had lunch in their cafeteria. After lunch, we stopped at the Boston Quincy Farmers Market for some shopping. We left Boston and returned to Springfield and had supper at the Motel. Some of the group stayed at the hotel and went to the hospitality room while the rest of the group went to Foxwood Casino, the largest in the world. I do not think anybody saw the entire Casino. I know I just saw one floor and there were many I didn't see. Some people did OK and others left a donation!

Sunday morning we headed back home. We stopped in Stockbridge and toured the Norman Rockwell Museum. All enjoyed the museum. Everybody enjoyed the whole trip and thanked Lance Ward and Ken Pollard for putting it together.

New Wall

We are asking you, the Nobles, if you would like to participate in a project at the entrance to our Shrine Center. As you enter the Center, you can

see how the caps on our retainer walls for the flowerbeds have deteriorated over the years and now need replacing. We are taking orders from any Noble who would like to have their name or the name of a family member who has passed away etched on the caps for a permanent remembrance. The etching on the blocks would include letters 1" high, 15 letters per line, up to 4 lines for a donation of \$100. Tampa has given us the OK to do this and I think it is a good idea. I have talked to several Nobles and they think it is a great idea. In fact, I have already received several requests for blocks. I believe that on the existing walls there is room for 99 names. If you are interested in buying a block, please contact me at 671-7701 to discuss your wishes. ✕

Shrine Degree Team

By John Faro

April was a busy month for the Degree Team, who conferred four 3rd Degrees. Two Degrees were conferred locally at the Shrine Center, one in Fairport and one in Honeoye. In May, we have one in Geneva at Ark Lodge, which is the home Lodge of Illustrious Sir Lance Ward, our current Potentate. All Nobles who were present did the Degrees in an exceptional manner.

On occasion I have mentioned names of those Nobles who have, and are, participating in the Degree work, whether it is an important role or a walk-on. Nobles, all the roles are important. Imagine yourself in the position of 1st Craftsman and mentioning "12 others" when, in reality, there are only seven standing there. We need all the participants we can get. It means so much to the Brothers who are on the sidelines observing the Degree, especially the newly raised Brothers.

If you are interested in helping the Shrine Degree Team confer these Degrees, please contact Mike Grady or Joe Shanks. Mike can be reached at:

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Bud82034@aol.com and I will pass the information along. We need those people who do not necessarily want a big speaking part, but would like to be a member of the "team."

I welcome back Illustrious Erwin Newell, who will participate on a regular basis from now on. Also, Glen VanBuskirk and Patrick Mulrooney, who have joined the group. I'm looking forward to working with Joe Minas, Frank Ghyzel, Jim Powell, Ron Morthorst, Gordon Bell and "Skins." We will be missing the contributions of Bill Hook, Rene VanDeViere and Earl Pearce. Paul Gleason will be helping out as Chaplain on a few occasions, as will Herb Spencer and, hopefully, Lee Collier.

On a final note, if you have not seen Rich Friedman exemplify King Solomon, you are certainly missing something. Of course, it goes without saying, Bill Jones is ever present to assist in the Degrees, regardless of the role.

So, Nobles, if you want to be a part of all this, give Mike or Joe a holler. ✕

Donor Relations

By Derek VanHouten, PP

Many times you have heard me talk about the money the Shrine spends on health care for the children whom we help in our centers of caring. Recently I received a letter from Tampa discussing from where additional funds are derived and I shall share them with you. For some of you they might of-

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Want to make a child smile like Ryan is doing here? Make a donation to the Shriners Hospitals fundraising programs! This suggestion is from Lance R. Ward, Illustrious Potentate of Damascus Shriners, who, with James A. Slocum, Recorder, stopped by to visit with Ryan in the Boston Burn Center. They also visited the Shriners Hospital in Springfield, Massachusetts on their recent bus trip.

Ready for a fun-filled long weekend?

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

Friday, June 16th

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

Hospitality following dinner at the Ramada Inn.

Saturday, June 17th

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

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

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

Ramada Lakeside Patio.

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

Damascus hospitality.

Sunday, June 18th

Buffet breakfast. Ramada ballroom.

Reservations a must.

Contact the Damascus Center at 671-7701.





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1918 - 1919

Early photographs of 1890-1910 show men with handle-bar mustaches, beards and long hair. The real reason was, simply, the razor blades were not that good!

All that changed with WWI. The American soldiers were clean-shaven; the steel helmets were not a good fit over the longer hair. When "Johnny came marching home" everyone saw the good fellow image, clean-shaven, short hair; all America emulated that image.

In the minute book of our Grotto, dated November 12, 1919, nothing was written about the end of WWI. What is interesting to note is, in 1918 no dues were collected. Up to 1917, the dues were paid at the end of the year, not the beginning. Rather than ask the Prophets to pay 1918 dues in December and 1919 dues the very next month, they felt it better to not collect any dues in 1918. Our dues are due each year since then at the beginning of the year.

Secretary's Column

By Kenneth Hutchinson, PM

Our busy season of the year is upon us with many activities coming up. If you want the very latest information on any event, feel free to call our Monarch's rapid answering service, day or night. It's Norman Austin, 234-0296.

Our April 19th meeting was Awards Night. This year, Service Award Pins went to Norman Gauch, 65 years; Al Perkins, 50 years; Jan Lughart, PM, Charles Stidd, Ted Theodor, PM, John Troup, Frank Voegtle and Joseph Watson, 40 years; Thomas Maddicks, 35 years; Ken Bigelow, 30 years; Howard Travis, 25 years; Joseph Minas, PM, 15 years; Dick Bull and Alfred Pulcino, PM and DDGM, 10 years; Brian Bills, Keith Freeman and John W. Frost, 5 years.

Donor Relations

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fer a unique way in which you may be able to help. Remember: all contributions to our hospitals are tax deductible, but contact your own tax advisor for individual situations.

Last year the Donor Relation Department hired several area Development Directors charged with establishing new monies through fundraising. Up to this point, they have created \$4 million, plus over \$25 million that has been committed. We also have a national Direct Mail Campaign to targeted individuals that has collected over \$3.3 million dollars. A new area is in Naming Opportunities, where

Our Membership Chairman, Leon Randall and his Committee, are all fired up after the successful Master Mason Night on April 21st. It is still not too late to get behind him and offer our support; what better way than with a signed petition or two?

Sickness and distress

Earlier this month, ESGA Past President, Bill Raymond, was hospitalized in New Jersey with chest pains. PM Ron Charron's wife, Kay, was hospitalized with blood clots and a case of the gout. If you know of any Prophet in sickness or distress, kindly notify our Monarch or any Officer.

Ceremonial

Our Monarch extends to all Prophets a cordial invitation to be present on May 17th to witness the conferring of the Degree on a large class.

Legion of Honor

By Brian Bills, Commander

I hope you enjoyed the presentation we had at our last meeting. For those of you who were not able to attend, the Honor Guard from the National Guard gave us a demonstration on what they do at a military funeral. They did their job of folding and presenting the flag with such precision you would have thought it was a real funeral. Everyone's eyes were riveted on the guard and, my Brothers, I have never heard one of our meetings so quiet. The attention you gave these two honor guard members, well it was simply awesome. Thank you. Any family member may request them to put on a funeral for a fallen comrade.

The meeting ensued and the following items were discussed:

Kenneth Hutchinson is still at home convalescing. Hope to see him soon.

It was reported that Jim Pray has returned to the hospital. This time it was mentioned that he was having problems with internal bleeding. We all wish him well and a speedy recovery.

The trip to the casino was a success with 25 Brothers and their significant others attending. Though it was never admitted to, one of our members significant other walked away with a tidy sum of nickels. I'm waiting for my drink, but I will not spill the beans.

We are coming into an active

part of the year for all Veterans groups. The following activities are coming up and, if you are able, plan to attend them. The list is long, but I'm certain you all would like to have this information.

On May 13th the Patchen Briggs VFW Post 307 at 54 South Union Street, Rochester, will be holding a Veterans information fair. Please attend if you can and help this be a success.

On May 20th the ARMED FORCES DAY LUNCHEON will be held at the US Airport, 1 Airport Way at the Greater Rochester International Airport. The luncheon will begin at 12:00 noon. Last year the Legion of Honor sponsored a table at this event at a cost of \$250. The same price applies this year. If we have 8 members going to the luncheon at \$20 each and the Legion of Honor donates \$90, as we did last year, we will have enough money for the sponsorship. In addition, again this year, we have the opportunity to have a display table at the Luncheon. A Grotto Legion of Honor information booth, FEZ please, will provide us with a chance to have more exposure in the community. The information booths begin at 10:00 a.m. and continue until 3:00 p.m. We will need volunteers to assist us with this. Rear Admiral John E. Crowley, Jr., will be the guest speaker and there will be pre-luncheon music provided by the 98th Division Army Reserve Band.

May 21st is the annual Memorial Day Service at the War Memorial. The service will begin at 3:00 p.m. The service is to honor all of our local veterans who died in the past year.

On May 29th the Memorial Day parades will be held. This year we are planning on participating in both events. The Rochester Downtown Parade will begin at 10:30 a.m. We will muster at 9:30. The parade will start out at the Strathallan Hotel, 550 East Avenue. We are planning on both the Grotto Legion of Honor and the Masonic War Veterans marching (or riding) together.

We will then go to the Greece Parade, which begins at the intersection of James Street and Long Pond Road. That parade will begin at 2:00 p.m. It would be nice to see several of our members there wearing their FEZ. For information, please call me at 388-0913. If you

would like to attend, but need transportation, I'm certain we will be able to work that out.

The Legion of Honor will have a joint summer picnic with the Masonic War Veterans on June 22nd. The picnic will begin at 4:00 p.m. for a social period and we will eat around 5:00 p.m. Ladies are invited.

Once again we must be reminded that, to survive and to be able to donate to worthy causes, it is essential that we raise money. We are in the process of preparing tickets for our members of the Legion of Honor and Masonic War Veterans. The funds raised will be split down the middle between both organizations. We will be sending tickets to all members of the Legion of Honor and Masonic War Veterans to assist in raising funds. The prize for the drawing will be \$100 for first place, \$75 for second place and \$25 for third place. We will also have some items to be raffled off at the picnic. Remember, if we all work together in this endeavor, we will be able to fund most of our projects for next year.

This year, Marilyn Morthorst is not eligible to buy a ticket (only kidding, Marilyn).

Caldron News

By Betty Madison, MCO

My thanks to all who helped make the Smogasbord a success. I hope all who came had enough food to eat and enjoyed themselves.

This month will be a busy one.

May 6th - White Fez Luncheon at Lehigh Restaurant. The menu is: Tuna Salad Cold Plate; Reuben Melt; or Turkey Club. The price is \$13 and includes tax, gratuity, beverage and dessert. Please call Susan Wilson at 436-0064 for your reservation, by May 2nd.

May 9th - 1:00 p.m., Supreme Visit rehearsal, Spencerport.

May 18th - 1:00 p.m., Executive Committee, 106 Elmgard Street (Annie Towle's home).

May 27th - 2:00 p.m., Supreme Visit; long gowns. Please try to be at Unity Hall at 1:30 p.m. Following the meeting, dinner will be at Pineview Restaurant at 6:00 p.m. The Calling Committee will contact you for your reservation.

Our last meeting before Summer will be June 8th. It will be a Pot Luck Picnic at 6:00 p.m., meeting at 7:30 p.m. Bring a dish to pass.

Corp who made many public appearances in full Shrine regalia. The membership included many Nobles from surrounding towns, not only in Genesee County, but also from Wyoming County. These monthly meetings were held in both counties, meeting one month in Leroy, one in Perry, Warsaw, Attica and then in Batavia.

"On May 18th, 1921, Batavia surrendered the keys to the city to a red-fezzed host of 2000 strong, when the Batavia Shrine Club entertained the members of Damascus Temple and hundreds of other Western New York Shriners. A special train from Rochester, delivering 500 Nobles, arrived in the City."

Happy Birthday
Birthday wishes go to: Alice Theodor, 2nd; Cecil Losinger, 14th; and Carole Werth, 16th.

Thinking of you

Get well wishes go to: Carol Couchman, Don D'Ordio, Hilde DiJames, Jay Riggs, Mary and Howie Topel and Annie and Ray Towle. I hope to see you all out soon.



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By Fred Cornell, Commander
My Brothers and fellow Officers, as we passed through the month of April, my time as your Commander was winding down. We have had a great year and increased our numbers by five. We have four more members to install this month.

My final meeting was April 27th at Webster Lodge, where we started last May. I thank all my Officers, Past Commanders and, most of all, my area Representative, Al Pulcino III, for their help as needed.

We voted to move to Fairport Lodge for our new home.

We will have new challenges ahead, but with everyone's help, we will have a Post of which all can be proud.

Golf Tournament

By Richard Topel, Chairman

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

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

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

you could possibly have your name on a Surgical Suite, or a Wing, of a particular Hospital. There are also other possibilities. A new Donor Newsletter has been developed and has collected over \$400,000 from just two editions. Lastly, the new Annual Gift Campaign, has collected over \$150,000.

Additional information can be obtained from the Donor Relations Department at: donorrelations@shrinenet.org or by calling 1-800-241-GIFT.

Shrine-abilia

By Derek VanHouten, PP

Let's go back in time and talk about the Genesee Shrine Club

when, in its heyday, was the major Shrine Club on the Western side of our jurisdiction. I was given a packet of material that also included a program for its May 6th Ceremonial, held in Batavia in 1950. At that time there were only 4 Shrine Clubs and the promise for two more to be created.

The Class was named for Harold C. Lloyd, the Imperial Potentate at that time. As many of you remember, he was a motion picture legend and appeared in many films.

On January 12, 1921, a preliminary meeting was held at the Shrine Club of Batavia. During the early days of the Club they had a very efficient Drum

The ceremonial Parade started at 5:30 p.m. and consisted of all Damascus Units; Damascus Band, Patrol, Legion of Honor, Directors, Divan, Clown Band, candidates, Chanters and members of surrounding Shrine Clubs. It must have been a grand sight to see.

It's interesting to note that the membership was made up of both Damascus and Ismailia Nobles and they are listed side by side in the Program. It's equally sad that all that has disappeared in today's world. After reading the full account of that time, it would be nice to be able to revisit that era if only for a brief time to witness the glory days of Damascus.

In Memoriam

March

Bishop, David L.
Northfield Lodge lost a member with the passing of David on March 31st. He is survived by his wife, Elisabeth.

April

Anderson, Victor T.
A Past Master of John A. Robertson Lodge (now Craftsman Robertson Lodge) and District Deputy Grand Master of the 2nd Monroe District in 1961-62, Victor was called Home on April 1st. He was 88 years old and is survived by two daughters, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Sheeler, Arthur C.
Arthur was 89 years old when he met his Maker on April 2nd. He was a member of Union Star Lodge, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Shrine. He leaves his wife, Elizabeth, three children, eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Wheeler, Russell H.
Russell entered eternal rest on April 4th. He was a member of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge and is survived by his wife, Helen, two children, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Henry, Cullen O.
The Great Architect of the Universe claimed Cullen on April 5th at the age of 79 years. He was a member of Canandaigua Lodge; Palmyra Council, Sagoyewatha and Excelsior Chapters. He leaves his wife, Isabele, four children and eight grandchildren.

Bayley, Robert E.
Death claimed Robert on April 6th. He was a member of Northfield Lodge and Rochester Consistory. Three children, seven grandchildren and one great-granddaughter survive him.

Fitze, Max R.
Fame Lodge, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Shrine each lost a member with the death of Max on April 9th. He is survived by three children and one grandson.

Doebereiner, Harold J.
Harold died peacefully on April 13th at the age of 90 years. He was a member of Drumlin Square Lodge and leaves two children, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Looking Ahead

June

- 19 Monroe District Apron Presentation Shrine Center
- 21 Masonic Service Bureau Scholarship and Charity Awards Webster Lodge

September

- 10 Grand Lodge Interfaith Service

October

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

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BIG CALENDAR FOR MAY 2006

Gem - Emerald
Flower - Lily of the Valley

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Canandaigua - Shortsville West Star - Varysburg RAM - Palmyra/Eagle OES - Irondequoit KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford Shrine Lunch Club Grand Lodge	2 Clio - Hilton (E) Craftsman Robertson Garoga/Sincerity-Phelps (E) Oakland - Castile Nunda Station (E) OES - Fairport, Nolatka Grand Lodge	3 Attica Drumlin Square-Palmyra (E) Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy Damascus Shrine OES - Henrietta, Monroe	4 Constellation - Perry Eunice - Caledonia Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster RSM - Palmyra Council National Day of Prayer	5 Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m. \$6 adult; \$3 Child 30 Orchard Street Cinco de Mayo	6 OES - Rochester Chapter Unity Lodge, Spencerport Daughters of the Nile, Zama Temple - Fairport Ox Roast Clio Lodge-Hilton 4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Nurses Day
7	8 ERAC - Shrine Center (E) Fairport/Flower City Mt. Vernon - Java Village Union Star-Honeoye Falls (E&I) Unity - Spencerport (E) Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield (E) RAM-ExcelsiorShortsville (OV) Shrine Lunch Club	9 Arcade Batavia Fame - Irondequoit (E) Seneca - Webster Valley-Simes, Shrine Center RAM - Dansville OES - Leah - Hilton	10 Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike Masonic Service Bureau Monthly Luncheon Meeting OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville, Corinthian Fellowship	11 Milnor - Victor (E) Union - Lima (E) RAM - Hiram KT - Batavia Commandery Lalla Rookh Caldron OES Grand Matron's Visit	12	13 Hesperus Lodge Chicken Bar-B-Que 4:00 p.m.
14 Mother's Day	15 Canandaigua - Shortsville West Star - Varysburg (E) KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford (E) OES - Irondequoit, Charlotte, Leah (OV) Spencerport Shrine Lunch Club - Ladies Day	16 Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson, Shrine Center (E) Garoga/Sincerity-Phelps (I) Oakland - Castile (E) Nunda Station OES - Nolatka	17 Attica Ark - Geneva, 3* (E) Drumlin Square-Palmyra (I) Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy RSM - Doric Council, Pittsford (E) Lalla Rookh Grotto Milnor Spaghetti Dinner	18 Constellation - Perry Eunice - Caledonia Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster (E) Scottish Rite RAM - Western Star	19 MON District - Investiture Service, Fairport/Flower City Lodge, Dinner @ 6:00 p.m.	20 KT - Sagoyewatha - Phelps. DeMolay-Rochester Chapter Installation at Wakan/ Hubbard Lodge, Penfield 3:00 p.m. Garoga/Sincerity Lodge Pork Chop Bar-B-Que Armed Forces Day
21 Wayne Lodge 1932 Ridge Road Ontario Chicken Bar-B-Que 11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. \$7.00	22 ERAC - Shrine Center Mt. Vernon - Java Village Union Star - Honeoye Falls Unity - Spencerport Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield RSM - Nundawaga Council OSY District - Investiture Sincerity Lodge, Phelps Shrine Lunch Club	23 Arcade Batavia Fame - Irondequoit Valley-Simes RAM - Dansville, LeRoy OES - Leah - Hilton	24 Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Triluminar - Pike Tall Cedars of Lebanon OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville, Corinthian Fellowship (OV) Clio Spaghetti Dinner	25 Milnor - Victor (I) Union - Lima RAM - Hiram, MEM* KT - Batavia Commandery James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post	26	27
28	29 Memorial Day Observed	30 Eunice Lodge, BBF Spaghetti Dinner, 6:00 p.m. Memorial Day	31	<h1>Important!</h1> <p>Last call for 2006 Masonic Brotherhood Fund May 31st</p>		