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MOTHER NATURE HURLS OBSTACLES AT SCOTTISH RITE WALK FOR DYSLEXIA

Rochester Rain; Record Buffalo Snow impede attendance

The major fundraiser for the Frank & Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center suffered a serious blow on October 14th when the cold rain and blustery winds kept attendance far below expectations. In addition, the freak snowstorm, which set an October record in the Buffalo area, inhibited the carloads of participants who normally are great supporters of this event, from attending. Despite the inclement weather, those attending had a great time.

On-site with the Walk in Perinton Park, was a Child ID program hosted by Fairport/Flower City Lodge. George Bracht, along with several Masonic Brothers and Deputies from the Monroe County Sheriff's Office, provided this extra benefit.

About Dyslexia

Dyslexia is an inherited neurological disorder that affects the way people learn to read and speak as well as how they process information mathematically. Famous dyslexics include Thomas Edison, Winston Churchill, Leonardo DaVinci,

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Rodney R. Rittenhouse (second from right), calls to the hardy individuals who showed up for this year's Walk for Dyslexia to gather up and move out.

Sponsors

Many thanks go to the following companies for their generous support in sponsoring this year's Walk:

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and to the many walkers and their sponsors, as well.

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For additional information about the Scottish Rite and the 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children, view the videos on

the Valley of Rochester's website: <http://www.valleyofrochester.com/home/index.php>.

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Waiting for his next "customer" is Worshipful George Bracht (left), Secretary of Fairport/Flower City Lodge, at the Child ID Program booth his Lodge sponsored at the Walk, with unidentified Deputy Sheriff.



Rosco made balloon animals for Katherine Jefferis

Happy Thanksgiving

from all the Officers, Directors and Staff of the

Masonic Service Bureau

Support the Damascus Shrine Circus

Blue Cross Arena in the Rochester Community War Memorial

Performances Friday, November 3rd; Saturday, November 4th and Sunday November 5th.

Proceeds benefit Damascus Shriners activities and Shriners Hospitals for Children

Damascus News see page 11

Dated Material



Editor's Corner

Forgive me while I climb on my soapbox.

We REALLY need your help. When you have an article or photograph to submit for publication, it is imperative that you follow certain guidelines.

Most people have Microsoft Word and we use that as our standard. We have Microsoft Office Small Business 2000, so if you have brand new equipment with the latest version, we might have a minor problem obtaining your document.

If you can't remember these specifics, feel free to call or e-mail us BEFORE you send in the item. It will save much time and consternation.

Another gentle reminder. If you send us something by email and don't get a reply, it is best you follow up.

Off my soapbox now...thanks for reading.

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By Jim Ghent, President

The Masonic Service Bureau Officers and Directors held a Retreat at Camp DeMolay on Saturday, September 30th.

The meeting focused on the Report submitted by Professor Diane Kuehn, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, as summarized by William Lindsay and Richard Snyder.

Other items discussed were the activities of the Service Bureau, such as the Widows Luncheon, Scholarship Program, the upcoming Interfaith Service

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and Brunch, the Monroe District Masonic Directory, the Masonic Times, the Website, Loan Closet (help is still needed to maintain the equipment), Camp DeMolay and long-range planning for the Bureau.

It was a very productive meeting and a suggestion was made that the Officers and Directors make this retreat an annual event.



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Royal Arch (PHA) selects Ghent as Grand Scribe



James A. Ghent, Jr.

James A. Ghent, Jr., 33°, Ph.D., J.D., has his Ph.D. and MA in Business and Policy Studies and a Juris Doctor from SUNY at Buffalo Law School. A Technical Project Manager, he also has a BS in Mathematics and Physics, and an Associate in Applied Science Degree in Mechanical Technology.

He is admitted to practice law in the State Courts of Connecticut, Massachusetts and New Jersey; the Federal District Court of New Jersey; the United States Court of Appeals for the 2nd, 3rd, District of Columbia and Federal Circuits; and is admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States. He remains active in the practice of law and law related activities.

Dr. Ghent resides on a working farm, where his family formerly bred horses and maintained hay crops as a consumable and for sale. As a farmer and rancher, he joined the Lake Plains Resource Conservation & Development Council (current President) and was elected an At-Large Member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of RC&D Councils, where he also serves on the Underrepresented Task Force.

He is certified as a Minority-Owned Business Enterprise by the New York State Department of Economic Development, Division of Minority and Women's Business Development; the City of Buffalo/County of Erie Joint Certification Committee; and the New York City School Construction Authority.

Brother Jim is currently the President of the Masonic Service Bureau. He is married to Jeanne, and they have three children and 8 grandchildren. ✕

R.:E.: James A. Ghent, Jr. was elected Grand Scribe of the Most Excellent Prince Hall of Holy Royal Arch Masons, State of New York and its Jurisdiction, at the annual meeting last month in New York City. Their jurisdiction covers New York, Canada and the West Indies. He has served as District Deputy Grand High Priest for District 7 - Rochester.

Brother Ghent joined the Prince Hall Masonic Family through Bethany Lodge No. 31 in Newark, New Jersey, in 1965. Relocating to Rochester, he affiliated with Eureka Lodge No. 36. He is the founding High Priest of Haggai Chapter No. 41, HRAM, and currently the Secretary for the HRAM Grand Chapter Constitution Committee and was the Recording Secretary for the 2003 and 2004 Grand Convocation.

He is a member of Utica Consistory No. 45 and was elevated to the 33° in 2004.

Monroe District OES HiLights

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Happy Fall to All!

By the time you read this, we will have participated in Grand Sessions and the Interfaith Service and Brunch.

The East-West Luncheon is at the Duchess Restaurant (Routes 441 and 250) on Saturday, November 4th, and our District Banquet is on THURSDAY, November 9th at The Party House on Beahan Road.

Please don't forget to support Fidelity Triangle - their Term Dinner (Pork and trimmings) is on November 11th at Hilton Masonic Hall at 5:30 p.m. The Installation of their new Officers will follow at 7:30 p.m. These young ladies are the future members who will carry on the Eastern Star legacy.

The Reception for our new Grand Officers is November 12th at 3 p.m. in Webster.

The Foot Light Players will be performing *Nuncracker* on December 8th, 9th and 10th at Spencerport Masonic Hall. Please contact Evy Ann Heller for details.

Our Monroe District Holiday Party is Sunday, December 10th, at the Hilton Masonic Hall at 2 p.m.

Plans are already starting for the Chicken Bar-B-Que next August. We need the support of each Chapter to make this a success. More information will follow at a later date.

Live strong and God bless. ✕

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By Mary Anne Sovocool

Good news and congratulations to "Grandma" Pat Dalykas and her daughter, "Mother" Tracey, on the birth of baby girl Jocelyn on September 20th.

November

The reading of Reports and Elections will take place at the November 7th meeting. Officers will be installed at an Open Meeting on November 21st.

December

Mark December 19th on your calendar for Nolatka Chapter's Christmas Party. The place will be announced later.

The Members of our Chapter extend a sincere thanks to Kim Robinson, Worthy Matron, and Robert Crystal, Worthy Patron, for their dedicated leadership this year. ✕



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Should you have an interest in serving in this volunteer manner, or need more information, please contact Executive Director Skip Waterstreet at the Service Bureau office at 671-9730, or Nominating Committee Chairman Jay McCullough at 352-1061. Elections for the 2007 term will be held at the December 13th monthly meeting of the Bureau Officers and Directors. ✕

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Dates for 2007 season:

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Camp Turk is located in Woodgate, New York on over 1,500 acres of land including a private lake in the Adirondack Park Preserve.

Camp Turk offers a variety of camper activities including field sports, water sports, computers, arts & crafts, hiking, biking, drama, music, etc...

Interviews will begin on October 27, 2006.

If you are interested in finding out duties or more information, or to set up an interview time, please give us a call at (315) 392-2051.

Check out our website at nymasons.us

Oakland Lodge

No. 379, F. & A.M.

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When this article reaches your doorstep, we will be in November and staring Thanksgiving right in the eye. This holiday brings to mind great food and cold weather. I just don't know if I'm ready to remove the mower deck and put the snowblower on my lawn tractor. Not all of us are as fortunate as those Brothers from Oakland Lodge who have already gone, or are preparing to go, South for the Winter. We wish all of these Brothers a safe voyage and will welcome them back with open arms when Spring arrives.

October didn't go as planned and was reported in last month's article. We were not able to confer the Fellowcraft Degree due to some conflicts with our Officers and others who were considered in helping. This Degree hasn't been cancelled, just postponed to a more opportune Communication. Our roadside cleanup detail was also cancelled due to the weather. We are going to attempt to perform this cleanup on Saturday, November 11th. We will meet at the Castile Town Buildings at 8:00 a.m. to try to do our part to clean up the environment.

Brotherhood Fund

The Brotherhood Fund Campaign is once again in full swing and Oakland Lodge has had a wonderful start. In the first two months of this year, we have almost received as much in donations as we did all last year. Thanks to all the Brothers for their generosity extended so far this year. The Brotherhood Fund Chairperson for Oakland Lodge is your Master, W.: Ken Smith. The best place to make your contributions to this campaign is at our monthly Communications. For those Brothers

who are unable to make the monthly communications, your donations can be sent to: Kenneth E. Smith, 137 Lake Street, Le Roy, NY 14482.

November Communications

Oakland Lodge will have two Communications in the month of November. The first Communication will be Tuesday, November 7th, when the District Deputy Grand Master will be making his Official Visit to Oakland Lodge. I think it would be wonderful if we could get the sidelines filled for this Communication. R.: W.: Harry Tyson will be conveying the message from our Grand Master and calling our attention to the major objectives the Grand Master hopes to accomplish. R.: W.: Marshall Krause will also be outlining his educational objectives and goals.

The second Communication for the month will be Tuesday, November 21st. Because the members of Oakland Lodge will be traveling somewhere else this evening, the Communication will be a very short business meeting starting at 7:00 p.m. and concluding by 7:30 p.m.

Grand Lecturer's Convention

The Grand Lecturer's Convention for the Genesee-Wyoming District will be Wednesday, November 15th. The Convention will be hosted by Olive Branch Lodge in LeRoy and start at 7:30 p.m. The topic will encompass the Opening and Closing of Lodge, as well as the first section of the Entered Apprentice Degree.

I would strongly encourage all members of Oakland Lodge to attend this Convention for two reasons. The first is to qualify for the Howard Potts Award. Oakland Lodge has earned this Award for the past three years and I would like to keep this streak alive. We are one of only two Lodges in the District to earn this Award the past two years.

The second reason is that this night provides a lot of insight and help to all Brothers in performing the Ritual of our Craft.

Here's hoping all my Brothers are enjoying a happy and healthy start to the harvest season. Let us never forget those

who have fought and are still fighting to keep our great nation free and safe. Always remember that freedom isn't free. May the blessings of heaven rest upon all Masons and their families wherever they are throughout the world. ✕

**West Star
Lodge No. 413
F. & A. M.**1st & 3rd
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We have been lucky and had a very nice Summer. Now we are into Fall and today the sun is bright; my Maple trees on the back hill are red and orange and as pretty as ever. The weatherman says this will surely be changing and he's talking about snow on the high ground.

West Star Lodge has had a good Fall. In September, we started out with a breakfast and flag presentation in the park. At our first meeting on September 18th, we had 22 Brothers present. That is a great turnout for little Varysburg. On October 2nd, Barb (at Durfee's Diner) put on a dinner for 18 Brothers that was "fit for a king."

The meeting that followed was our Official Visit where R.: W.: Harry Tyson, District Deputy Grand Master, and R.: W.: Marty Krause, Grand Steward, delivered the Grand Master's message. R.: W.: Marty talked about Masonic education for which there are several classes being held this Fall. It will be nice to have as many attend as possible. All enjoyed the food and meeting.

This is just the beginning. Our second meeting in October we performed an In-Lodge Rededication Program. It was impressive and is a great program for continued presentation at appropriate times.

At our last meeting we didn't have any reports under Sickness and Distress. This is again great news.

There are several Degrees coming up soon. Attica has a 1st Degree on November 1st, and Warsaw has new members coming up. Any help would be appreciated to perform parts and fill sidelines. I think there will be Degrees at other Lodges in the District and I will share that when I hear details. It's good to see that new members are joining Masonry. This is happening because you are talking to your friends about Masonry.

Before I close, I have to make a correction. I misquoted my wife in my last newsletter. She said that our Flag Presentation and Dedication Service in the park was "Home Towny." She meant it was "Neighborly." A nicer way to say it!

We hope to see you soon. If your car has an empty seat, bring a Brother with you! Remember, 7:30 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month. ✕

**HESPERUS
Lodge No. 837**1st and 3rd
ThursdaysMaster
W.: Cortney
GaleSecretary
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Place this date in your calendar—Thursday, November 16th. We will have dinner at 6:30 p.m. at the Lodge Hall, followed by a speaker from the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory at 7:30 p.m. This program is open to the public, for all Brothers and their families who wish to attend. This will be a good opportunity to find out more about MMRL and the research that our donations fund. Come out for a nice dinner, fellowship, and program.

Thanks to all the Brothers who helped at the 1st Degree. We ended up having eight Candidates in two classes. Everyone seemed to enjoy the Saturday morning Degree; there is nothing like eating break-

fast in a tuxedo! I really appreciate all the support and dedication from the Brethren. The Ritual was done to perfection, and it was great to see the Lodge filled for both Degrees.

Thanks to the ladies of the Eastern Star who put on the dinner and breakfast; it's easy to see why we get so many to attend the Degrees. An extra special thank you to W.: Dick Sands, who is responsible for bringing in five of the eight new Brothers.

The 2nd Degree will be held at Olive Branch Lodge in LeRoy, so we can take advantage of the stairs. The 2nd Degrees are Thursday, November 2nd, at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, November 4th at 9:30 a.m. The 3rd Degrees will return to Hesperus and are scheduled December 7th at 7:30 p.m. (with dinner at 6:30 p.m.) and December 9th at 9:30 a.m. (with breakfast at 8:30 a.m.)

For those who were unable to join us for dinner and the Symbolic Lodge Awards, they missed out. We had a wonderful meal at The Port Bar and Grill in Brockport, owned by our very own Brother Mark Cyr. It was great to see W.: Joe Chimino receive the award.

As I did in last month's article, I would like to introduce Officers of the Lodge; this month it's the Deacons.

Brother Chris Kremer is the Senior Deacon. Chris is a resident of Rochester, where he runs his own tool and die business. He is a Veteran of the Navy, where he was able to see many parts of the world.

The Junior Deacon is Daniel Culver. Brother Dan is a resident of Byron where he lives with his wife Cyndy. He works security for Brockport Central Schools. Cyndy is a Corrections Officer in Attica.

It is with a sad heart I announce the passing of two of our Brothers, Fred Dykins, and Robert Ashley. Both Brothers were members for more than 50 years. They were dedicated Masons who lived by our principles. The Altar has been draped and a page in the book of minutes left blank in their memories. ✕

**District Deputy
Grand Master
Livingston District**R.: W.:
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We are almost done with our Official Visits and the reception has been great. I thank Genesee Lodge for allowing me to go to the Canandaigua Veterans Hospital with them on their annual visit. You just don't know how rewarding it is to be with them and see how much they look forward to visits where they are appreciated.

We have completed the MDC Course and R.: W.: Rick Howe, Brother Mike Grady and W.: John Gallant are to be commended on their work. As always, they did a great job. Thanks, Brothers. The Child ID

program has been completed and again we did over 1000 children. All the Lodges in our District are to be commended for their contribution to this effort!

We also commend Brother Ray Ellis and R.: W.: Gene Flint for putting this program together, and making it what it is! They put a tremendous amount of time and effort in the fundraising and organizing to get this program where it is today! Thank you, Brothers. The District owes you a great deal for all the work you have done with this program.

I also welcome R.: W.: David Whiteman, who has become Chairman of the Child ID Program and I am sure that he, too, will do a great job.

Don't forget the Livingston District Association Fundraiser at State Street Station in Nunda on November 12th. We need all the business we can get for this, so please come and eat with us from 8:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. We will serve brunch to raise funds for the Teresa House.

This District is putting on a lot of Degrees and I am proud

to see the whole District helping out with each of the Degrees. Working together, we are the Team the Grand Master has told us about. You all have made the Livingston District a great place of which to be a part. ✕

**Eunice Lodge
No. 830**1st Thursdays
7:30 p.m.Master
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W.: Lynn Pease

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My family and I went for a drive near Seneca Lake during this beautiful New York State Fall and really enjoyed the colors the trees provide this time of year. Things are shaping up around here, and within Eunice Lodge. I'm very encouraged by the work we've done so far and the direction in which we are headed. How nice it is to see

Brothers enjoying some quality time together.

The 225th Anniversary Celebration and Lodge Re-Dedication programs went better than I expected. For the 225th Anniversary Celebration, we presented American Flags to the Town and Village of Caledonia, the Caledonia and Mumford Fire Departments, the VFW and

American Legion. Each group was represented and Brother Brian Pease provided the refreshments.

Many lingered after the ceremony and talked with the members who were present. There was also a nice display of Masonic literature and history compiled by Brother Pease. We still have two flags to be distrib-

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uted to the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, but they have yet to contact me. We plan to do that after the new year. There was a short article and picture in the local paper. W.: Floyd Manley cut it out and framed it. It will be on the mantle on the second floor.

The Re-Dedication was well attended as we all re-obligated ourselves in all three Degrees and had the Charge for the 3rd Degree read as well. Many thanks to all who attended and especially to Brother Rick Lafave who did the 1st and 2nd Degree Obligations and to R.: W.: Rick Howe who did the 3rd Degree Obligation and Charge on very short notice. I think we all got something special out of it.

The October Communication featured the Official Visit from the District Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: Richard Trescott, joined by R.: W.: Roy Moses and R.: W.: Rick Howe. Thanks to Senior Warden Rick Lafave for sitting in the East and for help from W.: Steve Cross and W.: Mel Hussey for filling in for people who couldn't attend, including myself. After completing Lodge business, the gavel was turned over to R.: W.: Trescott who gave us some encouragement along with the Grand Master's message.

It was nice to hear that many of the things he talked about were things we are already trying to do, or have on the agenda to accomplish during this year.

Congratulations to Livingston District on the great outpouring of help to our cause in the Brotherhood Fund. Our District was top in the State again, but I'd like to see Eunice Lodge do better. We were under 50% for the year. I'm encouraging you to do it again in the same manner. Let's get those envelopes sent back to W.: Hussey, our new Brotherhood Fund chair, as soon as possible.

We have one Entered Apprentice who will finish his Degrees this year. I am giving you due and timely notice that Lodge will be opened at 7:30 p.m. on November 16th for the 2nd Degree. We will have rehearsals on November 5th and 12th (Sundays) at 2 p.m. I will be assigning the roles, so if you are interested, please contact me.

Our 3rd Degree will be on January 18th, we will open the Lodge at 6:00 p.m., have dinner at 6:30 p.m., and commence the Degree at 7:30 p.m. Rehearsals for the Degree will be on January 7th and 14th at 2 p.m.; and also on Wednesday, January 17th at 6 p.m. On Wednesday night I will provide pizza and wings as well as beverages for all who attend the rehearsal. Again, anyone who would like to help, please give me a call.

On Thursday, November 7th, Eunice Lodge will have Brother-Bring-a-Friend Night. It is going to be a Veterans Recognition Dinner and all Brothers who are Veterans (or are local Veterans who are not Masons) are encouraged to come. The dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. We will open Lodge at 7:30 p.m., then break for the Veterans program. There will be a few speakers and information available about our Fraternity. Please call me for a reservation by October 27th (671-4277; or dmhow@aol.com).

We will now be holding Temple Club meetings after the regular Communications. For all of you who want to know more about what's being done, please attend. They are brief and the more of us who are involved, the easier it will be to get things done. Brother Brian Pease is now the President of the Club and W.: Floyd Manley is stepping up to be Vice-President.

In closing, I say again how great it is to have more of you around, helping to make Eunice a more "fraternal" place to be. Hopefully, we'll see more of you as the year progresses. I think we are making great strides, but no one can do it alone. Remember, the important thing is that you do something, anything, as insignificant as it might seem. The more of us who do something, the easier it will be to complete the goal. I hope I'll see you along the way. *

Nunda Station Lodge No. 682
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7:30 p.m.
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Our In-Lodge Re-Dedication at Nunda Station was held September 19th. In front of a good turnout and the presence of R.: W.: K. Rick Howe, W.: Robert Smith was given his 60-year Certificate and Pin and R.: W.: Edwin Dickson received his 55-year Certificate. It sure is great to have such long-standing Brothers belong to our Lodge.

On September 26th, R.: W.: Ed Dickson, accompanied by R.: W.: Phil Cox and W.: Bob Cox, traveled to Orchard Park for a dinner meeting with Zion Lodge where Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: Edward Gilbert presented R.: W.: Ed with a 55-year Pin. Ed is a former member of Zion Lodge. The

Junior Grand Deacon, R.: W.: Robert Glace, was also present.

Nunda Station received a sad note telling us that Brother William Herlihy passed away. He was initiated 2/15/94, passed 4/19/94 and raised 5/15/94; that is the extent of the information that we received. Brothers from Nunda Station took part in two Masonic Funeral Services—one at Livonia for R.: W.: Raymond Woolston of Livonia Lodge on October 6th and one for W.: and Dr. John Stoll of Phoenix Lodge on October 7th.

Since Nunda Station Lodge is located in the extreme Southwest corner of Livingston County, Nunda Station Lodge was asked for help from Brothers of another District to participate in their In-Lodge Re-Dedication. R.: W.: Jim Bailey, R.: W.: Ed Dickson and I helped with three obligations and the 3rd Degree Charge. On occasion we travel out of the District to give a helping hand—this is what Brotherhood is all about.

October 3rd saw R.: W.: Richard J. Trescott, District Deputy Grand Master, traveling to Nunda Station Lodge for his Official Visit. He was accompanied by R.: W.: Roy Moses, Assistant Grand Lecturer and R.: W.: K. Rick Howe, Grand Steward. The other guests that evening were: W.: John Gallant, Brother Bob Knapp and W.: Ken Howe. After a superb dinner, a very informative meeting was held and everyone certainly had some knowledge to take home.

One friendly reminder—this year celebrates 225 years of Freemasonry in New York State, with Charity as our greatest virtue. Let each and every one of us get 100% behind the Brotherhood Fund. Donations are being accepted by our Brotherhood Chairman, W.: Ken Buckley. *

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The Annual Apron Presentation was held October 7th at the Holiday Inn Waterloo. The dinner was great and fellowship wonderful. It was certainly pleasing to see so many from Milnor Lodge present to support our own W.: Bud Peglow, who received the Dedicated Service Award Apron. He has done so much for so long for Milnor Lodge that it was a long overdue recognition. M.: W.: Bruce Widger, PGM, was the guest speaker and reminded us that recently there has been a renewed public interest in the Masonic Fraternity due to movies such as *The DaVinci Code* and investigative type news shows. This is the time to be looking for prospective Masons to bring to an upcoming "Brother Bring-a-Friend" night.

For those of you who may have missed our first meeting in September, I want to tell you how amazed and speechless I was when our special, piano-

playing Brother from Webster, Brother Chuck White, presented me with a Master's Board. It contained the names of all the Masters of Milnor Lodge dating back to 1848. In fact, there are two boards. One Brother White had in his house for many years and, because there were so many names, he had to make another. They will be hung in the entryway of the outer door for all to see. I know he didn't do it for this reason, but when you see him again, let him know how much it is appreciated and how nice looking they are.

As a reminder, Geneva Lodge is sponsoring two trips this year. One is to New York City in December to see the Christmas Show at Radio City Music Hall. The second is an Alaskan Cruise in July. If you have never seen the Christmas Show, it is a tremendous performance; well worth seeing many times, but at least once in a lifetime. The Alaskan Cruise speaks for itself. A wonderful trip everyone would enjoy experiencing — a great wilderness and some very interesting ports of call.

If anyone is interested in either or both trips, please let me know and I'll make sure you get all the necessary information.

On Thursday, November 2nd, at 7:30 p.m., at Pocahontas Lodge in Seneca Falls, the Grand Lecturer's Convention will be held. A Roast Pork dinner will start at 6:30 p.m. Pocahontas Lodge requires a headcount, so please let me know if you intend to attend. I would really like to win the Howard Potts Award this year. I don't know the last time Milnor Lodge was able to receive it but, hopefully, this year we'll be able to claim it. Milnor Lodge will be providing the Junior Warden and Senior Deacon positions at this Convention.

We are currently working on putting together a Table Lodge for our meeting on November 9th and the more I learn about it, the more fun and enjoyable it sounds, so please mark your calendars and let me or R.: W.: Eldon White know about your attendance.

Again, if there are any subjects or comments you would like brought up at Lodge or just comments you would like to express, please don't hesitate to give me a call at (585) 393-9785 or email me at nsmith@marzetti.com. *

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Another Masonic year has begun and there is a lot to be done. We had our first Official Visit from our new DDGM, R.: W.: David Locke. We met for dinner at the Lehigh Valley Restaurant and enjoyed some great fellowship. He is a very hands-on person and has some good ideas for the District. R.: W.: David went over the Grand Master's message and I am happy to say we already have programs in place that fulfill most of those

areas of involvement. Let's keep up the good work. I congratulate all on our Opening and Closing Ritual. The DDGM informed me it was done very well. Thanks for a great job!

Our Junior Warden, Brother Malcolm Halliday, filled the post of judge this year for the Annual Canaltown Pageant in Palmyra and he had a wonderful time. We received thanks from the Queen and her court for our participation. This is the third year we have done this and it looks like it will be an annual event for our Lodge.

As far as news on the proposed merger between our Lodge and Rushville Lodge ... we are still in the process and are awaiting word from Grand Lodge on the next step. Hopefully, this will all be done soon.

I know it may come as a shock, but our Annual Breakfast with Santa will be on Saturday, December 9th. We will be serving pancakes and sausage and handing out gifts to all the kids. If you have not helped with this, I strongly encourage you to do so. It is always a great time and gives us a chance to meet the community. Please be at the Lodge between 7:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. if you would like to help get things started.

We would also like to have another Table Lodge this year. We will schedule it after the first of the year. Your input as to menu and date would be greatly appreciated. *

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On September 26th, Eagle Lodge was honored by an Official Visit of our O/S/Y District Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: David W. Locke. He was accompanied by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.: W.: Edwin D. Carris. The evening began at Ace's Restaurant for a delicious Prime Rib dinner. Our Lodge records were examined and Lodge opened at 7:30 p.m. After a brief business meeting, Brother Locke delivered the Grand Master's message. The

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entire evening was very well received and memorable.

Once again, Eagle Lodge is participating in harvesting cabbage at White Farms. This grower cuts what they want to send to market, the balance of the cabbage would be left to rot in the fields. Our Brother, Harry Dainty, has coordinated a collection effort with Eagle Lodge Members and the local Boy Scout Troup to pick cabbage left in the field. FOODLINK then delivers it to local and surrounding county food pantries.

The hot dog stand at the Naples Grape Festival was another successful fundraiser. Special thanks to Brother Hudson and Brother Schneider for championing this event.

Currently, we have the Citrus and Entertainment Books' sale in full swing. Please do your best to support these fund-raisers. Plans are being formed to put on our first annual (hopefully) Hunters' Breakfast. It is scheduled for November 18th. Brother Boyer is chairing this event.

On October 7th, I had the pleasure and distinct honor to present Brother Thomas Good his O/S/Y District Assistant Grand Lecturer's Apron. This presentation was part of the O/S/Y Charities Organization Annual Presentation Dinner. Please join me in congratulating

Brother Good and wishing him a very successful two years as Assistant Grand Lecturer. Tom is a pillar in our Lodge and I have confidence he will serve our District with that same success.

We are planning a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night for November 14th. New members are the key to our continued success. Please start thinking of who, among your friends and neighbors, have what it takes to make a good Masonic Brother. Please get the names of those potential candidates to me, so we can send them a formal letter inviting them to our next Brother Bring-a-Friend Night.

November Events

2nd-Grand Lecturer's Convention

14th-Brother Bring-a-Friend Night

14th-Fruit Fundraiser Orders due (Chair: Brother Shaffer; Co-Chair: Brother Durkee)

18th-Hunters' Breakfast Fundraiser (Chair: Brother Boyer)

28th-Officers' Meeting 6:15 p.m.

28th-Program - Back to Basics

December Events

9th & 10th-Fruit Pickup at Lodge

TBA-Entertainment Book Fundraiser (Brother Durkee)

12th-Officers' Meeting, 6:15 p.m.

12th-Annual Meeting

16th-9:00 a.m. Deliver Poinsettias to Widows (meet at Aces at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast)

26th-No Lodge Meeting

Lodge well as a Steward for a number of years. Congratulations to Brother Phillips!

Game nights are starting again at the Lodge. They will be held in November on Friday the 3rd and Friday the 17th at 6:30 p.m. Brothers and wives are invited. Bring a snack to share and enjoy the fun! Euchre, board games and Dominos have been contested. Non-Lodge members are invited to attend and participate in an enjoyable evening.

A Children's Christmas Party is being scheduled for December. More information will be forthcoming.

Other Dates to Remember

November 2nd, 6:30 p.m. -- Grand Lecturer's Convention at Pochontas Lodge in Waterloo.

November Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Brothers Otis Davis (1st), Stephen Phillips (1st), William Sergeant (3rd), Paul W. Adams (7th), James D. Allen (8th), Donald Henning (10th), Richard Hamelinck (15th), and Robert Bird (30th).

Raised in November

Congratulations to these Brothers raised in November:

11/20/01-Ronald Galens
11/20/01-William Smith
11/20/01-Donald Romeiser
11/20/90-Paul McIntyre
11/20/90-Clayton Ruggles
11/03/81-Daniel Guth
11/03/81-Gary Yancey
11/12/81-William Peterson
11/13/75-Terrence Mays
11/14/74-Jack Resnik
11/09/72-Keith Andrews
11/09/72-Thomas Pardington
11/09/72-Elliott Schocken
11/15/55-Donald Fridley
11/14/46-Charles Romeiser

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On November 1st, the Lodge will ballot on a Petition for Initiation and Advancement. There is also an Application for Affiliation. It is sad to report there were no names submitted for whom we might conduct a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. Surely some member of the Lodge must know of someone he would like to see as a member. If this Lodge is to survive, we all must replace ourselves. That being said, if any Brother knows of someone who would be an asset to this Lodge and our Fraternity, give me his name. We can conduct the BAF Program later in the year.

November 15th the Lodge will confer the Entered Apprentice Degree, with our Senior Warden in the East. There will be a dinner at 6:30 p.m. provided by the OES, in their fine tradition. I would hope every Brother who plans to attend the dinner contacts Brother Alan Friedman, phone (315) 597-6929 with a reservation. Do not let it be like the last time when only one person called him to make a reservation!

My Brothers, we are trying a new agenda this year to make your Lodge more appealing, and your support is needed. Call Brother Friedman to make a reservation, and support our Candidate. Welcome him into this Lodge in a way that makes him feel wanted and needed.

Mark your calendar for the Auction on December 20th, which will be revitalized this year. We will have a potluck dinner. It will be followed by the auctioning of items, with the proceeds used to defray the expenses of our Widows' Night Program in the Spring.

We've all had a good time at this function in the past. Remember to bring a gift, not to exceed \$10 value. Enjoy the camaraderie, fun and being with our ladies. This will be an open meeting with wives, OES members and any widow who would like to attend.

It's the time of year where we must send Summonses to all who owe 2005 and 2006 dues. There are 17 Brothers who fall into this category. Check your dues card and make sure you are current in your dues. If not, please remit to our Secretary. This will save the Lodge the mailing expense of sending a Summons.

For those of you who feel you no longer want to remain a member, it would be to your advantage to pay your arrears and request a dimit. Should you decide at a later date, you might want to affiliate with another Lodge, this step would ease the process. Plus, being unaffiliated from this Lodge would automatically drop you from all Lodges to which you may belong, and from any Concordant Body of which you are a member. We don't want to lose you, but know some no longer hold Masonry as a top priority.

For your information ... Do you know, if you are dropped for non-payment of dues (NPD), for those two years your Brothers have paid your Grand Lodge per capita?

District Deputy Grand Master



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I have read in many of the Lodge articles that Degrees are being scheduled for this Masonic year and everyone is holding practices so they may do a good job in presenting them. That is positive news, as it means that we are bringing in new Brothers to our Fraternity. This means we are completing our interviews in their homes and are able to determine that they are good men worthy of joining our Craft. The real question, then, is have we done a good job in representing our Fraternity to their families? Have we answered all their questions as to what Masonry is and what we are about?

"Freemasonry is a world-wide fraternal order of men, bonded together in fellowship, who aid one another and their communities by giving freely of their time and energy with a commitment to making the world a better place through their actions." This statement is from the new membership card that is found in the *Empire State Mason* magazine. It is very important that these interviews be done correctly, as we know they wish to join us, and we need to be sure that their families are supportive of them in this endeavor as well.

The next question then is who will be their mentor once they have started to take their Degrees? The mentor will need to be there to help them learn and answer their questions as they proceed through the Degrees and meet the different members of our Lodges. This is one of the important tools we must use to help keep them feeling connected to, and part of, our Fraternity. If they miss a meeting, does that mentor know why ahead of time or just reacting after the fact? A good mentor knows what is happening with the new Brother and his family. Mentoring is a strong key to membership retention. We need to have a Brother with the same interests as the new member of our Craft, whether that is sports, hunting, fishing, history, collecting or whatever the interest may be. This is what helps to provide that lifetime of fellowship.

Fall

The colors are very vibrant at this time of year as I write this article. Hopefully, your cabinet has allowed you time to get out and enjoy it. Remember, if we may be of assistance, please call on us.

Grand Director of Ceremonies

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In the month of September, I attended ten (10) Masonic affairs. Most solemn and spiritually fulfilling was the Statewide Interfaith Service held at Unity, my home Lodge. The most fun was the Sportsmen's Raffle at the Shrine, where my wife Emily, won one of the fifteen firearms raffled; the food was delicious, the band was loud and lively, and the fellowship was very enjoyable.

Our team's first Official Visit at Wakan/Hubbard Lodge prevented me from attending the Re-Dedication Service at Unity; I managed to attend a Re-Dedication Service at Wayne Lodge and recited the three obligations with those Brothers on an invitation from Senior Warden, Kevin Faro; The Secretary and Master of the Lodge signed my Bible to signify my attendance.

Emily and I attended the Masonic Family Day at West Point. Bring your walking shoes and be prepared to pass through security inspections more rigorous than the airport. It was worth all the effort and time. The wreath laying by the Grand Master and W.: Dave Crawford at the Douglas MacArthur Memorial was well done. The Parade of the Corp of Cadets is awesome and the atmosphere of Duty, Honor and Country radiate from this impressive spectacle.

We were bussed to our South Dock location for a luncheon, then back to the Buffalo Soldier Parking area, from which we walked to Mitchie Stadium for the football game, where Army had its head handed to them by Rice University, 42-14.

Pictures cannot do justice to the scenery, the history, the grounds and this majestic fortress above the Hudson River. Every American should have, or make an opportunity, to visit this place.

My task in our Official Visits is to pitch Masonic education opportunities to the Brothers. I am impressed that they seem to be listening intently and are looking for ways to enhance their knowledge.

For those aspiring to be Masters of their Lodges, save the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Saturdays in January the 13th, 20th and 27th, 2007. *The Road to the East Course* will be taught at the Damascus Shrine Center, 979 Bay Road, Webster, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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We began the Fall season with our Official Visits on October 25th, when we visited Wakan/Hubbard Lodge and laid out the vision and plans of our Grand Master, M.:W.: Neal I. Bidnick. Looking ahead to this month, we will journey to: Northfield Lodge on November 2nd; November 13th, Fairport/Flower City Lodge; November 14th, Seneca Lodge and wind up at Unity Lodge on November 27th. It promises to be a busy and rewarding month as I share the Grand Master's Message and break bread with you.

Someone recently asked me how I wrote all these articles. My reply was that I take the time to create the proper atmosphere to let the words and ideas flow. This is what works for me. I make observations at various functions I attend, sit at the keyboard, turn on some easy-listening music from the computer and take my time. I may go through some rough ideas and use Google for definitions. You may have other methods that work for you. As soon as I come up with a theme for a particular story line, I try to compose the articles. I try to be as personalized as I can be, because I try to see the reader and how he or she will react when they open the *Masonic Times*. I know your time is at a premium and I don't want to waste it.

It doesn't always work out that way, but I feel that if you take your time, create a comfort zone for your writing, talk to the reader and tell him what you want him to hear, something that they will find enjoyable, you will be successful. Besides, the *Masonic Times* always needs good material for print and the Staff can answer any questions you may have on producing material for production.

As we resume our journey together, some may ask, "why?" In my mind, a lot of folks can relate to a train making a journey; it presents many opportunities for messages and discussions related to a journey by a method of transportation many of our Senior members can relate to, and it is fun for me.

As you will hear in our Official Visits, the Grand Master is a visionary who has created, or will present, many new concepts to take our Fraternity to "new heights that the Fraternity has not seen in many years."

Our "train" is made up of many cars. Some are mail cars (communications), some are observation cars and, of course, we need dining cars (where we can feed you) information about the District events.

The "Engine" of the train is (membership), our #1 priority. It is our fuel and the lifeblood of our Fraternity. There are ingredients for our fuel; the new Masonic Compact; our new NETNEWS; the new 24-Inch Gauge, and other materials.

The "Tender" is Education and R.:W.: Tom Grape has a full schedule of opportunities for those who want to improve their personal growth and learning about our Fraternity.

Another "observation car" and, equally important, is for Ritual and our AGLs, V.:W.: John Dyer and V.:W.: Harry DeHollander will be imparting their experience and teachings through Schools of Ritual during the journey.

Along the way there may be sidings where we stop to discuss a particular subject or possible bumps in the road. Who knows what can be gained? Get on board and join us. The challenge is there for all of us. What we do in the following two years is up to all of us, but I see a bright future for the Fraternity. Come and join us.

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By the time this article is printed, the Grand Lecturer's Convention will be over and we thank Fairport/Flower City, Craftsman Robertson, Union Star and Unity Lodges for a fine dinner and for performing the work of the evening, as well as the Masonic War Veterans for Posting the Colors for us. I would be remiss not to mention all the Officers, Brothers and Grand Lodge Officers who made for such a successful event.

At our last School of Ritual, the question of a flag bearer came up and instigated some very interesting discussion. According to the current Ritual, there is no position for a flag bearer. Although that may change, as our Custodians of the Work are currently updating the Standard Work.

The good news to those Lodges interested in this role is the Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem are performed after the "Standard Work" in our Ritual book is complete. If you wish to learn more about this chair or how to perform a proper flag presentation, who better to learn from than our Masonic War Veteran Brothers? Let's encourage our Custodians to provide us with Standard Work for this role.

Edict Forms

October 3rd was the deadline to turn in your Grand Master's Edict Request forms to V.:W.: Harry DeHollander. We do not have very many dates as of writing this article. The Edict is not optional. Each Lodge is required to perform one of the three Degrees for the AGLs or their designee. We need to complete this task by April 1st, 2007. Please send your forms in and set up a date for observing your Degree work.

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Member Development

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Monroe District

Recently, the 1986 Masters of the Monroe District got together for a clambake. We meet several times a year. As Masters, we shared, what seemed at the time, some important decisions. These days, we have friendship, Brotherly love and the sharing of good times. I wish all Past Masters' groups the same good fortune.

Dues

It is that time of year that Lodge Secretaries dread...sending out letters for non-payment of dues. In some Lodges, that letter can be a concerned letter or a form letter. Whatever the letter looks like, if you are in danger of being dropped for non-payment of dues because of a financial situation, or some other reason, I urge you to talk to someone. For example, dues are being remitted for Brothers who are in nursing homes and other hardship situations. So call the Master or Secretary of your Lodge. Their numbers are listed in your Lodge article in the *Masonic Times*. You can also call me. My number, as with all District numbers is listed on Page 2 under "Hot Numbers" of this Publication.

Let's not forget our Brothers who are housebound or are ill. Hope to see you in Lodge.

Brotherhood Fund

R.:W.:
Derek VanHouten
Monroe District

From now until May, the Annual Brotherhood Fund Campaign takes place for the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. Our hardworking Lodge Chairmen have all the necessary information to encourage you to make a charitable, TAX-DEDUCTIBLE donation toward the Campaign. Search your own circumstances to see if you can assist this noble cause. The District Chairmen stand ready to assist Lodges in this endeavor.

Masters, please allow your Lodge Chairmen the opportunity to say a few words at your Lodge meetings. They can explain the various programs the anticipated funds will support.

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Lodge No. 722

2nd & 4th Thursdays
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Greetings to one and all. This is November and we have only one meeting this month, on November 9th. There will be a Turkey Dinner before, and a wonderful program afterwards. So come hungry and plan on a good time.

On Thursday night, October 19th, our Worshipful Brother

Frank Churnetski was presented with the Blue Lodge Award from the Scottish Rite. If you weren't there, you should have been. It was a great night.

Oh yeah, before I forget, our acting Secretary for the remainder of the term is W.: David Foster and our acting Treasurer is W.: Frank Churnetski. Also, I appointed Brother Scott Barnard as Junior Deacon for the remainder of the term as a replacement for W.: Rocky VerStreate.

That's about it for this month. Please remember that many hands make light work. See you in Lodge. Peace.

Fairport/Flower City

Lodge No. 476

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

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We are into the heart of activities for the Lodge. For instance, we had the Lodge of Remembrance at our last meeting. This is when we remember all our Brothers who have been called Home.

I would be remiss in my duties if I did not mention the Scarecrow Festival, held on October 14th, where we sold food as we do at Canal Days. In addition, we provided a Child ID taping program at the Walk for Dyslexia in Perinton Park the same day.

On October 23rd we conferred the 2nd Degree upon a Brother from the Grand Lodge of Connecticut at the request of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

The next night was the Grand Lecturer's Convention, held once again in our Lodge. A scrumptious Steak Dinner, put on by W.: Tom Goodrich and his committee, was held in the dining room before the meeting.

November 13th is our Official Visit and the 27th we will confer the 3rd Degree.

Sickness and Distress

R.:W.: Dwight Turner's wife was hospitalized but, I understand, she is now home. We wish them well.

Brother Kel Kelsey and his wife are down South at the bedside of their son, who is gravely ill. Our prayers are with them at this time.

We ask that all who can, please come to Lodge as we need your support. I would love to have the sidelines filled. Enjoy the Fall season.

Wakan/Hubbard

Lodge No. 154

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I hope everyone had a good October. This past month was filled with a lot of events which brought us together. Our Table Lodge with Valley Simes on October 9th was a great celebration where we enjoyed some good food, fellowship and fun. We will be having another Table Lodge early next year, hosted by Valley Simes. Hope to see you all there, as well.

I wish our Secretary, W.: Ted Snyder, a safe and enjoyable time as he heads to Florida for the season. I know we will be in good hands with Don Bell filling in the next few months.

On October 19th we honored Brother Bruce Miles at the Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge night. I extend many thanks to Bruce for the work he has done the last two years in Lodge and with the Building Committee.

On October 23rd, R.:W.: John Zabel presented a coin-collecting seminar. Some Brothers brought out their old coins to share with the group. Thank you, John, for the interesting presentation.

What a great turn out we had for the Grand Lecturer's Convention. I thank all the Brothers who came out. I guess it's time for me to pay up to the Brotherhood.

On the Trestleboard, the 1st Degree was scheduled for the 2nd meeting in November. We may have up to 4 potential new candidates, so I am moving the 1st Degree to a January date. This will give us enough time to complete the interview process for all interested candidates.

Have a happy and healthy Thanksgiving Day. For all our Brothers who are hunters, stay safe and enjoy your time out.



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Let me begin by acknowledging that I missed submitting an article for the *Masonic Times* last month and will try to see it doesn't happen again. My apologies, as I know our Brothers look forward to this.

Brothers, thank you for having the confidence in me that allows me to serve as your Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. I have stated in Lodge that with your help and support I can't go wrong. I have also stated that I would like this year to focus on camaraderie for which we used to be well known. I was originally attracted to Webster Lodge for that reason and it is my intent to revert to that format. That is not to say that I will do any less business than is required to run our Lodge, but I promise the business will be handled in an efficient manner to allow us to go downstairs after Lodge to enjoy Fellowship. Please consider coming to Lodge and enjoying this Fellowship with us.

On September 21st, it was my pleasure to allow W.: Mike Nohle to approach the East for some unfinished business he wanted to complete from last

year. He had his father, W.: Jim Nohle and his Uncle, Brother Wes Beard, DSA, escorted to the East for the purpose of presenting each with their 50-year Awards. They joined Masonry together 50 years ago and have been active ever since. Both fine gentlemen expressed their thanks to the Lodge and to Masonry in general, for many years of enjoyment they have known as Masons. Wes' son, and our Brother Jeff, was also in attendance. The four of them together allowed everyone to share the warm moments they have as a family and as Masonic Brethren.

On October 5th we had a successful Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. We have already balloted on two Petitions and we have four more signed and ready to go. There were a total of eight guests present and there is reason to believe that we will get even more Petitions. Our Senior Deacon, Brad Lewis, organized the event and it was a huge success. W.: Tom Pellet was there and spoke, as did W.: Mike Nohle. Brother Greg Menenko expressed what Masonry has meant to him, from a new member's perspective on the Craft. He also did a fine job.

Thanks to all who came and participated. If a Lodge wants to put through more than five new candidates in one class they have to ask Grand Lodge for a Dispensation to do so. It appears it may be my honor and duty to make such application! The 1st Degree will be on November 16th and I encourage you to come. Our Senior Warden Ed Malchoff has been studying hard and it is always

nice for the Candidates to see many faces when they are brought to light. It shows them the support they will have as they start their journey in this wonderful Fraternity.

The October Spaghetti Dinner was a success in that \$500 was raised for the Webster Comfort Care Home. I thank all the Brethren who continue to work and make this event a success. It is the essence of what Masons do. If you would like to come out and help we would welcome you. If you would prefer to just come and have a great dinner at a reasonable price, while at the same time enjoying the knowledge that the funds are going for a good cause, we certainly would welcome your attendance for that also.

On November 12th the East-ern Star is having a Reception



On September 21st, Webster Lodge presented two very special 50-year Service Awards. They were presented to W.: James W. Nohle and Brother Wesley J. Beard, DSA, who are brothers-in-law. They were raised together in Rochester Lodge No. 660 by W.: Lewis B. Nohle, Sr., Past Master of Rochester Lodge (father to James and father-in-law to Wesley).

for their new District Grand Officers and you're invited. It will be at Webster Lodge Hall and RSVPs should be made by November 5th to Shirley Mercer at 637-9782.

My Brothers, I truly mean that I want to serve you. If there is anything that I (or the Lodge) can do for you, please call upon us. If you need a ride to Lodge or a little help around your house, please call on us. If you want to see a particular program that may not have been done in the past, please call me. I fully realize this is YOUR Lodge and your Officers want to make it so you want to come and enjoy the Masonic experience and camaraderie of being with your Brethren. If there is anything we can do to encourage your participation, PLEASE CALL ON US!

The sitting Master of Rochester Lodge at the time was W.: Lewis B. Nohle, Jr., (brother to James and brother-in-law to Wesley).

The Awards were presented by W.: Michael L. Nohle, Past Master, Webster Lodge, who is the third generation and fourth member of the Nohle family to serve as Master of his Lodge. ✕

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Thank You!

Thank you to those Brothers and ladies who helped with our Child ID event at Winslow Elementary School in Henrietta. We enjoyed the great weather and helped a significant num-



Worshipful Brother Dick Shellman (left) and Worshipful Brother Bob Kimmel at Winslow Elementary School in the Rush-Henrietta School District where Seneca Lodge Brothers and their ladies held a Masonic Child ID Program.

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We find beautiful Fall colors now in October, and an abundance of activity. Not only did I have the pleasure of dining with our DDGM, R.: W.: Gary Sanford, R.: W.: G. Thomas Grape, Grand Director of Ceremonies, and R.: W.: Derek VanHouten, Grand Sword Bearer, but also our own V.: W.: Harry DeHollander also came along to examine everybody's plate.

After dinner, we drove to the Lodge so our DDGM could deliver the Grand Master's Message. R.: W.: s Grape and VanHouten also had very good messages that were informative and encouraging. The key message was to educate with desire and dedication and instill hope for the continuance, strength and growth of our timeless Fraternity.

Speaking of growth, we welcome two new Brothers this month. Brother Glenwood Ide, who joins us as a dual affiliate and a Brother who received his 1st Degree on the 17th of October. Brother Jeffery Ross, PM, did a fine job, presented the Degree.

We will have a rehearsal for the 2nd Degree on the 19th of November at 6 p.m., so please mark your calendar and plan to attend. It is very important to partake in the practice, so we can present our ancient ritual properly. The 2nd Degree will be presented by our Senior Warden, George Todd, on Tuesday the 21st.

The Child ID program was held at the Hilton Apple Fest on September 30th and October 1st with 68 children having their videos taken. The Monroe County Sheriff had representatives with their finger printing and ID card program there at the same time. That worked out very well for everyone.

Sickness and Distress

Our Brother Charlie Tucker, DSA, who had a pacemaker installed last month, is home recuperating. Brother Gerry Jones, PM, is currently undergoing treatment and therapy for a previous illness. We wish our Brothers a speedy recovery and hope they are back on their feet soon.

In closing, remember we have one spaghetti dinner this month on the 15th, due to the holiday on the 22nd. We have a new and bigger sign for out front to advertise our dinners and other functions.

Last, but not least, I congratulate our Trustee, Brother Frank Celona, who received the Symbolic Lodge Award on Oc-

tober 19th. He has worked hard in his position as Trustee and has helped with many projects around the Lodge. *

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As I sit here trying to write this month's article, I just looked out the window and do you know what I saw? Snow!!! What? Snow in the middle of October? Is this what we are to expect this Winter? I hope this finds you all in good health.

October's meeting was our Official Visit by the District Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: Gary Sanford, and Staff Officer R.: W.: G. Thomas Grape, Grand Director of Ceremonies. The Secretary's and Treasurer's books were inspected and found to be in order. However, some suggestions for improvement were made.

We listened to both give their remarks and the expectations of the Grand Master. There was a beautiful dinner prepared by Papa Joe's; our Junior Warden, W.: Dave Mura, prepared the refreshments.

On October 19th, R.: W.: Mat Gingold received the Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Award from the Grand Master and the Commander-in-Chief for his son, W.: Joseph Gingold, who was unable to attend. Good show, Joe!

On October 24th, seven Officers went to the Grand Lecturer's Convention and we were one of several Lodges eligible to receive the Howard Potts Award when presented at Grand Lodge in May.

Some of the other events in which our Brothers participated during the month of October were the Joint Table Lodge with Wakan/Hubbard Lodge, Walk to help Children with Dyslexia and the Annual Monroe District Interfaith Service and Brunch.

Our Brotherhood Chairman is one of our new Brothers and he is waiting for your donations to arrive. His name is Charles (Chuck) Skopinsky. An envelope to help is part of the package you will be receiving shortly, along with a Petition and other information. PLEASE read all the pages and reply as soon as possible. We have even given you the envelope for your use.

My Brothers, our membership is on a steady decline. So far this year we have lost 7% of our membership. Let's look back and see if we can re-build the membership. If you have any comments, suggestions or recommendations on making improvements to your Lodge, let me know. My phone number is 303-2453 or email me at rad1134@frontiernet.net.

Our next meeting is the Annual Lodge of Remembrance. I also have a program planned. Come out and break bread with your Brothers at dinner and have some fun and sociability.

From Your Secretary

Here I am again. It's the 11th of October, the trees are turning color and the leaves are

starting to fall. Do you know what that is a sign of?

Condolences

Once again I am saddened to report we lost two more Brothers. On September 21st, Brother Leonard Rothschild passed away, and on October 5th Brother Dominic D'Ostilio passed away. These Brothers are now with the Great Architect of the Universe and they will be remembered. Our heartfelt sympathies and condolences go out to their widows and families.

Sickness and Distress

I was informed that W.: Carl Pigage and R.: W.: Mike Dox both have received pacemakers recently. We trust they are making a speedy recovery and we will see them in Lodge soon.

Happy Birthday

November Birthday Brothers are: Art Cohen, Richard DeCroce, David Ogden, George Stear, Harry Steinorth and Joe Weber. Hello guys, here's wishing you all a very Happy Birthday and many years of health and happiness. If you come to Lodge on the 14th, maybe I can get the Junior Warden to spring for birthday cake.

Dues

We are now preparing to mail your dues notices and other data for your information. We hope to have them in the mail the beginning of November.

Reservations needed

Our November 14th meeting will be our Annual Lodge of Remembrance night. The Master has planned an additional program and discussion that night. We always have a dinner on Lodge Night. But, we need your reservation for dinner so we know how many to feed. Cost of dinner for members of the Lodge is \$5. If you have a special request for a dinner, why not let us know? It may be something we all would enjoy.

Reservations are to be made with the Master or Secretary. Their phone numbers and e-mail addresses are at the top of the article in the logo box, Valley-Simes Lodge. *

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Congratulations to our five new Entered Apprentices. What a fantastic Degree we had on October 9th. Many Brothers in attendance shared a wonderful meal before the meeting, which was put on by the Eastern Star. Thank you ladies! John Jamele did a wonderful job conferring the Degree and many of the Lodge Officers were participating in their first Degree. Thanks go to R.: W.: David Jones, R.: W.: Joe Privitera, R.: W.: Cliff Short, R.: W.: Jim De Lorenzo and W.: Jim Toogood, who performed the associated lectures.

Our second meeting in September was our Lodge Re-Dedication Ceremony. Thank you to Don Hunter, John Jamele, Cliff Short and John Dyer, who all helped out with the ceremony.

Congratulations to John Jamele, Unity Lodge's honoree at this year's Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Awards. John is currently the Junior Warden at Unity Lodge and has served in many capacities since joining the Lodge during the infamous "One-Day Class." Last year John was Chairman of the Lodge Blood Drive. He organized this year's fundraiser, the Pancake Breakfast, and was instrumental in making the 225th Grand Lodge Anniversary Celebration a success. His wife, Helga, joined him at the Awards Ceremony, held October 19th at the Shrine, with guest speaker, M.: W.: Neal I. Bidnick. John, on behalf of all the Brothers at Unity Lodge, congratulations and keep up the good work.

Our second meeting in October was a Table Lodge. As always, great food and drink were provided.

November

The first meeting in November will be our 2nd Degree. Please come out and support the new Brothers. Dinner will be provided before the meeting. Contact Tom Michielsen at 352-4831 with your reservation.


The second meeting in November is our Official Visit. Please come out to hear DDGM, R.: W.: Gary Sanford, speak on behalf of our Grand Master. See you in Lodge. *

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This past month has been a very busy time Masonically. I have experienced the IDC, MDC and the Grand Lecturer's Convention. I have learned something in each of the Courses I didn't know before. They were designed for everyone, not just for new members. These are all well worth the time spent and I encourage you to consider finding the time to learn more about the Craft and yourself.

October 9th was our Official Visit. The evening started off with a terrific chicken dinner prepared by our Senior Warden, Brother George Foehner and his sons. District Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: Gary Sanford, and the Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.: W.: G. Thomas Grape, spoke to us on behalf of M.: W.: Neal I. Bidnick, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York. The evening was a total success.

I had the distinct pleasure to present our Senior Warden, Brother George Foehner, for the Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Award on October 19th. The main speaker for the evening was M.: W.: Neal I. Bidnick.

I extend a special thanks to our Junior Warden, Brother

Gene Gordon, for leading our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night for the second year. The evening went very well and the addition of snack food was a great idea.


My thanks to all our Officers for taking part in the Grand Lecturer's Convention. I know that our participation in this will help us put on a better 1st Degree in December. Thanks again for all your help and support.

This is a reminder that in November we will be having a dinner and movie night on Saturday, November 16th. Dinner will be at 6:30; movie starts at 7:00 p.m. We plan to show *The Da Vinci Code* or *Mysteries of the Freemasons: The Beginning/America* depending on circumstances. *

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Fall is here and that means Winter is right around the corner. Oh, Boy!

Past Masters' Night was held on September 21st, with R.: W.: Raymond R. Beardsley presiding in the East. As usual, R.: W.: Raymond showed us how it should be done. Others who filled chairs were W.: Pedro Ugalde, W.: Dean Smith, W.: Glenn Hedges, W.: Randy Griswold, DSA, Brother Dick Trolley and myself. Thanks to all!

On September 14th, W.: Richard L. Kassel, Sr. passed away at the age of 86. He was a Master of Rochester Lodge in 1966 and joined Northfield Lodge in May, 1990. This month he would have been a 55-year Master Mason. Our heartfelt sympathies to his family and friends.

Get-well wishes go to Billie Smith (wife of W.: Don Smith), W.: Merritt Sweet and Brother Richard Trolley. We hope you are all feeling better.

Congratulations to Brother James Elias of Leesburg, Florida, and Brother James Arlington of Geneva. They are both celebrating 62 years as Master Masons. The Lodge will be in touch with both of you.

By the time you read this, the Lodge will have had a 1st Degree. I will provide details in the next article.

Upcoming dates to mark on your calendar include November 2nd for the Official Visit and November 16th for the 2nd Degree. See you in Lodge! *

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By W.: Skip Waterstreet, DSA

Our October dinner meeting with the ladies provided an evening of enjoyment. Entertainment Chairman, Brother Warren Doerr, arranged for Frank Carl, an impersonator, to help us reminisce. Asking for names of our favorite singers of yesteryear, he provided musical interludes as Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis, Jr., Dean Martin, Jerry Lewis, Perry Como, Nat "King" Cole, Tony Bennett, Bing Crosby and many others. Everyone had a grand time!

We will have dinner again on November 7th, which is also Election Day, at 6:30 p.m. at The Nutcracker Restaurant. My Brothers, we have revised our calling lists. If you are local and able to get out to functions and are not contacted for these dinners, or other Lodge events, please let me know. The easiest place to call is the Masonic Service Bureau, 671-9730. Jan will take the message if I am not available. I will see that your name is added to a calling list. If you need transportation to any event, I ask that you also let me know that. We understand many people are unable to drive, especially after dark. We have drivers willing to assist you with transportation, if only you let us know.

November 21st is scheduled to be the 1st Degree, and we may have two Candidates. I hereby plead for your attendance to help welcome these men. Petitions are always available from our Secretary or me. You may also speak to an Officer, who will arrange to obtain one for you, if they don't have one in their possession.

Sickness and Distress

It was with sadness we noted the death of two Brothers. W.: Charles Walker was Chaplain Emeritus of the Lodge, having served as Chaplain for many years. While not as active recently, due to his health issues, Charlie would contact LiftLine and attend our dinners at The Nutcracker. He enjoyed socializing with us, and we enjoyed his company. He was a loyal and dedicated Mason for 64 years. Brother Donald Fetting, also a long-time Lodge member (45 years) went home to be with the Lord on September 19th. While not currently an active member, Brother Don was very proud of his membership in the Fraternity. Masonic Funeral Services were conducted for these Brothers and the sympathy of the Lodge extended to each family.

Connie Siverd, wife of W.: Clyde Siverd, has battled pneumonia for several months. We hope, by the time this is received, she is fully recovered. Sue Kendig, widow of our late Secretary, W.: Tom Kendig, underwent a liver transplant just before press time. The surgery went well and, at last report, she was recovering nicely.

Brotherhood Fund

Our Senior Warden, Brother Ralph Jurgens, has mailed materials on this year's campaign to all the Brothers and widows currently on our list. He is looking for at least as good a response as he received last year. Craftsman Robertson Lodge has been known for its generosity over the years. Please consider this worthwhile program again this year.

Dues

We are still struggling to get our information straightened out. The new dues cards should be available shortly, and notices will be sent to you. There are more Brothers than I care to hear about, who are in arrears and some of them are in their second year. This will result in each of them being dropped for non-payment of dues, effective December 31, 2006. My Brothers, if you are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact the Worshipful Master, Secretary or me. We must know of each situation before we can ask the membership to offer assistance.

It is bad to have the Treasurer writing this portion of the article, as he knows the balance in the checkbook. I am issuing an appeal for immediate payment of your dues upon receipt of of the notice. The expenses of the Lodge do not go down! Each year, as our membership declines, we have fewer income dollars to assist with these expenses. A Secretary of another Lodge mentioned to me that it cost so much per member to carry on the business of the Lodge. When I did the calculations for our Lodge, I found that it was more than double what our dues bring in. Each year, when the budget is presented for approval, I point out to those present that we are withdrawing more cash from our investments than the previous year. This cannot go on forever. We soon will have no balance in our investment account. Your prompt payment will allow me to operate on current funds, allowing our investment account to remain intact longer and, hopefully, increase in dollar value.

Of course, another source of income would be an increase in our membership. We put three new Brothers on our roster last year, and have a couple more slated to be Raised in this Masonic year. This is a trend that needs to continue, and to a much larger volume, so we can build our numbers!

I learned, as I was writing this column, that the Annual Child-

ren's Christmas Party with Santa will be held at the Damascus Shrine Center on Saturday, December 9th. Mark your calendar now, so you save the date. We have participated in this program since it began, and those families who have attended can attest to the great time our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren have had. A reminder that the

and his average is increasing superbly. League President "Smasher and 2 of 2 Basher" Derek Van Houten is enjoying his second year startup. That is, when he's not off on "purple" business or cruising somewhere in the Caribbean.

John Mattern has returned with gusto. He's even begun to speed up his approach, allowing little nap time for the guy on the adjacent alley. (We "old ones" tend to say alley and gutter, not lane and channel.) Dick Giedd (that's not pronounced "geed" but rather like it sounds in "giddy") has started the season, but Molly's not there to join him at lunch and cheer him on. She's in the Latta Road Nursing Home this year. Many of Dick's waking hours are spent there with her.

"Chef" Harris sees to those who would like a light lunch before the league starts. He's a master bowler in his own right, sporting several 700 plus series in his evening league play. Pam serves food and beverage with gusto, having also set up Chief Chef and Brother Tom Sardo's coffee urns, which are ever present at our weekly events.

Your Masonic Seniors bowling group is ready to welcome those among our readers who would like a daytime activity once a week, or when the spirit moves you, if you have the free time. You can reach President Derek at 247-2920 or Jay McCullough at 352-1061 for more information.

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Looking ahead

Our District Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: Gary Sanford, will make his Official Visit on

December 19th. We expect him to be accompanied by his Staff Officers, R.: W.: G. Thomas Grape, Grand Director of Ceremonies, and Grand Sword Bearer, R.: W.: Derek Van Houten, member of Craftsman Robertson Lodge. Again, it would be wonderful to have a large attendance to welcome these distinguished visitors. See you in Lodge

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We who bowl regularly promise you a "Rose Garden!" That's the name of our Bergen "hang out" on Tuesday afternoons, starting at 1 p.m. John Specht identifies us as "teams of one," so we currently have a 10 or 12 team league of senior bowlers, most of whom are Masons from several Monroe and Genesee/Wyoming Districts' Lodges.

The 4th week of 30 was completed at the start of October. We see two or three teams escape to warmer climes as snowbirds, but they tend to return in late Winter to resume their attempt to score high for the prize money.

That league leader pair of teams known as Jack and Starky continue again this year to alternate weekly for the high average spot. Others are gaining though, so they should beware! Larry Belluscio is the new team from Batavia. He's thrice Past Master in that town. His father, Fred, was a highly respected Grand Lodge Officer in the Monroe Districts and his brother, Bob from LeRoy, who has also passed, had been Master of the old Monroe Lodge in Brockport. "Smiley" Dave Liles of Hesperus Lodge, has ceased in his efforts to become a "lefty." He returned to his old familiar right-handed style

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November holds three special days that give us pause to remember that the rights and privileges we hold so dear are based upon the service and sacrifice of those who have gone before us.

Tuesday, November 7th - ELECTION DAY - reminds us of our responsibility as FREE citizens to take the time to vote for the candidates of our choice. Americans have died to secure this special privilege for us and it should not be taken lightly.

Saturday, November 11th - VETERANS DAY - reminds us of the sacrifices brave men and women in our armed forces have made...and continue to make today...so that we can enjoy many freedoms including our right to vote.

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Damascus News

Damascus Shrine Center No. 2

November 2006



LANCE WARD, POTENTATE

Lynn and I have had another great month making our way across the Damascus region to visit the Clubs and Units. Some of the highlights of this past month included the First Annual Sportsman's Raffle, which was a huge success thanks to the hard work of our Oriental Guide, Richard Ponticello, and his staff. Over \$1600 was raised for our operating fund. More than one hundred Nobles and guests took part in a fun-filled day of raffles and prizes. A special thanks to Carl and Joan Mason, who raffled off a donated Air Rifle from Crossman Arms and a liquid refreshment basket raising \$180 for the Hospitals.

The New York-Ontario Shrine Association's Fall Session had fair representation from Damascus. The session was informative and educational. There were four Imperial Officers present: Imperial Potentate Nicolas Thomas and his Lady Elaine; Imperial High Priest and Prophet George A. Mitchell and Lady Deanna; Imperial Oriental Guide Michael Severe and Lady Patty; and Imperial Marshal Dale W. Stauss and Lady Cheryl. A special thanks to Noble Lee

Coller, who drove the Directors Staff Fire Truck, and Wheelers Larry Canfield, Richard Ponticello, Tom Vasile and Mike Rapson for joining Past Potentate Robert Anderson II, Chief Rabban Donald Rose and me in the parade. All, especially the Ladies who went shopping at Niagara-on-the-Lake, had a good time.

I was very pleased with the turnout at our last meeting. Our High Priest and Prophet Tom Vasile introduced Sakina Smith, one of our Erie Hospital patients, and her family to those who attended. Her description of the quality of care given her and her parents' gratefulness reinforces our belief in the great philanthropy we support. It was also a pleasure for me to obligate and welcome our newest noble, Paul Lent, who also has a child being cared for by our Hospitals.

The upcoming month starts out with the Damascus Circus, our primary fundraiser. I can't stress enough the importance of each Noble and his Lady supporting the Circus. Please, if possible, sign up to work at least one of the performances. If you cannot be there, be a Circus Mommy or Daddy. Your support is what makes the Circus a success.

November is also the time for Thanksgiving. We as Damascus Shriners celebrate Thanksgiving at our traditional Harvest Dinner. Bring your Lady and guests and join Lynn and me for a complete Thanksgiving dinner on November 18th at the Shrine Center. Details are in an ad elsewhere in this section.

Our next meeting, November 1st, will be open to the Ladies and guests with a program provided for us by our Captain of the Guard, Steve Sill. The topic will be the Auburn Shrine Club, which is the oldest Shrine Club in North America. The meeting will be preceded by the usual reasonably priced dinner; this month the menu is Roast Pork and Dressing.

I hope to see you soon.

CIRCUS CIRCUS CIRCUS

By Peter Yendell

Hopefully when you receive this issue of the *Damascus News* in the *Masonic Times* you are scheduled to work at this year's Circus. We will be in full swing starting November 2nd setting up the novelty booths and getting the novelties ready for the Circus. The first scheduled performance is Friday, November 3rd and we look to have a full house. This is the Circus Daddies performance so we can use all the help we can get. The performance starts at 11:00 a.m. The next performance will be at 7:30 p.m. that night. We have three shows for Saturday: 11:00 a.m.; 3:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The Sunday shows will be at noon and 4:00 p.m. We would appreciate your help at any or all of the performances.

The Circus Workers' Party has been scheduled for Friday, November 10th at the Shrine Center. We plan on eating at 7:00 p.m. and, as always, the oasis will be open at least one hour before dinner. Cards will be available at the Circus as you need to make a reservation so we know how many steaks to buy. The deal will be the same as last year. Workers are free; if you wish to bring guests, the cost is \$10.00 each. The Circus workers gift will be a baseball cap and Potentate Lance Ward has already ordered them.

The Circus Committee thanks you in advance for your continued help and support of the Circus. Please remember the Circus is our major fundraiser and we need your help to make this year's Circus a huge success.



**JIM SLOCUM
FROM THE
RECORDER'S DESK**

Fall is upon us and Winter is not far behind, according to the different signs that Mother Nature is telling us. I have never seen so many walnuts on the walnut trees as I have this year. It seems like there are bushels of them. The colors of the trees were not at their peak down thru the Southern Tier this past weekend as we traveled to Jamestown for a meeting. On the trip to Old Forge, we saw peak colors in the mountains; they were beautiful. The weather was not the greatest, but it was nice to get away and have some fun.

Congratulations to the winners in the Sportsman's Raffle. Not in any special order, they were: Zachary S. Buell, Richard Heidorn, Edward Hugly, James Harding, Michelle Foster, Emily Grape,

the parade were (below left, front) Nobles Mike Rapson and Rick Ponticello; (rear) Nobles Tom Vasile and Larry Canfield. Noble Lee Coller (in cab), who drove the vehicle to the Session, chats with Robert Anderson II, PP, and Chief Rabban, Donald Rose, beside the Directors Staff Fire Truck.

Joe Minas, James Cave, Thomas R. Glover, Laura DeGiovanni, Donald L. Haak, Frank Pinnisi, James Eichas, Fern Rapson, Jason Heinrich, William Michener, Ronald Wilson, James Schultz, Kenneth Buckland and Pat Noble. Plus there were all the winners of the food raffles. The weather was beautiful and everybody enjoyed the day. All who participated asked if we were going to do it again next year.

A lot has been going on at the Shrine Center this Summer. The first order has gone in for the caps for the wall around the flowerbeds, and I am going to continue to take the orders through the Winter. The driveway and parking lot has been sealed and looks good.

The blinds are up on the West window and the movie screen has been moved to the West end of the dining hall. The display cabinet for the memorabilia is installed and waiting for the lights. The Long-Range Planning Committee will be meeting shortly to bring us up-to-date on the use of the land.

The first trip to Erie Hospital, with the new van we have for transporting kids in wheelchairs, went last month. We need to have some additional lettering done on the side of the van so people will know that it is operated by the Damascus Shrine Center. If there is anybody who does this kind of lettering, please come forward and help us get it done.

The Harvest Dinner is November 18th. It will be a sit-down affair with capacity of 200 diners. That is the limit...No exceptions! So, get your reservations in. Time's a wasting!



Damascus Potentate, Lance Ward (second from left, above), at the New York-Ontario Shrine Fall Session meeting with (from left) Jack Fuller, President of the Niagara Shrine Club; Imperial High Priest & Prophet, George Mitchell; and Imperial Oriental Guide, Michael Severe. Members of Damascus Wheelers who participated in



Patient Extolls Erie Hospital & Shriners

Whole Family grateful for lifelong relationship

By Skip Waterstreet

When Sakina Smith reluctantly strode to the podium, at the insistence of her father, Tim Smith, the audience was anticipating a nervous teen-ager timidly explaining the difficulties she has encountered throughout her young life without a left forearm and hand. What they got was an articulate presentation by a very upbeat young lady, who has overcome virtually every challenge she encountered.

The open program was well attended and the Nobles and Ladies were delighted to hear of Sakina's experiences. The fact that she helped design and improve some of the prosthetic devices needed for the activities in which she participates did not go unnoticed, nor did her desire to make this field her career.

Following her brief remarks, Sakina went to a table in the middle of the room

on which were several devices, which she then proceeded to demonstrate and explain the operation of these prosthetics.

A chance meeting with Mr. Smith at a Credit Union by High Priest & Prophet Tom Vasile, who was seeking funds for a motorcycle, led to the invitation to the Smith family to attend the Shrine meeting. Tim indicated he was very familiar with the Shriners and their Hospitals, through Sakina's relationship over the past fifteen years. Every time they needed some help or a new prosthetic device, someone from the Shrine showed up to provide assistance. He couldn't praise the Organization and the Facility enough!

Tim's wife, Zestean, and two of their three sons, Idris and Amean, also attended. Their oldest son, Turiq, is a member of the United States Marine Corps and was unable to be present.



Sakina Smith speaks to the assembled throng at the October Shrine meeting.



The Smith family posing with High Priest & Prophet, Thomas Vasile. From left: Idris; mom, Zestean; Sakina; Amean; and dad, Tim; with Noble Tom.



Sakina demonstrating one of her prosthetic devices for Nobles in October.

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Planning Ahead

Queen Debi has reserved the dining room at Damascus Shrine Center for the Holiday Tea on December 3rd. This will be a formal affair from 2:00 till 4:00 p.m. All ladies and their Nobles are invited. Should you know of anyone who needs a ride, PLEASE contact them. It is a terrible thing to want to attend a social function but not be able to because "Don't drive any more" or, "No one called to offer a ride."

There will be an Officers' Meeting November 16th at 7:00 p.m. Place TBA.

December 9th will be our Stated Session at Fairport Lodge. Toys for the Eric Hospital and other gifts will be collected plus we will be collecting for CRF (Convalescent Relief Fund). The Past Queens will be serving a Lasagna Lunch at 11:30 a.m. We are also planning a special event. PLEASE try to attend and, of course, support our Queen Debi.

SPECIAL NOTE

As mentioned previously, save your CAMPBELL LABELS and CAN TABS. These will be collected at our November 11th Stated Session.

Queen Debi and all Zama Temple Ladies wish everyone a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving.

I leave you for this month with this thought: "Luck is what happens when preparation meets opportunity." ♥

By Ellie Canfield, PQ

The trip to the WINDMILL, from what I have heard, was wonderful but there was a little chill in the air. However, the fun and fellowship was great. I understand that the shopping was outstanding, to where some have to go back and buy more. Then there are those who never did get off the street into the shops. Does this say that maybe we need another trip?

November 11th will be our Stated Session and Ceremonial at Fairport/Flower City Lodge Hall. In our last news article it read there will be a lunch served at 11:30 a.m. LADIES this has been changed there will be NO lunch. However, we will have a SPAGHETTI DINNER following the ceremonial. Husbands are invited as well as friends and any prospective ladies interested in becoming Daughters of the Nile. Dinner will be served from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. We need both ladies and men to help cook, serve and, of course, clean up. PLEASE either

PERRY SHRINE CLUB

By Ed Hollwedel

The Perry Shrine Club had a great meeting on September 28th at the Lumberyard Restaurant with a great turnout. We were honored to have Potentate Lance Ward and his Lady Lynn join us. Also Chief Rabban, Donald Rose was in attendance as the Potentate's Representative. The program was presented by Kiera Kuhn explaining how the STAT Medical Evac team protects us all in time of need.

The October meeting was on October 26th at the BW'S Restaurant at Davis' Countryside Meadows Golf Course.

Speaking on preventing Identity Theft was Don Read, the Genesee County Clerk. He also mentioned why we should apply for a Passport and talked a little about the Holland Land Office.

Wednesday, November 15th we will meet again at the Lumberyard Restaurant, with another great program. Our December Christmas Dinner/Party will be at the National Hotel on Wednesday, December 13th. Reservations are a must.

If you have any questions, call Ed at (585) 584-3066 or Woody at (585) 237-2453. If you want to join the Perry Shrine Club, call Russ at (585) 237-6353. ♣



Donald Rose, Chief Rabban, Lady Lynn Ward and Potentate, Lance Ward (left to right), at the Perry Shrine Club meeting.

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DAMASCUS SHRINEABILIA
LEGION OF HONOR

By Sy Kopen

The Annual Damascus Legion of Honor Necrology Service will be held at our November meeting on the second Wednesday, November 8th, at the Forty & Eight Club, 933 University Avenue. This will be a dinner meeting catered by the Forty & Eight. We will have two speakers from the Military. After the Necrology Service, Taps will be played by One of our Legion Members. Let's have a big turnout for this very beautiful Memorial Service, not only for our past Legion Members, but for the memory of those who have given their life in the Service of our Country, "the United States of America."

All Nobles are welcome to attend this meeting. For reservations, please call the Damascus Shrine Reservation Line at (585) 671-3565.

The Shrine Circus is November 3rd to the 5th, just before our meeting. Members of the Legion, we need your help to man the Novelty and Food Stands. ♣

By Derek VanHouten, PP

Those who have attended the last couple of Shrine Meetings, and observed our new display cabinets, have noticed a wonderful collection of Shrine artifacts which are contained therein. (Note there is still room for other material!)

If you have objects relating to the Shrine that you would be willing to share, please contact me or our Recorder, Jim Slocum.

My thanks to Noble Richard Lippincott for assisting me with this project and for the beautiful items that he has had in his home, which now reside in the display cabinets. Also, without the craftsmanship of Noble Assistant Rabban, Larry Canfield, we would not have these fabulous cases in which to exhibit these treasures. ♣

NOTICE
Election of Officers
December 6th

Birthday Greetings this month to:

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• P. William Haake	• Leon R. Perkins	• Richard H. Zonneville
• Lewis W. Hares	• Stephen Persaile	Many happy returns!

November Shriner and Shrine Center Scheduled Events Calendar						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 6:00 p.m. Shrine Meeting	2 Circus Setup	3 Shrine	4 Circus
5 Shrine Circus	6 <i>Lalla Rookh Grotto</i>	7 Clown Unit <i>Primary Election 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.</i>	8 Legion of Honor	9 <i>Fame Lodge</i>	10	11
12	13 <i>ERAC Lodge</i>	14 <i>Valley-Simes Lodge</i>	15 <i>Lalla Rookh Grotto Perry Shrine Club'</i>	16 <i>Valley of Rochester Wayne Shrine Club'</i>	17	18 Harvest Dinner
19	20 Auburn Shrine Club'	21 <i>Craftsman Robertson Lodge</i>	22 Directors Staff'	23 Thanksgiving	24	25 <i>Private Wedding</i>
26	27 <i>ERAC Lodge Geneva Shrine Club'</i>	28 Wheeler's <i>Valley of Rochester</i>	29	30 <i>Valley of Rochester</i>		

' - Off-site event; *Italics* - non-Shrine event

Data current as of October 16, 2006

NOTICE: December 6th Election of Officers and Ceremonial

DIRECTORS STAFF

By Vance Collum

The Directors Staff had a great all-you-can-eat Seafood Buffet at our October 25th meeting. The meal included clams, crab, prime rib, salads and cake for desert. A cake was provided by the Shapiros in honor of Norris' birthday, Jim and Beverly Slocum's anniversary and Carl and Joan Mason's anniversary, all of which were on October 25th, the day of our meeting.

A big thank you goes to Director Lee Collier for all his support and for the good job with the invocation and benediction at our meetings. We also thank Joe Nye for his continuous support of our Shrine Hospitals. Joe brought in 9 one-gallon bags of pop top tabs to our last meeting.

The Circus is here and if any one would like to help sell toys at the Directors Staff Novelty Stand, for one or two performances, call one of the Club Officers. Don't forget the Ceremonial is coming up at the December 6th Shrine Meeting. We will be looking for several volunteers again who would like to help with some of the skits.

The Directors Staff will not have a November meeting since it would be the day before Thanksgiving. Everyone is encouraged to attend the Shrine Harvest Dinner on Saturday, November 18th, at the Shrine Center. Please call in your reservations early - (585) 671-3565.

Have a great Fall and until next time, God Bless.

Calendar Winners for September

DAY	NO.	WINNER
9/1	587	Lou Consentino
9/2	224	Joe Gayhurt
9/3	64	Janice Keiser
9/4	78	Damascus Shrine Center
9/5	991	Karen Oelgoetz
9/6	916	Dan Banach
9/7	801	Joel Cockle
9/8	819	Carol Langdon
9/9	560	Dennis Andrukut
9/10	846	Ken Pollard
9/11	628	Barbra Finucane
9/12	133	Mariann Cornell
9/13	843	Michael Moran
9/14	123	Dorothy Boucher
9/15	281	Damascus Shrine Center
9/16	225	Sue Gorski
9/17	45	Luis Ormarchen
9/18	716	Robert Ossont
9/19	422	M Halter
9/20	778	Dana Horn
9/21	564	Mary Louise Hollwedel
9/22	715	Tim Barndy
9/23	627	Robert Fisher
9/24	684	Jerry Cooper
9/25	879	Carol Steele
9/26	13	Bram Lehman
9/27	944	Ed Hudson
9/28	67	Damascus Shrine Center
9/29	511	Sandy Cox
9/30	579	Beth Bowman



SPORTSMAN'S RAFFLE

Heartland Band (photo above) provided the entertainment at the First Annual Sportsman's Raffle on September 16th. Among the activities that took place was "barber" Lady Sandy Ponticello (right) shearing the locks of Sean Goodrich, which raised money for the Shriners Hospital fund. This event was chaired by Noble Rick Ponticello, Oriental Guide. More than one hundred Nobles, Ladies and friends showed up for the music, food, fun and chance to walk away with a new firearm.



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This month's theme is doing things the way they always did them. You will be amused by this story.

It was Supreme Council Sessions held in Kansas City, June 7-9, 1920. More than 10,000 visitors started arriving on the 6th. In 1920, 108 Grottoes totaled membership of 450,000, from which 12,000-14,000 were expected to attend. The Convention and Publicity Bureau of Kansas City Chamber of Commerce hosted a dinner for the Supreme Council Officers on Wednesday night.

On Thursday night, 15,000 filled the Convention Center to hear seven Grotto bands compete for \$1,000 Loving Cup by Elysian Grotto. The 95-piece band of Los Angeles Grotto was judged the best. A 95-piece band from Aryan Grotto of Chicago was second.

At 5 p.m. on Friday, 25,000 citizens paused on the way home from work and lined the street to see and hear the Grottoes on parade. A huge parade featured 17 bands in full regalia. One was the Big Six from Columbus, Ohio—all well over six foot, wearing leather aprons, tall fur bushbies and carrying axes headed Al Sirat Grotto.

They are as popular today as they were then.

Following the Drum and Bugle Corps of Alhambra Grotto from St. Louis, Missouri, were 24 women dressed in light blue uniforms with fezzes. Also with this Grotto was a burlesque on their Fife and Drum Corps that marched after their band. This Corps was equipped with small tin drums and tin-whistle flutes. The Drum Major led them with a miniature broom.

Jinnistan Grotto of Los Angeles came by way of a 12-car special train. They were attracting Prophets to their city for the 1922 Supreme Sessions. To please all, they brought two carloads of oranges, 5,000 cans of choice green olives, 10,000 scenic souvenir books about California and 5,000 buttons with a dangling poppy attached.

Louisiana Alligator

Shalimar Grotto presented a 5-foot, 7-inch pet Louisiana alligator to the Kansas City Mayor. It added to the delights, which enhanced the Office of Mayor James Cowgill. With considerable ceremony, preceded by a New Orleans Jazz Band and flanked by a hurdy gurdy, the reptile was carried through the streets by a drill team of Shalimar Grotto.

At City Hall the New Orleans Prophets applied for a license for a wild animal show, but were obliged to get along with a vehicle license, supplied free. Wearing the license tag, the alligator was deposited on the Mayor's desk. The quick-thinking Mayor's Secretary said it was too big for a bathtub and would go to Swope Park.

Ref. *Kansas City Times*; June 7-9, 1920

Secretary's Column

By Kenneth Hutchinson, PM

No man thinks more highly of my fellow Prophets and their abilities than I do. Perhaps I should hold my opin-

ions at this time, for fear of offending. No one could say it better than our Grand Monarch, Richard F. Faust, "If what you always do is what you have always done, then what you will always get is what you always got, but with diminishing returns."

The whole idea is if we continue to just do things the same old way over and over again, we'll lose those who once participated in those things and once found them interesting but now have become disenchanted and bored. Like a good businessman, we are to keep up the interest of our customers, (our members). This takes courage, it takes effort and it takes thought.

We are all of one thought and goal, that being the advancement and well-being of Lalla Rookh Grotto. Being of one mind with different opinions of how to reach that goal.

As our predecessors had their red lantern to light their way, so do we. My lantern is my own limited experience. I know of no way to judge the future by way of the past.

Some would say we should revert back to the old ways of doing things. Back to what time period? How far back—20, 40, 50 years? In the Early 1900s, the Supreme Council stopped all humor in the Installation of Officers. More recently, the Revels ceased to exist which resulted in loss of the fun after the Ceremonial.

The Grotto has always been the extension of the Lodge with fun activities. We have been known as being family oriented, with group activities for all...family picnics, baseball games, trips with our ladies and many more things. We should think of getting back to these activities.

Newer ideas of group entertainment include: dinner with our ladies followed by theater, hockey or baseball; dinner cruises on the Canal. Again, it matters not whose idea it is, we must get back to entertainment at each meeting. Let everyone leave with a feeling of well-being and very glad they spent the evening in the good fellowship of fellow Prophets.

The Past Monarchs have the ability and responsibility to take action! It is my sincerest wish that you will be inspired to rise to new heights, so our Grotto will take from you a new measure of enthusiasm and go on to the greatness, which it can eventually attain.

Nominations/Elections

At the October Grotto meeting, we nominated Prophets for the top three Offices. We also nominated Secretary, Treasurer and Venerable Prophet, plus one Trustee and three Board Members. Those nominees will be reported in the December issue, in time for your consideration.

The next Grotto meeting is an Open Meeting on November 15th, at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will follow the meeting.

Preceding the December 20th Election, we will have the traditional free Turkey Dinner at 6:30 p.m., with reservation and 2007 dues card. The

Monarch-Elect will announce the Appointed Officers after he is elected. A closed Installation will immediately follow.

Out of Town

November 11th is Orak's Monarch's Ball at DeSoto Holiday House in Bradford, Pennsylvania, (814) 362-3956. Contact hotel for room rates. Dinner reservations: Carl, (814) 368-3956; \$35 per couple.

November 18th is Sharif's Fall Fling at Days Inn in Dunkirk, New York, (716) 673-1351, \$54 plus tax per room. Dinner reservations: Jim Stoll, (716) 965-2051; \$35 per couple.

Let's start 2007 with a renewed commitment to the welfare of Lalla Rookh Grotto. Bring in those Brothers and show them and their families what the Grotto is all about. We need to share our Humanitarian Programs—the United Cerebral Palsy Dance or Party, two toothbrush events each year. Then we will get the Grotto to grow and have something already planned for every other month to keep our Prophets excited and involved with their Grotto. Don't forget to plan other events for family fun. *

Caldron News By Beverly Murray, MCO

Well, here I am again,

Soon to be in the East, but have not really begun,
But, I am hoping that we shall have some fun,
As 2007 is just around the bend.

I am sure that you can tell,

That someone different is at the "Ink Well,"
Lalla Rookh Caldron's year has come to an end,
The Officers have moved along including the Gavel to attend.

I just wanted to tell you and let you know,

That Lalla Rookh Caldron is all set to go,
With new hopes for this year that are in tow,
Along with a "Drill Team" - Oh, how I hope so!

PLEASE DOUBLE CHECK THE DATE,

November's Meeting is the 16th. - the 3rd Thursday!
As the 2nd Thursday is taken for the Eastern Star to celebrate.
This will be our first meeting, so please come—even if you're late.

My thanks to all the Daughters who have taken an Office

And given so graciously of their time,
For without YOU - there would not be a heartline,
And Caldron is a favorite of mine,
So I look forward to seeing you at the meetings
And afterwards when we dine.

To Doris and Michael Bell,
I know that you worked your butts off for the 87th Supreme Session. Words can not express how much it meant to me to have you in charge and know that our Session would be a success and a great time had by ALL.

Thank You, My Friends!

Thank you, Richard Topel, for serving as President of the Tag-a-Longs and for making our visitors feel welcome and at home. We even had sunshine instead of showers, as predicted. I think that Prophet Harry Crawford might have wished for the showers. Thank you, Dick.

My sincere thanks to Lalla Rookh Grotto, Patrol, Color Guard—Prophets ALL. Thank you for your support, help and friendship. Also, a special thank you to Prophet Brian Bills for all you did to make the Informal Opening so very special to me.

To Monarch Norm Austin, Past Monarch Dick Topel, Mighty Chosen One Betty Madison, Daughter Linda Austin and Past Mighty Chosen One Susan Wilson for your version of the "Lighthouse Keeper's Daughter." Laughter truly is the medicine for the soul. It is for sure our visitors cannot say they did not have a good time. I am sure they will be talking about this for a while.

I cannot end without saying to Past Monarch Ken Milner, thank YOU for being my Master of Ceremonies. It is not an easy job to pronounce the names of the various Caldrons.

You did a great job! To my sister Elaine, thank YOU for your solo at Installation on Saturday night. It really added a special touch and meant so much to me. To my Mom, Ruth Davis, and my sister Jackie, thank you for your support. It really means a lot to have your family support you.

A Public Installation was held on October 28th. The Officers were attired in their "Teal Dresses" from Sessions. As always, it was nice to have the Daughters from Canada join us. We still have hope of Marjorie Harding from Canada joining Lalla Rookh Caldron - just as soon as she finds her man (a Master Mason—relative).

Well wishes go out to the following:

Doris and Michael Bell—who are in hopes of leaving the Rochester cold and Winter weather behind them in the very near future.

Susan Wilson—who is hoping to find employment along the East Coast.

To PSMCO Jean Wood, PMCO Mary Topel, Prophet Howard Topel, PMCO Mildred Painton, Rose Hartwig, and Daughters Helen Francis and Harriet Riggs; you were missed and Lalla Rookh Caldron was sorry that you could not be with us. Many of the Daughters from around the realm asked about you and wish you well.

May each of you find good health and happiness each and every day. God Bless You!

We are looking forward to seeing YOU at our next meeting - November 16th, at 7:30 p.m.*



"If your gonna miss him so much. When you move to NC, why not take Ron with you."



Scottish Rite NEWS

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October Happenings

As I write this, October is becoming a haze in the past. However, there were several bright points. The first was my initial meeting presiding as your Commander-in-Chief. It was exciting and awe-inspiring. It was fun to see the Brethren out for the evening and being able to present a 50-year Membership Certificate to Fritz Friedrich.

The second event was the clambake at Camp Morris. Ill. Mike Morris and his wife, Ruth, graciously let the Valley use their camp outside of Wayland for the clambake. Distinguished Brother Jack VanElzakker did an excellent job in getting all the fixings and building a team for the day.

And, of course, Ill. Steve Whitaker, as our chief clam steamer, did an excellent job. Steve, as you may know, is originally from Rhode Island and grew up doing clambakes. His masterful touch with the steamers was the highlight of the day. All this on a day when the weather was not as cooperative as it could have been. Everyone in attendance had a great time; so good, in fact, we will plan on doing it again next year.

Rite Events Calendar

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

November 16th - Day of Adar - Table Lodge, Veterans Recognition Night

November 17th - 27th Degree (at Buffalo)

November 28th - Rite Nite at the Movies

December 7th - 4th and 7th Degrees

December 9th - Toys for Tots, Holiday Party

January 4th - 14th Degree

January 18th - 18th Degree

January 30th - Rite Nite at the Movies

Please call in your reservations at least one week prior to event.

Musings

The Council of Princes of Jerusalem confers the 15th and 16th Degrees. These Degrees are based on the stories of the end of the exile in Babylon and the building of the second Temple. They encompass Zerubbabel's labors in freeing his people from the bondage of Babylon and continue through his struggles to build the Second Temple. The dramas take place first in the court of King Cyrus and end in the court of King Darius. The Degrees work at conveying the lessons of integrity and truth in the conduct of one's life and interactions with other people.

Knowing what the lesson of a Degree is and then watching the Degree leads the Scottish Rite Mason into looking at his own life. In looking, he may see himself in one of the characters in

the Degree. He may also see the steps he can take to move towards the ideals being portrayed by the drama of the Degree. Although I have seen these Degrees many, many times, I am still thrilled by the drama and sometimes catch something I can apply to my personal life.

The Valley will be presenting several Degrees over the course of this Masonic Year. I invite every Scottish Rite Mason to attend the Degree conferrals with the task of finding something for himself in the Ritual. I also encourage Brothers who have not joined the Scottish Rite to petition for membership and take the Degrees. I am thoroughly convinced that every Mason can find something in our Degrees he can use to improve his life and interactions with his Fellow man.

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Endings

Coming this month is our Day of Adar Feast. This will include a Veterans Recognition Program and is a Brother Bring-a-Brother and a Brother Bring-a-Veteran event. Check the website calendar for details. It will be on Thursday, November 16th.

The next evening, we will be traveling to Buffalo for a joint conferral of the 27th Degree. We are providing members of the cast. The evening starts with dinner at 6:29 p.m. in Buffalo. We will coordinate transporta-

tion for our Brothers. Our cast members will be guests for dinner and be provided transportation to Buffalo. I encourage all to attend both of these events. They will help you get ready for Thanksgiving and will be great events for friendship, fellowship and learning more of our great Rite.

Lastly, don't forget our Rite Night at the Movies on November 28th. We will be showing a movie on the history of the Fraternity in the world. Contact Brother Mike McBride for details (mcbride1@rochester.rr.com).



Walk for Dyslexia

Continued from Page 1

John Wihlen (left), Chairman of this year's Walk for Dyslexia, chats with Rodney R. Rittenhouse, Chairman of the Board of the Frank & Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children, Dick Shellman and his granddaughter, Adelaide, prior to the start of this year's event in Perinton Park in Fairport on a wet and gloomy day. *



I want you!!!

The Valley of Rochester is forming a Technology Planning Committee to assess electronic needs during the next 5-10 years and to make recommendations to the Commander-in-Chief for implementation. If you have an interest and strength in this area and would be willing to assist the Valley, please call the Valley office and leave your name and phone number. Thank you.

Bill Lindsay 264-1160

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"INVITE A VET" NIGHT

A SPECIAL VETERANS RECOGNITION PROGRAM

*Thursday, November 16th
 at the Shrine Center*

*Members are requested to invite a Veteran
 from any Generation who is not a Valley Member*

Cash Bar Social — 5:30 p.m.

Dinner — 6:30 p.m.

Veterans Program — 7:30 p.m.

Wearing of Uniforms is encouraged!

Invited Veterans — No Charge

Valley Veterans - \$5.00

Members - \$10.00

**Reservations required by November 11th
 (pay at the door)**

Enjoy a Table Lodge with beer toasts and a special
 "Wurst" plate...Knockwurst, Bratwurst, Schnitzel
 with Sauerkraut, German Potato Salad,
 and Bavarian Chocolate Cake



Photographs from Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Awards Night: R.:W.: Kurt Ott (above left), Grand Marshal. Brothers from Nunda Station Lodge (above right) supported their awardee, Clarence Bogardus. Middle, Brother Joe Oelgoetz receives his LC "Builder's Council" recognition from Deputy Harold Aldrich, who also presented "Remember the Blue Lodge" medallions to Brothers Mahoney, White, and Whittaker. Bottom, group photo of recipients and M.:W.: Neal I. Bidnick, Grand Master, is introduced by Ill.: John Zabel, Commander-in-Chief.



24th, 25th, 27th & 29th Districts - RAM
8th Cryptic District - R&SM
Zones 11 & 12 - Knights Templar

York Rite NEWS

York Rite College
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District Deputy Grand High Priest 25th District RAM



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Welcome to Fall, the season of beauty in more ways than one. We witnessed the Companions coming to life as we held live dress rehearsals for the Degrees on October 11th in Geneva. It was a second thing of beauty to see the Companions' excitement and happiness in doing the work. Yes, we had five Brothers who were Companions in the 25th Capitular District.

We are working as a District in keeping all four Chapters alive and doing the openings and closings very well. Thanks to the traveling Companions that give us nine or more at all our Convocations. Consider joining us in traveling to the other Chapters. You will meet our new members and have a great time.

The following dates are the Convocations of the Chapters in our District:

Tuesday, November 7th, at 7:30 p.m. Salem Town Chapter (meets in Seneca Falls).

Wednesday, November 8th, at 8:00 p.m. Geneva Chapter (meets in Geneva).

Monday, November 13th, at 7:30 p.m. Excelsior Chapter (meets in Shortsville).

Tuesday, November 21st, at 7:30 p.m. King David Chapter (meets in Port Byron).

New York is among the lowest percentage in the nation of Lodge members who are RAM members. Let's reverse that; we know it can be done - other States have done it.

Stay well and God bless you and your family. CHEERIO! ✕

District Deputy Grand Master 8th Cryptic District



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Friends and Companions, the leaves are turning and it's time to get to work. I have already had Official Visits to Skoi Yase Chapter in Geneva (October 16th) and Bath Chapter (October 25th). The schedule for future Official Visits to Councils of the 8th Cryptic District is:

November 27th - NunDaWaga (LeRoy); 8:00 p.m.

December 7th - Palmyra; 8:00 p.m.

January 17th - Doric (Pittsford); 7:30 p.m.

April 26th - Hornellsville (Hornell); 7:30 p.m.

If you have news or announcements and want them published, please get the information to me before the 10th of each month and I will make every effort to comply. Communication is our best ally.

Hornellsville Chapter and NunDaWaga Chapter are presently making plans to put on the Council Degrees. If you would like to help, please email:

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Ill.: David Hardy at: dhardy58@infoblvd.net or

Ill.: George Stanton at: gnstanton@aol.com.

I am interested in all Degree plans for the District.

M.: I.: Reuben Long has been appointed Grand Lecturer for the current year, and V.: I.: Norman Austin is again the Assistant Grand Lecturer.

We are working on a date for the Grand Lecturer's Convention in the 8th Cryptic District. I will advise everyone when it is confirmed. R.: I.: Joseph P. Pozefsky, Grand Captain of the Guard, will be the Grand Council visiting Officer.

The 29th Capitular District is putting on a Festival. They are

expecting more than 12 candidates. To visit or be a part of the festival, email Jim MacConnell at jmac13p@aol.com or me at lovett05@aol.com.

As Grand Master, M.: I.: Victor S. Versace says, "You Are Only Limited By Your Own Imagination." Let's get those Blue Lodge and Royal Arch Candidates. We need to help those Masonic Organizations in order to help Cryptic Masonry. I'll see you in the trenches.

By the way, the Hesperus "Hi-12" luncheon group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, except July and August, at 12 South Lake Street, Bergen. All are welcome. Get lunch and play some Euchre. ✕

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We had a successful month of October with a Table Council at our meeting. A great talk was given by "Ask Lisa" the *Democrat and Chronicle* Feature Writer and Columnist. Thanks to our resident chef, Doug Koenig, who prepared a great meal for all to enjoy. As a stated Convocation, it was well attended.

Come hungry to our November meeting. Joy Woodley will be fixing our Thanksgiving Feast. Activities for our December meeting will be announced in November.

The January meeting will be R.: W.: Ruel Lovett's Official Visit as District Deputy. A dinner in his honor will precede the meeting.

We are very sorry to hear of the death of Charles Walker; our sympathies to his family.

We will see everyone soon; to the snowbirds going South this time of year, have a good trip and a safe return in the Spring. ✕

On November 16th, we will have a Table Lodge. We are looking for 40 Brothers to fill the tables. R.: W.: Dennis Breheny, Senior Grand Warden, will be our guest speaker for the evening. The first course will be served around 6:30 p.m.

Happy Thanksgiving! ✕

Ark Lodge No. 33, F. & A.M. 3rd Wednesdays



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My deepest thanks to everyone who worked on our special communication, held on October 11th, where we presented

the 1st Degree of Masonry. Special thanks to W.: Brother Thomas Abraham, who did his usual stellar presentation of the 1st Degree, and to Brother Thomas Smart, who as a personal goal, presented particularly challenging parts of the Ritual. Also thanks for the help of R.: W.: Robert Bird and R.: W.: Ray Howard for presenting the Whys and Wherefores. It was a pleasure to welcome W.: Ronald Galens, who brought two recently initiated Entered Apprentices from Garoga/Sincerity Lodge. Thanks again for all the hard work and fellowship.

R.: W.: David W. Locke, District Deputy Grand Master, and Staff Officer, R.: W.: Edwin D. Carris, visited us at our regular Communication on October 18th, and gave an overview of the Grand Master's message, which follows the acronym CCER=M for Communication, Community Involvement, Edu-

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Sir Knights, we have five Candidates for the November 11th Pilgrimage at Palmyra. It is not too late for those of you who are working on your Royal Arch friends to give out Petitions. If you cannot get them this time, don't worry. It has been publicized that there will probably be a Pilgrimage in another nearby Zone on November 25th and we will be able to bring Candidates there as well.

Keep offering what we have just like someone did for you. Things work out in God's time which is always the perfect time.

Please mark your calendars for upcoming important dates for the remainder of 2006 and some of 2007.

Mark Your Calendars

There will be a potluck dinner prior to the November 20th Conclave at 6:30 p.m. for the Knights and their ladies. Please bring a dish to pass; meat and beverage will be provided by Mr. and Mrs. David Lathers.

It may seem early to be mentioning this, but mark December 18th for the Christmas Toast. This is an open meeting where wives and Masonic friends are invited. As usual, each Cyrene/Monroe Sir Knight is requested to bring a dessert or snack type of delicious amenity for the fellowship after the service/meeting. Remember, this is a chance for the exposure that can lead to future knightings and closer friendships.

The Zone School of Instruction is now slated for April at the Attica Temple.

The Western Regional Seminar has also been postponed until April.

and Ritual equals Membership. As I listened, I was struck by all the Lodge does for us individually and for the community as a whole. I think it reaffirmed the efforts of Ark Lodge Officers and members to continue to get the word out of our beloved Fraternity.

Bring-a-Friend Night has been scheduled for January 10th, 2007, from 5 to 7 p.m. This is an excellent opportunity to introduce a friend or acquaintance to Freemasonry.

Congratulations

Brother Peter O. Einset received the Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Award on October 19th. This Award certainly went to a worthy Lodge Brother.

Happy Birthday!

November's Masonic Birthdays: Donald E. Randell, Robert L. Meeks, Harold L. Comstock, J. Richard Hart, Jeffrey R. Merrill, George F. VanSickle, Charles R. Jenkins, Charles Rouse Jr., John L. Warder, Gary

There is no date yet for an Inspection, but we still have a lot of interesting things to do at each and every Conclave. Come out and enjoy. ✕

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The next Conclave will be Saturday, November 18th at 9:00 a.m. in the Phelps Masonic Temple. As is our custom, we will meet at the Blue Ribbon Smoke House and Restaurant (261 Main Street in Phelps) for breakfast at 7:30 a.m. (Dutch treat).

As always, please consider this a personal invitation from yours truly to come to the Conclave and enjoy the camaraderie of Christian Knights meeting together in friendship and Brotherly love.

News you can use

Zone 11 will be hosting a Templar Pilgrimage (all three Orders) at the Palmyra Masonic Temple on Saturday, November 11th. Registration will be from 8:00-8:45 a.m.; coffee and doughnuts will be available. The Orders will start sharply at 9:00 a.m. At approximately 12:00 noon, a lunch will be available in the Temple at a nominal cost. It will be prepared and served by the Tri-Star Chapter of the Eastern Star (reservations should be made through Cy White, email ukcy@juno.com or by phone [315] 597-9546 before November 4th.) It is anticipated that the Order of the Temple will begin at 1:00 p.m.

Christmas Observances
DeMolay - December 8th
Sagoyewatha - December 16th
Cyrene/Monroe - December 18th

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

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

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Union Lodge helped Northfield Lodge with their 1st Degree on October 19th. It was a great practice for our Degree that was held on October 26th.

On October 25th, the Grand Lecturer's Convention was held at Livonia Lodge. Union Lodge was very well represented.

November 9th will be the District Deputy Grand Master's Official Visit. Let's have a good turnout for R.: W.: Richard Trescott.

G. Baxter, Joseph D. Hessney Jr., Lance R. Ward, Peter O. Einset, Edwin F. Watling, Rene Reynolds and Walter L. Strong.

Upcoming Events

November 2nd, Grand Lecturer's Convention, 7:30 p.m.

November 15th, Regular Communication, Movie Night - *Mysteries of the Freemasons, the Beginning/America*; popcorn and discussion. ✕

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Taxes! Taxes! Taxes!

By Tom Michielsen

The leaves are falling faster than we can rake them. Halloween has passed and the children are stuffed with candy. The sweet smells of apple and pumpkin pies are in the air. Thanksgiving dinner will soon be cooking and we will all overeat and be stuffed for days to come.

Form 8300, *Report of Cash Payments Over \$10,000 Received in a Trade or Business*, must be filed by anyone who receives \$10,000 in cash in one transaction, or in two or more related transactions. Cash is defined as U.S. and foreign currency, money orders, traveler's checks, bank drafts, or cashier's checks of \$10,000 or less. The due date for Form 8300 is within 15 days of the transaction.

Members of the military serving in Iraq, Afghanistan and other combat zone localities can now put money into an Individual Retirement Account (IRA), even if they received tax-free combat pay. Under the Heroes Earned Retirement Opportunities (HERO) Act, taxpayers can now count tax-free combat pay when determining whether they qualify to contribute to either a Roth or traditional IRA. Military personnel who received tax-free combat pay in either 2004 or 2005 can go back and make IRA contributions for those years.

The Internal Revenue Service has announced the standard amounts that most long-distance customers can use to figure their telephone tax refund on their 2006 Tax Return. The standard amounts are based on the total number of exemptions claimed on the 2006 Federal Income Tax Return. They are \$30 for a person filing a return with one exemption, \$40 for two exemptions, \$50 for three exemptions, and \$60 for four or more exemptions.

Form 1099-MISC

Form 1099-MISC, *Miscellaneous Income*, is most commonly used by third-party payers to report payments made in the course of a trade or business to others for services. Third-party payers should report the following on Form 1099-MISC:

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- Rent payments of \$600 or more.
- Prizes and awards of \$600 or more that are not for services, such as TV show winnings.
- Royalty payments of \$10 or more.
- Payments to certain crew members by operators of fishing boats.
- Sales of \$5,000 or more of consumer products to a person for resale anywhere other than in a permanent retail establishment.
- Any payments from which federal income tax has been withheld under backup withholding rules.

There are some exceptions. Form 1099-MISC is generally not required for payments to a corporation; for merchandise, telephone, freight, storage and similar items; of rent to a real estate agent or a tax-exempt organization; to the United

States, any individual State, the District of Columbia, a U.S. possession or a foreign government.

Third-party payers must provide a copy of the form to the payee on or before January 31st following the end of the tax year. For example, for services rendered during 2006, a payer must provide the form to its payee by January 31, 2007. The payer must also file Forms 1099-MISC with the IRS by February 28th (March 31st, if filing electronically).

To get the standard amount, eligible taxpayers only need to fill out one additional line on their regular 2006 return. Only individual taxpayers can use the standard amounts. Individual taxpayers have the option to figure their refund using the actual amount of tax paid instead of using the standard amounts.

Under-reported business income accounts for more than \$100 billion per year in unpaid taxes, according to Internal Revenue Service estimates.

In order to educate taxpayers regarding their filing obligations, this fact sheet explains the rules pertaining to third-party payer reporting of income.

Third-Party Reporting
Third-party reporting promotes accurate business income reporting. In many cases, the tax law requires third-party payers, such as small businesses or individuals, to report to the Internal Revenue Service payments they have made to subcontractors, attorneys, architects and other service providers.

In fact, experience shows that taxpayers are much more likely to report their income when they receive third-party notification of payments they received. For example, non-farm sole proprietorships, which seldom receive third-party payer notifications, underreport about 57 percent of their business income on Schedule C, *Profit or Loss from Business*. By contrast, wage earners who receive Form W-2, Wage and Tax Statement, under-report only about 1 percent of their wages.

Box 7: Non-Employee Compensation

One of the most common entries found on Form 1099-MISC is Box 7 for Non-employee Compensation. Examples of payments to be reported in Box 7 include:

- Professional service fees, such as fees to attorneys, accountants, architects, contractors and engineers.
- Fees paid by one professional to another, such as fee-splitting or referral fees.
- Payment for services, including payment for parts or materials used to perform the services if supplying the parts or materials was incidental to providing the service.
- Commissions paid to non-employee salespersons who are subject to repayment but not repaid during the calendar year.
- Fees paid to non-employees, including travel reimbursements for which the persons did not account to the payer, if the fee and reimbursement total at least \$600.
- Payments to non-employee entertainers for services.

• Exchanges of services between individuals in the course of their trades or businesses.

Generally, payments reported in Box 7 are subject to self-employment tax by the recipient. If the payments are not subject to self-employment tax, the third-party payer should report them as other income in Box 3.

The IRS encourages businesses to establish reliable record-keeping systems, accurately report all income, properly compute cost of goods sold and other expenses, and report all required third-party payments. According to IRS research, understated business income, including underreported receipts and overstated expenses, is an area where compliance is a concern. In addition to increasing outreach and education in these areas, the IRS will also be focusing enforcement efforts, including examinations, on these issues.

Upcoming calendar year taxpayer due dates:

October 31—Payroll Reports Due

November 15—October Payroll Taxes Due

If you have any tax questions, please forward them to tmichie1@rochester.rr.com.

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The sound of 40 men that I call Brother, repeating in unison the Obligations that makes us Masons, was a thing to be heard! Like the roar of the ocean surf crashing on the rocks, so was the force of those words crashing on my soul; lifting me to a place I wish I could visit more often. That place deep within that makes us who we are, where all things are brighter and clearer.

I am always proud to be a Mason, but I was never more humbled and awed by its majesty than I was that evening. On October 9th, Brother Patrick Mulrooney delivered the Obligations with the dignity and respect they so richly deserve. I believe those present will not soon forget. I would be remiss if, at this time, I didn't also acknowledge the fine work of Brother George Nasra who delivers the Charge in a glorious manner that inspires, as well as instructs.

The Scottish Rite gave Brother George Filippidis the Symbolic Lodge Award for Service to our Lodge on October 19th. This Brother, even though he lives out-of-town, has always answered the call to help the Lodge or his Brothers in time of need. I take great pleasure in sharing this announcement.

I will digress to make a comment to all the Past Masters who have done this work before me. I was not fully aware of the enormous time commitment that sitting in the East puts on a family. So to all the Past Mas-

In Memoriam

AUGUST

Gordon, Norman Irwin

Norman Irwin "Win" Gordon, 96, went Home to the Lord on August 27th. Win was a long-time Mason and Past Master of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge. He was predeceased by his wife, Marjorie. A daughter, son, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren survive him. He labored hard for those he loved, then left us to remember.

SEPTEMBER

Fetting, Donald

On September 19th, the loving arms of our Lord embraced Donald. A proud Mason, he was a member of Craftsman Robertson Lodge. Don was a Navy Veteran of World War II and a member of the American Legion. A daughter and several grandchildren survive him. You will always be remembered in the hearts of those who loved you.

Schrver, Karl T.

On September 20th, the loving arms of the Lord embraced Karl Schryer, 86, and took him to his Heavenly home. Karl is survived by his companion of 46 years, Theresa, a son and grandchildren. Fairport/Flower City Lodge will keep his memory in their hearts.

Rothschild, Leonard L.

On September 21st, a page in our book of memories was gently turned and Leonard Rothschild, 90, passed away. Len was a member of Valley-Simes Lodge. He is survived by a son and daughter. There is a link death cannot sever, Brotherhood and remembrance last forever.

Gruendike, Mabel E.

On September 26th, Mabel Gruendike, 94, departed for her Heavenly home. She is survived by 3 daughters, 1 son, 14 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. She was a member of Nolarka Chapter, OES, and will surely be missed. She left us with a garden of beautiful memories sprayed with a million tears.

OCTOBER

Woolston, Raymond E.

Raymond Woolston, 91, departed from his Earthly labors on October 2nd and his contributions to the Community will be sadly missed. He was a Past Master of Livonia Lodge, a Past Patron in the Order of the Eastern Star, a member of the Order of DeMolay, and an active supporter and participant with the Boy Scouts, his church and community committees. If he joined a group, he was committed to be involved in its activities. He was predeceased by his wife, Doris, and is survived by 3 sons and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Gentle, unselfish, a friend ever true, among the best of our Brothers, was you.

ters and their families I salute you for a job well done. To my own family, thank you for your patience as I get my hands wrapped around how to get it all done.

Our Official Visit was October 23rd. The upcoming events include the 1st Degree to be given on the November 27th. We have the potential of Raising as many

McAninch, Howard E.

Howard "Mac" McAninch, 96, entered Eternal Rest with our Lord on October 4th. "Mac" was a 70-year member of Seneca Lodge and a Navy Veteran of World War II and an avid golfer. A son, daughter, grandchildren and great-grandchildren survive him. May he find peace with the Great Architect of the Universe.

D'Ostilio, Dominic

Dominic D'Ostilio, 81, a member of Valley-Simes Lodge, went to his Celestial Lodge on October 5th. His wife, Viola, 3 children, 5 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren carry on his legacy. Dominic was a Mason for 45 years and a World War II Navy Veteran. Memories are like threads of gold, they never tarnish or grow old.

Perkins, Alfred G.

On October 7th, the Great Architect of the Universe met Alfred Perkins, 77, at his Heavenly home. Al was very active in the Fraternal organizations to which he belonged and all will sadly miss him. He was a member of Fame Lodge, Lalla Rookh Grotto and Rochester Consistory. A sister and brother-in-law, Harriet and Jay Riggs, a brother, Richard, and numerous nieces and nephews survive him. Though absent you are very near; still loved, still missed and very dear.

Arndt, Edgar K. "Bob"

Bob met his Maker on October 15th at the age of 88. He was a 32nd Degree Mason and member of Damascus Shriners. He was predeceased by his wife, Fleda; several nieces and nephews survive him. Silent memories true and tender, just to show we still remember.

VanDeGriff, L. Russell

The Heavenly Lodge received Russell VanDeGriff, 92, on October 18th when of the Great Architect of the Universe took him home. Russell was a dedicated Mason for 59 years and served as Past Master of Remson Lodge in 1974. He affiliated with Northfield Lodge in 1981. No amount of time can take away our thoughts of you today.

Widows to be Remembered

Knapp, Harriett, 94, widow of Albert Henry Knapp (Fairport/Flower City), passed away May 30th.

Bentley, Marian M., 93, widow of a member of ERAC Lodge, passed away October 7th.

Startup, Esther M., 95, widow of Ray Startup (Northfield), passed away October 15th.

as six new Brothers. Holiday visitations will be on the 16th of December; we will gather at the Treasurer's home for breakfast prior to the visits.

Sickness and Distress
Please keep Brothers Sean McKenna (his father is ill), Bob Bueg and John Crough in our hearts and prayers,
Happy Thanksgiving! x



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The following article was submitted for October and inadvertently overlooked. It has been updated for printing this month. Editor

It is with great sadness I must report the passing of Brother William "Bud" Golding. Bud was Raised a Mason in Fame Lodge and served as Commander of the Masonic War Veterans. The Masonic War Veterans Honor Guard, which I was very proud to lead, stood guard during the visiting hours for Bud. My thanks to Brothers Greg Ludwig, Vance Collom, Moe Schirano, John Poshock, Cy White, Heinz Gunkel and Dennis Finucane for helping during this period. Their support made the job much easier for all who assisted.

We also lost Brother Robert Belt on September 12th. Robert was also a Past Commander and was Raised in Valley-Simes Lodge.

I thank all who served as honor guard at the wake for Mike Civiletti. His tragic death in an automobile accident shook us all!

We were privileged to present the Colors at the Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Awards ceremony at the Damascus Shrine Center, with Grand Master, M.: W.: Neal I. Bidnick, giving the keynote address.

November 11th is Veterans Day and there will be activities at the War Memorial in the Blue Cross Arena. The Service will begin at 9:00 a.m. Coffee and donuts will be served at 10:00 a.m. Following the presentation of the wreath, at 11:00 a.m., we will adjourn to The Party House on Beahan Road for dinner.

Due to Thanksgiving there will be no meeting in November.

For those of you who use the computer I have begun a web page for us. At this time it is attached to the website:

lallarookhgrotto.com.

Take a look, as there are also links to Grand Lodge, Damascus Shriners and Grotto. *

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by Don Brugger

Thirty-two Woodsmen, wives and guests attended our Annual Steak Roast. Among the guests were Jared Wright, this year's local Muscular Dystrophy Poster Child, his parents and brother. Of course, his Grandparents, Don and Nancy Wright, were in attendance. All had a great time and a succulent steak dinner.

Thanks to Angelo DiCataldo for his innovative efforts at the grill (someone had made off with the grill racks) and Karen for her assistance. Thanks to the ladies for the excellent side dishes, to Mike Dox and Ted Snyder for their efforts with the beverages and finally to all who pitched in on cleanup.

The October 25th Woodsmen Bring-a-Brother Program has not yet taken place, hopefully

there was a good response. More on that next time.

Coming Up

Our November meeting will be the Annual Meeting with the reading of Reports, Election of Officers and the announcement of Committee assignments. This is a Summoned Meeting and all Woodsmen should make every effort to attend. If you would like to play a more significant role in our social events, serve as an Elected or Appointed Officer, or join the Calling Committee, please contact the GTC or me (458-6125). This is your Forest, please lend your support if you are able. As usual, if you need transportation please call Norm Austin, Don Bell or me and we will try to accommodate you.

Sickness and Distress

Larry Hood is at home recuperating from knee replacement surgery. I am sure he would appreciate a phone call or card. If you know of a Woodsmen or Cedarette who is ill or in need of our aid or sympathy, please call one of the officers or me. *



**Looking
Ahead**

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4th and 7th Degrees
- 9 Children's Christmas Party
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Gem - Topaz
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy Damascus Shrine	2 Eunice - Caledonia Hesperus - Bergen, 2* Northfield - Pittsford, OV Webster RSM - Palmyra Council OSY Grand Lecturer's Convention - Pocahontas Lodge Shrine Circus	3 Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m. \$6 adult; \$3 Child 30 Orchard Street	4 OES - Rochester Chapter - Unity - Spencerport Hesperus, 2* at Olive Branch Lodge Shrine Circus
5 Shrine Circus	6 Canandaigua - Shortsville West Star - Varysburg RAM - Palmyra/Eagle KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford	7 Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps, 2* Oakland - Castile, OV Nunda Station OES - Fairport, Lilac Star, Nolatka, Starlight	8 Oatka - Scottsville Masonic Service Bureau Monthly Luncheon Meeting OES - Corinthian Fellowship	9 Fame - Shrine Center Milnor - Victor Union - Lima, OV RAM - Hiram	10 Shrine Circus	11 Daughters of the Nile, Zama Temple - Fairport KT - Zone 11 meeting, Palmyra Veteran's Day
12 Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinner Wednesday the 15th 287 East Avenue, Hilton OES Grand Officers' Reception, Webster Lodge Hall	13 ERAC - Shrine Center Fairport/Flower City, OV Union Star - Honeoye Falls Unity - Spencerport Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield RAM - Excelsior - Shortsville	14 Arcade Eagle - Honeoye, BAF Seneca - Webster, OV Valley-Simes - Shrine Center RAM - Dansville OES - Leah - Hilton, Mary Jane Holmes - Brockport	15 Ark - Geneva Drumlin Square - Palmyra, 1* Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy RSM - Doric Council - Pittsford Lalla Rookh Grotto GW Grand Lecturer's Convention, Olive Branch	16 Eunice - Caledonia Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford, 2* Webster, 1* Scottish Rite, Veterans Night Lalla Rookh Caldron	17 Shrine Circus	18 KT - Sagoyewatha - Phelps Hunters' Breakfast, Eagle Lodge
19 Canandaigua - Shortsville West Star - Varysburg KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford Lalla Rook Grotto Legion of Honor	20 Shrine Circus	21 Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson - Shrine Center, 1* Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps Nunda Station Oakland - Castile OES - Lilac Star, Nolatka, Starlight	22 Oatka - Scottsville Tall Cedars of Lebanon OES - Corinthian Fellowship	23 Thanksgiving Day	24 Shrine Circus	25 Shrine Circus
26 ERAC - Shrine Center Fairport/Flower City, 3* Union Star - Honeoye Falls Unity - Spencerport, OV Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield	27 Shrine Circus	28 Arcade Eagle - Honeoye Valley-Simes RAM - Dansville, LeRoy Scottish Rite - "Night at the Movies" OES - Leah - Hilton	29 Shrine Circus	30 Shrine Circus		