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Educational Assistance Awards Program Recipients



Grand Master, M.:W.: Neal I. Bidnick, members of the Grand Line and District Officers pose for this group photo of student recipients of the Educational Assistance Program from Districts surrounding Monroe at the presentations in July at the Damascus Shrine Center. The Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons

of the State of New York annually presents Awards, underwritten by the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Home, to qualified students, who may receive these grants a maximum of four times. To date, over 5,000 students have received over \$5 million in aid. Six similar programs were held across the State.

Rich Funke Honored by Masonic Service Bureau



By Janet Porter

The Interfaith Service and Brunch Committee of the Masonic Service Bureau is proud to announce the selection of Rich Funke as the 2006 recipient of the Distinguished Community Service Award. This award will be presented at the 65th Annual Interfaith Service and Brunch, to be held at Logan's Party House, 1420 Scottsville Road, on Sunday, October 29th. The Interfaith Service will begin at 10:00 a.m. and the Brunch will immediately follow the Service.

Rich Funke is a familiar face in the community and his accomplishments go well beyond the obvious responsibilities of

the job. Born in Batavia, he graduated from Pembroke High School, and subsequently earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Adelphi University with a major in Business. Summer and part-time college jobs were in the area of broadcasting, and his love of sports led him to a permanent career. He moved progressively from radio positions to television at NEWS 10NBC, first as Sports Director and currently as Co-Anchor of the 5, 6 and 11 p.m. newscasts.

His talents, professionalism and character have been recog-

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Presentation Dinner fetes new Grand Lodge Officers



Gail Sanford, wife of R.:W.: Gary Sanford, District Deputy Grand Master of the Monroe District (who was ill and couldn't attend) listens as R.:W.: Robert Sanford, Gary's father, offers presentation remarks. She then accepted his Apron from R.:W.: John Zabel, Past District Deputy and Chair of the event.

The Masonic Service Bureau was, again, the sponsor of the Apron Presentation Dinner, along with the Monroe District Purple Club, to honor the newly appointed Grand Officers and

extend congratulations and thanks to those Brothers leaving Office.

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Grand Lodge of New York 225th Anniversary Celebration September 10th, 2006

By R.:W.: James De Lorenzo "225 years ago, while our country was in the midst of the Revolutionary War, a more peaceable event occurred - the formation of New York's Grand Lodge, an event that will be commemorated by all 54,000 members of the Masonic Fraternity in this state," said Grand Master Neal I. Bidnick. "Here in the Monroe District, we invite our fellow residents to participate in the very special anniversary events we have plan-

ned. It is our sincere hope that members of the public will join us to mark this historic date and learn about the tenets of Freemasonry that we hold dear - friendship, charity, morality, community service and brotherly love."

"To mark the 225th Anniversary of the founding of its Grand Lodge, several events will be held during the year. Two of them in which members

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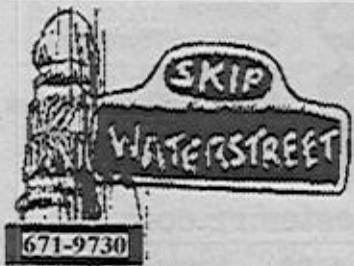
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Editor's Corner

We bring you a lot of changes with this issue. I hope you will take a few extra minutes and look at the articles of general interest in addition to your organization's information.

Shrine News

The Big Deal this month is we now carry DAMASCUS NEWS. The center four-pages will be exclusively devoted to the Damascus Shriners' Officers, Clubs and Units.

Those subscribers who are not members of the Shrine can remove that section. Shriners outside our newspaper coverage area need only to keep that section for their information.

Photographs

There are a lot of pictures in this issue...and that makes me a happy camper. I love to see the visual records of events and pass them along to you.

Staff Changes

This is Jan Porter's initial effort with the typesetting and writing feature stories. She is picking up, as David and I did, the unique treatment given to titles, seasons, punctuation, etc.

It has been an exciting, busy couple of weeks. We hope you like the results. Your comments are always welcome. Send us an email or give us a call-671-9730.

Thanks for reading.

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By Jim Ghent

On August 10th, the Lake Plains Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) Council, Inc. held its Council Meeting and Annual Picnic at Camp DeMolay. The RC&D program is a not-for-profit organization, which is supported by the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), a Division of the United States Department of Agriculture.

As an organization functioning under the auspices of the federal government, Lake Plains RC&D meetings are open to the public. An invitation was extended to the Service Bureau Executive Director, Skip Waterstreet, who was in attendance.

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Burke, Chairman of the Advisory Council for the Rochester Chapter Order of DeMolay, Jack Steinkamp, a member of the Board of Directors, and myself. The Lake Plains RC&D consists of representatives from

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Members and guests of the Lake Plains RC&D Council who met at Camp DeMolay. (Top photo from left) Esther Leadly, Ken Kasprzyk, Robert Remillard, Jim Ghent, Judy Bennett. Sue Reckahn, RC&D Office Secretary, takes notes in background. (Above) Richard Snyder, Karen Watt, Tom Goodwin, Margaret Toper, Ted Belling and George Squires.



(From left) Jim Ghent, President; Jan Porter, Office Manager; Barb Goodrich, retiree; Skip Waterstreet, Executive Director.

The Masonic Service Bureau, on behalf of her many friends within the Monroe District and in the organizations surrounding Monroe who are subscribers to the Masonic Times, presented Barbara Goodrich with a cash honorarium for her nearly twenty years of service as Office Manager of the Service Bu-

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Robert L. Zahn 1932 - 2006

Robert Zahn, 73, entered Eternal Rest on July 6, 2006. As a long-standing member and Director of the Masonic Service Bureau, Bob has always contributed his time and talent to the benefit of our services for the Masonic bodies.

When his Brothers, Sisters and acquaintances were asked how they would remember Bob, the common description was

"he was a 'gentle man' and always true to that spirit."

Brother Bob has a long list of accomplishments within the Masonic Fraternity. He was an active member in Northfield Lodge, serving as Master in 1985. He was appointed the Grand Representative to Denmark for the Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

Bob was very active in the York Rite where he held offices in many of the different bodies. He also received many honors for his service and dedication.

Bob was also a member of the Valley of Rochester Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

As a member of the Order of the Eastern Star he served as Patron of both Lilac Star Chapter and Rochester Chapter.

He is survived by his wife and best friend, Linda; brother, Charles (Dorothy), Florida; sister-in-law, Mary Alice Leonard, Vermont; and several nieces and nephews.

As you were you will always be, treasured forever in our memory. Bob will be greatly missed by his many Masonic Brothers and Sisters.

reau when she retired on June 30th. A special certificate commemorating her loyalty and dedication was presented by Charles Waterstreet, Executive Director. Attached to the back of the framed certificate was an envelop containing her gift. Assisting in the presentation were James Ghent, President of the Masonic Service Bureau, and

Janet Porter, who has assumed the duties of Office Manager.

Still and Officer

Barbara continues to serve as the Secretary of the Bureau and the Executive Committee, an elected position which makes her a member of the Board of Directors. She will also continue to help with the production of the Masonic Times.

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Get on the **ROAD to READING**

Saturday, October 14, 2006

COME JOIN THE FUN AND FELLOWSHIP!

Lace up your sneakers and help raise money for the annual fund-raiser *WALK for Dyslexia* hosted by the Frank and Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children in Rochester.

Date: Saturday, October 14, 2006 **Location:** Perinton Park on 31-F in Fairport

Time: Check-in begins at 9:30am **Course:** 3 miles along the scenic Erie Canal
Walk begins at 10:30am

For registration information log on to www.dyslexiawalk.org, e-mail dyslexiahelp@rochester.rr.com, or call the 32° Masonic Learning Center at (585) 264-1690.

Bring the whole family! Other activities include Picnic Lunch, Great Music, Shrine Circus Clowns and Face Painting. On-site Child ID Program available.

Dyslexia:

Imagine what your life would be like if you couldn't read. You would be missing out on one of life's most fundamental gifts. If you couldn't read, your innate curiosity would turn to frustration and anger - a bad combination of feelings. Children born with a neurological disorder called Dyslexia (struggle with these things every day) struggle with these feelings every day. Through no fault of their own, they are faced with reading and writing roadblocks that have seemed insurmountable - until now.

Dyslexia can't be cured, but it can be overcome.

The 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children:

The 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children provide clinically-proven dyslexia tutoring services across the country. They are the only nationwide organization offering two years of intensive one-on-one tutoring in the proven Orton-Gillingham method, completely free of charge. The Learning Centers are open to all children. Currently, there are 56 Learning Centers in 15 states. Since 1994 when the first centers opened, over 5,000 children from kindergarten through high school have been tutored at the Children's Learning Centers and more than 750 tutors have been trained in the Orton-Gillingham method completely free of charge. There are currently two Learning Centers in New York State - one is located in Pittsford and the other in Oriskany, near Utica.

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With the passing of Summer it is now time to return to our quarries, pick up the working tools and enjoy our gentle Craft, with more enthusiasm than has been experienced in some time.

Sickness and Distress

It has been a sad Summer, with the passing of Brothers Raymond and Arthur LeRoy, as well as W.: Charles Baker. Keep their families and loved ones in your prayers.

Although I feel this forum should not be used to report old business, it is with great pleasure that I can tell you we have been assigned a new Child ID system by Grand Lodge. It will have to be shared with Lodges in surrounding Districts on a first-come, first-served basis.

The system has a few minor problems, which I hope will be corrected through the Committee working with the manufacturer. The problems are minor, as we learned August 12th when we did a program for the Ganda Rotary. At that time twenty-six children, and one Senior Citizen, each received a set of ten fingerprints, a photo and a CD containing all their pertinent data, to be stored in

case the individual becomes missing. With this new system, the CD can be turned over to law enforcement and immediately the information can be distributed.

It is my understanding this system has received the blessing of the New York State Division of Criminal Justice, and will be more useful than what we have done in the past. Our children and grandchildren are our future.

Officers' Meeting

The month of September starts with a meeting of all Officers on September 6th at 7:30 p.m. This will be a rehearsal for Opening and Closing of Lodge, and will include a practice of the Program required by Grand Lodge, named In-Lodge Re-dedication Program. I have asked the AGL, V.: W.: Robert Bittner, to be present to observe and correct any mistakes.

Re-dedication

I had hoped we would find a church to support us for the September 10th Interfaith Service/Breakfast Program. Grand Lodge asked us to participate in observance of the 5th Anniversary of 9/11. However, this was not to be.

Therefore, on the 20th of September, all are requested to attend Lodge for the purpose of returning each of us to that spirit of dedication which stirred us all when we first took our Degrees. It was a beautiful experience into which we, as candidates, entered and we should not lose the value of that experience. Re-dedication Programs are one way to keep our vision of Masonry from being dimmed.

with your family and friends. Now, as this year has begun, we held the District Kick-Off Event on August 16th with Masters, Wardens and Secretaries from your Lodges as well as our District Committees. This was a great opportunity for all of the leadership of our District to get together to know each other and see that we are there to help and support each other in the coming year.

All of the Official Visits have been scheduled for the year as well as the educational events for our District. The Individual Development Course (IDC) will be held in Rochester this year

All brethren attending should bring their Masonic Bible. You will again recite the Obligations for the three Degrees which you so solemnly took at your Initiation, Passing and Raising. These will be recited in unison. The Charge of the Third Degree will be recited for you. You will receive a label to be inserted into your Bible, signed by the Master and Secretary, and your name recorded as taking part in the Re-dedication ceremony. In turn, those of you - and only you - who participated, will receive a special commemorative lapel pin from the DDGM.

Official Visit

October 4th will be the Official Visit of R.: W.: James W. Gagnon, DDGM of the Wayne District, and R.: W.: William R. DuBois, Grand Director of Ceremonies. There will be a dinner prior to the Communication. For reservations, contact: Brother Alan E. Friedman, Junior Warden, at 597-6929, no later than September 27th.

My Brothers, I am asking you to help me turn this Lodge around in the coming year. We are faced with many problems, none of which can't be overcome with the help and input of many. There is too much information to be disseminated in one article, and some items that should only be discussed within the confines of the Lodge.

One thing the Lodge has done that may be of interest, is we have agreed to give Tri-Star Chapter No. 209, OES, \$4,000 per year for the next 2 years to keep them viable. We need the Star; they have been big supporters of us in the past.

Come and be part of a new era of Drumlin Square. *

on the Third Saturday of each month starting in September and running for the next five months. If you missed signing up and would like to, please contact me. I'm sure we can make arrangements.

Over the past few months, your Lodge representatives have been receiving information regarding celebration of 225 years of Masonry in New York State. Please support your Lodges as we celebrate this milestone through suggested community events.

I look forward to seeing many friends and meeting new ones this coming year. If we may be of assistance, please call on us. *

there are limited spaces right on Main Street. Classes will be held in the second floor great room (a chair lift is available).

This class is designed to explore the three Degrees of Masonry for in-depth enhancement of your Masonic understanding of what we do and why we do it. It is open to all Master Masons; all new Masons should take this course to grow in the Craft!

Cost for the course is \$29. This includes a course booklet, snacks/beverages for the three evenings, and a pin and certificate upon completion.

To register, submit to G. Thomas Grape:

- Your full name (as you want it to appear on the certificate)
- Your mailing address, your telephone number including area code, and your email if you have one
- A check for \$29 made payable to "G. Thomas Grape"
- Your Grand Lodge number (it's on your membership card)

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The *Masonic Development Course* will be held on three consecutive Friday evenings in October. October 6th, 13th, and 20th from 7-9 p.m. at the Unity Lodge Hall; 133 South Main Street in Spencerport. Light refreshments and beverages will be provided.

The Village of Spencerport is readily accessible (1.5 miles north of Route 531 Expressway, off Route 490 West). Free public parking is available in lots adjacent to the building and

• Your Lodge name and number and District

You need to register via US Mail, including payment, by September 15th. This date is firm so all supplies will be available at the class.

Our friends in the Livingston District are planning to host this same class on November 8th, 13th and 20th and would accommodate any make-up sessions required to get credit for the course. Of course, members in Livingston and Wayne Districts, as well as members in other surrounding Districts, are invited to join us.

I hope you have enjoyed a refreshing Summer and are ready to resume labor in the quarries.

For those aspiring to be Masters of their Lodge, save January 13th, 20th, and 27th when *The Road to the East Course* will be taught at the Damascus Shrine Center, 979 Bay Road, Webster from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. *

Grand Sword Bearer



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If you have never been to St. John's Day weekend at the Masonic Care Community, I would hope this article would entice you to take yourselves and family to experience what we, as Masons, share with the world and the cutting edge facilities that we have on the Utica Campus. District Deputy Gary Sanford, R.: W.: G. Thomas Grape, and V.: W.: Harry DeHollander along with their wives traveled to Utica on June 23-25, for the Investment of Grand Lodge Officers and to experience the activities of the weekend.

On Friday, the District Grand Lodge Officers had another day of training at the Administration Building, while the Ladies enjoyed a Tea and Luncheon. We had time to tour the Tompkins Chapel with its beautiful Tiffany windows and enjoy the serenity that prevails there. Friday evening there was a grand party in a large tent at Acacia Village where the District Grand Lodge Officers and their families were treated to a wonderful dinner.

The weather forecast for Saturday said rain, but it went somewhere else as the day was warm but blue skies and puffy white clouds prevailed. Saturday was a day steeped in Masonic Tradition and fun for the whole family. At its peak, we estimated close to 3,000 Masons and their families and other visitors enjoying themselves on the grounds.

One could have chicken BBQ, hot dogs, strawberry shortcake, funnel cakes, all types of soft drinks and finger foods. You could purchase Masonic-related items such as aprons, jewelry, bumper stickers and craft items; watch different demonstrations, take tours of the Health facility, tour the Medical Research Lab, witness the ribbon cutting of the new Wiley Hall or watch a wreath laying to honor Masonic members of the Armed Forces who served our Country.

District Grand Lodge Officers were asked to assemble at the Chapel for seating arrangements and to lineup for the parade. We were glad several members of Damascus Wheelers were selected to lead the parade. The Ill.: Potentate Lance Ward, Kevin Faro and Lady Debbie, Bruce Chilton, Paul Moore, Ron Bryant and Rick Ponticello drove their motorcycles from Rochester to join us.

There were approximately 250 Right Worshipfuls and Assistant Grand Lecturers in the parade along with the Grand Line and Trustees in the short walk back to Tompkins Chapel.

The rite of passage in which we participated Saturday afternoon will remain with all who were there for a lifetime. The Chapel was full and beautiful organ music greeted us. District Officers were introduced from the East and our Commissions and Warrants were presented by the Grand Master and his Officers. Pictures were taken with each District Team, it was an emotional and very special ceremony for all. The Grand Master presented his Message and we will share it with you in the months to come.

I am very proud to serve with other members of the Monroe District, R.: W.: Gary Sanford, R.: W.: Tom Grape, V.: W.: John Dyer and V.: W.: Harry DeHollander. The Craft can look forward to a unified team who are here to assist you in becoming a better Man and Mason. As the Grand Master stated in his Message; "Masonry is a lifetime experience."

As I wrote in my first article, we have begun a new journey. The tracks are clear ahead. Are you ready to begin? We now have a set of directions to help us achieve that goal; it should be a great experience together! *

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A New Year

The time has come to get back to work, and with that in mind, the Grand Master's Edict is still in effect. This year each Master needs to complete forms and schedule a Degree that is to be performed, with or without a Candidate, and observed by the Assistant Grand Lecturer (AGL). Any Degree can be performed. The completed forms and schedule must be in by October 3rd.

The Custodians of the Work have been hard at work during the last few months. We will soon start seeing new Ritual books for Funeral Services, Installations, and the Chaplain. We will make them available as soon as the Grand Master has given approval.

Assistance

As always, we are here to help each of the Lodges with learning their Ritual. We are available for rehearsals or mini-schools of Ritual at your Lodge. Our function is to help impart the Standard Works, which is currently the 2001 Edition of our Blue Lecture Book. If you are still using older books, PLEASE, it is time to get the new ones. The Custodians have assured me that most questions and errors in previous versions have been corrected in this edition.

This Year's Schedule

- September 28** at 7:30 p.m. - School of Ritual at Unity Lodge in Spencerport "Commonly Made Errors" - Discussion and General Q&A
- October 24** at 7:30 p.m. - Grand Lecturers Convention at Fairport/Flower City Lodge; Open/Close and 1st Section of the First Degree. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. (reservations required). Brothers from Unity, Craftsman Robertson, and Union Star Lodges will perform the Work.
- January 29, 2007** at 7:30 p.m. School of Ritual at the Shrine Center in Webster "Conductors Work & Review of New Ritual."
- March 29, 2007** at 7:30 p.m. School of Ritual at Clio Lodge in Hilton "1st Section of Third Degree" (Round Robin).
- May 25, 2007** at 7:30 p.m. Joint Investiture Service at Fairport/Flower City Lodge. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. (reservations required).

Member Development
 R. W.: Joseph Privitera
 Monroe District

Sickness and Distress

We have many Brothers who are ill, confined to their homes or in nursing homes. Every Lodge should have a group of Brothers who stay in touch with these Brothers. A simple short phone call or a brief visit to find out how a Brother is doing is all it takes. There are cases where the once-active Brother does

not hear from his Lodge very often or sometimes not at all.

I know it can be a difficult position to make the call or visit, but someday we may be put in such a situation of not being as active as we once were. It can be very depressing and discouraging. We must do more than just sign cards as they are passed around Lodge. I will admit that at times I am forgetful or put off calling and visiting Brothers. We all have room for improvement in this endeavor.

If your Lodge already has a calling and visiting committee then I recommend that you get involved. If your Lodge does not, then try to get one started or you can do it yourself. You will feel good about it.

Hope to see you in Lodge. Remember, this is a new Lodge year. It's a perfect time to start again - go to a Lodge meeting or a Lodge function and see what is going on.

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Brothers, the Summer has gone by too quickly. It only seems like a couple of weeks ago that I was installed as Master. Many things have been going on while the Lodge was dark. I will be out of town until September 10th, so please contact our Secretary, Rob Sweeney, if you need assistance. Don't forget that our first meeting is Monday, September 11th. I look forward to seeing you then.

Building

First of all, for those of you that haven't been by the hall, all I can say is, "WOW!" The work on the exterior is almost completed and the building looks fantastic. It has to be one of the best looking buildings in the Village. We should all be proud. Special thanks to the Building Committee for all their hard work throughout this whole process. If you have a chance, stop by and check it out. For those of you that haven't had the opportunity, we have put some photos up on our Lodge website:

www.unionstarmasons.org. I invite all of you to check out our newly renovated building.

225th Activities

Over the summer our 225th Anniversary Committee has been working hard planning for the upcoming events. We have planned the Interfaith Service for September 23rd from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Honeoye Falls Firemen's field. We need everyone's support for this. Lunch will be provided for each Lodge member and one guest. Additional guests are welcome for a \$3 donation, but everyone needs to be signed up ahead of time. The donations will be given to the Brotherhood Fund.

A special thank you to our Brothers from Union Lodge No. 45 in Lima, who have partnered with us for this day of remembrance, charity and brotherhood. There will be a sign-up sheet at our first Lodge meeting. For those of you who can't make the meeting but still wish

to attend, please contact Rob Sweeney to sign up.

Brothers, please save the date of Monday, September 25th, for our In-Lodge Re-dedication Program, which will begin at 7:30 p.m.

ERAC Lodge No. 163
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Brothers I hope you had a pleasant Summer and all are in good health. I would like to share with everyone what the thoughts of the Officers' line are on the coming year.

Our Mission Statement reads as follows:

"ERAC Lodge No. 163 is a dynamic family of Brothers that serves as a model for other Lodges in our District and State, committed to assisting all Brothers to grow spiritually, philosophically, and as leaders, all in an effort to build a stronger community."

This Mission Statement expresses a lofty goal that will hopefully be pursued by our Lodge as long as our Fraternity continues.

Our Vision Statement reads as such:

"ERAC Lodge No. 163 and all its Mother Lodges have been an integral part of the community for many years and have drawn its strength from that positive interaction.

We must maintain the traditions of Masonry while making the Fraternity relevant for the generations to come, all in an effort to assure that ERAC and Free Masonry will continue to play a vital role in the lives of our members and the community.

ERAC Lodge must look to expand our interactive role with the community and identify and establish new community partnerships; strengthen our relationships with other Lodges; strive to increase our membership; and take care of our obligations to our Masonic Family, including Widows and Orphans, needy and shut-in Brothers, and new Brothers.

We can be assured of success when every Brother is: Knowledgeable of Masonry and this plan, supports this plan, and actively participates in Lodge and in this plan's regular review and updating."

I have chosen to share our vision statement with you to serve as a reminder of what our focus will be this coming year and to also share it with our Masonic community so other Lodges and friends may know how we plan on going forward. This is our commitment to Masonic values in our community.

My lady, Meg, and I attended the Grand Master's meeting in July at the Shrine Center in

Webster. He introduced his Grand Line, and their Ladies, to District Officers from Monroe, Livingston and Wayne Districts, as well as many of the Masters of Lodges within those Districts. We were all given a copy of *Who Moved My Cheese* and encouraged to read and pass on the book to help prepare us for a season of change, upon which New York State Masons are about to embark.

Picnic

The scholarship picnic, held at the Shrine Center, was well attended this year. R.: W.: Gary Sanford, our District Deputy, and R.: W.: Derek Van Houten, Grand Sword Bearer, both attended. The food was excellent, with the barbecued pork and chicken provided by Brother Jenerson's son, in spite of the fact that his father was in the hospital at the time. THANKS to all who pitched in to make this event the success it was.

Sickness and Distress

It pleases me to tell everyone that Brother Jim Jenerson is recovered from his recent health setback and is now in good health. Brother Mike Kenneron is recovering from his injury as well, and doing much better, although it would still be appropriate to check in with him to see if he needs any assistance, especially as the climate changes.

Brother Reggie Reed is back to work and recovering nicely but, due to his work schedule, will probably not see us very often this fall. Brother Bob Bueg is continuing to undergo treatment and we request that you keep him in your prayers.

It was a welcome sight to see Brother Brian Isler visiting back in town from his military assignment in Germany. He will be in town again in September and will stay for a couple of months. As far as I know everyone else is in good health.

Upcoming events

- August 24 - Prepare dinner at the Ronald McDonald House.
- September 10 - Please join us for our Interfaith Service at the Shrine at 8:30 a.m. followed immediately by breakfast and the Community Flag Presentation Ceremony.
- September 11 - first Lodge meeting.
- September 25 - Brother Bring-a-Friend Night (no Table Lodge at this event).

Fairport/Flower City

Lodge No. 476

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I hope you all have had a good Summer. The time since our last meeting has passed with unbelievable speed.

We are putting in place a program that will emphasize presenting things which will interest the membership and allow us to conduct necessary business in a timely manner. I wish to include our ladies where we can, as they are frequently our support.

The Grand Lodge of New York has asked us to confer the Second and Third Degrees on a Brother of the First Degree from Connecticut. When that has occurred, he will dimitt from his Connecticut Lodge.

Our Chaplin, W.: Bernard Lazerson, and I presented a special document from M.: W.: Edward R. Trosin, Grand Master, to Brother Albert Castellani to mark his 100th birthday. We all congratulate Brother Castellani, and wish him well.

The Lodge held its Summer picnic, instituted by our late Brother, W.: Gerald Spero, on August 16th. Everyone enjoyed good food and fellowship.

The first meeting in September will be Past Master Recognition Night and will include a roll call of those Brothers Raised within his term of office. Come and join us in this celebration of bygone days and help us get the year off to a good start.

During the Fall, we look forward to the Official Visit of the District Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: Gary Sanford, and his Staff Officers, Grand Sword Bearer, R.: W.: Derek VanHouten, and R.: W.: Tom Grape, Grand Director of Ceremonies.

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Brethren, by the time you get this newsletter most of the Summer will be over and Fall will be starting. It will be good to get back to Lodge and continue our work, and it will be good to see all of you.

Speaking about seeing all of you, it was good to see thirty-three Brothers at my installation for good fellowship and fun. Now that's the kind of turnout we need at our Lodge meetings for the coming year. It would be good to see the Lodge room full of Brothers doing Masonic work.

When you read this news, we will have been to the Shrine Family Picnic for some fun and

fellowship. I know the food was good because I was the cook!

We also went shooting at the Outlet Rod & Gun Club on Atlantic Avenue with some Brothers from Wakan/Hubbard Lodge and some Shriners. There were classes on shooting two different types of clays, one for skeet and one for trap. I know everyone had some fun.

We will have an Officers' meeting on September 5th, with the time and place to be announced. Our first Lodge meeting will be on the 12th. I am looking forward to the coming year at Valley-Simes Lodge.

From Your Secretary

Brethren, I am writing to let you know that our membership is slowly declining. We are down to 139 members as of this writing. We have lost 151 Brothers since we became Valley-Simes Lodge in December 1990, either from deaths, dimits or for non-payment of dues. Therefore, I ask you to really look into your hearts and bring in petitions of persons who would be good Masons. Petitions are available at any time.

At our next major mailing you will be receiving your new dues invoice. There also will be a re-

quest for you to review your Masonic Profile and advise of any changes, noting additions or deletions. Please read all pages and reply accordingly. I would like to get everyone's data up to date by June 1st, 2007.

Dues are due

We have 18 Brothers who have not yet paid their 2006 dues. Reminders were sent out the first part of August. I am open to hear from anyone at anytime. My phone number and email address are at the top of this column.

Another issue is that of Brothers who receive their Annual Years of Service Awards by way of the US Postal Service (mail). It seems no one ever sends a reply to say they received it. These certificates, pins, postage and mailing materials cost the Lodge between \$17.50 and \$20.00 each.

I realize you appreciate receiving this certificate and pin for your years of continuous membership in the Fraternity. But, it would be nice if the Secretary would be able to announce he received a note from Brother so-and-so thanking us for the acknowledgment at a Lodge meeting.

F A M E Lodge No. 722

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who attended and helped out. A big THANK YOU to W.: Dick Topel. He went out and purchased all the beverages and, when he arrived at the Gates Memorial Park, he went out again on a run to Wegman's for the peppers and onions that I had forgotten. He also did most of the cooking of the meat. Thanks also to W.: Ken and Doreen Rhodes and W.: Ken Kassel and his lady, Theresa, for shucking the corn. Everyone had a great time.

New Location and Day

We are now meeting at the Shrine Center on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays. The address is: 979 Bay Road in West Webster (or Northwest Penfield or really, really East Irondequoit). If you need directions, call me, at 429-6572, or Dave Foster, at 244-0194. We are still planning dinners for the 1st meeting of each month.

Our first meeting is on Thursday, September 14th. There will be a dinner at 6:30 p.m. and our meeting, as usual, will begin at 7:30 p.m. You should be hearing from your caller the week before for the dinner. If you have not received a call by Sunday, September 10th, please call me at 429-6572 and let me know. Thank you.

Membership

On a final note, remember that we cannot survive without new members. It is your duty to bring in a new member at least every 3 years. Think about your friends and relatives. Masonry is not a big secret. There is no reason why we should keep this wonderful Fraternity all to ourselves. Also remember that many hands make light work. See you in Lodge.



Officers of Valley-Simes Lodge for the 2006-2007 Masonic year are (front, from left): W.: John Faro, W.: Nelson Bertch, W.: Richard DeCroce, W.: David Mura, W.: Joseph Gingold and R.: W.: Richard Snyder. (Back row): W.: Howard Belt, Jose Diaz, Paul Chechak, W.: Michael McBride, W.: Glenn Stahl and R.: W.: Herbert Spencer.



Three Right Worshipfuls from Valley-Simes Lodge received their 55-year Service Award Pins and Certificates in June



from R.: W.: Gary Sanford, DDGM. Above left, R.: W.: Bob Anderson receives his Certificate; center photo,



R.: W.: Fred Stahl is congratulated by R.: W.: Sanford; right photo, R.: W.: Gary congratulates R.: W.: Mat Gingold.



R.: W.: Mathew Gingold receiving his 55-year Anniversary Pin from his son, W.: Joseph Gingold.



A rare event occurred in Valley-Simes Lodge. R.: W.: Mathew Gingold presented his son, W.: Joseph Gingold with his 25-year Anniversary Pin and Certificate. In addition, Brother Mat's Past Master's Apron was reworked for Brother Joe, at his request.

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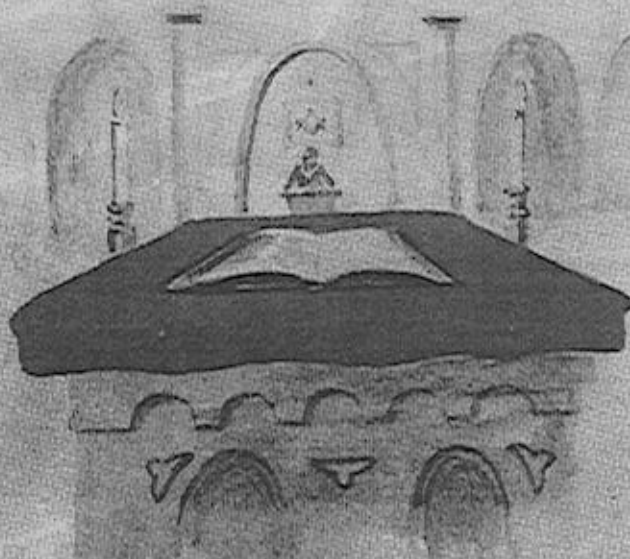
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By W.: Skip Waterstreet, DSA

Worshipful Brother Joe Steffen has asked me to write the columns again for Craftsman Robertson Lodge so, my Brothers, I'm baaaaack! Not that I ever really left, it was just you had to read me in other pages of the paper. It has been another great Summer weather-wise, but another time of pain.

In the June column, you read of the illness of our Secretary, W.: Tom Kendig. By now, most of you know that Brother Tom passed away in late May. Sue, Tom's widow, requested the use of the Shrine Center meeting room for his Services. The room was filled as our Lodge celebrated the Masonic Memorial Service, which was followed by a Christian Service. The sympathy of the Lodge was extended to Sue and the rest of the family. Brother Joe Steffen is a son-in-law, married to daughter, Gail, and Brother Ralph Jurgens is married to Sue's niece, Anne.

All of you had contact with this good guy, at least once a year with your Dues notices, since the merger ten years ago when he became our Secretary. I have worked very closely with him throughout the years as we handled Lodge financial business and correspondence... work that many of you never hear about. While it is a sad time, we can reflect on the fun experiences we had; mine were at the soft ice cream machine on the *Carnival Spirit* cruise ship, amongst others. Tom is and will be sorely missed!

We begin a new era in that Office, as W.: Ken Schumacher was elected and installed as Secretary in June. He will need your help as he learns the steps, which had become second nature to Tom. Please bear with Ken during his learning curve.

Dues overdue

One of the problems we have encountered concerns Brothers in arrears on their 2006 dues. W.: Ken is attempting to contact those with outstanding dues, particularly those who are now two years behind and in danger of being removed from the roles. If you find yourself in this category and in distress,

please contact Brother Schumacher and explain your situation. We have no way of knowing if health or financial difficulties are creating problems unless you inform us.

More Sickness & Distress

We have other Brothers and their spouses in sickness and distress. W.: Bill Shelby is doing OK, following surgery and radiation. He was at our rehearsal last month, and said he is now in a physical therapy program for rehabilitation.

Brother Charles Freida is recovering from surgery. He was visited by Brothers Roy Guess and Richard Smith. Reports are he could use some visits, cards and phone calls.

Brother Ken Mertz has high blood pressure and circulation problems, which have forced him to retire from his Barber Shop. If you can catch him, I'm sure he'd appreciate hearing from you. W.: Dave King says he keeps calling, but no one answers. Retirement must be doing Ken well!

Brother Bob Traub is still struggling with his health problems. I see him every once in a while, but haven't talked with him in a couple of months.

Former Brothers of Craftsman Lodge may remember the widow of W.: John Ostrander, Jackie Ostrander. She passed away over the Summer. Also, W.: Glen Ide's son, Curtis, died suddenly in June. Our sympathy was extended to both of their families.



W.: Joe Steffen presented his daughter, Lyndsey, her Totton Essay Contest certificate.

Multiple Awards

On the brighter side, our Master, W.: Joe, has been strutting around all Summer with his chest puffed out. His eldest daughter, Lyndsey, has had a spectacular year. Her picture is on the front page, twice here with this column and again on Page 16. First, she won 5th Place in the Grand Lodge Frank M. Totton Essay Contest, which was accompanied with a cash award. Then she received scholarship assistance awards from both the Masonic Service Bureau and Grand Lodge. Congratulations to Lyndsey, and to mom, Gail, and Joe.



M.: W.: Neal I. Bidnick, Grand Master, presents Lyndsey Steffen her Grand Lodge Educational Assistance Award Certificate, assisted by Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: Edward Gilbert.

Upcoming events

September 5th will be the first dinner of the season with our ladies at the Nutcracker Restaurant. Brother Warren Doerrer has another fine program lined up and W.: Bill Shelby is graciously taking over the responsibility of dealing with the Calling Committee and the Restaurant.

As I write this, I can't tell you the menu or the topic/entertainment for the night. Hopefully, you have been called and made your reservation for dinner. At that time, I also hope you learned the above items. If, by chance, you haven't been contacted, please call Brother Bill (244-6495) or me (671-9730 or 381-8028). I'm sure we can include you in the party.

September 19th will be our first Tiled meeting of the season. We will transact our regular business and pass out revised Trestleboards. We have at least one candidate upon whom we should be able to ballot.

The Grand Lecturer's convention is October 24th at the Fairport/Flower City Lodge Hall. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m.; the convention begins at 7:30 p.m. Craftsman Robertson Lodge is involved in exemplifying portions of the First Degree. If you are contacted to help, please say, "Yes!" Other Brothers and ALL Officers should plan to attend. If the top seven Officers are present, the Lodge earns the Howard Potts Award, to be presented next May in New York at the Grand Lodge session.

That's it for now. See you in Lodge. ✕

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I hope your Summer was an enjoyable one. My family and I had a wonderful visit to my wife's brother and his family in Wolverine Lake, Michigan. After a few days at their house, our two families drove to Cedar Point Amusement Park in Sandusky, Ohio for a couple of days. I am a roller coaster nut and this is roller coaster heaven! Who says retired folks are afraid of fast rides? I had a ball taking my children on the biggest and fastest rides this side of the Mississippi. I am looking forward to hearing what my Brothers did over their Summer.

Our Interfaith Service and Flag presentation will take place on Sunday, September 10th. After attending the service of your choice, we will meet at the Lodge for a brunch, which will start at 12:30 p.m. Flags will be presented to community groups at 2:00 p.m.

September meeting

Our first meeting will be on September 19th. The dress code will be casual, due to the weather. It will be our "Brother Bring-a-Brother" night. We will also be celebrating the 225th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of New York with

the In-Lodge Re-dedication program. Please remember to bring your Masonic Bibles so the Secretary and Worshipful Master can sign them. But most importantly, please contact one of our Brothers who has not been able to attend Lodge and give him a ride to this event. A special 225th Anniversary Pin will be presented to all Brothers in attendance.

Many thanks to our Past Master, V.: W.: Harry DeHollander, for his dedication to the craft and the undying help he has given me. Brother Harry is always there when I need a shoulder to lean on, as are many others.

We have many Brothers celebrating their Birthdays this month. They are: William Badgero; Don Campisi; Doug De Hollander; David Korn; Harold McClain; Sean Noonan (Secretary/PM); Douglas Wright; and Robert Youmans. Happy Birthday, Brothers!

Our Lodge Trustees and I had a meeting with Officers of Leah Chapter, OES, to discuss and finalize their arrangement with us about the use of our Lodge building.

Spaghetti

Our spaghetti dinners will begin on September 27th. It should be more comfortable for our Spaghetti Benders and Ox Roast crew in the kitchen thanks to our Brother, Antonio Panella, who did a great job of installing a large window fan for us.

As you know, being Master of a Lodge entails many jobs and this is one of the most difficult. It is my sad duty to inform you of the passing of our Brother, Nicholas K. Panarites, at age 89. A member of our Lodge for 58 years and a wonderful supporter of the Brotherhood Fund, he passed to the Great Quarry in early August. Brother Panarites will be remembered by us all. ✕

**WEBSTER
Lodge No. 538**

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Thank you to all the Brothers who attended my Installation and a special thank you to Bruce Chilton and Warren Patterson, who served as Installing Master and Marshal, respectively. I was deeply moved and honored by the attendance of so many Brothers.

Once again, our Lodge participated in the Webster Firemen's Parade. Six Brothers marched carrying the Webster Lodge No. 538 banner with another Brother following in a classic car displaying magnetic Lodge placards on the sides. We were able to participate in this event wearing aprons due to dispensation received from our District Deputy.

As in years past, our Lodge members volunteered to man the Firemen's food concession stands during the parade, allowing them to march in their own parade. This year, two Brothers continued that tradition. Stand managers required no other volunteers.

Thanks to all who took part in this event. To those who did not, you missed out on a great opportunity for community recognition and a great time of fellowship.

Fishing Event

We also had our Annual Fishing Weekend at Camp DeMolay. The weekend was filled with good food, good lodging and great friendship. We will hear more from our Senior Warden, who served as weekend coordinator, at our first scheduled Communication.

While our Lodge may have been dark, our building was not. Our Trustees have been busy with several projects and events, such as blood drives, marching band dinners, installing new glass block windows in the kitchen, a lot of cleaning and other maintenance that just happens to get done with little thought by most of us. Thank you, gentlemen, for carrying out the awesome responsibilities held by the Trustees.

Friday Dinners

We are again planning our spaghetti dinners with all proceeds going directly to local, pre-selected charities. So please remember, the first Friday of the month comes as an opportunity for shared fellowship, by either helping out with the dinner or just sitting down to share dinner with your Brothers and their families.

I am confident of a good year due to the fact our Lodge has both an elected and appointed line made up of some of the best men and Masons that I have ever met.

I look forward to seeing everyone in September and hope all will continue showing me their patience and support as I continue to learn my position of Master. ✕

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It has been quite a while since I last wrote and there is a lot of news to share. First, I thank my Brothers for the opportunity to serve as Master for another year. Your support has meant a great deal to me over the past year and I hope I am worthy of that continued support.

Our elections in May saw two very major changes in our Officers. First, W.: Burt Brown stepped down from the Office of Treasurer. Brother Brown has been embodied to position of Treasurer for so long that he will forever, in our hearts and minds, carry the jewel of the Office.

Our new Treasurer, Brother Robert Wise, brings a great deal of experience to the position and has the support of all elected officers as he takes on these new duties. Brother Wise has worked with Brother Brown through the past year and continues to do so while making the transition into the Office.

The Second major change is in the position of Secretary. W.: Chuck Crevison, who has faithfully held the position of Secretary for the past few years, has asked to be relieved of those duties and, although he has stepped to the sidelines, he remains active in our work.

If you have not already heard from him, R.: W.: Don Tubman accepted the position and was elected Secretary for the coming year. After just completing a 2-year term as the Grand Sword Bearer, Brother Tubman has stepped into the position bringing with him those experiences and offering us a new insight on our position in the Masonic Community.

The changes, however, have not been limited to our Lodge Room. In May we said good-bye to "Little Minds in Motion" after 18 years of serving the Scottsville Community from 5 Browns Avenue. We wish them well and hope they continue their good works in guiding our children through their pre-school years.

But, as the saying goes, when one door closes another opens and in July we welcomed the "Terry Fyke School of Dance." The school is already off to a busy start with performances of *The Jungle Book* in August and rehearsals for *Peter Pan*.

The addition of the dance school has brought a renewed energy to 5 Browns Avenue. In early June we began opening some of the windows on the lower half of the building; as the glass has been replaced and the windows cleaned and painted, a new light shines in the building. We have continued working through the summer improving the appearance of the building.

We are also looking forward to expanding our ranks in the Lodge Room with two new petitions to read as we begin our year. As our work progresses, please join us as we return to

Lodge this year to help share in the work and planning. I hope to see all on September 27th as we discuss plans for remodeling the upstairs and expanding the Fellowship room.

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Summer Events

I hope you all had a good summer. Where does the time go? We had a nice time participating in the Penfield 4th of July Parade. We drove 2 convertibles donated by Hoselton. We hope to have a bigger presence (possibly a float) next year. Those plans will be announced soon. Thanks to all the Brothers who came this year.

We also thank W.: Hugh Woodside for a job well done in organizing our Steak Roast in July. The weather was not the best, but that did not stop anyone from coming out and enjoying themselves.

Sicknesses

A few of our Brothers have some medical concerns: W.: Sherwin Issacs; Brother Bill Faye, DSA; Brother Roy Williams, W.: Gordon Ball; and R.: W.: Doc Pettit. We wish each one of them the best and we hope to see you soon.

September

We look forward to a great September to kickoff our year. We will hold our Child ID Program on September 9th at the Firemen's Hall in Penfield. We can use all the volunteers we can get, especially Ladies who can help register the children. Contact Hugh Woodside for further information, 248-2106.

Grand Lodge has developed a state-wide Day of Remembrance to commemorate the 5th Anniversary of the September 11th terrorist attacks on New York City's World Trade Center. We will join ERAC, Valley-Simes and Craftsman Robertson Lodges in a service at the Shrine Center on September 10th at 10:00 a.m. As part of this program, flags will be presented to many organizations and agencies in recognition of their good works and dedication to our community. Please plan to attend.

Our first meeting will be a Re-Dedication of our Lodge and all Master Masons. It should be a wonderful celebration of our renewed commitment to Freemasonry. Come join us and bring your Masonic Bible.

Our Clambake will be on the 16th at Ontario Beach State Park. Make reservations with Brother Clive Reese at 746-2451. This is a family affair so come and enjoy the fun for all.

September 25th is the Official Visit of R.: W.: Gary Sanford, District Deputy Grand Master of the Monroe District, and his Staff Officers, R.: W.: Derek Van Houten, Grand Sword Bearer, and R.: W.: G. Thomas Grape, Grand Director of Ceremonies. Come and hear them present the Grand Master's message and their plans for Masonic Educational programs.



W.: L. Russell VanDegriff (center), steadied by JoAnn Van Degriff-Smith, assisted M.: W.: Neal I. Bidnick, Grand Master, in the ribbon cutting ceremony at the new Wiley Hall on the campus of the Masonic Care Community.



M.: W.: Neal I. Bidnick, Grand Master, with Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: Edward Gilbert, presented a 60-year Award to W.: L. Russell VanDegriff, observed by R.: W.: William Spillane, JoAnn Van Degriff-Smith and R.: W.: G. Thomas Grape.



Chatting inside the new Wiley Hall were (l to r) JoAnn Van Degriff-Smith, Dean Smith, L. Russell VanDegriff, Debbie Harris, William Spillane (Master of Northfield Lodge), and M. Donald Darrohn, Trustee of the Masonic Hall and Home.

NORTHFIELD**Lodge No. 426**

Instituted March 1857

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

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Northfield Lodge No. 426 is proud to report that W.: L. Russell VanDegriff, one of their members since February of 1981, was honored by receiving his 60-year pin from Most Worshipful Grand Master Neil I. Bidnick during the St. John's Day ceremonies, at the Masonic Care Community in Utica.

Russ has been a resident at the Masonic Care Community since the end of March this year. Russ received his pin during the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Wiley Hall. M.: W.: Bidnick said during the presentation that it was the hard work by members of Russ' generation that laid the mortar and the foundation that has made the new Wiley Hall and the other facilities at the Masonic Care Community possible for current and future generations of Masons.

W.: Russ thanked the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master,

and all Brothers for the pin. He said he will try for a 70-year pin, God willing.

Russ, now at the age of 92, was born in Zanesville, Ohio, on January 2, 1914. He spent 38 years in the automobile business that culminated in ownership of a Ford/Mercury Dealership in Wayland, New York and a Chevrolet Dealership in Barneveld just north of Utica, New York.

Russ was raised in Transportation Lodge No. 842 in Buffalo, New York, on June 12, 1946. Over the years, he has been a member of Warren Patten Lodge No. 883, Wayland and he served as Worshipful Master of Remsen Lodge No. 677 in Barneveld in 1974. Russ joined the Scottish Rite and Zyara Shrine in Utica and transferred to Damascus Shrine in 1981.

Russ is pleased to be in assisted living at the Masonic Care Community and looks forward to moving into the new Wiley Hall in the near future.

Seneca Lodge**No. 797**2nd Tuesday
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Thank you to all of the Brothers who attended the Steak Roast at Mendon Ponds Park making it a great Summer event. It seems as though the kids had a good time in the great outdoors and the adults enjoyed a great meal.

All members of Seneca Lodge should attend September's Re-dedication Program commemorating the 225th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York and re-constitution of Seneca Lodge No. 797. This is truly a once-in-a-lifetime event.

The intention of this celebration is to return each of us to that spirit of dedication that stirred us all when we first took our Degrees. It was a beautiful experience into which we, as candidates, entered and we should not lose the value of that experience.

Immediately following the Re-dedication program will be a special presentation by Steve Whittaker to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the re-constitution of our own Lodge. This presentation is for all members. It would be wonderful to see some of our long-time members who were also part of Frank R. Lawrence and Seneca Lodges.

Please bring the Masonic Bible that was presented to you when you were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason and you will receive a special label to be affixed to the inside cover to remember this occasion. All who attend will also receive a commemorative pin, presented in the near future, to mark this very special occasion. You must be present this evening to receive this pin and Bible label.

I sincerely hope that you are able to attend this evening's events. Special arrangements can be made if you have limited transportation resources. Please contact me if you need a ride or any other special services.

October is Seneca Lodge's Brother Bring-a-Friend night. We are hoping to change up the program a little bit by presenting the total Masonic experience here in Rochester. Stay tuned for more details on this program and if you bring a friend, your dinner and their dinner are compliments of Seneca Lodge.

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It's just hard for me to believe that it's time to sit down and prepare the first *Masonic Times* article for the year. Where has the Summer gone and how did it fly by me so quickly? It feels like I must have fallen asleep during Spring, taken a long nap and woke up at the end of Summer. It definitely is true that time stands still for no one and goes by quicker as you get older.

As we start out the year, many thanks to all the Brothers from Oakland Lodge who attended our last two functions of last year. The first was our Annual Ladies Night Out at The Lumber Yard Restaurant. A fine evening of dining and conversation was enjoyed by all.

The last function of the year was our Annual Bingo Night at the Batavia VA Hospital. I was overwhelmed with the number of Brothers who showed up to share a little of their time with those who sacrificed a great deal for our country and freedom.

Many thanks to the members of Oakland Lodge for entrusting me to be Master for another year. I can't quite tell you where I'll lead you, but I promise I will enjoy the journey we are about to embark upon again. I can only hope it is as much fun and rewarding as it was last year.

I will do my best to keep the members of Oakland Lodge informed of what is happening in their Lodge and will try to get information on events out early so they can fit them into their schedule.

Members are encouraged to contribute to this monthly communication if you so desire. This article is for the Lodge and any member who has something they want to communicate. Please feel free to contact me with any news or information that you would like to have included in our monthly article.

I would appreciate any feedback from the members of Oakland Lodge of how you like or dislike what's being communicated. Please contact me if you have an idea of how this article could be improved.

September Communications
 Oakland Lodge will have two

Communications in the month of September. The first will be on Tuesday, September 5th. The program will be practicing the opening and closing of Lodge for all the Officers in their new positions. This evening will also include an overview of the Trestleboard for this year.

The second Communication will be on September 19th. The program for this evening will be the In-Lodge Re-dedication Program. This is a program sent by Grand Lodge with the intended purpose to return each of us to that spirit of dedication which stirred us all when we took our Degrees.

All members are encouraged to attend this Communication and re-dedicate yourself to the greatest Fraternity in the world. All members who attend this re-dedication program should bring their Masonic Bibles with them.

Our Fall roadside cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, September 23rd. All members who plan on working should arrive at the Castile Town buildings at 8 a.m. This should only take a couple of hours if we can get 8 to 10 members to help. This is just one way we can show how Masons are helping to make this a better community and world in which to live.

I hope this article finds my Brothers enjoying a happy and healthy end to the Summer season. Let us never forget those who are fighting and have fought to keep this great nation free and safe.

Keep the saying in the back of our minds that freedom isn't free and never forget how lucky we are to live in the greatest nation in the world. Let the blessings of heaven fall upon all Masons and their families where ever they may be throughout the world.

West Star Lodge No. 413
 F. & A.M.
 1st & 3rd Mondays



Master
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Secretary
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By W.: William R. Geitner
 Summer has gone by so fast and it's time to resume our labors. We had an exceptional Summer, visiting all the grandkids who are back with their parents again. That is the best part of having grandchildren.

My wife and I visited several states this Summer and it's great to be home where it is a

lot cooler. I'm a big guy and the hot weather of South Carolina was too much for me. There is no place like home.

One impressive sight was approaching Pittsburg at night... on Route 279 you come around this curve, down a hill and all of a sudden you are looking at Pittsburg with the buildings all lit up; it is beautiful! I wish I could show you a picture.

We have new Officers and several new members. We all have been brainstorming and have come up with many new ideas. I'm excited and looking forward to getting back to work. Our new members have been studying and we have a lot of enthusiasm.

September

On September 18th, W.: Brother Dennis Parmerter will be doing a Walk-About the

Lodge for both old and new members. Everyone should learn something.

On September 10th, in celebration of the 225th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of F. & A.M. of the State of New York, West Star Lodge No. 413 will be conducting an Interfaith Breakfast and Service, starting at 8:00 a.m. at the Vincent Almeter Memorial Park in Varysburg. The Interfaith Service will follow the Breakfast.

After the service, West Star will be presenting flags to Attica Central School, Johnsonsburg Cemetery Association, Varysburg Fire Department and the Town of Sheldon.

This program is an opportunity to show that Freemasonry is active in the community and to display our belief in religious freedom, community service,

patriotism and brotherhood.

Following the flag presentation, West Star will place a plaque on the South Pavilion and dedicate it to the memory of Dr. George A. McQuilkin. He was a Brother Mason and the town doctor for many years. He delivered a LOT of babies in town and made house calls any hour, day and night. As a young boy I remember going to his house for my doctor visits.

Masonic Recognition

I own seven vehicles that I drive. I have three antiques, two Summer cars, and two Winter cars. I have Masonic emblems on all seven vehicles. Cars today don't have bumpers so I put them on the rear window so others can see them when I'm going down the road or visiting the grandchildren in South Carolina. I'm very proud to be


a Mason and I'm not afraid to tell anyone about Masonry.

On my travels this Summer, I drove through eight states. We traveled over 3,500 miles. I saw ONE Masonic emblem on the back of ONE car. Thousands of cars and only ONE vehicle. I wish I could have stopped and shook that Brother's hand.

I think I'm going to write some letters to these eight states and send them some emblems to put on their cars. I would like to see every Brother who reads this article have a Masonic emblem on his car. Maybe someone would ask how to get an emblem like that to put on their car. This just might get us a new Brother in Masonry. Thanks for listening!

Remember, 1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:30 p.m.

District Deputy Grand Master
 Livingston District



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Welcome back. We have had a very busy Summer this year starting with St. John's Day in Utica.

On July 30th, Livingston District had a great Summer Picnic at Ricky Green Park in Conesus. V.: W.: Harry DeHollander came the farthest to

join 39 people and share the day with games, food and fellowship. Everyone had a great time.

We lost a few brothers to the Supreme Architect this Summer and they will be sadly missed by us all! If there were one Ritual that I would like to see done a lot less, it would be the Masonic Funeral.

I sincerely hope that we will keep the widows and families of these Brothers in our Family of Masonry. They should always know they are still in our family.

We are starting a new year and, as District Deputy Grand Master, I hope you are all ready and as excited as I am to carry on our plans. I would like all my Brothers to know that if they need any assistance from the Livingston District Grand Lodge Officers, our Team will be available. R.: W.: Rick Howe, R.: W.: Roy Moses, and I are at your disposal. Please feel free to call!

Masters, don't forget there is a lot expected from all of us these next two years. Please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions. We might be able to find an answer.



Nearly 40 people attended the Livingston District Summer picnic at Ricky Green Park in Conesus. Everyone had a great time with games, fine food and fellowship.


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As I sit writing this article on a pleasant Summer evening, I am struck by the fact that the season is nearly over. Pre-season football is on TV, the little ones are filling the stores with their parents looking for school supplies and the Masonic year is upon us.

The Grand Lodge officers and AGLs just met with the Grand

Lecturer about this year's Programs. Lodge committees should have been meeting to plan their programs for the 225th celebration and re-dedication. By the time you read this, R.: W.: Richard Trescott and I will have met with the Masters in the District for the purpose of discussing our respective Trestleboards and expectations for the ensuing year. It's shaping up to be a very busy Autumn.

The Lodges should have been planning for a church service on September 10th along with a meal and program for the purpose of presenting the flag of our country to groups in your town. Each Lodge should also have been planning for the re-dedication of their respective Lodges. Remember, it is expected that the First, Second, and Master Mason Degree obligations and the Third Degree Charge be re-affirmed by all

Brethren. Also, remind each Brother to bring their Bible because each will be stamped and signed by the Master and Secretary.

I am asking all Masters to think about making arrangements for an educational program for each Lodge meeting. It does not have to be long (about 10 minutes). Grand Master Bidnick has made it quite clear that his term will be about education. Let's get on board and set to work educating ourselves and our Brethren about what it means to be a Freemason.

I will be traveling with R.: W.: Trescott to all his official visits. We hope to get them wrapped up during the first couple of months so we may focus our energies on assisting the District in other areas.

Howe, Grand Steward

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The *Masonic Development Course* (MDC) and *Road to the East* (RTTE) programs are scheduled. Please be encouraged to attend, as they are very informative. Also, it is not too late to sign up for the *Individual Development Course*. This is a great course that will even serve you in your vocation. I hope your Summer was enjoyable and look forward to seeing each of you out in quarries.

Eunice Lodge

No. 830

1st Thursdays
7:30 p.m.



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W.: Lynn Pease

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Summer is almost over and it's time to get back to our work. It is exciting to be sitting in the East again and I'm looking forward to continuing the hard

work that has occurred before me.

Many thanks to W.: Derek Howlett and his line for the tremendous work they did last year. Thanks, in advance, to the men who are in my line this year. I would like to increase our role in the community this year and we will be forming a more active committee to that end.

We have the 225th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of New York celebration as well as updating our Lodge By-Laws to finish as well.

Commencing on a solemn note, if you haven't already heard, the Great Architect called R.: W.: Francis Oberer to his side during the Summer. Fran had been a pillar of the community and this Lodge for many years. He leaves many lasting friendships and legacies. I know that members of the Lodge looked up to Fran for guidance; his knowledge of Masonic information was an endless resource. We had a wonderful showing of Brotherhood and respect at the Masonic Funeral and I thank all of you who attended in honoring his memory.

If you are interested in contributing, R.: W.: Allen Roggen

is in the process of organizing specific donations in Fran's honor.

Because of the vacancy left by Fran's passing, I have appointed W.: Lynn Pease as the Secretary Pro-Tem for the ensuing year. R.: W.: Gene Hill has accepted the appointment of Senior Deacon to fill the vacancy left by W.: Pease.

Our major Summer fundraiser at the Geneseo Air Show was a success. Thanks to the leadership of Brother Rick Lafave and W.: Floyd Manley, the food stand brought in close to \$4000 profit for the Lodge.

We couldn't have had a successful event if not for the hard work of: W.: Lynn Pease and Brothers Brian Pease, Gus Kovalik, Paul Koksivick, Troy Jeffers, Don Gallagher and Travis Cody. Also, thanks to Lynn's wife, Floyd's grandson, and Paul's son for helping out.

The next communication will be Thursday, September 7th and I would like members to call at least one Brother on the phone list that hasn't come to Lodge in a while and invite him to join us. We will have a light dinner beforehand at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

I will be sending more information to you about our Trestleboard for the year in the September newsletter, as some dates and events are not completely firm. I am planning the Master's Steak Roast for the first Thursday of October; more information will be coming.

I'm hopeful that you had a successful Summer and are looking forward to getting together for the benefit of the Craft. I hope to see you along the way.

Union Lodge

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

No. 45



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Summer is over and it's back to our labors. September 14th and 28th will be regular meetings. Thank you to the Trustees for taking the time to look at our furniture.

The chicken barbecue was a success. We made around \$650; my goal was \$1,000. Maybe next year! Thank you to all the Brothers that helped out! The day was perfect, except it seemed no one was in town between 4 and 6 p.m. I think our cause was weakened by the Caledonia Fair and by not having a charcoal pit on the street. I am selling off the cooked half chickens for \$3 each.

The 225th anniversary is fast approaching! I would like to have a joint celebration with Union Star Lodge. We had September 16th scheduled but the Honeoye Falls Training Grounds aren't available. We are now shooting for September 23rd. We need to have a meeting to touch base with the Brothers. We also need to know if the flags will be delivered on time.

Our new Officers are:
Master **Joe Shanks**
Sr. Warden **Mike Grady**
Jr. Warden **Ron Manning**
Secretary **Jim Slocum**
Treasurer **Bruce Whitmore**
Sr. Deacon **Jim Smith**
Jr. Deacon **Ray Dreimiller**
Marshal **Duane Sisson**
Sr. MC **Joe Rosica**
Jr. MC **Dwight Slocum**
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District Deputy Grand Master

Ontario/Seneca/Yates
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Welcome back to Masonic labor, Brothers! I trust you all had an enjoyable Summer. I toured Sweden from Aug 5-14 and visited the Grand Lodge of Sweden. Unfortunately, they are dark, as we are, in the Summer and I missed the opportunity to see a Swedish First Degree by one day! I will post some pictures of their Grand Lodge building on our website: www.osydistrict.org.

The newly appointed Grand Lodge District team is as follows: R.: W.: David Locke, DDGM; R.: W.: Ed Carris, GDC; V.: W.: Bill Valois and V.: W.: Tom Good, AGLs. We look forward to doing all we can to advance Masonry in the O/S/Y District.

Our Grand Master and his team have given us plenty to work on in the form of an acronym: CCER=M (Communications, Community Involvement, Education, and Ritual = Members). Your GL District team hopes to make progress in each of these areas in the coming year.

Communications

The Webmaster for the District Communications and website, www.osydistrict.org, is Brother Ken Hall. The first order of business in this area is to complete the Communications Survey that will capture email addresses and other information necessary to begin using electronic means of communications (comms).

In this way, the District as a whole, and each Lodge, can save significant mailing costs and improve the timeliness of comms overall. Please send your email address to David Locke at dwlocke@rochester.rr.com.

I assure you, it will not be used to fill your inbox with "noise" but rather to keep you informed of newsworthy notifications. Grand Lodge sends up to ten emails a day but I will "filter" and/or direct you to our website: www.osydistrict.org.

Community Involvement

Your District Public Relations and Involvement contact is Brother Clayton Ruggles.

The 225th Anniversary of Masonry in New York State affords us a wonderful community involvement opportunity. R.: W.: Jim Sullivan, Grand Lecturer, is heading up the 225th Anniversary Celebration efforts. He recently called for all Lodges of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York to participate in an In-Lodge Re-dedication Program during the month of September.

The purpose is to return each of us to that spirit of dedication which stirred us all when we first took our Degrees. It is imperative that an extremely careful and thorough job be done in the matter of inviting members who do not attend Lodge on a regular basis to participate in our 225th Anniversary Celebration and In-Lodge Re-dedication Program. Certainly, a special form of written or printed invitation should be sent to the entire membership. Personal contact should be freely employed. Elderly brethren should be escorted to and from the Lodge on this occasion.

Education

Your District Education and Leadership Development contact is Brother Jim Rice. In addition, Education is a special area of focus for your Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.: W.: Ed Carris. You will hear from him soon on the new Masonic Education series consisting of a new *Leadership Development Course* (LDC-8), *Masonic Development Course* (MDC) and *Individual Development Course* (IDC), plus *Road to the East*. Stay tuned to www.osydistrict.org.

Ritual

Your District Assistant Grand Lecturers V.: W.: Bill Valois and V.: W.: Tom Good are your contacts for all matters pertaining to Ritual. They want to be

informed of your Degree planning and preparation and to be invited to rehearsals. Ritual is another area that evokes strong feelings among Masons, as obviously our Ritual contains the core of who we are. You will also soon hear from your AGLs. They will be hosting mini-conventions to tackle Degrees, lectures, portions of Ritual and perhaps even the Memorial Service.

Membership

Your District Membership contact is R.: W.: Eldon White. Educating the public about Masonry and the people you meet can go a long way in attracting members. Every Brother should be able to give the 60-second "elevator pitch" to non-Masons.

This "pitch" was provided in the most recent issue of the *Empire State Mason* (ESM) on a tear-out card. I hear many Brothers comment on our own member's lack of knowledge of our Craft.

Preparing to put on an open house or Brother Bring-a-Friend (BBF) program (in Masonic terminology) is an excellent way to get both new and old Brothers up to speed. Your O/S/Y District team will be strongly urging, encouraging and helping every Lodge in the District in putting on a Masonic Open House (public facing terminology). R.: W.: Eldon White is working on ideas for holding Open House programs.

A team of Brothers from across the State has developed the Masonic Compact, which was also in the last issue of ESM. Your O/S/Y District team will be presenting the Masonic Compact at visits to the Lodges. We need to publish the Masonic Compact and use it often, especially Open House programs.

For more information about Grand Lodge, O/S/Y District, and Lodge news, events, and schedules please visit: <http://www.osydistrict.org>.

Please send your email to dwlocke@rochester.rr.com to be added to your Lodge and the O/S/Y District email lists.

Enjoy the Citysm

Ark Lodge

No. 33, F. & A.M.

3rd Wednesdays



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The members of Ark Lodge would like to welcome Brothers Victor Nelson, Michael Fults and Richard Lumpkin who have been raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. We want to thank the Shrine Degree Team for their impressive 3rd Degree. As it should always be, our new Brothers will long remember the beauty and majesty of the evening.

The 200th Anniversary Team has been hard at work getting Ark Lodge ready for this truly momentous occasion. We have set the date for September 8, 2007, at Club 86, Geneva, NY.

The themes for the evening will be, "A Lodge in Transition" and we will be honoring Dr. John Stelter for his many years of service to our community and Masonry. The Grand Line is expected to be in attendance. Tickets will be available soon.

Did You Know...? The Ark Lodge Charter was signed on September 2, 1807, by Grand Master Dewitt Clinton, who later became Governor of New York and builder of the Barge Canal, also known as "Clinton's Ditch."

Just a reminder Brothers, September 20th will be our first regular Communication.

Eagle

Lodge No. 619

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



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I am honored to have been installed as Master of Eagle Lodge No. 619 and am looking forward to re-opening Lodge in September. I hope everyone had a safe and relaxing Summer and are ready for a very busy Fall.

We are embarking on an aggressive fundraising effort this year. To be successful, we will need the time and skills of all our Brothers. We, as a Lodge, decided to try our hand at chicken barbeque fundraisers and I'm proud to report that on Saturday May 27th (Memorial Day Weekend) we had a resounding success. We exceeded our goals and also had a great opportunity for fellowship and fun.

The end of August and into September will start off with a flurry of activity.

By the time you receive this publication, we will have finished our August 26th Steak Roast fundraiser and have set our sights on the Chicken Barbeque fundraiser at Honeoye's Red Beard Festival, September 8th, 9th and 10th at Sandy Bottom Park. With the confidence and experience we gained in May, I'm sure (weather permit-

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Damascus News

Damascus Shrine Center No. 2

September 2006



LANCE WARD, POTENTATE

The Summer is almost over. It has been a great fun-filled Summer with many Shrine activities. In June, we had one of our most successful Hospital Golf Tournaments raising \$4000 for the Shriners Hospitals for Children. The Tournament took place at the Geneva Country Club on Seneca Lake with 70 Golfers and over 100 attending the awards dinner. A special thanks to Noble Gene Cox and Ill. Sirs Robert Anderson and Joseph Bourcy for organizing this event.

The next day, we let the public know why we are Shriners by introducing two of our hospital patients, Katie Walker and Zayne Callahan. They, along with Imperial Sir George Mitchell, Past Imperial Sir Raoul Frevel, Sr., Past Potentate Erwin Newell and Noble Mike Grady did a number of TV spots on local stations and a super presentation at Geneva Lakefront Ramada Inn. Believe me, no one left that presentation with a dry eye, and everyone had a new appreciation for why we are Shriners.

Lynn and I were then honored with over 200 Nobles, Ladies and Guests attending the Damascus Potentate's Reception held at the Ramada. A special thanks to Noble Bob Mattick and friend, Chip Arthur, for providing boat rides.

A great time was had by all through the efforts of our new Nobles Victor Nelson and Mike Fults of the Ramada and the MCs for the evening, Past Potentates Richard Henderson and Erwin Newell and Chief Rabban, Don Rose.

Lynn and I really appreciated the help of the Geneva Shrine Club Ladies who took care of the Hospitality Room food and decorations. I cannot thank the Brothers of Ark Lodge in Geneva enough for their donation of \$1000 to Shriners Hospitals for Children in my name.

Florida Trip

In July we went to the 132nd Imperial Session held in Tampa, Florida, to honor

Imperial Potentate Gary Dunwoody and Lady Wanda for a great past year and to welcome our new Imperial Potentate Nicholas Thomas. Although it was very hot, especially marching in the Parade, we got to cool down thanks to Noble Mark Ward and Lady Denise who held a super pool party and dinner at their Tampa home for all.

Later in the month, Chief Rabban Don Rose and I attended a New York-Ontario Shrine Association counterparts meeting at the Irem Shrine Center and Country Club in Dallas, Pennsylvania, where we shared ideas and plans for next year with the Divans of the other 10 Temples that make up our Shrine Association.

We ended the month with the Viking Dinner Cruise along with 50 Nobles and Ladies on beautiful Keuka Lake thanks

to Geneva Shrine Club Nobles Tom Burrall and Jack Snow.

Eric Trip

On August 6th, Lynn and I boarded the bus with twenty-three other Nobles and Ladies for Eric Hospital Day. A special wall plaque was unveiled for the generous contribution of almost One Million Dollars to the Hospital by Damascus Shrine Noble, Clinton Clark. The donation was presented by his nephew, Noble Paul Schenck, and his Lady Sandy. It was another great day for Damascus and our Hospitals.

Speaking of great days, I attended the Wheelers Ugly Run, and once again the Wheelers stepped up to the plate. They had a great event with over 100 bikes riding to raise money for our Hospitals.

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Lance and Lynn Ward are pictured here with Zayne Callahan, a Shriners Hospital patient. The 12-year-old violinist performed at the Damascus Potentate's Reception at the Geneva Lakeside Ramada Inn for 200 Shriners and their guests.



Katie Walker, a Shriners Hospital patient, performs at the gathering for a check presentation in Geneva during the Damascus Potentate's weekend, much to the delight of (from left) Past Imperial Sir Raoul Frevel, Sr., Imperial Sir George Mitchell and Damascus Potentate, Illustrrious Lance Ward.



Noble Sandy Wagner's son, Nicholas, holds the winner, a 3.25 lb. smallmouth bass, caught by Noble Dick DeCroce.



Hanging out at the 19th hole of the Damascus Duffers Hospital Golf Tournament were (from left), Past Imperial Sir Raoul Frevel, Sr., Imperial Sir George Mitchell and Illustrrious Lance Ward.

Damascus Shriners

Sept 16, 2006

Damascus Shriner's Gun Raffle

From 4:00PM to 5:00PM

The proceeds of this raffle will go to Damascus Shrine Center to help offset operating costs. The raffles tickets are 20.00 each. The Shrine Center will open at 1:00PM and food and beverages will be served all day. 50/50 raffles will continue throughout the day until closing at 5:00PM.

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Potentate

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A tip of the fez to President Noble Andy Reuby and all the Wheelers who helped raise over \$2800. They also held the Motorcycle Raffle which I am very happy to say has raised approximately \$5000 dollars for our Center's operations. Thank you chairman, Assistant Rabban Larry Canfield, and Lady Ellie for job well done.

Along with the end of the Summer comes change in some of our operations. For those of you who were not at our June meeting, we decided to use the *Masonic Times* as our monthly newsletter. I thank Noble Pedro Ugalde for the great job he has done as editor of the newsletter for the past year. The reason behind the change is, as always, economics. We will save the Temple approximately \$6000 per year by using the *Masonic Times* instead of publishing our own newsletter.

I have also received the resignation of our Oriental Guide, Oscar Wilson, whose occupational commitments prevent him from completing his term. Oscar has agreed to remain on the Divan as an Aide and will continue to manage the Center's Oasis. I have appointed Noble Richard Ponticello to fill the remaining term as

Oriental Guide. Please give him your support for I know he will do a great job.

As we move into Fall, mark your calendars for our next meeting, September 6th. This meeting will be open to ladies and guests for a special presentation by Ron Kamp, Director of Development and Communications, of the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory. The program, starting at 7:00 p.m., has been arranged by our 2nd Ceremonial Master, Joseph Shanks. Dinner will be provided by the Legion of Honor as a fundraiser, starting at 6:00 p.m., with reservations a must.

On September 16th we will hold our 1st Annual Sportsman's Raffle at the Center from 1-5 p.m. with music, food and great prizes all for the price of a \$20 raffle ticket. Please call the office to get your tickets. Next, come and meet your new Imperial Potentate, Nicholas Thomas, at NYOSA's Fall session to be held in Niagara Falls, Canada, September 28th - October 1st. This is your chance to hear from your Imperial Potentate and three of his Officers. All Nobles and their Ladies are welcome. It will be a fun-filled weekend. The NYOSA registration forms and cost can be found on their web page: <http://www.nyosa.org>.

Finally, don't forget our train trip to Old Forge in October.

Thank you for a great Summer. ☘

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New Cap Stones

In September, I am going to put in the first order for the engraved caps to go on the front wall, which we are replacing. The response has been good so far. The next order will be placed in the Spring. We are still looking for more interested Nobles, so get your order in.

Membership

A reminder that the membership fee to join the Shrine is still waived until the end of the year, so let's get out there and get the petitions into the hands of some new prospects. There is no better time than right now to join and to make our membership strong again.

I hope everybody had an enjoyable Summer; I know the weather has been warm but it sure beats the alternative.

The meal for the September meeting will be a spaghetti and meatballs dinner, put on by the Legion of Honor Unit. Let me tell you, these guys know how to cook! Just look at the size of some of them. It should be good, so get your reservations in early and, as you know, if you do not call in your reservations, you eat last. The meeting is an open meeting. The speaker is from the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory in Utica.

Another good program is scheduled for the October meeting, when we will meet one of our patients who was treated at the Hospital in Erie. It will be a required meeting for all of the new members.

I look forward to seeing you at our September meeting. ☘



SHRINE LUNCH CLUB

By James Toogood, President

The first meeting for the new season will be on Monday, September 18th, which is Ladies' Day. Reservations are required because we are having a catered lunch. Please call (585) 671-3565 - the reservation hotline - by noon on Friday, September 15th if you plan to attend. The menu will be Ziti, Dinner Salad, Garlic Bread and Dessert.

Nobles and their Ladies with reservations will be served first; without a reservation, you may not eat! The guest speaker is Ronald Nesbitt, Supervisor of the Town of Webster.

We plan to continue the practice of having the Shrine Lunch Club Ladies' Day the third Monday of each month. ☘



Zayne Callahan and his father, George, along with Potentate Lance Ward prepare to board boat for trip on Seneca Lake, part of the festivities of the Potentate's Weekend in June.

Wheelers at Camp Turk

By Rick (PONTI) Ponticello

Andy Rueby, President



It didn't take long to assemble twenty-one motorcycles and two cars in the parking lot of the Shrine Center for the trip to Camp Turk. Saturday, August 5th, will go down in the Shrine memory banks as a perfect summer day worthy of sun tanning lotion, two wheels, and yet another destination for the Wheelers. Skins will agree to the tanning lotion. Just one look at the Rudolf-nose he was sporting told the story of the perfect sunny day and 300 miles on a motorcycle.

The anticipation or anxiety was high for the 9 a.m. departure. The riders were gathered early scoping out each other's bikes. There was a new Gold Wing and a trike with three wheels taking part on this adventure. The bikes were all gassed up with just a couple of exceptions and then we were off. The CB radio crackled out instructions, pointing out which lane to be in, and Ron Bryant, with the police bike and red flashing lights, blocked the traffic as we departed for Camp Turk.

Forming a staggered line with proper spacing, the ride began. The smells of Summer filled your lungs as we passed farmland and dairy pastures. Those that ride know what I mean; those that don't, let your imagination take over. A dairy farm has its own unique smell.

Bruce assumed his usual position up front, riding the black and chrome chariot, with his sidekick Skins and Lady Debbie next to him leading the way to Camp Turk. The long line of bikes stretched out and, from my place back in the pack, it looked beautiful.

After about an hour of goose bumps from the pride in this ride, we needed a gas and coffee break. A stop at a quick fill was in order. I felt sorry for the poor fellow at the stop when 21 bikes pulled

in for gas and coffee. This was his busiest day in a long time. He was a good sport when he realized we were Shriners and that we were just passing through.

The break didn't last very long when you heard Harry DeHollander bellow out, "come on people, lets get focused...they start serving at noon." The balance of the ride was uneventful, as we were comforted with the sounds and sights of the Wheelers on the road, enjoying yet another adventure.

That calming effect was shattered when Ron Bryant pulled off onto the main road entering Camp Turk. The sounds of throttle seemed to reverberate off the trees. As we rolled down the winding, undulating back stretch of the Camp, anybody within earshot knew the Wheelers were entering the Camp. Sirens and flashing lights announced the arrival of the Damascus Wheelers.

Camp Turk is a sight to behold, for those who haven't had the pleasure. I won't soon forget the view of Round Lake from the altar of that little church nestled in the woods. We Masons can be proud of what our fathers did to preserve this spot for posterity.

Lunch was great, with plenty to eat, and the facilities were just beautiful. As we departed, we formed a single line and filed past the baseball diamond, with a game well in progress. Both teams stopped and waved good-bye as the Wheelers departed Camp Turk with horns sounding and sirens blaring...until next year.

Just a side note: My Lady Sandy and I felt very alone when we arrived back in Rochester. We were now riding solo after 300 miles of laughter and fun. Saying good by to our friends one at a time as they arrived at their exits. I would usually count down the people left in the line, and the last two riders would here me say, "and then there was one." Sandy and I scooted home...with memories that will last a lifetime.



By Derek E. VanHouten, PP

Saturday August 5th was a wonderful day when 21 bikes and 2 cars journeyed East to attend the Grand Master's Day at Camp Turk and enjoy each others company on a beautiful Summer day. We met at the Shrine Center and headed out Route 104, picking up more riders along the way. I considered myself "Tail End Charlie" as, driving my van, I shared the back of the pack with Mike Rapson and Lady Fern in their car.

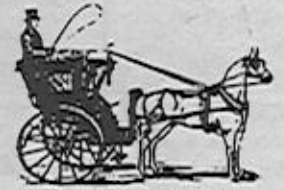
It was a beautiful sight. The 21 bikes were like an undulating snake as we rode over hills and vales, through the rural countryside and small villages, and around crystal blue lakes on our 157-plus mile trip to the Adirondacks. As I watched these Brothers and Nobles with their Ladies another thought came to mind: here were the knights of the road astride their iron horses heading for a far land where nourishment and drink awaited them. To look up the long line of bikes and to be considered a part of this group of friends made my day.

Along the north shore of Oneida Lake we met kindred spirits of at least 300 bikes escorted by a local sheriff on their way to a March of Dimes' event in Syracuse. We had the talents of Ron Bryant, who served as our unofficial escort.

Many who were with us had never been to Camp Turk. I know they were very impressed with the sights that greeted them. It really is a gem that we Masons have. I thought there must have been 600 or 800 family members and Campers in attendance.

It took us about an hour to go through the line for the chicken barbeque. They had a large tent set up in front of the dining hall where the long tables accommodated most everyone.

Round Lake was crystal clear and the blue sky added to this most perfect day. Next year, maybe, we can get double the number of riders and have even more fun. Thanks for letting me ride with you WHEELERS!!



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Ugly Run attendance and financial success Fourth Annual expected to be bigger and better yet!

It was a beautiful sunny day with lots of good fellowship and more than 150 bikes participating in the 3rd Annual "Ugly Run." The accompanying photos show some of them, and the people involved. The riders left at noon for their trek, which took them to Shannon's at Sodus Point, Tom Jones' (TJs) in Lyons, the VFW in Phelps and the VFW in Palmyra.

Starting with a card from the Shrine Center, each rider picked up a card at each stop, including one upon their arrival back in Webster. The best poker hand won the pot. Approximately \$2,800 was raised for the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Get ready for the Wheeler's next big event, the Halloween Party in October!

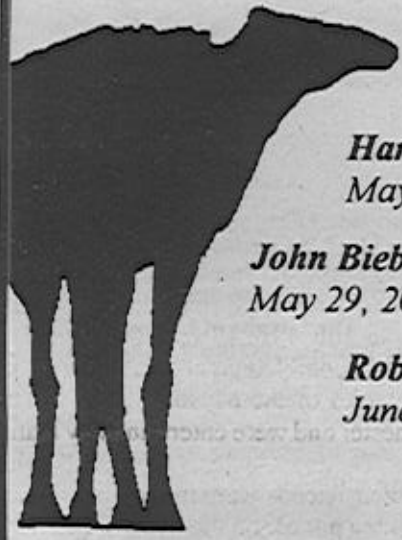


September Shriner and Shrine Center Scheduled Events Calendar						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5 Clown Unit	6 6:00 p.m. Shrine Meeting	7	8	9 Child ID and Fair for Arthritic Children
10 <i>ERAC Lodge Ecumenical Services - 225th Anniversary of Grand Lodge</i>	11 <i>ERAC Lodge</i>	12 <i>Valley-Simes Lodge Primary Election 12 Noon - 9:00 p.m.</i>	13 Legion of Honor Past Commanders' Night	14 <i>Fame Lodge</i>	15	16 Sportsman Raffle
17	18 Shrine Lunch Club Ladies Day Auburn Shrine Club'	19 <i>Craftsman Robertson Lodge</i>	20 <i>Lalla Rookh Grotto</i>	21 <i>Valley of Rochester</i>	22	23 <i>Private Wedding</i>
24	25 <i>ERAC Lodge Geneva Shrine Club'</i>	26 Wheelers'	27 Directors Staff	28 <i>Fame Lodge Perry Shrine Club' NYOSA'</i>	29 NYOSA'	30 NYOSA'

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

Data current as of August 18, 2006

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for June and July**

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6/2	600	William Smith	\$25.00
6/3	396	James Pipher	\$20.00
6/4	566	Celis Raynor	\$20.00
6/5	580	Nancy Estes	\$20.00
6/6	771	Damascus Shrine	\$30.00
6/7	398	Joshua Markley	\$20.00
6/8	233	Chris Rueby	\$25.00
6/9	194	Erica Wells	\$50.00
6/10	610	Roz Rice	\$20.00
6/11	489	John Faro	\$20.00
6/12	952	Peter Whitbeck	\$20.00
6/13	760	Delores Taylor	\$20.00
6/14	784	Kate Foshee	\$20.00
6/15	123	Dorothy Boucher	\$20.00
6/16	514	Richard Day	\$20.00
6/17	362	Dave Delaney	\$20.00
6/18	51	Roland St Louis	\$20.00
6/19	915	Angelo Dipataldo	\$20.00
6/20	7	Deanne Porter	\$20.00
6/21	392	Kathleen Demaria	\$30.00
6/22	887	Nicholas Day	\$30.00
6/23	181	PJ Dabbracci	\$20.00
6/24	951	Damascus Shrine	\$20.00
6/25	247	Herb Fitch	\$25.00
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6/27	854	Dean Smith Jr	\$20.00
6/28	602	Holly Poormon	\$20.00
6/29	483	Ron Godin	\$50.00
6/30	346	George Englert	\$20.00
7/1	694	Victoria Wasserman	\$20.00
7/2	891	Edward Gilbert	\$20.00
7/3	937	Melanie Funk	\$20.00
7/4	63	Roy Moses	\$500.00
7/5	195	Sam Stepanovich	\$20.00
7/6	223	Matt Collom	\$20.00
7/7	820	Jim Boyer	\$20.00
7/8	763	Joseph Jarvis	\$25.00
7/9	291	William Hudson	\$20.00
7/10	886	Lance Ward	\$20.00
7/11	913	Fred Cornell	\$20.00
7/12	4	Joe Foley	\$30.00
7/13	394	Shirley Wells	\$20.00
7/14	55	Dave Balcom	\$20.00
7/15	169	Julie Curtis	\$20.00
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7/24	539	Linda Lambert	\$20.00
7/25	52	Damascus Shrine	\$30.00
7/26	970	Diana Powell Kerry	\$50.00
7/27	513	Mathew Wasson	\$20.00
7/28	148	Darleen Orman	\$20.00
7/29	432	Barbara Minas	\$20.00
7/30	470	Dorothy Saber	\$25.00
7/31	520	Norris Shapiro	\$40.00

DIRECTORS STAFF

By Vance Collum

I hope everyone had a good Summer and enjoyed the good weather, picnics and parades. Director Lee Collier had the D.S. Fire Truck out to the parades. It was polished up and looked great as usual. All Nobles are welcome to come out to our next meeting. If you have ever wanted to help and join in the fun of putting on some of the skits during Degree night, come out and visit one of the meetings. The next meeting will be September 27th at DiPacific's Restaurant, corner of Routes 96 and 332 in Farmington. Cash bar at 5:30 p.m. and dinner served at 6:30 p.m. You can order off the menu and enjoy a good meal and fellowship. Until next time, God Bless.

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2) If you would like a \$3.00 discount on the tickets yourself, return your check for the number of discount tickets you would like and we will forward your coupon(s) to you to be redeemed at the War Memorial.

See you at the Circus

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Please distribute the tickets to the children and adults for me. Please send me coupon(s) for a \$3.00 discount off each ticket, which I have to redeem at the War Memorial.

CIRCUS NEWS

Advance sale circus tickets will be available for Nobles to purchase at the September 6th meeting. The discounts will be the same as always, so bring extra cash, checks or charge cards. Everything is coming together and the circus will be here before we know it. Please plan on working whenever you can. On November 2nd the novelty room will be getting the toys and booths ready the popcorn room will be in full swing. November 3rd, 4th and 5th will be the days when we can use the most help (many hands make light work), so please mark your calendar and join the fun.



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Annual Gift Campaign

By Derek VanHouten, PP

The Shriners Annual Gift Campaign has been ongoing for a year now and it will continue to be available to you in the future. The purpose of the campaign is to give every Shriner the opportunity to be personally involved in funding the operations of Shriners Hospitals for Children each year, thus securing our legacy of providing expert medical care to children, conducting world-class research and teaching future generations of caregivers.

Why is there a need? One of the great myths in the Shrine is that our Hospitals have all the money they need. However, our endowment fund, while substantial, is not sufficient to completely fund the 22 hospitals going forward.

Historically, unrestricted monetary gifts are less than 5 percent of our total budget. At this rate, we are unable to adequately grow our endowment fund. We MUST increase our annual contributions. The need for Shriners' support has never been greater.

Contributions can be as little as \$100 per year, which can be broken into quarterly payments. Additional information is available in brochures, which can be obtained from the Shrine Office, or drop a note to Derek E. VanHouten, 2867 Chili Ave. Rochester, NY 14624.

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LEGION OF HONOR

By Sy Kopen, PP

The Legion of Honor meeting for September will be held with the Ladies and Members of Ismailia Shrine of Buffalo. The meeting will be dinner at the Red Osier Landmark Restaurant, 6492 Main Street (Route 5), Stafford, NY.

All are welcome, so join us on September 13th. Cocktails at 6:00 p.m.; Dinner at 7:00 p.m. Call the Shrine Reservation Line - 671-3565 - to add your name(s).

SHRINEABILIA

By Derek VanHouten, PP

I find that life can be very interesting when discovering history and your part in it. Since we started this column, various Nobles from time to time will bring forth material worthy of developing a story from which we all can benefit.

In the past we have talked about the Imperial Session that was held in Rochester in 1911, and I believe we had a post card from that time period.

Just recently I came across some notes that my Grandfather had kept pertaining to that episode and I will share them with you. I knew he was a Shriner, but did not know when he became one or anything about the Shrine at that time.

In one of his early diaries he writes: "1911- (a side note) my father was born at 11:45 a.m., July 23rd of 1911. Later in life he became a member of Warren C. Hubbard Lodge. Now back to the original story. On April 20th 1911, my grandfather was made a 32nd Degree Mason and, on May 3rd, a Shriner in Damascus Temple. July 11th, 12th, and 13th the Imperial Council, Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine met in Rochester and were entertained by Damascus Temple. At least 70,000 Nobles and their friends were in the City. There was a big parade on the night of the 11th. It was the grandest parade Rochester ever had. The Uniformed Patrols wore gorgeous costumes. Most of those not uniformed wore dress suits and fezzes. It took 1 hour and 25 minutes to pass a given point."

This was all he wrote, but I hope that you get a flavor of the times in 1911.

Again, if any of you have a similar story from family members or friends about the early days of Damascus, get them to me, or call, and we'll share them in SHRINEABILIA.

discovered what Sakina was born with has been more than enough to compensate for her missing limb.

"The only time people even notice she has only one hand is when she comes to bat," says Kelly Kowal, the Titans' second baseman. "And she gets the job done there, too."

At the plate, Sakina wears a prosthetic on her left arm. A strap extending around her back and shoulder helps hold it in place.

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**Shriners: A Tip of the Fez
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**OCTOBER 4TH
PROGRAM**

Every Noble should mark their calendar now and plan on attending the October Shrine meeting. A patient of the Eric Hospital, Sakina Smith, is scheduled to be the guest speaker for the evening. If you would like more information, read the story below. It was reprinted from the May 24th *Democrat and Chronicle*. Come see and hear this remarkable young lady's first-person experiences. As usual, reservations are required for supper. Call the Hot Line - 671-3565 - to make your reservation, now.

STORY BY Scott Pitoniak STAFF WRITER

Like former one-handed major-league baseball players Jim Abbott and Pete Gray, Sakina Smith mastered the rapid transfer of ball from glove to hand at an early age. The Webster Thomas High School softball player does it so naturally and so quickly that if you blink your eye, you won't even notice that her catching hand and her throwing hand are one and the same. "She gets the ball in faster than most players with two hands," marvels Kelly Burns, one of Sakina's teammates on the Titans Junior Varsity softball team.

She does many things better than her two-handed peers.

And that's not by accident.

Her parents raised her to believe that anything's possible, despite being born without a left hand and forearm sixteen years ago.

"We've learned how powerful the mind and spirit can be," says her father, Tim Smith. "We've made sure we never used words like disability or handicap around her. We always told her she could do anything anyone else could."

Including play softball.

"I've been involved in either softball or baseball since I was about 4 or 5," says Sakina, who was the starting rightfielder for the Thomas JV's this spring. "My big brothers (23-year-old Turiq and 20-year-old Idris) got me interested. It was a family tradition that was passed on to me."

Sakina's performance for the 10-1 Titans earned her a promotion to varsity, which begins sectional play at 4:30 this afternoon against Iron-dequoit at home. "She is so deserving," says Thomas JV coach Emily Miller. I had 16 kids on my team and none of them worked harder than Sakina. Her teammates love her. She is shy and doesn't say a lot, but she knows how to lead by example."

Zestean Smith was about five months pregnant with Sakina when she watched a television show about kids dealing with a variety of challenges, including congenital amputation.

"It was amazing to see what they were able to do," she recalls. "That show would wind up inspiring me once Sakina was born. It kind of was God's way of reminding us that we should focus on making the best of what we have rather than worrying about what we don't have."

While the absence of a left hand and forearm obviously was a shocking revelation to her parents, they have since

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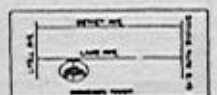
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Sakina Smith

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During a recent victory against Hilton, she managed two bunt singles and a walk in four plate appearances. Each time Sakina reached first base, she removed the artificial limb and handed it to her first base coach as if it were nothing more than a protective shin guard. Sakina's younger brother, 12-year-old Amean, retrieved the prosthesis and returned it to her equipment bag.

Like her favorite player, New York Yankees shortstop Derek

Jeter, Sakina is an astute and aggressive base runner.

"She has great instincts," Miller says. "She knows when to steal and when to take an extra base on a hit. She rarely makes mental errors."

Softball is one of many passions. Sakina played guard for the Thomas JV basketball team last winter and plays trombone and tuba in the school band.

Sakina also excels in the classroom. She is a straight-A student and has been named an Urban League Scholar and earned na-

tional honors in chemistry.

She has thought about going to college to become a forensic scientist, but she may choose a different path.

"I'm thinking about maybe becoming a prosthetic maker," says Sakina, who has used different prosthetics from the Shriners Hospital in Erie, Pa., since she was about 8 months old.

"I had a chance to design one that helped me with the slide (on the trombone). I think it would be cool to be able to help other people with the same challenges

as me."

Such talk is music to her Mom's ears.

"Long ago, I told Sakina that regardless what she chooses to do in life, she will always be a teacher," Zestean says. "Not a teacher in the traditional classroom sense, but rather a teacher in life. By living her life to the fullest, without any limitations, she is educating all of us about how powerful the mind and spirit can be."

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Taxes! Taxes! Taxes!

By Tom Michielsen

Summer is about over, the children are thinking of school days and renewing friendships, and it is time to again resume our labors. Our Representatives in Congress and the various State assemblies have again changed the tax laws, some for the better; some for the worse.

Organizations that provide seller-funded, down-payment assistance to home buyers do not qualify as tax-exempt charities, the Internal Revenue Service said in a ruling released May 4th.

Down-payment-assistance programs provide cash assistance to homebuyers who cannot afford to make the minimum down payment or pay the closing costs involved in obtaining a mortgage. Such programs can qualify as tax-exempt charitable and educational organizations under Internal

Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) when properly structured and operated.

The ruling makes it clear that seller-funded programs are not charities because they do not meet the requirements of Section 501(c)(3). Increasingly, the IRS has found that organizations claiming to be charities are being used to funnel down-payment assistance from sellers to buyers through self-serving, circular-financing arrangements.

In a typical scheme, there is a direct correlation between the amount of the down-payment assistance provided to the buyer and the payment received from the seller. Moreover, the seller pays the organization only if the sale closes, and the organization usually charges an additional fee for its services.

"The IRS is increasingly concerned with organizations that are taking advantage of homebuyers who need assistance for a down payment to realize the American dream of home-ownership," said IRS Commissioner

Mark W. Everson. "So-called charities that manipulate the system do more than mislead honest homebuyers and ultimately jack up the cost of the home. They also damage the image of honest, legitimate charities."

Two tax law changes became effective in 2006 for estate and gift taxes. The annual exclusion for gifts made is now \$12,000, an increase of \$1,000 from last year's \$11,000 exclusion. The unified credit, which can be used to reduce or eliminate estate tax, rose to \$780,800, up from \$555,800.

Hoping to encourage higher savings and more banking, the IRS will create a new program to allow taxpayers who use direct deposit to divide their refunds in up to three financial accounts.

A new form, Form 8888, will give taxpayers a choice of selecting up to three accounts such as checking, savings and retirement accounts. Taxpayers who want all their refund de-

posited directly into one account can still use the appropriate line on the Form 1040 series. The program will take effect in January 2007.

Businesses, particularly when they hire additional workers to help them meet increased demand for their goods or services, must make sure they treat their workers properly to make sure everyone can meet their tax obligations.

Most workers fall into two categories: independent contractors and common-law employees. The main factor a business must use in determining how to classify its workers is the degree of control the business has over its worker. The more control the business has over a worker; the more likely they are an employee rather than an independent contractor.

After increased complaints, the Internal Revenue Service reminds taxpayers to be on the lookout for bogus emails claiming to be from the tax agency. These emails are designed to trick the recipients into disclosing personal and financial information that could be used to steal identities and financial assets. The Internal Revenue Service does not send out unsolicited emails asking for personal information.

Upcoming calendar year taxpayer due dates:

Sept. 15	August Payroll Taxes Due
Sept. 15	Third Quarter Estimated Taxes Due
Sept. 20	Sales Tax Due

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Rich Funke

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nized with many notable awards. He received Distinguished Service and Morrie Silver Awards from the Press Radio Club. For a series on "Violence in Sports" (1981), he won an Emmy Award. He has received eight New York State broadcasting awards, ECAC Distinguished Service Award, New York State Football Association Award and he is a member of the Section V Football Hall of Fame and Chase Basketball Hall of Fame.

Despite his busy career, Rich supports the community with tremendous charitable activity. He has served on the Boards and continues to volunteer in the proceedings and events of Ronald McDonald House, Cancer Action, and Eddie Meath Penny Fund. Rich generously accepts the task of being MC at many charitable events...Golisano Children's Hospital Telethon, fundraising luncheons, dinners, golf tournaments, the Muscular Dystrophy Telethon, Cystic Fibrosis auctioneer, Spe-

cial Olympics, LPGA (on behalf of Rotary) and Rochester Press Radio Club, just to name a few.

Rich and his wife, Pat, suffered the loss of a child. Their son, Rich, overcame Hodgkin's Disease in his early twenties, graduated from college, married and had three children when he died suddenly from heart disease. Their daughter, Melissa, has 2 children. Since the tragic loss of their son, Rich and Pat are devoted to their grandchildren and often share time with other parents who have lost children. Rich admits he doesn't have the energy he used to, but says, "As long as I am able, I will continue to devote my time to the Hospital (which saved my son once), and to Camp Good Days and Cancer Causes to be able to find better treatments so the after-effects of treatment aren't so devastating."

This brief measure of the man selected to receive this year's Distinguished Community Service Award proves that the choice of the selection committee is a most worthy recipient of this recognition.



Scottish Rite NEWS

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Summer

Summer is nearing an end, school will be starting shortly, and a new Masonic year is beginning. My Summer was exciting as Sheryl and I were in the Czech Republic, primarily Prague, and in Rome, Italy. Ask me about the details of our adventures. I also attended the New York Council of Deliberation in Liverpool, outside of Syracuse.

Several things were announced during the Sessions. First, we were informed of a new exhibit being built at the National Heritage Museum in Lexington, Massachusetts. The exhibit is called "Seeds of Liberty" and will replace the current exhibit on Lexington during the Revolution. The members of the Valley General Committee and Finance Committee present at the Council agreed to pledge \$3,000 from the Valley to the exhibit. This was well received at the closing banquet.

Second, we received an honorable mention award for last year's Family Life Program. I would like to commend Past Sovereign Prince Reggie Reed and his team for all their efforts that lead to this award, and to Past Commander-in-Chief Bob Pedersen, 33°, for his support of the Family Life Program for last year.

This year we have started with the day at Frontier Field for Red Wings baseball and picnic, the family picnic at Camp DeMolay, and our night at PAETEC Park for a soccer game with the Rochester Raging Rhinos. In addition, the first of the Rite Night at the Movies was held at the Shrine Center. Watch for future dates and movies.

Third, our Masonic Education Fair held last March was selected as the best program of any Valley in the State. Those of us who attended can readily agree with this assessment. We will be holding the Second Annual Masonic Fair this coming March 30th and 31st.

Our first event received much recognition as well from the speakers. The event has been praised several times in the Philaethes Magazine and other places. Our intent is to hold a similar event every year.

Fourth, our Brother Larry Canfield received his Meritorious Service Award (MSA) at the awards banquet and Brother Gary Burke was elected to receive the MSA at next year's Council of Deliberation. Both brothers are to be commended for all their work for the Rite and Freemasonry in general.

About the time you read this, Supreme Council will have concluded and a new Sovereign

Grand Commander will have been elected. We do not know if Ill.: John William McNaughton, 33°, will be elected to continue as Sovereign Grand Commander or not. As you are aware, Brother McNaughton took the reigns of leadership upon the death of Ill.: Walter Weber, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander.

Website

The Valley website is undergoing major re-design. It is planned that the new site will be active before you receive this paper. The address is www.valleyofrochester.com. Please take a look and send any comments, or corrections, to me (or the office). We will attempt to keep the website up-to-date and useful for all our members. It will become the place to check for changes in the calendar and for breaking news about the Rite or Valley.

Coming Events

September will be a busy month, Masonically. The Grand Lodge "Day of Remembrance" will be held on Sunday, September 10th. Ask your Lodge Master about the details for your Lodge. For the Valley, our annual meeting and award night will be on Thursday, September 21st at the Shrine Center starting with a social hour at 5:30 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the program at 7:30 p.m. Be sure to make your dinner reservation and/or come to support our long-service Brethren and other award winners. We should have a very enjoyable evening together.

The next Rite Night at the Movies will be on Tuesday, September 26th at the Shrine Center. Sovereign Prince Mike McBride has an array of movies planned, including a kids movie, so families are encouraged to attend. The movies start at 7:30 p.m. and include popcorn and beverage.

Always remember, my Brothers, to support your Lodge and introduce the good men you know to our Ancient Craft. ✕

Blue Caps

By Jerold J. Gilmore

Hello, Blue Caps. I was asked to continue on with our news column, so as someone in past history put it, "I have returned." Because this article is being written for the Summer months, it contains a lot of history.

May 18th found me at our Summoned Consistory meeting at the Shrine Center where the "changing of the guard" took place. It brought to mind that old saying, "Out with the old, in with the new." On a humorous note, to celebrate his retirement, Mike Knolla tossed his hat in the air akin to high school graduation.

The new leaders are as follows: Lodge of Perfection, Thrice Potent Master Al Pulcino III, 32°; Princes of Jerusalem, Sovereign Prince Mike McBride, 32° DSA; Chapter Rose Croix, Most Wise Master Ken Howe, 32°; Consistory, Commander-in-Chief John Zabel, 33°.

Our new Commander-in-Chief was installed by his Dad, Ill.: Robert Zabel, 33°. Steve Whittaker, 33°, officiated the ceremonies and was assisted by Bob Pedersen, 33°.

The budget was presented and approved; a copy may be obtained by contacting the Consistory Office.

Commander Bob sent a letter indicating his choice for the Blue Caps for 2006. The Sublime Princes of the 32° DSA are as follows: G. Thomas Grape, Michael McBride, Joseph Minas and John Wihlen. Congratulations, Brothers; we're glad to have you on board.

Thanks to Greg Ludwig for all of the work he did for our June 15th picnic at the Shrine Center.

A Luncheon Meeting was held June 21st. Commander John Zabel talked enthusiastically about his upcoming trip to Europe and the places he and his wife, Sheryl, planned on visiting. Our new Blue Cap, Joe

Rite Events Calendar

See article for details

(All events at Shrine Center unless otherwise noted)

September 21st - Annual Meeting, Awards

5:30 p.m. Social, 6:30 p.m. Dinner
7:30 p.m. Meeting

September 30th - Country Outing, Clambake & BBQ

at Camp Morris
8321 Peckins Road, Wayland, NY

October 5th - Tishri - Table Lodge

October 14th - Walk for Dyslexia at Perinton Park

October 14th - Symbolic Lodge Awards Night

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

November 17 - 27th Degree (at Buffalo)

November 28th - Rite Nite at the Movies

December 7th - 4th and 7th Degrees

December 9th - Toys for Tots, Holiday Party

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

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Minas, was with us for his first meeting.

This has been a banner year for me. As your President, I want to thank you for the support. Thanks to Vice-President/Secretary, Bill Fredenburg, for making the many phone calls and sending the many cards to those who were ill. Bill Lindsay also gave me much needed support. Thanks for your friendship, Bill; I'm indebted to you.

John Williams handed out an updated Roster, which included our new Blue Caps. Thank you, John, for your helping hand.

New officers were elected for the coming year. Jim Slocum will be President and Dave Crawford will be Vice-President/Secretary. Good luck, Brothers. May we continue to forge ahead.

Our next Luncheon Meeting has been set for September 20th at 11:45 a.m. We shall continue to meet at Roncone's on East Avenue; please mark your calendars in case you miss a phone call alert.

May the Great Architect look kindly after each and every one of us. ✕

Scottish Rite Service Awards

The following Scottish Rite Brothers will be recognized for their many years of loyal service to the Rite, and continuing support for Scottish Rite Charities, at a dinner in their honor on Thursday, September 21st at the Shrine Center.

50 Years

Clifford E. Andrews
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55 Years

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Murray H. Weiss
60 Years
Melvin G. Wood
65 Years
Glynn I. Reynolds
John Somerset

"Each of these Brothers can look at our Learning Center, or our Museum of National Heritage, or the list of Abbott Scholarship winners, or the continuing progress being made in the treatment of schizophrenia, and say to himself - I helped make that happen," said Ill.: John Zabel, Commander-in-Chief, in his letter to the recipients. "You have much to be proud of." ✕

Tuesday Afternoon Bowling



It's that time of year again! A fine group of Brothers and their friends are getting ready to take to the lanes at Rose Garden Bowl in Bergen.

Brother Tom Sardou tells us he'll have the coffee brewed, and if you arrive before the 1 p.m. start, he'll even see to your order of a fine lunch prepared by the amiable Chef Harris.

This activity repeats most Tuesdays (except when holidays offset standard play) until next April. We'll also be looking

for enough bowlers to head for a weekend in April or May to wherever the State Masonic event will be hosted. Brother John Specht is planning to arrange our travel, lodging and entry fees as usual.

We welcome all comers!! Contact me, 352-1061; by email at: fmccullough2@rochester.rr.com if you need any details.

Our first day on the lanes is September 12th. See you then and there!! ✕

MSB Awards Grants to Scholars, Charities



Pictured above, are the Scholarship recipients attending the awards night, (front row from left): Lyndsey Steffen, Alyson Brown, Kimberly Kober, Stacie Hyde, Jennifer Smith, Aimee Stratton, Megan Hooper. (back row): Kristen Marrese, Nicholas Washburn, Levi Meyer, Eric Cornell, Nicholas Anderson, Jamie Allman, Shannon Geith. (Not pictured, but represented by her father, was Sarah Doty.)

By Jan Porter

Fifteen, \$1,000 scholarships were presented in June to Masonic-sponsored students. We received 27 applications; the job of Janet Porter, Gary Burke and Thelma Seuffert was to apply pre-established criteria and evaluation that determined who would receive the 15 available scholarships. This is not an easy job and I thank the Committee who reviewed, pondered and helped select the final recipients. I can't say winners, because all the applicants are winning individuals.

We're sure you'll agree, our Fraternal bodies are blessed with some very inspiring (and aspiring) youths. This was an impressive group of applicants, and we assure you the upcoming generation shows great promise, if this group repre-



Janet Porter congratulates Stacie Hyde on her selection

sents a true sample. There is commitment, talent, focus, drive and true dreams culminated in their plans; we hope they all achieve their goals. Education is a key foundation of success and we are pleased to offer this Scholarship Program.



Jennifer Smith
Brockport High School
University of Findlay



Kristen Marrese
University of Buffalo



Eric Matthew Cornell
Kenmore East High School
University of Buffalo



Stacie Hyde
Palmyra-Macedon High School
SUNY at Brockport



Megan Hooper
Sperry Senior High School



Nicholas Washburn
SUNY at Corland



Kimberly Kober
Pittsford Sutherland High School
American University



Aimee Stratton
Sperry Senior High School
Wagner College



Lyndsey Steffen
Wayne Central School
Monroe Community College



Sarah Leslie Doty
Philadelphia University



Shannon Geith
Fairport High School
SUNY at Canton



Alyson Brown
Sperry Senior High School
Canisus College



Levi James Meyer
Nazareth College



Jamie Allman
SUNY at Geneseo



Nicholas Anderson
SUNY at Oswego

Nicholas Washburn is already proving himself as a Physical Education major at Cortland State University where he continues to volunteer in after-school programs and commits to projects and activities that promote health and physical education.

Aimee Stratton graduated from Sperry Senior High School and will pursue an Arts Administration major at Wagner College. Her interest is a career that could lead to film or theatre production.

Lyndsey Steffen graduated from Wayne Central School and wants to be a high school history teacher! Lyndsey achieved academically despite her struggle with Dyslexia as demonstrated by her activities, volunteer tutoring, and a part-time job.

Jennifer Smith graduated from Brockport High School and expects to attend the University of Findlay where she plans to pursue a career as a veterinary technician, with emphasis in Equine Science.

Levi James Meyer's goal at

Nazareth College of Rochester is Music Education. A pure passion for music and theater, Levi was involved with dramas and musicals his entire school career.

Kristen Marrese has just completed her second year at the University of Buffalo and will be a Pediatric Nurse. Helping people comes naturally to Kristen and we know she will do very well in her chosen career.

Kimberly Kober graduated from Pittsford Sutherland High School and plans to attend American University in Wash-

ington, DC. She wants to study International Relations.

Stacie Hyde graduated from Palmyra-Macedon High School and has been accepted by SUNY at Brockport. She wants to be a Physical Therapist.

Megan Hooper graduated from Sperry Senior High School and wants to be dual-certified to teach art and English (as a second language). She is quite the writer and has won many awards for her efforts.

Shannon Geith graduated from Fairport High School and

wants to pursue teaching in pre-school or Kindergarten. She loves working with children and has been very dedicated to working at Camp Good Days and Special Times

Sarah Leslie Doty is studying Industrial Design at Philadelphia University. Sarah is very creative, artistic and focused on goals and objectives to go out into the world and make a difference.

Eric Matthew Cornell graduated from Kenmore East High School and plans to attend the



University of Buffalo in pursuit of a career in the medical field.

Alyson Brown graduated from Rush-Henrietta Senior High School and has received a Lacrosse scholarship to Canisius College where she wants to obtain a Bioinformatics degree leading to graduate school for Pharmacy.

Nicholas Anderson is attending SUNY at Oswego majoring in a teaching curriculum. He volunteers to drive the ambulance, assists EMTs and is a technician in maintaining the computer lab in his dormitory.

Jamie Allman is completing her freshman year in SUNY at Geneseo where she has worked very hard in a pre-accounting curriculum. She wants to be an Accountant.



Jan Porter and Aimee Straton

Charity Grants

On June 21st, representatives from selected charities received grants to support their causes. A total of \$15,000 was earmarked for Masonic Youth Groups and the following organizations:

Calvary St. Andrew's Emergency Food Cupboard serves the City's South Wedge section. *A Meal and More* provides

nutritious meals and caring friendship to needy people in a safe environment.

Dimitri House is an outreach to the poor and homeless.

Salem United Church of Christ Nutritional Center provides a meal for needy citizens each Monday and Tuesday at noon.

St. Peter's Kitchen provides more than 200 meals every weekday to families and individuals in their neighborhood.

Cameron Community Ministries' Kids Café serves dinner Monday through Thursday to an average of 29 children each evening.

Trinity Emmanuel Presbyterian Church provides youth services programs.

Grace Urban Ministries works to improve family self-sufficiency and promote neighborhood revitalization.

Green Acres provides a food cupboard in the neighborhood.

School of the Holy Childhood uses their grant for a scholarship program.

Advent House and *Isaiah House* are both Hospice facilities for end-of-life care.

Safe Journey serves women and children in transition from domestic violence, who need individual or group counseling, advocacy, or community referrals as they heal from abuse.

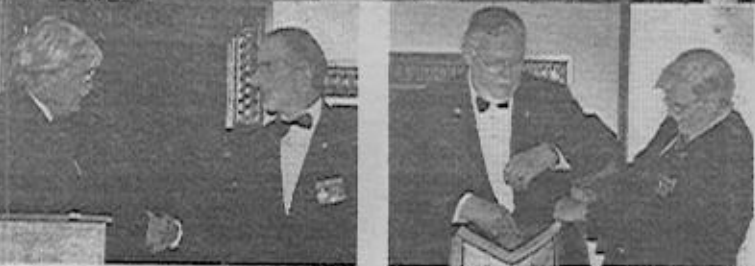
If anyone is interested in supporting or volunteering with any of these organizations, feel free to contact them directly.



Representatives from the Organizations selected to receive grants from the Masonic Service Bureau are pictured above. Below, Robert Frasier of Trinity Emmanuel Presbyterian Church explains to the families and friends present how the grant helps them provide meals, transportation and educational training for youth in the Southwest section of Rochester.



Apron Presentation
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R.: W.: John Zabel opened by welcoming the honorees and guests and extending thanks on behalf of the District to R.: W.: Lew Perna, R.: W.: Don Tubman and R.: W.: Bill Kuehne, whose terms of Office had just ended. Next was the Grand Director of Ceremonies Apron presentation, to R.: W.: Tom Grape, by R.: W.: Cliff Short, President of the Monroe District Purple Club. John Zabel did the honors for R.: W.: Derek VanHouten. A travelling companion with Brother Zabel during his years as District Deputy, Brother Derek is serving his second two-year term as Grand Sword Bearer.

R.: W.: Robert Sanford then had the honor of presenting the District Deputy Grand Master's Apron to his daughter-in-law as proxy for her husband, R.: W.: Gary Sanford. Brother Gary was ill and unable to attend the ceremonies.

Keynote speaker, R.: W.: Jim Sullivan, Grand Lecturer, followed with his remarks. The evening concluded with the Benediction by R.: W.: and Reverend Paul R. Gleason, who also offered the Invocation before dinner.

Our sincerethanks to Damascus Shriners for allowing us to use the Shrine Center facilities for this function.

DeMolay Honors Granted



At the New York State DeMolay Annual Convention held in August, George A. Stear was inducted into the New York State DeMolay Hall of Fame (photo right). His induction, along with that of Robert Balzer, John (Buddy) Prout and Sheldon Blank, took place at the second annual "Ruby & Pearl Hall of Fame Banquet." George traveled from his current home in Florida to attend the ceremonies.

Among his many accomplishments are Past Master Councilor of Rochester Chapter, Past Master of Frank L. Simes Lodge (nowValley-Simes Lodge), Past Most Wise Master, Rochester Chapter of Rose Croix, Valley of Rochester, MSA, and DeMolay Honors that include the Chevalier, Cross of Honor and Legion of Honor.

He also served DeMolay in several capacities, which included the Jurisdictional Advisory Council, as a District Deputy and as a Deputy Executive Officer. He aided in the institution of DeMolay Chapters in Fairport and Medina.

George is a proud 60-year member of the Order of DeMolay, a 50-year member of the Masonic Fraternity this year, a member of Damascus Shrine, and the Royal Order of Jesters.

At the Annual Session of DeMolay International in Seattle, WA, the highest honor conferred by the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, the Legion of Honor, was awarded to Raymond R. Beardsley, Robert E. Crystal and Harry E. Dainty, all from the Monroe District.

Also, Gary L. Burke was elevated to an Active Member of the International Supreme Council, having served as a Deputy Member since June, 2001.



Gary L. Burke

DO YOU HAVE AN AGENT?
NYS Has a new Final Disposition Law

Many New Yorkers already have a Health Care Proxy but now there is a new Public Health Law, effective August 2006, which allows them to appoint a "Final Disposition Agent". This law allows an individual to appoint a person they trust - such as a family member or close friend - to act as their "agent" or legal representative - to control the disposition of their remains following death.

Your "agent" would have the legal authority and responsibility to ensure that the deceased's wishes concerning final disposition are carried out as intended. Funeral directors, cemeteries, crematories and other providers involved in the process of final disposition must follow the deceased's directions, as well as any decision made by the agent if there are no specific written instructions.

By appointing an agent, an individual is making sure that his or her wishes are honored by significantly reducing any chance that family members or others who disagree with these plans can alter them. In addition, a person may also give the agent specific instructions concerning details for the funeral and/or burial.

We will send copies of the new FINAL DISPOSITION AGENT FORM to you to complete and give to your agent. We will also be pleased to answer your questions about this important new consumer legislation. Additional information about appointing a "Final Disposition Agent" is also available on our website at:

www.CrawfordFuneralHome.com.



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Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

Monarch
Norman Austin

Legion
Clowns
Caldron
Historian 

Grand Historian



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A Prophet recently inquired about the fez case outside our office. One is the "First Aid Fez" and has an interesting story all its own.

Prophet William H. Crow's wife was in the hospital for a serious operation and the doctor said she would need a blood donor in a hurry. The year was 1933, before the days of blood banks and large donor lists.

He had to make 24 calls before he found the right blood match. He vowed, if his wife got well, he would do what he could to see no one else faced what he did. She did recover, but it was six years before he could make good on his vow.

In 1939, Monarch Stuart Bowie appointed Prophet Crow, Chairman of the Sick Committee. While calling on a sick Brother in the hospital who needed a blood transfusion, he conceived the idea of a Blood Donor's League among the Grotto members.

The Grotto Masonic Blood Donors League operated in a very efficient manner. They were not only interested in aiding the Red Cross in obtaining blood for their blood bank in Rochester, but also through the Order of the Eastern Star and the Masonic Fraternity.

The service of the League was open to all Masons and mem-

bers of their families. The donors agreed they would not accept any remuneration for any blood donations, and those receiving blood were informed that they could not make payment for the same.

Within the first few years, 275 transfusions had been given. Prophet Crow personally gave 60 pints, and 25 out of several hundred gave 12 pints each. One Brother whom the doctor held little hope for, received sixteen transfusions and in a short time was back to work.

Not long after the League was formed here, Crow received pleas from other Masons to help form other Leagues. He

was credited in helping to form Masonic blood donor leagues in Batavia, Syracuse, Erie, PA, Akron and Cleveland, OH, and Memphis, TN.

The Masonic Service Bureau assisted Brother Crow and completed an inclusive list of donors. When an emergency call is received and Brother Crow cannot be reached, the Bureau would notify a donor.

Today, two Lodges still have blood drives, and the Damascus Shrine Center permits use of its facilities by the Rochester Chapter of the American Red Cross. Next time you pass the glass display case and see Prophet Crow's fez, remember the Prophet that made a difference. x

Secretary's Column

By Kenneth Hutchinson, PM

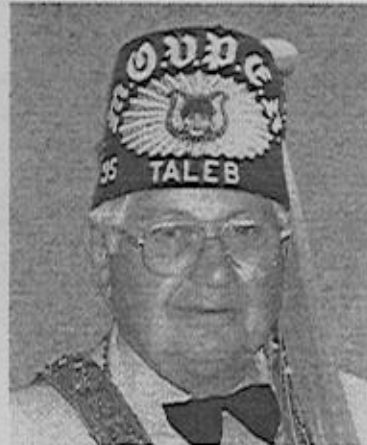
Our Summer was filled with Grotto activities: June 14-17, Supreme Council Sessions at Daytona Beach, Florida; June 22nd, combined Legion of Honor and Masonic War Veterans Strawberry Social at Henrietta Town Park. Prophet Brian Bills, our Master Entertainer, is currently Commander of both groups. Greg Ludwig and Michael Bell assisted. Brian did a fine job at that event as well as the bus trip to see the Toronto Blue Jays baseball game. The Annual Golf Tourna-

ment event was chaired by Dick Topel; assisted by Ron Morthorst. Our Monarch was on hand to help with the refreshments. Ken and Elaine Milner invited the Past Monarchs and their ladies to their home for a picnic August 1st.

Day at the Races

Everyone I spoke with "won a little," so there were no losers. Past Monarch, Jerry Spero, had organized the events in 2004 and 2005. He was in charge of it this year when he passed away. Brian took over and it was another successful event. The Grotto dedicated the fourth race in Jerry's honor. A very fitting way to honor his memory.

bers. For further information, phone the ESGA Secretary, Ken Milner (585-346-6018). Come out and meet our new Grand Monarch, Richard Faust, who will be installing the new Officers.



Richard F. Faust
Grand Monarch



Otto Thiergart
Grand Captain of the Guard

The friendships and acquaintances I've made, and maintained, in Lalla Rookh will always be treasured, as will all the memories. The conventions in Richmond, Las Vegas, and Memphis were particularly outstanding. The trips to Buffalo, Pennsylvania, and Canada are things Doris and I will talk and laugh about, again and again.

In the meantime, I would remind all of you about the combined Lalla Rookh/Zuleika Monarchs' Ball on October 14th in Batavia. Information about this function is available from the Secretary. x

Legion of Honor

By Brian Bills, Commander

Well my Brothers, the Summer draws to a close and yet another year begins. We had a fairly active Summer beginning with the Picnic held on June 22nd at the Henrietta Town Park. It was a very well attended picnic with 64 guests, including members of the Masonic War Veterans, in attendance.

I would be remiss if I didn't thank Dick Topel once again for the wonderful Strawberries and Cream dessert he made for our Strawberry Social at the Summer Picnic.

On Friday, June 23rd, we had a group of 10 members take a trip to Toronto to watch the NY Yankees and the Toronto Blue

Jays test their abilities at playing baseball. At the end of the day the Blue Jays had passed the test and the Yankees failed big time. Fun was had by all and we had a nice buffet dinner before the game.

We had a great "Day at the Races" on July 30th. The fourth race was dedicated "The Gerry Spero Memorial Purse" in memory of Gerry Spero who passed on June 2nd. He will be greatly missed by all.

Our next meeting date is Monday, September 18th, at the Nutcracker Restaurant on Empire Boulevard in Webster. We will have a short social half-hour beginning around 5:30 p.m., dinner will be ordered off the menu at 6 p.m. and the meeting will follow. x

Caldron News

By Betty Madison, MCO

I hope everyone had a nice warm Summer.

Our participation in Spencerport Canal Days was a big success and we received many compliments for our organization. A big "thank you" to all who helped, especially my husband, Joe, and daughter, Bonnie. It was a warm two days, but enjoyed by all.

September will be a very busy month as we host the 87th Supreme Session of Daughters of



Doreen Spero (center) presents special trophy to Robert Arango, owner of *Silence is Golden*, the winning horse of the fourth race, which was dedicated to the memory of Brother Jerry Spero. Jockey Nazario Alvarado watches, as do (from left) Ken Hutchinson, Brian Bills, Jordanna Dintruff (granddaughter), and Doreen's step-daughter, Dawn Dintruff.

Daytona Beach

What a wonderful and proud feeling one experiences when attending the Supreme Council Sessions. Of the many stories and delightful events that I could relay to you, I would like to share two. The ESGA Hospi-

tality Room again featured the "Margarita." Our Ladies started a Pink Flamingo Drill Team, which paraded on Saturday and won two awards. They will be featured again at the ESGA Fall Convention.



ESGA Lady Flamingo Drill Team performing at Daytona Beach

Sickness and Distress

It becomes my sad duty to report on the passing of Past Monarch Jerry Spero on June 1st. Also, Prophet Charles Stidd, a 40-year member, passed on August 3rd. If you know of any Prophet in sickness or distress, kindly notify our Monarch or any Officer.

ESGA

The Fall Convention will be held September 14-16 at the Holiday Valley Resort (800-323-0020), Route 219 in Ellicottville, New York. Rates are \$92 plus tax. President Kris Goll promises a great time for all. Flyers are in the office and were mailed to booster mem-

Monarch's Ball

This year we will again join with Zeleica Grotto to put on the event at the Days Inn in Batavia on October 14th. Phone Past Monarch Michael Bell (585-244-2895) for details.

Plan to attend our upcoming meetings and enjoy the fellowship. The September 20th meeting will be a tribute to our Past Monarchs. October 18th, the Ceremonial will be presented and nominations of 2007 Officers. November 15th is Move-Up Night, and December 20th is Election and Installation, all in one night. x

Chief Justice

By Michael Bell, PM

It looks as though Doris and I will be moving (fleeing?) to the sunnier climes of North Carolina. Accordingly, this is likely my last entry as an Officer of Lalla Rookh Grotto. It's rare to be afforded the opportunity to pen one's own obituary.

ESGA - GOLF




"Ron, you WILL NOT drive again!"

Mokanna Tuesday thru Saturday, September 19-23 at The Radisson (175 Jefferson Road). September 14th is our first meeting night and is very important for last-minute Convention planning.

This Summer, Helen Francis moved to West Bloomfield to live with her daughter and son-in-law. Good luck, Helen; come visit us when you can.

Members to be remembered during illness/distress include Linda Austin (eye surgery), Anne Towle (experiencing vision problems and cannot drive), and Donald DeOrdio (received an implanted defibrillator and is doing well). If anyone hears of illness/distress for any member, please call Joan Palmer (663-8593) or Betty Madison (315-589-2317). Thank you.

See you at our meeting on September 14th.



**James A. Hard/
Wayne Charter**
Post No. 12
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Frederic F. Cornell, Sr.
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Adjutant
Vance R. Collom, Jr.
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Well, my Brothers, the Summer draws to a close and yet another year begins. On June 22nd we had our Summer Picnic with the Grotto Legion of Honor at the Henrietta Town Park. It was a very well attended picnic with 64 guests in attendance and many door prizes to be won. I would be remiss if I didn't thank Dick Topel once again for the wonderful Strawberries and Cream dessert he made for our Strawberry Social at the Summer Picnic.

The Masonic War Veterans Color Guard presented colors for the Grand Master at the Joint Investiture.

It is with great sadness to inform you of the passing of one of our newest members. Gerald Spero passed on June 2, 2006; he will be greatly missed by all.

Our next meeting date is Thursday, September 28th; we will have a ham dinner at a cost of \$8. Social hour will begin at 5:30 p.m.; dinner at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Fairport/Flower City Lodge; 87 Main Street, Fairport, and will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Monroe District OES HiLights

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Nancy Venette
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Rt. Wthy.
George Bundoc
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I hope everyone is doing well. A whole busload of Monroe District folks went to the Lilac Luncheon June 15th and had a grand time. With Sisters and Brothers from the Home as our guests, over 100 had a very pleasing lunch followed by entertainment from The Kitchen Band.

The All-Stars had a Quarter-a-Dip Dinner June 28th; enjoyed good food and the funds raised made it a worthwhile effort. The next All-Stars meeting has been CANCELLED.

Pilgrimage Day in Oriskany was one of the wettest in 40 years! It rained all day but no spirits were dampened. Several lucky people from Monroe District won items at the Share Booth. Congratulations to the winners!

On Sunday, August 6th, the District Picnic was held at Henrietta Park. Approximately 50 people enjoyed tons of good food, a brown-bag auction and great camaraderie. Thank you to members, family and friends that helped make it a memorable success.

On August 12th, our favorite chicken once again strutted up and down the streets of Webster promoting our Annual Chicken BBQ and Peach Festival. The success was in the sell-out that it was, along with delicious chicken, barbecued to perfection, and mouthwatering peach shortcake. Loads of folks deserve a round of applause for working so hard to bring all the elements together for another great day.

Homecoming for our 2006 Grand Officers will be Saturday, September 9th at 7 p.m. in Fairport. Please mark your calendars and join us.

October 23rd - 25th is Grand Sessions in Saratoga Springs. It's coming quickly so make your plans!

The Interfaith Service and Brunch is at Logan's Party House on Sunday, October 29th; service at 10 a.m.; brunch follows. Please come out for this lovely gathering. Tickets will be available soon.

God Bless and Live Strong

NOLATKA Chapter No. 320
Order of the Eastern Star

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

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Patron
Wthy. Robert Crystal
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Secretary
Rt. Wthy. Carol Wynings
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Churchville 14428

The Nolatka Chapter No. 320 members extend their sincere sympathy to Kathleen Skelton and Susan Huff on the passing of their sister and aunt, Avis Theis. Also, in our thoughts and prayers are Bo Clark who broke her ankle; Joan Jacobs who has suffered a stroke; and Tracy Dalyhas who has been in the hospital.

Congratulations to Vickie Gross, DeMarlis Uttrich, Marion Hall and Joan Jacobs on attaining 50 years membership in OES.

Homecoming for Vickie Gross and the other District Grand Officers is Saturday, September 9th, at 7:30 p.m. at Fairport Chapter. Our Chapter is supplying cookies as part of the refreshments.

A "Mystery Trip" will be held Sunday, September 17th, leaving Churchville parking lot at 9 a.m. and returning between 4 and 5 p.m. Cost is \$25 plus lunch. All are welcome. You do not have to be a member. If you would like to take part in this mystery excursion, send the \$25 to reach Carol Wynings by the deadline of September 1st.

On Tuesday, September 19th, we will be getting together at 6 p.m. to celebrate our Chapter's birthday. Potluck supper will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. We will provide hot dogs, hamburgers and birthday cake. Bring a dish-to-pass and your own table service. At 7:30 p.m., a meeting will be held at which members of Nolatka will be voting on a location for future meetings.

E. David Martin
Area 16 Historian

Greetings from E. David Martin, Area 16 Historian. Area 16 includes Genesee-Wyoming and Niagara-Orleans Districts, only about 1600 square miles and about 29 Lodges.

Appointment to this post was made by R.: W.: George Peter, Grand Historian and R.: W.: Ronald Bower, Chairman of the Publications Committee and Managing Editor and Publisher of the Niagara-Orleans District Masonic News.

I've been a member of Niagara River Lodge No. 785, in Niagara Falls, New York, for more than 20 years, a member of Niagara Frontier Lodge No. 132, and various York Bodies of Niagara Falls and Lockport. I am Historian for both Lodges.

One of the appointed positions in every Lodge should be that of Lodge Historian. It is his job to work with the Trustees of

the Lodge to catalogue memorabilia, records, correspondence, pictures, etc. The Lodge should have its own library of books, pamphlets and other reading and reference material.

There should be a Lodge history, so that any new members can read about the Lodge they have joined. Biographies on some of the founders and early members of the Lodge provide interesting trivia.

How many Masters know who the Grand Master was that granted the Lodge its Charter? When you, the Master, were given the Charter at your installation, did you read the names on it? You will find the names of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, and the Grand Secretary. You also might find the city or village in which your Lodge was originally founded.

I hope to share more information with you through The *Masonic Times* in the coming months; who knows, I might just show up in one of your Lodges one of these nights.

Eagle Lodge
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ting) we will, once again, meet or exceed our expectations.

If you are unable to assist at the Festival, don't fret. Stop by the Festival to purchase chicken dinners for you and your family. There will be plenty of opportunities to assist at other fundraising events in the near future.

Some to note are the Naples Festival Hot Dog Booth, co-sponsored with Eagle Star Chapter No. 350 (September), the Hunter's Breakfast (November), Citrus Fruit Sale (November) and Entertainment Book sales (December). There is no better way to create and enjoy fellowship, and to get to know your Brothers in Lodge, than working shoulder-to-shoulder

for a noble cause.
Mark Your Calendars
September

September 9-10 - Red Beard Chicken Barbeque

September 12th - Picnic Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

September 20th - Naples Town Hall Cleaning Detail

September 21st - Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser; 5-7 p.m.

September 23-24 - Naples Grape Festival; Joint fundraiser with O.E.S.

September 26th - Dinner at Aces at 6 p.m.

October
October 4th - Child ID Program at Honeoye Central School
October 10th - Dinner at Lodge at 6:30 p.m.

October 19th - Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser; 5-7 p.m.

October 24th - Officers' Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Garoga-Sincerity Lodge No. 200
1st & 3rd Tuesdays

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Secretary
R.: W.: Clayton Ruggles
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Thanks to the members for their support and suggestions as we begin a new year that will be successful and fun.

Your new Officers are:
Master **Ron Galens**
Sr. Warden **George Landstrom**
Jr. Warden **Lowell Falkey**
Sr. Deacon **Steve Durso**
Junior Deacon **Ken Gibbs**
Tiler **William Smith**

Your Officers have all been helpful in getting the year started with a chicken barbeque at the Kraut Festival. It was a great success. Thanks to Brother Durso for chairing the committee.

We have four new candidates for the upcoming Fall meetings. Practices for the Degree work will be scheduled to ensure the continued good work of the Lodge.

The District Deputy will be making his Official Visit at our first meeting on September 5th. We are planning to meet for dinner at The Blue Ribbon at 6 p.m. Please contact me at 548-3453 or Bob Ruggles at 548-3573 for reservations.

All attending enjoyed our annual Steak Roast in June. Service Awards were presented to: Glen Webster and F. Lee Walters, 45 years; Don Tiffany, 50 years; and Don Sabin, 55 years. Also recognized were 50-year recipients, Ken Pedersen and Howard Burgess. Presenting the awards was the Worshipful Master, Ron Galens. Congratulations to these Brothers for their dedication to the Craft.

Happy September birthdays to Brothers Carl Carlson (2nd), Terrence Mays (5th), Peter Cheney (21st), Donald Romeiser (20th), Bernard Dell (23rd), Charles Bird (25th) and Michael Klimeczko (30th).

Moose honor Paglia



(Left to right) James Cleary, Thomas Paglia, holding plaque, and Robert Stewart.

Robert Stewart, Past Governor Rochester Moose Lodge No. 13, presented R.: W.: Thomas M. Paglia with the 2006 New York State Moose Association Public Service Man of the Year Award. Jim Cleary, Administrator Rochester Moose Lodge No.

13 assisted in the ceremony.

R.: W.: Tom is the Chairman of the Grand Lodge Masonic Veterans Service Committee. Among those duties was the distribution of over 200 Grand Lodge Operation Desert Storm certificates to local service per-

sonnel upon their safe return. He has nearly 4,000 hours of volunteer service over the past twenty-five years at the Canandaigua VA Medical Center, serving on the Executive Board and the Advisory Board.

A Board member of Camp DeMolay, he has also served as a Director of the Masonic Service Bureau. Brother Paglia has volunteered as a Counselor with Camp Joy at the Rotary Sunshine Camp, and assisted at Camp Eastman.

He has spent many volunteer hours on electrical installations for the Masonic Temple, Scottish Rite Learning Center and Damascus Shrine Center, and received numerous awards recognizing his volunteer work. We congratulate Brother Tom.

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24th
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Welcome back from Summer recess! September is time to begin thinking about Chapter activities again. October will be a very busy Capitular month with visits from three Grand Chapter officers. At the first meeting of Palmyra Eagle Chapter on October 2nd, R.: E.: Alan Lewis, Grand Captain of the Host, will make his Grand Line visit to the 24th Capitular District. We plan to take R.: E.: Lewis to the Yellow Mills Diner for dinner preceding the meeting.

On Monday, October 9th, at Newark Chapter, we will have our Grand Lecturer's Convention with V.: E.: Eugene Ellis. The work will be the Royal Arch Degree and parts were given in May. I am looking forward to seeing how Newark Chapter has settled into their new location at the Newark Grange Hall.

Once again, I expect that a dinner at the Cross Park Restaurant will give us an opportunity to socialize with the

Grand Lecturer and all the Companions.

On Tuesday, October 24th at Wayne Chapter's first meeting, we will have a Regional meeting with R.: E.: Jeffrey Williamson, Grand Principal Sojourner and our Region Officer. Wayne Chapter amended their By-Laws in May. They will meet only once per month, the fourth Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. (new time). The Lodge spent considerable money this year sprucing up for their 150th anniversary. Come see the results! Dinner at the Steger Haus Restaurant at 6 p.m. will precede this meeting.

Mark your calendars now! Grand High Priest, M.: E.: Alan Morgan traveled to Russia in June. He visited three orphanages and saw real need for laundry equipment. He is asking for our support in purchasing commercial laundry equipment for these children so their clothes can be cleaned and dried efficiently. This can be done by selecting the Grand High Priest's allocation when you make your donation to Grand Chapter's charities.

It would be very nice if the Chapters would support our new District Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: James Gagnon, at his Apron Presentation on September 16th at the Steger Haus Restaurant. R.: W.: William Dubois is our new Staff Officer for 2006-2008. If you need the details, call me at 483-2745. I look forward to seeing you all soon.

the letter recently mailed. Our first meeting will be held on October 2nd and will be a District Visitation by the Grand Captain of the Host, R.: E.: Alan Lewis. There will be a dinner preceding the meeting at the Yellow Mills Restaurant at 6:00 p.m.

The next week will be the Grand Lecturer's Convention on October 9th at Newark Chapter. It will be preceded by a dinner at Crosspark Restaurant. The Royal Arch Mason Degree will be exemplified.

I hope to have some other programs for the rest of the year and to continue to work on our Ritual. Until our meeting Companions, may God Bless America and our great Fraternity. ✕

The meeting was followed by a picnic overlooking the lake. All enjoyed it.



Identification, finally!

Check out our sign! On your next trip down Bay Road take a gander at the sign at the entrance. It took us three years while we waited for the Shrine to determine their new look and get all the necessary approvals. Now people will be able to find us more easily! ✕



Cake prior to being devoured by new Commandery Officers.



Officers of Cyrene Monroe Commandery during the Public Installation Ceremony on the third Monday in May. The Installing Officer was Reverend Charles Roberts. The entire list of Officers is at the end of the article below.

Cyrene-Monroe Commandery No. 12

Chartered 1993
3rd Monday

Commander
SK Donald
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Recorder
SK Lawrence W. Dunn
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17 Church Street, Pittsford 14534



There are some exciting possibilities, at this point in time, for the good of our Commandery in the very near future. This would be a good year to come out each month and be with us. If you haven't been able to join us frequently in recent times, it would be a good thing for all of us if you would plan to join us often this year.

Place an "X" on the third Mondays of your calendar (or circle them); this will help you keep the night open for Cyrene-Monroe.

Your Commander has only one major goal for this year. It is the goal of all Masonry and the real reason we exist. What is that reason? Simple. We are here to put on the Orders and make New Sir Knights! This is the core reason for our Fraternity.

Yes, we will do all the yearly things as always; like the Christmas Toast, the Easter Celebration, perhaps even an Ascension Day observance, as well as an Inspection (albeit, hopefully, a Joint one), BUT our primary thrust is still Number One for our plans for the year. We wish to share our world with other Masons; i.e., via the Orders of Templary.

To assist in our endeavors, we will probably be moving to a

new meeting place sometime during this Masonic year. There is a cooperative York Rite New Home Team working hard to find a place for us.

Their charge is to find a place with padded seats for all attending members, ample floor room to meet the dignity needs of our Degrees and Orders with everything on the ground floor, ample parking next to the building, and a lower lease expense for the three bodies.

Finally, they are looking for a place that is in another area of Monroe County for the exposure to those Lodges that are strong and growing. This has not been the story where we temporarily set up camp and that became the primary reason for the search. We wish our team luck and success in their endeavors. We look forward to their reports and recommendations early in the Fall. So, our meetings promise to be interesting, if not down right exciting, with possibilities for our future.

Join us often this year and we will all work together for the betterment of the Craft (here at home) and enjoy the satisfaction gained by being together and working together. Our line for this year was installed publicly at our May meeting (see picture); the Installing Officer was Rev. Charles Roberts. Our line for the year is as follows:

Commander Don Wright
Generalissimo Dave Lathers
Captain General Joe Oelogetz III
Prelate John Dudley
Sr. Warden Charles Sawyer
Jr. Warden Don Adam
Sword Bearer Charles Roberts
Standard Bearer Don Brugger
Warder Arnie Palmer
Sentinel Doug Koenig

Congratulations, Brothers! ✕

Sagoyewatha

Commandery No. 17, R.T.

3rd Saturday, 9 a.m.

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Because Grand Commandery falls on Sagoyewatha's usual meeting date (September 16th) it is necessary to make some changes. In agreement with the by-laws, and to make it easier for our outlying Sister Commanderies to attend, the next conclave is scheduled for September 9th at 10 a.m. in the Phelps Masonic Hall, Ontario Street in Phelps.

As is our custom, we will meet at the Blue Ribbon Smoke House and Restaurant, 261 Main Street in Phelps for breakfast at 8:30 a.m. (Dutch treat).

As most of you know, this is my second chance to try to do the Commander's part correctly. So come to the meeting and you will have the opportunity to see if I can "do my stuff or fall on my duff."

It is my contention that the Commandery cannot have enough practice for our Inspection. Therefore we will start by doing the reception of Visitors and the reception of the Inspecting Officer. After the reception of Visitors and the Inspecting Officer, the Commandery will cover the regular business at hand. Our Zone Commander, Sir Knight William Jones, will give us the latest goings on around Zone 11 and Grand Commandery plus a report on our last Inspection.

At the close of the conclave, all members are invited to the Blue Ribbon Smoke House and Restaurant for an off the menu lunch (again, Dutch treat). Please let Sir Knight L. Ronald Edwards, at (585) 394-3205, know if you plan on attending the lunch.

Following lunch, the members of Genesee York Rite College Number 25 will return to the Phelps Masonic Temple for a 2:00 p.m. meeting.

Grand Commandery's 193rd Annual Conclave will be held September 15-17 at the Holiday Inn Ronkonkoma, 3845 Veterans Memorial Highway, Ronkonkoma, New York. Reservation information can be found in the August edition of the *Knights Templar Magazine* (New York supplement). All Knights Templar in good standing are urged to attend.

As always, I hope to see you, and I do mean you, around the Holy Altar of our Order. ✕

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Palmyra/Eagle Chapter No. 79

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Companions, Welcome back! I am putting this column into the *Masonic Times*, even though most of it will be a duplicate to what you received in

Jim Ghent

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Erie, Genesee, Monroe, Niagara, Orleans and Wyoming Counties. All of the Counties were represented at this event.

During the meeting, Esther Leadly, Genesee County Legislator, informed the group of a new program known as the Workforce Innovation in Regional Economic Development (WIRED). Another program was introduced by Margaret Topor, of Niagara County Community College, which is designed to provide leadership training through action-based activities, group dynamics and the idea that "people skills and group dynamics are extremely valuable assets for competing in today's world economy."

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In Memoriam

MAY

Kendig, Thomas W.

Thomas W. Kendig, 78, went Home to his Lord on May 25th. Tom was twice a Past Master of Craftsman Lodge and elected Secretary when Craftsman Robertson Lodge was chartered in 1996. He was also a member of the Rochester Consistory and Damascus Shrine. He leaves his wife, Sue; 4 children and 12 grandchildren. Tom will be remembered and missed by his many Lodge Brothers.

Bieber, Herbert John

Fame Lodge, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Shrine mourn the passing of Herbert Bieber, 97, on May 29th. He is survived by 2 children and several grandchildren. He labored hard for those he loved, then left us to remember.

Harrop, Stirland E.

As Livonia Lodge resumes their labors, Stirland Harrop will be missing from the Roll Call. He passed away May 30th, at age 92 years; survived by wife, Fay. May he find peace with the Great Architect of the Universe.

JUNE

Spero, Gerald B.

Past Master of Fairport/Flower City Lodge and Past Monarch of Lalla Rookh Grotto, Gerald B Spero, 71, departed his Earthly family June 1st. He leaves his wife, Doreen, a son and stepchildren. Memories are like threads of gold, they never tarnish or grow old.

Hoffman, Chrystal G., (88), widow of Fred Hoffman (Monroe), passed away July 1st.

McMichael, Arthur W.

Arthur W. McMichael, a member of Unity Lodge, went to the Celestial Lodge on June 1st. He leaves 2 children, 5 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren to carry on his memory. No length of time can take away our thoughts of you today.

Mosher, Melvin W.

On June 8th, Melvin W. Mosher, passed away leaving his wife, Mary and 4 children. Melvin was a faithful member of the former Monroe Lodge of Brockport.

Wallace, Addison C.

Addison Wallace departed on June 14th and leaves his wife, Mary, 2 children and 2 grandchildren. The Brothers of Oakland Lodge will keep his memory in their hearts.

Partridge, Herbert Sylvester "Syl"

At the age of 100, Herbert Sylvester "Syl" Partridge departed from a lively life of accomplishments. His wife of 72 years, Effie; 4 children; 11 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren survive him. He was a member of ERAC Lodge and is remembered for learning to play the bagpipes at the age of 80. Gentle, unselfish, a friend ever true, among the best of our Brothers, was you.

Hill, Robert L., Sr.

Robert Hill, Sr. departed for his Heavenly Home June 27th. He was a Veteran of the Vietnam War and a member and Past Master of Valley-Simes Lodge. He recently received his 25-year certificate and was a Counselor for the Masonic Care Community. Three children and 5 grandchildren survive him. He labored hard for those he loved, then left us to remember.

McKay, Hazel, widow of Darwin "Mickey" McKay (ERAC), passed away July 2nd.

Rossmann, John B. "Burt"

John "Burt" Rossmann, 93, entered Eternal Rest on June 12th. He was a member of Valley-Simes Lodge for more than 40 years. His wife, Dorothy, 2 children, 2 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren survive him.

Goldman, Albert E.

Albert E. Goldman, 93, passed away June 22nd. His wife, Alberta; 2 children and 2 grandchildren survive him. He was a 68-year member of Fairport/Flower City Lodge, Past District Deputy Grand Master of the 1st Monroe District, and Noble of the Mystic Shrine.

JULY

Phillips, John Boyd "Jack"

John "Jack" Boyd, 79, passed away July 7th. Jack was a 47-year member of Seneca Lodge and leaves many memories with his Brothers. He will long be remembered for his "Holiday Eggnog," a special blend that was served from the Peter MacPherson Memorial Bowl. He was also the "official photographer" for many Lodge functions, including pictures of the new Master and officers for a given year. He leaves his wife, Audrey, 2 children and 4 grandchildren. All his Seneca Brothers will sorely miss his laughter and smile.

LeRoy, Arthur J.

The Great Architect of the Universe came to the LeRoy Family a second time in the same month. Arthur LeRoy, 99, and brother of Raymond, passed away July 13th. Arthur was a 65-year member of Drumlin Square Lodge. You will live on in the hearts and minds of the Brotherhood family you left behind.

LeRoy, Raymond N.

Raymond LeRoy, 94, a member of Drumlin Square Lodge, passed away July 1st. There is a link death cannot sever, Brotherhood and remembrance last forever.

Baker, Charles Roy

The passing of Charles Baker, 85, who met his Maker on July 15th, is being mourned by Drumlin Square Lodge. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie, 5 children and 11 grandchildren. A page in our book of memories is gently turned today.

Oberer, Francis E.

On July 15th, the loving arms of the Lord embraced Francis Oberer, 72, leaving his wife, Sandra, and 7 children. Fran was a 32° Mason, Secretary of Eunice Lodge, Past Grand Director of Ceremonies, member of Damascus Shrine, and Past Patron and Past Grand Officer of the Order of the Eastern Star. His active participation in these organizations will be missed. Though absent you are very near, still loved, still missed and very dear.

Grove, Eugene F. "Geno"

July 19th was the day Eugene "Geno" Grove, a faithful Brother of the former Monroe Lodge of Brockport, entered Eternal Rest with our Lord. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and is survived by his wife, Carol, several children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Theis, Avis A.

Avis A. Theis, 83, passed away July 21st. Avis was a member of Nolatka Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, and will be sadly missed. You left us with a garden of beautiful memories, sprayed with a million tears.

Ostrander, Jacquelyn S., widow of John A. Ostrander (Craftsman Robertson), passed away July 23rd.

McKie, W. Gilmore

On July 30th, W. Gilmore McKie went Home to our Lord. Surviving are his wife, Eunice, and 3 children. He was a member of Northfield Lodge and the Rochester Consistory. He labored hard for those he loved, then left us to remember.

Herbert H. Smith

Herbert H. Smith found loving peace in the arms of the Lord on July 31st. His wife of 64 years, Gertrude, 2 children, grandchildren and great grandchildren survive him. He was a WWII veteran of the Philippine Theatre and a member of Unity Lodge. His Masonic Brothers and family will miss him.

AUGUST

Reynolds, William E.

August 1st is when William, 72, said goodbye to his Earthly home. He was a member of Unity Lodge and Damascus Shriners. A Veteran of the Korean War, he retired from the Rochester Police Department. His wife, Mildred, 3 children and 3 grandchildren survive him.

Fial, Richard R.

Richard passed on to his Heavenly home on August 2nd and Unity Lodge gently turned a page in their book of memories. He was a Korean War Army Veteran and is survived by a daughter, a son and 3 grandchildren.

Stidd, Charles F.

Thoughts today, memories forever; Charles passed away August 3rd. He was a member of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge and a WWII Philippine Theatre Veteran. His wife of 58 years, Betty, 2 children, 4 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren survive him.

Wight, Lorraine W., widow of Elmer J. Wight (Valley-Simes), passed away June 7th.

Widows to be Remembered

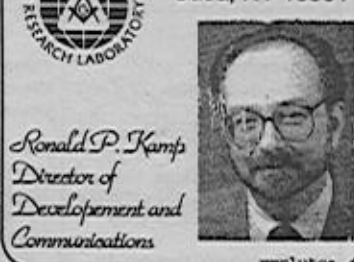
will be special guests at our Steak Roast. Also, watch for Jared to appear on the local Labor Day Weekend MD Telethon.

Sickness and Distress

If you know of any Woodsmen or Cedarettes who are ill or in need of our aid or sympathy, please call one of the Officers, or me (458-6125).

Remember, we still need help in contacting our members regularly. Join our Calling Committee and get back in the mainstream. It will involve making only 3 or 4 calls, once a month. Staying in touch with our members is an important part of membership. This is your Forest, let's help support it. I hope to see you at the Steak Roast.

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Since 1960, the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory

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This year, Seth Anderson (Syracuse University), Jonathan Bates (Nazareth College), Monica Cray (Ursinus College), Amit Desai (Hamilton College), Ashwini Nayak (McGill University), Arpan Patel (Boston University), Grace Reid (Rochester Institute of Technology), Danielle Renodin (Clarkson University) and Ankeet Shah (Tufts University) joined a distinguished group of over 400 students who have participated in the MMRL Summer Fellowship Program.

The 10-week program permits students a direct involvement in research projects under staff guidance in the fields of experimental cardiology, molecular biology and molecular genetics. During their tenure, students gain an appreciation for how scientific problems pertaining to medical disease are approached and examined, and experience the day-to-day running of a cutting-edge research facility. After completing the program, they will gain knowl-

edge and practical experience in physiological, biochemical, molecular and pharmacological methodologies and be better prepared to make important career decisions.

The Summer Session closed with a scientific symposium presented by the students on Thursday, August 10th followed by an awards luncheon honoring the Summer Fellows and local sponsors at the Laboratory. Funding for this year's program has been provided by The Max, DeTraglia, Max and Sullivan Donor Advised Fund of The Community Foundation of Herkimer and Oneida Counties, Inc., Northeast Affiliate of the American Heart Association, Dr. Atul Butala, Dr. Ashok and Shilpa Patel, Utica Lodge 47, F. & A.M. and Bredablick Lodge 880, F. & A.M.

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Our Annual Sausage Roast at Camp Smile on June 28th was very well attended with over 30 people present. In spite of the sudden thunder-boomer interruption, all had a good time. Our thanks to Ted Snyder, Beverages; Angelo DiCataldo, Sausage Provider and Grill Master (he got soaked cooking in the driving rain); Mike Dox, Banker/Collector; and our regular helpers and cleaner-uppers.

Membership

Though you may have missed our last Woodsmen Bring-A-Brother Night, arrangements can be made to include any prospective member, and his lady, in our upcoming social activities (September Steak Roast). Please let an Officer know so we

can follow up. Petitions and information are available, both for the Lodge and the Forest, from Don Bell, our Scribe, at 259-0647, or me at 458-6125. This is your Forest. If you want it to survive, we need candidates!

Coming Up

September 27th is our Steak Roast at Camp Smile. Someone will be there to open the Camp at 5:00 p.m. The refreshments will be available soon after. We need help with refreshments. If you want to help, call me at 458-6125. We expect to be sitting down to eat by 6:30 p.m. Our usual fireman will be there to prepare the grill for the steaks and our Master Griller, Angelo, will do his usual fine job.

Although we try to contact all for their reservations, please call me if you do not receive a call by September 22nd for your reservation. Bring a dish to pass, your own table service and anything else you might need.

The Camp is at the end of Shangrila Lane, off of Pellet Road. That's the same place as the Sausage Roast. If you need directions, please call me.

Jared Wright (the local MD Poster Child) and his parents

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can participate will be held in September:

- Interfaith Service/Breakfast Program
- In-Lodge Re-dedication of Brothers to Freemasonry

Service/Breakfast

"The Interfaith/Breakfast Program will be a great opportunity for every Lodge to show that Freemasonry is active in our communities and to display our belief in religious freedom, community service, patriotism, and brotherhood."

from the Grand Master

The 13 Lodges of the Monroe District will individually host special breakfast programs and interfaith religious services at various locations. Our Lodges will present over 125 American flags to select community and civic groups.

Local community leaders and members of the public will be invited to participate in two events on **September 10th**, hosted by each local Lodge:

First, an interfaith religious service, to be held at each Lodge or another venue (please contact your Lodge for details). This service will feature readings from the Bible (both the Old and the New Testaments), the Qur'an and other religious texts; religious hymns. Patriotic songs will also be sung.

Second, each local Lodge will host a breakfast program, also to be held at each Lodge or an-

other venue. During the service, a moment of silence will be observed for the lives lost during the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks; later, American flags will be donated to community and civic groups. Each donated flag will measure 3 by 5 feet, suitable for use in schools, governmental offices and other buildings.

Re-dedication Program

All Lodges are to participate in an In-Lodge Re-dedication Program during the month of September. The purpose is to return each of us to that spirit of dedication, which stirred us all when we first took our Degrees. It was a beautiful experience into which we, as candidates entered, and we should not lose the value of that experience. Re-dedication Programs help keep our vision of Masonry from being dimmed. It is imperative that a thorough job be done in inviting all Brothers to participate in this Program.

Also at this time, the Master and Secretary should sign the Bible of the individual Brother,

attesting that he was part of the 225th Anniversary of Grand Lodge In-Lodge Re-dedication Program. The Secretary is to send the names of all attendees and participants to the District Deputy Grand Master. The District Deputy Grand Master, at a future meeting, will present a special commemorative pin to all attendees and participants.

For more information on events in your community surrounding the 225th Anniversary of the New York Grand Lodge, or to find your local Lodge, please visit:

<http://www.nymasons.org>
or call 1 (800) 3-MASON-4 (1-800-362-7664).

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October

- 24 Grand Lecturer's Convention
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- 29 Monroe District Interfaith Service and Brunch
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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10 Interfaith Service at Shrine Center; 8:30 a.m. Grandparents' Day	11 ERAC, Shrine Center Fairport/Flower City Mt. Vernon - Java Village Union Star - Honeoye Falls Unity - Spencerport Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield RAM - Excelsior - Shortsville Shrine Lunch Club Patriot Day	12 Arcade Batavia Seneca - Webster Valley-Simes, Shrine Center RAM - Dansville OES - Leah - Hilton	13 Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Masonic Service Bureau Monthly Luncheon Meeting OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville, Corinthian-Fellowship	14 Fame, Shrine Center Milnor - Victor Union - Lima RAM - Hiram KT - Batavia Commandery Lalla Rookh Caldron - Spencerport	15	16 Shrine - Sportsman Raffle 1-5 p.m. Grand Commandery
17 Canandaigua - Shortsville West Star - Varysburg KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford Lalla Rookh Grotto Legion of Honor Shrine Lunch Club - Ladies Day	18 Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson, Shrine Center Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps Oakland - Castile OES - Lilac Star, Nolatka, Starlight	19 Ark - Geneva Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy RSM - Doric Council, Pittsford Lalla Rookh Grotto Spaghetti Dinner - Victor (87th Supreme Session of Daughters of Mokanna; September 19-23)	20	21 Eunice - Caledonia Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster Scottish Rite RAM - Western Star	22	23 Rosh Hashanah First Day of Autumn
24 ERAC, Shrine Center - BBAF Nite Mt. Vernon - Java Village Union Star - Honeoye Falls Unity - Spencerport Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield Shrine Lunch Club	25 Arcade Batavia Valley-Simes RAM - Dansville, LeRoy OES - Leah - Hilton SR - Nite at the Movies - Shrine Center - 7:30 p.m.	26	27 Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Tall Cedars of Lebanon OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville, Corinthian-Fellowship Clio Spaghetti Dinner	28 Fame, Shrine Center Milnor - Victor Union - Lima RAM - Hiram KT - Batavia Commandery James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post School of Instruction at Unity - Spencerport; 7:30 p.m.	29	30