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## BROWN, JEFFERSON HAGGAI CHAPTER COMMUNITY AWARD RECIPIENTS

By James A. Ghent, Jr.

On Friday May 4th, Haggai Chapter, Holy Royal Arch Masons (PHA), will hold its Seventh Annual Social and Community Awards Dinner.

This year's award recipients are Dr. Frederick C. Jefferson, Jr., Professor Emeritus in Education at the University of Rochester, and Dr. Melva L. Brown, Dean and Executive Director at the State University of New York College at Brockport, Rochester Educational Opportunity Center. Dr. Brown will be the keynote speaker.

The event will be held at the Whittier Party House, 88 Whittier Road. For more information, contact Eugene Crews, 225-7949, or Bing Reaves, 254-3231, Ticket Co-Chairmen; James Tisdale, 235-2493, Ad Chairman; or, Jim Ghent, 889-7119, Event Chairman.

Since arriving in the city in 1993, Dr. Melva L. Brown has been a distinguished leader professionally and in the community. During her 30 years in education, she has served as a High School Business Teacher, Business Department Chair and Assistant/Associate Professor in Business in a community college, Coordinator of



Melva L. Brown, Ph.D.

Cooperative Education, Director of Career Placement, Dean of Institutional Advancement and currently Dean and Executive Director of SUNY Brockport Rochester Educational Opportunity Center (REOC).

Dr. Brown's leadership is most evident in her role as Dean/Executive Director of the SUNY Brockport REOC. Her committed and dedicated vision has resulted in increased enrollments and community collaborations. The initiation of evening classes in academic and vocational training programs, improved aesthetics to ensure that stu-

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Dr. Frederick C. Jefferson, Jr.

Frederick C. Jefferson, Jr. was born in New Orleans, the oldest of seven siblings. Dr. Jefferson lived in parts of Texas and Louisiana until he was about five years old.

He started Elementary School at PS 39, Bronx, NY, attended the High School of Performing Arts in NYC and later attended Hunter College in New York City, where he received a B.S. in Music Education, an M.A. in Music and an M.S. in Guidance and Counseling. He later completed his Ed. D. in Counselor Education at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst.

Dr. Jefferson is currently Professor Emeritus in Educa-

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## Meet with the Deputy Grand Master!

There will be an opportunity to *Meet with The Deputy Grand Master and Share Your Ideas* on Saturday, April 28th at 9:30 a.m. This is for (what is known as) Area 15, which includes Monroe, Livingston and Wayne Districts. This will be held at Union Star Lodge located at 3 North Main Street, Honeoye Falls.

This will be an Open Meeting with an opportunity for Brothers to ask questions and make comments for the Deputy Grand Master to answer.

It will be followed by his thoughts on the future of our Fraternity in this jurisdiction. Light refreshments will be provided for this event.

I am requesting that each Lodge please let me know the number of Brothers from your Lodge planning to attend this event by April 21st. I want to be sure we have enough refreshments for everyone.

If you have any questions you may contact me via email at [ggsanford@aol.com](mailto:ggsanford@aol.com) or phone me at 425-4240. ✕

## Call to All Monroe Ritualists!

The Monroe District is in the process of compiling a list of volunteer Ritualists. We are looking for Brothers who are interested in traveling throughout the District, capable of performing any part of all three Degrees, and assisting Lodges in conferring Degrees.

We will be processing a list of available Brothers for each Degree. We are planning on publishing this list to each Master by the time we return to our labors in

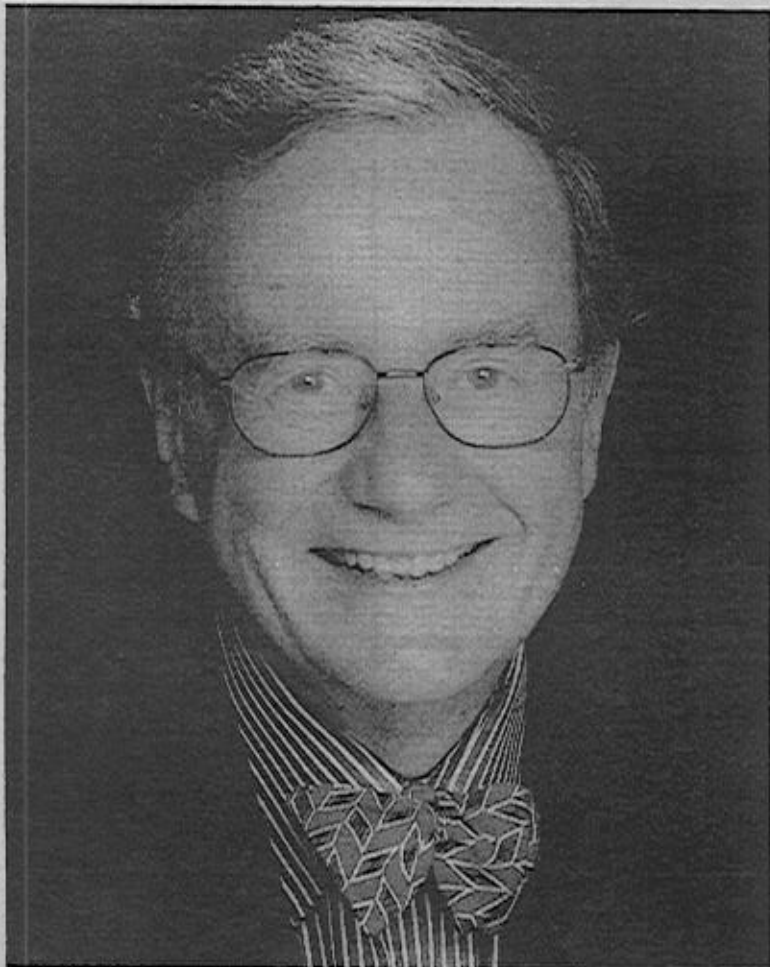
September. This will become a quick reference guide for each Master to use when they need Degree assistance.

If you are interested in being on this list, please contact John Dyer by sending an email to:

[john.dyer@kodak.com](mailto:john.dyer@kodak.com)

Please include a list of all parts for which you wish to volunteer, as well as your email address and phone number. ✕

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The Masonic Care Community is proud to announce that it is sponsoring a major benefit performance featuring comedian **Mark Russell**, America's foremost musical and political satirist, on **Thursday evening, June 21st**. This date is the night before the St. John's Masonic Festival weekend (which annually takes place during the fourth weekend in June on the 400-acre Campus of the Masonic Care Community).

This one-night-only benefit performance will be held in the new 900-seat Clinton Performing Arts Center in Clinton, NY (which is only 10 miles south of the Masonic Care Community Campus in Utica).

Entertainer **Mark Russell** is well known for performing his political humor on TV and in

concert halls throughout the nation. With his trademark piano in tow, he is famous for skewering official pomposity and spotlighting the utterly outrageous, wielding his wit as deftly as a surgeon wields a scalpel. In presentations reflective of the day's headlines freshly crafted for each event at which he performs, he turns the Washington, DC, scene into a musical comedy tour-de-force that leaves audiences rolling in the aisles.

**Tickets on Sale in May**

Tickets for the June 21st performance will be available in May. Please watch your mail for additional details about this benefit. For further information, please contact Brother Ira Cooperman at the Masonic Care Community, (315) 798-4703 or (800) 593-3353. ✕

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Editor's Corner

February 16th was a great day! Nineteen months ago, I wrote with great sorrow of the death of our third grandson, Evan Charles. Diagnosed a Down Syndrome baby, and with multiple complications, Evan was stillborn one week before his scheduled birth. We were all devastated, but life goes on. Our daughter, Nancy, and her husband, Mike, were presented with another opportunity.

With great apprehension, we followed the progress - test after test giving positive results - and on that Friday morning, Trey Logan joined our family.

He is beautiful! His big brother, Jason (you have seen him pictured over the years), is just so proud, as are the parents AND grandparents.

I was astounded at the number of people who had suffered similar experiences and offered words of comfort and understanding. So, I thought I should relate this happy occasion with you, who shared our sadness.

Vacation

As a Christmas gift, our children gave us airline tickets to Las Vegas. That gave me an opportunity to take a badly needed vacation. The main purpose, though, was to watch our two sons play hockey on the same team for the first time ever. Both went through Rochester Youth Hockey (beginning three decades ago), but the age difference always kept them in separate divisions.

Peter has been playing on a team in San Jose for a number of years; Mark started again a year ago with a team in Columbus. He was added to the tournament roster by Peter for this event in Nevada.

What a thrill to see them play! Their team finished second to a team from Edmonton, but they were pretty upbeat with their 4-win, 1-loss record and may try again next year.

My thanks to Barbara Goodrich, who came into the office all that week, while both Jan and I were away, to keep the Bureau functioning.

Thanks for reading.

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By James Ghent, President

The February meeting of the Masonic Service Bureau was cancelled because of the extreme weather conditions. The weather improved significantly so we were able to have our regularly scheduled meeting on March 14th at the Damascus Shrine Center. All are welcome to attend these meetings.

On February 21st, the Policy and Procedures Committee held a meeting to continue reviewing the Policies and Procedures for the various Officers, Directors, Committees, etc.

Committee members in attendance were Cy Kloner, Tom Paglia, Jim Ghent and Terry Wihlen, Committee Chairman. At that meeting, the Committee was able to complete job descriptions for the President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. Other job descriptions/functions that were reviewed and edited were the Editorial Board for the Masonic Times, F. Jay McCullough, Chair; the Scholarship Committee, Beverly VanHuben, Chair; and the Charities Committee, Ramona Dimino, Chair.

These Policies and Procedures were presented to the Board of Directors for approval. Other Committee documents to be reviewed are for the Finance Committee, Widows Luncheon Committee, Investments Committee and Insurance Committee.

As we approach Spring, the yearly cleanup at Camp DeMolay will be required. We are seeking as many volunteers, who are able, to help with this endeavor. As a volunteer organization, we are always looking for new volunteers. For more information, contact the Masonic Service Bureau Office or come to one of our luncheon meetings on the second Wednesday of the month.

A Liaison for the Masonic Care Community Be an "Admissions Counselor"

If you're interested in educating the Fraternity about the services available at the Masonic Care Community, be a part of the Admissions Counselor Program.

The goal of this program is to grow until each District has at least one trained Admissions Counselor who can assist other Brothers or their family members with the admission process at the Masonic Care

Community in Utica. This program represents the greatest opportunity for a Lodge Brother to completely understand the various programs and services offered at the Masonic Care Community.

If you are interested in being an Admissions Counselor, please contact Angie Caiola, Director of Community Relations - (315) 798-4768 or 800-322-8826.

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E. David Martin Area 16 Historian



I just received this book and haven't had a chance to read it, but I thought the Brothers might want to know about it.

Freemasons' Guide and Compendium, by Bernard E. Jones. Foreword by J. Heron Lepper. New and revised edition (1956). Reprinted in 2006 by Cumberland House Printing Company. For sale in North America only. Pp. 604, 31 Plates, 37 Illustrations in the text, hard cover. \$29.95 US;

\$39.95 in Canada. May be ordered from commercial book-sellers.

Reviewed in the Royal Arch Mason Magazine-Winter 2006-2007, by Wallace McLeod. Who states that the book was published in Great Britain since 1950, and has been reprinted 20 times there, and that this is the first time it has been printed in North America. It is made up of six books, all in one volume:

- Book 1; Operative Masonry and the London Company—6 Chapters

Grand Master's Family Day Saturday, July 14th

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the date for Grand Master's Family Day at Camp Turk has been changed! The correct date is July 14th.



Please note, the date in the brochure, handbook and flyer are NOT correct!

Save the Date Interfaith Service and Brunch Sunday, October 28th

- Book 2; Speculative Masonry—4 Chapters
- Book 3; The Grand Lodges (1717-1813)—4 Chapters
- Book 4; The Craft Degrees and Other Matters—7 Chapters
- Book 5; The Lodge and Many Related Subjects—12 Chapters
- Book 6; The Royal Arch, Mark Masonry, and Additional Degrees—3 Chapters
- Appendix: The Arms of the Three Sister Grand Lodges
- Bibliography
- Index

I think all Masonic Lodge Halls should have a copy of this book for instructional purposes for each new Candidate. It would also be good for those of us who have passed through all the chairs to the East and beyond.

The three main Degrees are explained very well. Grips are mentioned, but not described. Chapter 18 describes how the Hiram Legend entered Freemasonry. Chapter 1 describes the three main columns with illustrations on them.

The author, Brother Bernard E. Jones (1879-1965), was a member of the Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No. 2076. The foreword by J. Heron Lepper, Past Master of Quatuor Coronati Lodge, No 2076, was also the Librarian and Curator to the Grand Lodge of England 1943-1952.

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## Augustus Saint-Gaudens Have you Seen His Work?

By R.:W.: Donald Darrohn

Augustus Saint-Gaudens was born March 1, 1848, in Dublin, Ireland, to a French shoemaker and his Irish wife. Six months later, the family immigrated to New York City, where Augustus grew up.

After completing school at age 13, he expressed strong interest in art as a career and was apprenticed to a cameo cutter. While working days at his cameo lathe, Augustus also attended art classes at New York's Cooper Union and the National Academy of Design.

At age 19, with his apprenticeship completed and his mind set on becoming a sculptor, he traveled to Paris and then on to Rome, continuing his studies in both cities. It was in Rome where he received his first commissions. *Silence*, one of the earliest commissions was, in fact, completed for Masonic Hall in New York City - officially unveiled on May 15, 1876, at the corner of 23rd Street and 6th Avenue. This gift was commissioned by R.:W.: Levi H. Willard and presented to the Board of Trustees. The marble statue, although signed and dated 1874, was actually completed in clay and cast in plaster in 1874, with the marble statue actually being completed by Italian workmen in 1875.

The statue was moved to the Masonic Home and placed in the main lobby of the Soldiers and Sailors Hospital when it was opened in 1922. In 1970, *Silence* was moved to its present location in the Tompkins Memorial Chapel.

Saint-Gaudens was commissioned by President Theodore Roosevelt to design new coinage for the United States Mint. The result was the standing liberty ten and twenty dollar gold bullion coins, considered by numismatists to be some of the most beautiful coins ever designed.

Next time you're in the Utica area, take a few minutes to view *Silence*, one of the treasures in Tompkins Chapel. ✕



## Three Districts combine for Road to the East



Road to the East Course participants were Brothers from Genesee-Wyoming, Livingston and Monroe Districts and are shown in the above photograph, taken at the conclusion of the Course on March 3rd. Also pictured are Grand Lodge Officers, who arranged the program, and some of the presenters who spoke at the third session. (From left, front) R.:W.: Gary Sanford, Monroe DDGM; R.:W.: Marshall Krause, Grand Steward from Genesee-Wyoming; R.:W.: K. Rick Howe, Grand Steward from Livingston; Don Wilson, ERAC Lodge; R.:W.: G. Thomas Grape, Grand Director of Ceremonies from Monroe; R.:W.: Donald Tubman, Monroe District Chairman Child ID; and R.:W.: Richard Trescott, Livingston DDGM. (Middle) Ron Baylor, Livonia Lodge; R.:W.: Harry Tyson, Genesee-Wyoming DDGM; Frank J. Kielbasa, Hesperus Lodge; John Jamele, Unity Lodge; Carl Preddy, Seneca Lodge; Steven A. Vanderbilt, Avon Springs Lodge. (Back) Brother Donald Baylor, Livonia Lodge; R.:W.: Derek VanHouten, Grand Sword Bearer from Monroe; Christopher M. Kremer, Hesperus Lodge; James R. Smith, Union Lodge; Brian Parker, Constellation Lodge; R.:W.: John Zabel, Monroe District, Committee Member-Leadership Services; David Adams, Northfield Lodge; Ralph Jurgens, Craftsman-Robertson Lodge; and R.:W.: Robert Strang, Genesee-Wyoming AGL. Two Brothers are missing from the photo: Erik Loepker, Northfield Lodge, and James Rosenbech, Batavia Lodge. The joint report is presented in R.:W.: G. Thomas Grape's column on page 7, and is the result of the work and collaboration District Staff Officers and the guest instructors. We had a great team effort!

## Pearl's Our Priceless Gem!

By Jan Porter and Donna Laundry

Pearl Smith loves to share her stories and now that she's 100, there are many! Lilac Star Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, held a party on February 24th and many guests came to wish her the very best.

She received beautiful flowers from the Grand Matron and Grand Patron and her 1968 girls sent yellow roses. She was showered with cards and wishes from fraternal friends made through more than 55 years of membership in Eastern Star and Daughters of Mokanna Caldron.

She has truly enjoyed celebrating this milestone. Her family started last July with a reunion-style party. All 65 of her nieces and nephews gathered in Rochester from all over the country, Caldron members paid tribute at their National Convention in September and several parties near her birthday were held at the senior facility where she lives, at organizational meetings and at her doctor's office. Her OES Chapter also honored her with an imprinted brick in Pounder Hall.

### Early Memories

Pearl was born February 22, 1907, in Canada. Her family moved to Irondequoit when she was 5 years old and grew up there. From a family of seven children, she recalls quarantines for the family when they were stricken with illnesses such as whooping cough and measles. There were no phones, so they would have to send for a doctor, who would make a house call.

She remembers Seneca Park where she went ice skating in the Winter and rode on the Swan boats for 5 cents in the Summer. She would go into Simpson's woods across the street from her home to collect



wildflowers. Ice cream was distributed to neighborhood children by horse and buggy.

### Schooling

She attended school at the corner of Titus and Cooper roads from first grade through High School. It was across the street from the Congregational Church. She was part of a high school graduating class of six students. She went one year to Genesee Normal College. She lived with about 20 other girls at Wells House there, as there were no dorms. She had to eat meals at another house.

### Work and Marriage

She worked at Stecher-Traung Lithograph the Summer after her first year of college. They encouraged her to continue working there, rather than going back to college. She did and met her husband Earl there. She worked there for 45 years, doing advertising for Harris Seed, Kodak and other city companies. She retired in 1972.

She was married to Earl in 1929; he passed away on Christmas Day in 1949. Although they only had 20 years together, Pearl recalls them fondly as

very good years and considers they were blessed. The couple hosted horse-drawn sleigh rides followed by a party at their home. She survived the Depression and most major wars in which the United States was involved. She has seen monumental changes in technology, medicine and society.

### Organizations

Order of the Eastern Star - She joined Golden Rule Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, in 1951. She remembers that the Line Officers were always in charge of some event. She was Worthy Matron in 1962 when Marion Neuert was DDGM and in 1985 when Ruth Comstock was DDGM. She was DDGM in 1968, when Most Worthy Rhea LaVeck was Grand Matron. She is currently an active member of Lilac Star Chapter.

Concordant Bodies - She was a member of White Shrine of Jerusalem and the Amaranth. She is currently an active member of the Daughters of Mokanna (Caldron). In 1973, when Alice Nunnold was Supreme Mighty Chosen One of that organization, she was the Convention Chairperson. Approximately 1,000 people attended the Convention at the Holiday Inn and Convention Center. She was also Chairperson of the Convention when Jean Wood was Supreme Mighty Chosen One. She was a Supreme Officer and part of the Caldron Drill team.

Pearl golfed into her 90s and only used a golf cart after she broke her hip. She attributes her longevity to staying active, having good surgeons, dentists and her doctor who help keep her going. Pearl always has a kind word for everyone and makes everyone feel special. Pearl is our GEM and we love her. Our best wishes for continued good fortune and health. ✕

## Area Secretaries gather in Honeoye Falls



R.:W.: Herb Spencer, Secretary of Valley-Simes Lodge, explains some of the forms in the MORI system, as Union Star Lodge Secretary, Rob Sweeney, operates computer online to Grand Lodge.

By R.:W.: Gary Sanford

There were nineteen of us at Union Star Lodge on a snowy Saturday morning. Thanks to Rob Sweeney for bringing his laptop with wireless connection and for providing the donuts. Thanks also to Herb Spencer for leading us through the MORI system and providing CD's with useful forms and general data to make our lives easier.

I believe we had representatives from Monroe, Genesee-Wyoming, Livingston and Ontario/Seneca/Yates Districts. Thanks to everyone for their input and questions; I know I learned a lot. If you have questions that we did not cover, or as new ones come up, please use the email list provided for feedback so we all may learn.

Based on your comments, I plan to have another session in the fall. Please let me know your thoughts on this. ✕



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### Individual Development Course

I congratulate the Brothers from Genesee-Wyoming District who completed the IDC that was held jointly with the Monroe and Niagara Orleans Districts. Graduates from Hesperus were: Courtney Gale, Chris Kremer, Donald Kunego, and Robert Seils. Michael Rhodes attended from Constellation Lodge.

### Road to the East

The RTTE Course was held in conjunction with the Monroe and Livingston Districts. I congratulate Frank Kielbasa, Chris Kremer, Brian Parker and James Rosenbeck on successfully completing the Course. I am sure the training they received will go a long way to making their year as Master much more rewarding.

### Masonic Development Course

The Genesee-Wyoming District will host the MDC on April 21st, 28th, and May 12th at Hesperus Lodge in Bergen. Any Brother who wishes to avail himself of the Ritual training is invited to attend. The cost for

the Course is \$20 per person. Instructors for the Course will be Michael Grady and his team from Livingston District. Contact Marshall Krause at 494-2147 if you are interested.

### Thought for the day

By Ronald Reagan

"If we forget that we're one nation under God, then we'll be a nation gone under." ❧

## Oakland Lodge

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The sun is shining once again and we can even start to see the grass poking through the snow. This must be a sign that warmer weather is approaching or Mother Nature is just playing games with us again. The warmer weather also is a sign that the Masonic year is winding down. Our Southern-bound Brothers will soon be traveling back north for the Spring and Summer seasons. Hopefully all these Brothers will have a safe voyage back and be joining us in Lodge once again.

### Called by GAOTU

It saddens me to convey that our Heavenly Father called Brother Edward "Eddard" Degenfelder on February 14th. Brother Degenfelder was not a

member of Oakland Lodge, but due to the close family relationship, I feel it is my duty to express some kind words regarding him.

"Eddard" was born November 12, 1916, in Arcade. Brother Degenfelder had a long and distinguished Masonic life that spanned over 65 years and began on January 21, 1942, at Triluminar Lodge in Pike. Brother Degenfelder was passed to the Fellowcraft Degree on February 4, 1942, and on February 18, 1942, was raised to the sublime Degree of Master Mason by his uncle W.: Benjamin O. Chaffee.

Brother Degenfelder held many offices during his years as a member of Triluminar Lodge. He was Worshipful Master in 1947, and was a Trustee at the time of his passing. Edward was instrumental in the forming of Eagle Valley Lodge in Bliss. Along with his father-in-law, R.: W.: William H. Shaffner, he was one of the Charter Members. Brother Degenfelder once again held many offices during his years as a member of Eagle Valley Lodge including Master in 1960. Brother Degenfelder held a Dual Membership with both Lodges until Eagle Valley merged with Triluminar Lodge.

Edward's Masonic career extended into the Order of the Eastern Star and Shrine organizations. He was a member of the Stebbins Chapter of the Eastern Star in Pike for over 60 years. While being a member of the Eastern Star, Brother Degenfelder was Patron for many years off and on, and was District Grand Lecturer in 1973.

Brother Degenfelder was a past member of Damascus Shrine Temple and Perry Shrine Club. While a part of the Shrine Club, Brother Degenfelder drove the famous mini cars in local parades and attended the Shrine Circus as a chaperone to local students.

I don't think I could even come close to explain what he has meant to our Fraternity and how much of a loss he will be. Brother Degenfelder was the true persona of what a Mason should be. Brother Degenfelder was not only a great Mason, but also a great man; husband of over 65 years, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather.

I was not fortunate to be around when Brother Degenfelder was in the prime of his Masonic life, but I can tell you what a pleasure I had whenever I got to sit and talk with a man of such vast Masonic knowledge. It's not everyday you get to communicate with a man who has been a Member of the Craft for over 60 years. A heartfelt prayer goes out from this Mason to the all the family and friends of Brother Degenfelder who are coping with the loss of a loved one. Brother Degenfelder will be lost but, rest assured never forgotten.

Oakland Lodge will have two Communications for the month of April. The first communication will be on Tuesday, April 3rd. This Communication will be Move-up Night, as your Master will be heading South for vacation. The second Communication for the month will be April 17th. This Communication will be a business meeting with some discussion on the lineup of next year's Officers. Please inform the Master or Senior Warden if you have a certain Office you would like to hold next year.

### April Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following Brothers who were raised or joined Oakland Lodge during the month of April:

1946	Norman O. Smith
1957	Robert L. Kingsley
1962	Robert E. Kemp
1980	Raymond W. Minnick
1986	Henry W. Robinson
2003	Michael E. Rhodes Sr.

We welcome and congratulate 2 new members to Oakland Lodge. They are R.: W.: Keith Granger from Triluminar Lodge and Brother Bernard Rease from Olive Branch Lodge. Both Brothers applied for dual membership with Oakland Lodge, their applications were accepted and they were welcomed with open arms. We hope to be seeing both new Brothers at our Communications.

Thanks to all the Brothers who have submitted their dues for this year. The Secretary has had a great response to the notices that were sent. For those Brothers who have not submitted their dues for this year, I would highly encourage you to get them in to prevent falling behind a year, and having to double up next year.

Here's hoping this article finds all our Brothers having a happy and healthy start to the Spring season. Let us never forget those who have and are still fighting to keep this great Nation free and safe. May the blessings of heaven fall upon my fellow Brothers and their families wherever they may be throughout the world. ❧

## West Star Lodge No. 413

F. & A. M.

1st & 3rd  
Mondays



Master  
R.: W.: Kenneth  
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Secretary  
W.: Steven M. Sharman

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This Winter hasn't been good for meetings this year. Our first meeting was canceled because of New Year's Day. Our first meeting in February was canceled because of bad weather and so was the first meeting in March. Today is the 11th of March and Varysburg has seen its first Robin. This is a good sign of Spring and maybe we will be able to have our meeting as scheduled. It's the time of the year to start reading the seed catalogs.

### Molly's on the Move

At our January 15th meeting, we expected lots of company to visit and compete to take Molly. It was a quiet night and Molly was able to stay for another month. We had 3 bricks of Limburger and onions but no one came for Molly. On February 19th, it was another story. Hesperus Lodge came to Varysburg and Molly is now residing at Hesperus. On Thursday March 1st, Hesperus had a birthday party for Molly's 21st birthday in conjunction with a Table Lodge. It sounds like everyone had a good time.

While Molly was at Varysburg, a new traveling journal was started. The first journal has been lost for several years and it is good to get a new one started. Pictures were put into the journal and hopes are that the tradition continues. It would be a good thing if Lodge Secretaries wrote in the minutes where the journal and Molly go, when she leaves their Lodge.

### Sickness and Distress

To the best of my knowledge, everyone is doing fine. Just a few stomach bugs going around, but they seem to last only a day or two.

Because our meeting on March 5th was canceled due to the bad weather, a Special Communication was held on March 12th. Plans were made for the March 16th Fish Fry. We also made plans for the 6:30 Club to meet at Durfee's Diner for supper for our Annual Awards Night to be held on April 2nd. Several Brothers will receive Certificates and W.: Harold Spink will receive his 65-year Pin. That is a lot of years of service to Masonry for which we thank you and offer congratulations!

We have only a few months left for this year's Brotherhood Fund Campaign. Some Brothers have sent a donation in with their dues. You still have time to send your donation to the Lodge Brotherhood Chairman or to the Lodge directly. Participation is most important, so just a few dollars will help.

We've had some Brothers come to Lodge this Winter whom we haven't seen in a long time. Brother John Sherlock was at our last meeting and I'm sure he enjoyed himself as much as I enjoyed seeing him. We made plans to go on a little fishing trip. I can't wait. We like to see old friends and talk about

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old times. Take a Monday night and come to Lodge. We try to do something interesting at each meeting. Bring a Brother with you. Maybe there is someone who would like to come to Lodge but can't drive at night. We look forward to seeing you! ✕

**District Deputy Grand Master Livingston District**



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We are again doing a lot of Degree work. That is good. I can see that the Brother Bring-a-Friend Program is a great tool for getting new members into the Fraternity. We have received 8 new Brothers in this District due to Brother Bring-a-Friend programs. If done by the program outline in the new 24-Inch Masonic Gauge, you are sure to gain new members!

The trip to the Casino in Niagara Falls, Canada on March 2nd, organized by W.: Ken Buckley, was great. We all had a great time and, for a change, I came home with just a little more than when I left. Plus, I had a lot of fun and ate very well with fantastic company at the dinner table and on the bus. Thank you, Brother Ken.


Please don't forget the 3rd Annual Ladies Night at the Conesus Golf Club, which will be held on April 21st. Plan on coming, bring your significant other and let's not forget the widows. This should be a very special event so get your reservations in early.

I hope you all had a great St. Patrick's Day. Vilma and I had Corned Beef and Cabbage with a couple of Brothers and their wives. We had a very special meal and an interesting evening enjoying each others' company.

Masters, please get your paperwork done for Grand Lodge Annual Communication. If you would like us to arrange your transportation, please let us know ASAP.

Thanks to all the Lodges in the District. We are now pulling together as a single body with all the communication and support being shown from one Lodge to another. We are even showing Brothers outside our District that we, as a District, are available to help if they need the help! ✕

**Grand Steward Livingston**



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My thanks to all the facilitators who imparted their knowledge during our *Road to the East* sessions. The feedback, from the Brothers who took the course, has been very positive. We will be working at putting next year's program together this Spring. We Staff Officers, from the three Districts, have agreed to work together on the *Road to the East Course* and the *Masonic Development Course* again next season as we agree, the larger classes add dimension to the material and it gives us all an opportunity for fellowship with Brothers outside our respective Districts. So stay tuned and plan to get onboard for next year.

As I write this article, I am preparing for a part in a 1st Degree that will be held at Nunda Station Lodge. I know it will be well attended by Brothers from the District, thanks to the tireless efforts of R.: W.: Trescott. I am also planning for Cathy's and my long-awaited vacation to Tennessee. We will be visiting my brother's family in Nashville and our daughter's family in Dayton (near Chattanooga). I have already made arrangements to visit Dayton Lodge, and the Scottish Rite Valley in Nashville. It will be exciting to experience Masonry in another jurisdiction.

Our District has much planned for April. In addition to Degree work, we have Talent Shows. The show at Mount Morris School will be held on April 21st and our District show will be held at Keshequa Central in Nunda, on May 4th. Let us all get out for these and support our children and our Fraternity.

Our District Ladies Night will be held at The Conesus Country Club on April 21st. Please make your reservations.


Remember that Eunice Lodge will be hosting the Association Meeting on April 23rd at Avon Springs Lodge.

Finally, I encourage all from the District to come to the Damascus Shrine Center on April 15th to witness the Feast of the Pascal Lamb. The presentation will be at 3 p.m. and dinner will be at 5 p.m. Call the Scottish Rite Office at 264-1160 to make

your reservations. The cost is \$15 and the choices for dinner are Beef or Chicken.

Several Brothers from the District will be involved. Brothers David and Derek Howlett, as well as yours truly, will be part of the presentation and Rev. Charles Roberts will be our guest speaker. This will be an opportunity to spend a pleasant afternoon with your spouse and enjoy some fellowship with your Brothers and their spouses. Please plan to attend; you won't be disappointed. ✕

**Nunda Station Lodge No. 682**



1st & 3rd Tuesdays 7:30 p.m.  
Master W.: William R. Wright, Jr. 476-2383  
Secretary R.: W.: Gerald J. Hussong 476-2739

Once again, the days are getting longer and my term as Master is getting shorter. The two years as Master has gone by quickly. It's kind of like work - if you like what you're doing, it's not really work.

Masonic Funeral Services were held for R.: W.: Roy Woolston and about a month later, services were held for his Brother V.: W.: John Woolston. Both funerals took place in Livonia and it impressed me at the time that, as sad as death may be, a Masonic Funeral is a great way to send a Brother to join the Celestial Lodge.

**Upcoming Events**  
Looking towards the future, here are some of the activities in which our Lodge will be participating. The Youth Talent Show, sponsored by Nunda Station Lodge and the Keshequa School Music Department, will be holding a rehearsal on Friday April 13th. The show will be held on Friday, April 20th, with the Livingston County finals being held on Friday, May 4th. All three events will be held at 7 p.m. in the Keshequa Middle-Senior High School Auditorium in Nunda.

The Livingston Masonic Association Service Committee will be holding its Annual Bowla-Thon on Sunday, April 15th. The cost of \$12 per bowler includes three games of bowling, shoes, chicken wings, pizza and beverages. For those who would like to attend but not bowl, the fee will be \$6. A headcount is needed by March 25th. Contact Bob Ossant at 658-2630 or Bill Wright at 476-2383.

There will be a trip to the National Museum of the United States Air Force in Dayton, Ohio (on Wright-Patterson Air Force Base) on April 18th and 19th. The trip is being planned by W.: Ray Robinson of the Geneseo Lodge.

The Livingston District Masonic Association will be holding its 3rd Annual Ladies Night - a Dinner Dance, at the Conesus Golf and Country Club on Saturday, April 21st. The cost is \$25 per person. See Dick Trescott for tickets.

The Annual Masonic Breakfast will again be held at the State Street Station Restaurant in Nunda on June 3rd at 8:30

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a.m. Please plan on bringing your families. Note: we need 4 Brothers to help serve. If you need more information on any of these events you can get it by attending Lodge on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month or by calling the Brothers in charge.


Since the last article in the *Masonic Times*, Nunda Station Lodge has held a 2nd Degree rehearsal. Hopefully, practice will make it perfect, or close to it! At the last District Meeting at Union Lodge, Nunda Station Lodge had 5 Brothers in attendance for the dinner. And for our Brothers who don't know what that means; the 3 major Officers - Master, Senior and Junior Wardens are in attendance. It makes everyone

present feel that we are doing our jobs!

W.: Ken Buckley and his wife, Sharon, put together a wonderful bus trip to the Niagara Fallsview Casino on March 2nd. The trip only cost \$10 and that included the bus trip and a free buffet lunch with a view of the Falls! They are to be congratulated on a job more than well done! Look for future trips from this duo.

Lastly, we are still committed to helping Brother Lodges in neighboring areas. A group of Brothers from Nunda Station Lodge went to help Hornell Lodge with 1st Degree work. If you have any information you would like included in future articles, please contact me. ✕

**District Deputy Grand Master Ontario/Seneca/Yates District**



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Spring is here Brothers! I am looking forward to the Grand Lodge trip in May.

On behalf of the O/S/Y District, I thank the Brothers of Rushville Lodge for funding the new O/S/Y District Child ID system! A short demo of the new system was given at the last O/S/Y District Charities Dinner and at the O/S/Y District Association meeting at Eagle Lodge. The new system was already pressed into service on March 24th by Canandaigua Lodge to support a local Boy Scout going for his Eagle badge.

Whether your Lodge has done a Child ID session in the past, with videotape or not,

please visit <http://nychip.org> for details about running a session. Please contact the District Child ID Chairman, R.: W.: Don Dill, for more information.

I received a letter signed by both the Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master promoting the *Individual Development Course* (IDC). I am looking for Brothers interested in taking this course starting in September through February 2008 on the third Saturday of each month. For more details on the course, please call R.: W.: Ed Carris or visit this website: <http://e-muny.net>.

The Traveling Trowel is now at Eagle Lodge and I predict it will not be there very long. You can expect a visit from the Brothers of Eagle Lodge at your Lodge soon. The Traveling Gavel is at Pocahontas Lodge - why not get seven Brothers together, pay them a visit and seize it for your Lodge!

Just a note on CCER=M... remember the Grand Master's message? By my own scorecard, we are making good progress in the area of Communications (R.: W.: Ken Hall has made

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several enhancements to the O/S/Y website); Community Involvement (We can now do a bunch of CHIP sessions); Education (R.:W.: Ed Carris has run MDC and RTTE, IDC to come); Ritual (a fair amount of Degree work has gone on); and Membership (the numbers have yet to be tabulated on this one).

I welcome any comments and/or constructive criticism on how we are doing as a District and the job your District Team is doing. Please make your voice heard - this is your Masonry!

Several important upcoming dates are included here again this month for the widest possible distribution. Please bring this article to Lodge and relay these dates:

**April**

7th - Meet the Deputy Grand Master; Pocahontas Lodge, Seneca Falls at 9:30 a.m.

We really need you at this one Brothers! Please come and "shoot the breeze" with the Brother who will, most undoubtedly, be your next Grand Master.

16th - Deadline for reservations for Surviving Spouses Luncheon.

21st - 5th Annual Surviving Spouses Luncheon - Ramada Inn, Geneva.

The 5th Annual Surviving Spouses Luncheon is to be held April 21st at the Ramada Inn in Geneva. Even if your Lodge holds its own Widows program, please make it possible for the widows from your Lodge to attend the District program by providing their names to R.:W.: Bob Ruggles or R.:W.: Eldon White. This year's program will be by the folks from Mercy Flight.

22nd - O/S/Y District Communion Church Service.

**May**

5th-9th - Grand Lodge New York City Trip

20th - O/S/Y District Memorial Service, St. Peters Church, Geneva, 2 p.m.

This will be the 50th Annual Memorial Service; please make an effort to attend and provide a good show of support for the families of Masons that have laid down their Working Tools this year.

**August**

19th - O/S/Y Golf Tourney-Seneca Lake Country Club

Please be sure your Lodge sponsors a hole this year - this event is the major fundraiser for O/S/Y District charitable activities.

**September**

8th - Ark Lodge-200th Anniversary at Club 86

Ark Lodge will be celebrating their 200th-Year Anniversary on Saturday, September 8th, at Club 86 in Geneva. The Grand Line, including the Grand Master, will be in attendance. Tickets are available now for a \$30 donation; please contact W.: Bob Mattick or me for more info. Two hundred years of Freemasonry in our District, is a huge milestone and deserves the attention of all Masons. Please help generate a capacity crowd and support the Brothers of Ark Lodge on this important occasion at Club 86 on September 8th.

The 226th Grand Lodge Session will take place May 7th and May 8th. Reservations are due now for the bus trip, which

leaves May 5th and returns May 8th! We will share the bus with Brothers from Cayuga-Tompkins and Wayne Districts. Our accommodations will be at the Hotel Edison, which is about as fine a hotel (and affordable) as you will find in Manhattan so close to Broadway. Please get your calendars out right now and consider making this trip. As is the case every year, I am requesting that the Master (or representative) from every Lodge in our District make the trip and attend Grand Lodge. For those Brothers who are not Masters of Lodges this year, please consider making the trip for the fun of it - Grand Lodge Session attendance is not required! Please mention the trip to family and friends now! Please go to osydistrict.org for details.

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

Once again, please email [dwlocke@rochester.rr.com](mailto:dwlocke@rochester.rr.com) to be added to the O/S/Y District email list.

I look forward to meeting you at R.:W.: Ed Carris' visits, BBF Programs, Degrees, and other events.

**Eagle Lodge No. 619**  
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On February 13th Eagle Lodge presented American Flags, provided by Grand Lodge in commemoration of its 225th Anniversary. The evening began with a delicious dinner put on by our own Eagle Star Chapter, followed by our Flag Presentation ceremony. The recipients were as follows: Honeoye Library, accepted by Wendy Krause; local Girl Scouts Troop, accepted by Mary Ellen Quinlen; Richmond Fire Department, accepted by Bruce Cavaretta; Cub Scouts, accepted by Kurt Taylor; and Honeoye Auto Parts, accepted by Doug Dolan.

On February 27th Eagle Lodge passed three Brothers to the 2nd Degree. This Degree was organized by Senior Warden, Brother Tom Shafer, who did a wonderful job presenting the Master's work. I thank everyone who took part in the Degree, especially Senior Deacon, Brother Ed Hudson, who did a magnificent job with his floor work and memorization. His Ritual work grew exponentially that evening. I extend special thanks to R.:W.: Clayton Ruggles from Garoga-Sincerity Lodge, who delivered a wonderful and inspiring presentation of the Middle Chamber Lecture.

Eagle Lodge's next monthly Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser will be held on April 19th from 5 to 7 p.m. This monthly fundraiser supports capitol improvements for our building.

On April 21st Eagle Lodge will be escorting our departed Brothers' widows to the annual O/S/Y District Widows Lun-

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cheon, being held at the Ramada Inn in Geneva. Any Brother who would like to assist with this event, please contact me at 425-3285. This event is very popular and appreciated by our extended family members.

Eagle Lodge will be completing Degree work on March 27th by presenting the 3rd Degree. This evening will be preceded by yet another great dinner served by Eagle Star Chapter. Please put this date on your calendar. Come join us and support us in raising five new Brothers, two from Eagle Lodge and three from John Hodge Lodge, to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. If you are not a member of Eagle Lodge and would like to attend the preceding dinner, please call 425-3285 for a dinner reservation.

### Upcoming Events

April 10 - Dinner at Aces, 6 p.m. Program - Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.:W.: Edwin Carris, Official Visit

19 - Spaghetti Dinner Fund-raiser at Lodge from 5 to 7 p.m.

21 - Widows Luncheon, Ramada Inn in Geneva

24 - Officers' Meeting, 6:15 p.m. Program - 3rd Degree Historical Lecture

May 8 - Program - *Secrets of Masonry* video

17 - Spaghetti Dinner Fund-raiser at Lodge from 5 to 7 p.m.

22 - Officers' Meeting, 6:15 p.m. Program - Election of Officers/Grand Lodge Report

# Garoga-Sincerity Lodge No. 200



1st & 3rd  
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A very successful Walk-About was held at the last meeting in February. Hopefully, the newly raised Brothers benefited from the experience. I know it refreshed my memory.

Thank you, Brother Bob Bird, for plowing the parking lot at the Lodge. The last couple of months he was pretty busy; a job well done.

Eight Brothers traveled to Eagle Lodge in Honeoye last month and presented them with the Traveling Trowel. We had an enjoyable time and the weather cooperated. Eagle

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Lodge was putting on a 2nd Degree and all did an excellent job. Our next endeavor will be to go after the Traveling Gavel.

The Roast Pork Dinner was a success. All worked hard to make it that way. Thanks to Steve Durso for leading the event.

### Upcoming Events

Don't forget, Move-Up Night is May 1st. May 7th is our Annual Blood Drive to be held at the Phelps Community Center. We need volunteers for this; please call Ron Galens at 548-3453 or Bob Ruggles at 548-3573.

### April Birthdays

Happy birthday to our Brothers celebrating in April - Bobby Dorgan (7th), Todd Ruggles (8th), Jay Ford and John Roush (9th), Vincent Rozella II (12th), Norman Schafer (16th), David Mowers (19th), Howard Lester (20th), Robert Lash (26th), and James Gostley (29th).

### Masonic Anniversaries

Congratulations to these Brothers raised in April: 1950-Robert Hines; 1951-George Landstrom; 1959-Frederick Wheeler and Robert Spink; 1960-Paul Adams; 1962-Elvin Grube and Kenneth Thomas Jr.; 1963-John Bowles; 1964-John Davis; 1965-Clayton Barnard and Isaac Hessney; 1967-John Roush; 1968-Ronald VanCamp; 1969-Milton Lum; 1971-Aaron Dell and Dale Gelder; 1974-Ramon Howard; 1983-Ernest Day; 1984-Michael Klimeczko; 1994-Scott Upchurch and Charles Bird.

# Drumlin Square Lodge No. 1180

1st & 3rd Wednesdays

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With the coming of Spring, we welcome our newly raised Master Mason, Brother Joel A. Falbo, who is going to be an as-

set to this Lodge. He has a lot of enthusiasm and the desire to learn. If you haven't been to Lodge for some time, welcome him, make him feel at home and answer any questions he may ask. Remember we were all new to this Craft at one time and had many questions. It is our duty to help this new Brother as he progresses.

April brings some follow-up on proposals that were made earlier in the year, such as the Officers wearing tuxedos or blazers. Reports of the various Committees, as to the future of our place of meeting. Do we want to rejuvenate the Fellowship Club, once a program of the Old Palmyra Lodge, or an organization of Past Masters that will help, aid and assist the Officer Line?

Soon we will be receiving the proposals to be brought before Grand Lodge at the 226th Annual Communication. There is a need for input as to how the Lodge wants their votes to be cast. Plans to be formulated for our next Widows Program. All in all, there are many subjects for discussion that need to be accomplished, as the year is coming to an end.

The month of May will include the Election of Officers for the ensuing year, as well as the presentation of Years of Service Awards to seven Brothers (five of whom are in the area) who will be receiving certificates and pins representing 50-65 years of continuous membership in the Masonic Fraternity. There will be a dinner prior to this meeting. The May article, will give the exact details of the event.

There is a need to promote the Child ID Program, not only within our local area, but the District as well. We have been given the use of the newest system and, if wanted, the data card system. Grand Lodge will eventually discontinue this. We have 2000 cards, plus enough print tape to make this a viable program for some distant future. What better way to promote the Fraternity while making the public aware of Drumlin Square Lodge?

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### Camp Turk

Allow me to remind you of our Masonic Camp Turk. This is a Summer Camp for boys and girls, ages 9 - 16, located North of Utica in the Adirondack Park.

There are two sessions that run for three weeks each. The first starts on July 8th through 28th and is for Boys. The second starts on July 29th through August 18th and is for Girls.

Some of the activities offered are: water skiing, tubing, canoeing, fishing, archery, soccer, band, computers, movies, hiking and biking to name a few.

Registration is open now through June 1st for boys and July 1st for girls. Copies of the registration forms have been mailed to your Lodge or you may contact me. This is open to a son, daughter, or any child and scholarships for the camp are available.

I have to admit that many of my second visits have been to Lodges holding a Degree. I'm not sure that I could have ever planned it this way. It is a pleasure to see the Brothers doing good Ritual work and allowing me to help as a Conductor when needed. This year, you have kept our AGLs busy with all the Degrees being done. That is a good situation. Please assign a mentor to work with the newly raised Brothers for at least one full year.

### Widows Luncheon

Please be sure that your Lodge has invited their widows to join us on April 21st at Burgundy Basin Inn at noon for their luncheon. This is an opportunity for us to recognize those who have lost a loved one who has helped our Fraternity become the great one that it is. If someone needs a ride or assistance, please be there to help them or you may contact me.

I had the honor to deliver some Anniversary Certificates and Pins to Masons who are living within our area. They were

for those from other states with fifty and sixty years in the Fraternity. Some were in good health and others needed assistance. They were surprised that we were able to locate them and recognize them with their Certificates. This started me thinking, I would have to think that the state of Florida has to have some of the busiest Masons just making presentations.

Please remember that, as your District Officers, it is our pleasure to assist you and your Lodge.

## Grand Director of Ceremonies

**Monroe**

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Our plan to hold all three *Road to the East* Classes at Eunice Lodge in Caledonia was dramatically changed by a burst water pipe that damaged the Lodge facilities, as well as their first floor business tenants.

R. W. : Rick Howe was advised of the problem and informed R. W. :s Marty Krause, Derek VanHouten and me of the need to relocate. The Brothers of Avon Springs Lodge offered their building, which R. W. : Rick accepted on behalf of the Team. Using email and phone calls, we managed to contact all 14 students and four guest Instructors of our change in venue.

Everyone showed up on time the next day for Session 2. The writer opened by quickly reviewing Session 1. W. : John Gallant gave a presentation on how to plan your meetings. R. W. : Derek VanHouten discussed how to prepare your Trestleboard and programs, both required and suggested by Grand Lodge. The writer then covered the Order of Business in a typical Lodge Meeting. R. W. : Derek VanHouten followed with how to write your meeting notice, effective writing skills and different ways to communicate.

W. : Charles "Skip" Waterstreet discussed the best ways to use the *Masonic Times* and offered do's and don'ts. The email address for commu-



R. W. : G. Thomas Grape, Grand Director of Ceremonies out of the Monroe District, makes presentation to the Brothers attending the *Road to the East* Course. (See the full group picture on Page 3.)

tion with the *Masonic Times* is: [bmasonic@rochester.rr.com](mailto:bmasonic@rochester.rr.com).

R. W. : Ken Kohlhaugen covered the Grand Lodge Communications Umbrella of Publications:

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R. W. : Gary Sanford then presented the Public Speaking and Public Relations sections of the material. Questions were asked and answered throughout the day.

Session 3, on March 3rd, opened with another quick review of material from the prior session. R. W. : Don Tubman then covered Community Service including Blood Drives, DeWitt Clinton Awards and Child ID activities. V. W. : Mark Dibelka reviewed how to hold a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night, mentoring and the skills required, and the keys to membership retention.

R. W. : Robert Strang passionately discussed Ritual and its importance in making Masons unique in the fraternal world. R. W. : Richard Trescott spoke on the preparations for a DDGM Visit, related what the DDGM expects to be shown, and the protocols to be followed by the host Lodge.

R. W. : John Zabel then reviewed etiquette and protocol and how the use of those tools/skills keeps meetings on a proper plane and direction.

R. W. : Marshall Krause took care of refreshments for all three sessions and curbed our hunger to keep us focused on the work at hand. Thank you, Marty!

After a final Q & A Session, we ascended to the 3rd floor Lodge Room for a class picture. Two Brothers are missing from the photo: Erik Loepker, Northfield Lodge, Monroe District and James Rosenbech, Batavia Lodge, of the Genesee Wyoming District.

This joint report is the result of the work and collaboration of your District Staff Officers and our guest Instructors. We had a great team effort in this work!

Marshall Krause, Grand Steward, Genesee-Wyoming District. Rick Howe, Grand Steward, Livingston District.

G. Thomas Grape, Grand Director of Ceremonies, Monroe District.

Derek VanHouten, Grand Sword Bearer, Monroe District.

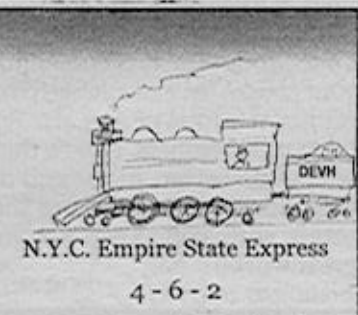
## Grand Sword Bearer

**Monroe District**



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How much more of this white stuff can we tolerate? It will be nice to bask in the warm glow of Summer and feel the green grass beneath our feet. Get real!! Now back to our journey.

When last we talked, we were under the direction of Brothers George Todd and Donald Hunter in our engine and W. : Clyde Siverd and Brother Earl Pearce riding shotgun in the caboose. We thank them for a job well done.

Speaking of replacements for the journey, we'll start this next segment in the rear of the train. We met two fine Brothers at the *Road to the East* course and enlisted their help for this month. Brothers Dave Adams and Erik Loepker of Northfield Lodge will keep an eye on the entire train from their vantage point in our little red caboose.

As we move up the line of cars to the big engine that is always huffing and puffing, we will have the service of Brother George Foehner from Union Star Lodge and R. W. : Jay McCullough of Unity Lodge to take care of us. They are experienced at running programs that provide safety for their clients.

We have sent word to the Engineers that we want to get off the main lines and head for the smaller towns and villages such as Pittsford, Spencerport, Webster, Scottsville, Honeoye Falls and Penfield, to name a few.

This will allow us to travel at a slower speed so we can observe the attributes of our surroundings. Why don't we go to the Observation car, pull up a good comfy chair and watch the ever-changing scenery roll by? We also have a Library car along so we can expand our minds. Speaking of which, there are two great sources of reading material to which we have access within our Fraternity. One is local and resides in

the Lounge of the Damascus Shrine Center at 979 Bay Road. It is a Masonic Library that was moved from the downtown facility. For those wishing to explore the books located there, see W. : Skip Waterstreet for access.

We all have access to the Grand Lodge Reading Course, which is offered to all Masons. It is a collection of twelve reading courses with titles such as: *American History*, consisting of eleven books, subjects with this course are Colonial Free Masonry and Revolutionary Brotherhood. We all need assistance in Public Speaking and there are eight books in this category. *A Treasury of Masonic Thought* and *The Old Past Master* might pique your interest.

Books are loaned through the mail for a period of three weeks and may be renewed for an additional three weeks. The only cost is return postage; there are no other charges. We can establish a pickup point in the aforementioned towns as we travel down our silver rails. Check with the Brothers in our Library car. Then sit back, enjoy a book and watch the world go by.

See you next month!

## Assistant Grand Lecturers

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Our article this month is geared mainly towards recruiting Ritualists. This section of our article will help to fill you in on what we are seeing and hearing at our required Lodge Degree review visits. It is a requirement of the Grand Master and Grand Lecturer that an Assistant Grand Lecturer arrange a visit with the Worshipful Master of each Lodge in his District to review a Masonic Degree. From some of these visits we come away with feelings of Masonic pride and happiness for the Lodge and the work they had performed; from others, unfortunately, we are left with melancholy contemplation. Hopefully, I can sum this up without hurting feelings or sounding too negative.

We have learned from reviewing our attendance records for the *Masonic Development Course, Road to the East* course, Grand Lecturer's Convention and, especially from the School of Ritual Classes, that the Lodges having attendance at these functions are doing better in all phases of Lodge and Ritual work than those not in attendance. All levels of members attending, from Right Worshipful, Worshipful Masters and Past Masters, right down to the newest member, are exemplifying not only Degree work, but all phases of our required Ritual in an acceptable fashion versus those Lodges that have not been able to attend the above functions for whatever reason. I am not talking about hiccups or a slight lapse of memory during a lecture or altar work; this can hap-

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## DeHollander, AGL

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pen no matter who is doing it. I am talking about proper protocol, floor work, preparation of candidates, lighting of the Lodge during Degree work, conductors work, etc. All of these subjects have been reviewed, discussed and exemplified at our Schools of Ritual. Your AGLs feel very strongly that your attendance at these functions will greatly improve your Lodge work, which will eventually improve Lodge attendance.

There were 38 Master Masons in attendance at our School of Ritual at the Shrine Center on January 29th. If we had one more in attendance making it 39, it would have averaged out to three Brothers per Lodge. Unfortunately, this was not the case. Some Lodges, as always, had more than others, and some were not represented. Bottom line here, some of the information never got back to those Lodges not represented. We are not trying to increase our attendance, which would be nice, but are trying to get a few Brothers from each Lodge to attend so the word gets out or back to the individual Lodges.

Both standard work and non-standard work covering several topics were discussed at the above meeting: American Flag protocol; words and phrases; altar work and the work for the evening; the duties and responsibilities of a Degree Conductor. The feedback following the closing of the School and from our several Lodge visits since has been very positive, and it really makes both V.: W.: John and me feel extremely gratified in knowing that we may be helping our Brothers and Lodges in their Masonic endeavors. This is the name of the game for an AGL.

The work for the evening at the School of Ritual at Clio Lodge in March was the First Section of the 3rd Degree. It was our last School of Ritual for this Masonic year.

### NOTICE

TO ALL MASTERS OF MONROE DISTRICT LODGES: On Friday, May 25th, 7:30 p.m., our District Joint Investiture Service for Masters-Elect will be held at the Fairport-Flower City Lodge. A dinner will precede the Investiture Service and reservations are required; contact V.: W.: John Dyer. The Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: Edward G. Gilbert, will be our guest speaker. More information on this will follow at a later date.

## Area 15 Brotherhood Fund

R.: W.:  
Derek VanHouten  
Monroe District

I received a very positive and upbeat letter from R.: W.: Robert Stack relating to the overall progress of the State Brotherhood Campaign. He indicated that as of December 31, 2006, we had achieved \$856,533.39 from 8,437 contributors. "This is an excellent number at this point in the Campaign, owing a great deal to an early start, the Anniversary Crystal Promotion and your hard work."

However, there are several problem areas for which you must be aware, as addressed at the seminars last Fall.

- Check to see that there are no unsigned checks and the legal line is filled in.
- Get those checks in on a timely basis. We are getting many out-of-date checks due to delays in reporting.
- DO NOT SEND CASH. Send us a Lodge or personal check.
- Please add up your figures properly and do not leave the totals blank. The bank will return it to us.
- When reporting credit card donations, please enclose the ENTIRE envelope with a separate report sheet for the donation.

Remember, the Anniversary Crystal Promotion ends on May 31st. Now is the time for a mailing to your Lodge to get the rest of your Lodge Brothers to contribute. We can make this the best year ever.

I appreciate the great help provided by 34 Lodges in Area 15 to the State Campaign. To those hardworking Lodge Chairmen, a BIG thank you for your efforts. As of December 31, 2006, your efforts on behalf of your Lodges have encouraged the raising of a total of \$25,482.80 from 546 members. I know that we can do better. At the end of the Campaign, I will share the totals with you. Keep up the great work!!

## Member Development

R.: W.:  
Joseph Privitera  
Monroe District

## Widows Luncheon

One of our social functions of the year is the Widows Luncheon. This event is scheduled for April 21st at the Burgundy Basin Inn. The luncheon is held to honor our Masonic Ladies whose husbands were Brother Masons and have passed on. This is an occasion, which is not only an obligation, but also a pleasure to perform.

We must make an effort to contact our widowed Masonic ladies and invite them to attend this event. Our ladies support us in our activities. They become part of our activities. When their husbands pass away we tend to forget them. This is one of the ways we not only remember the ladies but also honor the memory of their husbands.

If you need some help and assistance with this event, please contact me using the phone numbers located in the "hot numbers" section of this publication.


Hope to see you in Lodge and at the Burgundy Basin Inn. \*

## Searching

By Herb Spencer

The Purple Club of Monroe District is looking for a R.: W.: Brother to assume the position of Secretary-Treasurer for the ensuing term starting in June 2007. If you are interested in securing this position, kindly contact R.: W.: Stephen Whitaker at 223-7630 or by email to cincStephen33@aol.com. \*

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By the time you read this article we should have three more Brothers raised to Master Masons. I would like to thank everyone that helped put on our 3rd Degree. Save the date of April 9th as we will be doing our Lodge Walk-About for our newly raised Brothers.

Don't forget that April 21st is the Widows Luncheon at the Burgundy Basin Inn. We need several Brothers to help support the widows. We will need several Brothers to pick up and drive some of the widows to and from the event. Please contact the Master if you are available to help.

This year has been flying by. In just over a month, I will be handing the Lodge over to our next Master. I have to say that for the most part, it has been fun. I encourage anyone who is considering moving up through the chairs to do so. The experience is one that you will never forget.

Reminder: The next Fellowship meeting is scheduled for April 30th. \*

**Fairport/Flower City**  
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By David W. Taber  
Degrees

The Lodge has two young Brothers advancing through the Degrees. The 2nd Degree will be conferred on April 9th with W.: Brother Sy Kopen in the East. A rehearsal has been scheduled on April 2nd at 7 p.m. The meeting on April 23rd will be short and a rehearsal for the 3rd Degree will be held after the Closing. The 3rd Degree will be conferred on April 30th with the Brothers of the Lodge taking part. We took in five new, young members last year and they are eager to participate.

### Widows Luncheon

The Widows Luncheon will take place at the Burgundy Basin Inn on April 21st. If you would like to attend, please contact the Worshipful Master at least a week in advance.

R.: W.: Brother Edward Gilbert, Deputy Grand Master, will conduct an Area Seminar at the Masonic Temple in Honeoye Falls on April 28th starting at 9:30 a.m. Many will remember Brother Gilbert as the former Grand Lecturer.

R.: W.: Brother John Moll asked about the monthly dinners held in the past. The dinners stopped with the passing of W.: Brother Jerry Spero. Apparently others have missed the informal gatherings, too.

Brother Brian Bills arranged for a dinner on March 15th. It is anticipated that one will be organized for April as well. The time and place will be determined shortly. Call Brother Brian (Paula) if you are interested in joining the group, with or without your lady, at 388-0913.

### Masonic Anniversaries

Belated congratulations for a number of Brothers celebrating March Masonic anniversaries: George O. Bluhm and R. Max Stutzman, 60 years; Chester A. Rubin, 55 years; Harold Goodwin and Gary Gray, 30 years. Lawrence Schulman marks his 40th year of membership in April. Congratulations to all!


### April Birthdays

Special greetings to Brother Albert Castellani on his 101st birthday! Ray Anderson, Chuck Blazey, Stuart Bobry, John Byam, Bob Chappell, Randy Darling, Bud Fisher, Art Friedman, Jeremy Leichter, Jim Lindstrom, Jim Martin, Howard Smith and Sy Kopen.

Brother Bills reminded the Lodge there are only eight weeks until Fairport Canal Days on June 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Give him a call at 388-0913 and sign up to work at our food stand. It is work, but also great fellowship.

We would like to hear from our Brothers who have not been out in sometime. Please call us or write a note to let us know how you are doing. Your name might even appear in this paper. \*

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Our first meeting in March was a wonderful night. A Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner that was cooked and served by the Eastern Star Chapter preceded the meeting. Thank you, ladies, for a great dinner!

The program for the evening was the 2nd Degree. V.: W.: John Dyer and V.: W.: Harry De Hollander were in attendance to fulfill the Grand Master's Edict. We exemplified the Degree with R.: W.: David Jones stepping in as the Exemplar. We also had the pleasure of having our District Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: Gary Sanford, R.: W.: G. Thomas Grape and R.: W.: Derek VanHouten in attendance. R.: W.: Tom Grape presented IDC

training awards to Andy Tascione and David Olsen. R.: W.: Gary Sanford presented R.: W.: Jim De Lorenzo with an award for his part in the training program. The evening was wrapped up with the presentation of the Rededication Pins to the Brothers in attendance who were part of the 225th Grand Lodge Anniversary Program last September.

Our second meeting in March was a Lodge of Remembrance. An individual candle was lit for each Brother who had passed on in the previous year. A single bell and a moment of silence were observed in remembrance of each departed Brother.

On March 27th, we participated in our Annual Blood Drive with the Red Cross. This was held at the Ogden Town Hall with many Brothers helping out with registration and recovery. Thank you to everyone who turned out.

Thank you to John Jamele, his wife, Helga, and grandson, Max Dean, who have been working hard at providing wonderful after meeting snacks. We have had a number of Brothers staying after the meetings to enjoy some good fellowship. Our third floor is being utilized with its big screen TV, pool and ping-pong tables. \*

**Seneca Lodge**  
No. 797  
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The best is yet to come and you won't want to miss it!

### Ladies Night

On April 14th, bring your lady to the pinnacle event of this Masonic year. Come and enjoy an elegant Saturday evening at the Shadow Lake Golf Club (1850 Five Mile Line Road) beginning at 6:30 p.m. Seneca Members can expect live entertainment, an exquisite meal, and great company for only \$20 per person. If you need more details, call me!

### School of Ritual

The next School of Ritual is March 29th at Clio Lodge in Hilton, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The main focus of this meeting will be to review the First Sec-

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tion of the 3rd Degree. This event is for all Masons. If you are interested in carpooling, give me a call. Please make time in your schedule to attend and learn about those intricate details of our Ritual and Craft!

**Attention Past Masters!**

In honor of your service to Seneca Lodge, we are planning a Past Masters' Night, scheduled on our regular meeting night, Tuesday April 10th, at 6 p.m. We are blessed to have nearly 25 Past Masters who still reside in the area and about five others who are living across the country, from Oregon to New Jersey. I would encourage each Past Master to come on this special evening to be recognized for dedicated service to Masonry. Please call me at my home if you plan to attend, 787-0771.

**Town Hall Meeting**

Join us on April 28th at Union Star Lodge in Honeoye Falls. The Deputy Grand Master is hosting a Town Hall Meeting beginning at 9:30 a.m. This meeting is to hear your thoughts and ideas of how Masonry can be made better. We will arrange transportation based on the interest in attending.

**Have-a-Heart Benefit**

Thanks to all the Seneca Brothers who participated in this wonderful event. Seneca's efforts at this event are commendable. Our Lodge raised nearly \$1,000 for the Ronald McDonald House Charities. The teamwork and attitude that we display when we are active in the community is exemplary. Great job!

**Brotherhood Fund**

Even a penny? Yes, even a penny will do. There is only a little time remaining to make a contribution. We hope to make Seneca Lodge the leader in the District for percentage of participation. Contact Dick Heidorn to make your donation.

What should you do if you become ill or hospitalized? In the event any member of our Lodge becomes ill or hospitalized, we want to know. Please share this information with your family and friends; we are here to provide relief to our Brothers and families. A call should be made to the Master or Secretary of this Lodge.

See You In Lodge!

used to pre-made frozen ones, you have a treat in store when you eat ours. Come out and enjoy a great meal along with Brotherly camaraderie. Spaghetti Dinners are usually held on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month. Check the **Masonic Times** for specific dates.

On February 20th Worshipful Brother Jeff Ross sat in the East for our 1st Degree. The Degree was in compliance with the Grand Master's Edict. Observing the Ritual work was V.: W.: John Dyer. Also in attendance was V.: W.: Harry DeHollander. All participants performed ritual work in a very proficient manner. I think we found two new Ritualists in Mike Postelli and Scott Rice. Both are new to the Craft but performed as if they had been in the Craft for years. Great job guys!

It has been a wonderful experience sitting in the East during W.: Steve Mitchell's recent bypass surgery. I would be remiss if I didn't give thanks to the Past Masters of Clio Lodge for their guidance and understanding during my short tenure in the East. Thanks for stepping up to the plate in everything that I have asked. You made the job relatively easy.

**Valley-Simes Lodge No. 109**

2nd Tuesdays  
7:30 p.m.

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*By Herbert Spencer*

By now you should be aware that our Worshipful Master Richard DeCroce, is in Tennessee building his retirement mansion and learning how to talk like a Tennessee native. In his absence, which should be about two months (he hopes to be home in time for the May meeting), we have Senior Warden, W.: Nelson Bertch, sitting in the East and assuming the Master's duties. W.: David Mura will be in the West and W.: Mike McBride will be in the South.

**All Are Invited**

Our meeting on April 10th will be with the Ladies. Brother Paul Stillman, who will portray the role of a "Native American," will put on the program for the evening. This will be an Open Meeting and a Buffet Steak Dinner will precede the program. We will also have refreshments after the program. Bring your spouses, lady friends, potential members and any other guests. This event will also be open to other Masons. Reservations will be required. See the end of this article for details.

**Sickness and Distress**

Although none of our Brothers have been summoned by the Great Architect of the Universe, we do extend our heartfelt prayers, thoughts, sympathies and condolences to the Stahl family on the passing of Richard Stahl, and to the McBride/Mura families on the passing of Paul Mura.

Don't forget to keep W.: Brother Gary Caswell in your prayers for his upcoming back surgery on May 16th. Brothers

Herbert Spencer and William Scheer spent many hours talking together in the Emergency Room at Strong Memorial Hospital at the end of February. Both Brothers have since recovered from their spell. Also, Brother Richard Giedd is back in action after having surgery.

Don't forget to let me know of any news of a Brother or family member needing our words of healing or congratulations.

**Dues Responses**

My Brothers, when I sent out the Dues Notices and Dues Cards earlier this year with the survey sheet, I received back some real interesting comments. Here is one worth knowing about.

It is about Brother Howard G. Minsky, now 93 years old, and living in Palm Beach, Florida. Brother Minsky has written a book entitled *The Love of My Life*. It is his memoirs. Here is the Editorial Review, which I copied from amazon.com.

*Howard Minsky's life on paper mesmerizes the reader into the lost world of an innocent coming of age, the magical beginning of movies, and the true everlasting love story. An Academy Award nominee, Golden Globe Winner and past executive at some of the most prominent film companies in the industry, Howard Minsky's unwavering love for movies took him from ushering patrons down the dark aisles of the old neighborhood theater to the illusive walk down the red carpet. Conquering both life's dizzying triumphs and devastating setbacks, Howard Minsky is proof that fearless perseverance can indeed make your wildest dreams come true.*

By the way, Brother Minsky was the producer of the movie "Love Story." I have ordered a copy of this book for the Lodge Brothers. If you have some interesting memoirs to relate, let us know and we can print it.

On Saturday, March 17th, Brothers Joe Gingold, Mat Gingold and Mike Dox put on a Child ID Program, recording fourteen children. This was held at Penfield High School in conjunction with a Robotics Competition. Inclement weather possibly deterred others from attending. W.: Mike DiCataldo, from Wakan-Hubbard Lodge brought and set up the equipment. Thank you, Brothers, on behalf of the Lodge.

**April Birthdays**

Congratulations to the following Brothers on their April birthdays. R.: W.: William Dworkin will be 95 on April 6th. Adam Jurzyniec (1st), Jeffrey Miller (6th), George (Tim) Gray (7th), Arthur Teamerson (9th), Charles Skopinsky (11th), Carl Michael Robinson (14th), David Clarke, Rex Edwards and Harold Silvis (15th), Robert Anderson II (18th), Sion (Ted) Honea III (21st), Roland Butler (25th), Guy Clark (26th), John Rogalski (27th) and Richard Vaughn (30th). If you see any of these Brothers, don't forget to wish them well. Also, don't forget to call or write them so they know you are thinking of them. If you need addresses or phone numbers, call me.

**April Anniversaries**

Brothers celebrating their Masonic Anniversary this Month of April are 37 in number. I will only list those celebrating over 50 years or more. Robert Miller (57), Arthur Teamerson (54),

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Gordon Kotzin (53), William Dworkin (53) and Roland Butler (52). How about Jose Diaz and Charles Skopinsky celebrating ONE YEAR of membership in Masonry!

Brethren, we still have eight Brothers who have not paid their 2006 Dues and 39 Brothers who have not paid this year, 2007 Dues. Please check your Dues Card and get paid up. If there is a problem, please also let me (or someone) know.

**Don't Forget ...**

Reservations for the April

10th dinner are to be made to Herb Spencer at 334-7493 or hspence1@rochester.rr.com; Dave Mura at 637-8695 or bigdave@rochester.rr.com; or Mike McBride at (315) 904-4024 or mcbride1@rochester.rr.com.

Cost to Valley-Simes Members and their Lady is \$5 per person; cost to all others is \$10 per person.

Please read your **Masonic Times!** There are many activities going on in the Monroe District. Looking forward to meeting and greeting each of you in Lodge. \*

**WEBSTER LODGE NO. 538**

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

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Webster 14580

I hope this message finds you well. I am thrilled to tell you all that you can come to Lodge and have a HEART ATTACK!!!

Now that I have your attention, what I really want to convey is the Lodge has voted to buy an Automated External Defibrillator. AEDs are an affordable defibrillator that just may save someone's life. AEDs are about the size of a laptop computer, with a small monitor on them. AEDs are supplied with voice prompts that help a rescuer apply them and use them. You will see AEDs at sports arenas, churches, schools, businesses and anywhere groups of people meet.

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**Training**

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experience. We will provide training for six or more and we would encourage you to take part. If you are interested, please let me know.

Thanks to our Trustees for their efforts culminating in the purchase of this valuable medical device. They spent many hours researching the unit itself, as well as the training and personal liability involved for those who would use the device. Mark Brooks made the final presentation at the first meeting in March. It was obvious he was well prepared as he thoroughly answered any and all questions. The addition of this device to our Lodge will act as testimony of our sincere concern for the health and welfare of our Brethren and anyone else that uses our facility.

The year is fast coming to an end and I am anxiously anticipating the balance of the events we have scheduled.

**Upcoming Events**

April 4th will be our Annual Awards Night, which is always a rewarding time as we honor those of our Brethren who celebrate yearly membership milestones.

On April 19th, we will confer the 3rd Degree on the Fellowcrafts who are members of our Lodge. May 3rd will be Past Masters' Night and I hope to fill the Lodge with the wisdom and enthusiasm that the Past Masters bring. On May 17th, we will hold the Annual Elections. It is my understanding that our Senior Warden, Ed Malchoff, will run for the Office of Worshipful Master. Come out and see if he is successful in that endeavor.

I am looking forward to a lot of good times yet in this year. As it is coming to a close, I have the feeling that I am leaving the Lodge in good hands. I sincerely hope to see each and every one of you before the end of the year and hope that one of the up-coming events will bring you to Lodge. \*

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*By George L. Todd*

As I drove past the Lodge recently I noticed how much snow had been removed from our parking lot. A special thanks to Brother Bill Hunn for all the work he has done this Winter to assure the lot was clear. Also thanks to Brother Frank Celona for weather stripping the Lodge's front entrance door. That should save on heating costs.

**Spaghetti Dinners**

For those who love fresh homemade meatballs, you need to come to one of our Spaghetti Dinners. Our meatballs are handmade fresh on the morning of our dinners. If you are

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R.: W.: Derek VanHouten, Area 15 Brotherhood Fund Chairman, presented our Lodge an award for outstanding support. Brother Ralph Jurgens accepted as W.: Joe Steffen observed.

dent and CEO of Lollypop Farm. Thanks go to Barbara Goodrich, who reported to me that Alice talked about animals sheltered at the complex and explained some of their programs.

One, called the Senior to Senior Program, matches dogs six years and older with people who are 60-years-old or older. They also have camps and programs for children. Here children, who have never been around animals, learn to relate to and care for an animal.

Alice was unable to bring any animals with her because we were meeting in a restaurant. However, she invited everyone to visit Lollypop Farm. Bring your neighbors and friends and each take home five cats.

**Sickness and Distress**  
 W.: Volney Frankel has been performing extra nursing duties since his wife, Dottie, fell in the home and fractured her arm and shoulder. Hopefully she is not too difficult a patient for Brother Volney and is mending well. He has also experienced some health challenges. We trust he also is feeling better.

Brother Robert Traub, suffering some health issues, has been moved to Penfield Place Nursing Home, 1700 Penfield Road. His son, Brother Barry Traub, asks members to stop and visit, preferably evenings.

Brother Bob Ogden's wife, Jayne, is undergoing tests at St. John's Home. She would appreciate cards and calls. Check with me at the Service Bureau for more information. Brother Bob can use your thoughts and prayers, as well.

Brother Earl Pearce was to have knee replacement surgery late last month, with rehab to follow at the Episcopal Home. Our best wishes to him for a speedy recovery

**Birthdays**  
 We acknowledge the following April celebrations: 3rd - Derek VanHouten; 6th - Glenwood Ide, Earl Martin, Ronald Sterling; 8th - David Ververs; 15th - Mark Jacobs; 22nd - Arnold Raymond; 23rd - Richard Militello. Happy Birthday!

**Dues are Due**  
 Several Brothers have not submitted their 2007 dues. We

also have some outstanding 2006 dues. We will be happy to receive your check at your earliest convenience.

**April Dinner**  
 I believe we are scheduled for the Nutcracker on April 3rd. I didn't get around to checking that, nor do I know the scheduled program. The Calling Committee will be in touch, or let me know if you want to attend.

**Fellowcraft Dinner**  
 Brother Leon VanHuben is taking reservations for the annual Fellowcraft Dinner Meeting on April 10th. It will be held, once again, at Rick's Prime Rib on Buffalo Road. If you haven't been contacted, and would like to go, please give him a call at 647-1391.

The menu choices and cost are the same as last year, and include your annual dues for the Fellowcraft Club. It is a great evening for the Brothers!

**Degrees**  
 We have several Petitions approved by our Lodge. This large class means we NEED additional help from sideliners. If you've been looking for an excuse to come to Lodge, please use this opportunity. You will be a great asset to your Officers and will help inspire our new Brothers to become active.

I hope this is the beginning of a trend reversal. If you haven't noticed, we have been losing about ten percent of our membership each year. We will not survive if that trend continues. We should all be very excited at this turn of events and help where we can - conductor, sideline, Degree participant and/or mentor to our new Brothers. This will help insure our survival. Come out on the 17th for our conferral of the 1st Degree. See you in Lodge.

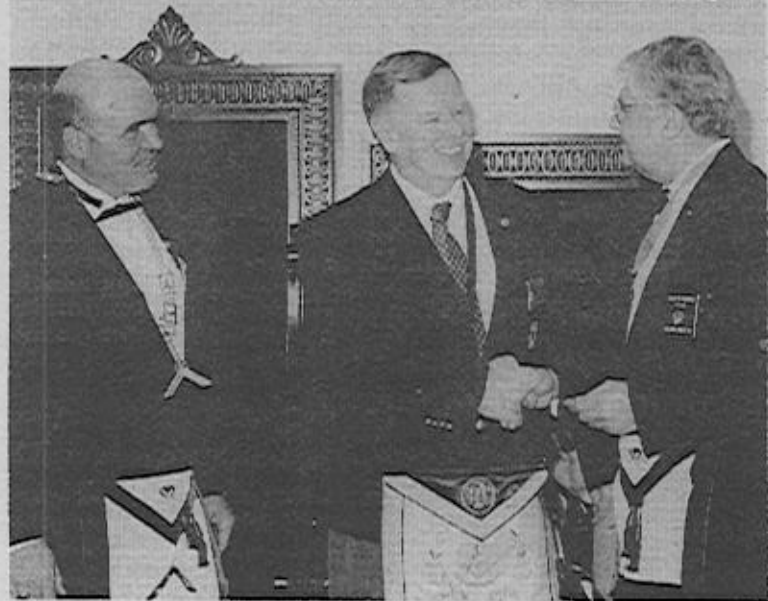
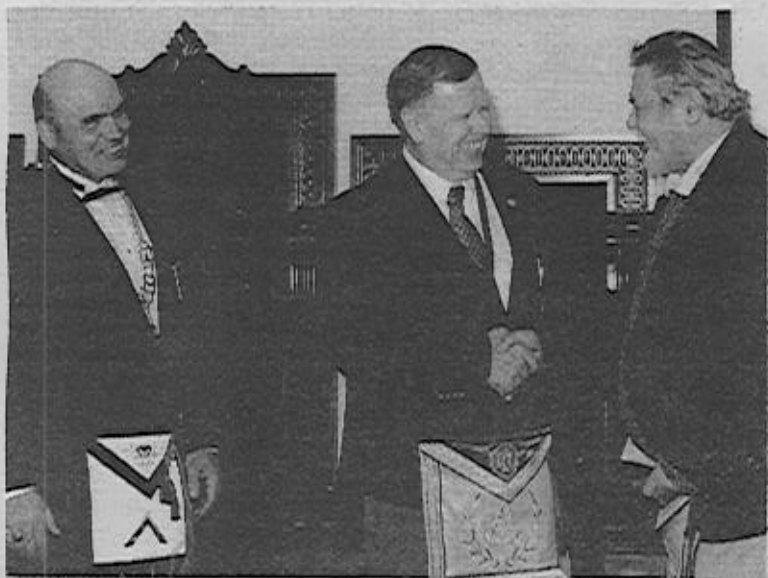
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On March 21st, Ark Lodge held a Re-Dedication Program. I thank, Brothers Tom Abraham, Anthony Khoury and Jed Brandow for their wonderful presentation of the Entered Apprentice, Fellowcraft, and Master Mason Degree obligations.

The 200th Anniversary Committee Members have finished the visiting of the various Lodges in the O/S/Y District, letting our Brothers know of our upcoming celebration of over 200 years of Masonry and service to our community. All the Lodges we visited were excited about participating and the Committee thanks our Brothers for their excellent fellowship.

**Service Awards**  
 In appreciation of our members many years of service, Ark Lodge will be having its Annual Service Awards Night as part of its regular communication on April 18th. It will begin at 7:30 p.m., preceded by a 6 p.m. dinner at Emile's Restaurant on East North Street. If Award recipients need transportation, please let us know so arrangements can be made.

- 60 Years**  
 Ray T. Allmond  
 Lloyd A. Johnson
- 55 Years**  
 R.: W.: Harry George  
 James R. Baroody  
 William D. Cram  
 George W. Gordon
- 50 Years**  
 W.: Joseph W. Smith  
 Maxwell W. Kaufman
- 45 Years**  
 J. Andrew Foster Jr.
- 40 Years**  
 George Van Sickle  
 Charles R. Jenkins  
 Edwin F. Watling
- 35 Years**  
 W.: Stephen S. Goebert  
 W.: Robert L. Meeks
- 30 Years**  
 W.: Thomas C. Abraham  
 W.: Charles Rouse Jr.  
 Joseph A. Gillotti  
 John L. Warder
- 25 Years**  
 V.: W.: Lance R. Ward  
 W.: Henry Funk  
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 Lloyd H. Hilimire  
 Howard Johnson  
 John M. Nicholson  
 James W. Van Houton  
 Jeffrey F. Van Houton  
 Gary G. Baxter  
 Joseph D. Hessney Jr.
- 20 Years**  
 Christopher J. Spina  
 Terry Trenchard Jr.
- 15 Years**  
 Howard W. Keeney II
- 10 Years**  
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 Frederick L. Warder II
- April Trestleboard**  
 18th - Regular Communication; Service Awards 7:30 p.m., Dinner 6 p.m., Emile's  
 21st - 5th Annual Surviving Spouses Lunch, Ramada Inn



R.: W.: Gary Sanford, District Deputy Grand Master, presented Re-Dedication Pins to Lodge Brothers at our February meeting. (Top) W.: David King; (above) W.: William Shelby; (top right) W.: Duane Smith; (right) W.: Clyde Siverd. Several more Brothers received, or will receive these Pins, as a result of their presence at our September meeting, where we observed the Re-Dedication Ceremony from Grand Lodge.





# Damascus News

Damascus Shrine Center No. 2

April 2007



**DONALD ROSE, POTENTATE**

I welcome you to the Spring season of Western New York. With Winter now behind us it is time to devote ourselves to the task, which will become our banner for 2007 "NEW MEMBERS."

To this end, we are promoting our Brother Bring-a-Friend Meeting on May 19th. Our Oriental Guide, Rich Friedman, is chairing this event. We are expecting a number of renowned speakers. Since this meeting is open to anyone with a possible interest in Masonry or the Shrine, the program is open and the dinner is compliments of the Damascus Shriners for guests and their sponsors.

If you are attending any Shrine Club meetings this month, please prepare yourself to be informed of this meeting again and again, as there is no more important function than supporting our Masonic Foundation and endeavoring to help it grow.

For those Shriners interested, the NYOSA Spring Meeting will be held April 20-22 in Corning. Members of the Divan will be attending, but it should be noted that these meetings are open to all Shriners who have an interest in the dealings of our Regional Association.

As I began this article with mentions of Spring, we are currently finishing our work with "Colonel of the Units" Carl Mason, who has the difficult job of sorting all the parade requests that come into the Shrine, and notifying all the Clubs and Units of those parades deemed worthy of our attendance.

In closing, may I take this opportunity to commend our Web Page Host, Noble Andy Rueby for the excellent job he has done, and for lighting a fire under the Divan to make sure he receives materials to place on the website.

## SHRINE LUNCH CLUB

By James Toogood

The next Shrine Lunch Club Ladies Day will be Monday, April 16th, at the Nutcracker Restaurant. Call the Shrine Reservations number at 671-3565 by the morning of April 16th so I can reserve required amount of table space.



**JAMES SLOCUM, RECORDER**

As the snow is slowly melting away and the ground is appearing and the flowers are waiting to raise their heads for another season, I think Spring is here, along with the early turning the clocks ahead for daylight savings time. I have made one trip to the Southern Tier for pancakes, which were superb as always.

### Membership

Noble Rich Friedman is planning a program for May 19th. It's an opportunity for Nobles to bring a Masonic Brother and introduce him to what the Shrine is all about and what we do for the kids at the Hospitals — the world's greatest philanthropy. The budget for this year is \$721 million.

### Tool Raffle

The Tool Raffle is in this month's news, along with the list of the tools that will be raffled. The tickets will be taken to the Clubs and Units, plus they will be available in the Office and at Lowe's in Webster on weekends. All major credit cards will be accepted. Each year the Tool Raffle is getting bigger and bigger, with more tools and more prizes for the Noble or person who sells the most tickets. The race is on and we have until July 14th, so get out there and sell, sell, sell. If every Noble were to buy one ticket, we would exceed our goal.

I am still looking for names for the stone caps in front of the Shrine Center. Now that it is Spring, your cap would be on there for the Summer for everybody to see.

## DONOR RELATIONS

By Derek VanHouten

The recent Mega Millions Jackpot topped out at \$370 million and was won by two people. Let's get real, think about it for a moment. That prize was only half of what our Shrine Hospital Budget was for this year and we are all winners every day for the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

For those who have journeyed to our Houses of Excellence and have witnessed the smiles on peoples faces and have heard the stories of our clients, we should all feel like winners in something far more gratifying than spending our two bucks on a lottery ticket that we have little chance of winning:

I would suggest that we send a taxable donation to Shriners Hospitals today and WIN with the concrete results in knowing that you have helped a child win back their day to day life.



Make Your Reservation for Steak!

April 4th

The first ever ... Shrine Table Lodge!

Come join us for a Steak Dinner with all the trimmings! Beverages include wine and grape juice, for those who do not indulge. An evening you don't want to miss!

Reservations required ... NOW!

Call the Dinner Reservation Hotline - 671-3565.

## DAMASCUS LEGION OF HONOR

By Vance Collom, Jr.

The Legion Of Honor will be putting on a Chicken and Biscuit Dinner at the June 6th Shrine Meeting. Save the date; we need all hands on deck to help prepare and serve the meal!

The next Legion meeting will be April 11th at Rick's Prime Rib House, 898 Buffalo Road (Located 2-3 miles East of Tinseltown). Make your meal reservation and choice of Chicken, Beef or Fish to Jim Slocum at 671-7701. RSVP required.

Have you visited the World War II Memorial yet? If your travels take you near Washington, DC, this year, be sure to stop by for a few minutes and check out this beautiful Memorial. Construction of the World War II Memorial started in 2001 and it was dedicated on September 2, 2004.

The Memorial is located between the Lincoln Memorial and Washington Monument. It honors the more than 16 million who served in uniform and the more than four hundred thousand who gave the supreme sacrifice. The Memorial also honors the many millions who supported the war effort at home and celebrates the American spirit, national unity and victory.

The Memorial is built in a large circle with 56 pillars around the circle which identify the 56 United States, Territories and District of Columbia, united in a common cause. A wreath of oak and wheat on each of the Memorial's pillars symbolizes the nation's industrial and agricultural strength, both of which were essential to the success of the global war effort.

The war was fought on six of the world's seven continents and all of its oceans. This Memorial is to remind us and future generations that our debt to the heroic men and women in the service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude and America will never forget their sacrifices.

For more information about the WW II Memorial go to the website: www.wwiimemorial.com. The World War II Registry is a database of Americans who were in the war effort in uniform or on the home front. You can look up names of members of your military unit and you can still enroll by adding your name to the National Registry.

## DIRECTORS STAFF

By Vance Collom, Jr.

The Directors Staff met at DiPacific's Restaurant on February 28th with 17 members and guests in attendance. Thanks to our Director Lee Collier for providing our Invocation and Benediction at the meeting. Also, thanks to Vice-President Carl Mason for keeping everything running smoothly at our monthly meetings this Spring. We hope Joanie Mason did not spend all of last month's 50/50 winnings in one place.

### Sickness and Distress

President Ron Edwards had a slight stroke while on vacation in Florida and a card was sent to him. We hope Ron is feeling much better and will be with us soon.

### National Convention

The Shrine Directors Association is still taking reservations for this year's

Convention in Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina, which is just across the river from Charleston. The seminar will take place April 25 - 29. The following three seminars will be presented: Membership, Fundraising and How to do a Ceremonial Day. There will be many enjoyable skits and loads of Southern hospitality for all to enjoy, if you plan to attend this year.

The weather is improving fast just in time for the Lilac Parade. The Directors Staff Fire Truck will be looking sharp and you are encouraged to come out and enjoy a ride through the parade in style.

Our next meeting will be at DiPacific's Restaurant on April 25th. Cash bar at 5:30 p.m. and Dinner at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Until next time, God Bless.

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## WAYNE COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

By Bill Guinup

Twenty-one Nobles and their Ladies met at Burnham's Red Rooster on March 15th. Blessing was given by Lee Coller. President Ernie Day introduced the Past Presidents and the 2007 Officers.

We received a very nice thank you note from Rosa Barnes, the ARC Representative who spoke at the January meeting. She was pleased to hear what the Shrine is doing for kids in their Hospitals.

Wayne County Shrine Club information on the Damascus website has been updated and corrections made.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Bob Anderson. He donated it to the Hospital Transportation Fund. Thank you, Bob.

Divan Representative Lee Coller spoke about upcoming trips, the Tool Raffle, Sportsman Raffle and parades. We need good participation. The Shrine may

march in the Wayne County Rose Parade on July 21st in Newark.

Our guest speaker for the evening was Chiropractor, Dr. David Sewert. He spoke about ways chiropractic methods can help people. He had several pieces of plastic spine replicas for illustration and distributed brochures on the subject.

Potentate Don Rose was present, plus several Divan members and Past Potentates Lance Ward and Bob Anderson.

The meeting was closed with President Ernie Day giving a blessing and wishing everyone safe travels home.

**Sickness and Distress**

Roland Orbaker is doing good. Lindy VanKowenberg has some good days and some bad ones.

The next meeting is the Annual Bullhead Dinner at Connelly's Cove on May 17th.

## CANANDAIGUA SHRINE CLUB

By Jim Slocum

The Canandaigua Shrine Club will be meeting April 19th at Cheap Charlie's in Bloomfield, and we will order off the menu. As always, the wives are invited and we are going to have a speaker for the evening. It should be an interesting program.

We are looking for the Snowbirds to return from the Sunny South and anticipate they may join us for the meeting. We hope that we won't have to deal with any more adverse weather this year, or at least until late in the year.



### Zama Temple No. 14 Queen Debi Burke

By Ellie Canfield, PQ

The March Stated Session of Zama Temple No. 14 was filled with reports and Election of Officers. Queen Debi Burke gave an outstanding Queen's report of her year. She thanked her Officers and all Members for their work, support and projects that helped make Zama Temple a fun Temple in which to belong. She expressed her heartfelt thanks to Sharon Spencer, PQ, Ritualistic Advisor; Ellie Canfield, PQ, Advisor and Installing Officer; and Carol Colegrove, PQ, for all her help throughout her year as Queen. Garda Houston, PQ, gave an excellent Historian Report which included serious and funny moments and, of course, that trip to the Windmill during Queen Debi's year. (I never did hear if the ladies that didn't finish shopping went back ... maybe another year they will.)

We now have a new slate of Officers and it should prove to be another year of excitement. The Officers include Queen-elect, Carolyn Noble; Princess Royal-elect, Garda Houston; Princess Tirezah-elect, Nancy Lynch; and Princess Badoura-elect, Joyce Bernhardt.

As promised last month, I will provide additional information about Daughters of the Nile. I told you about *Who are members of Daughters of the Nile, What is the purpose of Daughters of the Nile and What is the Convalescent Relief Fund.*

New information - *What is the Convalescent Endowment Fund?* This is an endowment from which only the interest is transferred to Convalescent Relief Fund. The current value of the Convalescent Endowment Fund is over \$22 million.

Next we have "Stepping Stones." *What is a Stepping Stone to Happiness Certificate?* This is a certificate that can be obtained for a \$25 donation in honor of someone or as a contributor. The \$25 goes directly to the Convalescent Endowment Fund. You may be wondering how much money is donated to the Daughters of the Nile "Convalescent Funds." Well let me tell you. 2004-2005 monetary contributions totaled \$1,554,765.03 of which \$480,264.97 was given to the Convalescent Relief Fund and \$1,074,500.06 to the Convalescent Endowment Fund.

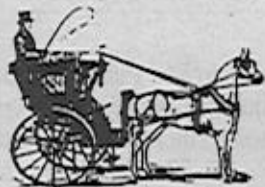
How do the Temples make money to donate to the Convalescent Relief Fund and the Convalescent Endowment Fund? Simple. We have fun as ladies working together with a wide variety of projects - Bake Sales, Bazaars, Card Parties, Next-to-New Sales, Garage Sales, etc. All of the above are held by subordinate Temples to raise funds.

For the last bit of information for this month, *How do Daughters of the Nile support Shriners Hospitals for Children?* Daughters of the Nile contribute monies to our "Convalescent Relief Fund" and Convalescent Endowment Funds," sew garments; donate toys, games, books and other items to Shriners Hospitals for Children. Members can volunteer at the hospitals and host parties for the children. This concludes material for this month. Watch for more information next month.

Until then, "THINK SPRING," anticipate the return of our "Snowbirds" from the Sunny South and look to the skies for our fine-feathered birds to return. My Mom always said, "Look for the Robin and be sure he is not on the ground." WHY? She would always say, "Better in a tree or the sky for good luck." Maybe she was right; I really don't know for sure.

Remember those ladies who have not been out to Sessions for a while. Call them and see how they are doing. Offer them a ride to Sessions. "Accept the challenges so that you may feel the exhilaration of victory."

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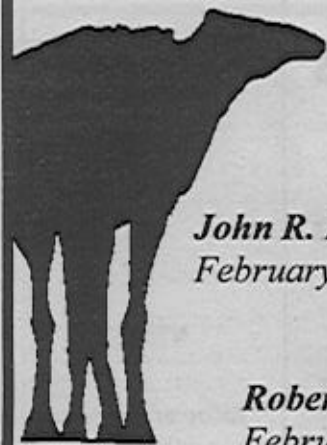
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John R. Buchanan, Jr. February 2, 2007

Robert N. Eakins February 18, 2007

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Unidentified members of the Auburn Shrine Club and their Ladies look on in anticipation as Donald Rose, Illustrious Potentate of Damascus Shriners, draws the winning ticket in the 50/50 Raffle, which was held at the March meeting. No other information of events transpiring at the meeting was provided.

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April Shriner and Shrine Center Scheduled Events Calendar						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Shrine Lunch Club <i>Lalla Rookh Grotto</i>	3 Clown Unit	4 6:00 p.m. Shrine Meeting	5	6	7
8	9 Shrine Lunch Club <i>ERAC Lodge</i>	10 <i>Valley-Simes Lodge</i>	11 Legion of Honor	12 <i>Fame Lodge</i>	13	14
15 <i>Valley of Rochester Feast of Paschal Lamb</i>	16 Shrine Lunch Club Ladies Day Auburn Shrine Club <sup>1</sup>	17 <i>Craftsman Robertson Lodge</i>	18 <i>Lalla Rookh Grotto</i>	19 <i>Valley of Rochester Wayne Shrine Club<sup>1</sup></i>	20 NYOSA <sup>1</sup>	21 NYOSA <sup>1</sup>
22 NYOSA <sup>1</sup>	23 Shrine Lunch Club <i>ERAC Lodge</i> Geneva Shrine Club <sup>1</sup>	24 Wheeler <sup>1</sup>	25 Directors Staff <sup>1</sup>	26 <i>Fame Lodge</i> Perry Shrine Club <sup>1</sup>	27 <i>Valley of Rochester</i>	28 <i>Valley of Rochester</i> Rameses Shrine Potentates Ball <sup>1</sup>
29	30 Shrine Lunch Club					

<sup>1</sup> - Off-site event; *Italics* - non-Shrine event

Data current as of March 21, 2007

## SHRINEABILIA

By Derek VanHouten, PP

It's really interesting to poke around the World Wide Web, for you never know where your trails will lead. The other day I was looking in local history sites and came across a fascinating site with the Rochester Public Library. Therein contained is a collection of early Rochester images, specifically I was inquiring about Rochester in 1911 and the Shrine convention that was held here.

If you look in the first display case that we have, there is a beautiful set of porcelain tankards and a carafe with the date of 1911 on them. So I was very surprised when a couple of shots came up showing views of the Session.

The picture shows in great detail thousands of Shriners lined up in formation at Genesee Valley Park. It must have been an awesome sight to be there and to see all the Nobility in the colors of their Units. It looked like a very festive event. The Ladies were in long dresses and flowery hats.

I have been staying up late at night glued to my computer as these images of the early days of Rochester have been displayed on my screen. I almost wish that I could have been there to witness these happenings.

### Save the Date!!!

Damascus Shrine presents:  
**Noble Bring-a-Brother Night**  
Saturday, May 19th  
Program begins at 4:30 p.m.  
at Damascus Shrine Center

**Masons and Non-Masons who may have an interest  
in joining the Craft and the Shrine.  
Spouses Invited!**

**Free Steak Dinner for all Guests and Sponsors!**

*Our guest speaker is  
Senior Grand Warden and Noble  
Dennis Breheny  
who is a good friend of Damascus  
and one of the hardest working  
Shrine Masons in the jurisdiction.*

Information regarding reservations will be forthcoming!  
Start planning to bring Brothers and non-Masons to this important event!

Any questions, please contact Rich Friedman at email:  
[richddgm@frontiernet.net](mailto:richddgm@frontiernet.net) or call at 739-6980.

**Our kids need Shrine Masonry to continue to grow!**

## Calendar Winners for February

DAY	NO.	WINNER
2/1	212	Lou Cosentino
2/2	742	Ewa Wysocki
2/3	102	Herb Williams
2/4	531	Patricia Kelley
2/5	286	Damascus Shrine
2/6	498	Diane Waterstreet
2/7	139	Damascus Shrine
2/8	270	John Warder
2/9	301	Beth Westfall
2/10	399	Damascus Shrine
2/11	593	James Toogood
2/12	242	Beverly Fordon
2/13	939	John Dussett
2/14	424	Larry Cooper
2/15	654	Scott Hanlon
2/16	023	Charles Phillips
2/17	951	David Pritchard
2/18	854	John Brady
2/19	251	Mac Gath
2/20	226	Steven Weaver
2/21	580	Damascus Shrine
2/22	881	Damascus Shrine
2/23	291	Damascus Shrine
2/24	568	Dan Hoffman
2/25	567	David Shanks
2/26	888	Janet Lughart
2/27	280	Sandy Wagner
2/28	370	Shirley Schwickhard

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## Shriners Hospitals Boards Set Budget of \$721 Million

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The record budget is indicative of both the continuing escalation of health care costs and Shriners' dedication to the health and future of children.

"The increased budget figures reflect the escalating cost of quality health care," said Ralph Scmh, Chairman of the Board of Trustees. "Despite the expense, Shriners Hospitals for Children remains committed to providing the very best specialized pediatric medical care possible throughout our system. The budget also reflects a major commitment to rebuilding our facilities."

The 22 Shriners Hospitals in the U.S., Canada and Mexico have a total budget of \$721 million for 2007. Of that amount, \$655 million is designated for the hospital operating budget, which includes patient care, teaching, administrative expenses, depreciation and the daily expenses for all the Shriners Hospitals. This amount also includes \$37 million for medical research, which is an extremely important part of our mission. Since Shriners Hospitals began a formal research program about 40 years ago, more than \$515 million has been dedicated to research efforts that have improved the lives of countless children worldwide.

The budget for 2007 building and equipment expenditures has been doubled to \$66 million, representing a major com-



Hospital Operations	\$460
Research	37
Administration	42
Depreciation	43
Insurance/Employee Benefits	66
Clinical Outcomes	3
Contingency	4

Operating*	\$655
Buildings & Equipment	66
TOTAL	\$721

\*Includes \$37 million for medical research



mitment to renovation and new construction, as well as electronic medical records and digital radiography. The major hospital projects included in this year's plans, and their current status, are:

**HONOLULU** — Design drawings for the replacement hospital are progressing well. Demolition of some existing structures and phase one of construction will start in late 2007.

**GALVESTON** — Construction of a new parent/patient center for outpatients and their families is scheduled to start in the spring.

**INTERMOUNTAIN** — Construction of a new 270-space parking facility is near completion and will open in the spring.

**LOS ANGELES** — Negotiations are ongoing for property on which to build a replacement hospital.

**PHILADELPHIA** — A renovation project has been approved and is in the design phase. A new same-day surgery suite, a new radiology suite and new outpatient facilities will be created.

**PORTLAND** — An addition/renovation project has been approved. It includes new inpatient rooms, new operating rooms and expansion/renovation of the outpatient clinic. Design activities will start in early 2007.

**ST. LOUIS** — Negotiations are ongoing for property on which to build a replacement hospital.

**SHREVEPORT** — Expansion/renovation of the outpatient clinic is scheduled to start in the spring and be completed before the end of 2007.



## Mini Bike Raffle

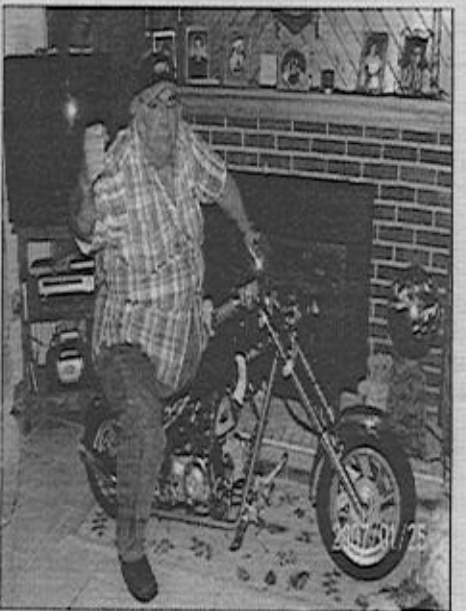


### Damascus Wheelers Mini Bike Raffle

The Wheelers Ride so that Children can Walk

The Mini Bike pictured below will be raffled at the Damascus Wheelers 4th annual "UGLY RUN" to be held at 979 Bay Road Webster NY on August 12, 2007. The tickets cost \$1.00 each. ALL proceeds from the Mini-Bike will go to the Damascus Wheelers

It has a 49CC, single cylinder, 4 stroke, air cooled engine. It has electric start, electric horn and an electric light. It is rated to hold 250 lbs.



## Shriners Hospitals for Children Making dreams come true for children in need



Shriners Hospitals for Children, a 22-hospital pediatric healthcare system, makes dreams come true for families by providing world-class medical care to children with orthopaedic problems, burns and spinal cord injuries.

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any medical care or services provided by Shriners Hospitals. The 22 hospitals are substantially funded through the Shriners Hospitals for Children endowment fund, which is maintained through generous gifts, bequests and contributions. Additional income for Shriners Hospitals is provided by an annual hospital assessment paid by every Shriner, as well as fundraising events.

Admission to a Shriners Hospital is based on medical need. Children from infancy to their 18th birthday may be eligible for admission to a Shriners Hospital if treatment would benefit the child. Application forms for admission to Shriners Hospitals are available from Shriners, Shrine Temple offices, Shrine Clubs, or by calling toll-free 1-800-237-5055 in the U.S., or in Canada call 1-800-361-7256. Applications can also be downloaded at [www.shrinershospitals.org](http://www.shrinershospitals.org).

### Orthopaedic Care

Specialized, expert orthopaedic care for kids

Eighteen of the 22 Shriners Hospitals specialize in orthopaedic care, with a nineteenth hospital providing orthopaedic care in addition to burn and spinal cord injury care. These hospitals treat children with problems of the bones, joints or muscles. Located throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico, these Shriners Hospitals offer expert, state-of-the-art medical care to children with orthopaedic deformities, diseases or injuries, such as clubfoot, scoliosis, and the orthopaedic problems caused by cerebral palsy. In addition, some of the hospitals treat patients with "healed" burns, who need reconstructive or plastic surgery, or rehabilitation.

Shriners Hospitals' pioneering efforts have earned them an international reputation in orthopaedic medicine and research. Treatment at Shriners Hospitals focuses on a "family centered care" environment. This philosophy stresses that while medicine might heal the child's body, tending to the child's sense of well-being is equally important in the healing process. The hospitals' staff focuses on the individual patient; each patient finds special support in meeting the challenges of his or her physical problem.

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Helping kids start anew. That's the mission of the three Spinal Cord Injury Rehabilitation Units (SCI Units) that are housed within the Chicago, Philadelphia and Sacramento Shriners Hospitals. The SCI Units provide long-term rehabilitative care and intensive physical, occupational and recreational therapy, designed to help spinal cord injured children relearn the basic skills of everyday life. Counseling is also provided to the patients, helping kids learn to cope with their injury and rediscover the fulfilling life that lies ahead for them.

The Shriners Hospitals SCI Units help their young patients develop independence by teaching them living skills, such as cooking or ironing. The SCI Units also teach self-care skills, because after a spinal cord injury, many things change. It's not just being unable to walk or move your arms. A spinal cord injury can also affect the nerves and muscles, and can cause bladder and skin problems. Children and their parents are taught the skills to deal with these challenges.



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# York Rite NEWS

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### District Deputy Grand High Priest



24th  
District  
RAM

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Companions, thank you for the opportunity to be your District Deputy for a second year. The first one flew by and this one is off to a fast start. M.: E.: Alan J. Morgan ran an efficient Grand Chapter meeting. We were done early for the Public Installation on Saturday morning. The published items for member vote never came up on the floor and the one for discipline to be handled by Grand Lodge was withdrawn after some discussion.

Our investments did well in 2006, increasing about \$300,000 between permanent and expense funds. Dimits and NPDs decreased, however deaths remained an important factor in decreasing our membership number about 300 to 4,600 members.

Health care insurance is paying for more cases of diseases of the lung, so we are down to just one recipient. The committee decided to invest in some respiratory testing in-

struments for a medical center in the Syracuse area to use the funds to help people.

We don't need to contribute to this charity any longer. Please earmark your donations to our other charities like the Scholarship Fund. They would like to give out more scholarships.

E.: Dave Rising enjoyed the Order of Old Saratoga after the Friday night banquet. Proceeds from the order raised \$925 for our charities.

April will be busy in our District as there are many visits to be completed before Summer. Besides my Official Visits, there is a Regional meeting to be held at Palmyra Eagle Lodge on April 2nd by R.: E.: Jeffrey Williamson. Dinner will be held at the Yellow Mills Diner at 6 p.m.

I hope that Newark Chapter will host my Official Visit on April 9th as they re-open from their Winter recess. On April 24th, Wayne Chapter will have a dinner at the Steger Haus at 6 p.m. Besides all those visits, there is a Grand Line Visit to Northfield Lodge on Saturday, April 21st, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with a light lunch at noon. M.: E.: John Jones really wants to sit and listen to what you have to say about Royal Arch Masonry today. R.: E.: Griff Jones III is also trying to fit in his visit this Spring. More details as they become available.

I fervently look forward to seeing you soon.

Pocahontas Lodge served a delicious dinner for a minimal charge. Many of us stayed on for a while afterwards to talk.

It seems that the Pocahontas Lodge building was getting old and in poor condition. So they found some land on Route 414 near Route 20 and built a new building. Most of the work was done by the members, including wiring and plumbing. It is a very nice place to go to a meeting, dinner or other function. They have a large dining room, lots of storage space and an excellent Lodge Room. There is more than enough parking.

Because of the voluntary contribution of their time, the members can afford this very nice structure. They put on dinners and rent to other organizations who want to meet there. The building is also home for Seneca Lodge, which moved there from Waterloo. In addition, there is a Royal Arch Chapter. Except for a rather large tax bill each year, the location is well worth their efforts. Congratulations to all. Other Lodges and Masonic organizations can be envious of your accomplishments.

I was able to spend some time at Unity Lodge and enjoy a good dinner and fellowship with old friends. I'm proud to be a member of Unity. It is a very active Lodge.

I visited Skoi Yase Council on February 19th. I always enjoy being with this group. I love Council and Council activities. R.: W.: James Powell accompanied me and took part in the Ritual. Thanks, Jim. Thanks, Skoi Yase.

I met with Batavia Commandery Wayne Chapter on February 22nd. We had a good dinner. (I might have to knock off some of these dinners, because my weight is beginning to climb). The Commandery practiced for the upcoming Inspection by the Grand Line Officer. They did well, and I enjoyed the meeting.

NunDaWaga Council conferred the Royal Master and the Select Master Degrees on February 26th. Ill.: Dennis Turton is the Master. Work was done by the Council members. Hornellsville Council also brought candidates. Good show!!

LeRoy Chapter, RAM, met on February 27th. An interesting talk was given and a planning session took place. The Capitular Degrees will soon be done by the 29th Capitular District. If you have a candidate, give Dennis a ring.

Many members of the District visited Grand Chapter, RAM, in Albany. This happens every year in early March. If you haven't attended, try to go just once. You will enjoy the many programs. You will also get a chance to go through the Old Saratoga Degree. If you go, I'd like to be there and open the bidding.

On March 8th, V.: I.: Norman Austin and I visited Hornellsville Council in an unofficial capacity. With the new members help, they were able to open and do business. I congratulate Ill.: Gerry Cooper, Ill.: Dave Hardy, and the other members who worked so hard in getting new members. I see

you have still another candidate and will try putting on the Council Degrees yourselves - with some help from the District. Anyone who would like to help, email Dave at: dehardy58@infolvd.net, or Gerry Cooper at: jmcoop@frontiernet.net. I don't know the date as yet.

Don't forget to have fun. Visit some of the Councils and meet other Companions.

### Palmyra Council No. 26

Cryptic Masons

1st Thursdays, 8:00 p.m.

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Secretary

David W. Taber

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Palmyra Council will meet in the Palmyra Masonic Hall on April 5th. The Royal Master Degree will be exemplified.

The May meeting will be our Annual Assembly. The reports of the Treasurer and Recorder will be received. The Officers for the ensuing year will be elected and appointed, then installed. This will be our last meeting until October.

The Table Council at the Shortsville Temple in February was well received and enjoyed by all present. The Ill.: Master and his wife did a great job in preparing a delicious meal. Many thanks to both of them and their granddaughter, too.

Nothing to report under Sickness and Distress, unless you count income taxes.

### Doric Council No. 19 Cryptic Masons

(Chartered 1861)

3rd Wednesday



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Hutchurson  
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It is nice to see the weather turning and the sun coming out. It says Summer and good weather is coming and our Snowbirds will be returning, hopefully back to the meetings. It is time for nomination of Officers for the coming year. One position we will need to fill is Secretary. Our Secretary, Don Wright, is moving on and would like to have someone take his place. We thank R.: E.: Don for all he has done. It's going to be a big job to fill his shoes. If someone would like the job, please speak up. We need you.

In March, we had an Official Visit from the Grand Captain of the Guard, R.: E.: Joesph Pozefski. He gave us some wonderful words of wisdom from Grand Council. We had a tasty dinner and a great time socializing with him.

Easter is upon us and we should remember that Christ

died for us. As Christian Masons, we should all be thankful for his sacrifice. God bless; hope to see all in May.

### Cyrene-Monroe Commandery No. 12

Chartered 1993  
3rd Monday

Commander  
SK Donald  
Wright  
621-5764

Recorder  
SK Lawrence W. Dunn  
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On April 16th at 7:30 p.m. - eight days after Easter - Cyrene-Monroe Commandery will celebrate an Easter Observance. As Christian Knights, the Easter Story is at the center of our faith: The message of Hope: The remembrance of the very moment in time when God chose to change all of human history—forever.

All Sir Knights who traveled to Washington, DC, for the Annual Sunrise Service will have returned home and will be able to join with us on that evening. That evening our Asylum is open to all - Sir Knights, their wives, and families, Symbolic, Cryptic and Royal Arch Masons. Please invite some Brother who has not yet joined our Rite.

Our Annual Easter observance is (like in the Christian Church) the center of our Templar year. Join us for remembering and, yes, worship, of the Risen Christ. Jesus has risen! Jesus lives! We Christians embrace him and declare Hallelujah.

Our Templar Easter Observance will be followed by a time of fellowship around the Agape snack table. Each Sir Knight is asked to bring a FAVORITE snack for the table. The Eminent Commander will provide coffee.

So, on April 16th at 7:30 p.m., plan to be with us, enjoy the evening and then go forth in peace.

### Sagoyewatha Commandery No. 17, K.T.

3rd Saturday, 9 a.m.

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Recorder  
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The Annual Inspection will take place on Saturday, April 21st, at 10 a.m. No more rehearsals! This time we shoot for record. Sir Knights from other Commanderies, why not come to Sagoyewatha's Inspection and watch us "do our stuff or fall on our duff."

General Order No. 1 has laid out the requirements for the Inspection and they are: Open in Full Form, receive the Visitors and the Inspecting Officer through the Lines, Ritual Requirements, Inspection and Sword Manual and Close per the Tactics.

### Hiram Chapter No. 62

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

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Now that the flowers given to the Ladies have waned and all have returned home after the Valentine's Day dinner, it is time that the Companions continue expressing our love to them for those who make it possible for the Chapter to keep on working. Thank you to all the ladies for supporting us. We are pleased to have had you as our dinner guests.

Companions, make sure you can participate in the upcoming Degrees. If you have not taken a part in the Royal Arch Degrees lately, it is time to brush off the Ritual book and study. Our Chapter can use your help. Contact the Secretary or me to inform us where you would be able to assist in the Degrees, especially now that we have the prospect of new Companions.

### Grand Chapter News

At the Grand Chapter Annual Convocation, Prince Hall RAM was voted upon and approved as regular Royal Arch Chapters by the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York. It is now possible to have visits to and/or from

Prince Hall Royal Arch Masons. Dual membership has not been authorized. Companions, please enjoy this opportunity to further your Masonic education.

See you in the quarries.

### District Deputy Grand Master 8th Cryptic District



R.: Ill.: Ruel R. Lovett  
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or 880-4076

I'm still having fun and I hope you are, too. It's been great to meet so many new people and see so many of my old friends. Masonry is a great organization in which to be involved. I wish everyone could be involved, as well.

In keeping with the previous format, I will discuss any and all Masonic Bodies. On February 10th, I attended the Ladies Nite celebration at the Viking Valhala Restaurant in Bergen. Patti and I really had a good time. If you haven't attended one of these, you might want to consider going next February. If you don't have a contact, call me.

Many of us attended the Anointing of the High Priesthood at Pocahontas Lodge in Seneca Falls. We saw some of the most sincere and beautiful Ritual possible. We met a number of people for the first time and renewed old acquaintan-



The Council Officers, plus Junior Officers of Sagoyewatha, will do "The Immemorial Discussion" as noted in the Ritual of the Grand Encampment.

The cast has been established and they are:

**Sovereign Master**  
Cy White, Commander

**Prince Chancellor**

Ron Edwards, Captain General

**Prince Master of the Palace**

Ernest Day, Senior Warden

**Zerubbabe**

Ted Powley, Generalissimo

**Master of Dispatches**

David Rising, Junior Warden

Drill Master, Sir Knight

Larry Hood, will then line up

the Officers and complete the Sword Manual requirements per the *Tactics*. To accomplish all this, the full support of the Elected and Appointed Officers, as well as all Sir Knights, will be necessary.

The next Conclave will be on Saturday, May 19th, at 9 a.m. in the Phelps Masonic Hall. At

this meeting we will have the Installation of Officers. Breakfast will be at the Blue Ribbon Smoke House and Restaurant (Dutch treat) at 7:30 a.m.

As always, please consider this a personal invitation to all Frater in good standing to come to our Conclave and to enjoy the camaraderie of

Christian Knights meeting together in friendship and Brotherly love.

I'm looking forward to seeing you, and I do mean you, dear reader, around the Holy Altar of our beloved Order. ✠

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# Leadership

*Brethren, although this article is lengthy, it is well worth reading and applying the ideas. It was submitted by W. Hugh Woodside and is reprinted with permission of Steve Schilling, Matawan Lodge in New Jersey and co-owner of an on-line Masonic forum, [www.MasonicDiscussion.com](http://www.MasonicDiscussion.com).*

There are many factors and causes that can be the genesis of a Lodge's demise, but one, above all else, is probably responsible for more Lodge closings than any other reason - lack of good leadership. Lodges become stagnant and resistant to change. They will ultimately die - withering away like a leaf on a diseased limb.

We cannot win every battle; some Lodges will succumb to its own inertia. Recognizing the ones that can be turned around is a key trait we must embrace if our Craft Lodges are to regain the prominence they once had in our society. You must become the agent of change, don't wait for anyone else, or any Grand Lodge to help. Whether you have been a Mason for a day, or a century, it's time to make a decision. Will you be a leader this Fraternity needs for its reformation, or will you sit on the bench and watch it wither.

The great soul, Mohandas Gandhi, once said, "We must become the change we want to see." In other words, be an example, live the words you speak.

Our once great Fraternity is in suffrage, the pain caused by lack of true leadership and apathy. These two are not symptoms of a disease, but are the disease itself. All of the ill we see today, abysmal retention rates, Craft Lodges dying, loss of prestige, loss of self, loss of quality; are all symptoms of these two cancers that are eating away our core being. In reality we need only to overcome the lack of good leadership. Once we have cured that ill, all the other symptoms, including apathy, will melt away.

We have all been dancing around the problem. Offering one scheme or another to try to regain our place in society, to help cure the ills of the Craft. We have pointed our fingers towards society for not joining; pointed towards society for not knowing we exist; pointed towards society because of all the entertainment it has; pointed towards society for its moral decline; pointed towards society for changing. We have pointed our finger toward everything and everyone, but where it needs to be pointed is at ourselves and at our lack of leadership.

No one-day class, advertisement campaign, scheme or program that Grand Lodge or a person comes up with, will change the path we are now traveling. The inertia is too great. There is only one solution that will lead us back to the path of prestige and relevance; that is good, active leadership.

Our Craft is in need of leaders. I'm not talking about Officer chains and fancy aprons, and I'm not talking about someone who has taken a weekend seminar, and I'm not talking about men who have become Masters because their only qualification was that they sat in the West the year before. Don't confuse the inherent power some men have because of the chair they occupy with leadership. Almost anyone can use power, but it takes skill to use leadership. Leadership is much more than the use of force; it is influencing others to truly want to achieve a goal. We need men with potential and vision, willing to take the time to mold themselves into the leaders we need today, instead of men on a quest for that next chain, pin, or apron.

Leadership is a process, good leaders are not born they are made. Anyone with desire and fortitude can become an effective leader. Good leaders develop themselves with an ever-present process of self-study, education, training and experience. Leadership is a conscience choice and can be accomplished from the East or sitting on the sidelines. In short you don't have to be an officer to be a leader in your Lodge, district, or the Craft in general. The key is to motivate you to do more than complain, but be an active part of the success in leading men to a better tomorrow.

The two most important traits to effective leadership are trust and communication. You must be trustworthy and you have to be able to communicate a vision of where the Fraternity, and your Lodge, needs to go. To get across the importance of these two key traits I am going to repeat that sentence. The two most important traits to effective leadership are trust and communication. You must be trustworthy and you have to be able to communicate a vision of where the Fraternity, and your Lodge, needs to go.

Don't expect everyone around you to be supportive of change. Change is difficult for many people, they become accustomed to life and tasks being performed in a particle manner, it gives them comfort. That comfort, in turn, gives them a false sense of security that they are in control of the environment around them. Any threat of change for most, is felt as a direct attack on their comfort and security. Part of being a leader is helping others accept the change, and not to avoid it. Going through change for many is not unlike going through grief, there are five basic steps most people feel when they are confronted with change.

- **Denial** - cannot foresee any major changes
- **Anger** - at others for what they're putting me through
- **Bargaining** - work out solutions, keep everyone happy
- **Depression** - is it worth it? Doubt, need support
- **Acceptance** - the reality

During this period you may feel yourself being more PT Barnum than Henry the Fifth. But it's important to help others along to your side and get them over the fear of change. Meet avoidance questions and statements head on and turn them into positive thoughts and potential positive experiences. When someone confronts you and challenges your ideas with "why", make sure you concentrate on the positives of that change both he and the Lodge will have. Being up front and positive about the benefits of the changes will start bringing back that comfort into their life that the change threatened to take away from them. Anyone, or anything that is a roadblock to improvement and a better Lodge is a problem. Get those people involved by explaining to them what the problem is and how they can be part of the solution, this again will start to bring them back into a comfort zone.

Above all be patient, and give them as much information and explanations they need to feel comfortable with what you are doing. Concentrate on each and every issue that may pop up, don't wait by pushing off problems you loath to deal with. The longer you wait to confront them, the messier they become. Make sure you get as many men from your Lodge involved as you can, the more men that are involved the better chance you have of them being on your side, and the greater your chances of success.

To help you be, know, and do; follow these eleven principles of leadership. (Please note that following 3 sections below have been borrowed from a 1973 U.S. Army Handbook on Military Leadership)

1. Know yourself and seek self-improvement - In order to know yourself, you have to understand your be, know, and do, attributes. Seeking self-improvement means continually strengthening your attributes. This can be accomplished through self-study, formal classes, reflection, and interacting with others.
2. Be technically proficient - As a leader, you must know your job and have a solid familiarity with your employees' tasks.
3. Seek responsibility and take responsibility for your actions - Search for ways to guide your organization to new heights. And when things go wrong, they always do sooner or later — do not blame others. Analyze the situation, take corrective action, and move on to the next challenge.
4. Make sound and timely decisions - Use good problem solving, decision-making, and planning tools.
5. Set the example - Be a good role model for your employees. They must not only hear what they are expected to do, but also see.
6. Know your people and look out for their well-being - Know human nature and the importance of sincerely caring for your workers.
7. Keep your workers informed - Know how to communicate with not only them, but also seniors and other key people.
8. Develop a sense of responsibility in your workers - Help to develop good character traits that will help them carry out their professional responsibilities.
9. Ensure that tasks are understood, supervised, and accomplished - Communication is the key to this responsibility.
10. Train as a team - Although many so called leaders call their organization, department, section, etc. a team; they are not really teams, they are just a group of people doing their jobs.
11. Use the full capabilities of your organization - By developing a team spirit, you will be able to employ your organization, department, section, etc. to its fullest capabilities.

**Plan**  
Good plans start with a brainstorming session of all the people involved with the project. This allows everyone to be part of the solution, in addition to gathering the best ideas.

- Next, two key questions must be asked:
- What are all the ingredients necessary for its successful execution?
  - What are all the possible forces or events that could hinder or destroy it?

As much as possible, get all the answers to these questions. Listen carefully to the judgment of your team. Then plan the positive forces and events, and then take action to prevent any obstructions that might hinder the project.

A detailed plan normally includes the who, what, when, where, how, and why. Who will do what? Who does it involve? What are we going to do? When does it start? When does it end? Where will it take place? How will it take place? Why must we do it? What will happen if we do not do it?

Also, the plan must be organized. Organizing is the process of creating and maintaining the conditions for effectively executing plans. It involves systematically defining and arranging each task with respect to the achievement of the objective. It includes three major steps:

- Determine all tasks.
- Set up a structure to accomplish all task.
- Allocate resources.

**Determine all Tasks**  
In this step, your team brainstorms all the tasks and conditions necessary to carry out the plan. All essential information must be brought out. It is also important to consider timing - when each task must be started and completed. A helpful approach is to use "backward planning." Look at each goal and decide what must be done to reach it. In this way you plan from the moment of the project ending point and then work your way back to the present in order to determine what must be done. Backward planning simply means looking at the big picture first, and then planning all tasks, conditions, and details in a logical sequence to make the big picture happen. Include all the details of support, time schedule, equipment, coordination, and required checks. Your team must think of every possible situation that will help or hinder the project. Once the process of mentally building the project has begun, the activities will come easily to mind.

Now, organize all these details into categories, such as needs, supplies, support, equipment, coordination, major tasks, etc. List all the details under the categories. Create a to-do list for each category. This list will become the checklist to ensure everything is progressing as planned.

**Do**  
Your team cannot do everything at once; some things are more important than others. Others have to be accomplished before another can start. Set priorities for each checkpoint and assign someone to perform each task on the list. Develop a system for checking each other and ensuring that each task is accomplished on time.

Plan for obtaining all the required resources and allocate them out. Not having the required resources can stop a project dead in its tracks. For this reason, you must closely track and monitor costly or hard to get resources.

Trial the plan through a prototype (experimental scale). This allows you to actually check the plan on a small scale.

**Check**  
Throughout the project's execution there are three things that you must be involved in: standards, performance, and adjustments.

The standard means, "is this project being completed or accomplished as planned?" Are all the check marks being completed as stated in the planning process? The standard, which is set, must mean the same to you and your people.

Performance is measured by completing the tasks and objectives correctly. While the standard relates to the project, performance relates to the people working on the project.

If performance does not meet standards, then adjustments can be made in two ways. Improve the performance or lower the standards. Most of the time, improving the performance is appropriate. At times, however, a leader may face a situation where the standard is unrealistic. Poor estimates or resources that become unavailable usually cause this.

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### Act

Now you are ready to execute the plan. If your plans are solid, things will go smooth. If your plans are faulty, then you might have a very long and hard project ahead of you!

### Goals

Your thinking skills can be considered directional skills because they set the direction for your organization. They provide vision, purpose, and goal definition. These are your eyes and ears to the future, allowing you to recognize the need for change, when to make it, how to implement it, and how to manage it. You find vision by reaching for any available reason to change, grow, and improve. Just as you perform preventive maintenance on your car, you must perform preventive maintenance on your organization. Do NOT believe in the old adage, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it," for the people who do, go broke! Treat every project as a change effort. Treat every job as a new learning experience.

Good organizations convey a strong vision of where they will be in the future. As a leader, you have to get your people to trust you and be sold on your vision. Using the leadership tools described in this guide and being honest and fair in all you do will provide you with the ammo you need to gain their trust. To sell them on your vision, you need to possess energy and display a positive attitude that is contagious. People want a strong vision of where they are going. No one wants to be stuck in a dead-end company going nowhere...or a company headed in the wrong direction. They want to be involved with a winner! And your people are the ones who will get you to that goal. You cannot do it alone!

When setting goals, keep these points in mind:

- They should be realistic and attainable.
- They should improve the organization (moral, monetary, etc.).
- All the people should be involved in the goal-setting process.
- A program should be developed to achieve each goal.

In addition, there are four characteristics of goal setting:

- **Goal Difficulty** - Increasing your employees' goal difficulty increases their challenges and enhances the amount of effort expended to achieve them. The more difficult goals lead to increased performance if they seem feasible. If they seem too high, employees will give up when they fail to achieve them.
- **Goal Specificity** - When given specific goals, employees tend to perform higher. Telling them to do their best or giving no guidance increases ambiguity about what is expected. Employees need a set goal or model in order to display the correct behavior.
- **Feedback** - Providing feedback enhances the effects of goal setting. Performance feedback keeps their behavior directed on the right target and encourages them to work harder to achieve the goal.
- **Participation in Goal Setting** - Employees who participate in the process, generally set higher goals than if the goals were set for them. It also affects their belief that the goals are obtainable and increases their motivation to achieve them.

### The Six Steps of Goal Setting

Although finding a vision can be quite a creative challenge, the process of getting that vision implemented can be fairly easy if you follow the six steps of:

#### Vision - Goals - Objectives - Tasks - TimeLines - Follow Up

##### Step 1 - Vision

The first step in setting goals and priorities is to personally develop what the organization should look like at some point in the future. A junior leader, such as a supervisor or line manager, will mainly be concerned with a department, section, or small group of people. While senior leaders set the vision for the entire organization. However, both types of visions need to support the organization's goals.

The mission of the organization is crucial in determining your vision. Your vision needs to coincide with the big picture. The term "vision" suggests a mental picture of what the future organization will look like. The concept also implies a later time horizon. This time horizon tends to be mid to long term in nature, focusing on as much as 2, 5, or even 10 years in the future for visions affecting the entire organization. However, leaders such as supervisors or line managers tend to have shorter time horizon visions, normally 6 months to a year.

The concept of a vision has become a popular term within academic, government, defense, and corporate circles. This has spawned many different definitions of vision. But, the vision you want should be a picture of where you want your department to be at a future date. For example, try to picture what your department would look like if it was perfect, or what

the most efficient way to produce your product would look like, or perhaps if your budget was reduced by 10 percent, how you could still achieve the same quality product.

Vilfredo Pareto, a 19th century economist, theorized that most effects come from relatively few causes; that is, 80% of the effects come from 20% of the possible causes. For example, 20% of the inventory items in the supply chain of an organization accounts for 80% of the inventory value.

Some leaders fall into the time wasting trap of going after the 80% of items that only have a value of 20% of the total net worth. Your visions need to picture the 20% that will have the greatest impact on your organization. Although it is nice to have small victories every now and then by going that easy 80%, spend the majority of your time focusing on the few things that will have the greatest impact...that is what a good leader does.

Once you have your vision, it needs to be framed in general, immeasurable terms and communicated to your team. Your team then develops the ends (objectives), ways (concepts), and means (resources) to achieve the vision.

##### Step 2 - Goals

The second step involves establishing goals, with the active participation of the team. Goals are also stated in immeasurable terms, but they are more focused. For example, "The organization must reduce transportation costs." This establishes the framework of the your vision. Follow the Six Steps of Goal Setting described above.

##### Step 3 - Objectives

Definable objectives provide a way of measuring the movement towards vision achievement. This is the real strategy of turning visions into reality. It is the crossover mechanism between your forecast of the future and the envisioned, desired future. Objectives are stated in precise, measurable terms such as "By the end of the next quarter, the shipping department will use one parcel service for shipping items under 100 pounds and one motor carrier for shipping items over a hundred pounds." The aim is to get general ownership by the entire team.

##### Step 4 - Tasks

The fourth step is to determine tasks. Tasks are the means for accomplishing objectives. Tasks are concrete, measurable events that must occur. An example might be, "The transportation coordinator will obtain detailed shipping rates from at least 10 motor carriers."

##### Step 5 - Time Lines

This step establishes a priority for the tasks. Since time is precious and many tasks must be accomplished before another can begin, establishing priorities helps your team to determine the order in which the tasks must be accomplished and by what date. For example, "The shipping rates will be obtained by May 9."

##### Step 6 - Follow-up

The final step is to follow up, measure, and check to see if the team is doing what is required. This kind of leader involvement validates that the stated priorities are worthy of action. For the leader it demonstrates her commitment to see the matter through to a successful conclusion. Also, note that validating does not mean to micro-manage. Micro-management places no trust in others, where as following-up determines if the things that need to get done are in fact getting done.

Make that conscious decision to lead, today. What is needed for the men in your Lodge to want to follow you as a leader? Those, as most people, will guide those men, that they respect, those that have a clear sense of direction.

Don't wait until you are in the East to start showing any sort of leadership potential, or try to implement any changes, or improvements to your Lodge. I have come to the conclusion that the East may be perhaps the worst position to be in to try to implement any enduring change or improvements.

Human relations, as good communication, can often be tricky. Never deflect blame from yourself, undervalue another opinion, or let an opportunity for a compliment to go unsaid.

The six most important words: "I admit I made a mistake."

The five most important words: "You did a good job."

The four most important words: "What is your opinion?"

The three most important words: "If you please."

The two most important words: "Thank you,"

The one most important word: "We"

The least most important word: "I"

-Author unknown

There are many roles in your Lodge that can have a greater and lasting impact to help mold your Lodges future. Don't discount them if they don't seem prestigious, or something you won't get many accolades on.

### Share Good Ideas

Don't make the mistake of taking the attitude, "When I'm in the East, I'm gonna ...." Ideas implemented in the East by a Master usually get axed in the few years following your tenure, especially when they don't have the support of the incoming Masters. Don't also make the mistake of going to the Worshipful Master to "clear" everything with him to see if he thinks it's a good idea. Instead bring the idea up in open Lodge, and let the Lodge itself decide whether or not they want to adopt the idea. The idea has a better chance of being adopted and staying a part of the Lodge if it's brought up in the open and is adopted by the Lodge as a whole. This way also bypasses all the naysayers, and "we already done that" and "not in my year" chanters, that may try keep the idea from coming to the floor.

### The Trestleboard

The Trestleboard is the main form of, and in many cases the only communications many members have with the Lodge. If you want to start peaking interest in members you need to make the Trestleboard positive and its content appear that the Lodge is alive and exciting. Also why just send the Trestleboard in the envelope, you have already spent the 39 cents you should stuff it with as many things as you can to help peak interest and bring men back to Lodge.

### The Festive Board

In every other part of the world, except North America, Festive Boards are events unto themselves. Very often a catered meal with speakers and traditional toasts is meant to be one of the primary bonding agents. Its purpose is not to feed the Lodge. Its purpose is to foster Brotherhood and bonding among the Lodge Brothers. There are few other events that can bond human beings together other than sharing food, drink, good company, and ones life with his Brothers.

Don't underestimate the impact a proper Festive Board can have on morale and the overall closeness of its members. This is where the mystic tie is truly knotted into men's souls. Far too many Lodges just serve sandwiches, hot dogs, or soup as filler between the end of a meeting and going home.

### Regular Communications

I am always amazed when a Lodge does nothing else but reads minutes and bills during communications, with seldom anything else of any substance ever transpiring, then can't figure out why 90% of its members don't come out to meetings anymore. Always try to make at least one meeting a month worthy of someone giving up his time to leave his home and family to come out to Lodge. Have a speaker or demonstration planned and has a proper Festive Board to coincide; get the word out to your members by publishing the event and menu in the Trestleboard. What ever it is, do something, or you will find your ranks of active members slowly dwindling down.

### Lodge Financials

Financial stability is the corner stone that must be laid for any Lodge to thrive and not wither. There are far too many Lodges that have dues so low they don't even cover the cost of heating the building, let alone the yearly expenses. No Lodge can be healthy and successful if its not financially sound. It may seem reasonable to keep dues low and pad the Lodges income with fundraisers to help pay expenses. But don't fall into that trap, it is a trap and once your ensnared, you will have a heck of a time trying to get out of it. I know many members don't like to hear it, but a Lodge is a small business and it needs to be run that way. For example, you wouldn't go out and purchase a house with mortgage payment of \$2000 a month, when you only have a \$1500 a month income, then plan on having a garage sale every month to make up the difference would you? Then why does your Lodge run that way?

Once you are in the trap of having fundraisers to pay expenses, dues will never be raised and in a few years when the cost of living increases, you will need to do more fundraising to keep your doors open. It is a viscous cycle, eventually it will get to the point that all a Lodge does is fundraising to keep the doors open and nothing else.

Any time a Lodge tries to raise its dues to meet the expenses of the 21st century, the inevitable cries will be heard. Such as, "we have members on fixed incomes" and "we will loose half of our members". While the first may be true, the second is rarely the case. If you wait for all your members to be off fixed incomes, you will be waiting in perpetuity, and your Lodge dues will be frozen in time, as will your Lodge. Find a solution by offering remittance, partial remittance or dues assistance to those in your Lodge that need it. I have found that assuring your fixed income and financially problem members that they will not be burdened with additional financial responsibility is usually all that is needed to quiet dissenting members.

Article will conclude next month



# Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

Legion  
Clowns  
Caldron  
Historian

## M.O.V.P.E.R.



**Kenneth R. Milner**  
Monarch  
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Prophets, I hope everyone has enjoyed the weather. Now I know why we have so many Snowbirds in Rochester. But, it is time to look on the brighter side. The weather should be changing and now that we are on Daylight Savings Time it means the daylight is with us longer and the "birds" are returning North. I hope they also bring back some of our Brother Prophets.

This is a busy month for Lalla Rookh Grotto. Saturday, April 14th, Lalla Rookh Caldron will be honoring all Prophets and their Ladies with a meeting at 2 p.m. followed by a Spaghetti Dinner at 4 p.m. This will be held at Unity Lodge in Spencerport. The cost of this dinner will be \$5 per person and reservations should be made to Beverly Murray at 865-8507.

### Plan To Join Us!

At our April 18th meeting, we will invite our Ladies to join us for dinner at a nominal cost of \$10 per person. This also will be Master Mason Night. If you ask a Master Mason to join us, he and his lady will be our dinner guest. We will also be inviting several Guests this evening from organizations to which we will be making monetary donations from our Philanthropic Fund.

This should be an exciting and joyful evening for all. I hope you will plan on attending. Remember to make your reservations for dinner with our Master of Ceremonies, Richard Topel, at 663-2547. NO reservations, NO dinner. Also let him know if you are inviting a Master Mason and his Lady. He will inform our Membership Chairman so he can make out name tags and the Membership Committee will cover their dinner cost.

### Empire State Meeting

April 20th and 21st Lalla Rookh Grotto will be hosting the Empire State Grotto Association Spring Meeting and Chief Justice Conclave at the Inn on the Lake in Canandaigua. If you have not made reservations to stay over, I cannot guarantee that you can still get the Grotto rate on the rooms. It is not too late to pre-register and get pre-registration rates; you can drive back and forth.

At the President's Banquet on Saturday evening, the Empire State Grotto Association will be making a donation along with Lalla Rookh Grotto Philanthropic Fund to Mercy Flight. We will be entertained this evening by the Honeoye Jazz Band from Honeoye Central School.

So as you can see, we have many things planned for you this month. I hope you can join

us and enjoy your Grotto and meet new and see old friends.

Remember to ask a Brother Mason if he would like to join you and become a Prophet. Or, ask some Prophet you know, but who has not been around for a while or maybe someone who dropped out for some reason, if they would like to join you in attending.

### Supreme Convention

Remember also, that the Supreme Council Convention this year will be in Niagara Falls, Canada, June 6th thru 9th. Please contact me or the Grotto Secretary if you need more information. This will be a great opportunity to meet Brother Prophets from around the country and Canada and see how Supreme Council operates. You might pick up some ideas of things that Lalla Rookh Grotto could do that might attract new members that your Officers have been missing.

### Attention Prophets

If any of your Ladies would like to donate, or help with the Hospitality Room at the Spring Meeting in Canandaigua, please have them contact Bev VanHuben at 647-1391. Contact me (or Elaine) at 346-6018 if you are interested in helping with Registration. Thanks for your cooperation.

## Legion of Honor

By Brian Bills, Commander

I'll start by thanking Ron Morthorst for filling in for me at the February Meeting. I was out of town visiting my son in Virginia. I have been told it was a great meeting and you closed the place down. Thanks again, Ron.

On the 28th of February we had a small group attending the hockey game where some were happy and some were sad that the Amerks lost.

The April 16th meeting has been CANCELLED.

### March in Tribute

Memorial Day is coming up and we plan on having the Legion of Honor in both the Greece and Rochester parades. There will be more to follow on this. We hope that some of the Masonic War Veterans can join us to make a strong showing of our groups. We will have vehicles in which to ride so you will not have to walk. Most important is to get out there and show our unified support for our comrades who have departed. Each of us knows one or two Veterans who left us in the past year and this is an excellent way to show our support and gratitude for their sacrifices.

### Planning Ahead

We will be having our Summer picnic again this year at Henrietta Park. The dates and times have not yet been confirmed, but we will let you know as soon as we can. Paula is already hard at work making baskets for us to raffle off. Once again, we will be joined by the Masonic War Veterans to make the picnic full of fun. I ask that you begin thinking of this, as we would like to be certain we have the proper amount of food. When the time has come and we are certain of the date,

## Monarch Kenneth R. Milner

please let me know with your reservation. This year we will be catering the event and the price will be \$8 per person. Sorry, no senior citizen discounts.

The "Day at the Races" has been set up for July 15th. I will be taking reservations for this and the price will be \$20 for the brunch in the clubhouse and a great day of betting on your favorite ponies.

We welcome Charlie White back from the South for the Summer.

## Master of Ceremonies By Richard Topel, PM

At the April 18th meeting we are going to have a Beef or Chicken Cordon Bleu dinner, with the ladies invited. This will also be a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night and we are planning to award our charitable gifts.

For reservations, call me at 663-2547 by April 10th.

## Caldron News By Beverly Murray, MCO

I am hoping that Spring will hurry on its way. Even though I have enjoyed the sunshine a little each day, I Look forward to hanging up my shovel and putting boots away.

Wishing you a Happy Easter day!  
Hoping that warmer weather is on its way,  
Along with the flowers to brighten each day.

### Calendar Change

Look forward to seeing you at: Prophets, Master Masons and Ladies Day  
April 14th at 2 p.m.  
at Spencerport Masonic Lodge Spaghetti Dinner at 4 p.m.  
Cost is \$5

Proceeds go to the Enchanted Lantern projects. Please come and join us on this very special day.

### Joys and Concerns

We are happy to say that Daughter Susan Wilson is back to stay, sorry it did not work out for you, Sue, but we are glad you are back with us.

Our thoughts and prayers continue for Bob Bueg. We also hope that Ray DiJames is feeling much better soon and may Daughter Joan Palmer also get rid of that "pinched" feeling.

To all - May the Lord bless you with his healing touch, and comfort you until you are feeling much better.

When you hear the word "Caldron" it brings to mind many things like witches, Halloween, and nasty stuff bubbling in a big black pot. But, we don't wear pointed hats, cook in big black pots, nor do we ride a broom. (But, your Monarch might tell you otherwise about his sister-in-law.)

### Who Are We?

So who are the Daughters of Mokanna? Some of us are actual daughters of a Prophet ... or a wife, mother, widow or female relative. We became a legal organization in 1919 and have been having fun ever since. As for the Fez - I am not sure why we adopted the Fez. Maybe it was to make us ladies taller or to keep the Prophets company with your head gear. I will say, it does a wonderful job of keeping you warm and messing up a good hairdo. We have rules and regulations as to when we can wear our Fez. You may sometimes hear me complain about wearing my Fez, but I am proud to wear it - no matter what color it might be.

Any lady who is interested in joining the Daughters of Mokanna, please don't hesitate to ask a Caldron Member about a Petition. Requirements are that you be related to a Master Mason or a Prophet in good standing. There just might be more information in next month's article.

Looking forward to seeing "YOU" at our next meeting - April 12th. at 7:30 p.m. Until then, stay warm, be happy, remember - God Loves You!

## GROTTO HUMOR



The Chief Justice has changed a lot in the last 20 years!

## Attend Grotto Meetings

**April 2nd**  
Board of Governors  
7 p.m., Shrine Center

**April 14th**  
Sharif & Kharram  
Grottos  
Past Monarch's Ball  
Fredonia, NY  
Reservations by  
March 23rd

**April 14th**  
Caldron Prophets Dinner  
2 p.m., Unity Lodge  
Ladies are Invited  
Spaghetti Dinner 4 p.m.

**April 16th**  
Caldron of Honor  
6:30 p.m. Dinner at  
Nutcracker Restaurant

**April 18th**  
Awards and  
Bring-a-Friend Nite  
Dinner 6:30 p.m.  
Ladies invited  
Meeting 7:30 p.m.  
Shrine Center  
Reservation by  
April 11th  
To Dick Topel  
663-2547

Information  
Hot Line  
334-4196



A Membership Pin was presented to Prophet Robert Bueg by Ronald Morthorst, PM and



Chief Justice, and Grotto Secretary, Kenneth Hutchinson, PM. It acknowledged 60-years

as a member of the Grotto. Above, Bob poses for this picture with his wife, Merline.



# Scottish Rite NEWS

Consistory  
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Council of Princes of Jerusalem  
Lodge of Perfection

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## College of Freemasonry

On March 31st, the College of Freemasonry was held. The College is one of the Valley's new signature events and we are planning to continue it in future years. A new feature of the College this year is the Ill. Thomas Jackson Masonic Education Award, given by the Valley. This award will be given in future years to people who make significant contributions to Masonic education.

The Chair of the Committee, Brother George Nasra, our 1st Lieutenant Commander, and his team have spent countless hours planning this event and all of its activities. My congratulations to Brother George and his team for the fine work they have done to make the College a success.

## Learn About the Rite

On the 27th of February, the Valley held the first presentation of the Scottish Rite "Public Degree" for our members and guests. Brother Gary Burke directed the Degree; the program was chaired by Brother Joe Bourcy and was another success. The initial feedback was that everyone liked the program and the Degree. We will be presenting this program in the future, as we found that it is an excellent introduction to the Scottish Rite for any Mason who is not familiar with our Rite.

## Rite Events Calendar

See article for details.

(All events at Shrine Center unless otherwise noted)

April 15th - Feast of Paschal Lamb

April 19th - 14th Degree

April 27th - 15th Degree

April 28th - 18th, 20th,  
31st and 32nd Degrees

May 11th - Reunion Banquet at  
Diplomat Party House

May 17th - Election Meeting/Steak Roast

May 29th - Rite Night at Movies

June 16th - Summer Clambake

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

For those who were not present, the Public Degree presents the focus of each of the Bodies of the Valley and a short dramatic presentation of the type of characters and themes contained in the Scottish Rite Degrees. While the program contains no Degree Ritual, it does show the costuming, characters and lessons inculcated by the real Degrees.

## Coming Events

The month of April brings the Chapter of Rose Croix presentation of the "Feast of the Paschal Lamb." This ceremony is also known as the re-lighting of the lights. In this ceremony we remember our fallen Brethren and rehearse the new law by the re-lighting of the lights. If you haven't seen this ceremony or are not a Scottish Rite Mason, I encourage you to attend. The Feast will be presented on Sunday, April 15th at 3 p.m. at the

Damascus Shrine Center. The ceremony will be followed by a dinner at 5 p.m. Cost of the dinner is \$10 per person and reservations are required. Please call the Office to make your reservation for dinner.

Later in April, the Lodge of Perfection will confer the 14th Degree, the Council of Princes of Jerusalem will confer the 15th Degree and the Chapter of Rose Croix will confer the 18th Degree. The Consistory will hold its Spring Reunion on Saturday, April 28th, at the Damascus Shrine Center. The Consistory will be conferring the 20th, 31st and 32nd Degrees that day. Plan to be there, as we have not conferred the 20th Degree in several years and it has always been a favorite of mine and many of the Brethren. Consult our website:

www.valleyofrochester.com

or your pocket calendar for all these events.

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## End Notes

My Brothers, the Valley, along with the York Rite Bodies, sponsors and supports the "Remember the Blue Lodge" program. This program earns a Scottish or York Rite Brother a Medallion when he is the first-line signer for a new Master Mason. The forms and submission procedures can be obtained by calling the Scottish Rite Office or the Commander-in-Chief. This is one of the best ways the Rites show their support for the Lodges, the underpinning of both Rites. There are many good men out there who do not know about Freemasonry, its teachings, principles or philosophy, but could benefit from being an active Freema-

son. It is up to you to direct him to investigate our ancient Craft, and, if worthy, sponsor his Petition to your Lodge.

The Valley is always looking for Brethren to help where needed for events, Degrees, leadership, etc. If you have an interest in participation, but have not been contacted, take the initiative and call me (day 269-7788, evening 223-3228). We will help you find a place in the Valley where your talents and interests will be used to their best.

Let us hope that Spring has sprung and Summer is on its way. After a cold February and March, it is time for some warmer weather. Enjoy the Spring; support your Lodge and our Valley.

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## Warren G. Harding, Mason

The 29th President of the United States of America was born November 2, 1865 in Ohio. Warren Gamaliel Harding was the eldest of eight children of Dr. George Tryon Harding, Sr., and Phoebe Elizabeth Dickerson Harding.

The population of the United States in 1921 was 105,710,620 people who communicated with friends by telephone, typed letter or telegram. Warren's hob-

bies were golf and horseback riding and he enjoyed his pet Airedale, Laddie Boy.

Warren attended Ohio Central College. He married Florence Mabel King on July 8, 1891. She was an older woman, a divorcee and mother of a young son. They complimented one another with Harding's affable personality and Florence's no nonsense approach to life. Her father was Harding's nemesis and he opposed the marriage of his only daughter. He disowned her and forbade his wife to attend the wedding. He did not speak to his daughter or Harding for eight years.

Warren was a newspaper editor, then publisher of the *Marion Daily Star*. An active civic leader, he was trustee of the Trinity Baptist Church, director of almost every important business and a leader in fraternal organizations and charities.

He served as Ohio State Senator from 1900 to 1901; Lieutenant Governor from 1904 to 1906 and as a U.S. Senator from 1915-1921. While serving in the Senate in 1920, Republicans nominated him to run for President, with Calvin Coolidge as his running mate. Harding won

the election with 60 percent of the popular vote.

### Masonic information

Harding was initiated in Marion Lodge No. 70, Marion, Ohio, on June 28, 1901 at the age of 36 years. Because of personal antagonism, Brother Harding's advancement was hindered until 1920, by which time he had been nominated for President. Friends persuaded the opposition to withdraw the objection and he achieved the 3rd Degree in Marion Lodge on August 27, 1920.

His three years as a Master Mason were short, but crowded. Albert Pike Lodge No. 36, Washington, made him an Honorary Member and presented him with a Gold Membership Card at the White House on May 4, 1921; Marion Chapter No. 22 elected him to the Cryptic Rite, but he died before receiving it; on March 1, 1921, Marion Commandery No. 36 conferred upon him the Red Cross, Malta and Temple Degrees and on January 5, 1921, he received the Scottish Rite Degrees in Columbus, Ohio. On January 7, 1921, Aladdin Temple of the Shrine, Columbus, Ohio, created a Noble and Kalipolis Grotto, Washington,

made him a Prophet at Sight at the White House on May 11, 1921. President Harding became the first President to become a Prophet and a Noble.

During his White House years, Harding spent some evenings "bloviating" (his term for informal conversation) with his friends over games of poker. One evening, to keep in the game, he bet a set of White House dishes. Unfortunately, Harding lost the hand and also the dishes, which were donated by Past President Harrison.

By 1923 word had reached Harding that some of his friends were using their official positions for their own personal gain. He commented, "My friends... they are the ones who keep me walking the floors at night." He now looked worn

and depressed, not knowing whether to announce the great scandal or bury it.

On August 2, 1923, he died in San Francisco of a heart attack at the age of 57 years. He did not live to find out how the public would react to the scandal of his administration, known as the "Tea Pot Dome" scandal.

President Harding served 27 months of his term. On August 8th the body was conducted from the White House to the Capital with six Commanders of the Knights Templar, Washington, DC, in the funeral cortege.

After lying in state in the National Capital, he was buried in Marion, Ohio, on August 10th. The asphalt container in which his body was placed was a gift from Boumi Shrine Temple of Baltimore, MD.

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Scholarship Awards  
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Charitable Grants  
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**Brown; Jefferson (below)**  
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dents have a clean, safe learning environment, classrooms that contain up-to-date equipment, and services that are better organized to meet the needs of students, is further evidence of her commitment.

She believes strongly in the power of education, and encourages everyone to "move beyond themselves through education and training." An example of this belief is embodied in the fact that she encouraged and supported the last three administrative assistants to pursue their Master's Degrees. She is proud of the fact that all three have moved into professional positions within the Rochester community.

Dr. Brown brings impressive credentials to her job, having earned her Doctorate Degree in Education Administration from Miami University, as well as certification in the Management Development Program at Harvard University, the Millennium Leadership Initiative through the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, the Springfield Ohio Community Leadership Academy and the National Institute for Leadership Development Program through the American Association of Women in Community and Junior Colleges.

She has received numerous recognitions - Outstanding Community Leader Award from Urban League of Rochester; The College of Business Administration's Alumni Award for Outstanding Professional Achievement from Central State University; The Professional Excellence Award in Teaching; The President's Award for Outstanding Performance in Management from Clark State Community College; and the Rochester Chapter Alpha Kappa Alpha Woman of the Year 2000 Award.

Dr. Brown serves on the following boards: Rochester and Monroe County Workforce Investment Board; Salvation Army (Program Chair); Continuing Development Services; and the Alzheimer's Association. She is a member of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church and serves on the Trustee and Usher Board. In addition, she is a member of Links Incorporated and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, where she serves as President.

Dr. Brown is happily married to Lawrence (Larry) Brown. She is the proud mother of two sons Stefan and Byron and grandmother of three lovely grandchildren, Brionna, Devin, and Caleb.

at the University of Rochester. He continues to teach courses in the Warner School of Education, serve as University Intercessor (Ombudsman) and has recently accepted an appointment from the University's President to serve as consultant in the University's new thrust in building institutional structures and processes for enhancing diversity and inclusion at the University of Rochester. Dr. Jefferson has been at the University of Rochester for 34 years.

He has been married to his wife, June, for 47 years. They are blessed with three chil-

dren and four grandchildren.

Jefferson began his teaching career in New York City where he taught music, mathematics and art at various times to junior high school students (grades 7-9). Jefferson moved to Horseheads, New York, where he held teaching and administration posts at Cornell Community College.

When asked to share some of his initiatives and accomplishments, he chose the following:

1. Americans in Africa - collaboration between the University of Rochester and the Rochester City School District designed to deepen the diversity and multicultural skills of classroom teachers. This program existed for ten years and spawned the Students In Africa Program, which continued the trips to West Africa for another fifteen years.

2. The Leaders Institute - A collaboration between the Rochester City School District, University of Rochester and Eastman Kodak Company that focused on building and enhancing the leadership skills and competencies of principals and other leaders in the RCSD. This program had a continuous run for about seven years.

3. African American Leadership Development - A United Way of Rochester program designed to increase the pool of African American leaders to serve on Boards of Directors and in other community leadership roles. This program has over 450 graduates and conducts a new class each year.

4. Camp Discovery - A family-led initiative in which the parents and guardians of the children served as teacher/counselors in conducting the camp's programs. The aim was to demonstrate in concrete terms the parent's crucial role as "first" teachers of their children and how important it was for children to get regular positive reinforcement of that reality.

5. Manhattan Golf Academy for Juniors - A free training program for youth between the ages of 8 and 18. In the past 14 years, over 1100 Rochester youth have benefited from this program.

6. Serving as Chairman of the Board of Directors for three important community agencies: Action for a Better Community, United Way of Greater Rochester and Greater Rochester American Red Cross.

"Teacher" is Jefferson's core identity. The first five examples listed above validate that attribution in no uncertain terms. Leadership in community service is evident in the six examples. In all, it appears that Dr. Jefferson has been able to integrate his commitment to teaching and community service into one "action-mission."

He observes that although everyone has the capacity to make choices, most of us will choose to make the most convenient. Jefferson prefers to take a different route, one best described in the words of Ralph Waldo Emerson: "Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail."

Dr. Jefferson feels he has had the privilege to go where there is no path and hopes, with God's grace, that he has left a trail for emulation.

**Rochester Forest**

**No. 133**

Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America

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

Donald W. Wright, GTC  
621-5764

Donald C. Bell, Scribe  
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By Don Brugger

**Getting the Message Out**

Just a reminder that Grand Tall Cedar, Don Wright, has asked for volunteers to present, "The Tall Cedars Story," to the Monroe Masters and Wardens Association. It is hoped that this presentation could be used as a Tall Cedar Membership Program for individual Lodges. If you would like to participate in this program, please call him at 621-5764.

**Looking Ahead**

Another reminder to all those who have participated in the Degrees, please study your parts for a Spring Conferal. Any others who would like to participate in the Degrees, please contact one of the Officers or me. We need backups for the principle parts. If you have any questions about our Trestleboard, call Don Wright. Any Woodsman who would like to volunteer for the Degrees or the Calling Committee, please contact me; we need your help.

We are still looking for volunteers to help procure and transport the beverages for our Sausage Roast. If interested, call Don Wright or me.

**Cedarettes**

During the April dinner, in honor of the Cedarettes and our ladies, a brief history of the



A smiling Robert Zabel accepts his 50-year Membership Certificate from Grand Tall Cedar, Donald Wright. A charter member of the Forest, he was also given a Pin from the Supreme Forest.

Lilac City Cedarettes and their activities was presented. The organization was formed about 1949 as a Social Club and an aid to Rochester Forest, Tall Cedars of Lebanon, in supporting the Tall Cedars' Muscular Dystrophy Foundation. In addition to their MD support, they also have donated toiletries and kits for distribution by the local chapter of "Alternatives for Battered Women."

The GTC expressed the appreciation of the Forest for the Cedarettes efforts and voiced his desire for closer communications between the two Bodies in the future. The organization has a membership of about 16 at present. The members are mostly wives and widows of Tall Cedars. If you have a desire to join this group, or would like to learn more about them, call Ramona Dimino at 342-4893.

**Special Award**

At the March dinner, the GTC presented PGTC, Bob Zabel,

with his 50-year membership Certificate and Pin from the Supreme Forest. Bob is one of the few living charter members of Rochester Forest. Bob thanked the GTC and responded by relating some of his early experiences as a Tall Cedar in Rochester Forest.

**Sickness and Distress**

Larry Hood continues to improve at home. Gordon Ball is doing well recovering at home after a prostate procedure. It was good to see Mike and Marty Dox that evening; he is doing well with his pacemaker. Doris Zabel was scheduled for cataract surgery on March 20th. We'll report again next issue. Ray DiJames is experiencing severe back pain and is undergoing tests. If you know of a Woodsman or Cedarette who is ill or in need of our aid or sympathy, please call one of the Officers or me.

Don't forget, this is your Forest, you need to reMember it. ✕

**Did You Know That?**

By Phil Hurwitz

• Grand Lodge has at all times the right to review the decisions of the Grand Master. HBML §

• If the Grand Master is chosen from the Metropolitan Region, then the Deputy Grand Master shall be chosen from some other portion of the State. If the Grand Master is chosen from some region other than Metropolitan, then the Deputy Grand Master shall be chosen from the Metropolitan Region. The Senior Grand Warden and the Junior Grand Warden shall be chosen from some part of the State other than the Metropolitan Region. The Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer shall be chosen from the Met-

ropolitan Region. Membership in a Lodge in a particular region for at least one year immediately preceding such election, controls. HBML Supp. §132, citing Const. §110.1

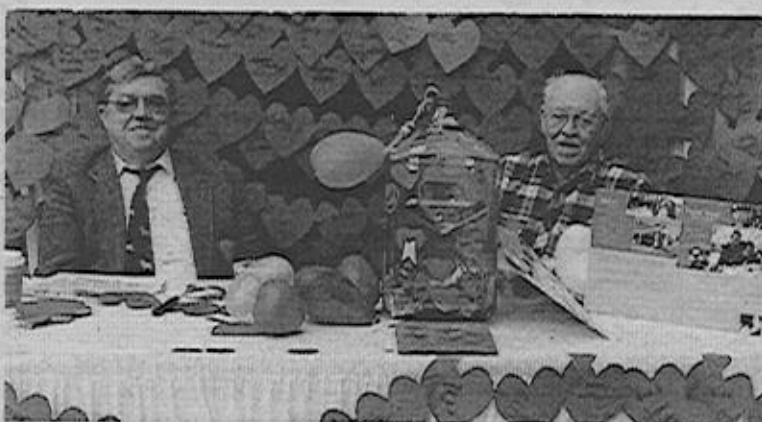
• A dispensation to form a new Lodge requires that the proposed Lodge has at least seven Master Masons. Three of these Masons of the proposed Lodge must be proficient in the three Degrees. A recommendation from a majority of the Lodges in the same District as the proposed Lodge is required. Const. §326, HBML, §423

• No discussion upon the merits of a petitioner for initiation, passing, raising or affilia-

tion, shall be allowed in the Lodge. Const. §356, HBML §659

• Any unaffiliated Brother may be restored to membership at any stated communication by a majority vote, taken by show of hands, provided any arrears have been satisfied either by way of payment, remit, or discharge prior to the vote for affiliation being taken. An unaffiliated Brother who has been in an unaffiliated status for five (5) or more years shall not be affiliated with any Lodge except by unanimous vote taken by ballot. An unaffiliated Brother shall not be allowed to visit any Lodge, participate in a Masonic procession, nor be entitled to Masonic relief or burial. Const. §367, HBML §824. ✕

**Northfield Lodge participates in Have-a-Heart**



These two photos were inadvertently left out of last month's issue of the Masonic Times. In the photo above, W. John Dudley and R. W. Raymond Beardsley are shown during their stint. Right, Brother David Adams also spent time in the Mall.





# Order of the Eastern Star

## Monroe District OES Highlights

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It is so hard to believe that Easter is almost here. We have turned our clocks ahead so we will enjoy more daylight.

Be sure to check the following dates for changes. Our Official Visit schedule seems to be ever-changing but, we are going to be starting soon.

### Official Visits

April 17th - Starlight Chapter  
May

1st - Fairport Chapter  
2nd - Lilac Star Chapter  
5th - Rochester Chapter  
8th - Mary Jane Holmes and Leah Chapters (Combined)  
21st - Etolian  
23rd - Corinthian-Fellowship

### June

5th - Nolatka

### Other Dates

May 31st - Grand Matron's Official Visit  
June 7th - Lilac Luncheon  
June 10th - Combined District Homecoming  
June 23rd - District Fun Night.

A big thank you to everyone who has been supporting our Cameron Community Ministries project. This past month we collected paper products. Now we are in full swing of collecting snacks for the after school tutoring program run by Cameron.

### Suggested Snack Items

Goldfish, graham crackers, peanut butter or cheese-filled crackers, yogurt, snack-size zipper plastic bags. They've requested we avoid cookies and candy as they want the snacks to be healthy.

Any time you have donations for Cameron, just let Rt. Wthy. Bill Mattern or me know and we will gladly make arrangements to pick up your items. Talk to your Worthy Matrons and they will keep you updated on the latest requests.

The Line Officers' Meeting held in March was well attended. It is great working with

so many enthusiastic people as they work for our Order in Monroe District.

Hopefully many of you will be able to attend the Official Visits. Rt. Wthy. Bill and I are really looking forward to greeting you there.

For a brief moment, we had concern over a venue for our Grand Matron's Official Visit as "The Party House" called to say they were closing their doors as of March 1st. After a few busy days, I was able to book Rick's Prime Rib House. You will soon be getting the announcement through your Chapter Secretary. Save the date and plan to be there. It would be great to have a huge turnout from the District to greet the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron.

May God Bless each one of you and may His light shine through you to others. \*

## NOLATKA Chapter No. 320

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By Kimi Robinson

### Joys and Concerns

Wilda Robinson's nephew, Shaun Adam, is engaged and an October 2008 wedding is being planned.

Our condolences go out to John and Judy Lenzi on the recent passing of John's father and to the family of Virginia Cullingworth Stauber, who recently passed away. Our thoughts and prayers to the families.

Alice Hassett had surgery on the 19th of March. We wish her a speedy recovery so she can come back to Chapter as soon as possible! God bless you!

Please continue to keep Raymond DiJames in your prayers. He is undergoing some tests at this time.

Something that always brings me comfort is the 23rd Psalm. \*

## Genesee-Wyoming District OES Highlights

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We're Fixing to "Git R Done!" We are looking forward to our Official Visits and the Grand Official Visit that are in the making. We did have a School of Instruction on February 24th under the direction of our own District Grand Lecturer Dave Liles and with the help of two past DGLs, Rt. Wthy. Tim Bucknam and Rt. Wthy. Steve Wing. I have heard some good comments on the help they gave, so we should have some great Official Visits.

Perry Chapter took in a new member on February 20th. She was the granddaughter of Carol Preen, Associate Matron. (Sorry, I haven't got her name at this time.)

On March 2nd, there was a Reception at Hesperus Chapter for Rt. Wthy. Harry Tyson, who is the Grand Representative of West Virginia. A nice time was had by all with a neat skit to send him off and some luscious refreshments.

### Condolences

We lost one of our oldest and dearest members on Valentine's Day. Rt. Wthy. Edward Degenfelder of Stebbins Chapter in Pike had just turned 90, but thought he could still play in the snow. He will be sadly missed by all.

### A Social Idea!

Hesperus Chapter in Bergen has some younger members who asked if we could have a social-type meeting - casual and fun. So the Matron, Kathy Tyson, decided to use the 2nd meeting of January and February (when they usually don't meet) and try it. It was a huge success!

## All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner

3rd Wednesday of Each Month

at Victor Masonic Lodge Hall  
21 Maple Avenue, Victor, NY

\$6 - Adults

Child Rate is Available  
Children under 5 - Free

Sponsored by Milnor Lodge No. 139 and  
Gah-A-Yan-Duk Chapter No. 566

The first night, Sister Maude Wilder showed the girls how to make a quilt square. At the February meeting, they made a bracelet with the five Star Point colors in it. We enjoyed a little socializing - a couple of friends came, as well as a couple men who came to keep them straight or eat the goodies. This is an idea for other Chapters. TRY IT!

### Tri-District Meeting

Batavia Chapter has hosted a Tri-District meeting for several years, which is also a terrific idea. A Buffalo Chapter, a Rochester Chapter and the Batavia Chapter join together to honor one of the Star Points. This year, the Point of Martha will be recognized. They do a terrific job and it's a very great night for all who attend.

Our Official Visits have started with Hesperus in Bergen being first on March 26th. Perry will be April 3rd, Stebbins on April 11th, Batavia on April 25th and Vernon-Java Village on April 27th.

### Fundraising Events

We are having a Jamboree on Sunday, April 29th, at the South Byron Fire Hall on Route 237. It will be from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. It will be hosted by Rebel's Posse with 4 or 5 different

groups playing. Sister Laurie Branagan and Sister Tonya Blossom are chairing it; Worthy Scott Blossom and Worthy Mariellen Blossom are in the kitchen. This is our only fundraiser and we need more help and lots of participation. The profits will go to the Grand Matron's Project and we are hoping to be able to share some with Autism Research.

Speaking of Autism Research, I am very pleased to inform everyone that the Hesperus Chapter participated in the Bon Ton Community Day event and netted a nice amount. The money was used for their local Christmas Baskets, distributed every year by many groups in the Bergen area. They also gave \$1250 to Autism Research. They are proud and rightfully should be!

Of course, we are trying to get things together to meet all the Grand Officers in May. Our own Official Visits wrap up with Olive Branch in LeRoy on May 7th and Centennial in Warsaw on May 21st.

June looked a little dull after such a busy Spring, so I am hoping to get enough participation for a Day Mystery Trip before Oriskany and back to business. We Hope to "GIT R DONE!" \*

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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:

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Well, Brothers, the year is almost up and we will be having elections for the ensuing year at our April meeting. During the April meeting we will have a Night of Remembrance for those Brothers who left us this past year.

**Some Dates to Remember**

On April 21st, there will be a meeting explaining Veterans' Benefits at Patchen-Briggs VFW Post on South Union Street from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

We will again be part of the Memorial Day Parades in both Downtown Rochester and Greece. We will have vehicles in the parade, so it won't be necessary to walk. Our presence was noted last year and once again it will be good for the organization to be seen.

We will be presenting Colors and act as an Honor Guard for the Grand Master at Wayne Lodge in June.

Summer picnic with the Grotto Legion of Honor will be in mid-June with a date to be announced. We have to be certain the strawberries are in bloom, so Dick Topel can make his wonderful strawberry shortcake.

There was some discussion at the meeting that we should be reminded of our duties as members of the Masonic War Veterans and the actual duties according to our Charter. I have taken the following information from the website of the Masonic War Veterans of the State of New York.

**United by a Triple Tie  
Service to God, Man  
and Country**

The Masonic War Veterans of the State of New York is a

unit of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, governed by a Board of Directors, five of whom are nominated by the Grand Master and elected at the Grand Lodge Annual Communication each May. Four Directors are elected on the floor at the Annual Convention of Grand Post, by the voting representatives from the Posts. Directors are elected for one-year terms.

**Membership Eligibility**

Candidates must be members in good standing in a Blue Lodge in this State or a Lodge of a sister jurisdiction which has fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of New York.

A Candidate who was regularly enlisted, drafted, inducted or commissioned in the Navy, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Air Force, Merchant Marine or any other federal armed force that, by federal law or regulation or by the State of New York, may be accorded veteran status.

The eligibility status shall apply whether the service was active or reserve, and shall also apply to nationals of any other country who, in alliance with the United States, participated in military or naval activity against a common enemy.

Eligibility is in accordance with the Grand Lodge of the State of New York Constitution pertaining to the Masonic War Veterans of the State of New York.

**Duties**

Duties of the members of the Post are to act as a strong right arm to the Grand Master and to the District Deputies in all Districts, presenting Colors at all Official Visits, aiding in patriotic celebrations and Memorial Services.

To sponsor and conduct visitations to VA Medical Centers and New York State Extended Care Facilities consisting of comfort item distribution, worship service assistance, ward and birthday parties and therapeutic recreational activities.

Remember, our next meeting on Thursday, April 26th, will include dinner at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting to follow at 7:30 p.m. Hope to see you all there.

Team. We strive to do superb Degree work at Union Lodge.

**April Events**

- 9th - School of Ritual at Mt. Morris, starting at 7 p.m.
- 12th - Regular Communication, a program to follow
- 19th and 25th - Rehearsal for 2nd Degree.
- 21st - Livingston District Ladies Night
- 23rd - Association Meeting held in Avon
- 26th - 2nd Degree, Lodge to open at 6 p.m., Supper at 6:30 p.m. with W.: Ron's Famous Chili

**Taxes! Taxes! Taxes!**

By Tom Michielsen

It's April, and you're once again burning the midnight oil, poring over stacks of paperwork or small pieces of paper with little or no explanation on them, trying to file your income tax return on time. If you're rushing to complete your return, you may be making costly mathematical errors, overlooking important deductions or missing tax credits you might qualify for. Yes, you might be one of those people in the TV ads who overpay their taxes each year. Why are we so stupid to subject ourselves to this torture year after year? Each year we tell our spouses and ourselves that next year will be different but we do nothing to make our lives easier.

Because April 15th falls on a Sunday in 2007, and the following day, Monday, April 16th, is Emancipation Day, a legal holiday in the District of Columbia, taxpayers nationwide will have until Tuesday, April 17, 2007, to file their 2006 returns and pay any taxes due.

Previously, the April 17th deadline applied just to individuals in the District of Columbia and six Eastern States who are served by an IRS processing facility in Massachusetts, where Patriots' Day is observed on April 16th. The April 17, 2007, deadline will apply to any of the following:

- 2006 federal individual income tax returns, whether filed electronically or on paper.
- Requests for an automatic six-month tax-filing extension, whether submitted electronically or on Form 4868.
- Tax year 2006 balance due payments, whether made electronically (direct debit or credit card) or by check.
- Tax-year 2006 contributions to a Roth or traditional IRA.
- Individual estimated tax payments for the first quarter of 2007, whether made electronically or by check.
- Individual refund claims for tax year 2003, where the regular three-year statute of limitations is expiring.

Return preparer fraud generally involves the preparation and filing of false income tax returns by preparers who claim inflated personal or business expenses, false deductions, unallowable credits or excessive exemptions on returns prepared for their clients. This includes inflated requests for the special one-time refund of the long-distance telephone tax. Preparers may also manipulate income figures to obtain tax credits, such as the Earned Income Tax Credit, fraudulently.

In some situations, the client (taxpayer) may not have knowledge of the false expenses, deductions, exemptions and/or credits shown on their tax returns. However, when the IRS detects the false return, the taxpayer — not the return preparer — must pay the additional taxes and interest and may be subject to penalties.

While most preparers provide excellent service to their clients, the IRS urges taxpayers to be very careful when choosing a tax preparer. Taxpayers should be as careful as they would be in choosing a doctor or a lawyer. It is important to know that

even if someone else prepares a tax return, the taxpayer is ultimately responsible for all the information on the tax return.

**Helpful Hints Choosing a Return Preparer**

- Be careful with tax preparers who claim they can obtain larger refunds than other preparers.
- Avoid preparers who base their fee on a percentage of the amount of the refund.
- Stay away from preparers who claim that many, if not most, phone customers can get hundreds of dollars or more back under the telephone tax refund program.
- Use a reputable tax professional who signs your tax return and provides you with a copy for your records.
- Consider whether the individual or firm will be around to answer questions about the preparation of your tax return months, or even years, after the return has been filed.
- Review your return before you sign it and ask questions on entries you don't understand.
- No matter who prepares your tax return, you (the taxpayer) are ultimately responsible for all of the information on your tax return. Therefore, never sign a blank tax form.
- Find out the person's credentials. Only attorneys, CPAs and enrolled agents can represent taxpayers before the IRS in all matters including audits, collection and appeals. Other return preparers may only represent taxpayers for audits of returns they actually prepared.
- Find out if the preparer is affiliated with a professional organization that provides its members with continuing education and resources and holds them to a code of ethics.
- Ask questions. Do you know anyone who has used the tax professional? Were they satisfied with the service they received?

Reputable preparers will ask to see your receipts and will ask you multiple questions to determine your qualifications for expenses, deductions and other items. By doing so, they are trying to help you avoid penalties, interest or additional taxes that could result from an IRS examination.

Further, tax evasion is a risky crime, a felony, punishable by five years imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine.

**Taxpayer Due Dates**

- March 31st**
  - Electronic W2's and 1099's must be forwarded
- April 15th**
  - March Payroll Taxes
  - Individual Tax Returns
  - Federal First Quarter Estimated Taxes for Corporation
  - Federal and State First Quarter Estimated Taxes for Individuals
- April 30th**
  - First Quarter Payroll Reports Due
- May 15th**
  - April Payroll Taxes

If you have any tax questions, please forward them to [tmichie1@rochester.rr.com](mailto:tmichie1@rochester.rr.com).

**In Memoriam**

**JANUARY**

**Harradine, Gerald E.**  
On January 12th, Gerald Harradine, 83, broke the Fraternal Chain of ERAC Lodge and went to his Heavenly Home.

**Peace, Grover D.**  
We have received word that Grover D. Peace, 86, passed away January 30th. He was a member of ERAC Lodge and York Rite.

**FEBRUARY**

**Degenfelder, Edward B.**  
Edward Degenfelder, 90, went Home to his Lord on February 14th. He was a member of Triluminar Lodge. His wife, Mary Liz, two children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren survive him.

**Desmann, Dean E.**  
At age 86, Dean Desmann met his Maker on February 21st. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Lois, and will be missed by his Brothers of Union Star Lodge. God bless.

**Ambrose, David Michael**  
The loving arms of the Lord embraced David Ambrose, 50, on February 24th, leaving his wife, Kimberly, three sons, family and friends to survive him. He was a member of Northfield Lodge.

**Gale, Richard B.**  
We have received notice that Richard Gale, a Scottish Rite member, passed away. No details were given.

**Rice, Michael G.**  
Michael Rice, 59, departed for his Heavenly Home February 27th. He served in the US Army in the Judge Advocate General Corps. and was a member of ERAC Lodge. His wife, Pamela, two sons and three grandchildren survive him.

**Ogborne, Sr., Frederick R.**  
The Fraternal Chains of Unity Lodge, Lalla Rookh Grotto and Starlight Chapter OES were broken when Fred Ogborne, 87, went Home to his Lord on February 28th. He is survived by a son, daughter and five grandchildren. He was a World War II Navy Veteran.

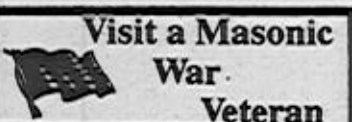
**MARCH**

**Stein, Donald E.**  
Don Stein, 85, made his last journey on March 7th. His life included many journeys — he flew with the Flying Tigers in Burma during World War II, family outings and his love for the Point Pleasant and Sea Breeze Fire Departments. He was a member of Fame Lodge. He is survived by his wife, Gladys, 3 children, 11 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. May his journey Home be blessed.

**Crayton, Wilford**  
We have received notice that Wilford Crayton, a member of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge, passed away. No details were given.

**Widow to Remember**

**Goldman, Alberta**, 86, widow of Albert E. Goldman, passed away February 22nd.



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

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1891 Rochester Street, Lima 14485

Union Lodge's 2007 Talent Show of fifteen acts was well attended. About 80 people saw lots of local talent from Lima and Honeoye Falls. Great job, W.: Steve Werner. Many thanks to the Brothers who helped and the judges — Bev Slocum, Denise Werner and W.: Ron Manning.

The 1st Degree was conferred on March 22nd. Great job, W.: Ron Manning and the Degree



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# Have-a-Heart Campaign

## Annual Fundraiser for the local Ronald McDonald House

By George Foehner

February 1st through the 14th, we were back in the malls for a successful 2007 Have-a-Heart Campaign. \$12,800 was collected, making a grand total of \$212,000 since 1988! Special thanks to everyone who supported and those who worked hard to make this year's Campaign a huge success!

On behalf of Rich Greenaway at Eastview Mall, Dave Sylvester at The Mall at Greece Ridge Center, Eugene Crews at Marketplace Mall, the Management of the local Ronald McDonald House and myself, we thank everyone who helped.

All Monroe District Lodges participated, as did members and families of the Eastern Star, Scottish Rite, Damascus Shriners, Shrine Clowns, Grotto, Brothers from Eureka Lodge, Prince Hall, and Sisters from

Estella Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star (PHA).

A very special thanks to all the Brothers outside Monroe District, who answered the call and are responsible in large part for this year's success. They are Yates Lodge and Kendall Social from **Niagara-Orleans District**; Triluminar Lodge and Hesperus Lodge of **Genesee-Wyoming District**; Genesee Lodge, Dansville Lodge, Nunda Station Lodge, Eunice Lodge and Union Lodge from **Livingston District**; Drumlin Square and Wayne Lodge of **Wayne District**; Milnor Lodge and Eagle Lodge of **Ontario/Seneca/Yates District**.

Naturally, there would be no Campaign without our corporate sponsors - The Mall at Greece Ridge Center, Marketplace and Eastview Malls for their donation of space; the Riv-

erside Group for the donation of the die-cut paper hearts; Label World for the donation of 20,000 Heart Stickers and Entercom Rochester for radio advertising on their four stations (valued at \$20,000). Let's not forget all the shoppers who donated money for this great cause.

It has been my privilege to be your Chairman this year and I look forward to working with all the wonderful people in our Masonic Fraternity next year. »

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# Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

### May

- 4 Haggai Chapter (PHA) 7th Annual Social and Community Awards Dinner
- 7-8 226th Grand Lodge Convention, New York City
- 12 Genesee-Wyoming District *Masonic Development Course*; location TBA
- 25 Monroe Joint Investiture Service, Fairport Masonic Hall

### June

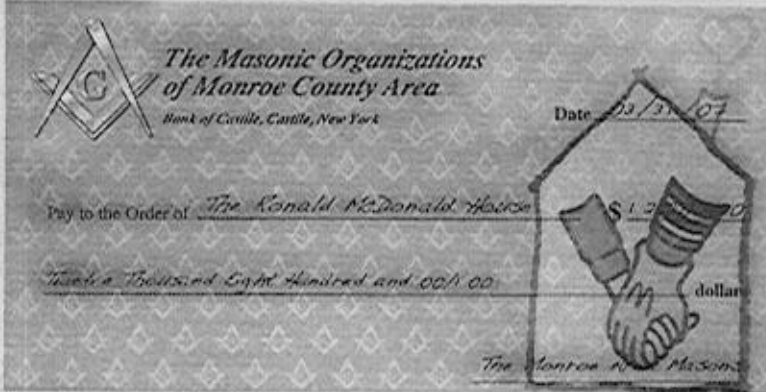
- 21 Mark Russell, benefit performance for Masonic Care Community, Clinton
- 23 St. John's Day, Masonic Care Community, Utica (part of St. John's Weekend)

### October

- 28 Masonic Service Bureau's Interfaith Service and Brunch, Country Party House, East Rochester

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

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Deadline for the Masonic Times

# BIG CALENDAR FOR APRIL 2007

Gem - Diamond  
Flower - Sweet Pea

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 April Fool's Day Palm Sunday	2 Canandaigua - Shortsville West Star - Varysburg RAM - Palmyra/Eagle KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford Shrine Lunch Club - Fairport Village Inn	3 Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps Oakland - Castile OES - Fairport, Nolatka, Starlight 1st Day of Passover	4 Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy Damascus Shrine OES - Lilac Star	5 Eunice - Caledonia Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster RSM - Palmyra Council	6 Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m. \$7 adult; \$4 Child 30 Orchard Street Good Friday Orthodox Holy Friday	7 OES - Rochester Chapter, Unity Lodge - Spenderport Daughters of the Nile, Zama Temple - Fairport
8 Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinners Weds. 11th & 25th 287 East Avenue, Hilton Easter Orthodox Easter	9 ERAC, Shrine Center Fairport-Flower City, 2* Union Star - Honeoye Falls Unity - Spencerport Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield RAM - Excelsior - Shortsville Shrine Lunch Club - Fairport Village Inn	10 Eagle - Honeoye Seneca - Webster Valley-Simes, Shrine Center RAM - Dansville OES - Leah - Hilton	11 Oatka - Scottsville Masonic Service Bureau Monthly Luncheon Meeting OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville, Corinthian Fellowship	12 Fame, Shrine Center Milnor - Victor Union - Lima Webster Fellowcraft RAM - Hiram Lalla Rookh Caldron	13	14 Lalla Rookh Caldron - Prophet, Master Masons and Ladies Day, 2:00 p.m. Spencerport
15 Scottish Rite - Feast of the Paschal Lamb, 3:00 p.m. Shrine Center Milnor Lodge Gah-A-Yan-Duk Chapter Spaghetti Dinner Wednesday, April 18th 21 Maple Avenue, Victor	16 Canandaigua - Shortsville West Star - Varysburg KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford Lalla Rookh Grotto Legion of Honor Shrine Lunch Club - Ladies Day, The Nutcracker	17 Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson, Shrine Center Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps Oakland - Castile OES - Nolatka, Starlight	18 Ark - Geneva Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy RSM - Doric Council, Pittsford Lalla Rookh Grotto OES - Lilac Star	19 Eunice - Caledonia Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster, 3* Scottish Rite, 14* Eagle Lodge Eagle Chapter Spaghetti Dinner Thursday, April 19th 4994 County Road 36 Honeoye	20	21 KT - Sagoyewatha - Phelps MON - Widows Luncheon - Burgundy Basin Inn OSY - Widows Luncheon - Ramada Inn, Geneva LIV - Ladies Night - Conesus Golf Club, Conesus
22 OSY - 2:00 p.m. District Communion Service Earth Day	23 ERAC, Shrine Center, Fairport-Flower City Union Star - Honeoye Falls Unity - Spencerport Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield Shrine Lunch Club - Fairport Village Inn LIV - District Association Meeting, Avon Springs (hosted by Eunice Lodge)	24 Eagle - Honeoye Valley-Simes RAM - Dansville, LeRoy OES - Leah - Hilton	25 Oatka - Scottsville Tall Cedars of Lebanon OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville, Corinthian Fellowship	26 Fame, Shrine Center Milnor - Victor Union - Lima RAM - Hiram James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post	27 Scottish Rite, 15*, Shrine Center	28 Scottish Rite, 18*, 20*, 31* and 32*, Shrine Center
29	30 Fairport-Flower City, Special meeting, 3*					