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## Season's Greetings From the staff of the Masonic Times

### Interfaith Service and Brunch Enjoyed by All!

By Jan Porter

We celebrated the 66th Annual Masonic Interfaith Service and Brunch at the Country Party House on October 28th.

#### The Service

Those who attended were treated to a thought-stimulating and inspirational message from retired Priest, Father F. James Lawlor, residing at St. Thomas More Church.

His message about the principles of good Stewardship covered not just the obvious - tithing and monetary contributions, but donation of talents (given to you by God) and time (prioritized by you). As a New Year approaches and we're all thinking about the principles of the Fraternal organizations to which we belong, the following may shed new light on our goals and inspire us to reconsider priorities.

#### Stewardship

The Bible is very clear...

- God created the heavens and the earth (Genesis 1:1).
- God created human beings, blessed them, and gave them dominion over the earth (Genesis 1:26-28).
- God, the Creator, took humanity into partnership (stewardship) of creation.
- God put mankind in the garden "to cultivate and sustain with loving care" (Genesis 2:15).

Clearly, we are called to be good stewards.

#### Principles of Good Stewardship

Everything we have (our time, talent, and treasure) has been

given to us by God, and we are called upon to be good stewards of these God-given gifts. If we take Genesis seriously, then we need to become good stewards of all three gifts. Not just a small portion of each, but all our time, all our talent, and all our treasure. And, as stewards, we need to learn to use them as God intends them to be used, and also to return these gifts to their rightful owner - God the Creator!

#### Time

God created Time. Time is a universal gift - everyone gets the same amount every day. We cannot add to, and we can't slow it down. But we can choose how we use it. Stewardship calls us to use our time wisely by taking time to talk with God in Prayer.

It also means giving your time to be present to others (spouse, children, parents and others close to us). It means investing time in working for the church and for the community. And it means taking time to refresh our minds and renew our souls.

#### How will you commit your time this year?

#### Talent

God gave everyone one or more talents. This list of talents (special gifts from God) is endless - and so is their use for carrying out God's plan.

Stewardship calls us to identify our special gifts, accept them gratefully, without pride or false humility, and use them well, as God prompts us. Good stewards also look for talents in others and encourage them to

put these gifts to work. Being a good steward means looking for ways to make your community better than you found it.

#### How will you commit your talents this year?

#### Treasure

Stewardship calls us to have a proper attitude towards money and material things. Are we owned by our possessions, or do we see them as God sees them? It is easy to be trapped by possessions. Jesus warns us: "You cannot serve God and money... Where your treasure is, there will your heart be."

Stewards know that the money and material possessions they have are merely held in trust from God. The day will come when God asks: "What have you done with all I have given you?" How will you respond? A steward responds by recognizing the need to give. Sharing a portion of one's income, assets, and possessions is the best way to show gratitude to God. Jesus said: "Give not just from your surplus but from your need."

#### How will you commit your treasure this year?

The steward gives what in prayer feels right with God. Beautiful music was provided by Beverly Murray, Supreme Rodeval of Daughters of Mokenna of North America. The President of the Masonic Service, R. E. James A. Ghent, Jr., welcomed everyone and gave an opening reflection for the Meditation of the day - Stewardship.

Stewardship is a way of life; a life style; a way of thanking God for all our blessings by returning a portion of the Time, Tal-

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### Halloween - A Fun Time for the Residents at the Masonic Care Community



Winning First Prize in the "Best Dressed Household Category" were (left to right) Larry DeGironimo, Nicholas Coluzzi and William Goddard, dressed as the "Three Musketeers."

Trick or Treat!! That was the theme at the Masonic Care Community's Annual Halloween Costume Party and Contest held last month in the Atrium of the new Skilled Nursing Health Pavilion. Approximately 100 residents, staff and family members participated in the "Spooktacular" Party.

Prizes were awarded to many residents in various categories. Winning First Prize in the "Best Dressed Household Category" were (in photo) Larry DeGironimo, Nicholas Coluzzi and William Goddard, dressed as the "Three Musketeers." These three Musketeers live together in the Forestport Household in the Adirondack Neighborhood of the Health Pavilion. They do everything together - a friendship that is built on love for one another.

The staff at the Masonic Care Community takes much pride in providing the best activities for its residents. This is another example of one of the many activities that the residents enjoy. ✦

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R. E. James A. Ghent, Jr. and R. W. M. Donald Darrohn presenting the Distinguished Community Service Award to Rosemary and Brett Huther, wife and son of George Huther. Pictured (l-r) Don Darrohn, Rosemary Huther, Brett Huther and Jim Ghent, Jr.

### A Volunteer Opportunity... Ring the Bell!

The Salvation Army Service Units urgently need bell-ringers during this Holiday Season!

Any group, family or individual interested in assisting with this most important fundraiser of the year, should call as soon as possible to schedule.

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or go to their website:

[www.redkettles.org](http://www.redkettles.org)

where you can fill out a Volunteer Form on-line.

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Editor's Corner

It was pointed out at the November Board of Directors' meeting that Dave King and I are completing five years as the publishers of the Masonic Times. Boy, time really DOES fly when you're having fun. There is never a dull moment once we get underway with the typesetting, proofing and page layout of each issue. To help make things run smoother... We're Making a Change!

Effective immediately, there is a new email address for material submitted for publication in the Masonic Times:

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There are three reasons I have made this change. First, for recent issues, we have "discovered" articles that didn't come to the proper address and were nearly overlooked. In fact, we have missed articles completely for this reason. We try to acknowledge within a couple of days that your article has been received and we are able to reformat it for the Masonic Times. If you don't receive confirmation of receipt, call us.

Second, we receive large files. These are slow to download and quickly clog up our Inbox. Gmail is a web-based mail service with enormous capacity.

Third, we should be able to access these messages from any computer. If we have a computer crash, we can access from another machine and are not hampered in publishing articles.

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By James Ghent, President

As we approach the end of another calendar year, I'll review some achievements of the Masonic Service Bureau and its dedicated group of volunteers.

• Scholarships - Again this year, the Service Bureau was able to provide \$15,000 in scholarships to 15 high school seniors and/or college students.

• Charity Grants - This year, the Service Bureau provided \$15,000 to support community programs for the needy, such as meals, programs to aid Seniors and Youth, and hospice care.

• Loan Closet - So far this year, the Service Bureau has provided, free-of-charge, numerous pieces of home care equipment, such as wheelchairs, crutches, canes, commodes, tub seats/benches and walkers to any person in need.

Special Functions:

• This year's Widows' Luncheon was again held at the Burgundy Basin Inn. Although attendance was adequate, we would have been extremely pleased to have full participation by all of the Masonic Organizations in the District.

• The Interfaith Service and Brunch was well attended and we were pleased to have with us Father F. James Lawlor for the first time. He provided the assembly with some thoughts on giving and volunteerism. Also, assisting with the service was R.: W.: and Rev. Paul Gleason and R.: W.: Herb Spencer. We look forward to greater participation from all segments of our community next year.

We regret that Brother George Huther, Jr. was unable to participate in the recognition ceremony due to his illness. We appreciate the fact that his wife, Rosemary, and his son, Brett, were able to accept the Award on his behalf. We wish Brother Huther a complete and speedy recovery.

• Camp DeMolay - The Utility Building at Camp DeMolay has been razed and plans are underway to erect a new building in its place. There has been significant work at the Camp,

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thanks to the help of volunteers. A handicap ramp is being installed, the third cabin ceiling is taped and ready for painting, plans have been submitted for the new utility building and we hope work can at least begin before the snow flies. Our sincere gratitude to Valley-Simes Lodge for their generous financial donation to the Service Bureau to have the electrical service at the Camp be in compliance with the Electrical Code of the Town of Sodus.

• We are extremely pleased to have the regular participation of Damascus Shrine in the Masonic Times.

There are many other things that the Service Bureau was able to accomplish, with the help of our regular and part-time volunteers, and we encourage all who are able to volunteer in the work of the Service Bureau. Please contact the Service Bureau Office if you are able to assist in any way.

Last, but not least, I thank all who participated and made my two years as President of the Service Bureau an enjoyable and productive time.

On behalf of the Masonic Service Bureau of Greater Rochester, I wish you and your families a Happy and Safe Holiday Season.

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Matilda Burger, 1905 - 2007, Remembered for Life of Serving



File Photo, circa 1970

Our hearts are heavy as we remember Mat Burger and the full life she led. Mat passed away on October 21st at the age of 102. Her life was dedicated to activities of volunteering and giving back to the world and family she loved. She was the wife of the late Albert H. Burger, a member of Craftsman Robertson Lodge.

A very active and exemplary member of several Fraternal Orders, she was a Past Matron of Sunshine Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, 1947 District Deputy Grand Matron of Monroe District, a member of the

Daughters of the Nile and Past High Priestess of the Bethany White Shrine in Pennsylvania.

She was a dedicated member of the Board of Directors of the Masonic Service Bureau for over 40 years. Her contributions of time and talent were significant and she will always be remembered as a strong part of our history.

During World War II she was a Staff Assistant for the American Red Cross. While living in Oakmont, PA, she was a member of the Spina Bifida Association Women's Auxiliary.

Mat moved to Florida a few years ago where she was quick to get involved in church and community groups.

She is survived by a daughter, four grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

In her memory, contributions may be sent to the Masonic Service Bureau, 979 Bay Road, Suite 2, Webster, NY 14580; the Spina Bifida Association of Western Pennsylvania, 134 Shenot Road, Wexford, PA 15090; or the Moorings Presbyterian Church, 970 Harbour Drive, Naples, FL 34103.

Mat left us with a garden of beautiful memories, sprayed with a million tears.

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**In Remembrance**

The Masonic War Veterans held a dinner in "Remembrance" for Veterans Day observance. There were two special guest speakers in attendance from the US Coast Guard - MK2 Chris Hossert and SK1 Dennis O'Halloran. They nar-



A good group of attendees shared in the event.

rated their experiences in Iraq and other locations. Both are career military personnel with many years of service. Many people think the US Coast Guard does patrol duty only. That is a misconception. Had you been there you would have learned of their experiences. They not only do patrol duty, but front attack in battle zones, protection escort for

Troop ships, chase subs, board illegal boats and ships (this could be very dangerous, for you never know what is waiting when you board), be on the lookout for mines and a host of other dangerous assignments. When I went to Attu Island in the Aleutian Islands in World War II, they were our invisible escort, never to be seen for fear of giving our Troop ship location.



(L-R) Damascus Shrine Potentate Donald Rose, MK2 Chris Hossert, SK1 Dennis O'Halloran, Post Commander Vance Collom, Past Post Commander James Kahn, YN1.

After hearing their experiences, everyone had a more thorough understanding of what the US Coast Guard's duties are and a greater admira-

tion for those who serve. YN1 James Kahn arrived in his uniform just to show everyone he could still get into it.

**Interfaith Service and Brunch**

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ent and Treasure allotted to us by our Creator.

Stewardship messages from the Hebrew Scriptures were read by R. W. Herbert Spencer and from the Christian Scriptures by R. W. and Rev. Paul R. Gleason, Jr.

R. W. Kenneth Richard Howe shared his God-given talents through a solo, *Here I am Lord*. It was so beautiful.



Linda Zahn presented a beautiful centerpiece to Rosemary Huther as (l-r) R. W. Herb Spencer, R. W. Gary Sanford and his wife, Gail, look on.

**Brunch**

The Country Party House staff provided a tasty, Deluxe Buffet Brunch. Everyone ate well and enjoyed good conversation throughout.

Master of Ceremony, R. W. William Lindsay, did a fine job. The Distinguished Community Service Award was presented by R. E. James A. Ghent, Jr. and R. W. M. Donald Darrohn to George Huther's wife, Rosemary, and son, Brett. Due to his health, George was unable to be present. A check for \$500 has been donated to the charity of his choice - the Huther Doyle Memorial Institute.

**Thank You**

Our sincere thanks to all who participated and contributed their time, talent and treasure for the success and enjoyment of this annual event.

Additional thanks to Beverly and Leon Van Huben, Linda Zahn, Barbara Goodrich, Joy Woodley, Ramona Dimino, Skip Waterstreet and all who at-



Brett Huther (recipient's son) thanking the Masonic Service Bureau and all who made the Award selection on behalf of his father, George Huther.

tended for their dedicated service to this event.

Next year's Interfaith Service and Brunch will be held on Sunday, October 19, 2008. Plan to join us for inspiration, camaraderie and nourishment.



Master of Ceremony, William Lindsay, welcoming everyone.

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Again our Post did an outstanding job of bringing Masonry and Masonic War Veterans to the attention of the public since my last communication. On Sunday, October 28th, the Color Guard presented the Colors at the Interfaith Brunch (see picture) and received a big round of applause.

Our Post, in general, and in particular, can be really proud of all our members who participated in the Veterans Day Service on November 11th (I believe we were the largest contingent participating in the Wreath Laying Ceremony).

The October 17th "Birthday Celebration" at the Veterans Hospital in Canandaigua was well attended. Thank you to all participants

As a reminder, the ongoing "Birthday Party Celebration" at the Veterans Hospital in Canandaigua, is a joint venture with the Legion of Honor from the Shrine and our Post. To be a part of this worthwhile effort, contact Tom Paglia, Chairman

of the Masonic Veterans Service Committee (227-2046); Moe Schirano, PC, (265-3932); Fred Cornell, PC, (352-6477) or Vance Collom, Adjutant, (217-9817), or me. Our phone numbers are listed in the heading of this article. This initiative is well received by our Veterans and is heartwarming for us, the volunteers. Please join us; you'll be glad you did.

**Future Happenings**

December 7th - Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance at Charlotte Pier. The Color Guard and Post No. 12 members will assemble at 6:30 a.m. at the Yacht Club near the Coast Guard Station in Charlotte. All groups will form an Honor Guard Line. Breakfast will be served at the American Legion Post No. 468; 344 Dorsey Road; Greece (near Mt. Read Boulevard) immediately following the Service. The cost is minimal and all are invited to attend.

December 15th - The Christmas Party will be held at Fairport Lodge. A Chicken and Biscuit Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. by members of the Fairport OES. We will be joined by members of the Lalla Rookh Grotto. Bring a wrapped gift (\$5 - \$10 value) and mark it "his" or "hers." Ladies and guests are invited.

February 28th - The next meeting will be at the Fairport Lodge Hall. Social Hour 6:00 p.m.; Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

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



Masonic War Veterans Honor Guard posting Colors at Interfaith Brunch (l-r) John Ponschock, 2nd Lt. Cmdr. Greg Ludwig, Capt. CG. and Heinz Gunkel. In background, standing at Head Table (l-r) Father F. James Lawlor, R. W. Herb Spencer, R. W. Gary Sanford and Gail Sanford.

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The District is coming alive with activities now and I am glad to be a part of it! The Degree work in the District is starting to fill up the schedules. I am amazed at how much talent we have in this District and how we are always ready to help out wherever needed. Thank you, my Brothers!

Vilma and I joined W.: Ray Robinson and his wife, Kay, along with R.: W.: Edwin Dickson on a Fall Foliage Trip to Sprague's Maple Farm in Portville. We had a wonderful time and the food was great!

R.: W.: Roy Moses and I traveled to Oakland Lodge in Castile for R.: W.: Harry Tyson's Official Visit and were impressed with their delivery of the Ritual. W.: Robert Kemp and his Line can be proud of their Ritual and their Lodge. R.: W.: Harry's delivery of the Grand Master's Message was also impressive.

We also went to R.: W.: Gary Sanford's Official Visit at Union



W.: Tom Porter presents the General Douglas MacArthur Award to Ann Schinski.

Star Lodge in Honeoye Falls. It is very enjoyable to hear the different presentations of the Grand Master's Message. I find there are things that I should be using in my delivery of the Message that, if I hadn't observed it at another District, would not have thought of. Thank you for this help!

Roy and I also went to Fairport-Flower City Lodge for the Monroe District Grand Lecturer's Convention. The Grand Lecturer has improved his delivery of the Ritual.

On November 8th; R.: W.: Rick Howe, R.: W.: Roy Moses and I were invited to a Geneseo Lodge gathering at Brian's USA Diner for the presentation of the Douglas MacArthur Award in recognition of Distinguished or Outstanding Voluntary Com-

munity Service by non-Masons to Youths. This Award was presented to Mrs. Ann Schinski who volunteers her time in the classroom. She serves as a chaperone for after-school activities, field trips, team satiations, time-keeper, bookkeeper, sports booster, concession stand operator and organizes team dinners and team spirit events. She has taught Sunday school for 15 years, helps with the Music Boosters and Ushers for the Community Players. She orients young people to volunteer at the Teresa House Hospice care facility.

We are glad to be involved with all the Degree work at the various Lodges in our District. We appreciate your keeping us informed of these special events and making us welcome! Thank you.

the awards will be delivered by your Grand Lodge Officers in due haste, and with all due pomp. Thanks to our Scottish Rite Brothers for a job well done.

Many Brothers from the District made the trek to the Batavia VA Hospital to serve ice cream and be attentive to some of our Veterans. Thanks go out to the VFW and Geneseo Lodge for conceiving the idea many years ago for this worthwhile endeavor. I regret that I could not make this trip, but Brother Harry Clark of Geneseo Lodge, my friend and fellow troubadour, entertained our Vets very well. Thanks, Harry.

The Brothers from Mount Morris Lodge enjoyed fellowship with Brothers from Livingston, Steuben and Monroe Districts. We all enjoyed a fine repast before Lodge. The Royal Arch Masons performed a Fervency and Zeal Program and taught us about that Concordant body. It was a pleasurable evening of fellowship and education.

I had the honor of being invited to some events in the Monroe District last month. Thank you, Mike Knolla, for the invite to ERAC Lodge for a very well-presented Brother Bring-a-Friend event. Great job! I once again realize that I'm never too old to learn from my younger Brother.

I attended Fairport-Flower City Lodge for the Monroe District's Grand Lecturer's Convention. It was an educational experience to watch Brother Sullivan at work again.

I also enjoyed the privilege of being asked to sing at the Interfaith Service. A beautiful message was delivered and Cathy and I had a very enjoyable morning. Thank you.

#### Masonic Education

The *Masonic Development Course* is underway. It is not too

late to get involved. Also, the *Road to the East* course will begin soon. Please get your application in. The first session of *RTTE* will cover the Masonic Constitution and Law. I will attempt, in my next article, to discuss Masons on the Supreme Court. This will hopefully get everyone fired up on the subject of Constitution and Law. I know Brother Phil is fired up already.

## Nunda Station Lodge No. 682

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

Master

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Secretary

R.: W.: Gerald J. Hussong  
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During the last month, we have had some busy Brothers here at Nunda Station. Brothers William Wright, Phil Cox and Edwin Dickson worked on several Child ID Workshops.

Brother Robert Martin received his Scottish Rite Symbolic Blue Lodge Award from Grand Master, M.: W.: Neal I. Bidnick and many of us traveled to the Damascus Shrine Center in Webster to give our support.

At the Livingston District Meeting, we received the Attendance Award Plaque for the Schools of Ritual from our Assistant Grand Lecturer, R.: W.: Roy Moses.

Again, I remind the Brothers that our December 18th meeting will be a success if we can bring some prospects to our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. Afterward we will have our Traditional Oyster Stew and Fish Chowder. Hope to see you there.

## Union Lodge No. 45

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

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I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. As usual, Union Lodge is busy and on the move. We had our Annual Table Lodge on November 15th. We always have a packed house for this event. It was great to have our Grand Lecturer, R.: W.: James Sullivan, as our guest speaker.

A number of the Brothers from Union traveled to our

neighbor, Nunda Station Lodge, in the Livingston District on November 24th. We went to help them with a 3rd Degree for a Brother who was home from college for the Thanksgiving weekend. What a great way to show a new "young" Brother that we support him. When many young men of his age can't wait to come home to party and dump the laundry in mom's lap, here is a young man who decided to become a Master Mason. We hope he tells many of the guys at school how great it was. Maybe the word will spread.

We have just the one meeting in December on the 13th. This is our Annual Meeting. Come on out and visit us. Always a friendly face and a great sandwich after the meeting!

The very best to everyone for a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!

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



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It is hard to believe that you are reading the December issue of the *Masonic Times*! - Brothers, this year is almost over with Christmas just around the corner. Have you given your Christmas present to Grand Lodge yet? By this I mean, have you made your annual contribution to the Brotherhood Fund? Every year at Christmastime, many people's thoughts turn to Charity, as this is one of our cherished virtues. Please do not forget the Brotherhood Fund.

For the monthly dinner meeting, the O/S/Y Masonic Charities' Friday-Dinner-Out was held at the Geneva Fire Department Hydrant Hose Company. The firemen used their new kitchen to serve up Steaks, Salmon and Chicken for \$15 a plate. All who attended this venue for the monthly meeting found the evening most enjoyable. Brothers, this is one of the easiest events to attend with your wives, "significant others," or non-Masonic friends. This is a Friday night dinner out that many people do anyway - why not come out for dinner and fellowship with your Brothers? The business portion of this dinner meeting is typically very brief.

The next O/S/Y Charities Dinner will be held at Garoga-Sincerity Lodge on December 7th at 6:30 p.m. Please bring a dish-to-pass and your donations to the House of John.

The Grand Lecturer's Convention that was held November 1st at the Masonic Lodge Hall in Seneca Falls was well-attended and considered a resounding success. The Brothers from various Lodges in the District who sat in the chairs for the Ritual instruction, performed well and are to be commended. The Grand Lecturer's instruction on the grips and words for all three Degrees was appreciated by all. It was my sincere pleasure to be in a position to open the Convention for our Grand Lecturer.

Milnor Lodge held another Table Lodge and it was, once again, a success. This program is heavily steeped in Masonic tradition as cannons (drinking glasses) are "charged" with wine, and many toasts are made. The Table Lodge could be a most worthwhile program in any Lodge. In fact, Grand Lodge has now recognized that a Table Lodge or Festive Board can make an excellent format for a Brother Bring-a-Friend Program. In addition, this version uses our *Masonic Compact* as the basis of the toasts offered at the Festive Board. The Grand Master believes that done correctly, this format offers a new and meaningful way to educate men about Freemasonry as well as displaying one of the things that we do best, namely fellowship and Brotherly love. The *24-Inch Gauge Masonic Resource Guide* has further information on doing a Table Lodge. Please contact me if you need help in getting started.

The O/S/Y District Association met at Garoga-Sincerity Lodge on November 10th and attendance was light. Brothers, attendance by the Masters and Wardens of every Lodge in the District is requested. If you cannot attend, please appoint at least one Brother from your Lodge to attend in your place. Many issues affecting our District are discussed at these meetings and we need your input. The next meeting will be at Canandaigua Lodge in Shortsville on January 5th. Breakfast will be at the Lehigh Valley Restaurant (Routes 96 and 21) at 8 a.m. - please make every effort to attend.

The O/S/Y Freemasonry Information Fair and Expo now has a confirmed date - April 26, 2008, and a confirmed venue - Ramada Inn Geneva. The Grand Master, M.: W.: Neal I. Bidnick is the Keynote Speaker. In the coming months, you will hear more about this event. We are looking for your support. Details will appear on:

<http://O/S/YDistrict.org>

R.: W.: Ed Carris wants you to know that the *Road to the East (RTTE)* will be held in early 2008 (exact dates to be announced). Wardens and prospective Masters should attend. Registration is open to any Brother.

Don't forget the Grand Lodge Trip - May 3-7, 2008. Flyers have been emailed and information is also available on our website - O/S/YDistrict.org.

## Grand Steward Livingston



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Official Visits are nearly finished. We attended many Lodges last month and the fellowship, as well as the fine meals, was great. I always enjoy our visits. Mount Morris Lodge had the pleasure of hosting the Grand Lecturer's Convention. The ladies of Eastern Star treated us to a delicious Ham Dinner. Afterwards, Livonia Lodge performed the work for our Grand Lecturer and the Brethren. Let me say that having a teacher as Grand Lecturer adds an important dimension to the job. R.: W.: James Sullivan's skills and training serve him and the Brethren well. Great job, Brother Sullivan!

Congratulations go out to the Lodges who qualified for the Howard Potts Award. This is the fourth consecutive year for Mount Morris Lodge. Union Lodge got the Howard Potts Award and the award for most in attendance. Kudos, Brothers!

The Symbolic Lodge Awards ceremony was well-attended by our District as virtually every Lodge was represented. I believe that, in total, this was the most well-attended awards ceremony to date. There were over 225 Brothers, friends and family members. Three of the recipients from Livingston District had Cabletow issues and could not be there to receive their rewards in person. Rest assured,



Please send in your reservations early this year!

**District Website**  
<http://O/S/YDistrict.org>

For more information about Grand Lodge, O/S/Y District, and Lodge news, events, and schedules please visit the District website. Please email: [dwlocke@rochester.rr.com](mailto:dwlocke@rochester.rr.com) to be added to the O/S/Y District email list.

My Official Visit schedule is nearing an end with Rushville, Milo and Geneva Lodge yet to go. Starting in January, I will be accompanying R.: W.: Ed Carris on his visits. I look forward to seeing you at Masonic events, visits, BBF Programs, and Degrees.

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First of all, I apologize for missing last month's article. I'll try not to let it happen again.

Our Pork Chop Bar-B-Que went well. We had some extra help and it made it easier and more fun for all who worked. Thanks to Steve Durso and Ken Gibbs for chairing the committee, and also to all who donated pies.

Congratulations, W.: George Landstrom on receiving the Symbolic Blue Lodge Award, which he well deserved. Grand Master, M.: W.: Neal I. Bidnick, presented the Award. Also, congratulations to R.: W.: Clayton Ruggles on receiving the O/S/Y E. Platt Soper Fellowship Award at the October District Apron Presentations.

WE DID IT AGAIN! We qualified for the Howard Potts Award at the Grand Lecturer's Convention, held at Pocahontas Lodge in Seneca Falls. Thanks to the Brothers who participated in the evening's events. It was enjoyable and hopefully all learned from the experience.

**Cheers to Volunteers**

Two of our Lodge Brothers, W.: Ernie Day and Don Sabin went to Gilbert, West Virginia for disaster relief to help repair homes that were damaged by storms. They do this two times a year and donate one to two weeks each time. Thank you for donating your time and efforts.

**Important Meeting**

December 18th is our Budget Meeting and we are going to be voting on adding to our pavilion. We would like to get this taken care of so we can get started.

**November Birthdays**

We send belated Birthday Greetings to Brothers Stephen Phillips (1st), William Sergeant

(7th), James Allen (8th), Robert Bird and Don Henning (10th), William Hargrove (12th), Robert Kloepfel (15th), Douglas Nicot (17th).

**December Birthdays**

December Birthday Greetings to Brothers John Bowles (1st), Brian Walti (7th), Richard Houle and James Piper (13th), Gary Yancey (14th), Jerome Phillips (17th), Everett Grimsley (21st), Ronald Galens (22nd), William Lally Jr. (25th), and Ernest Day (30th).

**November Anniversaries**

The following Brothers were Raised in November:

- 1946 - Charles Romeiser
- 1955 - Donald Fridley
- 1972 - Thomas Pardington and Elliott Schocken
- 1974 - Jack Resnik
- 1975 - Terence Mays
- 1981 - Daniel Guth, Gary Yancey and William Peterson
- 1990 - Paul McIntyre and Clayton Ruggles
- 2001 - Ronald Galens, William Smith and Donald Romeiser

**December Anniversaries**

These Brothers were Raised in December:

- 1947 - John Record
- 1952 - Frederick Gifford
- 1956 - Howard Burgess
- 1960 - Bernard Dell
- 1994 - Perry Adams
- 1978 - Charles Anderson and Ronald Rudio

- 1961 - William Lannon
- 1962 - William Goodman
- 1969 - John C. Carney
- 1975 - William Tatro IV
- 1986 - Craig Andrews
- 1990 - David Mowers and John Sherman

- 1995 - David Smith
- 1996 - Kevin Fisher
- 2002 - Gordon Campbell
- 2006 - Nicholas Day, Douglas Galens, William Hargrove and William Lally, Jr.

**Eagle Lodge No. 619**  
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It is hard to believe that we are quickly approaching the Holidays. My how the time flies. We didn't get to do our 1st Degree in October due to our Candidate's brief illness, but he is looking forward to having the 1st Degree conferred in January.

The Grand Lecturer's Convention was both fun and quite informative. A very tasty Roast Pork Dinner was provided before the meeting. A special thanks to the Brothers of Pocahontas for preparing the dinner.

Eagle Lodge had the honor of having the Deputy Grand Mas-

**Spaghetti Dinner**

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ter, R.: W.: Ed Gilbert, present to hand out our awards that evening.

Don't miss our meeting on December 11th. We will have our Annual Meeting and go over budget and other business.

**Important Dates**

December 11th - Summoned Annual Meeting

December 13th-16th - Fruit Drive Pickup

December 22nd - Widows Pointettias

January 8th - 1st Degree  
I now wish all the Brethren a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**Ark Lodge No. 33, F. & A.M.**  
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**Brotherhood Fund**

Our Masonic Brotherhood Fund Drive is now underway. We know that charity is an indispensable human virtue. Ark Lodge acknowledges that words without deeds are meaningless and I vow to work to provide helpful services to Masons and our community and to promote charity, morality, harmony, integrity, fidelity and love to all.

V.: W.: Brother Lance Ward, 3396 Sutton Road, Geneva, NY 14456 is Brotherhood Fund Chairman. The past year, Ark Lodge was near the bottom of the O/S/Y District list of 15 Lodges giving donations. Grand Master, M.: W.: Neal Bidnick, sent a letter to all Masters of Masonic Lodges in New York State pleading with the Brothers to give to the Brotherhood Fund.

When you donate, you are to choose a charity of your choice (see the following list) and note your Grand Lodge number (found on your Dues Card) on your check.

1. Grand Masters Allocation - All donations, which are not designated, will be given to the Grand Master for his distribution. In recent years, donations have been made to Katrina, Rita (flood), 9/11 WTC, Toys for Tots, other programs that are in need.
2. Masonic Medical Research Laboratory - where scientific breakthroughs have helped to

generate new heart medications, develop diagnostic heart procedures and aided in the advancement of life-saving geriatric technologies. Thousands of lives have been saved and many of us and our loved ones are living a better life because of the work done at MMRL in Utica.

3. Masonic Care Community - Continues to provide three levels of care on its 400-acre Campus in Utica. Residents receive the highest quality of skilled nursing care, by a team of dedicated professionals in a manner consistent with the highest Masonic ideals and beliefs.

4. The Chancellor Robert R. Livingston Masonic Library - Our Grand Lodge Library includes 60,000 volumes relating to the history, symbolism, philosophy and activities of Freemasonry. The library's catalogue of books, which is a virtual museum, is available online at its website:

[www.nymasoniclibrary.org](http://www.nymasoniclibrary.org).

Many books and courses are available to all Masons. There are many non-Masons who use the library for research and reference.

5. Military Outreach Programs - The volunteer members of the Veterans Service Committee distribute comfort items, such as toothbrushes, toothpaste and assorted personal items to Veterans, as well as Masons serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

6. Masonic Benevolence - Donations to Masonic Benevolence will increase the ability of this committee to respond to appeals from distressed Masonic Brothers and their families for financial aid for rent, medicine, eyeglasses and other needs.

7. Masonic Youth Programs - These funds are used to help chapters of the Order of DeMolay, International Order of Rainbow for Girls, Organization of Triangle and Constellation of Junior Stars. These youth organizations need funds for activities in their communities. These are the future of the Masonic Craft and we need to support them.

8. Camp Turk - A great place for your youth, between ages of 9-16, to camp for three weeks. Children can be sponsored by a Lodge, District or a Mason.

Freemasonry teaches all men to practice charity and benevolence; to assist the feeble, shelter the poor and their orphans; to rise up our downtrodden Brothers wherever they may be. I hope and pray that those Brothers who have not given in previous years, will do so this year. I encourage you to visit the Campus in Utica and see how

some of your Brotherhood money is being utilized. Grand Lodge is still issuing the Limited Edition Crystal to those Brothers who give \$100 or more.

**Sickness and Distress**

Prayers should be offered for Brothers Joe Michaels, Ramon Baroody, Max Kaufman and George VanSickle.

**Traveling Gavel**

The O/S/Y Traveling Gavel is a three-foot wooden mallet, a symbol of authority. It was made by Ark Lodge Brothers Charles Rouse, Sr. and Ervin Fuller. The sole intent of the Traveling Gavel is to stimulate visitation between Lodges in the District.

**December Anniversaries**

Brothers Thomas Douglas, Thomas Ess, Thomas Lowell Fountain, Sandy Wagner and Fred Warder II were Raised in the month of December.

**Upcoming Events**

Date to be Announced - We will be delivering Holiday Food Boxes to the Senior Citizens at Elmcrest, Seneca and Courtyard Apartments.

December 8th - Christmas Bell Ringing for Salvation Army at Top's Grocery Store.

December 12th at 6 p.m. - Christmas Party at St. Michaels Church.

Please call Anthony Khoury (789-6420) with reservations, as we need an exact count. Please bring a "dessert" dish-to-pass.

**Holiday Wishes!**

A very Merry Christmas and Happy, Healthy New Year to all Brothers, wives, children and widows! God bless you and keep you in joy and happiness in the coming New Year.

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Our own W.: Phil Trautman was honored at the October 18th Symbolic Lodge Awards evening at the Damascus Shrine Center in Webster. Many thanks to our Scottish Rite Brothers for a wonderful evening of Masonic fellowship—featuring award presentations and a great positive message from our Grand Master.

Thanks to Len Lisenbee, who was the featured speaker at our

**All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner**  
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## Milnor Lodge

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October 25th Communication. Len writes an outdoors column for the *Daily Messenger*, and is a former Federal Game Warden. He regaled us with several stories of his work in the field, apprehending those who disregard the law. Len also answered questions the Brothers posed concerning wildlife in our area.

Also, thanks to Pocohontas Lodge for hosting the Grand Lecturer's Convention, which was preceded by a grand Roast Pork dinner with all the trimmings and apple pie for dessert.

A program of Masonic music was presented at our November Communication. Check the Trestleboard on the Milnor Lodge page of the O/S/Y website at:

<http://www.osydistrict.org> for upcoming programs and times.

Remember, Brothers that Milnor Lodge puts on a great

All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner on the third Wednesday of the month. We start serving at 5 p.m. and the price is right — \$6. The meatballs are the best around! We're located in the Village of Victor on Maple Avenue. Look for the sign in front of the Lodge.

As we move into the Holiday Season, we will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army in December, as well as providing Poinsettia plants for widows of our Brothers. Milnor Lodge is in a time of transition, as are many Lodges in our District. An aging membership and declining candidates is a cause of concern within the Fraternity. Rightly so. These two forces stress members who attend Lodge regularly and see empty chairs. In addition, programs which have endured long histories within the Lodge suffer from lack of support or enough volunteers to ease the workload of those who consistently volunteer in order to keep a program

alive; or maintain a program considered to be a "tradition" of the Lodge.

Our Fraternity has endured for centuries. At times over those centuries, the Fraternity has faced these similar problems. How did it survive? Some Brothers would say it was by the grace of the Great Architect. Some would point out that, in times of crisis, some individual or individuals came to the aid of the Fraternity. I would agree with both assessments because, I would add, it is the Great Architect who has provided us with the Working Tools to construct solutions to our problems.

So how should we proceed? Monitor and adjust. We can't ignore problems and hope they will dissipate. We can't continually complain about low attendance at our Communications or events.

We can use our Working Tools and rely on each other, the able Brothers of our Craft, to help us find solutions so we can

advance our Craft. We can rejoice over each new Initiate and the skills he brings to the Craft. We can be watchful for new Candidates within our social circles, workplaces and wherever our life path leads us. We can adjust our programs to meet our needs and suit our situation in this time in which we live in order to preserve our rich heritage for future generations, who will come and pick up the Working Tools where we have laid them down when our work is done.

One of the ways we can work together to ease this time of transition is by being considerate of the Lodge. For example, you will see that the first communication of the month features a dinner. In the interest of conserving resources (saving money and not wasting food),

I see this time in the life of Milnor Lodge as historic and exciting and I hope you find the work enjoyable and fulfilling!

you could let an Officer know if you will (or will not) be attending a scheduled event, especially one involving dinner.

In addition, an Officer could notify the Master, Secretary or another Officer if he expects to be absent from a scheduled Communication so that a pro-tem can be arranged as a replacement ahead of time, thereby avoiding confusion in the Craft in the moments before the communication begins.

Finally, while there is one scheduled Communication in June for which "casual attire" is appropriate, Masonic Etiquette suggests that proper attire for a Communication includes a tie and jacket.

Look to the O/S/Y Website and the Trestleboard at the Milnor Lodge page for information concerning other upcoming events at Milnor Lodge. As I have mentioned several times, all Brothers are invited to attend the events at Milnor Lodge. ✕

## District Deputy Grand Master



Monroe District

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Congratulations to the six Lodges that have qualified for the Howard Potts Award by attending the Grand Lecturer's

Convention. Thanks go to Union Star Lodge for filling the chairs and to Fairport-Flower City Lodge for hosting this event and providing us with a fine steak dinner.

### Education

As our Official Visits are about complete, I remind you that the District Educational Events are underway. They are the *Masonic Development Course (MDC)* and *Road to the East (RTTE)*. Please be sure to register for these great courses by contacting R.:W.: Tom Grape or R.:W.: Derek VanHouten.

Recently, I have had the opportunity to attend a DeMolay

and Triangle event. The work that these youth do is very good and we should all be proud to have these active groups within our area.

I'm seeing many requests for more than five to take Degrees during one program. That is a very positive sign that the numbers for this great Fraternity are growing at a faster rate than in the recent past. Be sure to have them participate in all of your Lodge activities as they go through the Degrees. Please note...the requests for more than five participants at one time need to be addressed to the Grand Master through the

Grand Secretary's Office. Your Lodge Seal must be on the paperwork and a copy sent to me. Please be sure you are providing Mentors for these newly raised Brothers.

### Expanded Activity

An item of which I'm seeing more is Lodges having social events with their family members. Some are inviting our ladies to a Lodge meeting where a meal and program are provided for them. I've also seen them getting together outside of Lodge and holding events with their entire families. This upcoming Holiday Season pro-

vides opportunities for us to get together and celebrate the many qualities of life this country of ours provides for us.

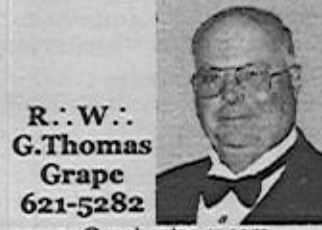
### Remember Our Troops

Another item I have seen is the many Lodges and Masonic Fraternities that are providing support to our Troops overseas. They are sending boxes of the many items we take for granted here at home (toothpaste, paper and pencils, books, etc.). Please continue this type of remembrance for all they do for us.

As I have said many times, if there is anything we may do to help you or your Lodge, please call on us. ✕

## Grand Director of Ceremonies

Monroe



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### Masonic Development Course

I cannot believe that in the Monroe District, NO Brothers

are interested in the 2007-2008 *Masonic Development Course*. The course should have been signed up for by November 20th. TIME is running out! MARK your calendars! SEND in the Enrollment Form included with this article! I will run a makeup for those missing Session 1, at a time and place to be decided upon. Please print and fill in your information on the attached form ASAP. You WILL have a GREAT time and meet new Brothers.

Remember, a new friend is a Brother who you haven't met yet. The *Masonic Development Course* is designed to help as-

piring Ritualists, or those wishing to further their understanding of the meaning behind the Ritual. It is designed to help Brothers more deeply understand the meaning of the three Degrees of Masonry. We have added the *Lodge Walk-About* at the close of Session 3, so new men can learn who sits where, their title, and a brief description of their duties. The *MDC* will be presented at Eunice Lodge in Caledonia on three (3) Wednesday evenings:

- 1) November 28th; 7-9 p.m.
  - 2) December 12th; 7-9 p.m.
  - 3) January 9th, 2008; 7-9 p.m.
- The *MDC* will cover all three

Degrees AND the *Lodge Walk-About*. The cost for the course is \$20 per person, which includes refreshments, course textbook and Grand Lodge Certificate. For more information, contact Tom Grape at 621-5282 or [ggrape@rochester.rr.com](mailto:ggrape@rochester.rr.com).

REMEMBER, the deadline for signing up WAS November 20th. If you can make Sessions 2 and 3, I will run a makeup session at a time and place to be determined.

Please print the application below and return WITH YOUR CHECK made payable to: Tom Grape; 854 Latta Road; Rochester, NY 14612-4016.

### Road to the East

The *Road to the East* course for incoming Masters will be offered on three Saturdays in February 2008: February 2nd, 9th and 23rd at 1 p.m. at the same location.

You can use this form by circling the *RTTE* course to register. Cost for that course will be \$20 as well, but you must acquire a copy of the August 2006 Edition of *The 24-Inch Gauge* as your textbook. Every Lodge should have a copy (which you can borrow), but it is a book filled with how-to-do-it instructions for events, planning, etc. Homework for the *RTTE* class is keyed to the pagination of that edition of the text. Approximate cost to buy one is \$55, including shipping (fuel prices may drive up the shipping cost). I will facilitate a group purchase to reduce shipping cost for those who sign up by December 20th. If you want your own copy, include the \$55 plus \$20 in your registration check. Books must be ordered at least one month before class starts to insure their arrival. ✕

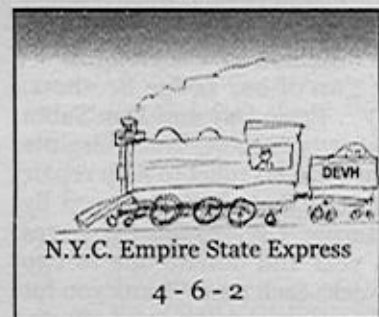
## Grand Sword Bearer

Monroe District



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As we travel through the colorful landscapes of our memories and the reality of monthly discussions, we try to educate and inspire - traversing the endless miles of track as they course through our minds with information that is helpful to members of the Fraternity. Having said that, let's go directly to the "Observation" car for a chat relevant to what we have seen. This also pertains to Lodges that were mentioned in the last article.

When Grand Lodge Officers enter the Lodge, the Master raises the Lodge, waits until the GLO is in the East and only then does he proceed with Grand Honors. Only when the Grand Master enters do the Brethren come to the Sign of Fidelity as he goes to the East. When Grand Honors are given, the Brother receiving them comes to the Sign of Fidelity.

## Enrollment Application Form

### 2007-2008 *Masonic Development Course (MDC)*

### 2008 *Road to the East Course (RTTE)*

Circle the course for this enrollment -- *MDC* or *RTTE*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Your name, as you want it to appear on your Certificate)

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Lodge: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Years in Craft: \_\_\_\_\_ Grand Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_



Also remember, the Staff Officer always SEEKS admittance and the DDGM always "is about to enter." If you are asked to "escort" the GLO to the East, offer your right arm to the Officer. Hopefully, these observations will clear up future questions.

In November, I had the pleasure of assisting the Master of Northfield Lodge in presenting Service Awards to a number of Brothers who have served the Craft for many years. While there, the Junior Warden made a short presentation to a fundraiser I thought might be of interest to you. Contact Brother James Deasey 978-1477 with any questions. He contacted [stevecofundraising.com](http://stevecofundraising.com) (phone: 1-800-359-7028) a fundraising company, located in Clyde, New York.

One other item of note...I see that the Traveling Gavel is located at Northfield Lodge. Why don't you consider going out and getting it! It's a great way to see other Lodges and provide a platform for fellowship.

Our "Engineering Crew" has done a great job this past month and they have informed me that a suitable siding is up ahead for this train to temporarily pull into so we can switch transportation. The POLAR EXPRESS is due at any moment and, since it is the Season, we thought we could catch a ride for the Holidays - especially since the Engineer is that jolly ol' elf himself.

We wish each and every one of you the Happiest of Holidays and we will return again to explore the landscapes of the Masonic lifestyle. Until then, HO! HO! HO! MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR to all! \*

## Member Development

R.:W.:  
Joseph Privitera  
Monroe District

### Dues

Okay. It's that time of year again. Time for our yearly Dues exercise. Stand up, reach for your wallet and take out your Lodge Dues Card. If it says 2007, you are fine. Expect a nice letter from your Lodge Secretary requesting you to pay your Lodge Dues for 2008. If it says 2006, then you are a year behind paying your Dues and you can expect that same nice letter informing you as such. If you wish, you pay just the 2007 Dues and send in the 2008 Dues at a later time, I am sure that can be arranged.

However, if the year reads 2005, then we have a situation. Somewhere in December you may receive a letter from your Secretary, informing you that you will be dropped for non-payment of Dues. We would like very much to avoid this occurrence. You can send the whole amount to your Lodge Secretary or just send in the 2006 Dues now and pay the Dues for 2007 and 2008 at later dates.

If there is a problem paying the Dues, then something can be arranged. I want you to call your Lodge Master or Secretary and talk to him. The phone numbers for the Lodge Master and Secretary are located in this publication above the Lodge article. If you have difficulty in doing this, then call me. My phone number is also in this publication in the "Hot Numbers" Sec-

tion, located on page 2, under "Membership Retention."

If you have to make a choice to pay your bills or pay your Dues, obviously you should pay the bills. However, we do not want to lose you from our membership. We have a remittance program where Dues can be remitted with Lodge approval. Some Lodges have life memberships for members with a certain amount of years of membership. Your Dues should be remitted if you are on active duty in the military. Bottom line is this; something can be worked out, but first you must let someone know what is going on.

There may be something else that is causing this situation. If there is something we can work out, then call and speak to someone. To repeat...the last thing we want to do is lose your membership in this Fraternity.

Happy Holidays to all of you, from my home to your home. \*

## Monroe District Chairman Brotherhood Fund

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## Holiday Wishes from the Masonic Brotherhood Fund!

As the Holidays approach, we extend best wishes to you and yours. May your Holidays be bright and filled with family and friends. May Brotherly Love prevail now and throughout the future.

For those of you who have already given to the Brotherhood Fund, I extend a sincere "Thank You;" your generosity has touched the lives of others. May your act of Masonic Charity reflect back upon you and your family.

If you have not taken the opportunity to contribute, there is still time to support this year's Campaign. Remember, this charitable contribution directly supports your Brothers. \*

## Monroe District Masters & Wardens Assoc.



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Seventeen Brothers from eight different Lodges of the District were represented at the October 17th Masters and Wardens meeting. Because R.:W.: Kurt Ott, Grand Marshal, was our guest speaker, an abbreviated meeting was held.

If your Lodge doesn't have a Brotherhood Fund Chairman, please appoint one and send his name to R.:W.: Derek VanHouten. Assistant Grand Lecturer, V.:W.: Harry DeHollander, reminded everyone of the Grand Lecturer's Convention. As of the writing of this and if my memory is correct, we had 119 Brothers in attendance. So far the only District to have more in attendance was Erie District. John Jamele, Chairman of the Blood Drive Com-

mittee, will be contacting the various Lodges to find out who their Chairman is.

Grand Marshal, Kurt Ott's talk revolved around this fact; we as Masons should lead by example or we could possibly lose our young Brothers. Young to mean, not only the Brother's age, but his newness to the Craft. We, as Masons, are a very special group and should behave and act like we are. It should be impressed to those new to the Craft that we are different than others and we do things the right way. We must, at all cost, maintain our Rituals, Protocols and Etiquettes - no matter the pressure to change. For example, when addressing another Brother, it should be Brother George or Todd not just George. Use the correct title of the person being addressed. Freedom of the floor does not allow one to cross the Master's Carpet.

Finally, I have been appointed Vice-Chairman of the Fellowship and Family Involvement Committee by the Grand Master. As you may have read in the latest edition of the *Empire State Mason*, this committee covers a broad area of Masonry including Golfing, Bowling, Family Day at West Point, Fresh and Salt Water Fishing, Parades and Cruises. If you have activities planned in the District, please forward the information to me and I will forward it to the State Committee. One of the new things the committee is trying this year is for the Districts across the State to have their own Horseshoe Tournament. The winners of the District's Tournament will compete in a State-wide playoff.

The next meeting of the Masters and Wardens will be December 19th at 7 p.m. \*

*Seneca Lodge*  
No. 797

2nd Tuesday  
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Brothers, I hope you had a great Thanksgiving! This is truly a great time of year to spend with friends, family and, in some cases, strangers, while performing charity work or some form of community service. Realizing how fortunate we are and taking the opportunity to give back is what the Holiday Season is all about. If you get a chance this month, find a way to share your good fortune or time and help make this Season a little brighter for someone who can really use it.

I recently attended a Court of Honor for my son's Boy Scout Troop. We had a nice dinner followed by the presentation of Awards. Several of the boys earned Merit Badges that will help them meet their requirements for Eagle Scout. Several more boys received patches for their participation at one of the Summer camps.

When one of the boys was called forward to receive his participation patch, he asked the leader where his patch was for the community service

hours. The weekend before they helped set up a craft show that raises money for charity. The leader didn't miss a beat and quickly responded that community service is done strictly for the warm feeling you get in your heart.

Charity is a big part of what we do as Masons. The rewards for our efforts are not always tangible. They may come in the form of a humble "thank you" or only a smile, and in some cases you may never see the benefit of your good deed. So I will remind you, like the Scout Leader did for the young boy, do it for the warm feeling it gives you in your heart. Some of us call it love, and you should not be afraid to share it.

This month we have some really fun activities in store. December 8th will be our Breakfast with Santa. Our December 11th meeting will be our Christmas Party. This will be our traditional party with General George Washington Egg Nog, a fine dinner and hopefully some entertainment. Come and join us!

On behalf of all our Brethren, congratulate our newest Brothers on the completion of their 1st Degree. They have a great deal of work to do in the coming months, so please lend a hand and offer your support to them. A special thanks to Brother Dick Shellman for his leadership as the Degree Director. Another job well done.

Merry Christmas to all of you and I'll see you in January! \*

**NORTHFIELD**

Lodge No. 426  
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1st & 3rd Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.

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By Erik Loepker, Sr. Deacon

### Holiday Crunch Time!

It's a beautiful Season. On the one hand we are wrapping up loose ends to the year while we wrap up gifts for loved ones. It's the time of year where some of us have just gotten our kids off the junk-candy high from their sanctioned night of juvenile extortion ("Trick or Treat!"), while at the same time are bombarded with the sights and smells of Yuletide. Er...wait a minute...what happened to Thanksgiving?

Yes, truly, it is a magical time of year. Those in college are getting through their finals, while kids in high, middle or elementary school are preparing (read: revving up) for their Winter Break. Both look forward to time away from school in the sanctuary of their homes.

Stress is particularly high at this time of year; but I remind everyone that this is also a traditional time to re-connect with loved ones. Remember to take the opportunity to celebrate with joy and cherish all the truly wondrous people and events that are in the life the Grand Architect has made available to us.

Speaking of celebrating wondrous people, we were able to attend the Grand Lecturer's Convention on October 23rd with Brothers from around the

area. Grand Lecturer, R.:W.: James Sullivan, went through Opening and a portion of the 1st Degree. The depth of knowledge possessed by Brother Sullivan (as he indicated he desires to be addressed) was amazing, and left quite a deep impression. The fact that he didn't merely lecture, but actually had audience participation, made the event that much richer for us all. We also extend our thanks and appreciation to the Brothers of Fairport-Flower City Lodge for hosting this event, and for the delicious dinner they prepared and served. Our participation was rewarded by our being noted to receive the Howard Potts Award; an achievement we haven't attained in years.

Also in late October, our Treasurer, W.: Dean Smith, was presented his 40-year pin in his home Lodge in Hornell. I attended this ceremony along with W.: Glenn Hedges; Brother Josh Loepker; W.: Dean Smith's son, Brother Dean Smith, Jr.

### Masonic Recognitions

On November 1st, we held an Awards Night, where we celebrated many milestones with several of our Brothers. Please bear with me here, but it is important to recognize the contribution that each of these Brothers have made in their life with the Fraternity:

**25 Years** - Brothers William Baxa, Robert Borden, John Dudley and John Williams

**30 Years** - Brothers Lawrence Cooper, Gary Gregory, James Holzworth, Ronald Karcken, Robert Lehman, Thomas Mayberry, John Parker and Donald Smith

**35 Years** - Brothers Robert Campbell, Glenn Hedges, Herbert Hirsch, Douglas Luke, Wayne Moore and William Toogood

**40 Years** - Brothers Roy Copeland, James Knapp, Raymond MacNally, Edgar Rummel III and Dean Smith

**45 Years** - Brothers Leon Behnke, Gordon Klehamer and Ralph Matthews

**50 Years** - Brothers Wiles Converse, Jordan Pappas and Donald Woodruff

**55 Years** - Brothers Edward Biswanger, Frederick Halik, Frederick Hull, George Matthews, Edward Matthews, Stanley Otto, Kenneth Smith, Merritt Sweet and Richard Trolley

**60 Years** - Brothers James Arlington and Andrew Campbell

**65 Years** - Brothers Paul Fox and William Levin

Our Worshipful Master, R.:W.: William D. Spillane, had received a request from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts to present Brother Alfred C. Lawson with his 50-Year Pin and Masonic Veteran's Medal, since he now lives in the area of Northfield Lodge. It was a privilege for us to do so, and we honor our Brotherly ties with him.

### Traveling Gavel

Lastly, it looks as though we'll have to hang onto the Traveling Gavel a bit longer. But, that's all right. I've begun to get bored just looking at it, and have taken to experimenting with it. Do you know, for example, whether it is possible to type an entire article for the *Masonic Times* by tapping on the keys using a stylus and the Gavel? I think it would be kind of like digital-age Masonry, except instead of chiseling stone, I'm typing on a key-

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## Northfield Lodge

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board. Maybe for the next article, eh?

In the meantime, from all of us here at Northfield Lodge, have very Happy Holidays. May you find joy and solemn satisfaction in your prayers, friends, and family. ✕

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By R.: W.: Herbert Spencer

As I sit here writing this month's article, looking out the window, I'm noticing that the trees look funny. The leaves are falling off and on the ground, some still green. I heard on the weather report that we may get some of the stuff that starts with the letter S\_\_\_\_. So my Brothers, it is time to mark your calendars with the dates of Lodge meetings and activities for the months ahead.

### Sad News

It is my sad duty to report that we have lost another Faithful Brother. R.: W.: William Dworkin was called home by the Supreme Architect on October 30th. Brother Bill was 95 years old and a 53-year Mason. He was a Master of Orpheus Lodge twice and District Deputy Grand Master of the 1st Monroe District. He served on several Grand Lodge Committees and was also very active in the Order of DeMolay.

### Good News

I was informed the our Brother R.: W.: George Stear has received the Congressional Order of Merit by the Congress of the United States as a result of his involvement with the Republican Party. Also, the International Supreme Council of the Order of DeMolay appointed him Honorary Member of the Supreme Council of Florida last Summer.

### December Anniversaries

61 years - William Metcalf  
 53 years - Mike Dox  
 52 years - Roland Butler  
 48 years - Richard Snyder  
 47 years - James Moore  
 42 years - Guy Clarke and Norman Gross  
 41 years - Ronald Schiffler  
 38 years - David Clarke  
 32 years - Harry Coates and William Miner  
 31 years - Richard Giedd  
 28 years - Richard Crockford  
 26 years - Thomas Belt and Gary Caswell  
 25 years - Anthony Simonetti

### December Birthdays

David Long (1st), Richard Lippincott (8th), James Moore (10th), David Mura (14th), Frederick Stahl (24th), William Metcalf (26th), Joseph Gingold, William Miner and Michael A. Robinson (31st). Don't forget to wish these Brothers a Happy Birthday with a card or call.

### Annual Years of Service Awards

The following Brothers will be presented with Annual Service Awards. We hope these Brothers

will be present to receive their Awards on December 11th.

**60 Years** - Carl Pigage, DSA; Howard Belt, DSA; and Irving Schuth

**55 Years** - Robert Geiwitz, Paul Wood and Harvey Stiles

**50 Years** - George Stear and Erich Postler

**45 Years** - Gerald Stahl and Olindo Nardone

**30 Years** - Charles Fornataro, George Hornung and John Faro

**25 Years** - Timothy Babcock and Anthony Simonetti

**20 Years** - Sion (Ted) Honea, Michael McBride, William Anderson, David Ogden and Davis Dahrsnin

**10 Years** - Raul Fernandez

Here is a reason to hang around after Lodge. Your Secretary Herb Spencer would like to start a foursome of Bridge players. How about that! I will bring the cards. We need more players, only 3 Brothers were ready to play and we need at least one more for a foursome.

Congratulations to our "Chief Cook" Brother Charles "Chuck" Skopinsky on receiving the Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Award on October 18th. The Award was presented by the M.: W.: Neal I. Bidnick, Grand Master. Brother Chuck has been around only a short time, but has shown his enthusiasm for being there when asked to do something. He also knows how to cook, and has done many of our meals since becoming a member of this Lodge.

On the same night of October 18th, Valley-Simes Lodge presented the Grand Master, M.: W.: Neal I. Bidnick, with a check in the amount of \$5,000 for the New Grand Lodge Benevolence Endowment Fund.

### HOT NEWS - Please Read!

Our December 11th meeting will be a Triple Header! We will be having our Annual Awards Night, the Lodge of Remembrance and our Holiday Celebration with a twist. Now here is the TWIST. Every year we have given a gift to the Ladies at our Holiday Celebration. This year we want the Ladies to bring a gift. The gift is for the children at the Shriners Hospital for Children at Erie, PA, and the Goli-sano Children's Hospital at Strong. Gifts should be new and unwrapped. Bring them to the December 11th meeting or, if you cannot be there, we can pick them up or you can deliver them to either the Spencer or Snyder homes. If you don't want to shop you can send a check and we will shop for you. Checks should be made out to Valley-Simes Lodge No. 109. We will take pictures for the *Masonic Times* of the toys collected. Suggestions are Board Games or Hand-held Games. This is a "**Ladies Bring-a-Gift for Dinner Night.**" The Lodge will also donate some money for gifts.

Dues cards are here at last! Hopefully, your Dues Notice should be in your possession by the time you read this. I will have the new Dues Cards at the December meeting. If you are coming to the meeting and pay your dues that night, the Lodge will waive your \$5 dinner fee. So bring the check book.

### Dinners

We have a dinner before Lodge. Cost for dinner at a Lodge meeting is only \$5 per person. **Reservations for dinner are required.** Call our Junior Warden, Mike McBride

at 315-904-9024 (this is a local call) or 722-7714; you can also emailhim at:

mcbride1@rochester.rr.com or michael.c.mcbride@kodak.com. Of course, you can always contact your Secretary.

As always, I look forward to meeting and greeting each of you. I trust that you all will have a wonderful Holiday! Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah to all. ✕

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On Monday, October 8th, after a fantastic meal served up by the Perry Girls of Brockport, we received District Deputy Grand Master R.: W.: Gary Sanford, Grand Sword Bearer R.: W.: Derek VanHouten and Grand Director of Ceremonies R.: W.: Thomas Grape for our Official Visit. The message was very clear - "Fellowship and Education."

### Degree Team at Work

On October 22nd, two Brothers received their 2nd Degree. Hats off to the Junior Warden, Gene Gordon, as Master, and his Degree Team, for a job well done. Many thanks to Brothers Rob Sweeney and Jim Nersinger for a wonderful meal preceding the Degree. We can't forget W.: Larry Millerd for another sterling Middle Chamber Lecture.

The very next night, the same Degree Team took their places in the chairs at the Grand Lecturer's Convention, held at Fairport-Flower City Lodge. This was one of the best Conventions we have attended. Grand Lecturer, R.: W.: James Sullivan was at his best and his parting words were very inspirational. My personal thanks to all Union Star Brothers who attended, making it possible to obtain the Howard Potts Award.

A belated congratulations to R.: W.: Martin Reitz on receiving his 55-year Certificate and Pin. Enjoy the Sunny South and Holiday Season, Marty.

### Have-a-Heart

The Have-a-Heart Campaign is off and running. I will be counting on Union Star to lead the way this year as in the past. We need more retired Brothers to work weekdays at all three Malls. Brother Mark Hutton will co-chair at Marketplace Mall and will need all the help we can give him.

The committee is working hard on our Christmas Party to be held December 15th. Please make your reservations with Brother Gene Gordon as soon as possible, as we need a count ASAP.

There have been some changes in our Trestleboard. All in-town Brothers will be informed at our November 12th meeting. All others can go to our website.

A very Happy Holiday Season to all the Union Star Family. ✕



Mark and Kathy Ellwanger with W.: Larry Blazey

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M.: W.: Neal I. Bidnick with Mark and Kathy Ellwanger

Brother Mark Ellwanger was presented the AASR Symbolic Lodge Award by the Most Worshipful Neal I. Bidnick for his service to Oatka Lodge. The Worshipful Master and several of the Brothers attended the ceremony. Thank you, Mark, for everything and enjoy the Winter in South Carolina. You will be missed by all.

The Lodge is growing in membership by leaps and bounds thanks to the efforts of all members for finding interested men, especially Brother Harold "Rox" Roxburgh.

On October 10th, we Initiated three new Brothers to the Degree of Entered Apprentice; however, due to the large numbers of Petitioners, a Special Communication was held on October 17th for the Initiation of four more Brothers to the Degree of Entered Apprentice. Since we had such a large number of Brothers for Passing to the Degree of Fellowcraft, the Worshipful Master decided to have another Special Communication on November 21st for Ritual work. This meeting was in addition to our regular Communication on November 14th, at which the AGL was present to observe our Ritual work for the 2nd Degree.

R.: W.: Gary Sanford, District Deputy Grand Master; R.: W.: Derek VanHouten, Grand Sword Bearer; and R.: W.: G. Thomas Grape, Grand Director of Ceremonies, made their Official Visit at our October 24th regular Communication. R.: W.: Sanford presented the Grand Master's message, R.: W.: VanHouten presented a brief historical lecture on our Fraternity, and R.: W.: Grape presented the learning pathways for continued



R.: W.: Donald Tubman with Mark Ellwanger.

Masonic education. R.: W.: Thomas Paglia was also present and made a presentation regarding the Grand Lodge Veterans Service Committee.

Everyone enjoyed dinner before the meeting. After opening on the 3rd Degree, the Worshipful Master re-opened on the 1st Degree so our newest Brothers could escort the Right Worshipfuls into the Lodge.

December will see another Special Communication on the third Wednesday, the 19th, in addition to our regular Communication on the second Wednesday to Raise all of these new Brothers to Master Mason before the first of the New Year.

After January 1st, it looks like we will be doing more Degree work since we already have new Petitioners applying for membership in our great Fraternity.

It is a wonderful feeling to see new faces in Lodge, and many of these Brothers are bringing a lot of enthusiasm to help us with Lodge activities, too. We especially want to refurbish our Fellowcraft Room so we may begin enjoying the true meaning of fellowship after our regular Communications. Other special events are being planned and we can always use more help in getting things done for the Lodge. ✕

**ERAC Lodge No. 163**  
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My Brothers, we started this year with three excellent Lodge Meetings and Programs. It started with W.: Dave Upham's presentation of "How Do We Take Good Men and Make Them Better?" This was followed by R.: W.: Lew Perna acting as Master of Ceremonies at the Awards Night, where every Brother receiving an award - whether present or not - was



mentioned along with his whereabouts and goings-on. Finally, Brother Michael Knolla hosted ERAC's Brother Bring-a-Friend Night, based on the *Masonic Compact* in a Table Lodge format (no alcohol provided). Many have expressed how well these programs were done.

For those Brothers who attended and participated in these Lodge Meetings, thank you very much. It was great to see you. For those who were not able to attend Lodge, we miss you and hope to see you real soon.

**Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Awards**

On Thursday, October 18th, I had the honor and pleasure of escorting our Senior Deacon, Brother Pat Mulrooney, as he received the Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Award. The award was presented by Grand Master, M.:W.: Neal I. Bidnick. Brother Pat was nominated for this award because of the amount of effort and dedication he has shown to the Lodge and the Craft.

**Official Visit**

On October 22nd, District Deputy Grand Master, R.:W.: Gary Sanford, Grand Sword Bearer, R.:W.: Derek VanHouten, and Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.:W.: G. Thomas Grape, made their Official Visit to ERAC.

**Table Lodge**

On November 12th, ERAC had its Annual Table Lodge. This

Table Lodge was not only a break from ERAC's labors, but also used to celebrate the surrounding and upcoming Holidays.

**Ring the Bells**

ERAC is scheduled to assist the Salvation Army during its Annual Red Kettle Campaign. The Salvation Army has been impressed with our effort over the last few years and has given us one of their most popular locations - Eastview Mall. The specific location is Entrance #4, which is the Mall entrance between Sears Auto Center and JC Penney. Our shift is from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Bring the family and plan to stay for a few hours. Afterwards, enjoy some fellowship at the many dining establishments in the area. R.:W.: Rich Friedman is coordinating the event.

**Holiday Visitations**

As we approach Christmas, our Holiday Visitations will commence. Please set aside some time to visit a Brother whom we haven't seen. More details will be given during the upcoming meetings. Lately, W.: Terry Wihlen, Jr. is coordinating the Holiday Visitations.

**Upcoming Events**

- December 10th - Historical Lecture
- December 15th - Ring the Bell at Eastview Mall
- December TBD - Holiday Visitations
- January 14th - 1st Degree Holiday cheers to all! \*

**December**

Representatives of our Youth Groups are scheduled to be the program at our Communication on December 4th. The Organization of Triangle Girls and Rochester Chapter, Order of DeMolay, boys will be telling us of their respective groups and activities during an Open Session following a brief business meeting.

Don't forget the Children's Christmas Party on December 8th at 11 a.m. at the Shrine Center. If you need more information, please give me a call.

**Degree**

Our 1st Degree was rescheduled for December 18th, when the Candidate was called out of town on business. The meeting became a dress rehearsal for the event, which gave our Officers another opportunity to recite their lines.

Preceding the meeting, the Lodge Brothers honored longtime Chaplain, W.: Volney B. Frankel, DSA, with a Masonic Memorial Service. His widow, Dorothy, was in attendance along with daughter, Carolyn.

**Birthdays**

Best wishes for a happy day to: Earl Pearce (15th), John Smith (18th), Richard Gundry (23rd) and John Auer (30th).

**From the Secretary**

By W.: Dave King  
By now you should have received your 2008 Dues Notice. They were mailed out in mid-November and we have already received several responses.

If you have not done so, please take a moment now, write a check and send it to me. It is most helpful to both the Treasurer and me to have this matter completed quickly. It saves your Lodge money in envelopes and postage, if we don't have to send out a follow-up notice. Checks should be mailed to the Lodge address, which you will find in the heading above.

See you in Lodge \*

**Fairport-Flower City**  
Lodge No. 476

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Congratulations, Fairport-Flower City Lodge! We had a great turnout at the Grand Lecturer's Convention hosted by our Lodge on October 23rd. There were approximately 80 people attending the event, and Fairport-Flower City Lodge took top honors! We were the only Lodge that had every Lodge Officer present at the event, including the Lodge Historian, which enabled us to win the coveted Howard Potts Award, which will be presented to us at the next Grand Lodge meeting in May 2008. In addition, we also had the largest attendance of any Lodge at the Convention, for which we were presented the Grand Lecturer's Convention Attendance Award that will remain, and be displayed (with associated bragging rights), at our Lodge for the ensuing year.

The dinner at the Convention was great (as always). Thanks to Head Chef, W.: Tom Goodrich, and to everyone who attended and helped make the Grand Lecturer's Convention a tremendous success!

We also had a good turnout and a great time at the "Dinner with Our Ladies" Night at FDR's Restaurant on November 8th. If you missed the dinner, mark your calendar for the next event with our ladies, which will be the Annual "Dinner and Latkes Party" held at the Lodge on Thursday, December 13th. Never had Latkes - a Jewish-style potato pancake? If not, you're in for a real treat! Come join the fun and fellowship. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. For reservations, please contact Brother Bernie Lazerson (271-7446; email lazerbd12@aol.com) by Tuesday, December 11th.

At our regular meeting on Monday, December 10th at 7:30 p.m., we will be presenting the 2nd Degree for our newly initiated Brothers. Our Senior Warden, Worshipful Brother Tom Goodrich, will be in the East for the Degree and I will be giving the Middle Chamber Lecture that evening. I hope you are able to attend - our new Brothers need your support! The rehearsal for the 2nd Degree will be held on Monday, December 3rd, at 7 p.m. at the Lodge.

**Poinsettia Distribution**

To help bring a little more cheer to the holidays we will be visiting and delivering Poinsettia plants to our widows in the local area on Saturday morning, December 15th. Our Secretary, W.: George Bracht, is currently in the process of putting together the distribution list. The plan is to assemble at the Lodge at 10 a.m. (Dunkin Donuts coffee and donuts are on me!) We will then divide up into groups of two or three and deliver the plants. I can assure you that the Poinsettias and our thoughts will be well received and greatly appreciated by our widows. If you are able to help with the Poinsettia deliveries this year,

please give me a call or send me an email (my contact information is listed below).

**December Birthdays**

Finally, I wish "Happy Birthday" to our Brothers who have birthdays in December - Ellis Hormats (10th), Michael Morris and David Taber (12th), William Gerber (14th), Jay Stubblings (18th), Morton Stein (19th), Stanley Steinberg (20th), Irwin Rosenbloom (22nd), Scott Clemons and Peter Moore (23rd), Harold Chait (24th), Carl Mosher (28th), and Martin Lukacher and Joseph Lynn (29th).

**Masonic Anniversaries**

Best wishes also to the following Brothers who were Raised during the month of December:

- 1972 - Herbert Hirsch
- 1986 - Peter Swanson


My Brothers, I wish you and your family a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and Happy New Year! May the New Year bring you and yours good health, happiness and prosperity!

As always, if you have any questions, suggestions or comments, or know of a Brother in need of our aid or sympathy, please let me know:

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See you in Lodge! \*

**UNITY**  
Lodge No. 479



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**Sickness and Distress**

Our first order of business is to recognize our sick and distressed Brethren. R.:W.: Jim De Lorenzo is still recovering from major surgery. He is looking well and offers a great smile when greeting all at our local functions, which he is regularly attending again.

Brother Bob Spaulding started with a stomach ailment, which was followed by pneumonia. He is now having microscopic tests performed. We'll keep you posted.

R.:W.: Harold Bollotin's widow, Sylvia, would really appreciate a call (342-5865) or card from Brother Masons who were their old friends. She is finding herself to be quite lonely at the present time. Let's send her some cheer!

The same is true of W.: Floyd Seeley's wife, Helen. She does try to stay active in several areas, including serving dinners at the Lodge for various events on behalf of Etolian OES Chapter.

Please keep our Secretary R.:W.: Dave Jones or me informed about anyone needing our remembrances.

**Keep in Mind**

We continue to look at those Lodge Brothers actively engaged in military service. We sought traveling papers from Grand Lodge for Brothers Tyler L. Ekwel, Joseph Picioli and Andrew Tascione, Jr. All have been called for deployment overseas. Brother Tascione is back home at present and actively involved as Junior Master of Ceremonies in the Lodge.

One of our Fellowcraft Brothers is in the New York Army Na-

tional Guard, charged with recruiting duties. He is subject to deployment at anytime. We hope he will become a Master Mason this month before the Guard delays the process.

**Annual Official Visit**

We were honored to host our District Deputy Grand Master, R.:W.: Gary Sanford, along with those members of Unity, R.:W.: Brothers Tom Grape and Derek VanHouten, the current Grand Lodge Staff Officers. We all had dinner prepared by our faithful crew from Etolian OES Chapter. Thanks go to chief cook and bottlewasher Linda Michielsen who, with her husband Tom, does the shopping and transporting of the food-stuffs that make this a worthwhile "dining out" evening that couples with a Lodge meeting.

Doreen Rhodes is a principal member of the crew, along with Charlene Stankey and Helen Seeley. Others join in on occasion and Patty Lovett regularly sets up the dining room in the afternoon, leaving for her own Chapter meeting in the evening.

**More dining!!**

All Past Masters were called together on November 29th for the Annual Dinner. Members held the Office in Etolian, Charlotte-Corinthian, Churchville and other Lodges, generally in the Monroe Districts. There is a roster of 49 living Past Masters, many of whom remain staunch supporters of Unity Lodge activities and we salute them all.

W.: Dave Sylvester is deemed the inaugural Master of Unity, having served in the Office for nearly two years. He was the special guest at the dinner, which featured lies and tall tales from the past.

**December**

There will be no Officers' meeting to start off the month. Instead, we will look to a good turnout of Officers and Brethren on Saturday, the 8th, at 11 a.m. to rehearse the Master Mason Degree.

It's great seeing the sparkle of excitement in the eyes of these new Brothers already! We plan to be Raising them on Monday evening, the 10th, and we expect our Treasurer to be looking for reservations for dinner from all attending Brethren, who we hope will be there to meet and greet these fine men. Lodge opens at 6:00 p.m. as is customary on Degree nights.

**Let's celebrate the holiday**

On Monday, the 17th, at 6:00 p.m., the Lodge Holiday Celebration will take place. Please bring a delicious dish to pass! I am inclined to enjoy delicious dishes! As is customary, there will be no Lodge Communication on the eve of the holiday. We do, however, thank Brother Joe Gingold's Cub and Boy Scouts for providing the Lodge with beautiful Poinsettias.

**Finally**

We have received communication from Grand Lodge regarding the proposed consolidation of Churchville Lodge No. 667 with Unity. We have just a few more administrative kinks to iron out and we can have the proposal approved. Many of those members have affiliated with Unity in anticipation of the merger being completed.

And, please pick up the phone to call, or visit a sick or ailing Brother. Let him know someone who traveled the same road he has, is a caring member of his Masonic family!! \*

**Craftsman**  
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Lodge No. 969

1st & 3rd Tuesdays  
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By W.: Skip Waterstreet, DSA

**Sickness and Distress**

Just by fluke, I found out that Brother John Shannon has been laid up for some time with complications from knee surgery. Expecting him to be basking in the sunshine of the South, I sent last month's issue of the *Masonic Times* to his Winter address. I will correct it for this month and for the time it takes him to get healed. As I've said before, if you (and that means YOU) don't tell us (me!) of someone in need of our aid or sympathy, I can't pass the word along. I'd rather have multiple calls on the same concern, than none! I don't want to neglect anyone in need.

After weeks of trying to reach Brother Joe Roe, Brother Tom Benson, Junior Warden, reported that he had been hospitalized for spinal surgery and was now home recovering. He hopes to be able to come to Lodge again, soon.

Brother Tom also reported that Worshipful Brother Clifford Hayner II had surgery to remove a tumor, the extent of which was so great as to force the Doctors to remove his eye. Last we heard, he was having reconstructive surgery and the prognosis was good.

We extend our best wishes for a speedy recovery to all of you, and to anyone else who may have conditions of which we are not aware.




**WEBSTER**  
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I am thrilled to be able to have so much to write about.

#### Special Recognition

On October 18th we went to the Annual Scottish Rite Awards Night. This is the evening where the Lodge honors one of our members by submitting his name for recognition by the Scottish Rite. I was amazed and thrilled that R.:W.: Bruce Chilton had never received that Award because it made my decision so easy. I was honored to escort R.:W.: Chilton to the East to receive the Award and have pictures taken with our Grand Master, M.:W.: Neal I Bidnick. As can be expected, there was a deafening roar when Bruce's name was announced. It was due mostly to the fact that Webster Lodge was again in full force, but also because Brother Bruce is well-known in other circles. The Grand Master gave Bruce a shot by asking him how much the cheers cost him. Bruce told me that the Grand Master called him the next morning, though, and commented on how nice the response was and told him he should be proud to be that well thought of.

#### Lodge Project

The Adopt the Highway Program, for which the Lodge is responsible, continues to be successful due to the dedication of John Clapp and 10 Brothers and their families who came out and did Road Work in the month of October. We appreciate all their efforts on behalf of the Lodge.

#### Grand Lecturer's Convention

I am proud to say that for the fifth year running, the Officers of Webster Lodge have shown their dedication and commitment to the Lodge and the Ritual by attending the Grand Lecturer's Convention, qualifying again to receive the Howard Potts Award. This Award is given for Lodges which have the top 7 Officers attend the Convention. This is no small task, especially when you take into account that the event was held on the same night that the Damascus Wheelers meet. In spite of that, your Officers showed up in force and I am greatly looking forward to being called to the Grand East at the Grand Lodge Convention in New York to receive this Award on behalf of Webster Lodge.

Our last meeting, before I wrote this, was November 1st and we were honored to have Brother Ron Louducci drive up from the Masonic Care Community in Utica. The program was informative and enjoyed by the Brothers and Ladies present. Brother Ron showed us a video of the wonderful facilities that we have in Utica and left brochures at the Lodge for everyone to see. Ron also told us that if we wanted to take a tour of the facilities, they would provide a bus and a lunch, free-of-charge. We will certainly take them up on that if the interest warrants.

Please let me know if this would interest you.

On November 2nd, we again held our monthly Spaghetti Dinner and the benefactor was Webster Comfort Care. The place was mobbed. We served 165 dinners and handed over \$860 to Comfort Care. It was again a job well done and the ones working enjoyed good camaraderie for a great cause.

#### Upcoming Events

December 8th - We are planning a Holiday Breakfast with Seneca Lodge. Santa Claus and his wife will be in attendance

Dec 13th - Fellowcraft Holiday Dinner Party The cost will be \$13 per person. For more information please call Bob Pasion at 334-6779.

#### New Calling System

Finally, Brethren, we are looking into a new form of communication that I wanted to alert you to. The system is called "Calling Post" and if we do start using it and you have caller ID, you will see the words "Calling Post." Please do not delete it. Calling Post is a computerized calling system where you can go on it, record a message and send the message to as many as you wish. The maximum amount per call will be 10 cents which is a whole lot cheaper and easier than a post card. When you answer the phone, a voice will announce the call probably by saying something to this effect "You are about to receive a call from Webster Lodge" and then the message that I or whoever recorded will be played. I envision this in the beginning as a reminder for important meetings or ones with special guest speakers, but the possibilities are endless. This system, unlike email, will be able to tap everyone as I do not know of anyone who doesn't have and isn't knowledgeable on the telephone. I am looking forward to advancing our level of communication. If and when we do try this new system, we would like to hear your thoughts.

Until the next article my Brothers, be safe and, hopefully, we will see you in the Quarries. \*

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By the time you read this article, all of us will be recovering from overeating on Thanksgiving. I sincerely hope your Holiday was joyous and everything you wished it would be.

Since the last Masonic Times, we had an Entered Apprentice Degree and initiated a new member into the Lodge. Past Master, W.: Jeff Ross, was in the East, Mike Postelli read the Charge, Gus Neidrich III did the Working Tools, R.:W.: Don Wright presented the Apron and V.:W.: Harry DeHollander and W.: Stu Brickman did the Questions and Answers.

On November 13th, another Brother was initiated at Valley-Simes Lodge. Mike Postelli read the Charge for this Degree also. Nice job, Mike.

On November 20th, the Lodge passed two new Brothers to the Fellowcraft Degree. W.: Scott Brickman was in the East and Mike Grady did an outstanding job in presenting the Middle Chamber Lecture. Mike Postelli read the Charge, Dick Caupp presented the Working Tools and W.: Jeff Ross and Scott Rice exchanged the Questions and Answers.

Gordon Smith was Clio's recipient of the Symbolic Lodge Award presented by the Scottish Rite, Valley of Rochester. V.:W.: Harry DeHollander, W.: Jeff Ross and I attended this event. A highlight for me was when M.:W.: Neal Bidnick recognized family members in the award ceremonies. What a great sight to have the spouse and children involved.

Great news for the Lodge - Clio qualified for the Howard Potts Award this year. I have said it before, the Lodge is being represented by a very dedicated group of Officers. We were able to accomplish this feat when Brother Nathan Thompson, upon his return from Military training, participated in the Grand Lecturer's Convention in the Niagara Orleans District.

For me it was like returning home after a long absence. That's the District in which I was Raised. In fact, Social Lodge qualified for the Howard Potts Award that evening. As some of you know, I was a Dual Member of Social Lodge and Clio. The Brothers of Social Lodge committed to attending one of our Spaghetti Dinners and maybe a Lodge meeting.

On Election night, R.:W.: John Zabel presented an enlightening program on coins. I am not a coin collector but you couldn't help being energized when Brother John talks so passionately about coin history and collection. Thanks goes out to Brother Zabel for speaking on the topic.

To the Brothers who haven't been to meetings - We have cried a barrel of tears over you not being at our Stated Communications or the Degrees. Join us every First and Third Tuesdays. WE NEED YOU!!! Please bring tissues to dry our tears.

#### Happy Birthday November (Belated)

Harry Adams, Rev. William Burdick, Stephen Burritt, Richard Caupp and Jerold Gilmore.

#### December

Scott Keir, Roger Howe, Raymond Burke, Harris Chasen, Donald Gala, Howard W. Garbutt, William C. Hunn, Gerald Jones, Scott Keir, Clarence Traugh, David Upham and Basil Van Camp.

My apologies to any whom I have missed.

Finally, I have been appointed Vice-Chairman of the Fellowship and Family Involvement Committee. As you may have read in the latest edition of *The Empire State Mason*, this Committee covers a broad area of Masonry including Golfing, Bowling, Family Day at West Point, Fresh and Salt Water Fishing, Parades and Cruises. If you have activities planned in the District, please forward the information to me and I will forward it to the State Committee. One of the new things the Committee is trying this year is for the Districts across the State to have their own Horseshoe Tournament. The winners of the District to compete in a State-wide Playoff.

I am not sure you have been listening to the news lately, but the Knights Templar, the Medieval Christian Military Order, accused of heresy and sexual misconduct, will soon be partly rehabilitated when the Vatican publishes trial documents it had closely guarded for 700 years. A reproduction of the minutes of trials against the Templars, "Processus Contral Templarios - a Papal inquiry into the Trial of the Templars" is a massive work and much more than a book with a 5,900 Euros (\$8,333) price tag. This is the first time that these documents are being released by the Vatican, which gives a stamp of authority to the entire project, said Professor Barbara Frale. The epic comes in a soft leather case that includes a large format book including scholarly commentary, reproductions of original parchments in Latin. To tantalize Templar buffs, replicas of the wax seals used by 14th Century inquisitors are included. Only 799 copies of the document will be made.

Keep the faith and I will see you in the quarries. \*


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Greetings one and all; I trust Thanksgiving left you full with turkey or whatever you like to eat. I also imagine we all got our fill of football on that wonderful day and later that weekend.

Our first meeting in December, Thursday the 13th, is going to be our Annual Communication and our budget approval for our fiscal year of 2008. All Masons are invited, but only members of Fame Lodge can vote on the budget and accept the reports. Our Secretary, Dave Foster, and Treasurer, Frank Churnetski, have diligently worked to put this budget together in keeping our Dues where they were last year.

#### Holiday Celebration

Our Holiday celebration will be on December 27th at the Shrine Center. We will be having a Grazing Reception starting at 7 p.m. There will be entertainment (more than just me and my guitar), more food than you or I can eat and more fun than is allowed at the usual Masonic function. ALL are invited to this event (your kids and/or grandchildren, too). They will have a separate party area. Also, bring a potential Brother and their significant other, if applicable. This will be a great promo for our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night, which will be our first meeting in January, (Thursday, January 10th) and an event like this can sell Masonry just by attending.

#### Bring-a-Friend Night

Speaking of Brother Bring-a-Friend Night, there will be a dinner served that night. It will be a Roast Chicken Dinner with all the fixins. The cost is \$8, but if you bring a guest, both you and your guest will eat for free. The meeting that night will consist of the Bring-a-Friend Night Program with videos and guest

speakers. Let us start by thinking of those good men who could be made better through Masonry. They could be your neighbors, friends, co-workers or a relative who asks questions about your ring or bumper sticker. Any man who believes in God, the immortality of the soul, is 21 years of age or older and asks is a potential member.

#### Upcoming Degrees

Next up, our Degrees will be on the second meetings (the 4th Thursdays) in February, March and April. That means we need Brothers to help out and render (not rend) the Ritual work for these Degrees. I already have participants for the Questions and Answers for the 1st and 2nd Degrees as well as the Working Tools for those two Degrees. We will have a rehearsal for the 1st Degree at the 2nd meeting in January, 2008. Don't be surprised if, at our Annual Meeting, someone asks you to do a part.

Now for the news of the past meeting. We had a great Turkey Dinner. Thanks again to Brother Mike Edleman for preparing such a delicious meal. The Official Visit went very well. We met or exceeded all of requirements of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. Also, The District Deputy Grand Master and Staff Officers went away with full bellies (a good meal helps to set the tone for a good Official Visit).

Our meeting went from Labor to Refreshment after we did all the usual business that couldn't wait. Then, on the recommendation of the R.:W.: Gary Sanford, District Deputy Grand Master, we invited the ladies in for the Awards Presentations. After the Awards were presented, the DDGM, and Staff Officers conveyed the message of the Grand Master in short order. It still took 40 minutes, but I think that was "short order."

During the Reception afterward, a few of the women came to me and said how impressed they were with the message (also, how their husbands were making plans for the upcoming events in the District). That was cool!

Those in attendance to receive their awards that night were: R.:W.: Don Krech, W.: Fred Prince, W.: Ken Kassel, W.: John Foster, Brother Doug Hunt and most especially, Brother Charlie Petersen. Congratulations go out to all the recipients. There are many more presentations to follow. Brothers Hunt and Petersen received their 60-Year Awards.

We had not seen Brother Charlie Petersen in Lodge for some time and it was indeed a pleasure to present him with his 60-Year Award. I welcomed him back in Lodge and told him of how we missed him. He was the *only* one of the awardees to have more than three words to say and man, did he "wow the crowd."

It was only about a minute of words, but each one came from his heart. Charlie recounted many of the Brothers who meant so much to him over his Masonic life and his love of the Craft that goes beyond the Lodge walls. To me, Charlie is the epitome of what a Mason stands for. When Germania and Fame Lodges merged several years ago, he was the first to greet me during the Reception. When he found out that I sang in a Barbershop Chorus, he asked if I knew certain Barbershoppers. Of course, I did and

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# Damascus News

Damascus Shrine Center Ro. 2

December 2007

**Shrine and Divan Meetings:**  
**Dinner Reservations Required**  
 Call: (585) 671-7701 or (585) 671-3565

**Shrine Office Hours:**  
**Monday — Friday**  
 9:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.



**DONALD ROSE, POTENTATE**

The month of December finds many of our Clubs and Units holding Holiday Celebrations. I am sure there are going to be some conflicts that will cause us a certain amount of mental anguish, internally arguing over which meeting to attend. This is a time better spent appreciating those things in our lives that we tend to place on a lower priority 'til they disappear. We don't miss driving in the snow until we can't drive at all, or walking in slush until we become housebound, or housebound until we become bedridden.

These are vicious circles we all fall into until we take one step back and remove ourselves from the circle of regret, only to observe there is always someone passing through life, one rung on the ladder more challenged than us. Take this time to appreciate this very instant in your life. Enough of philosophizing; simply enjoy the life you have and appreciate those with whom you live it.

There are parties this month celebrating the Season. I hope to see each of you at one of these; if not, I hope you each have a Festive Holiday Season. Please remember to perpetuate our bond by continuing your membership in our worthy cause, and possibly by making some small donation to either a Masonic or Shrine charity.

My thanks to all who assisted me during the past year, and to those whom I have distressed (Skip Waterstreet), but remained civil and congenial when I didn't deserve it. This organization of ours is filled with many such souls.

The Geneva Christmas Party is December 15th. Attend if you are able and entertain your significant other at a party others have worked hard to construct for us.

Warmest Holiday Wishes.



## SHRINE LUNCH CLUB

By Jim Toogood

The next Ladies Day Shrine Lunch Club will meet on Monday, December 17th at the Nutcracker, 2159 Empire Boulevard. No reservations required. I have reserved table space.



**JAMES SLOCUM, RECORDER**

The weather this Fall hasn't been too bad so far. Keep your fingers crossed.

Each year, several Nobles, including myself, from the Legion of Honor venture to Arlington, Virginia, for the Ceremony of Laying the Wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The International Legion of Honor has been doing this for many years and this year was the 25th Anniversary. It is always a solemn and very touching ceremony. I recommend to anyone who has not seen it, to try to attend at some point in their life. We had to compete with the Vice-President this year, so it was a challenge to get to the Tomb because of the Security.

The Dues Notices have gone out. If there is a question or a mistake, please let us know in the Office. We have found some bugs in the new Imperial system. You probably noticed that I did not have to sign the cards this year.

Remember, December 5th is the Election of Officers for the coming year.

I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving Day and Dinner. I hope the deer hunters were successful in bagging the big one. Maybe it will eliminate some from the side of the road that were not so fortunate in crossing. As usual, the car wins in that situation.

It also opens up Holiday Shopping Season and makes two people happy — the women for shopping and the merchant for selling. The women sure keep the money in circulation. Good luck to both.

Hope to see all of you at the December meeting.

## SHRINEABILIA

By Derek VanHouten, PP

A special thanks to Noble and collector of interesting material, Charles White. He has offered two items of interest - several pictures of Potentates and Nobles from another time, and a beautiful, if somewhat old, banner in red felt with the Shrine emblem and the letters AAONMS in cascading order. Thank you, Charlie.

We always have room for artifacts and such for our historical cabinet. If you contact me, we can make arrangements to get together.

## REMEMBER OUR TROOPS

Joseph Rueby, youngest son of Noble Andy and Chris Rueby, is stationed in Iraq for six to eight more months. Many requests are being made by organizations to send cards and letters to (unnamed) Service personnel this year.

Here's a "named" Serviceman who should receive greetings. Be sure to include him. His email address is:

**joseph.rueby@tlab.centaf.af.mil**

His mailing address is:

**Joseph Rueby  
 US Navy Forces  
 Patron DET  
 APO AE 09331**

If you know of any Troops to whom Fraternal members could send mail/emails, please let us know the details and we will publish them.

## Mark Your Calendar!

### 2008 Events for Damascus Shriners

To all Nobles and Ladies, get your calendars out and mark the dates for these Damascus Shriner Events for the first six months of 2008.

**Wednesday, January 2nd** - Regular meeting.

**Saturday, January 5th** - Open Installation of Divan, Clubs and Units. Shell-a-Buck Dinner is \$1 for members with a 2008 Dues Card; all others are \$10.

A special guest will bring something special to the evening. The Wheelers have promised a truly great dinner.

**Wednesday, February 6th** - Open Meeting with the Ladies. Cocktails are 5-6 p.m.; Dinner at 6 p.m.; Cost \$12. Rich Friedman is putting together a real special Valentine's Program, which will be fun for all.

**Wednesday, March 5th** - Open Meeting with the Ladies. Cocktails are 5-6 p.m.; Dinner at 6 p.m. Gary Burke has promised a great Irish celebration with entertainment you will be sure to enjoy. Corned Beef and Cabbage will be served.

**Wednesday, April 2nd** - A special Table Lodge will be held. This will be under the direction of Bruce Chilton and Rich Friedman, along with several able-bodied helpers. Cocktails 5-6 p.m.; Lodge opens at 6 p.m. This is a stag event. The Ritual was re-written for the Shrine and promises to be an event that will be enjoyed by all.

**Circus, Circus, Circus**  
**April 25th-April 27th** - The Damascus Circus for 2008. The Team Leaders, Bruce Chilton and Andy Rueby, have put together a great show. Along with a real dedicated team of workers, your help is needed and really appreciated. So mark the date and plan on joining in on the fun and good times.

**Wednesday, May 7th** - Open Meeting with the Ladies. An evening of fun and entertainment. A local High School Show Choir will put on an evening of song and entertainment. Something you will not want to miss!

**Saturday, May 17th** - Noble Bring-a-Brother Night. An opportunity to introduce Masons and non-Masons to Shrinedom and Masonry. Rich Friedman and his team will put on an exciting and informative program. Rich will be following up with details in the coming months. Petitions are always welcomed and this evening will only add to the excitement.

**Wednesday, June 4th** - The Hot Sands Ceremonial will be held. The Directors will be in charge of the 2nd Section - something to be enjoyed by all. So mark the date, get your Petitions in and let's make this a great time. Cocktails are 5-6 p.m.; Dinner at 6 p.m. A special dinner will be served followed by refreshments after the meeting.

The **2008 Parade Schedule** will be published in January, since we do not know what invitations will be sent to the Shrine Center.

Watch and listen to the new Communications Tools that will be coming your way. Remember, your Hospitals need your support!

### To be Noted...

Dress code for all meeting night events is suit or jacket and tie for men; Dresses or pant suits for Ladies.

After each meeting, light refreshments will be available for all to enjoy.

Nobles, keep in mind, this is your Shrine Center. It's yours of which to be a part and to enjoy.



## AUBURN SHRINE CLUB

By Ken Pollard

As you read this, our members will be planning their Christmas activities and looking forward to the year 2008. It seems that it was only yesterday we were celebrating the new Century and here it is eight years later.

Auburn helped Damascus Shriners celebrate the harvest on November 3rd. It was a great party, especially if you were lucky enough to have Dave Bowman as your tables "head" carver. However, Lew Hares, Bob Coleman and Ken Pollard offered a lot of advice. Sometimes Dave doesn't hear too well, which in this case was a good thing. We all had a great time and came home with doggie bags of turkey, which tasted good for the next three days.

Steve Sill, the new Associate representing Damascus Shriners on the Springfield Shriners Hospital Board, attended his first meeting in October and was welcomed by everyone at the Hospital. He is going to represent us well, especially with his background in building and equipment needs.

I expect our Club will be well represented at the Geneva Christmas Party. Our members know a good party and can be counted on to be on time for one. I know Gerry Stanton, our President, and his wife, Heidi, have it on their calendar. The date is December 15th and Jim VanHouten and the boys from Geneva always put on a good show.

Don't forget, Dues are due. Send your \$10 to Ken Pollard, 5173 Plaster Point, Cayuga, NY 13034.

Craig Coleman pointed out to me the other day something I never thought about - that in about 40 years, we'll have millions of old ladies running around with tattoos and pierced navels. Now that is scary!

### Congratulations!

Ralph and Bernice Talcott celebrated their 68th anniversary this Fall. Congratulations to this wonderful couple. Ralph recently headed a delegation of Masons who went to visit Ralph's Home Lodge in Bainbridge, NY.

### Springfield Hospital News

There is a lot going on in all 22 Shriners Hospitals. The marketing program is progressing and we are hopeful it will meet all of its objectives. These are:

- Get more children who can use our help to our Hospitals
- Increase public awareness of our Hospitals and the entire Hospital program
- Increase financial support of the 22 Hospitals.

This is a big undertaking and we all have great expectations for its success.

Our Doctors are busy but could use more patients. If you see a child who you think would benefit by going to our Hospital, talk with the parents about our Program. I remember the late Noble Felix Green, of Wolcott. He was a one-man recruiter for Shriners Hospitals. I wish I had asked him how many children he was responsible for sending to our Hospitals. I know it was a large number. He told me he looked for children whom he thought needed the medical attention we could provide, introduced himself, explained the Shrine Program and then assisted the family in getting their child to our Hospital. He covered every detail to help the family and the child.

The members of the Auburn Shrine Club wish all Nobles and their Ladies a wonderful Holiday. Until next year, remember what a Shriner, Franklin D. Roosevelt, said, "There are many ways of going forward, but only one way of standing still."



Dave Bowman carves the turkey for other Auburn Shrine Club members at the Harvest Dinner. He surprised the group with his newly found culinary skills and received a standing ovation for his efforts.



The man carving the turkey is Don Dill of Ovid. He is an active Shriner both in Geneva and Auburn and was at an adjoining table. He sure showed a lot of confidence - carving the turkey wearing a suit coat. It looks like he was doing a good job.

## PERRY SHRINE CLUB

The Perry Shrine Club had a great meeting on October 25th and learned all about Generating Electricity as a farm byproduct. On November 14th, we learned about the Jello Museum in LeRoy and the "Story of Jello" from Lynne Belluscio, Curator. Thanks to all who attended.

### Christmas Party Dinner

On December 12th (PLEASE NOTE THE NEW DATE), we will all meet at the National Hotel in Cuylerville for our Traditional Christmas Party Dinner with all the trimmings. We have three choices

for dinner - Prime Rib, Chicken Jennifer or Broiled Scallops. Each is a complete dinner, including dessert. The complete price, including tax and gratuity, is \$24 per person. We must be able to notify the restaurant of numbers; therefore, **reservations are necessary**. Please call Howard Wood at 237-2453 or Ed Hollwedel at 584-3066 with your dinner choice by Saturday, December 8th.

Spouses and friends are always welcome. Attitude adjustment hour is at 6 p.m. and dinner is at 7 p.m.

See you soon.

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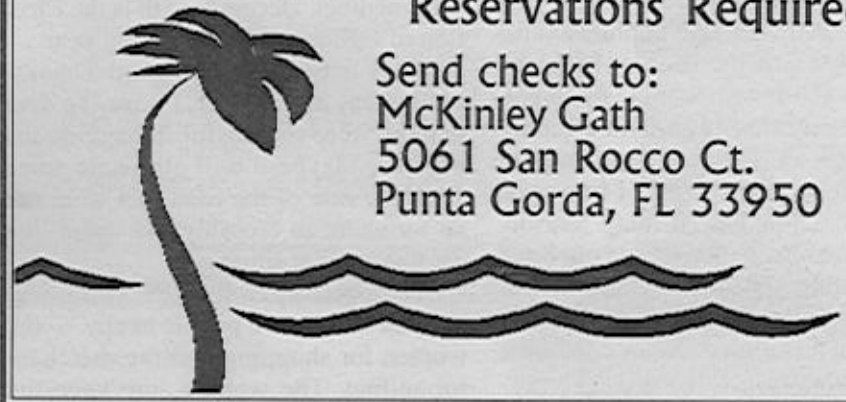
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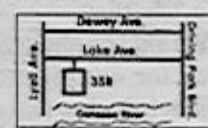
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### Zama Temple No. 14 Queen Carolyn Noble



someone who would like to attend, or perhaps you know of someone whom you have not seen out at Zama, call them and offer a ride. I am very sure they would like the offer as well as to be thought about.

December 8th will be our regular stated session when we will bring toys, games, books, etc. for the children of the Erie Hospital. Remember these children need our support. Whether they enter the hospital for a stay or for an out-patient service, they all receive a toy. We all know children look for special gifts and it helps ease the pain and uncertainties of a different place than what they are used to. We also will be collecting for the Convalescent Relief Fund. This is the fund from which contributions are made to Shriners Hospitals for Children to assist out-patients with orthopedic equipment and other required items. The Past Queens of Zama Temple will be serving lunch that day after the session. Remember, all those Past Queens are good cooks, so let's support them, our Queen and all her Officers.

There will be NO session in January, but we will meet in February.

We say farewell to our "Snow Birds;" be safe and return to Zama in the Spring. We will miss you.

Now we all say, "HAPPY HOLIDAYS."

My partial farewell thoughts for this year is:

1. Be at peace with one another
2. Love one another
3. Be devoted to one another
4. Do not judge one another
5. Build up one another
6. Accept one another
7. Admonish one another
8. Care for one another
9. Serve one another
10. Do not envy one another
11. Forbear one another
12. We are members for one another
13. Be kind to one another
14. Be subject to one another
15. Regard one another as more important than yourself

There are 16 more of these little notes, which I will continue next time. So be sure to look for the next news article from Zama Temple.

By Ellie Canfield, PQ

Another year is just about over and where, oh where, did it go? As we have heard the saying many times, "So little time and so very much left to do." This is so very true. Zama Temple has been busy in the last few months.

Zama Temple participated in the Fairport Scarecrow Days on Saturday, October 13, by cooking, serving, and selling warm chili to all scarecrow people to help keep them warm from the cool day. I understand Princess Joyce Bernhardt did face painting for children and Vicky Ball, PQ and Carol Colegrove, PQ sold next-to-new items. A good time was had by all who participated.

October 29th was a very special day for Zama Temple as the Supreme Queen Eleanor Green visited our Temple. We were very pleased and honored to have her and many of her appointed Supreme Officers, as well as all the visitors from other Temples. We had a lovely dinner at the Green Lantern Inn and thank our very own Betty Nohle, PSQ for being our Mistress of Ceremonies, and Damascus Shrine Chief Rabban, Larry Canfield, for his message.

November 10th was our Stated Session when we observed "Founders Day." This is a day set aside for our Queen to read the history of the founding of the Daughters of the Nile. We will display some of our old crowns that Past Queens have worn. There also was a lunch after session for social time.

December 2nd will be Zama Temple's "Holiday Social" from 2-4 p.m. at Fairport Masonic Hall, 87 Main Street, with Princess Nancy Lynch as Chairperson. This will be catered by Zama Temple's Princess Joy Woodley. Please remember this date and help support our Queen and Zama Temple. Should you know of

### Installation of 2008 Divan Officers Installation of all Club and Unit Leaders

The Installation of the 2008 Damascus Divan and the Presidents of all Clubs and Units will be held on Saturday, January 5, 2008, at the Damascus Shrine Center. Cocktails are from 5:30-6:30 p.m.; Dinner at 6:30 p.m. It's a Shell-a-Buck Dinner—that's a Steak Dinner with all the trimmings. The Wheelers will be doing the cooking.

Installation will follow dinner, with refreshments provided at the conclusion of the ceremonies.

This is an Open function. Ladies and guests are encouraged to attend and support your Officers. Dress of the meeting is suit or sport coat and tie for men; Ladies wear a dress or slacks suit. We

will have a very special guest for the evening...something you will truly enjoy.

Dinner requirements - Any Noble with a 2008 Dues Card will pay \$1 (Shell-a-Buck) for their dinner. Any Noble, who does not have a current Dues Card, the cost of the dinner will be \$10. All Ladies and guests will also be \$10 per person.

Plan on an interesting, fun and informative night at your Shrine Center. Reservations are an absolute must so proper planning can take place. Reservation deadline is Thursday, January 3rd. The reservation phone number is 671-3565. Please direct any inquiries to the Recorder's Office at 671-7701. We look forward to you attending.

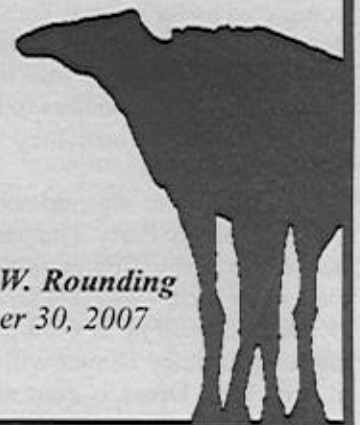
### Happy December Birthday, Nobles:

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### Calendar Winners for October

DAY	NO.	WINNER
10/1	752	Carol Bailey
10/2	649	Tim Rueby
10/3	48	Damascus Shrine
10/4	50	Damascus Shrine
10/5	401	Damascus Shrine
10/6	703	Damascus Shrine
10/7	910	Gerald Dunst
10/8	308	Laura Bogart
10/9	568	Dan Hofman
10/10	384	John Hackett
10/11	113	Ron Bodner
10/12	774	Marie Peets
10/13	281	Damascus Shrine
10/14	808	Damascus Shrine
10/15	93	Becky Fox
10/16	458	Rene VanDeveire
10/17	898	Dave Lott
10/18	356	Shawn Hodgiman
10/19	434	Donna Welton
10/20	310	Damascus Shrine
10/21	430	James Clark
10/22	764	Bill Nonkes
10/23	834	Barry Kramberg
10/24	586	Damascus Shrine
10/25	768	JoAnn Vandegriff
10/26	55	Beverly Kondolf
10/27	236	Alex Komara
10/28	560	Damascus Shrine
10/29	258	Fred Cieri
10/30	969	Angelo DiCataldo
10/31	459	Phyllis Langan

### Dedicated to the Memory of Noble



John W. Rounding  
October 30, 2007

### Erie Hospital Representative Speaks to Nobles after November Meeting



Gina Lesoski, Coordinator, Cerebral Palsy Program at the Shriners Hospital for Children-Erie, explained her duties to Shriners and their Ladies. Her presentation, including a video showing some patients and their treatment programs, followed the November business meeting, and concluded with her answering questions from the audience.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 <i>Lalla Rookh Grotto</i>	4 <i>Craftsman Robertson Lodge Clown Unit</i>	5 6:00 p.m. Shrine Meeting Election of Officers	6 <i>Valley of Rochester 4th and 9th Degrees</i>	7	8 <i>All Masonic Bodies Children's Christmas Party - 11a.m.-2p.m.</i>
9	10 <i>ERAC Lodge</i>	11 <i>Valley-Simes Lodge</i>	12 Legion of Honor	13 <i>Fame Lodge</i>	14	15 <i>Grand Lodge Individual Develop- ment Course Geneva Shrine Club Christmas Party<sup>1</sup></i>
16	17 <i>Auburn Shrine Club<sup>1</sup></i>	18 <i>Craftsman Robertson Lodge</i>	19 <i>Lalla Rookh Grotto</i>	20 <i>Valley of Rochester Awards Night Wayne Shrine Club<sup>1</sup></i>	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 <i>Fame Lodge Perry Shrine Club<sup>1</sup></i>	28	29
30	31		Directors Staff <sup>1</sup>			

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

Data current as of November 26, 2007

## DAMASCUS LEGION OF HONOR

The Legion of Honor had a good Past Commanders' Night at the Lodge on the Green with 28 members and guests in attendance. Seven Past Commanders were with us and we had a good quality dinner and plenty of food. Our speakers were Dennis O'Halleran and Chris Hoffert, both active duty Coast Guard, stationed at Charlotte Coast Guard Facility in Rochester. The Coast Guard comes under the Navy Department in times of war and both Dennis and Chris completed a tour in Iraq. They gave us a good review of their duties and activities while there. They also told us how the Coast Guard helps boaters in trouble on Lake Ontario and how they stress and teach boater safety.

Don't forget to sign up soon for the Legion Holiday Party. The party will be held at the Shrine Center on Wednesday December 12th. Social hour and Hors D' Oeuvres will be at 6:00 p.m., and a sit-down Holiday Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. Dress is coat and tie for men. Ladies are invited. There will be gifts for the ladies and music and entertainment for all.

The 2008 Lotto Calendars are available and one dollar for each calendar we sell goes to our Unit. Take home a few calendars as gifts for family and friends.

Below is a schedule of activities for the remainder of 2007. Mark your calendar and remember to have fun and support our Veterans whenever possible. Until next time, Semper Fi.

### December Activities

December 7th - Pearl Harbor Wreath Service, next to Charlotte Coast Guard Station at 7:00 a.m.; Breakfast following at Legion Hall at 8:30 a.m.

December 12th - Holiday Party at Shrine Center; Ladies invited. Gifts for Ladies; Entertainment/Music.

December 19th - Veterans Birthday Party at Canandaigua VA Medical Center, Bldg. 7; 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

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## DIRECTORS STAFF

By Vance Collom

Thirty members and guests enjoyed the All-You-Can-Eat Seafood Buffet at our October meeting. The Clams, Crab Legs, Seafood Newberg, Steamship Round of Beef and several salads were excellent; the meal was finished off with cake and ice cream.

We heard a very interesting speaker from White Haven Memorial Park who told us how they are committed to the environment and have partnered with the Audubon Society to develop a Bluebird and wildlife sanctuary and have become Audubon Co-operative Certified.

Ill. Sir Don Rose thanked Joe Nye for the many bags of aluminum can tabs he has turned in to the Shrine over the years. Don presented Joe with a gift certificate, new Shriners Hospital Logo Pin and a box of Shrine drinking glasses. Don explained how the tabs have helped the Springfield Hospital purchase millions of dollars of equipment and supplies over the years.

Shriners Hospitals are evolving to treat a larger variety of problems, which include not just orthopedic conditions and burns, but cleft lip and palate, as well as

spinal chord problems. A new, first-time ever, National advertising campaign has started this Fall to increase awareness of the Shrine and the Shriners Hospital programs. It is hoped the advertising will increase the number of patients for the hospitals and increase financial support and donations for the hospitals. Everyone, watch for the advertising on Cable TV, National Public Radio, in *People Magazine* and on billboards. Thank you, Joe, for all you have done to support our Shriners Hospitals.

There will be no meeting during December at DiPacific's Restaurant. We will be attending the Geneva Shrine Club Christmas Party in Geneva at Club 86 on December 15th. Please contact Ron Edwards for your reservation or send your reservation and check to the Geneva Shrine Club.

I hope everyone has picked up his lotto calendars by now. The Club Members should be congratulated for their great support of the calendar program, plus \$1 goes to the Club for each calendar sold.

I wish everyone a great Holiday Season and until next time, God Bless.

## International Association of Shrine Provosts

### Are you Interested?...

We've received notice that the International Association of Shrine Provosts (ISAP) is reaching out to Shrine Members who might be interested in joining this group.

The ISAP serves as an umbrella organization to all Shriners who have an interest in or have been involved with the police, security or military service.

The object of the ISAP is to promote good fellowship and safe clean fun among the membership and the general Nobility, and to exchange ideas of benefit to member organizations.

Provosts, security police or military units or clubs of all Shrine Centers are eligible for membership.

The ISAP meets annually during the Imperial Council Session. The 2008 Imperial Council Session will be held in St. Louis, Missouri, and the IASP will be hosting its Annual Breakfast Meeting. All members and their Ladies are encouraged to attend this event.

During the Annual Breakfast Meeting, a local law enforcement officer is recognized by the IASP for his/her contributions to the betterment of policing in the St. Louis Jurisdiction.

Contact Colonel in Chief, William Lutman, at: [willycoon@yahoo.com](mailto:willycoon@yahoo.com) (Phone 816-216-7576) or your Shrine Center for more information.



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Since 1996, Shriners Hospitals for Children and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) have partnered to increase access to medical homes for all children and youth, especially those with special health care needs.

### What is a Medical Home?

A medical home is not a building, house or hospital, but rather an approach to providing comprehensive primary care. In a medical home, a primary care provider works in partnership with the family to assure medical and non-medical

Children - Chicago in 2006. This pilot program aimed to not only identify and improve communication between providers at the Chicago hospital and referring primary care providers, but also to identify promising strategies that might enhance coordinated care at other Shriners Hospitals. Anticipated benefits to this project include: increased access to a medical home for children and youth with special health care needs, potential costs savings, patient and primary care provider satisfaction, and enhanced quality of patient care.

## Shriners Hospitals for Children Expands the Medical Home Project to Seven Hospitals

needs of the child are identified and addressed. The primary care provider helps the family access specialty care, educational resources and other services that are important to the overall health and well-being of the child and family.

Shriners Hospitals for Children and the AAP support the medical home as the best practice to ensure that children and youth receive the highest quality care.

In the medical home environment, Shriners Hospitals' specialty care physicians work in collaboration with primary care providers and patients' families to ensure accessible, comprehensive and coordinated care.

### About the Partnership

In 2004, the partnership broadened to include direct collaboration between Shriners Hospitals and primary care providers to provide better coordination of care. A pilot project was launched at the Shriners Hospitals for

### Partnership Expansion

In 2007, the project has expanded to six Shriners Hospitals using a collaborative learning approach. This phase will determine how systematic changes appropriate for each hospital can be made to enhance communication and facilitate co-management between specialty and primary care providers. The six hospitals are located in Boston, Greenville, Houston, Minneapolis, Spokane and Tampa.

Each hospital has formed an improvement team, conducted a needs assessment and developed goals and objectives for their 2007 activi-



# GENEVA Shrine Club 2007 Christmas Party

For all Shriners, Ladies and their Guests

**Saturday, December 15th**  
**Club 86 - Avenue E - Geneva**

5:30 p.m.

Hors D'oeuvres and Personality Adjustment

7:00 p.m.

Dinner Served

Prime Rib  
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Reservations by Monday, December 10th  
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ties. The hospitals will be involved in a learning collaborative throughout the year as they implement their initiatives at their institutions. The project will eventually be expanded to all 22 Shriners Hospitals for Children across the country.



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**Fame Lodge**

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we spent the next 20 minutes talking about Barbershop Music. He is one of the many in Fame Lodge who are true Masons, through and through. Thank you, Charlie, for what you mean to me and to the Craft as a whole.

Well, this is about the longest article I have ever written for Fame Lodge. I wish you all a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Joyous Kwanzaa and whatever other holiday you may celebrate during this month. Linda, Lind-sey and I wish for you all a peaceful time and a prosperous New Year. Remember that many hands make light work. See you in Lodge. ✕

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**Treasurer Needed**

As you know, we are still in need of a Treasurer. I am asking that any Brother who is able to contact me to discuss taking on this important role. I do not ask that you take on more than your Cabletow will allow, but the Lodge needs your help.

I am also asking that anyone interested in working on the Building Committee, contact me. Our Lodge is over 100 years old now. Like a good friend, we must look after the building.

**Summoned Meeting**

As you are aware, each year the Lodge's Annual Financial Meeting is December 10th. I encourage ALL Brothers to attend this very important Summoned Meeting, as we shall discuss significant issues pertaining to our Lodge. This includes By-Law changes, on which the Brothers will be voting. Thanks to Don Bell, Secretary; Hugh Woodside, Financial Trustee; and the other Trustees for working on this important matter.

**Some Good News**


The Town of Penfield has informed us that the Lodge will receive, free-of-charge, new signs to welcome people as they enter the Town. The signs will be of our design, but made with a new material. Apparently Penfield received a Grant that will pay for the signs.

**Upcoming Events**

December 10th - Summoned Meeting/Financial Reports, 7:30 p.m. ✕

**Oakland Lodge**

No. 379, F. & A.M.  
1st and 3rd Tuesdays  
(Jan., Feb., Mar.: 1st Tuesday only)



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By the time this article arrives on your doorstep, we will have celebrated the Holiday of Thanksgiving. This will always be a special time of the year for me and my family due to the fact that my first daughter was born the day after Thanksgiving. Hopefully each of my fellow Brothers had a happy and healthy Thanksgiving.

**Loss of a Brother**

It saddens me to report that Brother Raymond Wood has passed through the celestial doors and joined the Great Architect of the Universe. Brother Wood was a valued member of Oakland Lodge and the Fraternity for over 40 years. Brother Wood guarded Oakland Lodge from the approach of Cowens and Eavesdroppers for many years. I will always remember Brother Wood for the fun times had on the golf course as much as in the Lodge room. I thank all the members of Oakland Lodge who attended Brother Wood's Memorial Service. It meant a lot to the family that we were there to support one of our fallen Brothers. Brother Wood is now gone, but rest assured will never be forgotten.

I congratulate the following Brothers from Oakland Lodge who were Raised in the month of November:

- 1949 - Frank Walkley
- 1969 - Donald Robinson, Jr. and Robert Robinson
- 1980 - William Masset
- 1995 - Kenneth E. Smith

Oakland Lodge was blessed with the presence of R.: W.: Harry Tyson, DDGM, at our November 6th communication. R.: W.: Tyson made his Official Visit to Oakland Lodge and delivered the Grand Master's message. R.: W.: Tyson informed us of all the programs that the Grand Master hopes to get accomplished this year with communication and membership once again being a major focus. He also informed the members of Oakland Lodge of the Masonic Education Courses that are going to be offered to any interested Mason this year. Any member of Oakland Lodge who is interested in attending the *Masonic Development Course* or *Road to the East* should let their Master know so proper arrangements can be made. A special thanks to the members from Constellation Lodge for helping

fill some vacant chairs. We were also blessed with the presence of R.: W.: Richard Trescott and R.: W.: Roy Moses from the Livingston District. R.: W.: Trescott is the current DDGM and R.: W.: Moses is the current Assistant Grand Lecturer for the Livingston District. It was nice to see Brothers from another District come and visit our Lodge. Hopefully, we can return the gesture in the future.

Congratulations to our Worshipful Master on his Officers' attendance at the Grand Lecturer's Convention. Oakland Lodge was just one Officer short of qualifying for the Howard Potts Award. This Officer was unable to attend due to the length of his Cabletow.

The Brotherhood Fund Campaign is off and running again and Oakland Lodge has had a great start with contributions beginning to roll in. My thanks to the Brothers who have already shown their generosity towards this great cause. The Brotherhood Fund Chairperson for Oakland Lodge is Ken Smith. The best place to make your contributions is at our monthly Communication. For those Brothers who are unable to make these Communications, please send your contributions to: Kenneth Smith, 137 Lake Street, LeRoy, NY 14482. Brother Smith asks that, if you are sending your contributions to him by mail, that you include a note indicating the category to which you would like your contribution designated.

May this article find all my fellow Brothers recovering from a happy, safe and healthy Thanksgiving. I hope each one of us had a chance to reflect upon our own lives to think of what we have to be thankful for. May we never forget those who have, and are still, fighting to keep our great nation free and safe. Let us never forget that freedom isn't free and often comes at a great price.

A special prayer goes out from this Brother to all those families who will have loved ones away from home this Holiday Season, with the hope they return safe soon. May the blessings of Heaven rest upon all Masons and their families wherever they may be. ✕

**Olive Branch**  
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Here's wishing everyone a joyous Holiday Season. As I am sure you are good little boys and girls, Santa will bring you what you asked for. Though with the rising energy prices, coal might be a good gift! The Lodge would not mind a few free BTUs of natural gas to reduce our heating bills.

We have most of the Official matters caught up. November 7th was the Official Visit of R.: W.: Harry Tyson, District Deputy Grand Master, accompanied by R.: W.: Marshall Krause, Grand Steward. Thanks to all who attended.

You deserve a rest, so remember we only have one scheduled meeting in December. Wednesday, December 5th will be our Christmas Party. I have heard rumors there may be a few card games that night.

Things are moving along slow but steady on the sale of the building. Plans are coming

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



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Well, we've had our first lake-effect snowfall and it was nice to get used to driving on snowy roads. If you haven't started yet, it is time to get ready for Winter. I have the hard job of making space to put my wife's car in the garage. Believe me, that is a harder job to do every year. The older I get the harder it is.

Since our last newsletter, we've had 3 meetings. R.: W.: Ken Kohlhagen has tried to have a program for all Communications. On October 1st, R.: W.: Ken read some notes gleaned from past Lodge meeting minutes. It is interesting how the times have changed in the last 100 years. At our meeting on October 15th, we discussed Masonry in general. On November 5th, W.: Brother Steve Licht brought some new style DVDs to show. The DVDs were too new to show on our old television, so we have to get some new equipment. R.: W.: Ken also has a square dance tape he has been trying to show for a long

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On October 1st, the Hesperus Lodge Degree Team treated the membership to great Ritual execution of the 1st Degree to welcome and elevate three Candidates to the Degree of Entered Apprentice.

The Degree Team is busy preparing for the 2nd Degree.

Mark your calendars for January 13th when these Brothers

along as we need to be ready to move quickly. We have four months to leave once the sale is finalized. The Lodge has salvage rights to the building so the stained glass windows, trim etc. are available for sale. Plans are to take the John Lent Memorial Window to our new home. ✕

time. We still haven't seen that. I think he is trying to build up the suspense.

**District Directory**

W.: Dennis Parmerter handed out Brotherhood envelopes to the Brothers present and he is mailing the rest. A contribution of any amount is welcome. 2007 District Directories were also passed out to the Brothers in attendance. These Directories are very handy; I use mine all the time. The Directory has all the phone numbers and addresses you might need.

There were rumors that Molly was going traveling. We expected several Lodges to be at our meeting on November 5th. We had three Brothers from Attica Lodge, but there were not enough to take Molly to Attica. Maybe at our next meeting someone will take Molly. Mrs. Baetzold made Lasagna for 30 people. We had 14 brothers at the meeting so I had two rations. It was really good. Thank you Julie!

R.: W.: Robert Strang was at our November 5th meeting. I'm not sure if that was his Official Visit as Assistant Grand Lecturer or if he was trying to take Molly. A few topics were discussed but R.: W.: Strang is always welcome at West Star Lodge.

**Sickness and Distress**

I have nothing to report. If you know of any Brother in need of aid or sympathy, please let us know.

I will close for now. We hope to see you at Lodge sometime soon. Until then take care! ✕

will experience the 3rd Degree. If you plan to attend or wish to participate in this memorable event, please contact us via our website:

[www.hesperusLodge.com](http://www.hesperusLodge.com)

During October, Hesperus Lodge was proud and humbled to recommend Brother Paul West for the Valley of Rochester Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite 2007 Symbolic Lodge Award. M.: W.: Neal I. Bidnick, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York presented the Certificate. Brother West taught Agriculture Technology for many years at our local high school. The positive influence and mentoring of his students and fellow Masonic Brothers over his long career have distinguished him among the Masonic Community. Congratulations, Brother West.

Enjoy the Holiday Season and Stay Safe! ✕



(L to r) R.: W.: Marshall Krause, Grand Steward; M.: W.: Neal I. Bidnick, Grand Master; recipient, Brother Paul West, W.: Donald Kunego, Master, R.: W.: Harry Tyson, District Deputy.

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



**Kenneth R. Milner**  
Monarch  
346-6018

This is my last newsletter as your Monarch. It has been a most enjoyable and rewarding year. We were able to make several donations to many different organizations in April and that was very satisfying. I hope our Grotto can continue to carry on this program. I know we will not be able to always donate at the same level each year, but maybe we can continue on a smaller scale.

I enjoyed representing Lalla Rookh Grotto at both the Supreme Council Sessions and the Priceless Jewel Events this year. I have had this privilege three times now and each time it has been very worthwhile.

### Called Home

As announced at our Novem-

ber meeting, Prophet George Knierim was called home by the Supreme Architect. George was a 60-year member of Lalla Rookh Grotto and I had the privilege of knowing him for 47 of those years. George was very active in the Grotto and worked for many years on the Entertainment Committee. He was always there to help and was a long-time member of the Board of Governors. Due to his job, he was never able to become an Officer and follow in his father's footsteps to become Monarch. Somehow, George had many contacts and was the person who was able to get entertainment for after the Grotto meetings. Prophet George will be missed by all.

At the October meeting, I was privileged to administer Nomination of Officers for 2008. The following were nominated: Monarch, Ronald Morthorst; Chief Justice, Jan Lughart; Master of Ceremonies, James Toogood; Venerable Prophet, Joseph Minas; Trustee for three years, Kenneth Milner; Trustee one year, Richard Topel; Board of Governors for three years, William Fredenburg, Fred Cornell and Paul Farnung.

## Monarch Kenneth R. Milner

### Christmas Party

Plan on attending and helping with the All-Masonic Children's Christmas Party on Saturday, December 8th. There is a lot of work that goes along with this and Prophet Jim Toogood could use your help. We need children so bring your children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews. Bring a wrapped gift for each child and mark with their full name on it. Call Jim at 594-2198 and tell him you and your Lady will be glad to help.

Prophets, please attend the December 19th meeting for the Election of Officers followed by Installation. Remember, this is the Annual Christmas Dinner of Turkey and all the trimmings. This dinner is free to all current Prophets, so don't forget to make your dinner reservations by calling Richard Topel at 663-2547. **Reservations are a must!** Please come out and show your support for the Officers.

My thanks for allowing me to be your Monarch this year and a big thanks to my Officers and for the gift I received at the Monarch's Ball.

My wife, Elaine, and I wish each of you and your families a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

## Attend Grotto Meetings

**December 3rd**  
Board of Governors  
6 p.m., Shrine Center  
Subs - Call Dick Topel Now 663-2547

**Saturday, December 8th**  
All Masonic Bodies Children's  
Christmas Party with Santa  
11a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Shrine Center  
Sign up Today! 671-9730

**Saturday, December 15th**  
Legion of Honor Christmas Party  
6 p.m. at Fairport Lodge  
with Gifts for Ladies  
Reservations to Brian Bills, 388-0913

**December 19th**  
Grotto Meeting  
6 p.m. at Shrine Center  
Free Turkey Dinner  
Reservations to Dick Topel 663-2547  
7:30 p.m. - Election and Installation of 2008 Officers

Season's Greetings  
to all our Prophets and their families.

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## Fidelity Triangle No. 4

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### Convention

In October, Members of Fidelity Triangle, along with Advisors, attended their Annual Convention in Ellenville. This collection of pictures certainly captures the activity and fun they had. Even the adults are still talking about the great time had by all! Congratulations, girls, on another year of memories!

### Membership

If you know of a girl between the ages of 10 and 21, who you think would enjoy the Triangle Organization, contact Junior Deputy, Mrs. Eileen Waterhouse (621-6841); Senior Advisor, Mrs. Debi Burke (865-4940); or Senior Advisor, Ms. Wendy Burrows (773-6018).

### Alumni

If you know of a former Triangle girl who is over 21 and has not joined the Alumni Associa-



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Very tired Triangle Girls at the close of Convention.



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## National Heritage Museum

One of the Scottish Rite's endeavors is the National Heritage Museum, located on the Supreme Council Headquarters Campus in Lexington, Massachusetts. The museum has a new permanent exhibit called "Seed of Liberty." This replaced their former exhibit on Lexington and the Revolution. The exhibit is about the part the people and area of Lexington played in the start of the Revolution. My Brothers, the Valley helped sponsor the exhibit and is so recognized.

There is a plaque that lists major Sponsors of the exhibit. We are listed as a Sponsor.

Now about the exhibit, it is a very well researched display of the events and artifacts leading up to the battle at Lexington and the start of the Revolution. Included are weapons actually carried during the battle and may other articles of the time.

As usual the museum had displays that I hadn't seen before as they change exhibits on a regular basis. It also has a standing, but changeable, exhibit on Freemasonry and other Fraternal Organizations in this country. The museum is one of the best small museums in the country and we, as Scottish Rite Masons, support and own it. It is worth a trip to see. It also contains an extensive library, gift shop and small café, open most days, but not on Sunday.

While we were at the museum, the Lexington Learning Center was holding their Walk for Dyslexia. It was great to see that other Learning Centers are

## Rite Events Calendar

See article for details.

(All events at Shrine Center unless otherwise noted)

**December 6th - 4th and 9th Degrees**

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**January 3rd - 14th Degree**

**January 17th - 15th Degree**

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**February 9th - 18th and 21st Degrees**

(Continental Breakfast at 8 a.m.)

**February 12th - Have-a-Heart**

@ Marketplace Mall

**February 21st - Tebeth and Public Degree / BBB**

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

working to build support for themselves and the Learning Center.

### Symbolic Lodge Awards

The Valley held its Annual Symbolic Lodge Awards Ceremony on October 18th at the Damascus Shrine Center. There were 35 Lodges represented from five Districts. The attendance was approximately 217 Masons, family members and guests. Two, Re-Member the Blue Lodge Awards were presented to Valley members who were first-line signers on the Petition of a new Brother of his Lodge. The Grand Master was able to be present, slightly hampered by a tire blowout on the way, and gave an inspiring keynote address.

The Symbolic Lodge Award is one way a Lodge can honor one of its members for the work he does in the quarries, that has not otherwise been recognized. Ill.: Robert Pettit, 33°, started the program in 1980. Brother Pettit left this Earthly life this past Spring, but the program he started is still going strong.

### 10th Anniversary

The Frank and Betty Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children held its Tenth Anniversary Celebration at Casa Larga Winery in Fairport. I was unable to attend, as my daughter

took me to the Buffalo Bills game. My wife, Sheryl, was at the event with my daughter's fiancé. They both had a great time. I have heard from other attendees that the event was spectacular.

According to Ill.: Mike Morris, 33°, Chairman of the Learning Center Board of Governors, over \$24,000 was raised for the Center. This is the best fundraiser the Valley has ever held. Thank you to all the donors and to the attendees.

Oh, my wife won a neat picture in the silent auction.

### DeMolay Legion of Honor

On October 20th, at Wakan-Hubbard Lodge in Penfield, the DeMolay International Legion of Honor was conferred on Ill.: Charles Roberts, 33°, Distinguished Brother Jack VanElzaker, 32° MSA, and Brother Skip Waterstreet. There were four members of DeMolay International in attendance, one of whom was our Ill.: Stephen Whittaker, 33°, the Valley's Deputy's Representative. This was a very interesting ceremony and it is an honor for our Brothers to be selected.

### Costumes

October 27th looked like it might be a rainy, miserable day. It was the day that Brother Norris Shapiro, his team and

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Ill.: G. Michael Morris, 33°, Chair, Board of Governors

### Allegiance

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Ill.: Gary A. Hennin, 33°

several Brothers, planned to sort and review the costumes. Well, it turned out to be a nice day and we did, with the help of seven or eight Brothers, go through all the costumes. We found a couple that had been lost and put together one whose parts were scattered. We organized the costumes by Degree category, improved the inventory and found there were several (well more than several), which we decided would be offered to the National Heritage Museum for their collection.

To avoid missing anyone, I thank all who took a portion of their Saturday morning to help in this task. We have needed to do this for some time. Thanks to Brother Norris for his leadership in this endeavor. Our costumes are in the best order they have been for quite a while.

### Officer Training

On Saturday, November 3rd, the New York State Council of Deliberation held a training session for the number 2 and 3 Officers in each of the Scottish Rite Valleys in the Western New York area. I was pleased to see that all Valley Officers who could attend this training, did.

Ill.: Steve Whittaker, 33°, presented a program on team building along with other presentations on protocol, leadership and organization skills, and news from Supreme Council. It was a good morning and I have heard from several of the Brothers who attended that they gained in knowledge of the Rite and helped improve their leadership skills. The Valley extends a hearty thank you to the COD for presenting this program and

hope it will be repeated in the future.

### Veterans' Program

As I write this, the Valley's Veterans' Recognition has not been held, but I have seen the program. The event should be great. At this time of national stress it is good to honor our friends and Brothers who have served in the armed forces.

### What's Coming

The Valley starts its Degree cycle on December 6th, with the conferrals of the 4th and 9th Degrees in full form at the Damascus Shrine Center. If you know a Brother who would like to experience the Scottish Rite, give him a Petition (if you don't have a Valley Petition, call the Office or see our web page: [www.valleyofrochester.com](http://www.valleyofrochester.com)). If you are an interested Brother, Petitions are available from the same sources.

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### Endings

By the time you read this, the Valley Office will have moved across the hall from its previous location. The Valley decided that it was time to expand, at least a little bit, to allow the Learning Center to grow. The Suite numbers remain the same, 320 for the Office and 330 for the Learning Center. If you haven't seen the Learning Center, call them at 264-1690 and request a tour.

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Board of Governors  
Frank and Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children

On Sunday, October 21st, over 80 people joined in the celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the Frank and Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children at the Casa Larga Vineyards in Fairport. Good food, good fellowship, nice weather and spectacular views from the Vineyard set the tone for the event. Everyone had a great time! The program highlighted the accomplishments and the impact that the Learning Center has had on the children in our community. This impact was really brought home and to heart in the remarks given by Deanna Wihlen, a former student (or shall I say, "Graduate") of the program, who received a standing ovation. Her remarks personified what the program is

all about – Making a Difference: One Child at a Time!

Five tutors were honored for their service and dedication to the Learning Center – Ruth Morris (10 years), Karen Savino (7 years), Julie Sattleburg (6 years), Mariella Meinhold (5 years) and Sarah Williams (5 years). In addition, Ann Kaczka, the Center Director, was recognized for her eight years of dedicated service and leadership at the Learning Center. Each received a plaque and a \$100 gift certificate to Tastings Restaurant.

Everyone particularly enjoyed the live (as well as the silent) auction. I must say, Brother Dana Cline, 32°, who by the way is a professional auctioneer, brought the celebration to life! The auction raised approxi-

mately \$2,000 for the Learning Center.

In addition to the auction, there were numerous contributions made to the Rochester Learning Center from individuals, corporate sponsors and Masonic groups. After it was all said and done, the net funds raised by the event for the Rochester Learning Center totaled \$24,302!

On behalf of the Learning Center Board of Governors, I extend a heart-felt "Thank you" to all those who (through their generous donations of time and money) have helped the Frank and Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children bring its valuable services to the children in our community. "

## Distinguished Brother Charles R. Frear, 32° MSA Scottish Rite Class Sponsor

By Ill. Stephen R. Whittaker, 33°  
Deputy's Representative  
Valley of Rochester

The Valley of Rochester, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, is proud to announce that Distinguished Brother Charles R. Frear, 32° MSA, will be the Class Sponsor for the 2007-2008 Scottish Rite Classes.

Distinguished Brother Frear retired as the co-owner of Frear Chevrolet in 1981. He has served the US Military in three different branches (US Marine Corps, US Navy and US Air Force). He is a Korean War Veteran.

In the community he has served as a Board Member of the Otetiana Council of the Boy Scouts of America, the Town of Greece Zoning Board, the Unity Health System of Rochester (on several different Boards), the Salvation Army (in a number of capacities), the Veterans Administration in Canandaigua and Mercy Flight Central.

He has been a member of Unity Lodge since 1963. He joined the Valley of Rochester in 1963 when he also joined Damascus Temple. He served as the Illustrious Potentate in 1981 and 1990; Treasurer from 1986-1989 and Recorder from 1991-1995. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Shriners Hospitals for Children from 1983-1989. He also found time to be the Chairman of the local Shrine Circus from 1980-1996. He is an Honorary Member of 190 Shrine Temples in North America. He was elected an Emeritus Member of the Im-



perial Council of the Shrine of North America in 1997.

In the Scottish Rite, he brought his financial expertise to the Valley and served as the Chairman of the Valley's Endowment Fund for over 20 years. His expertise has allowed the Valley funds to grow to a point where it can now provide substantial financial support for the Frank and Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children, our local school that teaches children with Dyslexia to read, at no cost to their families. He currently serves the Valley of Rochester as a *Trustee Emeritus* and is still active in advising and counseling regarding the Valley's investment portfolio.

Congratulations to this Distinguished Brother on being named the 2007-2008 Class Sponsor for the Valley of Rochester, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. "

## Thomas Jackson Award®

The Valley of Rochester, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, invites you to submit nominations for those who may be eligible for this unique award. This is a special presentation that incorporates the following requirements:

- This is an award that may be given to either a man or woman
- Male recipients may not necessarily be Members of the Craft
- This is to recognize individuals who have taken the message of Freemasonry and transformed it into an educational inspiration at a state, regional or national level
- These "messages and inspirations" are to be considered to be above and beyond normal con-

versation to generate a high impact on society

Nominations for this award may be submitted by any Scottish Rite Mason and must be received at the Scottish Rite Office by January 1, 2008. A committee of five members, Chaired by the Deputy's Representative Ill. Stephen R. Whittaker, 33°, will review and evaluate applications prior to the April 4th and 5th event in 2008. All letters of recommendation are to be submitted without the applicant's knowledge.

Please mark your calendar for the April 4th and 5th, 2008 "College of Freemasonry" event whose theme is "Freemasonry in Today's Society." "





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# York Rite NEWS

York Rite College  
Judas Maccabeus

## District Deputy Grand High Priest

24th  
District  
RAM



R. E. Ted Powley  
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Companions, we're finally underway again. Welcome to our two newest Companions - Andy Richardson and John Krest. They are members of Palmyra Eagle Chapter. We enjoyed getting to know them over the Summer and in October while they received their Chapter Degrees at Raymond's Pond Campground and the Masonic Hall in LeRoy.

In October, Wayne Chapter's meeting was sidetracked by a power outage in the Village from 4 p.m. until 10 p.m. With digital telephone service and Internet knocked out of service, it was difficult to communicate what was going on. Local Companions were not receiving mes-

sages being left as messages. Companions from other Chapters came to visit. Turned out as an opportunity lost for Wayne Chapter. Newark Chapter and Palmyra Eagle Chapter had their trials at their first meetings, too.

November has gone better. Grand King Griffith Jones visited the District on November 12th. After a fine dinner prepared by Newark Chapter, Chapter was opened and the Grand King introduced himself and explained his desires for Grand Chapter in the years to come. We also recognized our Veterans as it was Veterans Day.

It is time for my replacement and an AGL to be chosen by the District and nominated to Grand Chapter. Details and tickets for Grand Chapter on March 7th and 8th, have arrived. We will again be headquartered at the Holiday Inn, Wolf Road in Albany. I have been assigned to gather hotel reservations from you and send them as a packet to the hotel by January 28th. I hope not only you, but your lady can attend Grand Chapter this year.

My Lady, Marilyn, and I wish you and your families a most Happy and Joyous Holiday Season.

## District Deputy Grand Master 8th Cryptic District



R. Ill. Ruel R. Lovett  
(585) 494-2546  
or 880-4076

V. E. Norman Austin and I enjoyed an Official Visit to Skoi Yase Council in Geneva on October 15th. We spent time going over the paperwork, which must be completed. With several Companions in attendance, we enjoyed conversations which covered a host of subjects. At times we talked about the business of the evening. We inspected the facility, the paraphernalia and the books. Then it was time for the Communication. It doesn't have to seem like work. It doesn't have to be a drudge. With good friends you can have a great time. Good job, Skoi Yase.

On October 13th, we took part in a RAM Festival in LeRoy. Fourteen new Companions joined us. This was another special day. The Degree work was well done. Congratulations to

all. These are potentially new members of the Council. It's up to you to make that happen. It won't happen by itself. Don't forget to offer Petitions for the Commandery. Let's promote the entire York Rite. We have something to be proud of.

We had a great time at Doric Council on the 17th. The Royal Arch held their Seminar on October 20th. The Knights Templars held their Regional Seminar on October 27th at Attica. These are teaching sessions and should be attended. The Official visit for Bath Council was cancelled and is rescheduled for January 23rd at Savona Lodge. Savona Lodge is located at 52 Church Street. Meeting time will be 7:30 p.m. I hope many of you will attend. Apologies to R. I. John Dudley who was not notified of the cancellation.

On the lighter side, the Inter-Lodge Euchre Tournament was held at Unity Lodge on October 29th. The next tournament will be March 31st at Hesperus Lodge in Bergen at 7:30 p.m. If you play Euchre, you might want to attend one of these tournaments. They are played on the 5th Mondays, except when a holiday interferes. Bring your partner. Prizes and snacks are provided.

We had our Official Visit to Palmyra Council on November

1st. We were treated to a delicious dinner and great conversations at the Yellow Mills Restaurant on Route 31. If you are in the Palmyra/Macedon area, stop in. You'll enjoy it. We returned in time to inspect the facilities, the books and the paraphernalia.

Then we had a good Communication. M. I. Francis I. Karwowski's message was given. The Grand Master wants us to be patient and persevere in our work with our Councils. If we can save a Council and keep it going, there will be a place of "Light" in that area. Hopefully, we can keep a Council in every area in the State. It is a terrible loss each time a Council closes its doors. The 8th Cryptic District must work together as a team to assure that we keep all of our Councils.

Congratulations to Palmyra Council Members. You have a strong Council. You have another Candidate and possibly two. Keep up the good work.

### Official Visits

We have an Official Visit at Bath Council on January 23rd, 2008, at 7:30 p.m.

We don't have a Traveling Gavel or anything like that, but I am absolutely sure that you will enjoy any visits you attend. We have a great District.

## Palmyra/Eagle Chapter No. 79

1st Monday, 7:30 p.m.



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The last Convocation was held on Monday, November 5th, at the Temple. We welcomed one of our newest Companions, John Krest, who also filled in as Scribe for the evening.

It was discussed and decided that we would put on our own Degrees with or without Candidates, thereby trying to improve our Ritual work. We must also come up with a Slate of Officers, as next month is our Annual Convocation with the Election and Installation of Officers. This will be a Summoned Convocation and will be held at the Temple on December 3rd at 7:30 p.m. Until then, Companions, may the Great Architect of the Universe watch over you and yours.

## Palmyra Council No. 26

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The last Assembly of Palmyra Council held on November 1st, was the Official Visit of R. I. Ruel Lovett, DDGM for the 8th

Cryptic District. V. I. Norman Austin, AGL for the 8th Cryptic District, accompanied him. Dinner at Yellow Mills Diner preceded the Assembly and was enjoyed by all.

After a short business meeting, R. I. Lovett was escorted into the Council and to the East, accorded Grand Honors and presented the gavel of authority. He made a few brief remarks and presented the Grand Master's message. He then thanked the Council for the courtesies of the evening and Council was closed.

The next Assembly will be held at the Temple on December 6th at 8 p.m. Until then, may the Great Architect of the Universe be with you all.

## Cyrene-Monroe Commandery No. 12

Chartered 1993  
3rd Monday

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

By the time you read this article, Thanksgiving has passed and we are amidst the Season of celebration of our Lord's birth into our world. May this blessed Season find you and yours healthy and happy.

### Upcoming Events

On December 17th, Cyrene-Monroe will be hosting its Christmas Toast. This event is open to all. It is a time of celebration of our Savior's birth into this world. It is a time to remember the light and salvation that was brought into our world over 2000 years ago. As Knights Templar, this is one of our most important events during the Templar year. I believe that it is second only to our Eas-

## Sagoyewatha Commandery No. 17, R.T. 3rd Saturday, 9 a.m.



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67 Ontario Street, Phelps NY

Welcome to our three newest Sir Knights - Clayton Ruggles, John Krest and Andy Richardson. They hail from Phelps, Palmyra and Lyons, respectively. We look forward to your participation in our Commandery.

ter Celebration. So please consider attending. It will be held at Northfield Lodge in Pittsford (our regular Commandery location).

We have scheduled a full dinner event to accompany our celebration of Christ's birth. Joy Woodley has agreed to cook a sumptuous dinner for us consisting of Ham and all the trimmings. We will begin the festivities with a social hour (including Christmas music) beginning at 6 p.m., Dinner to follow at 7 p.m. and our Christmas service beginning right after dinner. Reservations can be made directly to me via email: [joeyo11@mac.com](mailto:joeyo11@mac.com) or phone 585-425-9969.

Our January meeting, which will be at Northfield Lodge Hall on January 14th, will be a regular Conclave. I have a program, "The Temple Code" planned for that evening. As always, the Asylum will open at 7:30 p.m.

### Baphomet

The Templars were arrested on October 13, 1307, under charges of heresy. These Charges fell into nine categories:

I thank all Sir Knights who participated in the Orders conferred on November 9th in Hornell. It was a long day, but the work was excellent and all the Commanderies participated together in all the Orders. Fine examples of teamwork to make twelve new Sir Knights!

### Christmas Party

Our December Conclave will be our Annual Christmas Observance on Saturday, December 15th, at 10 a.m. in Phelps. This program is open to all Sir Knights, family members and friends. This is an opportunity to celebrate our Christian heritage and the wonders of the Christmas Season. How good it is to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

1. That during the reception of ceremony, new Brothers were required to deny Christ, God, the Virgin on the command of those receiving them.
2. That the Brothers committed various sacrilegious acts either on the cross or on an image of Christ.
3. That the receptors practiced obscene kisses on new entrants, on the mouth, navel or buttocks.
4. That the priests of the Order did not consecrate the host, and that Brothers did not believe in the sacraments.
5. That the Brothers practiced idol worship of a cat or a head.
6. That the Brothers encouraged and permitted the practice of sodomy.
7. That the Grand Master, or other officials, absolved the Templars from their sins.
8. That the Templars held their reception ceremonies and chapter meetings in secret and at night.
9. That the Templars abused the duties of charity and hospitality and used illegal means to acquire and increase their wealth.

SK and Rev. Charles Roberts will give the Christmas message. Light refreshments will be served following the observance.

For those who enjoy breakfast together at the Blue Ribbon Restaurant, you can come a little later than usual, 8:30 a.m. is good. For those traveling to Phelps, we will have coffee and donuts waiting for you when you arrive.

### Sickness and Distress

Please keep Ladies Mary Lou Jones and Shirley Wells in your thoughts and prayers as they recuperate.

Lady Marilyn and I wish all Sir Knights and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Come join us on December 15th!

It is important to note that nowhere among these charges is found the work Baphomet.

According to the transcripts of the actual trial, the references to Baphomet are few.

Important to this examination is the charges under number 5 above: That the Brothers practiced idol worship of a cat or a head.

The explanation of the cat worship accusation can be explained by the belief in Medieval times that those who the church wanted to label as heretics were accused of using a witch's familiar. Essentially, a witch's familiar was, according to 12th century belief, the devil in animal form, usually a cat or goat. It was said that the devil would appear at the black masses of the witch's, which were held at midnight, and thus we gain some of the motivation behind accusation number eight - That the Templars held their meetings in secret and at night.





# Order of the Eastern Star

## Monroe District OES HiLights



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By Rt. Wthy. Diane Dobbertin

Hello from your new District Deputy Grand Matron, Rt. Wthy. Diane Dobbertin and District Grand Lecturer, Rt. Wthy. Tom Richenderfer, and companion Grand Officer, Rt. Wthy. Faythe Mattern, Grand Chaplain.

### District Banquet

We were officially welcomed at the Monroe District Banquet on November 8th at Rick's Prime Rib House. Rt. Wthy. Sylvia Wolfe, Junior Past DDGM, and Rt. Wthy. William Mattern, Junior Past DGL, conducted the ceremony of presenting Deputy pins while Grand Representative of Arizona, Rt. Wthy. Janice Smith, and 72 members and friends participated.

Following dinner, we were entertained by Mary Johnson and Shari Abbey, (daughters of Rt. Wthy. Vicki Gross) who sang our new Grand Matron's hymn, *Climb Every Mountain*. Thank you very much, ladies.

### District Project

The District Project for 2008 is RAIHN - Rochester Area Interfaith Housing Network. RAIHN administers to homeless families by temporarily giving them shelter through several participating churches. These "families" might be a single Mom or Dad with kids, a single man or a family with children. The adults must seek employment and housing; when they do find a home and job, RAIHN then releases them from the program.

The Office for RAIHN is on Meigs Street. When I first went to the Director and asked what we as Eastern Star Members could do for RAIHN, she told me it would mean so much if we could supply paper goods of all kinds and/or cleaning supplies for the families as they begin their "new life." I am asking each Chapter to donate the above items each month. Rt. Wthy. Tom and I will deliver the items to the Headquarters where they will be distributed as needed. Your Line Officers could bring the bags/buckets to each monthly Line Officers Meeting. Will you help? Thank you in advance!

### Sickness and Distress

Noticeably absent from the Banquet was Most Worthy Wanda V. Williams. A rapid-growing cyst was found on her eye and she underwent surgery on November 8th. She is recovering and she and David resumed their delayed trip to their home in Florida. We missed you, Wanda, and send you on your way with love, best wishes and a lot of prayers.

Rt. Wthy. Jean Howlett is sporting a cast on her left hand (watch out she can use it!!!) Jean fell and looked like a raccoon for awhile. She never broke her glasses or any other bones.

Rt. Wthy. Nancy Venette fell coming out of church(?) and really scraped her face - got her nose, mouth and chin, BUT no

broken bones! You've gotta be careful when descending the steps at church!

Wthy. Marilyn Israel has recovered very nicely from her recent major surgery. She was at the Banquet and looked just fine!

Our prayers and best wishes are sent to all of you.

### Congratulations!

Dedicated Service Awards were presented to Merline Bueg and Marcia Morrison of Lilac Star Chapter; Sheryl Ashworth of Mary Jane Holmes Chapter; Hazel Johnson of Leah Chapter and Marilyn Wise of Starlight Chapter. God Bless you all for your dedication to our Order.

### Grand Matron's Project

This year our Most Worthy Grand Matron's special project is the Arthritis Foundation. She has asked the District Deputy and District Grand Lecturer to display a pin denoting the Foundation. They are readily available from either the DDGM or DGL for a donation of \$5. Let's all put our dollars together and make a real big donation to Most Worthy Jodelle Fletcher's special project. Thanks to each of you.

### Line Officers Meetings

Line Officers will meet the First Saturday of the month at the United Church of Pittsford, 123 South Main Street, Pittsford, convening at 9 a.m.

Following our first meeting on January 5th, Line Officers will be treated to a lunch. Plan to stay, OK?

### School of Instruction

The February 2nd meeting will be a District School of Instruction at Fairport Masonic Hall on Main Street. The School of Instruction is conducted for ALL Eastern Star Members - especially ALL Officers (not just Line Officers). Please plan on



Congratulations, Rt. Wthy. Sylvia Wolfe and Rt. Wthy. William Mattern for an outstanding District Project! Representatives of Cameron Community Ministries were present at the Monroe District Banquet to receive a sizeable monetary donation. This completed the efforts of Monroe District's 2007 Project. Shown here (l-r) Karen Deyle, Operations Manager; Kathy Pearce, Executive Director; Rt. Wthy. Sylvia Wolfe and Rt. Wthy. William Mattern.

attending because there are some new instructions for 2008 and many questions can be answered.

### Note These Dates

March 1st - Line Officers at United Church of Pittsford

April 12th - (Note the date change) Line Officers at United Church of Pittsford

May 3rd - West-East Luncheon

May 31st - Grand Matron's Official Visit to Monroe District This will be a luncheon and meeting at Rick's Prime Rib House on Buffalo Road. We are planning to have a Continental Breakfast at 10 a.m., entertainment at 11:30 a.m., eat at Noon followed by a meeting at 1:30 p.m.

June 14th - (Note the date change) Line Officers at United Church of Pittsford.

June 21st - District Fun Nite

July (Date TBA) - Lilac Luncheon in Oriskany. Because of the celebration of the 100th Birthday of the Eastern Star

Home in Oriskany, we have to change the usual date.

August - Annual Chicken Bar-B-Que and the Monroe District Picnic

September 6th - Line Officers at United Church of Pittsford

October 4th - Line Officers at United Church of Pittsford

October 5th - Homecomings at Webster Lodge at 3 p.m.

October 27th-29th - Grand Sessions at Saratoga Springs

November 1st - East-West Luncheon

In December you are on your own! Of course, there will be the District Christmas Party on December 7th. And there goes the year! Now the work begins! Thank you for the anticipated support!

Monroe District is a busy District and with all your help and encouragement we'll do our best to have a great year.

'Til next time - Be Wise in All You Say and Do and Achieve Your Childhood Dreams. ✕

## Cyrene-Monroe

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Since this accusation of worshipping a cat, as a witch's familiar is a standard accusation of heresy during the time of the Templars trial, we can be certain that there is little value in suggesting that the cat was the Baphomet enigma.

This leaves us with that portion of the accusation, which claims that the Templars worshipped an idol that was a head. Theories on this "idol" are many. One theory is that it was the severed mummified head of John the Baptist. This seems plausible due to the fact that trading in religious relics was plentiful during the crusades. Another theory is that it was based on the Shroud of Turin. Given that the Templars were actively involved in the sac of Constantinople in 1204, this could seem plausible. When the shroud is folded, it will depict the head of bearded man, which fits the description of the bearded head to be the object of Templar devotions.

While both of the above theories have supporters and detractors, no trace of any such relic

was found when the Templars were arrested throughout France and beyond. In fact, the only item found was a gilded head. This gilded head was the image of a woman, and may well be a representation of the Virgin Mary, to whom the Templar preceptories and churches were dedicated.

The most plausible explanation, according to Stephen Defoe, of the word Baphomet is that it is either Old French for a corruption of the name Mohammed or that it is a corruption of the Arabic, Abufihmat, which means Father of Understanding or Father of Wisdom. According to Webster's Revised Unabridged Dictionary: "A corruption of Mohamet or Mohammed, the Arabian prophet; an idol or symbolical figure which the Knights Templar were accused of using in their mysterious rites." It was true that the Templars fought along side (and against) Moslems during their time during the Crusades, and that some believed that they adopted some Islamic beliefs. However, the problem with this, according to some scholars, is that anyone familiar with Islam knows that as a religion Islam forbids all forms of idolatry.

As to it being a corruption of the Arabic word Abufihmat - meaning the Father of Understanding or Father of Wisdom, think about this. It cannot be argued that many Templars spoke Arabic, for this was necessary in order to deal with their enemies and to survive in the communities in which they had business dealings. Perhaps the Templars adapted this common Arabic word as a name for King Solomon, who's Temple was the basis of their (our) name. Additionally, Dr. Hugh Schonfield, whose work on the Dead Sea Scrolls developed one of the more interesting theories. He studied a Jewish cipher called the Atbash, which was used on some of the scrolls, claimed that when one applied the cipher to the word Baphomet, it transposed into the Greek word Sophia, which means knowledge.

I tend to lean towards the theories around Wisdom and/or Knowledge. What a tie to Masonry. Anyway, something to think about.

**Note:** This article was taken from Stephen A. Defoe, and Webster's Unabridged Dictionary took this article on Baphomet from excerpts of "The Baphomet Enigma." ✕

## Rochester Forest

No. 133

Tall Cedars

of Lebanon

of North America

4th Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

Penfield, NY 14526

Donald W. Wright, GTC

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Donald C. Bell, Scribe

334-7768

By Don Brugger

Due to multiple conflicts and contrary to the November articles presumptions, our Degrees were not exemplified at our October meeting. Unfortunately we will have to delay the Degrees until next year. We remind the Woodsmen that any prospective member can be obligated in Short Form at a regular meeting. This could be done as early as the January meeting.

The reading of reports and Election of Officers occurred at the Annual Meeting in November. The Nominating Committee put forth the following slate of Officers at the October meeting: Grand Tall Cedar, George Springett; Senior Deputy Grand Tall Cedar, Cy White; Junior Deputy Grand Tall Cedar, Ted Powley; Scribe, Don Bell; and Treasurer, John Zabel. Hope-

fully this slate was unanimously elected and will be installed at our January 2008 meeting. The incoming GTC will announce his appointments at that time.

### Coming Up

The December Holiday Party will be held at Golden Ponds Restaurant on Saturday, December 1st. I will have details in next month's column.

### Sickness and Distress

Bob Zabel had a short stay in the hospital to stabilize his blood sugar and therapy to strengthen his legs. I am sure he would appreciate a phone call or card.

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.

### Final Note

We are looking forward to another dynamic and enjoyable Cedar Year with our new GTC, George Springett. George will be letting us in on his plans for the New Year at his Installation in January. We encourage all Woodsmen to join us in supporting our new Grand Tall at his Installation and to renew their efforts in securing new members for Rochester Forest.

We wish all Woodsmen, Cedarettes and their families a Happy Holiday Season and a successful and satisfying New Year. ✕



## DeMolay International Legion of Honor Investiture

By Jan Porter

On October 20th, a DeMolay Legion of Honor Investiture Team from around the State, gathered at Wakan-Hubbard Lodge Hall to bestow the White Cordon, Medallion, Patent and Ring of "Honorary Legion of Honor" to three local Masons - Charles M. Roberts, Peter J. VanElzakker and Charles N. Waterstreet, Jr.

The ceremony of sizeable memorized content was indeed impressive and beautiful. Participants included Commander in the East, Craig Henderson, LOH; Commander in the West, Stephen Whittaker, LOH; Commander in the South, Charles Hancock, LOH; Grand Marshal, Gary Burke, LOH; Grand Chaplain, Michael Staub, HLOH; Herald, Christopher Roberts (State Master Councilor of New York DeMolay).

Preceptors were Paul Gleason, Jr., HLOH; Keith Rung, LOH; Mark Alvarado, LOH; Kenneth Rhodes, HLOH; Roy E. VanDerlinder, LOH; Frank Rice, LOH; and James Baker.

The honorees were recognized for their contributions and were well-deserved for this honor. Congratulations, Chuck, Jack and Skip; a job well done!

### What is This Honor?

The Legion of Honor is the highest honor conferred by the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay. It is awarded in recognition of outstanding adult leadership in some field of endeavor that serves God, country or humanity.



Gary Burke presenting Patents to the new Honorary Legion of Honor members.

The Active Legion of Honor (LOH) is awarded to a Senior DeMolay over 25 years of age. The Honorary Legion of Honor (HLOH) is awarded to a Master Mason who has not been a DeMolay, for outstanding adult leadership and service to humanity. A Red Cordon distinguishes an Active Legionnaire; a White Cordon distinguishes an Honorary Legionnaire.

As the Greeks of old crowned the winner in the Olympics with a Wreath of Laurel as commendation for splendid development in every phase of life; so the Order of DeMolay, through the Legion of Honor, seeks to commend and encourage those who, not having completed the race, nonetheless have made an auspicious start, with paramount thought of spurring them on to still greater achievement.

A Reception, with tasty refreshments, followed the ceremony.

## Wanna Try Bowling Again?

After all those intervening years, do I really want to try to pick up that old ball, dust off the shoes and head out to the Lanes for an afternoon a week? Seems like a lot of effort for a Masonic Senior, right?

I have to tell you there is a small bunch of us diehards who've said yeah, let's give it a try. It's a daylight activity and can be more fun than a walk around the Mall or on a treadmill at the Community Center or in the Recreation Room at home. We are the featured players on Tuesdays, around 1 p.m., at Rose Garden Lanes in Bergen. No one else is around except for us dozen or so Brothers who show up weekly to torment Brother Tom Sardou who owns the place; his trusty sidekick and Chef Harris, who is also Chief Cook at the Viking Valhalla and technical support on the Lanes when Tom isn't there. Then, there's "Barbie," our hot young bartender, who sees to it that a couple of large pots of coffee are all she needs to keep the senior crowd happy.

We've recently been joined by Jim "DJ" Dimitrius Mastelenis from Olive Branch Lodge in LeRoy. He's typically seen doing his volunteer duties at the Batavia VA. He's been elected

## LET'S GO BOWLING

By Jay McCullough

on several occasions as the Genesee County American Legion Commander as well and has been heartily welcomed to our midst. He enjoys reading his copy of the *Masonic Times* each month and keeping up with the happenings in Masonry in the Greater Western New York community.

Then we have those stalwarts Derek "Boom Boom" (sometimes one boom is all he musters) VanHouten and that steady Warhorse, John Matern. He threatens to bring his wife, Rosemary, to show us up but we recently took the wind out of his sails when we told him he should, that women are welcome to join us on the lanes. John has a very colorful ball and he finds it hard to locate the thumbhole when attempting to remove it from the rack to commence bowling. We've learned to be patient with his efforts realizing there but for the grace of the bowling gods go we, before too long!

We feature a 5-Pin Special. The one who leaves the most 5-pins, coupled with how many

times they missed it, gets a Golden King Pin to keep as a trophy for the year's efforts. John Specht is perplexed when he sees one missed because he has not done so in the past few years, even with his eyes closed.

Paul Reak is due back on the lanes soon. He's had a prolonged season at his retirement job on the golf course at Terry Hills because of the great weather that really wasn't Fall-like at all. And Ron Starkweather's job has kept him at the grindstone longer as well. We'll be looking forward to their appearances along with Dick Kessler, who's becoming healthier and more able with each passing month. Dick Howard enjoys the afternoon bowling activity as well as anyone and can post some awesome scores. He dearly loves a "messy strike" so constantly aims for them. There are some others who merit column consideration but we'll leave them until another time. There is one exception: Reuel Lovett has taken to the lanes again after a leg healing process that now allows him to play golf and bowl. He was the founder of this league along with John Specht, so we're glad to see him return to the game.

Come join us if and when you can. Even if it's only to be a spectator. Call Dave Liles at 343-9268 or Jay McCullough at 352-1061 with questions.

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The Honorees are all smiles (l-r) Charles Roberts, Peter "Jack" VanElzakker and Charles "Skip" Waterstreet, Jr.



The Legion of Honor Investiture was conducted by this handsome, talented group of participants flanking the Honorees.

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### Masonic Care Community Personnel pay visit to Jordan Lodge No. 386

On October 19th, Ira Cooperman, Director of Philanthropy, and Angie Caiola, Director of Community Relations for the Masonic Care Community, traveled to Jordan Lodge No. 386 (in Jordan, NY) to be guest speakers at the Lodge's Annual Recognition Dinner and 151st Anniversary. Years of Service Awards were given to several of the members by Worshipful Master Daniel Holden. The ceremony

was very emotional as John "Jack" G. Horner was given his 35-year Pin, along with his three sons (Jeffrey, Joel and John III), each of whom received their 5-year Pin. After the Awards Ceremony, Ira and Angie gave a presentation about the Masonic Care Community, which was enjoyed by everyone. As a result of their presentation, a future bus trip to Utica is being considered by the Lodge. ✽



Front row (left to right) Joel Horner, Past Master Jack Horner, John Horner III and Jeffrey Horner. Back row Past Master Joe Maslak, Allen Webster (20-year Pin), Master Daniel Holden and Past Grand Steward, John Ehrlich (20-year Pin).

### Did You Know That?

- Each District Deputy Grand Master shall be well skilled in the Standard Work of the three Degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry and in the custom and usages of the Craft. He shall be a Master or Past Master and a member in good standing of some Lodge in the District for which he is appointed and shall receive a Warrant of his appointment, signed by the Grand Master and attested by the Grand Secretary. Const. Sec. 120
- A District Deputy takes office immediately upon his appointment by the Grand Master and, at such time, is fully vested with the powers and subject to the obligations of his Office. HBML Supp. §308.
- It is not the duty of the Dis-

- trict Deputy Grand Master to give or procure professional advice for Lodges in his District, or for members thereof, as to the effect of secular laws upon their actions or business dealings and he should decline to interfere in such matters officially. Professional advice must be obtained through private counsel. HBML §319.
- It is the right of the District Deputy Grand Master to visit Lodges in his District at any and all times. HBML §319.
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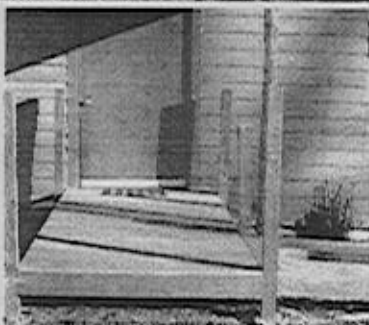
### CAMP DEMOLAY PROJECT



Ralph Jurgens inspects posts installed for access ramp.

Continuing improvements to the facilities at Camp DeMolay include a handicap access ramp, which is being constructed at the West-side entrance of Anderson Lodge. This will help bring the Camp in compliance with the American Disabilities Act, and is part of the report, *Increasing the Utilization of Camp DeMolay*.

Students of the SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, under the direction of Supervising Professor, Diane Kuehn, studied the Camp in the



Deck to entrance completed. Spring of 2006 and filed an 18-page report with recommendations for improving facilities and grounds.

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### Taxes! Taxes! Taxes!

By Tom Michielsen

The Holiday Season is fast approaching and everyone is scrambling to get their shopping and wrapping completed. We are attending parties and seeing family for the joyous occasion. May the Season bring happiness, joy and peace to you and your family.

Not reporting or under-reporting business income, including income from construction activities, contributes to the tax gap. The tax gap is the difference between the amount of taxes that should be paid in a given year and the amount actually paid voluntarily and in a timely way. Contractors, subcontractors, as well as individual workers need to be aware of everything that counts as income so they pay their fair share of taxes. They also need to be aware of all deductible expenses so they don't overpay their taxes.

**Income**  
Contractors, subcontractors, and workers must pay taxes on income received for all work, including side jobs and work that is paid for with cash. This includes work in exchange for credit on a bill. It also includes work that is done in exchange for goods or services in a barter exchange. You are required to report your income even if a Form 1099 or a W-2 is not issued to you.

**Expenses**  
Ordinary and necessary business expenses are deductible. An "ordinary" expense is one that is common and accepted in the construction business. A "necessary" expense is one that is helpful and appropriate for the construction business. An expense does not have to be indispensable to be considered necessary.

Common business expenses deductible in the year incurred include: Utilities, car and truck expenses, advertising, employee salaries, trade association dues, rent expense, supplies, continuing education, small tools expected to last one year or less, steel toe work boots and business licenses; expenses for business assets that are expected to last more than a year must be capitalized and depreciated over their useful lives. Examples of assets include: cement mixer, compressor, ladder, other heavy machinery, buildings and real property.

Personal expenses including clothing that can be worn off the job site, fines and penalties, and the non-business use of vehicles or computers cannot be deducted.

Other expenses, including certain meal and entertainment expenses, may be deductible in part or only if certain conditions are met. Additional information

about other expenses is available in Publication 535, *Business Expenses*; Publication 463, *Travel, Entertainment, Gift and Car Expenses*; Publication 946, *How to Depreciate Property*; Publication 334, *Tax Guide for Small Business*, and Publication 587, *Business Use of Your Home*. And further industry information is available in the *Construction Industry - Federal Taxation Curriculum*.

The responsibility to prove entries, deductions, and statements made on your tax returns is known as the burden of proof. You must be able to prove (substantiate) certain elements of expenses to deduct them. Generally, taxpayers meet their burden of proof by having the information and receipts (where needed) for the expenses. You should keep adequate records to prove your expenses or have sufficient evidence that will support your own statement. You generally must have documentary evidence, such as receipts, canceled checks, or bills, to support your expenses. Additional evidence is required for travel, entertainment, gifts and auto expenses.

- Upcoming calendar year taxpayer due dates:
- December 15th - November Payroll Taxes Due and Fourth Quarter Corporate Taxes Due
  - December 20th - September through November Sales Tax Due
  - December 31st - NYS Fourth Quarter Individual Taxes Due

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# In Memoriam

## SEPTEMBER

### Matsic, Leonard W.

Leonard Matsic, 85, a member of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge, went Home to his Lord September 14th. May he find peace in the arms of the Lord.

### Mingoi, Charles S.

On September 14th, Charles Mingoi, 73, passed away. He was a member of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge and had been living in Nevada. Thoughts today, memories forever.

## OCTOBER

### Knierim, George

On October 20th, George Knierim, 86, passed away leaving his Brothers of Northfield Lodge to remember him. He was a dedicated Mason for 62 years. May he find peace with the Great Architect of the Universe.

### Curchin, Harold J.

Harold Curchin, 91, departed for his Heavenly Home October 23rd. He is survived by 2 daughters, a step-daughter, 4 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. He was a long-time member of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge.

### Rounding, John "Wes"

John "Wes" Rounding, 81, passed away October 30th. Wes was a member of the Shrine and Scottish Rite. His wife of 59 years, Patricia; 4 children, 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren survive to remember him. Thoughts today, memories forever.

### Dworkin, William

William Dworkin, 95, went Home to his Lord on October 30th, after a long illness. He is survived by his wife, Betty, 3 children, 2 step-children, 8 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. William was a Past Master of Orpheus Lodge, DDGM of 1st Monroe District (1979) and an active member of Valley-Simes Lodge and Scottish Rite. We are comforted by so many memories.

### Chennells, Franklin E.

On October 31st, Franklin Chennells, 92, passed away and leaves his daughter, 2 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren to remember his life. Franklin was a member of Unity Lodge and an active 75-year member of the Gates Fire District Exempts. You left us with a garden of beautiful memories, sprayed with a million tears.

## NOVEMBER

### Johnson, Glenn E.

On November 11th, Glenn Johnson went to the Celestial Lodge, leaving his wife, Marian; 3 children, 6 grandchildren and many friends to miss him. Glenn was an active member of Oatka Lodge and the Lions Club. He labored hard for those he loved, then left us to remember.

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# Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

## January, 2008

- 9 Joint Masonic Development Course at Eunice Lodge, Caledonia
- 19 iDC at Shrine Center
- 29 School of Ritual at Webster Lodge

## February

- 2, 9, 23 Joint Road to the East at Eunice Lodge, Caledonia (3 sessions)

## March

- 31 School of Ritual at Clio Lodge, Hilton

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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
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