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A Masonic Compact, It's About Time

Theme of College of Freemasonry

By Skip Waterstreet

March 30th and 31st, the meeting and dining rooms of Damascus Shrine Center will provide the backdrop for several distinguished Scholars and Masonic speakers, as the College of Freemasonry holds its 2007 session. The CFM is an annual education program, sponsored by the Valley of Rochester, which targets all members of our community and surrounding areas, Freemasons and non-Masons alike.

Ill.: John W. McNaughton, 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of the

Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America will speak following the Friday Night Social Hour and Dinner for Scottish Rite Masons and their ladies.

Saturday morning's program is scheduled to begin, following Registration and a Continental Breakfast, with a presentation at 9:00 a.m. by Dr. William Cook of the Department of History at the State University of New York at Genesee. Later, Ill.: Richard Curtis, 33°, Editor of *The Northern Light*, magazine of the Northern Masonic

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Gerald R. Ford, Jr., Mason 38th United States President Joins Celestial Lodge

By Kenneth Hutchinson, PM
Grand Historian

Gerald Rudolph Ford was born Leslie Lynch King, Jr., the son of Leslie Lynch King Sr. and Dorothy Ayer Gardner King, on July 14th, 1913, in Omaha, Nebraska. His parents separated two weeks after his birth and his mother took him to Grand Rapids, Michigan, to live with her parents.

On February 1st, 1916, after her divorce, Dorothy King married Gerald R. Ford, a paint salesman. The Fords began calling her son Gerald R. Ford, Jr., although his name was never legally changed until December 3rd, 1935.

Volunteering for the Navy in 1942, he was commissioned a full Lieutenant after completing Gunnery School. He was assigned to the USS *Monterrey*, a light aircraft carrier, nicknamed "Jeep Carrier," as a Fire Control Officer. During a typhoon on December 14th, 1944, several airplanes tore loose from their 3/4" cables, during the height of the storm, crashing against the bulkheads. The flight deck was a mass of flames. The Captain wanted to abandon the ship. Ford said, "No! We can put out the fire." Ford saved the ship. He received ten Battle

Stars during the War in the Pacific. Later, He attained the rank of Lieutenant Commander in the Naval Reserves.

Masonic Information

Gerald R. Ford, Jr., was Initiated in Malta Lodge No. 465 in Grand Rapids, Michigan, on September 30th, 1949. Columbia Lodge No. 3, District of Columbia, conferred the Degrees of Fellowcraft and Master Mason on Brother Ford as a courtesy to Malta Lodge on May 18th, 1951. Brother Ford's father, Gerald R. Sr., a 33rd Degree Mason, presented the Lamb-skin Apron.

Brother Gerald Ford received the Scottish Rite Degrees in the Valley of Grand Rapids in 1957. Brother Ford was made a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33°, and Honorary Member, Supreme Council A.A.S.R. Northern Jurisdiction at the Academy of Music in Philadelphia, on September 26th, 1962, for which he served as Exemplar for his Class. He was also awarded the Grand Cross, by Grand Commander Clausen in 1975. He joined Saladin Shrine Temple in 1959.

Brother and President Ford was unanimously elected an Active Member of the International Supreme Council, Order



of DeMolay and its Honorary Grand Master, at its Annual Session held at Orlando, Florida, in April, 1975; Brother Ford held this post until January 1977, at which time he became a Past Honorary Grand Master, receiving his Collar and Jewel on October 24th, 1978 in Topeka, Kansas, from the Hon. Thomas C. Raum, Jr., Grand Master, Order of DeMolay.

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Ooops!

It was brought to my attention that the photograph of the Editor of *The Northern Light* was incorrectly captioned in the January issue. How that hap-



Richard FLETCHER



Richard CURTIS

pened shall remain a closely guarded trade secret. However, to be fair to the Illustrious Richard CURTIS, 33°, whose picture I published, and to reveal the REAL Richard FLETCHER, PGM VT, whose picture I had some difficulty locating, both

are published here. Grand Master Fletcher has a sense of humor and took the error in stride when I called to apologize and request a photo I could use this month. I look forward to meeting him next month.

Skip Waterstreet, Editor

Have-a-Heart Campaign is on NOW!

The Annual Benefit for the Rochester Ronald McDonald Houses begins Thursday, February 1st at Eastview Mall, The Mall at Greece Ridge Center and Marketplace Mall. Masons have been conducting this fundraiser, under the direction of the Masters and Wardens Association, since the concept of the House was put on the table and have added \$200,000 to the coffers thanks to the generosity of shoppers and friends who have contributed to the Have-a-Heart Campaign over the

years. It is another event used to bring Masonry to the forefront, letting people know who we are and what we are about.

Great exposure is obtained, as the booths attract interest in the project, which sometimes leads to questions about Masonry and the potential of some new members.

Many organizations participate, but some are unable to provide as many people as they would like to help lighten the load on everyone. If you have extra time, or if you haven't

signed up yet, contact your organization Officers to see when your group is scheduled. Then sign up! If you can't participate then, call George Foehner, Senior Warden of Union Star Lodge, who is the Chairman of this year's Campaign, at 586-5255. He is sure to be able to provide you with some information. You could probably walk up to the booth on any given day, introduce yourself to the crew and ask if they would like some help. You probably won't be turned away.

The photographs accompanying this article are from the website for the local facilities. The Family Room and Play Deck are located within Strong Memorial Hospital near the Golisano Children's Hospital. The Library and Entertainment Center viewing area, are in the House on Westmoreland Drive. Help support this event with your time and money, which will help continue the success of the program.



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♥ HAVE-A-HEART ♥
February 1-14, 2007

Eastview • Marketplace

The Mall at Greece Ridge Center

"Stop and say, 'Hello;' helping our children never goes out of style."

Damascus News - See Page 11



Editor's Corner

The New Year has brought some situations to light, which I thought had been covered in previous issues.

The Masonic Times is a service provided the Masonic family in and around Monroe District. When I became the Editor, I also became involved in the business end of the paper.

Rate Background

The decline in membership due to deaths, NPDs and dimitts caused a decline in subscription income. As small personally-owned businesses gave way to national chains or corporations, advertising dollars also fell.

With increases in postage taking a large bite, the cost of newsprint going up and last year we were hit with what amounted to "fuel surcharges" for paper stock delivery, I deemed it necessary that we increase the subscription rate, and I did...a very hefty 60%.

Subscription Background I don't think anything I said so far is information you generally have not known, but the question came up, "Does my Concordant Body membership require an \$8.00 subscription as well?"

What we are saying, in the case of the Consistory, Shrine, York Rite Bodies, Eastern Star Chapters, Grotto, Masonic War Veterans (did I miss anyone?), is you pay \$8.00 for a member who may reside outside our area and not subscribe in another fashion, and pay \$2.00 for those who are already receiving the Masonic Times through another group.

Publication Privileges

For allowing us to maintain the complete Masonic affiliations of all your members, we will allow your organization to publish material about your meetings, events, happenings and activities. So yes, if you belong to all of the above, your annual rate is \$16 per year, but you should be receiving information from NINE different organizations, TEN times a year.

Did I raise more questions than provide answers? Give me a call.

Mailing List

The second issue I need to address, is our mailing list. For nearly a year, we have worked on compiling an accurate listing of Masons and Widows, members of the Order of the Eastern Star, Valley of Rochester and Shriners. With Barbara's retirement, no one was going to be familiar enough with the sixteen-year-old DOS Database to begin to use it, and I wasn't about to learn that outdated technology.

After an intense four-month purge, we had the list whittled down to under 7,000 names. Now the issue was mailed, and we learned that over 200 deceased Brothers or their Widows or other affiliates received copies. (I forgot about one more step I could have taken to eliminate those names!)

Update Responsibilities The Secretaries of all the organizations involved have been asked to really go over their roster this year. It has been an enormous undertaking on their part. While this is supposed to be done annually anyway, we know that it wasn't always kept up the way it should be.

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By James Ghent, President

I trust you all enjoyed the Holidays. I'd like to share something I received over the Holidays with you ...

Several years ago at the Special Olympics, nine contestants, all physically or mentally disabled, assembled at the starting line for the 100-Yard Dash.

All, that is, except one little boy who stumbled on the asphalt, tumbled over a couple of times and began to cry. The other eight heard the boy cry.

One girl, with Down Syndrome, bent down and kissed him and said, "This will make it better." Then all nine linked arms and walked together to the finish line.

People who were there are still telling the story. Why? Because deep down we know this one thing - What matters in this life is more than winning

When Grand Lodge is notified of a dimit, death, NPD, address change or whatever, we need to know it, too. We get several requests annually from grandchildren or great-grandchildren searching for information on Masons in this area fifty or one hundred years ago.

You Can Help

Alert us as soon as possible of a change of address. We pay the Postal Service to provide us with the new information, but your organization is billed back the 75¢ (current rate) we get charged. Help us save money.

We have learned that Executors of Estates or Family Members ask the Postal Service to forward mail, following a death or move to a care facility. We are dutifully notified of the change and, not knowing any better, we send the next issue to the new address. Unless, or until, we are asked to stop sending the paper, we don't drop names from our mailing.

Now that you know all this, if you aren't receiving informa-

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Please Note: To make changes of incorrect phone numbers or titles, or to add names and numbers, please send an email to bmasonic@rochester.rr.com, or call the Masonic Times, 671-9730. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., Monday-Friday.

for ourselves. What matters in this life is helping others win, even if it means slowing down and changing our course.

Life's experience teaches us many important lessons if we just keep our minds open to ALL! Source: Unknown

tion on your Lodge, Chapter or other Body, contact the head honcho or Secretary and ask why!!! YOU are Entitled! Or, you can volunteer to be the writer and submit material for publication each month.

Masonic Service Bureau

ALL local Bodies are "members" of the Masonic Service Bureau. Each of them is entitled to a Service Bureau Representative. There is a monthly Board of Directors' meeting the second Wednesday of each month (except July and August), to which the Representatives are invited, as is the general public.

Feel free to call the office for information you might need, that we are able to provide. "Service" is our middle name. Lastly, my Associate Editor, Dave King, will have surgery on January 29th. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery. We need him back on the job. Thanks for reading.

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Scholarship Applications Available!

The Masonic Service Bureau's Scholarship Committee announces that applications for the 2007 Scholarship Award Program are now available - on a one-time basis!

- All applicants must either belong to a Masonic Youth Organization or be sponsored by a Member of a Masonic Lodge or Related Body.
- Must be a High School Senior who has been accepted for 2007 enrollment at an accredited college OR a Student who is currently attending an accredited college on a full-time basis.

Applications may be obtained from the Masonic Service Bureau; 979 Bay Road; Webster, NY 14580; email: bmasonic@rochester.rr.com or call 671-9730.

All Applications must be completed and postmarked no later than Midnight, March 31, 2007.

Scholarships/Grants

The approval of the 2007 Budget by the Board of Directors of the Masonic Service Bureau means funds have been allocated for our Scholastic Assistance Program and our Grants to Charitable Organizations.

Details of both are in the boxed articles. Interested students have two months to return the required support documents and the completed application, which may be obtained from Lodge or Organization Secretaries or by calling the Masonic Service Bureau, to Beverly VanHuben, Committee Chair.

Suggestions are always welcome for our Grant program. If you have knowledge of a Charity worthy of our consideration, please inform them or us, so we can follow up. Again, the deadline is March 31st*

Charity Grants

Each year the Masonic Service Bureau offers Grants to area Charities for the use of their actual charity mission and objectives.

Application is made by the Charity writing a request letter that outlines their purpose, other sources of funding, including a financial report, and the project/activity to which the funds would be applied.

If you have a Charity of choice for whom you wish such consideration should be made, either contact them directly with this information, or contact the Masonic Service Bureau via email: bmasonic@rochester.rr.com or call 671-9730 and we will send the information to the charity.

Applications must be postmarked no later than Midnight, March 31, 2007.

MMRL Scientists Discover New Genes Responsible for Sudden Cardiac Arrest

Scientists at the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL) have uncovered a new genetic basis for abnormal rhythms of the heart responsible for sudden cardiac arrest.

The landmark discovery is reported in the current issue of *Circulation*, the leading Cardiology journal published by the American Heart Association (AHA). Dr. Charles Antzelevitch and a team of investigators and collaborators from Canada, Germany, France and Italy describe a new clinical entity characterized by distinctive changes in the electrocardiogram (ECG) in three families with a history of sudden cardiac death. Affected family members were all found to have mutations in the genes that encode the cardiac calcium channels. These channels permit the flow of calcium ion in and out of cells in the heart. The defective genes called CACNA1C and CACNB2b were found to generate a smaller than normal electrical current and thus to be responsible for creating an electrical imbalance that results in potentially fatal abnormal heart rhythms, known as cardiac arrhythmias.

Although the heart is a mechanical pump, each and every beat is initiated by electrical activity that originates in the upper part of the heart called the sinus node and is transmitted in a very orderly fashion through the remainder of the heart. The electrical current is due to the movement of ions such as sodium, potassium and calcium across the cell membrane. Defects in the function of the channels that permit these various ions to move in and out of the cardiac cell leads to an electrical

imbalance that can disrupt the normal distribution of the electrical charge throughout the heart, resulting in abnormal rhythms. Some arrhythmias are benign, such as premature beats, and others are deadly, including ventricular tachycardia and fibrillation. The ECG, which records the electrical activity of the heart from electrodes placed on the body surface, can be used to detect these rhythm disturbances. The ECG is normally comprised of a P wave, reflecting the activation of the upper chambers of the heart (atria), a QRS wave denoting the activation of the lower chambers of the heart (ventricles) and a T wave, which is inscribed as a result of the repolarization associated with relaxation of the heart. The interval between the QRS and T waves (QT interval) normally ranges between 360 and 460 milliseconds and the ST segment of the normal ECG is isoelectric (neither elevated or depressed).

The new clinical entity is a combination of two distinct sudden death syndromes known as the Brugada and Short QT syndromes. The Brugada syndrome is characterized by an elevation of the ST segment in the ECG and the short QT syndrome distinguished by a briefer than normal QT interval (less than or equal to 360 milliseconds). These syndromes have previously been shown to be due to defects in genes that control the flow of sodium and potassium ions across the membrane of the cardiac cell. Antzelevitch, who serves as Executive Director and Director of Research of the MMRL, and his colleagues at the MMRL were

the first to identify the KCNH2 gene responsible for the Short QT syndrome and together with colleagues at Baylor College of Medicine were the first to describe the SCN5A gene responsible for the Brugada syndrome. Each syndrome is capable of independently producing sudden cardiac arrest. The new clinical entity, by combining the two malfunctioning electrical features, presents a situation of double jeopardy.

Antzelevitch, the leading investigator in the new study, recently presented preliminary results of the research at the late-breaking abstract session at the annual scientific sessions of the AHA. Dr. Guido Pollevick, acting head of the Molecular Genetics program at the MMRL, presented a poster at the AHA meeting regarding additional aspects of this new clinical entity.

According to Antzelevitch "our ability to link calcium channel loss of function mutations to sudden cardiac death opens exciting new avenues for better diagnosis and treatment of inherited sudden death syndromes that affect young adults, children and infants." Scientists at the MMRL, in collaboration with colleagues in Italy, were the first to identify the genetic defect responsible for Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, linking SIDS to a malignant cardiac arrhythmia.

Dr. Jonathan Cordeiro, a research scientist involved with assessing the effects of the mutated genes on electrical function, thought that "in time many more mutations will be found to

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Veterans Memorial Park Established in Livonia

Named for Congressional Medal of Honor recipient, Forrest T. Vosler

Information supplied by Jim Slocum

The Village of Livonia invites the public to be part of the Forrest T. Vosler Veterans Memorial Park. Located at 45 Big Tree Street, the highlight of the Memorial will be the inscribed pavers placed around a plaque honoring Mr. Vosler. The Memorial will also recognize other Veterans whose families and friends are part of the community. The pavers may be purchased for \$25, which will include an inscription containing the honoree's name, branch of service and date(s) served. Donations are also being accepted to help cover the costs of park enhancements. Any donation of \$200 or more will include an inscribed paver. Make checks payable to the Village of Livonia and mail to: Village of Livonia, 36 Commercial St, PO Box 161, Livonia, NY 14487-0161. Please indicate "for Memorial Park" in the memo line.

Technical Sergeant Forrest T. Vosler, U.S. Army Air Corps, was a 1941 graduate of Livonia School District. As a member of the 358th Bomber Squadron, 303rd Bomber Group, he distinguished himself in a battle over Bremen, Germany in December, 1943.

His Citation reads: For conspicuous gallantry in action against the enemy above and beyond the call of duty while serving as a radio operator-air gunner on a heavy bombardment aircraft in a mission over Bremen, Germany, on 20 December 1943. After bombing the target, the aircraft in which T/Sgt. Vosler was serving was severely damaged by anti-aircraft fire, forced out of formation, and immediately subjected to repeated vicious attacks by enemy fighters. Early in the engagement a 20-mm. cannon shell exploded in the radio compartment, painfully wounding T/Sgt. Vosler in the legs and

thighs. At about the same time a direct hit on the tail of the ship seriously wounded the tail gunner and rendered the tail guns inoperative. Realizing the great need for firepower in protecting the vulnerable tail of the ship, T/Sgt. Vosler, with grim determination, kept up a steady stream of deadly fire. Shortly thereafter another 20-mm. enemy shell exploded, wounding T/Sgt. Vosler in the chest and about the face. Pieces of metal lodged in both eyes, impairing his vision to such an extent that he could only distinguish blurred shapes. Displaying remarkable tenacity and courage, he kept firing his guns and declined to take first-aid treatment. The radio equipment had been rendered inoperative during the battle, and when the pilot announced that he would have to ditch, although unable to see and working entirely by touch, T/Sgt. Vosler finally got the set operating and sent out distress signals despite several lapses into unconsciousness. When the ship ditched, T/Sgt. Vosler managed to get out on the wing by himself and hold the wounded tail gunner from slipping off until the other crewmembers could help them into the dinghy. T/Sgt. Vosler's actions on this occasion were an inspiration to all serving with him. The extraordinary courage, coolness, and skill he displayed in the face of great odds, when handicapped by injuries that would have incapacitated the average crewmember, were outstanding.*

Further information may be obtained by contacting the Chairperson, Forrest T. Vosler Veterans Memorial Park, Milly Annis, at (585) 346-5369 or the Village Office, (585) 346-3100.

* From the website: <http://www.army.mil/cmh-pg/moh1.htm>

E. David Martin Area 16 Historian

On January 7th, Brothers of Niagara Frontier Lodge, made a round-trip of 158 miles to give a Masonic Funeral Service for a 61-year Member, Brother Bruce Conibear.

The Master of Niagara Frontier, W.: Rom LeMay, who officiated, thanks all the Brothers from the Rochester area who came to the Service - especially R.: W.: G. Thomas Grape, Grand Director of Ceremonies, who arranged to get the Brothers to the funeral home in Greece.

W.: LeMay also thanks the Brothers of James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post No. 12, Masonic War Veterans, and Brother Vance Collom, for their help at the Service.

Niagara Frontier Officers assisting with the Service were R.: W.: Robert McConnell, Sr. Warden, as Chaplain; W.: Robert Gosciminski, Jr. Warden; and W.: E. David Martin, Jr. Deacon. There were Twenty Brothers in attendance. x



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R.: W.: Gary Sanford, District Deputy Grand Master of the Monroe District, held a meeting for Lodge Secretaries at the Fairport Lodge Hall last month. Included were a computer projected review of the MORI System, which was produced by Rob Sweeney, Secretary of Union Star Lodge. A second meeting, discussing other issues, is planned for March. Other Brother Secretaries and guests in attendance

were: Herb Spencer and Mike McBride (Valley-Simes Lodge); Terry Wihlen, Sr. (ERAC); John Dudley (Northfield); George Bracht (Fairport-Flower City); Tom Grape (on behalf of Unity); Dave Foster (Fame); Don Tubman (Oatka); Sean Noonan (Clio); Fred Norter (Seneca); Ken Schumacher and Skip Waterstreet (Craftsman Robertson); and Garry Hutchurson (Churchville and Hesperus).


The December 20th Auction to help support our Widows Program was well attended and netted \$480. The dish-to-pass dinner provided more than enough to eat and was enjoyed by all. Our thanks to Brothers Hartson and Louis Bell for serving as auctioneers. All who attended experienced a lot of fun and camaraderie.

On January 3rd, the Lodge conferred the Fellowcraft Degree on one Brother. It had been hoped there would be a second Brother from ERAC Lodge joining us that evening, but it didn't materialize. Thanks to Brother Patrick Mulrooney of ERAC and W.: Nelson Bertch of Valley Simes for the outstanding presentation of the "Questions and Answers." The Officers of Drumlin Square did a very commendable job with the Degree conferral.

One thing I have seen a lot is one Brother helping another. The Worshipful Master's instruction to the newly raised Brother in the 3rd Degree helps define the five points of fellowship. This is a strong part of what Masonry is about and how we are there to support each other.

We have always been helping each other in our Ritual, whether in the Degrees or Opening and Closing of our Lodges. I'm seeing this in many different forms now. I'm seeing it more in our daily lives, as we need assistance, where someone stands in to help another. Some of these are help in moving, finding a new vocation, talking through a difficult situation, and dealing with life changes. This is occurring within our District and within the Districts that surround us, as well.

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potential exists to make up any missed Sessions.

DDGM David W. Locke has graciously extended an invitation to Brothers of our Districts to join in their Sessions, as required. Our three Districts will gladly assist/accommodate any O/S/Y Brothers who have a conflict with their dates.

The class Syllabus and Lesson plans (20 pages) should have been provided to you by January 15th by your District Staff Officer. You will need this material in advance to start your reading in preparation for your classes. This material refers to pages and page numbers in the May 2006 Version of *The 24-Inch Gauge Masonic Reference Guide*.

The Staff Officers of Livingston, Genesee-Wyoming and Monroe Districts will jointly host our next educational opportunity. They will hold the *Road to the East* Course at Eunice Lodge, 3141 State Street in Caledonia.

The class dates are all Saturdays—Session 1 on February 3rd; Session 2 on February 24th, and Session 3 on March 3rd. Class time will be from 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Coffee and breakfast snacks will be provided; cost is \$10 cash per participant, payable at Session 1.

Upon successful completion, Pins and Certificates will be ordered from Grand Lodge; cost \$10 per participant, payable to your District Officer (Marshall Krause, K. Richard Howe or G. Thomas Grape) at Session 1. Grand Lodge wants a single check to accompany the Certification Letter from each District Officer. All Three Sessions have to be completed to certify a participant.

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On January 17th the Lodge was "stepped down" to allow our newly Passed Fellowcraft to join in the business of the evening. The program was the Third Section of the Fellowcraft Degree.

February 7th and 14th we will also conduct business on the 2nd Degree and will include some open discussion as to whether or not to revitalize the Fellowcraft Club, or set up a Past Masters Advisory Committee. This organization would aid and assist the Lodge in planning all future endeavors.

On March 7th, the Master Mason Degree will be conferred in its entirety. Help will be needed. More to follow in the March issue of this publication.

The *Road to the East* Program is scheduled to start next month. This course is highly recommended for your Lodge Officers who will be sitting in the East. It provides them with many tools that will help make their job easier. Remember, it always looks easy until you're the one in that chair. You may sign up by contacting R.: W.: Tom Grape. His email and phone number are located in his article.

How are we doing with mentors for our newly raised Brothers? Are we working with them to help them learn and understand the Ritual they need to know to advance? This is what helps to keep them active and feel like a member of our Fraternity.

The next District event is the "Have-a-Heart" Campaign. This is where we are in the public eye for the first 14 days of February at three malls, raising dollars for the local Ronald McDonald House. Please be sure your Lodge or Concordant Body has scheduled a timeslot. If not, you may contact George Foehner at 586-5255.

Each participant is expected to acquire this book (or its use from a Lodge or Brother having the correct copy); Cost of the book is \$45 plus \$6 shipping and \$4.27 Tax from Grand Lodge Services.

Fill out the form below, enclose your check for \$55.27 and mail to:

Lodge Services, Grand Lodge F. & A.M., State of New York, 71 West 23rd Street, New York, New York 10010.

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Sickness and Distress

I am requesting the help of all Members of our local Lodge. In the past we have not always been informed of the health and welfare of the Membership. The Officers of the Lodge don't always know of sickness and distress of Members not living in the immediate area or in contact with other Members. Consequently, we may not send cards. I hope those of you who, for some reason or another, may be in need of our aid or assistance, would contact us. We need to be informed to better serve you.

Who has the **Traveling Gavel?**



It was sad to have to drop so many this past year for non-payment of dues. Is it a sign of the times or have we neglected to convey the true meaning of Masonry? We all need to be more cognizant of our duties, not only to the Lodge but the Craft as a whole.

The "Traveling Gavel" has left Fairport/Flower City Lodge after a long stay and now resides at Valley/Simes Lodge, at least as of this writing. Congratulations to them for retrieving it and the challenge is to see what Lodge can get it next. Remember, if your Lodge has a Scottish Rite Ambassador, the Scottish Rite will make a \$25 donation to the Brotherhood Fund, in your Lodge's name, each time the Gavel changes homes.

Please let us know if there is anything that we, as your Grand Lodge Officers, may do to help support you in any activities.

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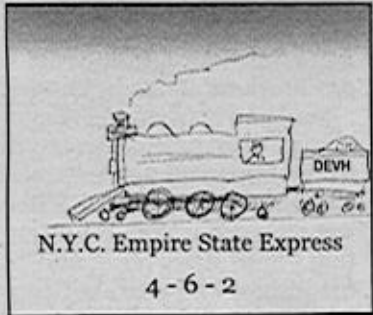
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We thank our "guests" for the fine job they've done commanding our transportation during the last month. We're going to be leaving the mountainous terrain for a while and head for somewhat warmer climates—acknowledging some of our Snowbirds for the next segment of the trip.

Someone mentioned that, since this is the month of Valentines, we should call this the "love train." We'll leave it at that and let you read into this article what you will.

Our "Guest Engineer" is a close friend of mine who is more than just an occasional Snowbird. He and his wife, Ann, live around the Cape Coral and had been very active in Masonry in this area before moving to the "Sunshine State." R.: W.: Robert Hebner was, at one time, a member of Hesperus Lodge in Bergen. There he served as Master and received his Grand Lodge appointment as District Deputy from the Genesee-Wyoming District in 1990-1992. He has been a faithful Member of Fame Lodge for 42 years and was Master there in 1970 and 1985. In the Shrine, he was President and a Founding Member of the Wheelers Unit. He was also a Patron in the OES for five years. In his business life he worked for Liberty Mutual Insurance. I'm sure he will take good care of us during this segment of the journey.

Again our "Caboose" is attached and we thank Robert Bueg for hanging in there. We wish him the best in the months ahead.

But, what is a Caboose without someone to keep an "eagle eye" on the overall train condition. R.: W.: and Ill.: Robert P. Zabel will replace Brother and Noble Bueg. Everyone in the Rochester area and beyond knows of the many works and activities in which Bob Zabel has been involved and he will make a great addition to our train. Welcome aboard to these two dedicated Brothers.

Now, on with this magnificent journey. As we sit in the Observation Car we have noticed with some concern the lack of interest in the Educational programs that R.: W.: Thomas G. Grape and others are promoting at our Official Visits. For those of us who have sat in the East, we know first-hand the importance of education and encourage you to seek this out before ascending to the East.

Programs

We now have a Grand Master who has created several important programs that can assist you, if only YOU will take advantage of them.

The *24-Inch Gauge, Complete Master*, the new *Chaplain's Book (Custodians of the Work)* and others are there for you to add to your educational opportunities. Being Master of your Lodge is more than just one or two meetings a month. We are here to help you, but when only two Brothers of one Lodge in the District sign up, it both worries and frustrates your leaders. We understand the restraints on time and financial concerns, but the information contained in these publications is worth every bit of the funds indicated.

Road to the East

As an example, the *Road to the East* just doesn't happen. Your Staff Officers spend several months organizing speakers, handouts, refreshments and support material to provide you with educational assistance. We encourage the Wardens and Deacons to consider taking these classes. Anyone who is interested in improving himself in Masonry can attend.

February 3rd, February 24th and March 3rd are the dates for this year. We will be joining the Brothers from Livingston and Genesee-Wyoming Districts at Eunice Lodge in Caledonia for this educational opportunity. We hope to see you there.

I can hear the whistle blowing, and as villages and farmland sail past our windows we

wish everyone an enjoyable Valentine season with Brotherly love scattered throughout. A Japanese proverb is fitting...*Who travels for love finds a thousand miles not longer than one.*

Member Development R.: W.: Joseph Privitera Monroe District

Stepping Up!

It happens in every Lodge. Sometimes an Officer gets his cabletow a little tight. He misses an assignment, a deadline or a meeting. We see it. He is a little stressed. Most times we tend to ignore it saying it will get better with time, but it doesn't.

We sometimes forget that, for most of us, this is a Volunteer Organization. I have been told that if you want something done, give it to a busy man. Don't believe it! That may be true in some situations, but not all of the time. We must recognize a situation like this and do what we can to put it back together.

We should not be criticizing the person behind his back. We all do it. My wife says that some of us are worse than little old biddies in a sewing circle. Criticism should be constructive, helpful, face-to-face and one-on-one. We should ask the person if he needs a helping hand. It is about stepping up to aid and assist. It is that thing about "...whispering wise council..." we learned in the 3rd Degree. Enough said!

By the way, I am also giving myself this lecture because sometimes I need a little kick in the slats. Hope to see you in Lodge.

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As I sit here late at night and ponder what is real, I realize that the fellowship of Masonry means I am not alone.

The 225th Anniversary Pins have been given; the 2nd Degree has been planned. The obvious work has been done, and then I, the Master of the Lodge, find time to call the new Brothers and make sure they are cared for.

Try to remember all the shut-ins and ill Brothers who need to be remembered and feel the guilt of not doing a job as well as you think it should be done.

I know that the working tools tell me to divide my time in equal portions so that everything has its time. I realize now that a Master can only do so much. Brothers support your Master whether you agree with him or not because, if he was so far astray from what we hold dear, we wouldn't let him be Master at all.

ERAC had Past Masters do the 2nd Degree on January 22nd.

Please support the Have-a-Heart Campaign the first two weeks of February.

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A New Year is upon us and I can't believe how fast last year went! This year looks to be very promising in Lodge. We currently have three Candidates through the 1st Degree and practicing their proficiency in preparation for the 2nd Degree. By the time you read this we should have completed our 2nd Degree.

Once again, I find myself being called out of the country for my job, so we have decided to move our 3rd Degree from February 28th until March 26th. By the time you read this I will have an updated Trestleboard available.

Please be sure, if you haven't signed up for Have-a-Heart staffing, contact our Senior Warden George Foehner. George is the Chairman for this District event, as well as our Lodge representative, so we need to make sure that our Lodge is well represented for this great cause.

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R.: W.: Paul Robertson (center) receives his 60-year Pin from R.: W.: Gary Sanford, DDGM, at his Official Visit. Paul is holding the Certificate presented by W.: Joseph Steffen, Master.

By W.: Skip Waterstreet, DSA
 Our dinner and entertainment event in January was a presentation by Valerie O'Hara, President and Designer of Pike Stained Glass Studios. In its 99th year, Ms. O'Hara, grandniece of the founder William Pike, portrayed a history of the business through a slide presentation of the numerous windows in and around the Rochester area that were fabricated by her Company.

I'll never look at these marvels of craftsmanship in the same way again. She explained some of the techniques used to create these masterpieces and, while lesser known than some companies, the work ranks right up there with the best.

Eloise Murphy will speak at the February dinner. Her topic will be, "The Importance of Time." As usual, dinner will be at the Nutcracker Restaurant on Empire Boulevard, with serving beginning about 6:30 p.m. If you don't receive a call, please call me (671-9730) or W.: Bill Shelby (244-6495) if you would like to make a reservation. We have revised our calling lists; hopefully no one interested in attending was missed, but if you are not hearing from a Lodge Brother each month, chances are you are not on the telephone call sheet.

January's business meeting was scheduled to be the 2nd Degree, with our Senior Warden, Brother Ralph Jurgens, in the

East. Due to a weather forecast of inclement conditions, the meeting was cancelled by W.: Joe Steffen, Master.

Our Officers are working very hard on their Ritual and would dearly love to have a larger sideline contingent than was present at the 1st Degree to witness their efforts.

We are grateful for all the Brothers who attend our meetings and know that now some Snowbirds have fled to warmer climes. If you would like to attend the meetings, but are in need of transportation, please call me or one of the other Officers. I am sure we will find a ride for you!

Sickness and Distress

W.: Dave King is scheduled to have surgery on January 29th. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers. His wife, Edna, continues to make good progress from her knee replacement surgery in the Fall.

Sue Kendig gets stronger every day and is out and about more and more.

W.: Bill Shelby has had a couple of medical incidents.

Other than yours truly fighting off a cold for several weeks (I've been singing bass!), I don't know of anyone else needing our aid or sympathy. Please pass this type of information along, if you learn of illness to one of our Brothers or his family.

Birthdays

My sister, the one with the February birthday, used to have a cross-stitched sampler that read, "February's child loves to work, so life's duties will not shirk." To you workers out there celebrating this month, Happy Birthday: John Walker on the 5th; Robert Burns on the 6th; Kenneth Goodrich on the 9th; Ronald Hibbard on the 18; and, Gerald Brumfield on the 26th.

Brotherhood Fund

Our Lodge Chairman, Brother Ralph Jurgens, reported at the last meeting, a nearly 50% response from our Brothers in support of this annual drive. If you are amongst the remainder who has not yet sent in your contribution, please do so at your earliest convenience. It would be marvelous if Ralph didn't have to go through the time and expense of a follow-up mailing. If this is not a charity of your choosing, or your financial situation doesn't permit charitable donations, maybe you should ask Ralph to take your name off his list. That would save him some work and your Lodge some expense.

Have-a-Heart

Hopefully you are familiar with this annual campaign, have worked there in the past, and are still willing to lend your support. Our Lodge has been asked to staff the booth at The Mall at Greece Ridge Center on two days, Sunday, February 4th and Monday, February 5th. We ask for a three-hour shift, but any time you can spare will be helpful. The calling committee was making contacts, but if they missed you and you are willing to join a crew, please call one of the Officers.

Petitions

We have a petition to read and ballot upon and several other petitions in the hands of our Brothers. This is a good start and a trend I hope continues and increases. If you are in need of one (or more), feel free to call me, the Secretary, W.: Ken Schumacher, or the Assistant Secretary, Brother Ralph Jurgens. I, for one, would dearly love to see a full class of candidates in the near future.

See you in Lodge. x

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For those who have been far away or unable to get to Lodge, things have been happening! The building has been shined up a lot. We needed a new roof - it has been leaking and water had made its way through to the upstairs and also to the downstairs. The Building Inspector had advised us that something had to be done! Now we have a complete new roof that should last 25-30 years. New gutters and downspouts were also installed.

The whole building has been painted—including the eaves and windows. Several of the front windows (and some back ones) have been opened up. Windows have been washed and the place looks welcoming again. We have many Brothers to thank for their hard work.

We have a new Tenant downstairs, which allows us to pay our bills without going in the hole.

We have been left some money from an Estate that has helped a lot, together with some money from an unnamed Brother. These two contributions allowed us to pay for professional help on these projects.

We are hoping to install either a chair lift or a stair lift that will enable those who have difficulty, or can't make it up the stairs, to get to the Lodge room. Much of this is the reason you haven't heard from us in the *Masonic Times* in recent months. Keep in touch for future news. x

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I have written my articles with bits and pieces from the Masonic Compact, which I look at each time I write. I think it is a gentle reminder of what the Fraternity is and should be to all of us. It is found on the last page of the *Empire State Mason*. Again I will quote a paragraph from it.

"... I know that education and the rational use of the mind

are the keys to facing the problems of humanity; therefore, I will bring my questions and my ideas to my Lodge, and strive to advance the growth of my mind alongside my Brothers."

Education, Masonically, is referred to as "light." We all enjoy more light in Masonry and those who attended Webster Lodge on December 21st were able to absorb more light in Masonry.

Paul Stillman treated us to a visit. Paul is a character actor and has been in our Lodge before. This evening he portrayed Benjamin Franklin in front of our Brothers and their families.

Paul had his own agenda, but it was encouraged that you would change the direction by asking him questions. There were questions about the items that "Ben" discovered and his friendships with men like George Washington and others, as well as his Masonic endeavors.

Although he was quite secretive when it came to information about the Craft, he stated there were non-Masons in the room and it was obvious the topic made him nervous. It was a rewarding evening and I think everyone in attendance truly enjoyed the visit.

As we have stayed on course with our community service efforts, I feel it's fitting that I share the copy in a letter we received and forwarded to all those who have email. For those who don't and those who may have missed it, this letter gives us encouragement that we are doing the right thing with our community service dinners.

The email was sent to us on January 6th, and was written by Karen Szembrot, who is the Chairperson for the Webster High School Hockey.

All,

I just wanted to say thank you to all of the hard working volunteers at our Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser yesterday. We had a great turnout last night and I do believe everyone had a good time as well. It was a long day beginning with the setup of all the tables until the last pan was washed, but I saw smiles on everyone's faces. I really want to thank all the parents who had to work so hard before the boys finished practice. We couldn't have done it without you!!!

The evening was very profitable as well. We took in \$870 from the dinners, after expenses, and another \$40 in donations for a grand total of \$910.

The Masons are a wonderful, community-minded organization who deserve our thanks for giving us this opportunity. They are a great group of hard working, dedicated men and women. Not to mention pretty good cooks!

Thanks again. See you at the Game!!

Karen

This, my Brothers, is the wages that you hear referred to at every opening of the Lodge. "Pay the Craft their Wages if any be Due." Karen has paid your wages and it makes me proud to be a Mason and especially a Webster Lodge Mason. Hope to see you in Lodge soon. x

DO YOU HAVE AN AGENT?

NYS Has a new Final Disposition Law

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

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

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

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As I write this article, it is just starting to snow. We knew it had to get here sometime, but I can still do without it.

On my original Trestleboard, we had scheduled a Ladies Night for February 3rd, as a joint outing with Wakan/Hubbard Lodge. The arrangements could not be made as we wanted, but we have now secured Saturday, February 24th at Red Fedele's Brook House on Ridge Road West.

We will be selecting a menu and time for our dinner; also, we are planning on having live music. As more information becomes available, I will pass it along.

Before I forget, on or about the first week of March, I will be going to Spring City, Tennessee for around two months.

While I am gone, I will make sure that someone will bring in the Bologna sandwiches for you all. Look at that! I haven't even made it to Tennessee yet and I'm already talking and eating like a Hillbilly.

From the Secretary ...

Sickness and Distress

I am saddened to report that the Great Architect of the Universe has called one of our Brothers home. Brother Robert Deckard passed away on December 24th. He had been in poor health for some time with respiratory problems from working with asbestos for many years. We extend our heartfelt sympathies and condolences to the family.

W.: Gary Caswell will be undergoing back surgery in May; details will follow at a later date. However, his wife Marcia is now at home recuperating from a knee replacement but has other health issues hampering her recovery. Phone calls would be appreciated at 594-4160.

February Birthdays

Douglas Torrence and Richard Giedd (3rd), Gary Lind and Olindo Nardone (5th), Gerald

Merzke (6th), William Anderson (9th), Herbert Spencer (10th), Robert Miller (12th), Jeffrey Amering (16th), Bryan Anderson and John Brill (19th), Jack Palmer (20th), David Dahrnsin (24th) and Stephen Moore (28th). The youngest will be 33 and the oldest will be 86 years young. Don't forget to call or write these Brothers and let them know you are thinking of them. If you need addresses or phone numbers, call me.

Hooray! Hooray! Dues Cards finally came to me on the 23rd of December! As of this writing, we have about 51% of our Membership paid for 2007. I do not have any Dues Cards to mail back or any checks to deposit at the bank. So let's get the Dues in, along with the profiles and survey sheets. I need work!

We only had 11 Brothers who had not paid their Dues in 2006 plus, we lost no one for non-payment of dues. I am hoping we do even better this year. I would like to say at the Annual Meeting in May we have 100% of the Brothers who paid their Dues in full.

By the way, since sending out this survey, I have added about 10 new names to our email list. At our June Installation, I will be turning over the Secretary job to a new person.

At our February 13th Meeting we will be doing the 2nd Degree in Full Form, per the Grand Master's Edict. There will be a dinner and refreshments afterwards. So come on out; break bread and rub elbows with your Brothers. Need a ride? Call the Master or a Brother.

Membership Status

Brethren, this is just a heads-up reminder that happened to one of our Members just recently. He was a Dual Member of Valley-Simes Lodge and another Lodge in New York State. Several years ago, he paid his Annual Dues to that Lodge and requested a Dimit from that Lodge. He never received a copy of the Dimit.

Fast forward to January 1, 2007 ... I received an email notice through our new Grand Lodge System that this Brother was NPDD from this other Lodge. The next message, only minutes later, that he was DROPPED from Membership in Valley-Simes Lodge.

Now, this Brother is "technically" no longer a Member of anything Masonic. Once you are dropped for NPD, you are

no longer a Member of any Lodge or Concordant Body.

What does this mean to you? If you are a Dual Member of a Lodge, be sure your Dues are paid up in both Lodges.

If you request a Dimit in order to join another Lodge, make sure you get a hard copy of the Dimit. Now this Brother has to go and contact the other Lodge to get this clear.

By the time you read this, I will have returned from a few weeks in Florida and maybe even have a little tan. See ya! x

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By R.: W.: G. Thomas Grape

I am writing on behalf of my Lodge, Unity, in Spencerport. I am sad to report that our Secretary, R.: W.: Clifford Short, has had to relinquish his post as Secretary of our Lodge, a post he has held since the inception of our consolidated Lodge in 2004. He has done a magnificent job and is one of best communicators I know of in all Masonry. "Cliff's Notes," a moniker for his almost-daily communications, has kept us in the know and up-to-date on Lodge business and happenings.

Cliff's employer, Eastman Kodak Company, decided to eliminate his position here. This left him with 28 years of service in his 56th year of life. Fortunately, his former Supervisor in the Colorado Operations was looking for a person with his skills. Cliff is leaving us, temporarily, to earn the two years he needs to draw his full pension. I, as I am sure all my Lodge Brothers, wish him *bon voyage* and the quick passage of time so we can once more bask in the sunshine of his smile and the pleasure of his company. We shall all miss him!

On a happier note, I congratulate our Junior Warden, John Jamele, for a wonderful Christmas Party. Nineteen Brothers of Unity Lodge and their families along, with OES Sisters and families from Etolian, Mary Jane Holmes, Rochester and Starlight Chapters, and the members of the Caldron, enjoyed a gourmet experience.

John's wife, Helga, prepared numerous treats on an appetizer table, as well as main dishes for the buffet. Every family brought a dish-to-pass and second helpings were in order to do justice to the repast and the dessert table that groaned under a load of sweets.

Seal the Clown and Happy the Clown entertained the sixty plus attendees, most especially their children and grandchildren, with their balloon art/entertainment prior to the meal. After dinner, Scooter the Clown Magician did his usual fine job of wowing all with his slights of hand. At that point Santa appeared (he bore a remarkable physical profile to Happy) and distributed the gifts under the Christmas tree to the person named on the tags.

Lots of helping hands made relatively short work of cleanup and with cries of Merry Christmas and Happy New Year the party ended. It was a wonderful evening! The only thought I will offer for next year is that we have room for twice as many attendees, so put us on your calendar. x

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By George L. Todd Senior Warden

By the time you receive this, Clio's Worshipful Master, Steve Mitchell, will have successfully undergone triple by-pass heart surgery and will be resting comfortably at home. Keep him in your prayers; cards and calls are welcomed.

We held a successful Spaghetti Dinner on January 10th. If you missed it, we hold two each month—on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, at the Lodge. It's all the spaghetti you can eat.

At our regular meeting on January 16th, R.: W.: Joe Privitera did a wonderful job presenting the Historical Lecture and Walk-About for the Master Mason Degree. Thanks for your assistance.

Come and join us at our regular meeting on February 6th. We will be having a special DeMolay Program.

Thanks again to the Brothers who helped with the Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign. Ninety percent of the money raised will be used for residents of Hilton and Hamlin.

I borrowed this from a newsletter that Worshipful Brother David Goodrich submitted; hope you enjoy ...

A Positive Attitude for the New Year

- I am thankful for:
- The mess to clean up after a party because it means I have been surrounded by friends.
- The taxes I pay because it means that I am employed.
- The clothes that fit a little too snug because it means I have enough to eat.
- My shadow who watches me work because it means I am out in the sunshine.
- The spot I find at the far end of the parking lot because it means I am capable of walking.
- All the complaining I hear about our government because it means we enjoy freedom of speech.

- The lady behind me in church who sings off key because it means I can hear.
 - The piles of laundry and ironing because it means my loved ones are nearby.
 - The lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning and gutters that need fixing because it means I have a home.
 - My huge heating bill because it means I am warm.
 - Weariness and aching muscles at the end of the day because it means I have been productive.
 - The alarm that goes off in the early morning hours because it means that I am alive.
- Wishing you a productive and glorious New Year. x

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Greetings to one and all; is it February already? My, this year is passing by in the wink of an eye.

We kick off this month with a 1st Degree on Thursday, February 8th. There will be a Pork Dinner beforehand (chicken, if you cannot eat pork).

Next up is the annual Have-a-Heart Campaign. This year we will be staffing the booth at The Mall at Greece Ridge Center on Sunday, February 11th from 11:45 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

On Sunday, February 18th, we will celebrate with our ladies. It is our annual Ladies Gala at Nick's Sea Breeze Inn, located at 4581 Culver Road. The cost is \$15 per person. We will gather at 4 p.m. for drinks. At 5 p.m., Nick will serve up his delicious, delectable and downright great buffet. You and your lady are certain to have a wonderful time.

Lastly, on Thursday, February 22nd, we will have a regular meeting and rehearsal for the 2nd Degree. There is no dinner before this meeting.

On a final note, please remember our Masonic Brotherhood Fund. This is one way we take care of those in need. To relieve the distressed is the duty incumbent on all men, particularly upon Masons. After all, the greatest of our cardinal virtues is Charity. Brother Keith Moore has the tools of his trade on hand at every meeting. He anxiously awaits your contribution.

That is all for this month. Take care and remember that many hands make light work. See you in Lodge. x

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So far we seem to be having a quiet Winter here in LeRoy; it looks more like Spring. That's a real help with heating the Masonic Temple. The old girl loves to eat up the BTUs.

In January we had several of the newest Brothers from Hesperus Lodge as guests. It was a learning experience for both old and new Brothers.

Our February 7th Meeting will be a rehearsal night. We have all gotten a bit rusty in Opening and Closing.

It's also a perfect chance, if you haven't been in Lodge a while, to show up. Nobody is going to jump on you for doing something wrong. And really it's a great deal of fun.

Just a couple of friendly reminders ... We are planning a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night for this Spring, so start working on good Candidates. There is a much better chance they will attend if they get a personal invitation. Don't just throw some names on a piece of paper and expect them to attend.

We would appreciate your Dues if you haven't sent them already.

Hope you all have a Happy Valentines Day!

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Today, I'm putting up the 2007 calendar; I'm reminded we are not getting older, we are getting wiser. We have less to learn but have less time to learn it in. When we work every day, it seems that time goes by so slowly. Now that we have time, it goes so fast. This is why I work hard to enjoy every minute of life.

We have had some great weather to enjoy this year. It's possible that we will get even warmer than usual days to enjoy. If you ski or have a snowmobile this is not for you, but now is the time to buy because there are a lot of machines for sale.

This weekend I took time to call some Brothers who have gone South for the Winter. I'm also going to take some time to call or email friends whom I haven't talked to in a while. We have had an unbelievable Winter. There is a good possibility this will change and we will get our share of snow soon. Take a few minutes to call an old friend and say "Hi!" If the weather turns bad and you are home, warm and cozy, take a minute and call an old friend

or two. Let them know you are thinking about them.

As always, things at West Star have been busy. We had our Regular Stated Communications on December 4th, and December 18th. On December 21st, seven Brothers visited Constellation Lodge in Perry.

On the way to Perry, we stopped at The Silver Lake Diner and had supper. Then we proceeded to Perry to retrieve Molly. As soon as we walked through the door they knew what we were there for. I admit, I did feel a little sorry, because it was the first meeting Perry had Molly in their possession. There were 18 Brothers present from Perry and seven Brothers from West Star. What a great bunch of guys. We had a lot of fun. They accepted it very well. We had an absolute great time and had a lot of laughs. We celebrated a 39th birthday and had refreshments after the meeting. We sat close to Molly just in case there was a power failure.

It was a first-time visit to Constellation Lodge for most of the West Star Brothers. They were amazed with Constellation's starry-decked heavens. This is one of the prettiest Lodges in our District. You have to see it to enjoy.

Well, back to Molly, West Star didn't have a meeting on January 1st, because of the Holiday, so our first meeting with Molly was January 15th.

On January 2nd, a few West Star Brothers visited Warsaw Lodge. Warsaw conferred the 2nd Degree on four new Brothers. This was a great job done by every one who participated. R.: W.: Russell L. Hurlburt presented the Middle Chamber Lecture. I think the word "awesome" is overused, but Russ did an "awesome" job. I sat in my chair in the North and was in awe.

On January 16th, Warsaw conferred a second Fellowcraft Degree and we were there again.

The 6:30 Club is planning to meet at Durfee's Diner for supper before our February 5th Meeting. It might be Roast Beef or it might be Lasagna. If you would like to join us at 6:30 p.m. for supper, please let me know so I can make reservations.

Dues Cards are On the Way
Grand Lodge was late sending this year's Dues Cards. The Secretary has received them and the Dues Notices have been mailed. Grand Lodge assessments have gone up so the Dues have been raised to compensate.

Sickness and Distress
Brother Gary George will have an operation on January 15th, and W.: Richard (Doc) Benn is having cataracts removed on January 29th.

I was in Batavia and stopped at the hospital and visited R.: W.: Dennis Turton who is recovering from gall bladder surgery. While I was waiting in the hall, R.: W.: Kohlhagen came walking down the hall. Dennis was happy to have visitors. He is doing well and will be home soon for 4 to 6 weeks of recovery. Cards and phone calls are welcomed, I'm sure.

Brother Donald Strang is also in the hospital. I will publish more details next month and we will keep you informed by email as soon as we hear any news.

In closing, come to our meeting on February 5th, at 7:30 p.m. We need some help. Uncle Mel is in Florida and I don't touch Limburger cheese. We need help to slice and serve Limburger sandwiches. We could always have self-serve. Drive carefully and we look forward to seeing you.

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(Jan., Feb., Mar.: 1st Tuesday only)
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I feel that I must start this article by reflecting back to when I was a young child growing up in Western New York. I always remember the months of December and January being full of snowy and blustery weather.

It was always a wish before my sister and I went to bed that the weather would turn for the worst and school would be cancelled. There was no better feeling than our mother coming into our rooms and telling us that school had called a snow day!

It's hard to believe that I'm sitting down to type this article in the first week of January and the temperature was in the fifties for the fourth day in a row. I'm not saying that I want it to snow four feet tomorrow, but a little snow would be nice for the Holidays and Winter season.

I would like to report that the activity in Oakland Lodge is as hot as the weather, but these Winter months tend to be a slower time. In years past, the weather has many times interrupted our attempts to hold Communications, but now it seems as though many of our members are drawn to the more mild weather down South. Hopefully, all our Southern-bound Brothers are enjoying their time basking in the sun and getting an early start on their golf game.

Some of the Members have been busy helping Warsaw Lodge in the conferral of the Fellowcraft Degree during the month of January.

Brotherhood Fund

Oakland Lodge has had a tremendous start to the Brotherhood Campaign. We have already reached the highest total contributed since I became the Chairman some eight years ago. Thanks to all the Brothers who have contributed to this Campaign so far. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by your Lodge and the Fraternity, as a whole. Your contributions can be made at our Monthly Communications or by sending them to: Kenneth E. Smith, 137 Lake Street, LeRoy, NY 14482.

Congratulations to W.: Richard L. Smith on being Raised in the Month of February. W.: Smith is the only Brother currently in Oakland Lodge who was Raised during the Month of February.

In February, Oakland Lodge will only have one Regular Communication. The Communication will be on Tuesday,

February 6th. This will be just a regular business Communication. I would like all the Members to start thinking of some possible Candidates. If there is enough interest, I would like to have a Brother Bring-a-Friend Program on March 6th.

The Genesee-Wyoming District will be holding a Masonic Development Course. The dates for this are March 24th, April 21st and April 28th. The location of the March 24th date will be Hesperus Lodge in Bergen. The location for the other two dates will depend on the number of Brothers who are attending the class and from where throughout the District these Brothers are coming. Please let me know if any Brothers from Oakland Lodge plan on attending; the deadline for signing up is March 1st.

May this article find all my Brothers enjoying the mild Winter that Western New York has been experiencing so far this year. Hopefully, everybody is having a happy and healthy start to the New Year. May we never forget those who have, and are still, fighting to keep this great nation free and safe. Let us all say a small prayer for those who have family members who may be in harm's way and pray for a safe return home again one day.

May the blessings of Heaven fall upon every member and their families wherever they may be throughout the world.

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Another Party!

On February 4th, at 4:00 p.m., we are having a Super Bowl Party at the American Legion. We will have raffles, games, cards and lots of fun! Everyone is invited! I would especially like to invite all the members of the American Legion. A few of our Members are in the Legion as well, and it would be great to get the groups together to have some fun. There will be no smoking during the party.

Happy Birthday, Molly!!

She is going to be 20 years old soon, so we are throwing her a

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birthday party. At 7:30 p.m. on March 1st at Hesperus Lodge, we will hold a joint Table Lodge and Birthday Party. All Masons are invited—especially members of the Genesee-Wyoming District. I am requesting whoever has Molly at that time to bring her to the party! Some of you are probably thinking, "What is this guy talking about?"

Well, Molly is the Genesee-Wyoming District's Traveling Trophy. She was created 20 years ago to promote interaction between Lodges. To claim Molly from a Lodge at least five Brothers must attend their meeting. If two Lodges show up, the Lodge with the most Brothers gets to take her home. If it is a tie, the Lodge whose Brother signed in first, claims her. She has created a lot of fun and camaraderie over the course of 20 years, so let's celebrate and look forward to the next 20.

I mentioned in a past article about the Grand Master and his Officers coming for lunch. While he was here he asked Brother Mike Sukhenko to assist him in a couple of projects. One of the projects was working on the design of a CD to assist in recruiting new members. On each CD is a set of Square and Compasses, of course, but there is something very special about this set. Each Lodge in New York State received ten CDs with a picture of our Square and Compasses on it! The photo of the Square and Compasses was taken by our Senior Warden, Brother Don Kunego. So, no matter what Lodge in New York State you attend, Hesperus is there!

February 15th we confer our 1st Degree. As I write this article we have three Petitions, but Brother Bring-a-Friend Night may bring more. With so many new Brothers being Raised this year, we must make a special effort to make them feel included. Please take a moment to talk with them whenever you see them.

February 13th, we have the honor of holding Bingo Night at the Veterans' Home in Batavia. If you have never been, try to make it this year. Those of us who have been before know how great and gratifying an experience it is. These nights mean a lot to the Veterans; let's show our appreciation for them with a large turnout and a lot of fun.

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Don't forget the *Road to the East* on February 3rd, February 24th and March 3rd at Eunice Lodge in Caledonia. It is a very exciting course and I am sure it will benefit all who attend. Please, if you haven't taken it or are new to the Craft, contact R. W. : K. Rick Howe, the Staff Officer in your District or myself to register!

Don't forget the Schools of Ritual on February 12th. Avon Springs Lodge will be doing the work at Nunda Station Lodge; on April 9th, Phoenix Lodge will be doing the work at Geneseo Lodge. I am sure these sessions will be very informative and interesting for all, so please attend if at all possible.

Geneseo Lodge is planning a trip to the National Museum of the United States Air Force at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio on April 18th and 19th. We will be riding down with Kemp's Bus Service and staying over. This trip should be exceptional and I, for one, am looking forward to going and seeing this exhibit!

It's time to start thinking about the Livingston District Annual Ladies Night at the Conesus Golf Club. So please, mark your calendar and plan on coming. You can bring your significant other. Also, let's not forget the widows!

Please get the list of widows and names of Brothers who might need assistance to W. : Bob Cox in Nunda Station. He is Outreach Committee Chairman for this District and we need to get this information to him as soon as possible.

If you haven't done your Brother Bring-a-Friend Program yet, please do so as soon as possible. If you need any assistance, please feel free to call R. W. : Roy Moses, R. W. : K. Rick Howe or myself if we can help!

I am pleased to see how many Brothers participated in the 225th Anniversary Lodge Re-dedication this year. Handing out all the Pins was an honor and I was impressed to see that every Lodge in our District participated with a great showing of Brothers! Thank you.

The *Road to the East* Program is all set for February 3rd, February 24th and March 3rd. Geneseo-Wyoming, Monroe and Livingston Districts will be working together and it will be held at Eunice Lodge in Caledonia. Classes will start at 8:30 a.m. and finish around 1:00 p.m. We all look forward to an engaging and informative program.

The Have-a-Heart Campaign will begin on February 1st and continue until February 14th at area malls to benefit the Ronald McDonald House. I would suggest we all get signed up to help with this worthwhile endeavor.

On February 12th, a School of Ritual is scheduled at Nunda Station Lodge; Avon Springs Lodge will do the work. Let's have a great turnout.

The Association meets at Union Lodge in Lima on February 26th.

Masters, we must start working on our logistics for our trip to Grand Lodge in May. Please let me know who is going and whether you want to fly or go by bus so that we can start making arrangements.


Brethren, your Brotherhood Chairmen have been asking for your donations. Our percentages have consistently been at, or near the top, for the State. Let's get our donations in and shoot for the top again this year. Thank you, Brothers.

**Nunda
Station
Lodge
No. 682**

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

Master
W. : William R. Wright, Jr.
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Secretary
R. W. : Gerald J. Hussong
476-2739



My hope for the New Year is that, with God's blessing, our ranks will grow this year.

We had a good turnout for the Oyster Stew and Fish Dinner held on December 19th, but attendance could have been better. Well-attended Lodge

functions are a sign of a strong Lodge.

We started off the New Year with our Annual Ham Dinner on January 2nd. This was well attended. At the business meeting, the Lodge agreed to subscribe once again to the *Masonic Times*. We have close to 80 Members on our Roster and anywhere from 12-15 members attend Lodge regularly. We understand how busy some of our Brothers are and that some live out-of-state, so we hope the *Masonic Times* is keeping everyone informed.


On January 18th, Eunice Lodge hosted a Master Mason Degree Ceremony. A few of our Brothers were happy to lend a helping hand that night.

If you find that the offerings on TV are slim on FEBRUARY 7th, you will see that there is always something happening at YOUR LODGE, at the Regular Meeting. A well-attended Lodge is a strong Lodge.

**Union Lodge
No. 45**

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

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The 2nd Degree on January 11th went very well. R. W. : Al Ramsey, Regional Assistant Grand Lecturer, and R. W. : Roy Moses gave Union Lodge a great report. W. : Ron Manning's chili was a bit hot for 25 Brothers, but many were even brave enough to go for a second bowl. Our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night, had a good turnout; about 30 people attended.

February Trestleboard
1st - Brother Bring-a-Friend Night
3rd - *Road to East* (Eunice Lodge)
7th - 3rd Degree Rehearsal at 7 p.m.
8th - 3rd Degree; Lodge will open at 6 p.m., break for Supper at 6:30 p.m.
22nd - Regular Communication with Program
24th - *Road to East* (Eunice lodge)
26th - Association Meeting (Union Lodge)

Brothers, don't forget about the "Have-a-Heart" Campaign going on February 1st - 14th at the area malls. Please try to participate.

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The new year brings much for all of us to be thankful for, including the great nation that we live in and the brave men and women defending our freedoms here and abroad. I have printed the new Trestleboard and am in the process of verifying addresses for the labels. I received a list from the Masonic Service Bureau and am finding some discrepancies, which the Secretary and I are examining.


We have had success in becoming more involved in the community so far this year. We had a very successful Veterans Night/Brother Bring-a-Friend Program and the Holiday Dinner in December was also well attended. The Poinsettia deliveries went out, thanks to the help of Brother Manley and Brother Cross. The ladies appreciated it, and we received several cards from them thanking us. We have a few other ideas in the works through our "Fellowship and Family Involvement" Committee. Keep on the lookout for some February activities around the Valentine's Day theme for our ladies.

We have a new tenant in the building, renting the small office on the bank side of the building. If you get a chance, stop in and greet Elizabeth Andrea, a local artist.

Also, congratulations are in order for Brother Richard Lafave, who was given an award by Camp Good Days and Special Times for all the volunteer hours he puts in with the children at the camp.

On January 18th, we had a 3rd Degree for two Brothers. It was a fine event. A delicious

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Resolutions Status
How are those New Year's Resolutions coming along? By now, your resolve has surely been tested at least once in the several areas of your promise to yourself to improve. You may or may not have made a resolution to improve yourself in Masonry for 2007, but it's not too late!

It is encouraging to see many Lodges hosting Brother Bring-a-Friend Programs and the resulting Degrees being scheduled. I look forward to getting to as many Degrees as possible. Please notify Membership Committee Chair, R. W. : Eldon White, if you are planning a BBF.

Notify your AGLs, V. : W. : Bill Valois and/or V. : W. : Tom

dinner was served by the Eastern Star Chapter. The work we have done for other Lodges in the District is paying off; we had several visiting Brothers from Livingston, as well as other Districts, participating in the Degree.

There will be a *Road to the East* Program at Eunice on February 3rd, February 24th and March 3rd. We should have at least one Brother going. If you are interested, please contact me! We are going to staff the Have-a-Heart booth at Market-place Mall on February 3rd from 3-6 p.m. We have six Brothers planning to attend, but can always find room for others who want to say, "Hi." Stop by for a while to help out the Ronald McDonald House charity.

Mark Your Calendar
April 29th is the "Old Fashioned Days" Horse Show; July 13-15 is the Geneseo H.A.G. Air Show. We've had a great time while making valuable income for the Lodge. While you are putting things on your calendar, be sure to include the Livingston District Ladies Night Dinner on April 21st. More information will be coming.

Enjoy Your Fraternity
I leave you with a final thought ... As the New Year moves forward, I ask you to make a renewed commitment to the Fraternity, Eunice Lodge and the Community of Caledonia. There was an excellent Editorial in the last *Masonic Times* that reminded us of our obligation to the Fraternity. With family, work, sports and the Concordant Bodies within the Fraternity, I am busy as well. I ask you to find time to come to Lodge, not just pay your dues.

There are many of you who live in the community and those of us who travel some distance to come to Lodge. Meetings are as brief as they can be, and we try to focus on fellowship after Lodge. We often have guests from other Lodges in the District, and it becomes a great opportunity to meet new people or renew old acquaintances.

I urge you to take the time; it's only once a month. Let's get together!

Good, of your Degree rehearsal schedules. Include the use of the Masonic Compact for prospective Brothers - you may even have high-quality copies available for them.

Website
R. W. : Ken Hall, the O/S/Y Webmaster, has been busy working on Lodge web pages! Please go to www.osydistrict.org and double-check the meeting night and Officer information posted there.

The Lodge pages are now available for your Lodge news content. It is time to take that action step and appoint someone from your Lodge to write a one-page Lodge Newsletter for posting each month. If you have recently written a paper version of a Lodge newsletter, please send a Microsoft Word formatted document to Brother Hall.

Thanks to the Brothers of Rushville Lodge, progress has been made in securing one of the new (and now improved) Child ID Systems. The check has been sent to the Grand Lodge Child ID chairman and the system should arrive shortly. This means that we really need your help in taking the action step and scheduling a Child

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ID Session in your area. We will hold a demonstration workshop on how to run a Child ID Session with the new system with a date to be announced once we have the system in-hand.

R.: W.: Ed Carris has been working on scheduling a Masonic Student Assistance Training (MSAT) information session with the MSAT chairman, R.: W.: Tim McMullen. We had a meeting with the decision-makers at Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES on January 11th. We discussed how MSAT can help train their teachers to identify children at risk for suicide, depression and other at-risk behaviors. This is one of the Grand Lodge community involvement programs designed to make a difference in the lives of those around us.

Blood Drive

Another perhaps more familiar community involvement program is the Masonic Blood Drive. I recently sent an email to the O/S/Y distribution list asking that someone in our District consider being our District Blood Drive chairman. I would like to repeat that request here - please contact me via email or phone if you are interested. As you can imagine, a Blood Drive can have a huge impact in your area as blood supplies are in constant demand.

The Road to the East (RTTE) will be held March 3rd at Garoga-Sincerity Lodge, on March 17th at Pocahontas Lodge, and March 24th back at Garoga-Sincerity. Wardens and prospective Masters should attend and registration is open to any Brother.

Please do not be deterred from taking the course just because the dates conflict with your schedule! R.: W.: Tom Grape, GDC from the Monroe District, has offered their sessions of February 3rd, February 24th and March 3rd as alternatives if you cannot make the O/S/Y RTTE schedule.

Reminder-Please be sure to have your copy of the newly revised 24-Inch Gauge with you - there is plenty of time to order your copy prior to the course - Act now! The 24-Inch Gauge is available from Grand Lodge LodgeServicesNY@aol.com for \$45 plus \$6 shipping and \$4.27 Tax (\$55.27 total).

On January 13th, there was to be a Meet with the Deputy Grand Master and Share Your Ideas Program. Unfortunately, there was a last-minute conflict with a meeting that the Grand Master had called so we will reschedule the Deputy Grand Master's visit for some time in February.

Grand Lodge

The 226th Grand Lodge Session will take place May 5th through May 8th and reservations are due now! We will share the bus with Brothers from Cayuga-Tompkins and Wayne Districts.

Our accommodations will be at the Edison, which is about as fine a hotel (and affordable) as you will find in Manhattan so close to Broadway. Please get your calendar out right now and consider making this trip. As is the case every year, I am requesting that the Master (or Representative) from every Lodge in our District make the

trip and attend Grand Lodge. For those Brothers who are not Masters of Lodges this year, please consider making the trip for the fun of it - Grand Lodge Session attendance not required! Please mention the trip to family and friends now! Please go to www.osydistrict.org for details.

Upcoming Events

Three major events continue to be mentioned in all of our communications because they will require the support of each and every one of us to be successful and meaningful.

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

The Annual O/S/Y Golf Tournament is already scheduled for August 19th at the Seneca Lake Country Club. We really need your sponsorship! Please contact R.: W.: Bob Ruggles for more information.

Anniversary

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

For more information about Grand Lodge, O/S/Y District, and Lodge news, events and schedules, please visit:

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Once again, please email dwlocke@rochester.rr.com to be added to the O/S/Y District email list.

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

Eagle Lodge No. 619

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

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Now that we have our fundraising projects completed, we can focus on our Degree work. Our successful Brother Bring-a-Friend Night has yielded a fine group of Candidates who will have already been initiated by the time you read this article. Last year's fundraising efforts were successful, as we met many of our goals and objectives. A few lessons have been learned. That knowledge has been incorporated into our 2007 Annual Budget and Operating Plan, which was approved at our Annual Lodge Business Meeting in December.

Thanks to everyone who participated for our Annual Wid-

owns Poinsettia Delivery. We enjoyed a hearty breakfast, great fellowship and delivered a bit of Christmas Holiday cheer to a group of fine ladies who were reminded that they are still valued members of our Masonic Family.

On February 9th, we will be holding an Open Lodge Meeting. We will be presenting our Grand Lodge flags to five very special Honeoye civic organizations. The evening will begin with a dinner at 6:30 p.m., with a presentation ceremony to follow at approximately 7:30 p.m. The balance of the evening will provide a great opportunity for fellowship, as we are planning on playing Euchre after the festivities.

Upcoming Events

February

• Lodge Maintenance- Brothers Bob and Ed Helling and Sister Barb Helling

13th-Dinner, 6:30 p.m. (Caterer, Eagle Star Chapter); Open Meeting- Grand Lodge Flag Presentations

15th-Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser at Lodge, 5-7 p.m.

20th- 2nd Degree Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.

25th-2nd Degree Rehearsal at 12 Noon

27th-Officers' Meeting, 6:15 p.m.; Lodge Meeting-2nd Degree

March

• Lodge Maintenance-Brothers Gary Warren and Hugh Ward

13th-Officers' Meeting, 6:15 p.m.; followed by Lodge Meeting

15th-Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser at Lodge, 5-7 p.m.

20th-3rd Degree Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.

25th-3rd Degree Rehearsal at 12 Noon

27th-Lodge Dinner at 6:30 p.m. (Caterer, Eagle Star Chapter); Lodge - 3rd Degree

Milnor Lodge No. 139

2nd & 4th Thursdays

Master
W.: Norman Smith
393-9295
nsmith@marzetti.com

Secretary
R.: W.: Kenneth R. Hall
289-3801
gsosy@rochester.rr.com
21 Maple Avenue
Victor 14564

We are excited about our 54th Annual Turkey Dinner, which will be coming up on Saturday, February 3rd. As you all know, this is our biggest fundraiser of the year and allows us to do the many things our organization does throughout the year.

Please support the dinner and get as many family, friends and neighbors to attend, as well. Take-outs are welcome! The list of workers is out and I'll take this opportunity to thank all the Brothers who continue to devote their time and energy to help and support us.

Also coming up in February is the Have-a-Heart Campaign. I have signed Milnor Lodge up for a 3-hour shift at Eastview Mall on Saturday, February 11th, from noon until 3 p.m. This project is to solicit donations for the Ronald McDonald House. It is a very non-pressured solicitation. Most people are aware of this wonderful facility and don't require any more than an awareness that we are collecting to support it. Masons have been the largest single corporate sponsors since the House was built. I will be asking for volunteers to join me

All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner

3rd Wednesday of Each Month

at Victor Masonic Lodge Hall
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Gah-A-Yan-Duk Chapter No. 566

that day so that we can break up into three teams of an hour each. Remember, spouses are welcome to join us and help.

A date, to be determined, in February will be chosen to conduct our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. It will be held in conjunction with the Eastern Stars' Sister Bring-a-Friend Program. It will be on a Wednesday and I will let you all know which one when you attend the next meeting.

R.: W.: Brother Eldon White is the District Chairman of this program and will have a great presentation. We need our Member Brothers to attend as well.

Eastern Star also has a formal program to present and the combined meeting will be a good opportunity for husbands and wives to find out more about both our organizations at the same time. Please be thinking of some of your friends and neighbors whom you feel would make good Brothers and Sisters and submit their names to me, R.: W.: Brother White or W.: Brother Ken Hall.

I have received from Grand Lodge a supply of pamphlets titled "Who Are the Masons? And What Do They Do?" It's a small, business card style hand-out that asks questions about what makes a good Candidate for Freemasonry. These can be handed out or left at businesses in the community. I also received CDs that give a presentation by a Brother on why he became a Mason.

A prospective Candidate may listen to the CD at his leisure and share it with his family. These are available to you to give to a particular person whom you feel would benefit himself and the Lodge by becoming a Mason. Let me know what, and how many, you need. I will have them at our upcoming meetings.

On February 8th, the O/S/Y Staff Officer, R.: W.: Brother Ed Carris, will visit us. Brother Carris is a very interesting speaker and I'm sure you will all enjoy hearing what he has to say. We will also be finalizing the Brother Bring-a-Friend Night planning and will need to hear from you as to your availability and willingness to help, even if it's being there as a show of force.

The second meeting in February we will be working on Degree Ritual. If we have some Candidates from the Brother Bring-a-Friend Program, we will begin work on the 1st Degree. Otherwise, I would like to work on the 3rd Degree.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting where we will be discussing the Blood Donor Program.

Canandaigua Lodge No. 294

1st & 3rd Mondays
Master
W.: David Mason
981-9340

Secretary
R.: W.: George N. Stanton, Jr.
394-6829
Shortsville 14548

On January 15th we had our first Brother Bring-a-Friend Program. I will fill you all in on the details in a future article.

We have received information on sponsoring a Blood Drive for the Red Cross and I will be bringing this up at our next meeting. In the past, our Lodge used to have an Annual Drive, but since the move to Shortsville, it has been neglected. Let's get together and start this Program again; it is a great way to get involved in the community and is something that is always needed.

I would like to remind everyone that February 19th will be our Table Lodge. This is an open invitation that extends to all members and to anyone from the other Lodges who would like to attend. Please RSVP to me at 981-9340 or dmasonjr@rochester.rr.com, or to George Stanton at 394-6829 or gnstanton@aol.com.

God bless you all and I hope to see you in Lodge.

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Damascus Shrine Center No. 2

February 2007



DONALD ROSE, POTENTATE

I begin this article with a short statement to our now Most Junior Past Potentate, Lance Ward. First, it should be remembered that this past year was filled with many new ideas. One of the most important is our reference to ourselves as the "Shrine of the Finger Lakes District" for many years, we were the Shrine of Rochester, New York, (and then Webster). Though Webster is still our home, many in Shrinedom do not know the location of Webster. Even some New Yorkers need help, but this new title is not only self-explanatory, it brings all of our Units under one umbrella.

This year we are expanding our Membership Committee to include Recruitment, Retention and, finally, Restoration. Imperial has suggested that the Chairman of such an expansive committee be able to devote three years to the committee. This is a great undertaking. Our new Oriental Guide Rich Friedman, not only accepted the Chairman's position, but also brings a wealth of knowledge from Grand Lodge concerning Membership. Please remember that the Shrine lives and thrives as long as we maintain a strong Masonic foundation.

To our Members, please watch for activities being carried on by the Clubs and Units and take the time to participate in these activities. Important to remember is, if you have an idea for an activity, let a Member of the Divan know so they may present it at a Divan meeting, or take the idea to a Club or Unit, and plant the seed of a new idea. Every currently enjoyable activity began as someone's idea.

I have recently been informed of the deaths of two Shriners in early January who were very dear to me and Damascus Temple. The first is Illustrious Sir James B. Scobell, Potentate in 1969. Jim was my mentor in the Masons, the Scottish Rite and the Shrine. I am sure that by the time you read this you will have read or heard much of his Masonic career. He had devoted a large portion of his life to the Craft, he was a Past Master of Seneca Lodge, Commander-in-Chief of the Scottish Rite Valley of Rochester, Director of Court #3, Royal Order of Jesters, and recipient of the Order of DeMolay "Order of Merit." With all the work that went with these positions, I can assure you he still took time to enjoy these organizations for the fun they provided. I will miss "Jimbo," and our Organization will be just a little weaker for his absence.

The second Shriener who passed was Noble David Burnham. David did not receive honors from the Craft but, like Jim, carried the Craft on his shirtsleeves

for the world to witness. David went to school in Greece, NY; he joined the Masons and Scottish Rite (same class as Ill. Robert Anderson II), and Damascus Shrine. David was the complete clown. He worked the circus and made himself available for additional projects as they arose. Almost thirty years ago David heard the call of Las Vegas and the circus life at Circus-Circus Casino. He worked as a clown for fifteen years, and then progressed to working in the Casino. He was looking forward to his retirement in 2008. David could never stand out in a crowd, but his presence could fill a room.

As for 2007, I hold great hope for the growth of our Fraternity. Let us try to honor these fallen friends by replacing them in our ranks.



JAMES SLOCUM, RECORDER

Congratulations to all Nobles, elected and appointed to the Divan. I wish Lance and Lynn all the luck and good wishes in the world. I really enjoyed working with them both and I know they will be bored to death with all the free time they will now have! HA! HA!

The first of the wall caps have been installed and look real good. I am still taking orders for them and even as the price of the engraving has gone up we are holding the price at the same as before. As you enter the Shrine Center, look and give me some comments.

I am disappointed that we had to suspend or dimit 31 Nobles for non-payment of dues. Again, if there is any way the Shrine can be of help or assistance, please let us know. We cannot help if we do not hear from you.

Between the Black Camel and suspensions we are not taking in enough new members to maintain our numbers. I do have one, and possibly two, new petitions to read for the February meeting. Remember, if you know of anyone who

would make a good Shriener, ask them and/or tell them what we do for the kids. You might be surprised at their response; they might be waiting for someone to ask them.

Winter is finally upon us; as I look out of the office window and see the white stuff falling and blowing around. I knew the good weather we had came with a price. As in the past, all it takes is a little common sense in driving and/or handling the snow and ice.

The calendar sales have dropped below last year's sales. As of the writing of this newsletter, we have 789 calendars sold. As we have asked in the past, if you have calendars and can sell them, get them in as soon as possible. If you can not sell them, get them into the office so we can get them sold from the office. We always have requests for them. If every Shriener were to buy one, we would have 100% sales.

I have a request. If you have any spent ink cartridges from your printer, please turn them into the office. We can turn those into cash for the hospital fund.



Rodney R. Rittenhouse, PP

Dressed in the finest attire befitting the Accounting Profession, in honor of our elected Potentate, Illustrious Rodney R. Rittenhouse, PP, conducted the installation ceremony for Illustrious Donald A. Rose and members of the Divan at the January meeting.

Decorative garters, complete with protruding large denomination currency, held the sleeves back on his arm to prove he had nothing up his sleeve as he administered the Oath of Office, first to the Divan, then a modified version to the Illustrious Potentate. All that was missing was the green eye shade!

Ill. Rose spoke briefly on his program for the year, encouraging all to participate in as many functions as possible and to continue the excellent support of Shriners Hospitals, which has become a Damascus tradition.

PERRY SHRINE CLUB

By Ed Hollwedel

The Perry Shrine Club will meet at several locations this year and plans to have guest speakers or programs at most meetings. The announcement card that you will receive before each meeting will tell you the plan for the meeting.

As in the past, most meetings will start with Social Adjustment at 6 p.m. and Dinner from the menu at 7 p.m. Ladies are always welcome.

The Officers for 2007 are:
 President Edgar Hollwedel
 Vice-President Howard Wood
 Treasurer/Secretary Russell Gillett

Perry Shrine Club 2007 Calendar

Thursday, February 22nd
Hole-in-the-Wall Restaurant

Thursday, March 22nd
Lumberyard Restaurant

Thursday, April 26th
BW's Restaurant
at Davis's Golf Course
11070 Perry Road, Pavilion

Thursday, May 24th
Hole-in-the-Wall Restaurant

Thursday, June 28th
Silver Lake Golf Club
Ladies Night

Sunday, August 26th
Summer Party at Hollwedel's
in Pavilion

Thursday, September 27th
Lumberyard Restaurant

Thursday, October 25th
Hole-in-the-Wall Restaurant

Wednesday, November 14th
Lumberyard Restaurant

Wednesday, December 19th
National Hotel, Cuylerville



Members of the Elected and Appointed Divan for 2007 gather West of the Altar to take the Oath and receive the Badge of their Office. Shown are Nobles: Lee Coller, Joseph Shanks, James Slocum, Robert Anderson II, Richard Friedman, Richard Ponticello, Lance Ward (proxy), Lawrence Canfield and Donald Rose. Installing Marshal was Seymour Kopen.

SHRINEABILIA

By Derek VanHouten, PP

Another interesting historical item came my way the other day from a rather unique location. My thanks to Noble John Hellaby for this document, even though the condition of it was tattered and mouse-eaten. His friend was doing some plumbing and it fell out of the wall as he was installing some bathroom fixtures. It turns out that this publication, *Shrine Magazine*, November 1928, IS REALLY A TREASURE TROVE.

I will quote from a couple of entries: "Acting Potentate Wilson conducted a big crowd to Auburn on August 25th for a Field Day. Other members went there from Geneva, Seneca Falls and Canandaigua. The Auburn Shrine Club joined all contingents in a parade led by the Band, Patrol and Legion of Honor. Sports enlivened the picnic in Lakeside Park. Imperial Chief Rabban Fletcher graced the occasion with his presence."

"Shriners Will Sail Again" says the article a few pages later on the *S.S. Calgaric* of the White Star Line. Led by Imperial Potentate Frank C. Jones, these happy people will taste the joys of cruising with people who "speak their language." This was a 19-day voyage to the West Indies including Jamaica, Colon, Haiti, Nassau and others before returning to New York City.

There also is a full-page article on what the Hospitals are doing ... remember, this was only six years after they were organized! The following data is from the 15 Hospitals for the Month of August, 1928. The number of new patients admitted 274; number of beds occupied 808; number on the waiting list 1776; and, the number of patients discharged 809.

The magazine also featured traveling with the Imperial Potentate, a couple of stories, want ads and miscellaneous items. The magazine will be on display shortly.

LEGION OF HONOR

By Vance Collom, Jr.

The Legion of Honor had a great Holiday Party and all who attended enjoyed a Surf and Turf Dinner with all the trimmings. We enjoyed dancing and music by DJ and vocalist Rick Howe. All the ladies received a large scented candle. Thanks to Commander, Sy Kopen, PP, and all last year's Officers for a great year with good fellowship and some very interesting programs.

The January meeting was our Election and Installation of Officers. The Slate of Officers elected was:
 3rd Lt. Commander John Faro
 2nd Lt. Commander Norris Shapiro
 1st Lt. Commander Ill.: Don Rose
 Commander Vance Collom, Jr.

We were honored to have the Commander of Ismailia Legion of Honor, Commander Jim Van Slyke and his lady, Sue, join us for the evening. Jim invited everyone to come to the Ismailia Legion of Honor's Passing of the Gavel, on February 3rd.

Our next meeting will be February 14th at The Beal Street Café located at 1930 Empire Blvd in Webster (two blocks East of Bay Town Plaza). Cash bar at 5:30 p.m. and Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Until next time, *Semper Fi*.

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CANANDAIGUA SHRINE CLUB

By Jim Slocum

The Canandaigua Shrine Club met and set up an agenda for 2007. The Club will be meeting on the even months, which are February, April, June, August, October and December. These will be supper meetings at Cheap Charlie's in Bloomfield.

At this meeting, we elected Officers for the ensuing year. They are the same as last year:

President Ron Edwards
 1st Vice-President George Romanshyn
 Secretary Jim Slocum
 Treasurer Todd Statt

There will be a Steak Roast in August, which will be open to all interested Shriners. It will be a fundraiser for the Club. Cards will be sent prior to all meetings as a reminder ... remember, Ladies are always invited to all the meetings.

I will accept any and all news that anyone wants to put in the article for each issue of the *Masonic Times*. That includes birthdays, sickness, personal news or whatever. Send to me at 979 Bay Road, Webster NY 14580 or call Jim Slocum at 671-7701. Keep me informed.

Todd Statt or I will accept all dues for 2007, only \$5.00, and you will receive your Membership Card.

DIRECTORS STAFF

By Vance Collom, Jr.

The Directors Staff had a very good year in 2006 and everyone is wished a very happy and healthy New Year. We had many good meals and good fellowship together at DiPacific's Restaurant. We had two fundraisers last year and donated \$750 to the Shrine Hospitals/Transportation Fund. In support of the hospital funds, we sold apples at Wal-Mart and provided a basket and air rifle for the Sportsman's Raffle.

We also donated a \$75 money tree to the Geneva Shrine Club to help support the Christmas Party at Club 86. The money tree was a big hit at the party and our hat's off to Joanie and Carl Mason for the great idea.

Our members had a lot of fun at numerous parades last Summer. Some rode in old cars, some in mini-cars and some rode on the Directors Staff Fire Truck. A tip of the fez to Director Lee Coller, Sr., who maintains the fifty-year-old fire truck and keeps it looking like a million dollars in the Shrine Parades.

We hope the Members of Directors Staff and our new Nobles enjoyed the skits that the Directors Staff put on after the Hot Sands Degree. They are designed for the enjoyment of all and any Noble who would like to participate in a skit is welcome to join the Directors Staff. We will continue to hold our meetings at DiPacific's Restaurant during 2007.

Our next meeting will be February 28th. Social hour is at 5:30 p.m.; Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. Everyone orders dinner off the menu. All Nobles and ladies are invited.

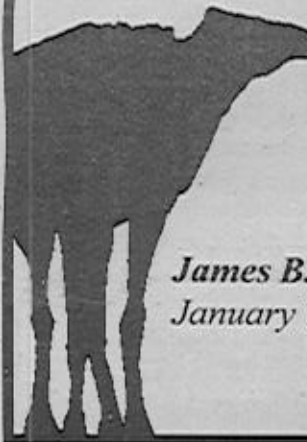
Until next time, God Bless.

Last Call
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February 6th
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Dinner at 1:00 p.m.
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Happy February Birthdays, Nobles:

- | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
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| • Jeffrey W. Amering | Gerald K. Harrell | Theodore H. Peck |
| • William R. Anderson | James R. Hart | James H. Pray |
| • Bryan C. Anderson | Robert G. Helmes | David B. Riddervold |
| • Robert C. Black | Richard A. Henderson | Rodney R. Rittenhouse |
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 Memory of Noble*



James B. Scobell
 January 7, 2007

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DONOR RELATIONS

By Derek VanHouten

From time to time we will explore the different financial instruments available to the Nobility and 'friends' who wish to leave a legacy to Shriners Hospitals. Please REMEMBER that we're providing information only and that specific situations need to be discussed with your tax advisor or attorney.

While in Tampa for our annual seminar we were presented the following about a Charitable Gift Annuity:

- Contract between Donor and Shriners Hospitals for Children.
- Guaranteed, legal obligation.
- Donor transfers cash or securities in exchange for a fixed dollar payment during his lifetime and an income tax deduction in the year the gift is made.
- Donor can name himself sole annuitant or designate another, solely, concurrently, or consecutively. Minimum gift is \$5,000.

There are two types of a Charitable Gift Annuity:

- 1) Immediate Payment - Allows Donor to receive payments as soon as they set up the annuity.
- 2) A Deferred Payment - Allows Donor to receive payments starting one year or later from the date of gift (potentially after retirement).

Flexible-Deferred allows Donor to choose variety of start-date options.

Gift Annuity

- Individual Profile is an individual who:
- Wants to increase cash flow and satisfy charitable intentions.
 - Owns highly appreciated assets.
 - Wishes to diversify without incurring an immediate capital gains tax.
 - Donor who is sitting on a great deal of cash in his/her checking account, or has a CD coming into maturity.

- Has a maturing Commercial Annuity and wants to create an income stream with a gift to Shriners Hospitals for Children.
- Is not concerned with keeping pace with inflation.
- Owns high coupon bonds, which are about to mature, and reinvestment into bonds would be at lower interest rates.

Gift Annuity-Benefits

- Ability to significantly increase current income.
- Receive a charitable tax deduction.
- Defer capital gains tax over the term of the agreement.
- A portion of the distribution is tax-free.
- Payment is fixed and guaranteed by SHC.
- The payment is not dependent upon the market returns of the funds.

Deferred Gift Annuity

Individual Profile is an individual who:

- Is a typically younger Donor who is in his/her 50s/60s who has come to the realization that his/her projected retirement income needs to be enhanced.
- Does not want current income and can utilize a tax deduction.
- Has maximized contributions to 401K.

Deferred Gift Annuity-Benefits

- Ability to defer income and capital gains to a future date.
- Current tax deduction.
- Guaranteed fixed income for retirement.
- The deferred period allows the gift to grow which translates into a higher distribution for the donor.
- The deferral period should also allow for greater growth of remainder value to Shriners Hospitals for Children.

Thank you for allowing me to discuss these options with you... more next month.

WAYNE COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

By Bill Guinup

We met at Burnham's Red Rooster on January 18th. There were 13 present. Ernie Day, President, introduced the Past Presidents and the new Officers for 2007.

Vice-President John Ramsey, will be working on some fundraisers for the club.

Lee Coller was introduced as the Di-van Representative. He talked about the Shriners Hospitals and the great things they do. He also mentioned some upcoming events.

Fred Ludwig won the 50-50 raffle.

An ARC Representative, Rosa Barnes, was the guest speaker. Wayne ARC is a parent organization that advocates for, and serves persons of all ages with, and without, special needs. She gave us an interesting presentation on the services they offer.

Cards were sent to Roland Orbaker, who is in a nursing home in Florida, and to the wife of Tom Vasile.

The next meeting will be on March 15th at the Burnham's Red Rooster in Fairville.



Wheeler

Waggings

February 3rd is a Full Day of Fun!

By Bruce Chilton

The Wheeler Corps puts on the "Hog Degree," starting at 3 p.m. at the Shrine Center. Anyone is eligible to take the degree - you might get a rise out of your lady when you ask "Are you a Hog?" A Hog Pin comes with the Degree.

Chili Cook-Off

At 5 p.m. you are welcome to partake in the famous Wheeler Chili Cook-Off, either as a contestant or a lucky eater! We need to know if you are going to be involved, if you plan to enter your Chili. Other requirements: \$5 entry fee; you must provide a gallon of your chili as a minimum.

PRIZES!

- 1st Prize - \$50
- 2nd Prize - \$25

Voting will be done by all who have sampled the chili. If you just want to come and enjoy the food, admission is \$5 for all you can eat.

Euchre Tournament

Still want more excitement? There will be a Euchre Tournament starting at 7 p.m. Sharp! Entrance fee is \$5 per person; each euchre will cost 25¢. There will be a 50/50 split on the prize money. Come and have some fun at the Shrine Center.

For reservations:

Rich Friedman at:
richddgm@frontiernet.net
Bruce Chilton at:
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New Officers

The new Officers were installed at our meeting on January 26th. More details on that event in the next issue of *Damascus News*.

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February Shriner and Shrine Center Scheduled Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Wheelers
4	5 Divan [†] Shrine Lunch Club [†] <i>Lalla Rookh</i> <i>Grotto Board</i>	6 Clown Unit	7 6:00 p.m. Shrine Meeting	8 <i>Fame Lodge</i>	9	10 <i>Valley of Rochester</i>
11	12 Shrine Lunch Club [†] <i>ERAC Lodge</i>	13 <i>Valley-Simes Lodge</i>	14 Legion of Honor	15 <i>Valley of Rochester</i> Wayne Shrine Club [†]	16	17
18	19 Shrine Lunch Club Ladies Day [†] Auburn Shrine Club [†]	20 <i>Craftsman Robertson</i> <i>Lodge</i>	21 <i>Lalla Rookh Grotto</i>	22 <i>Fame Lodge</i> Perry Shrine Club [†]	23	24
25	26 Shrine Lunch Club [†] <i>ERAC Lodge</i> Geneva Shrine Club [†]	27 <i>Valley of Rochester</i> Wheelers [†]	28 Directors Staff [†]			

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

Data current as of January 19, 2007

Geneva Shrine Club Christmas Party Photo Collage

Calendar Winners for December



DAY	NO.	WINNER
12/1	758	Herbert Williams
12/2	999	JoAnne Vandegriff
12/3	932	Jian Rejman
12/4	133	Marian Cornell
12/5	687	Rhonda Johnson
12/6	152	Jimmy Swenson
12/7	205	Sue Monroe
12/8	024	Timothy Gannon
12/9	331	Lyn Christensen
12/10	859	Gary Moran
12/11	082	Mark Arlaukas
12/12	496	Robert Verdehem
12/13	550	William Spencer
12/14	989	Harrison White
12/15	814	Roseanne DeSain
12/16	911	John Enrich
12/17	324	Damascus Shrine
12/18	342	Dan Beckers
12/19	578	Joe Nye II
12/20	986	Cynthia Lott
12/21	714	Basil Guereri
12/22	044	Daryl Balcom
12/23	297	Joan Crawford
12/24	748	Benjamin Heselton
12/25		HAPPY HOLIDAYS
12/26	179	Damascus Shrine
12/27	890	Mitch Buchinger
12/28	376	Charles Phillips
12/29	967	Lance Ward
12/30	468	Jim Toogood
12/31	915	Angelo DiCataldo



Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

Legion
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Kenneth R. Milner
Monarch
346-6018

Prophets, if you need to speak to me, you can call me at home at 346-6018. If I am not home, leave a message as I will be picking up my messages while I am away. Hope all who attend the ESGA Sweetheart Weekend in Niagara Falls have a good time. Elaine and I will be thinking about you as we travel. *

Grand Historian



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This month's article is a tribute to our own Brother and Prophet, Gerald R. Ford, Jr. and is located on page one of this paper. *

Master of Ceremonies

By Richard Topel, PM

There will be a Swiss Steak Dinner at the February Meeting, free with your 2007 Dues Card. The Dinner will be at 6:30 p.m. For reservations, call Dick Topel at 663-2547. *

Legion of Honor

By Brian Bills, Commander

The holidays are over and it's time to get back to work. We had our Installation of Officers on Monday, January 15th. Monarch Ken Milner attended the dinner with his wife, Elaine, and performed the Installation Ceremony for:

Commander **Brian Bills**
Adjutant **Ron Morthorst**
Finance Officer **Heinz Gunkel**
Chaplain **Richard Topel**
Sergeant at Arms

Luigi Campaniello
Since Luigi was not there, Ernie Swan stood in for him.

Operation Paperback

It was decided to help the Operation Paperback, which supplies donated paperback books to the soldiers in Iraq and Af-

Monarch

Kenneth R. Milner

ghanistan. The program is being headed locally by Gil Gellasch. We will be donating money for the postage that is required to send the books. If you are able to donate any paperback books, please contact the Commander, Brian Bills, and he will assist you in getting them to Gil.

Upcoming Activities

There will be a trip to the Turning Stone Casino on Tuesday, January 30th. If you are interested in going, contact the Commander, Brian Bills, for details and reservations.

We will be attending a Rochester Americans Hockey game on Wednesday, February 28th, at 7:05 p.m. Tickets will be available through the Commander for only \$5.00. We will have 25 tickets available on a first-come, first-served basis. Your check to the Commander will be your reservation.

The next meeting is scheduled for February 19th at the Nutcracker Restaurant on Empire Boulevard in Webster. *

Caldron News

By Beverly Murray, MCO

Once again it's time to turn the page, And a very Special Day comes our way.

On February 22nd is Pearl Smith's 100th Birthday!

Just in case you have not heard,

February 24th is a Celebration for Pearl is the word At Webster Masonic Lodge -

I thank all those who attended and helped with our Christmas Dinner. We will purchase one Enchanted Lantern with the proceeds.

February 11th will be our Birthday Banquet at 3 p.m. at Rick's Prime Rib House on Buffalo Road. Call Merline Bueg - 458-8258 - for reservations by February 8th.

Prophets, you are invited to join us for this Celebration. We hope "all" of you can attend and partake.

Sickness and Distress

Please report any sickness and distress to our Sunshine Chairperson, Joan Palmer, at 663-8593.

A New Endeavor

Our new Drill Team is getting organized so come one, come all and join the fun! We're still working out the kinks and details.

16th, we had the 3rd Degree Historical Lecture. A special thanks to V.: W.: Lowell Falkey for doing a great job.

At the February 6th meeting, the program will be the Walk-About for our newest Brothers. Hopefully, we will have a good turnout for this program. If any other Lodges have new Brothers or have never seen this presentation, they are more than welcome.

The Trustees are working on an estimate to re-shingle the roof. The current shingles are the original from when the Lodge was built and are over 30 years old. Other Committees are working on estimates for a charcoal pit and planning the

upcoming Roast Pork Dinner; more info to follow.

Game nights are still going on February 2nd and 16th at 6:30 p.m.

Birthday & Anniversaries

Happy February Birthday to Brother Perry Adams (3rd). Congratulations to those Brothers Raised in past Februaries; James Piper (February 28, 1945) and Donald Sabin (February 6, 1951).

Secretary's Note

We continue to recognize Brothers' birthdays in the *Masonic Times*. However, for various reasons, I still have a number of Brothers who all seem to have January 1st as a common birth date. A few have brought this to my attention.

LALLA ROOKH CALENDAR

February 5th at 7 p.m.
Board of Governors
Shrine Center

February 16-17th
(Friday and Saturday)
ESGA Sweetheart
Weekend
Niagara Falls, Canada

February 19th
Legion of Honor
6:30 p.m. Dinner at
Nutcracker Restaurant
with Ladies

February 21st
Regular Meeting
Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
Free with 2007
Dues Card

Entertainment - The
Chorus of the Erie Canal
Reservations-Call
Dick Topel, 663-2547

**Information
Hotline
585-334-4196**

Merline Bueg fell and dislocated her shoulder. Jan Porter is out of a cast and moving quite well in a surgical boot. Annette Towle is still trying to adjust to her cast for a broken wrist.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Bob Bueg.

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

Looking forward to seeing "YOU" at our next meeting February 8th at 7:30 p.m. *

Remember!



**James A. Hard/
Wayne Charter**
Post No. 12
Commander
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388-0913
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Vance R. Collom, Jr.
217-9817

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and has enjoyed the mild Winter to date. Now that the Christmas cards and gift packages have become once again manageable, I am able to take a few minutes to attend to my responsibilities.

Brother Dennis Finucane suffered a heart attack in early January followed by a stroke about one week later. He has been in the Strong Memorial Hospital and is recovering nicely. If all goes as scheduled, he should be in the care of his family by the time you read this.

There has been very little going on since our last meeting. Our next meeting is on February 22nd at the Fairport Lodge Hall. We will have dinner at 6:30 p.m.; the meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

I am in the process of setting up a group hockey outing on Wednesday, February 28th, at the Blue Cross Arena. The game will begin at 7:05 p.m. The tickets will be \$5.00 per person. We have 20 tickets available right now and you can order them through the Commander Brian Bills. I will be able to get more, if needed, but I am laying out the money to reserve the tickets and need to have your checks to confirm your reservation.

Hope to hear from you on the tickets and see you at the next meeting. *

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Attendance at our Christmas party was low, but all who attended had fun. Thanks to Ol' Saint Nick for taking time to visit us; the kids were in awe. At the last meeting, January

According to Grand Lodge Records (and a default setting in the MORI System), the following have January 1st birthdays: Lloyd Akin, William Dean, Roy Farnsworth, Donald Fridley, Elvin Grube, Nelson Gulvin, Robert Hines, Albert Kamm, Robert Lannon, Milton Lum, James Newman, Kenneth Pedersen, John Record, Donald Sabin, Elmer Smith, Robert Spink, Kenneth Thomas and Glen Webster. If your name is listed and you wish to be recognized on your true birthday, contact me either by mail:

Clayton Ruggles, 1348 Griffith Road, Phelps, NY 14532, by email at cruggle1@rochester.rr.com or by phone 315-548-3573. *

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What's Coming

The month of February is going to be a great month. It commences with the Monroe District Have-a-Heart Campaign to raise money for the Rochester Ronald McDonald Houses (there are essentially two, one outside the hospital and one located near the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit in Strong Hospital). The Scottish Rite will be manning the Marketplace Mall Booth on Tuesday, February 13th. If you and your family would like to participate on that day, either just show up, or call one of the presiding Officers and tell them you will be coming; phone numbers are in the pocket calendar.

On Saturday, February 10th, we will be conferring the 18th and 19th Degrees at Damascus Shrine Center starting at 8:30 a.m. The Degrees will be completed prior to noon, so you can help out at the Have-a-Heart Campaign at your favorite mall. We have not conferred the 19th Degree in several years. It is the first in the new cycle of Consistorial Degrees. We invite all Scottish Rite Brethren to come and enjoy the conferral.

On the 15th of February we will hold the Feast of Tebeth, one of the Scottish Rite Obligatory Feast Days. The evening will start at 5:30 p.m. for fellowship with dinner at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Feast Ceremony. This will be a truly great evening.

The last event of February is something new. We will hold a Brother Bring-a-Brother Event on Tuesday evening, February 27th. The evening will be held at Damascus Shrine Center. It will start at 5:30 p.m. for fellowship, dinner at 6:30 p.m. and a program on the Scottish Rite starting at 7:30 p.m. Members who attend dinner will pay \$10, non-Scottish Rite Master Masons will be free. As an incentive to bring a Brother Mason, every member who brings a non-Scottish Rite Master Mason who subsequently submits a Petition for Membership with the Initiation Fee will be eligible for a free dinner at a subsequent Scottish Rite dinner event.

We are planning to present the Scottish Rite Public Degree for the first time in the Valley at this event. Every one is encouraged to come and see this Degree and bring a Brother Master Mason.

Our Spring Initiatory Degrees commence on March 15th with the 4th and 8th Degrees. We will be completing our Degree cycle with the conferral of the 32nd Degree on Saturday, April 28th. Check our web site at: <http://www.valleyofrochester.org> for a full calendar and other in-

Rite Events Calendar

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

February 10th - 18th and 19th Degrees

February 13th - Have-a-Heart
(12 noon-9 p.m. at Marketplace Mall)

February 15th - Tebeth Table Lodge
Brother Bring-a-Brother

March 15th - 4th and 8th Degrees

March 27th - Rite Nite at the Movies

March 30th - Members (and Ladies) Night at
The College of Freemasonry

March 31st - College of Freemasonry

April 15th - Feast of Paschal Lamb

April 19th - 14th Degree

April 27th - 15th Degree

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

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

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Ms. Ann Kaczka, Learning Center Director
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Allegiance

The Bodies of the Scottish Rite, sitting in the Valley of Rochester, State of New York, acknowledge and yield allegiance to the Supreme Council, 33°, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, whose Grand East is in Lexington, Massachusetts and whose Officers are:

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Ill.: Gary A. Henningsen, 33°



Members of the Valley of Rochester, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, who participated in the cast for the production of the 14° on January 4th were: (front row, left to right) Warren Doerrer, Brian Bills, Michael Fazio, Michael Morris, Gary Burke, G. Thomas Grape and Joseph Oelgoetz. (Back row, left to right) Joseph Bourcy, Michael McBride, John Faro, Patrick Mulrooney and Craig Mollon.



Completing the Degree requirements for the Rochester Lodge of Perfection were the following members of the Paul A. Gleason, Jr., Class: (front row, left to right) Eric Prince, Dana Cline, Richard Randolph, Phillip Hurwitz (Exemplar), Robert Wharmby and Theodore Sargent. (Back row, left to right) William Coombs, George Foehner and Paul A. Gleason, Jr. (Class Sponsor).

formation about the Rite and Valley events, etc.

Thank You

Last month I mentioned our new Hospitaler's Fund. I am happy to report that you, the Brethren of the Valley, have supported this initiative very well. The fund is off to a good start. Thanks to all who have contributed. The process for dispersal of the funds is about complete and will be in place by the end of February. This shows that our Brethren care about each other and are willing to contribute to the welfare of distressed Master Masons.

End Notes

Well, Ohio State did not win the College Football Championship; sorry, Joe. However, we in the Valley of Rochester have an exciting Winter and Spring ahead of us. Check your pocket calendar, our website and our mailings for what's coming. Plan to attend as many events as you can. You and every Brother around you will benefit.



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**Have-a-Heart and
HELP HAVE-A-HEART Campaign! !**

Workers are needed for all shifts for the AASR Day at Marketplace Mall on Tuesday, February 13th. If you can help for even a short time please contact:

- Shift 1 Noon-3 p.m. Jim Slocum (671-7701)
 - Shift 2 3 p.m.-6 p.m. Jack VanElzakker (264-1160)
 - Shift 3 6 p.m.-9 p.m. John Zabel (223-3228)
- Bring a friend and he/she can help also.

Date Change ...

The Reunion Banquet is now set for Friday, May 11th at the Diplomat. Please change your calendars accordingly. (It was scheduled for May 12th)

**Attention, Veterans
Who are Members
of the Valley of Rochester**

Please call (234-1160) or email wrl@rochester.rr.com the Consistory Office if you are a Veteran and your name was missing from the November Issue of the Masonic Times. There are 189 Veterans on file to date. This is one out of every seven Members. Are you one of them?



**A Masonic Compact:
It's About Time**

Damascus Shrine Center

March 30, 2007

6:00 p.m. Social Hour

7:00 p.m. Dinner

Dinner will be followed by a presentation by

Ill. John W. McNaughton 33°, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

This event is open to Scottish Rite Masons and their ladies.

The cost is \$15 per person for the Friday dinner (baked fried fish), or \$25 per person for dinner and the Saturday program.

March 31, 2007

8:00 Registration and Continental breakfast

Open to Masons and Nonmasons; cost is \$15 per person
9:00 Program begins

Dr. William Cook: Dr. Cook is a nationally recognized Medieval scholar who is a member of the Department of History at the State University at Geneva. His presentation will focus on Cathedral building.

Neal J. Bidnick: Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York and author of "The Masonic Compact" and the "Compleat Mason."

Richard Currie: Long time editor of *The Northern Light*, the magazine of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction AASR.

Richard Ditcher: Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association of the United States and member of the Task Force that prepared the seminal document "It's About Time: Moving Masonry Into the 21st Century."

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2007 Abbott Scholarships

Application forms for Abbott Scholarships are now available in the Scottish Rite Office and may be had by calling 264-1160, or printing the application form online at: <http://www.supremecouncil.org/charities/Abbott.asp>

Leon M. Abbott Scholarships provide financial support for the continuing education of young men and women from Scottish Rite families and Masonic-related youth groups. Since 1951, more than \$3 million has been awarded to students from each State of the Northern Jurisdiction.

Eligibility: The following criteria are used to determine the eligibility of applicants for the program:

- o Currently enrolled at an accredited college or university
- o A child or grandchild of a Scottish Rite Mason in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.
- o A member of a youth organization sponsored by the Masonic fraternity in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.
- o A graduate of one of the 32nd Degree Masonic Learning Centers for Children in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction.

Completed applications and all supporting documents (in duplicate) must be in the Valley Office by April 1, 2007. ✕

Remember the Brotherhood Fund

SCOTTISH RITE BUILDERS COUNCIL: Is it Rite for You?

By Ill. G. Michael Morris, 33°, 2nd Lt. Commander

My Brothers, I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to become a member of an important and vital group with-in the Scottish Rite Organization - the Scottish Rite Builders Council. The Builders Council is the way that the Scottish Rite recognizes Masonic members and friends for their commitment to its charities through a bequest or planned gift. It highlights the humanitarian work of our charities and dramatizes the role of individuals in helping to make a better life for others. It also provides a way to recognize members and let them know how much their commitment and support is appreciated.

In particular, support from Builders Council members is an extremely important funding component for the operation and growth of our Frank and Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children, located in Rochester. Funds contributed from Builders Council members can be used to support the annual operating costs of the Center, an endowment to support the Center's growth in future years, or a combination of annual operations and endowment.

There are many different types of gifts that qualify for Builders Council Membership. Some of the possibilities include:

- Bequest (or pledge) of a specific amount of property
- Bequest of a percentage of an estate
- Bequest of a residue of an estate
- Bequest to spouse or children, then provision for Learning Center
- Bequest using various forms of a charitable trust
- Gifts that provide life income, including annuities
- Naming the Learning Center as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy or pension plan

Ties and Pins

The minimum level of commitment to become a Member of the Builders Council is \$10,000. Council Members can be identified by either green or gold teddy bear ties.

A green teddy bear tie indicates that the member has made a commitment to contribute \$10,000 or more toward Scottish Rite Charities.

A gold teddy bear tie indicates that the member has already contributed more than \$10,000 to the Charity (or Charities) of his choice.

Above that, there are additional levels of contributions distinguished by pins:

- \$25,000 - Teddy Bear
- \$50,000 - Crystal Teddy Bear
- \$100,000 - Bronze Teddy Bear
- \$250,000 - Silver Teddy Bear
- \$500,000 - Gold Teddy Bear
- \$1,000,000 - Silver Double Eagle

At present, we have only four Brothers from the Valley of Rochester, who are members of the Builders Council. Given the size of our Valley, we should have at least 100 Brothers from the Valley on the Builders Council!

While everyone's personal financial situation is different, I ask that you please give some serious thought and consideration to joining the Scottish Rite Builders Council. It is important.

As mentioned above, there are many different ways in which to contribute and to match your particular goals and objectives. And no matter what or how you give, you can rest assured that you will be helping a cause close to your heart!

The following chart illustrates some potential gift vehicles for achieving specific financial goals. Is one (or more) of them right for you?

Your Goal*	Your Gift*	How to Make the Gift	Your Benefits*
Make a quick and easy gift	Outright gift	Donate cash, securities or personal property	Income tax deduction; avoidance of any capital gains tax
Make a revocable gift during your lifetime	Living trust	Name us beneficiary of assets in a living trust	Control of trust for lifetime; possible estate tax savings
Defer a gift until after your lifetime	Bequest in Will	Name us in your Will	A donation exempt from federal estate taxes
Make a large gift with little cost to yourself	Life insurance gift	Give a policy with us as owner and beneficiary	Current income tax deduction; possible future deductions
Avoid the two-fold taxation on retirement plan assets	Retirement plan gift	Name us as beneficiary of the remainder of the assets after your lifetime	Avoidance of heavily taxed gift to heirs, allowing less costly gifts
Avoid capital gains tax on the sale of a home or other real estate	Real estate gift	Donate the property to us, or sell it to us at a bargain price	Immediate income tax deduction and avoidance of capital gains tax
Give your personal residence or farm, but continue to live there	Retained life estate	Designate the ownership of your home to us, but retain occupancy	Charitable income tax deduction and lifetime use of home
Secure a fixed and often increased income	Charitable remainder annuity trust	Create a charitable trust that pays you a set income annually	Immediate income tax deduction and fixed income for life
Create a hedge against inflation over the long term	Charitable remainder unitrust	Create a trust that pays a percentage of the trust's assets, valued annually	Immediate income tax deduction, annual income for life that has potential to increase
Supplement income with fixed annual payments	Charitable gift annuity	Enter a contract with us, in which we'll pay you fixed payments annually	Current and future savings on income taxes; fixed payments for life
Reduce gift and estate taxes on assets passing to heirs	Charitable lead trust	Create a trust that pays a fixed or variable income to us for a set term, and then passes to heirs	Reduced size of taxable estate; keeps property in family, often with reduced gift taxes

* Please note that information provided above is not intended as legal, tax or investment advice. For such advice, please consult your attorney, tax professional or investment professional.

Additional information about Builders Council Membership and the various donation options is available on the Scottish Rite website; please check it out: www.scottishritecharities.org.

My Brothers, I would also be quite happy to discuss any questions that you might have concerning Builders Council membership and/or

activities at the Frank and Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center. Please feel to contact me, Ill. G. Michael Morris, 33°, 2nd Lieutenant Commander, Valley of Rochester; Chair, Board of Governors, Frank and Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children. Email me at: morris@apollooptical.com; phone: 223-2828. ✕



Mornings at the Museum, February 8th - We'll read *The Shopping Basket* and *A Birthday Basket for Tia*. Afterwards, we'll make our own baskets.
Gallery Talk, February 11th - Join staff for a guided tour of "To Build and Sustain." Learn about our country's history and how Freemasonry worked in communities.
Model Trains, February 17th & 18th - Join the Northeast Ntrak Modular Railroad Club for a weekend of fun.
Family Program, February 19th - Celebrate President's Day with crafts and games that span the centuries.

Book Reading and Signing, February 20th - Jack Larkin will read from, *Where We Lived*, which explores history of early American homes from 1775-1840. Realities of everyday life, from sanitation to pest control and privacy, are explored through beautiful photographs.
Game Day, February 21st - Challenge family and friends to board game; see other toys and games in the Museum.
Family Program, February 24th - The Crabgrass Puppet Theater performs *Anansi, Spiderman of Africa!*
Fees charged for some events

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

York Rite NEWS

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24th
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Companions, has Winter arrived yet? As I write this article, there is a grey squirrel sunbathing on my neighbor's roof, as the temperature is almost 60 degrees today.

Several Lodges and Chapters have gone "dark" for concerns over Winter weather. Maybe this should be reconsidered for 2008.

I don't think having only six meetings a year is very good for our Chapters. There's little continuity to plan and achieve much. What we are achieving seems to result from the consolidated effect we are seeing by Companions attending all three Chapters' meetings each month. We are discussing events as a District more and more.

Take the Fervency and Zeal Team that Palmyra Eagle Chapter is spearheading. It has been discussed at all the Chapters' meetings. Members from all three Chapters are participating on the team. It's been agreed that it doesn't matter where the

new members choose to join, we will all benefit to some extent because it will take help from all the Chapters to put on the Degrees.

Palmyra Eagle Chapter and Wayne Chapter have both expressed to me their invitation to Newark Chapter Companions to attend their Convocations while Newark Chapter is dark until April. All enjoyed the visits made during the Fall to one another.

Grand Chapter is fast approaching on March 2-3, 2007, in Albany at the Turf Inn, Wolf Road. A number of Companions have made their reservations already as Grand Chapter has asked, but a last-minute trip to Grand Chapter is still a grand thing to do. Do you like the fancy fanfare of visiting Grand Chapters or do you like the meat of the business meeting? Take your pick. It's a nice ride to Albany if the weather remains mild. Many have done the day trip before. Why not you and another Companion? Gas and a meal or two is all it will cost. Give it some thought, there's still time to talk it over. Call me for any details you need.

At this time, I thank Wayne Chapter for the beautiful District Deputy Apron they presented me on January 23rd. I will wear it proudly in my travels. We had another lovely time at the Steger Haus Restaurant in Sodus before the meeting.

I fervently look forward to seeing you soon.

District Deputy Grand Master 8th Cryptic District



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It's always a good feeling when you start a new year. There's a feeling of hope and confidence, a feeling of getting new things done. Well, this is good, but we also need to remember to finish the things that we have started. We already have quite a bit on our plates. Like the record players of old, let's crank it up.

My first "Official Visit" of the New Year was to Doric Council. This visit was a little unusual, since it was also the AGL Convention. The Royal Master Degree was conferred by the District for the benefit of V. I. Norman Austin. Doric Council is blessed with past Grand Masters, Past DDGMs, Past AGLs and past Ill. Masters who all do excellent work. If you haven't visited Doric Council, you might want to be there during a Degree. You will most definitely be pleased with the results.

NunDaWaga Council is slated to do the Royal Master Degree

on Monday, January 22nd. Hornellsville Council will bring Candidates and participate. The Select Master Degree will be conferred on February 26th, same time, same place. This is a good spirit of cooperation that exists in the 8th Cryptic District.

If your Council is dragging a little and you aren't getting Candidates, or some of your Members don't come to meetings very often, try taking a good group and visit a Council that is doing well. See for yourself what the differences are. Try taking part in what they are doing. Invite their Council members to visit yours. Have some fun while you are visiting. Have a dinner together. I'm pretty sure your Members will get into the spirit of the events.

You may also want to visit a Council that has trouble opening. First, call the Ill. Master and let him know your intentions. Also tell him how many will accompany you. You will help the other Council, and you'll have a good time, too.

We haven't talked enough on fiscal responsibility. Do you use a budget? If so, is it approved by the Council Members? Does your Recorder issue a voucher to the Treasurer, signed by himself and the Ill. Master? The Treasurer should have a voucher before he issues a check. Are your books audited on a regu-

lar basis? Is a report made to your Council?

A budget is one form of short-range planning, and should be okayed by and published to the Members. Your Council should also have a long range planning committee. Do you rent? Is the present facility good for your needs? If not, what needs to be done to suit your needs? Will your Council rent permanently, or will you consider buying? What is your plan if the present facility can no longer house you? What if there was a fire? Do you have a contingency plan? Where could you hold your meetings? Are you located in a place where your membership is located? Is this location suitable for the expectancy of finding Candidates? Does the Lodge insurance cover you?

The long-range Committee should satisfy these questions and more. I could be taking this a little far, but does it hurt to ask yourselves these questions? What would happen if your membership dropped below the level of paying your rent? Could you raise your dues without losing more members? If not, can you find another source of income to cover your problem?

I won't push this farther. For now, it's enough that the questions were asked. Most of our Councils are doing well, but may need a little help. I hope this will open some thoughts. If nothing else, this could be a bung starter. Have a good month.

Palmyra Council No. 26

Cryptic Masons
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Palmyra Council will meet in the Shortsville Masonic Hall in February, agreeably to our By-Laws. The meeting will, in fact, be a Table Council with wives and guests invited. The Program and Dinner will begin at 7 p.m. Wine, milk, water and soda will be available. Anything else, please bring your own.

The Ritual may have a Canadian flavor, as your Secretary will have recently participated in a Lodge event North of the Border. This promises to be an interesting and happy time for all involved. If you have not been out to Council lately, you might give the Ill. Master a call to let him know you are coming so that sufficient food and places are available.

We hope that Ill. Companion Bill Jones is feeling better since his latest bout with the recurring illness.

There won't be a meeting in March, as most of the Officers will be in Albany to attend the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons.

The Ill. Master has scheduled the exemplifying of the Royal Master Degree in April. The May Assembly will be the Election and Installation of Officers for the ensuing year.

Cyrene-Monroe Commandery No. 12

Chartered 1993
3rd Monday

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Sometimes we get so busy with today and next week, where we are going or what to do next, that we don't take time to pause and contemplate where we've been. From time to time, we should pause and look at the past. Two months ago, your Commandery paused to celebrate and commemorate the Nativity Story. Sir Knights, their wives, widows and friends gathered in the dining room of our current asylum to honor the Christ - "The Reason for the Season."

Christmas messages had been sent to us from the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States of America and from the Grand Commandery of the State of New York. These were shared and enjoyed by all present. Along with these messages and those of the Grand Prelates of both jurisdictions, we also enjoyed scripture, singing our favorite Christmas Carols and a Seasonal message from Cyrene-Monroe's Eminent Commander, Sir Knight Donald Wright.

The photos, attached to this column, record the smiles and thoughtful faces of the cel-



Sir Knight Joseph Oelgoetz III reading Christmas message.

ebtrants that night. After the formalities of the evening, the toasts were enjoyed as we thought of the various other branches of Freemasonry, those Sir Knights who have passed on to their eternal reward, our men in the Military and others we wished to honor in this manner. The evening then moved on to the banquet stage.

The snack and fellowship hour was enjoyed around a wonderfully diverse spread of culinary delights. The discussion and joking that is prevalent at any feast situation can only be said to be "good time enjoyed by all." The chicken wings were almost a sin, they were so tasty. Our plates were often piled



higher than they should have been with such abundance brought there by the Sir Knights and their ladies. Poinsettias were



Members of Hiram Chapter at the Installation of Officers were: (front, l to r) E. James Nersinger, Comp. John Zabel, V. E. George Springett, R. E. Ernie Steliano, M. E. Robert Munday and R. E. Donald Bruggar. (Back): Comp. Mark Arlauckas, R. E. Charles Roberts and Comp. Richard Horton.

provided by the combined efforts of the Commandery, the Shicker Club and the Triangle Girls. They all went home with the departing guests.



Knights prepare for Christmas repast in photo above and previous page.

As your Commander, I give my thanks to all who participated on that night in December. It was a night that will remain in my memory for years to come. Christmas, like Easter, is one of the highlights of our Commander's year.

Now it is February, and we are only one month away from a visit from the Grand Commandery Officer for the Annual Inspection. All our efforts will remain on the task of preparation for that evening in March. We have a very strong line of excellent men and their work will (is) a wonder to behold. This year has been one that any Commander could enjoy and it


promises to get better as we continue to labor together. See you on the third Monday, soon. Be there! You'll be glad you came to be with us.

Sagoyewatha
Commandery No. 17, R.T.
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Sir Knights, as most of you are aware, the Annual Inspection will take place on Saturday, April 21st, at 10 a.m. The next two Conclaves will, in addition to the regular business, be devoted to preparing for the Inspection. It is going to take some real effort to meet or overtake the standard that was set last

year. But, with your help, we can make it happen.

Our Captain General, Sir Knight Ron Edwards, will be in Florida for a couple of months. Why he would want to leave New York is beyond me! He has promised to be back for the Inspection. In the interim, Sir Knight Larry Hood has graciously agreed to fill in for Sir Knight Ron.

General Order No. 1 has laid out the requirements for the Inspection and they are:

- Open in Full Form
- Receive the Inspecting Officer Through the Lines
- Close per the *Tactics*

The Council Officers will do the Immemorial Discussion as noted in the Ritual of the Grand Encampment. The Captain General will then line up the Officers and complete the Sword Manual Requirements per the *Tactics*. To accomplish

all this, the full support of the Elected and Appointed Officers is necessary. I am asking all Officers to make every effort to attend the next two Conclaves and, if they are unable to attend any of these, to give me a call at (315) 597-9546.

The next Conclave will be on Saturday, February 17th at 9 a.m. in the Phelps Masonic Hall, Ontario Street. Breakfast will be at the Blue Ribbon Smoke House and Restaurant (Dutch treat) at 7:30 a.m.

As always, please consider this a personal invitation to all Fraternal Brothers in good standing, to come to our Conclave and to enjoy the camaraderie of Christian Knights meeting together in friendship and Brotherly love.

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

Rochester Forest
No. 133
Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America

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

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By Don Brugger

At the January meeting, all the new Officers and appointees present were duly installed. The elected Officers for 2007 are: Grand Tall Cedar Don Wright Senior Deputy GTC

George Springett Junior Deputy GTC Cy White Appointed Officers, thus far, are:

Precepto Joe Raubar
Sentinel Don Brugger

Our Grand Tall Cedar has formed a Committee to find new ways to augment our contributions to the Tall Cedar Foundation. This Committee consists of Brothers Cy White and George Springett. We ask that you support these Woodsmen in accomplishing their important objective.

Don Wright will be asking for a volunteer team to present the Tall Cedars Story to the Monroe Masters and Wardens and offer this program to the Lodges for their edification and entertainment. If you would like to find out more about this program, please call me at 458-6125.

All those who have participated in the Degrees, please study your parts for a Spring Conferral. All those who would like to participate in the Degrees, please contact me or one of the Officers. We need backups for the principal parts.

Any Woodsmen who would like to volunteer for the Degrees or the Calling Committee, please contact me (458-6125 or dbrugger@juno.com) we need your help.

Excitement in the Forest

At our February Meeting we will be hosting a special dinner for the Cedarettes and ladies. In order that this effort may be successful, we are making a special appeal to get these ladies to join us this evening. So, if you know someone who should be invited, please give an Officer or me a call. This is an event to honor the Cedarettes for their participation in our charitable objective.

We will try to personally invite all Cedarettes to the Febru-

ary dinner. However, if you do not receive a call or are not contacted, please let the Grand Tall Cedar know. All serving and cleanup will be done by the Woodsmen that night.

Sickness and Distress

Larry Hood continues to improve at home after knee replacement surgery. Mike Dox is feeling much better with his new pacemaker. Gordon Ball is doing well recovering at home after a medical procedure. Ramona Dimino is scheduled for cataract surgery in the near future. I am sure any of those mentioned would be happy to hear from you.

We were saddened by the passing of Cedarette, Betty Schofield. Betty was predeceased by her husband, John (Jack), a long-time member of the Rochester Forest.

If you know of a Woodsmen or Cedarette who is ill or in need of our aid or sympathy, please call one of the Officers or me. Don't forget, this is your Forest, it needs you to reMember it.

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My thanks to all the Brothers who made the 1st Degree a great success. Everyone who participated did an excellent job. It was nice to have so many Candidates. With these new Brothers joining our Lodge, it continues to show our strength and acceptance within the community, where good men reach out to become better men.

2nd Degree

Our 2nd Degree is scheduled for the fourth Monday of February. I encourage as many Brothers to come out as possible to support your Lodge. The meeting will again start at 6 p.m. to accommodate our need to perform the Degree work twice because we have more than five new Brothers.

Ladies Night

Also, we will be having a Ladies Night on February 24th, at Red Fedele's Brook House located on West Ridge Road. We will be sharing this evening

with our Brothers from Valley-Simes Lodge. We will be mailing out a flyer along with email notification to every Brother.

Brothers, if you have changed your email or are not on the email list, please call me or send me an email and I will ensure you get on our list. My daytime phone number is 461-5540 or email: nyra@frontiernet.net.

I thank all the Brothers who have supported the Building Capital Improvement Fund. If you have not sent in your dues reply yet please consider a donation to this fund.

3rd Degree

Our 3rd Degree in March will be put on by the Shrine Degree Team. All Brothers should consider attending to see this Degree put on in full costume and show support to our new Brothers on their 3rd Degree night.

Help Wanted!

Lastly, our Lodge is in need of a Treasurer. Our treasurer has stepped down and we need to fill his position for the remainder of this year. If you are interested, we could use your help.

Please keep in mind, a Lodge is like a machine which has many moving parts and it takes a lot of Brothers to keep it moving. So, please consider giving your time and energy back to the Lodge, which has always been there for so many Brothers before us. If everyone was able give back a little to Lodge and help fill the support chairs, it would allow the Line Officers to concentrate on the work and Degree skills.

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I personally thank Brother Peter Einset for his hard work on our Brother Bring-a-Friend outreach efforts. On January 10th Ark Lodge had an informational meeting for prospective candidates. Two men attended and I appreciate the Brothers who attended, sharing some information on Masonry and making them feel welcome.

Reminder...the 200th University Committee has been working to ready Ark Lodge for the celebration on September 8th at Club 86 in Geneva. Tickets are available through our Secretary, Brother Lance Ward, or me. Brother Tom Abraham is working hard at finishing the Anniversary Booklet, which will contain a history of Ark Lodge; he has material for over eight pages already. We will be sending invitations to Ark Lodge Members and Brothers of other O/S/Y District Lodges. Opportunities for businesses to advertise in our booklet will be mailed shortly.

At our January Regular Communication, R.: W.: Ed Carris, Grand Director of Ceremonies, made his Official Visit, accompanied by R.: W.: David Locke, District Deputy Grand Master. Brother Carris shared with us

the various Masonic educational programs available to members. Some new members were in attendance. It was enlightening to hear that Grand Lodge has so many educational programs available to members.

February's Trestleboard

We will have teams of Brothers competing in Masonic Jeopardy. A little hint... study up on your Degrees, the U.S. Flag and Constitution. Come and test your knowledge and enjoy the fellowship.

Anniversaries

Raymond R. Smith	1949
Maurice Brittman	1950
Robert Kane	1964
Edward A. George	1978

Reminders

February 7th - 200th Anniversary Committee Meeting
February 21st - Regular Communication, Masonic Jeopardy, 7:30 p.m.

Remember the Brotherhood Fund

Aurora Grata Day Star Lodge No. 647

*Cordially and Fraternaly invites you to attend
A Lecture and Discussion*

By: Dr. Tim Wallace-Murphy
Author of: Templars in America, Custodians of Truth, Roslyn Guardian of the Secrets of the Holy Grail, Cracking the Symbol Code

Subject: The Knights Templars, the Holy Grail, and the Tarot.

When: Wednesday March 14th, 2007, at 8.00 p.m.

Where: Masonic Hall, 19th Floor American Room
71 West 23rd Street, New York, NY

Dr. Tim Wallace-Murphy is flying in from England to lecture for us; he will raise some very interesting ideas about the Templars, their voyages to America way before Christopher Columbus, and the mysteries around Roslyn Chapel.

Who Can Attend

This is an open Lodge meeting, everyone is welcome to attend, Masons and non-Masons. This is a great event if you want to learn what Freemasonry is all about. This is a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. Dress Code-Tie and jacket required.

Contact and Tickets

Please contact the Secretary (garyjanice@earthlink.net) to reserve your tickets. Tickets will also be available the night of the event for \$20 suggested donation to the Lodge. For more information, check www.agds.org.

Book Signing

At the end of the lecture, Dr. Murphy will autograph the following books, which will be available for purchase:

- *The Mark of the Beast*
- *Roslyn Guardian of the Secrets of the Holy Grail*
- *Templars in America*
- *Custodians of Truth*
- *Cracking the Symbol Code*
- *What Islam Did for Us*
- *The Enigma of the Freemasons*



Masonic Veterans Service



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Supporting Our Troops

By R. W. Tom Paglia

During September, Brother Dennis "Gil" Gellasch, Past Commander of the James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post No. 12 of Masonic War Veterans in Webster, heard about a national campaign for our troops. The campaign, known as "Operation Paperback," collects used current paperback books from readers and sends them to our troops around the world.

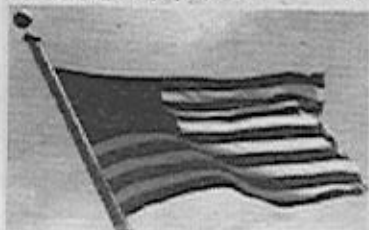
As all Veterans know, there are moments when you need something to clear your thoughts on the pressing issues at hand. Reading something for entertainment is a treasure at those off-duty times.



Brother Gellasch signed up with this campaign and marshaled his three military groups to assist. The Marine Corp League Post No. 223 (Genesee Valley Detachment), American Legion Post No. 603 (Cooper Marine ... Marine Post) and MWV Post No. 12 gathered and shipped 124 books by Thanksgiving. By Christmas, a total of 515 books were shipped. A few of the recipients have sent back warm thank you emails and cards.

We provide the screening, customs documents, boxing and shipment as directed through "Operation Paperback." All site specifics are under usual military security and may only provide feedback as regulations allow. It's an easy and wonderful program for our Troops. As the saying goes, "Try it, you'll like it" ... I know the Troops will. For your Lodge or Chapter to assist, check out their website: www.operationpaperback.org to see how it works.

In early January, we shipped an additional 154 publications for Troop enjoyment.



Christmas for U.S. Coast Guard



The Masonic War Veterans and Masonic Veterans Service Committee hosted a Christmas gift-giving afternoon for the U.S. Coast Guard Station in Summerville.

The joy, energy and gratitude displayed by the members on-board was priceless beyond words or pictures.

At the end of the festivities, they all lined up to give their personal thanks and a hardy handshake.

These are all young men with an average age of 21. Many are away from home for the first time. These Service Personnel come from all over the United States. All in all, everyone enjoyed each other's friendship.

Scholarship Applications Available



U.S. Coast Guard personnel opening gifts.

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Chairman

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Christmas Celebration at Canandaigua VA Med Center

By R.:W.: Tom Paglia, Chairman
Veterans Services Committee



Many volunteers wrapping gifts for distribution.




Cora Paglia, Marge Hood, Virginia Wacenske and Robin Johnson (VA Staff Program Director) taking a much-needed rest after several hours of wrapping.

The VA Medical Center at Canandaigua was very busy during the Christmas Season. Part of the festivities was the wrapping of gifts to be distributed to the Veterans. There were about 100 volunteers on hand to wrap the gifts. Check out these photos for a flavor of the activities.



R.:W.: Lawrence Hood cutting wrapping paper to size. It was part of the 1800 sheets needed for the task.



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By Brian Bills

"Operation Paperback" is a national program that is sanctioned by the President. It involves sending paperback books to the active military in Iraq, Afghanistan and other places in the Mid-East.

Gil Gellash is the local Coordinator of the program and will take any books donated to the Operation. The Masonic Veterans Council is helping to provide funding for the postage required to send them.

To date, Gil is responsible for screening, packing and sending over 600 books. He is always looking for donations of either



Gil discusses the process of Operation Paperback to the Masonic War Veterans at their Annual Christmas Party in December.

books or funds to assist in this project. If you have any books you would like to donate, please contact Gil at 265-3993. He will be most happy to receive them and send them on.

More information about this program is available on the Internet at: www.operationpaperback.org.

Have-a-Heart Campaign on now!

My Trip Back Into Time

By R.:W.: Tom Paglia

Last July, a group of eight World War II Veterans made a return visit to the Aleutian Island, Attu, Alaska. It was exactly 63 years after being stationed there. None of us knew each other until we met on this trip because we were on different parts of the Island. There were two Seabees, one Air Force and the rest Army. All of us were there (during World War II) either for the invasion or shortly thereafter.

Being stationed on Attu was not Hawaii, Europe or Florida. During the Winter months, there were days or weeks when you couldn't leave the building because of high winds or deep snowdrifts.

The Island is about 41 miles long by 14 miles wide. About 90% of the Island is made up of mountains, many streams that couldn't be crossed by foot, or tundra that is deep with water or broken through, so you could find yourself in six to twelve inches of water. Sometimes the snow was so thick you couldn't see your own hand 12 inches in front of you. The winds were called "williwaws" and had such driving force, you could have actually been knocked flat on your face.

The only other living things on the Island were birds. There wasn't much of the Island where you could walk because of the live ammunition lying around. Most of the Island was off limits. I did not know that when ammunition has been lying around in that kind of weather, it can blow up just by picking it up and shaking it.

The U.S. Coast Guard personnel stationed there must have at least two or three weeks of what they call rest and recreation back in Kodiak, Alaska, every six months. These young lads are all volunteers. Sad to say, some do not fulfill the one-year limit; something happens to them because of the loneliness and desolate feelings. Their whole lives depend on the U.S. Coast Guard planes that fly in every two weeks with food, medical supplies, repair parts and letters from home. Only 12 people plus the flight crew (6) may go on the plane on such trips because the rest of



Our party in front of the memorial built by the U.S. and Japanese Governments in tribute to those who gave the supreme sacrifice. Both monuments were built on the actual battlefield which is called Masacre Bay. The Aleutian Island battles were called the 1,000-Mile Forgotten War. The battle that took place there was the second deadliest battle in the Pacific Theatre, outside of Iwo Jima.



Personnel of the U.S. Coast Guard stationed at Attu, Alaska, Aleutian Islands.

the plane is loaded with the above and the return trip is the same.

Anyone caring to find more information on Attu can log onto the Internet and search for Attu. It describes the battle and conditions our troops encountered. There are many pages, so be prepared for a long haul.

I was there for 18 months. On this trip we tried to get to our areas, but the streams were high with water coming down from the mountains and they could not be crossed, so we turned around and went back to the Station.

After re-visiting the Island and meeting up with the group, I felt it should be printed in honor of all those who did not get back. Only those who have shared the occasion know the feelings and closeness that becomes part of you. Standing on that sacred ground, some of the men who were between 75 and 80 years old, actually cried out



Monument erected by the U.S. Government for our troops.

loud. Seeing this, it is something you will never forget. Right then and there the Veterans become very special people. Not many people realize that the Japanese actually bombed California, Washington State and Oregon and that Japanese submarines actually landed on the California Coast.

Thanks for your interest in reading this.



Photo by Brian Bills

Each year at Christmastime, the Fairport-Flower City Masons distribute flowers to all their deceased members' widows. This tradition has been ongoing for over six years and has been a great success. We receive many thank you cards from the ladies and they express how delighted they are to receive them.

While helping with the distribution, I took this picture showing Brother Greg Ludwig presenting flowers to Nancy Venette, widow of Brother Nelson Venette. The Brothers get together on a Saturday or Sunday and distribute over 30 plants each year.



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affect ion channels within the heart leading to sudden cardiac arrest." Antzelevitch agreed, indicating that "we are at the tip of the iceberg and have a great deal to learn before we can routinely use genetic screening to identify children and adults at risk for sudden cardiac arrest." "The impressive progress that we have made in this field of medicine in recent years is encouraging and with appropriate commitment of resources, we can look forward to dramatic advances in the months and years ahead," he added

Founded in 1958 by the Grand Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of the State of New York, the MMRL is an internationally renowned medical research and educational institute dedicated to studies of the electrical activity of the heart and the mechanisms responsible for abnormal rhythms of the heart. In recent years, the MMRL has also become a central hub for genetic screening of inherited arrhythmic diseases in the United States. MMRL scientists have uncovered the mechanisms responsible for many forms of life-threatening cardiac arrhythmias as well as the mechanisms by which some drugs act to precipitate arrhythmias. In recent years, they have delineated the genetic basis for several inherited sudden cardiac death syndromes. Prominent among their most recent achievements is the identification of a novel strategy for the pharmacologic treatment of atrial fibrillation, one of the greatest unmet medical needs facing our society. *

College of Freemasonry
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Jurisdiction, AASR, will add to our knowledge.

Linking the "It's About Time" report from the Masonic Information Center of the Masonic Service Association with "The Masonic Compact" from our own Grand Lodge, the theme for Saturday, will be divided between two of our honored guests. M.: W.: and Ill.: Richard Fletcher, PGM VT, 33°, Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association and M.: W.: Neal I. Bidnick, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, will speak on their respective subjects.

Ticket prices are: \$15 for Friday Night, AASR Members and their ladies only; \$15 for Saturday's Continental Breakfast, Box Lunch and presentations; Members may obtain tickets for both days for \$25 per person. Call the Valley Office, 264-1160. Scottish Rite DSA Members are also selling tickets, or call Jim Slocum at 671-7701 to arrange for your needs. There is a limited number of tickets available. Make your plans, today. *

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Taxes! Taxes! Taxes!
By Tom Michielsen

It's "Have-a-Heart" time and time to think about your own sweetheart. Does she want candy, roses, a romantic dinner or a getaway? You had better do something or, believe me, you will spend the rest of the year paying for your thoughtless oversight. Have a heart and be kind to your sweetheart now and throughout the year.

The Social Security Administration has announced the maximum amount individuals can earn before their Social Security benefits are reduced. Beginning January 2007, individuals who are under full retirement age can earn \$12,960 per year (\$1,080/month). One dollar in benefits will be withheld for every \$2 in earnings above the limit.

In the year the individual reaches full retirement age, he can earn \$34,440 per year (\$2,870/month). One dollar in benefits will be withheld for every \$3 in earnings above the limit. This applies only to the months prior to reaching full retirement age. There is no limit on earnings beginning the month the individual attains full retirement age.

The Internal Revenue Service announced a formula that will allow businesses and tax-exempt organizations to estimate their federal telephone excise tax refunds.

"The formula will provide a less burdensome option than gathering up to 41 months of old phone records," said IRS Commissioner Mark W. Everson.

To request a refund, businesses (including sole proprietors, corporations and partnerships) and tax-exempt organizations must complete Form 8913, Credit for Federal Telephone Excise Tax Paid. To complete this form, businesses and tax-exempt organizations may determine the actual amount of refundable long-distance telephone excise taxes they paid for the 41 months from March 2003 through July 2006, or use the formula to figure their refunds. Businesses should attach Form 8913 to their regular 2006 income tax returns. Tax-exempt organizations must attach it to Form 990-T.

Businesses and tax-exempt organizations can figure their refund amounts by comparing two telephone bills from this year to determine the percentage of their telephone expenses attributable to the long-distance excise tax. The bill they should use is the bill with a statement date in April 2006 and the bill with a statement date in September 2006. They must first figure the telephone tax as a percentage of their April 2006 telephone bills (which included the excise tax for both local and long-distance service) and their September 2006 telephone bills (which only included the tax on local service). The difference between these two percentages should then be applied to the quarterly or annual telephone expenses to determine the amount of their refunds.

The refund is capped at 2 percent of the total telephone expenses for businesses and tax-exempt organizations with 250 or fewer employees — which covers more than 99 percent of

all businesses. The refund is capped at 1 percent for those with more than 250 employees. Most organizations in this category typically are able to figure the actual amount they paid in long-distance excise tax. However, the formula provides a more limited, but simpler, approach for those large employers who wish to use it.

The IRS already has provided individual taxpayers with the option to use standard amounts based on the number of exemptions allowed to that taxpayer. Individual taxpayers can request a \$30 refund with one exemption, \$40 for two exemptions, \$50 for three exemptions and \$60 for four or more exemptions.

Options for requesting this refund vary for sole proprietors, who file a Schedule C with the Form 1040, depending on the gross income reported on the Schedule C. Sole proprietors who report gross income of \$25,000 or less on their Schedule C may use the standard amounts or request a refund based on their actual expenses. Sole proprietors reporting more than \$25,000 of gross income have three options: they can use the standard amounts which cover both personal and business expenses, they can use the formula for their business expenses and actual for their personal ones, or they can choose to use actual amounts for both business and personal.

Similar rules, depending on the amount of gross income reported on Schedule F or Schedule E, apply to farmers and individual owners of rental property.

Trusts and fiduciaries may not use the standard amount available to individuals. They should use the formula to figure their refunds, or request the actual amount paid.

Upcoming calendar year taxpayer due dates:

February 15 - January Payroll Taxes

February 28 - Farm Tax Returns for those who do not Estimate their taxes. Paper W2's and 1099's mailed to Social Security and IRS

March 15 - February Payroll Taxes. Corporate Tax Returns

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In Memoriam

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

Smith, Marshall L.

Marshall Smith, 88, departed for his Heavenly Home November 10th. He was a member of AASR Valley of Rochester and Shenkomeko Lodge (Poughkeepsie), but resided in Durham, NC. May he find peace with the Great Architect of the Universe.

Bense, Roger

On November 20th, Roger Bense, 78, passed away. He was a member of Unity Lodge, Scottish Rite and Damascus Shrine. His wife of 56 years, JoAnn, five children and eight grandchildren survive him. Thoughts today are memories forever.

Johnson, Charles D.

Charles Johnson, 87, departed for his home with the Lord on November 23rd. A son, grandson, family and friends survive him. He was a member of Unity Lodge, Barnard Fire Department Exempts and a Kodak retiree. May Charles find loving peace in the arms of the Lord.

Moseley, Frank A.

Formerly of Rochester, Frank Moseley, 78, passed away on November 27th, in Mississippi. Frank was originally a member of Charlotte Lodge prior to consolidation into Unity Lodge. He was an Air Force veteran of the Korean War. Surviving are four daughters, seven grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren who have a garden of memories of Frank.

Rich, Ronald L.

Ronald L. Rich, 81, Past District Deputy Grand Master in the Genesee-Wyoming District (1982-1983), entered that house not made by human hands on November 27th. Ronald was a member of Olive Branch Lodge and Olive Branch Chapter of OES. He is survived by his wife Barbara, two children and two grandchildren. His Masonic Brothers and family will miss him.

Gerald R. Ford, Jr.

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On March 25th, 1978, at Ford's Thunderbird Estates home in Rancho Mirage, CA, he was made "Prophet at Sight" by Grotto Grand Monarch Gerald E. Steeves. His Grotto membership was with Zal Gaz Grotto, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Gerald Ford was also a member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Spoehr, Kenneth W.

On December 5th, Brother Spoehr went home to his Lord, leaving children, grandchildren and many friends to remember his life of accomplishments. Kenneth, 86, was a long-time Mason, in Honeoye Falls before moving to Haines City Lodge in Florida. He was an active member of the Honeoye Falls Fire Department for 28 years. We will keep his memory in our hearts.

Rider, Leon R.

Leon Rider, 93, passed away December 8th. He was a 62-year member of Drumlin Square Lodge. May he find loving peace in the arms of the Lord.

Tucker, Charles A., Sr.

Charles Tucker, Sr., 81, passed away on December 18th. He was Raised in Charlotte-Corinthian Lodge and dimitted to Clio Lodge where he was Secretary for many years. Charles was one of the Brothers who helped start the successful Spaghetti Dinners at the Lodge. He was a recipient of the DSA Award, well earned by his community volunteering and activities. He was a World War II US Navy veteran and Past VFW Commander. His wife, Ruth, three children, six grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, family and friends will sadly miss him.

Deckard, Robert

After several years of respiratory complications, caused by asbestos exposure on his job, Robert, 83, entered Eternal Rest on December 24th. He was a member of Valley-Simes and a World War II veteran. His son and many relatives will keep his memory in their hearts.

Widow to be Remembered

Schofield, Betty A., 85, widow of John (Wakan-Hubbard), passed away December 23rd.

Personal Connection

No matter how approachable, he was always addressed as Mr. President. My cousin, Carter Evens Childs, had many meetings with President Ford over a twenty year period. He had a very positive feeling in his presence, but one would have to know when to end a conversation.

Among many of the anecdotes he related concerning President Ford was one about

Burnham, David A.

David Burnham, 61, passed away December 28th. David was a member of Fame Lodge, Scottish Rite and Shrine. David worked the circus and loved clowning. He resided in Las Vegas more than 25 years where he worked as a clown and progressed to working in the Circus Circus Casino. There is a link death cannot sever, Brotherhood and remembrance last forever.

JANUARY

Domville, Edward T. "Ted"

The Great Architect of the Universe embraced Edward "Ted" Domville, 83, on January 2nd. He was a member of Union Lodge. His wife, Alice, three children, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren survive him. Memories are like threads of gold, they never tarnish or grow old.

Coleman, James D.

January 10th, was the day James Coleman, 82, went home to his Lord. Jim was a 55-year member of Valley-Simes Lodge and remembered for his solos during Rituals. A very active member of the Order of the Eastern Star, he served as District Lecturer of Monroe District in 1999 and often shared his musical talents. His rich, mellow voice will always be remembered and his thoughtfulness for others is to be an example to the Fraternity. Jim left us with a garden of beautiful memories, sprayed with a million tears.

Green, Edward T.

Edward Green, 85, departed for his Heavenly Home January 13th. Ed was a 57-year member of Drumlin Square Lodge. His wife survives him. May he find peace with the Great Architect of the Universe.

his love for McDonald's cheeseburgers. If he could get away from his wife at noontime, he and a Secret Service Agent would go to the local McDonald's Restaurant. The President would stand in line, order two cheeseburgers and the two would then sit at a table for lunch, after which he would return home. At the time of the President's death, the Restaurant had lights installed at the flag pole and continuously flew

James Burt Scobell, 33°, 1918-2007



By Stephen R. Whittaker

On January 7th, R.: W.: James B. Scobell met the Great Architect of the Universe and left Monroe District to mourn his passing. Jim was well known through his more than 52 years of Masonic affiliations.

He was a big-hearted and beloved man of faith, family and philanthropy. Our sincere sympathies are extended to his wife, Elaine, two daughters, a grandchild, several stepchildren, step-grandchildren, family and friends who survive him.

He was initiated into Seneca Lodge No. 920 (now No. 797) on March 16th, 1954, served as Worshipful Master in 1978 and was appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Arizona near the Grand Lodge of New York by M.: W.: Richard P. Thomas in 1991. He was also a member of the Purple Club of Monroe District.

Worshipful Brother Scobell joined Hiram Chapter No. 62 of the Royal Arch Masons in December, 1954, Doric Council No. 19 of the Cryptic Masons in

1972, and, in 1955, Monroe Commandery No. 12 of the Knights Templar. In St. Mark's Conclave of the Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, he was the senior living Past Piusant Sovereign and, at the time of his passing, was the Treasurer Emeritus.

Active Rite Member

In the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, he was a Past Sovereign Prince of the Rochester Council, Princes of Jerusalem and served as Commander-in-Chief of the Valley of Rochester, 1991-1992. He was later elected to receive the 33rd Degree and became an Illustrious Honorary member of the Supreme Council of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America. He was also a member of the Royal Order of Scotland.

A member of the Ancient Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, he served Damascus Temple as its Potentate in 1969. In addition, he was a Past Director of Rochester Court Number 3 of the Royal Order of Jesters.

In related Masonic organizations, he was a member of the James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post No. 12 of the Masonic War Veterans. He was a Past Director of the Masonic Service Bureau of Rochester with particular interest and support for Camp DeMolay in Sodus Point. He was knighted as an Honorary Legion of Honor of the Order of DeMolay by the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay.

He labored hard for those he loved, then left us to remember.



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Editor's Note: Several Masons expressed displeasure at the lack of mention of President Ford's Masonic career in any media release. When Brother Ken Hutchinson expressed a desire to write his Grotto column about President Ford, I asked him if I could use it for the lead story. His words have been supplemented with information supplied by the Valley of Rochester and Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of New York. SW

Gerald R. Ford, Jr., 38th President of the United States of America, serving from 1974 to 1977, was the last living President of the fourteen who had Masonic affiliations. The others, and their years in office, were:

George Washington	1789 - 1797	1st Pres
James Monroe	1817 - 1825	5th Pres
Andrew Jackson	1829 - 1837	7th Pres
James Knox Polk	1845 - 1849	11th Pres
James Buchanan	1857 - 1861	15th Pres
Andrew Johnson	1865 - 1869	17th Pres
James Abram Garfield	1881	20th Pres
William McKinley	1897 - 1901	25th Pres
Theodore Roosevelt	1901 - 1909	26th Pres
William Howard Taft	1909 - 1913	27th Pres
Warren Gamaliel Harding	1921 - 1923	29th Pres
Franklin Delano Roosevelt	1933 - 1945	32nd Pres
Harry S. Truman	1945 - 1951	33rd Pres

Source: Burbank Masonic Lodge No. 406 website. (I'm sure there are many others!)

From the NYS Grand Lodge website

Gerald R. Ford embodied the tenets of Freemasonry. He upheld the values of personal integrity and of being true to his word, and in a time of great crisis, Brother Ford, a true patriot, also sought to heal our ailing Nation. As our President, he represented our fraternity well. On behalf of the Grand Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons of the States of Michigan and New York, the Masonic Service Association of North America, and Masons everywhere, we offer our sincere condolences to Betty Ford and her family on the passing of Brother Gerald Ford, a humble man who calmly guided our country out of one of its darkest hours.

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Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

March

- 2-3 RAM Grand Chapter Convocation-Albany
- 3 Road to the East for Livingston, Genesee-Wyoming and Monroe Districts
- 3, 17, 24 Road to the East, O/S/Y District
- 24 Genesee-Wyoming District, Masonic Development Course at Hesperus Lodge; Bergen

April

- 21 & 28 Genesee-Wyoming District, Masonic Development Course
- 21 Monroe District Widows Luncheon at Burgundy Basin Inn

May

- 4 Haggai Chapter's 7th Annual Social and Community Awards Dinner
- 5-8 Grand Lodge - New York City

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4 Canandaigua - Shortsville West Star - Varysburg RAM - Palmyra/Eagle KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford Shrine Lunch Club - Fairport Village Inn		5 Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps Nunda Station Oakland - Castile OES - Fairport, Nolatka, Starlight		6 Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy Damascus Shrine OES - Lilac Star	
7 Fame, Shrine Center, 1* Milnor - Victor Union - Lima, 3* RAM - Hiram Lalla Rookh Caldron		8 Groundhog Day		9 Daughters of the Nile, Zama Temple - Fairport	
10 ERAC - Shrine Center Fairport/Flower City Union Star - Honeoye Falls Unity - Spencerport Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield LIV - School of Ritual - Nunda Station RAM - Excelsior - Shortsville Shrine Lunch Club - Fairport Village Inn Lincoln's Birthday		11 Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinner Wed 14th and 28th 287 East Avenue, Hilton		12 Eagle - Honeoye Seneca - Webster Valley-Simes, Shrine Center RAM - Dansville OES - Leah - Hilton, Mary Jane Holmes - Brockport	
13 Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Masonic Service Bureau Monthly Luncheon Meeting OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville, Corinthian Fellowship Valentine's Day		14 Eunice - Caledonia Hesperus - Bergen, 1* Northfield - Pittsford Webster Scottish Rite Grotto Sweethearts Ball - Niagara Falls		15 KT - Sagoyewatha - Phelps OES - School of Instruction - Webster Masonic Hall	
16 Eagle Lodge Eagle Chapter Spaghetti Dinner Thursday, February 15th 4994 County Rd 36 Honeoye Milnor Lodge Gah-A-Yan-Duk Chapter Spaghetti Dinner Wednesday, February 21st 21 Maple Avenue, Victor		17 Canandaigua - Shortsville West Star - Varysburg KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford Lalla Rookh Grotto Legion of Honor Shrine Lunch Club, Ladies Day - The Nutcracker Presidents' Day		18 Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson, Shrine Center Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps Nunda Station OES - Nolatka, Starlight	
19 Ark - Geneva Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy RSM - Doric Council, Pittsford Lalla Rookh Grotto OES - Lilac Star Ash Wednesday		20 Fame, Shrine Center Milnor - Victor Union - Lima RAM - Hiram James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post Washington's Birthday		21 Road to the East - Eunice Lodge - Caledonia (G/W, LIV and MON Districts) - Session 2	
22 ERAC - Shrine Center Fairport/Flower City Union Star - Honeoye Falls Unity - Spencerport Wakan/Hubbard-Penfield, 2* RSM - Nundawaga Council LIV - Association Meeting - Union Lodge, Lima Shrine Lunch Club - Fairport Village Inn		23 Eagle - Honeoye, 2* Valley-Simes RAM - Dansville, LeRoy OES - Leah - Hilton		24 Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Tall Cedars of Lebanon OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville, Corinthian Fellowship	
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