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## AASR Sponsors 2nd Annual College of Freemasonry, March 30 & 31

### Mark your calendar now

By George S. Nasra  
1st Lt. Commander

Again, the Scottish Rite, Valley of Rochester invites you and your guests to a Masonic Educational Event, which will prove to be memorable and significant in so many ways to your Masonic career.

All Scottish Rite members, and their spouses, are invited for an evening of Scottish Rite

foreign Grand Commander for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of the United States.

Then, come back the next day - Saturday, March 31st - for an all-day Educational Event that is open to non-Masons as well.



**Neal I. Bidnick**  
Fletcher, 33°, (Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association of the United States of America); and Dr. Thomas Cook of SUNY-Genesee. Our Guest of Honor for the day will be the Most Worshipful Neil I. Bidnick, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

The event will also feature several other Scholars and well-known Masonic figures.

**This is truly an Event you do not want to miss. ✖**



**Richard Fletcher**  
Hear several distinguished Scholars and Masonic speakers including: Ill.: Richard Curtis, 33°, (Editor of *The Northern Light*); Ill.: Richard



**John W. MacNaughton**  
Brotherhood. Friday, March 30th, break bread with Ill.: John W. MacNaughton, Sov-

## DeMolay Honors Conferred



Robert S. Finley (left), Honorary Legion of Honor, and Robert E. Crystal, Harry E. Dainty and Raymond R. Beardsley, Active Legion of Honor Members, posed for photograph after ceremony.

December 2nd was an exciting day in the Rochester area. The Hadi-Ya-Saga DeMolay Preceptory conferred the highest honor available from the International Supreme Council, Order of DeMolay, upon four area Masons. Visitory from around the State enjoyed the ceremony that took place at Wakan/Hubbard Lodge.

The recipients were Raymond R. Beardsley, Robert E. Crystal, Harry E. Dainty and Robert S. Finley. Brothers Beardsley, Crystal and Dainty were invested with the Active Legion of Honor and Brother Finley was invested with the Honorary Legion of Honor.

An Active Legion of Honor is awarded to a Senior DeMolay, the Honorary Legion of Honor is awarded to a Master Mason who has not been a DeMolay. Both are based upon outstanding adult leadership and service to God, country or humanity.

Each of these outstanding individuals has a long list of service to the Fraternity as well as in their individual communities. DeMolay is proud to honor them for the work they have done and will continue to do. We salute, congratulate and thank them.

Among the distinguished guests present were Deputy

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## Ronald McDonald House

### Have-a-Heart Campaign

By George Foehner, Chairman

We'll be back in the Malls again ... and your help is needed for our Annual Fundraiser for The Ronald McDonald House.

In previous years, your help has raised over \$200,000 for this worthy cause. The Have-a-Heart Campaign is one of the largest fundraisers supported by Masons and their Concordant Bodies in Western New York.

It is especially significant as it falls in line with the Grand Master's Masonic Compact of Charity and Community Service. The Co-Chairs and I are preparing for this special event and will be contacting all Lodges, Concordant Bodies and other volunteer organizations. Please contact me at 586-5255 for date and time assignments, offers of assistance, questions, input, complaints or comments.



Ronald McDonald House, 333 Westmoreland Road

**Monroe District School of Ritual  
Monday, January 29th  
Shrine Center, 979 Bay Road  
7:30 p.m.**

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## Masonic Service Bureau holds annual Election of Officers

At the December monthly meeting of the Board of Directors, the slate of Officers presented by the Nominating Committee, chaired by F. Jay McCullough, was unanimously elected for the 2007 year term. The other two members of the Committee were Linda Zahn and Angelo Di Cataldo. All positions were incumbents who had served in 2006. They are: President, James A. Ghent, Jr.; Vice-President, M. Donald Darrohn; Treasurer, William R. Lindsay; Secretary, Barbara Goodrich; and Executive Director, Charles N. Waterstreet.

Additionally, there were four candidates for the Board of Directors. Three classes of four members each are elected for three-year terms, so there is a rotation of membership and a continuity on the Board. This year's class was: Glenn Stahl, who serves as Assistant Treasurer; Herbert Spencer; Leon VanHuben; and, Robert Zabel. The terms for this class will expire at year-end 2009.

One Trustee was also re-elected. William R. Hook will serve a three-year term, which will expire at the end of December of 2009. His fellow Trustees, continuing their terms are Gary Burke and John Wihlen.

There is also an Advisory Council, whose members do not have a vote but who support the operations and programs of the Masonic Service Bureau. Those elected for 2007 are: Sue Gossens-Ross; G. Thomas Grape; Roger Lynch; Joseph Privitera; Gary Sanford; Rita Snyder; Frederick Stahl; Derek Van Houten; George Bundoc; Roderick Meier; and Garry Cranker. These terms are for one year; there are no term limits for the Council.

The Advisory Council may have up to twelve members and there is currently one position available. If you would like to support this group by taking the spot on the Council, please call the Service Bureau Office at 671-9730.

### Meetings

The Board of Directors meeting is the second Wednesday of each month, from September through June, currently at the Shrine Center. There usually are no meetings over the Summer. These meetings are open to any interested party. We would particularly like to see the Representatives from the various organizations attend, so they can transmit information received back to their respective group(s).

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Dated Material



Editor's Corner

Happy New Year!

All of us who work on the Masonic Times - Barbara, Bev, Jan, Linda, Dave, Herb, Leon, Mat and I, wish you and yours a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year.

We've worked very hard this past year, through some rather dramatic changes, to bring you information on Masonry, the activities of local and neighboring Districts' Lodges and our area's Concordant Bodies.

The biggest single change was incorporating the Damascus News into the format of the Masonic Times. We have tried to keep the two publications distinctly different in appearance, while serving both populations. We have strongly encouraged the use of more photographs, hoping it would make each issue more appealing to you, our readers. We appreciate the fact that more of our writers are using electronic means to transmit their data...it saves us a lot of time in the formatting of each issue.

Help Wanted!

We are always looking for individuals to help with the proofreading and assembling pages for the paper. If this area is of interest to you, let's talk. Even on a once in awhile basis, it could relieve some pressure on other workers.

As we close out 2006, we are grateful for your continued support. We hope you look forward to receiving each issue; that there is, in fact, information from your organization(s) to help remind you of business and social events; that you let the individual who submits material for publication know that you do look forward to reading his or her articles, which might give him or her added incentive to provide us with copy.

Without their dedication, we would have nothing to print, you would have nothing to read, and there would be no reason to continue the paper. This has already happened in another District. So, enjoy and... Thanks for reading

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President James Ghent Vice-President M. Donald Darrohn Secretary Barbara Goodrich Treasurer William Lindsay Executive Director Charles Waterstreet

The Masonic Service Bureau has reviewed its By-Laws and Constitution, in light of some of the information gathered at the Attorney General's Symposium on Charities.

Some of the things that were submitted to the Board of Directors at the meeting on September 30th were a change that would prevent members of the Board from potentially having more than one vote, a provision describing the attendance expectation of Directors and a provision that indemnifies Board members from liability.

Volunteer organizations that are registered with the Internal Revenue Service as 501 (c) (3) Not-for-Profit Organizations must also register with the New York State Attorney General Charities Bureau. The Charities Bureau provides applicable organizations with information on "Governance and Internal Controls Issues for Not-for-Profit Organizations."

It is in keeping with these controls that the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors have reviewed the roles of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Executive Director and the Board of Directors, as described in the Charities Bureau publication which is in conjunction with the Internal Revenue Service.

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The Masonic Service Bureau is open to all individuals connected with the Fraternity and we especially look forward to Members of the Lodges and Chapters participating in our monthly meetings so they are able to convey the outcomes of the proceedings to their respective organizations. The Service Bureau serves the Fraternity and the Community; it is your participation that makes positive things happen. Please consider being a participant so you can help make positive things happen through the Service Bureau.

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

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

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

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

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

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If we offer it, will you come? Let's keep driving as long as we are qualified. Yes, I still have my license and want to keep my independence. So, Brothers, Sisters and Masonic family members, how do we stay qualified?

The Masonic Service Bureau has been sponsoring AARP Driver Safety Programs to help keep us qualified, refreshed and independent.

We must invest eight (8) hours of our time to attend this nationally recognized refresher program. Costs are very low and allow all to attend. The fee is only \$10 per participant. The materials focus on drivers aged 50 and above; however all may attend.

Topics cover the changes in vision, hearing and reflexes and provide strategies for continued safe driving. The program is authorized under New York State's Department of Motor Vehicles, Vehicle Traffic Law, Section 138.

Our first two classes were attended by approximately 20 participants per class. The instructor has approval to conduct classes with 30-35 active participants. To help scheduling our Spring and Early Summer class, we need your input.

Please contact Jan Porter or Skip Waterstreet by phone (671-9730), write to the Masonic Service Bureau, 979 Bay Road, Ste 2; Webster, NY 14580, or email the office at: bmasonic@rochester.rr.com

We look forward to hearing from you and continuing this service to the Masonic family.

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Honorees and participants gathered with R.W. Edward Gilbert, Deputy Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, for this photograph of record of the evening's events. One of the recipients, R.W. Robert Finley, is the Deputy Grand Marshal, and Brother Gilbert came to honor his companion, as well as the other recipients.

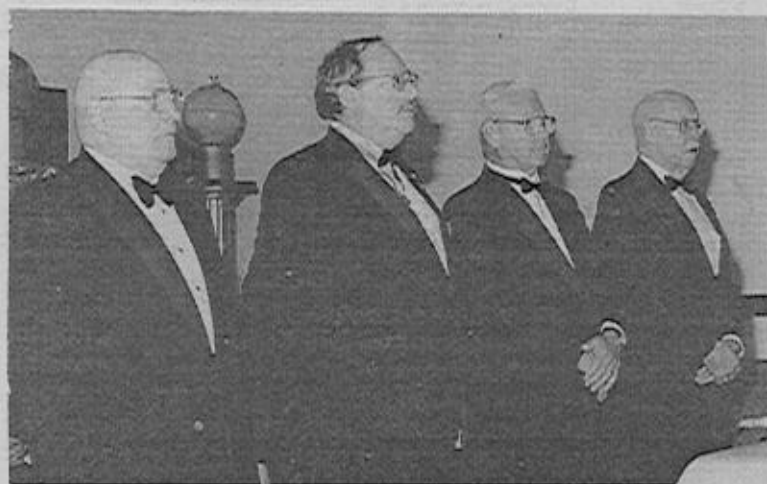
**DeMolay Honors**

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Grand Master R.W. Edward G. Gilbert, as well as R.W. Robert Glace Sr., Grand Junior Deacon, and R.W. Paul Barrera, Deputy Grand Standard Bearer. Also in attendance was R.W. William Sardone, Past Deputy Grand Marshal and the first State Master Councilor of the Jurisdiction of New York DeMolay.

The responses from the recipients were a summary of their DeMolay experiences and associations with the Order. From those responses we all could see the strong connection they had in their youth to the Masonic Fraternity and that connection kept them involved with the Fraternity during their adult years. We also learned of the connection that DeMolay and the girls organizations have had through the years as most of the recipients married a young lady from one of those organizations.

The members of the Hadi-Ya-Saga DeMolay Preceptory welcome these outstanding individuals to our ranks and look forward to their future involvement as they continue their endeavors for God, for country and for humanity.



Robert Finley, Robert Chrystal, Harry Dainty and Raymond Beardsley stand at the DeMolay Altar and listen to the Charge presented by Executive Officer, Kieth B. Rung (not pictured), prior to them receiving the Legion of Honor awards.



Ian Grady is congratulated for the excellent manner in which he performed his duties during the Legion of Honor Ceremony by R.W. William Sardone, Past Deputy Grand Marshal, and the first State Master Councilor of the Jurisdiction of New York DeMolay.

**Have-a-Heart Campaign  
Ronald McDonald House Fundraiser**

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

Bill Lindsay 264-1160

**LET'S GO BOWLING**



We're still bowling! After half a season, the "teams of one" are still going strong at the Rose Garden in Bergen. Sometimes teams don't show up for various reasons, but that's okay. Those that do come, still have fun and enjoy the verbal interplay.

We don't strive to be pro's. We all moan and groan over the standing five-pin after the first ball and wait anxiously to see if the kegler can get through the heckling and connect with it to make a spare, walking off the lane standing a little taller and grinning a little broader.

Even our President, Derek Van Houten, has improved this year at connecting with the pin that John Specht claims "nobody ever misses." (We threaten him with setting a rule that declares he'll have to shoot at it with his non-bowling arm in the future!) Derek went home at the end of the past two seasons with his own five-pin and is determined not to "three-peat."

Ron Starkweather seems to be back on his game, trying to retain the league's high average. Guess he's gearing up to take his jaunt to the Annual National Tournament, wherever it may be. He and his younger buddies from the Batavia area take a few days away to enter events; he has often collected enough prize money to pay for the excursion. He needs the cash to keep up his homesite outside that Indian Reservation that adjoins it.

Dick Howard has given us the goal of making the kind of hit that mixes the pins all over the alley, or making "messy messy" strikes. His lefty shots do just that for him very often, keeping him at fourth high average. Paul Reak arrives with three or four bowling balls and is still trying to find the right line with any one of them. Third high average is just not good enough for him! Larry Belluscio is poetry in motion! He's probably great on a dance floor, with all the twists and turns his body can make trying to put "English" on the ball as it heads down the alley.

John Mattern is often the first to arrive at the hall each

week, ready to take his statuesque pose on the approach, then stand there long enough before throwing the ball to make us wonder if we have to call the paramedics to jump start him. But, he ends up with some unique hits that make the whole league give a loud hoorah and he turns, raises his arms and shouts "It's a miracle!"

Jack Spencer has come up with a unique way to move back up the scoreboard. He's had his cataract operations and can now see the rack of pins very clearly before his initial shots in each frame. All the while, Dave Liles smiles and laughs, Dick Giedd does the same and our Chef and pin tender Harris jogs around the perimeter of the alleys, in his camouflage uniform, watching for any rack jam that needs 3 of 3 his attention. His infectious good humor adds to the "feel good" atmosphere generated, and which brings the teams back regularly.

It's a good time. Any and all who have two or three hours on Tuesday afternoons need only show up before 1 p.m. and they'll be welcomed like Norm was on the TV show "Cheers."

350, 6-inch Styrofoam plates they use for dessert each day.

I was also able to take four bushels of apples, donated by Most Wthy. Wanda and Rt. Wthy. David Williams. The fruit will be used not only for their lunch guests, but also for the afternoon children's program as a nutritious snack the children receive daily.

Every time I visit Cameron Ministries, I am more amazed at the services they provide to the community. The day I went, the children were going to be able to use the points they earn to "buy" gifts for their parents. Needless to say, it was a very busy place.

The New Year will be kicked off by the Organizational Meeting of the Line Officers Clubs. It will take place on Saturday, January 6th at 9:30 a.m. in Webster Masonic Lodge Hall. Rt. Wthy. Bill and I are looking forward to meeting with all the new Line Officers. We have made many plans for the year and are looking forward to sharing our ideas with everyone.

On behalf of Rt. Wthy. Bill and myself, I wish everyone a

very Happy New Year! May God bless each one of you and may His light shine through you to others.

Here is the recipe for the very popular Broccoli Salad found on some of our recent party tables. Enjoy.

**Broccoli Salad**  
From the Kitchen of  
Donna Laundry

- 2 cups broccoli, fresh bite-size pieces
- 1/4 cup bacon bits
- 1/4 cup raisins
- 1/2 small onion, chopped
- 1/4 cup cheddar cheese, shredded
- 1/4 cup walnuts, chopped

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- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons vinegar
- 1/4 cup sugar

Mix all salad ingredients EXCEPT the mayonnaise, vinegar and sugar. Mix salad dressing ingredients together and then add to the salad. Stir until coated. Serves 4.

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The Holiday season is over and the District has gotten off to a great start.

Our "Seasoned Greetings" Campaign for Cameron Ministries was a huge success. My car was packed full with spices, spaghetti and an assortment of other goodies that had been collected. The staff was so very pleased to receive the donations. I have never seen anyone become so excited about

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#### Welcome to the New Year!

My Official Visits are completed, which means I have visited every Lodge in the District to deliver the Grand Master's Message. You will hopefully remember the core of that message being the acronym CCER=M-Communications, Community Involvement, Education and Ritual = Membership. It is my sincere hope that every Lodge in our District can make progress in each of these areas in this New Year.

#### A Call to Action!

It is time to "pull the trigger" and work on the plans under each of these areas. As I have said before, if you do not at least schedule the event, it probably will not happen. It is time to take action and appoint someone from your Lodge to write a one-page Lodge Newsletter for posting to the www.osydistrict.org website (and for mailing). It is time to schedule a Child ID Program and MSAT Information Session for the schools in your area. It is time to schedule a Blood Drive. It is also time to schedule that Brother Bring-a-Friend event. Remember to call on your District Team for help in doing these programs.

We are making progress in the Membership area - Three, Brother Bring-a-Friend (BBF) programs are scheduled in the New Year, January 3rd at Milo Lodge, January 4th at Geneva Lodge and January 10th at Ark Lodge. Milnor, Garoga-Sincerity and Pocahontas each have BBF Programs about to be scheduled. I hope that more Lodges will soon be adding BBF events to their Trestleboards.

Your Membership Committee Chair, R.: W.: Eldon White, has asked that you notify him (and the DDGM) as soon as you have a firm date. Don't forget to include the use of the Masonic Compact for prospective Brothers - you may even have high-quality copies available for them.

On January 13th, there will be a Meet with the Deputy Grand Master and Share Your Ideas Program. This will be an open meeting with questions and comments from the Brothers. Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: Edward Gilbert, will then offer his thoughts on the future of our fraternity in this jurisdiction. Light refreshments will be served. Please mark your calendars and make every effort to attend—the location for this event is yet to be determined. This date also conflicts with the O/S/Y Association meeting that was scheduled to take place in Phelps, but the Deputy Grand Master's Program obviously takes precedence.

The Road to the East (RTTE) will be held March 3rd at Garoga-Sincerity Lodge, on March 17th at Geneva Lodge

and March 24th back at Garoga-Sincerity. Wardens and prospective Masters should attend and registration is open to any Brother. Please be sure to have your copy of the 24-Inch Gauge with you; there is plenty of time to order your copy prior to the course. Act Now!

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

Another event that needs your early support is the annual O/S/Y Golf Tournament 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.

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

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

Starting in January, I will be accompanying R.: W.: Ed Carris on his visits. I look forward to meeting you at Brother Carris' visits, BBF Programs, Degrees, and other events. ✕

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Happy New Year, Brothers! I hope all of you had a wonderful holiday season and time to visit family and friends. That's what makes the season so enjoyable.

Everyone who attended our Table Lodge Meeting in November appeared to have a good time. It was a great night of fellowship and I would like to see it done on a regular basis. We also had R.: W.: William Jones demonstrate the new computer-based Child ID equipment, which was very informative.

I will not be able to attend our first meeting in January due to business commitments, but the meeting will be in the capable hands of our Junior Warden, R.: W.: Eldon White. The program that evening will be a visit by the Assistant Grand Lecturer to help us understand the Marshal's duties during Degree work and other areas we feel need some extra attention.

A reminder that the Have-a-Heart Campaign will be held at Eastview Mall from February 1st-14th. We will be asking for some Brothers to staff shifts of an hour each to cover a time period of approximately three hours on at least one of those days. This is an important fundraiser for the Ronald McDonald House. Please come to the meeting ready to discuss when you can be available to help such a worthy cause.

Last, but not least, is the Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. I have been asked to join with the Eastern Star in this activity so we could invite both husband and wife to the program and explain both of our organizations to them. We can show how the organizations work together for both husband and wife to be active in the betterment of the community.

I look forward to seeing you in the New Year. ✕

**Canandaigua Lodge No. 294**  
1st & 3rd Mondays  
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981-9340

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

The Holidays are behind us and a New Year has begun. On December 9th, we had our Annual Breakfast with Santa and all went well. Attendance was down from last year and we feel this may have been due to the fact that it was so early. We didn't want to compete with the church's breakfast across the street that was being held on our originally planned date.

This year we will stick with our original schedule of having it the last Saturday before Christmas as this has worked out very well in the past. Thanks to all the Brothers who were there to help out. It was greatly appreciated. This was

also the first time that we "younger" members did it on our own. A special thank you to Brother Joe Proctor (a long-time member) for counseling us on our first attempt. His company is always welcome and we had a great time. We even had a couple of children bring letters for Santa! They were really something!

#### Coming Events

January 15th - Brother Bring-a-Friend Night.

Please do all that you can to bring at least one friend. If we all do this, we should be putting on the Degrees before Grand Lodge.

February 19th - Table Lodge. The menu for Table Lodge will be decided this month and we will be sending out notices. I'm extending an invitation to any other Brothers who would like to attend.

So we may plan accordingly, please RSVP to me by email: [dmasonjr@rochester.rr.com](mailto:dmasonjr@rochester.rr.com), or phone (981-9340); or Brother Secretary, George Stanton, at [gstanton@frontiernet.net](mailto:gstanton@frontiernet.net), or phone (394-6829).

I hope you all had a wonderful Holiday Season and I wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year. I look forward to seeing you at Lodge. ✕

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Thanks to Brothers Khoury, Abraham, Rouse and Brandon for their hard work on the Salvation Army Bell Ringing and Basket Deliveries Community Outreach efforts. The Salvation Army is an excellent organization, doing a much-needed job and Ark Lodge was happy in our small way to assist them this holiday season.

On December 13th, we held our Annual Holiday Party at St. Michael's in Geneva. The party was catered by Club 86; the meal and holiday cheer were wonderful.

Brother Einset has been busy working on the Brother Bring-a-Friend Night and has prepared an excellent program to introduce prospective Candidates to Masonry and Ark Lodge. All Brothers are encouraged to bring a prospective member on January 10th at 5 p.m.

**Sickness and Distress**  
On a more somber note, it is my sad duty to inform you that Brother Allan W. Burleson passed from labor to refreshment on November 22nd, in

Sandpoint, Idaho, of natural causes. Born March 11, 1912, Brother Burleson was Raised June 19, 1937 and, as a 69-year Master Mason, was our most senior Brother.

Allan was a graduate of Columbia University and Hobart College, where he later taught English. He served in the Army during World War II and was assigned to Patton's Third Army. At the Battle of the Bulge, he earned a Bronze Star for heroic action when his unit prepared to cross a major river near the German Border. Post war years found Brother Burleson back in his hometown teaching at Sandpoint High School.

Always interceding in family genealogy and local history discussions, he was Secretary of the Eastern Washington Historical Society for many years.

Brother Burleson was a true gentleman and will be deeply missed by family, friends and the Craft.

#### Masonic Birthdays

Gordon E. Taylor, 1951; Lloyd H. Hilimire, 1982

#### Reminders

January 10th - Brother Bring-a-Friend Night, 5-7 p.m.

January 17th - Regular Communication, Grand Director of Ceremonies visits, 7:30 p.m. ✕

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By R.: W.: Clayton Ruggles

This is a combination of the December and January Lodge articles. Thanks to all the Brethren who helped with the 2nd Degree. W.: George Landstrom did a great job conferring the Degree upon the four new Fellowcrafts. Also, thanks go to W.: Dave Smith for doing the Working Tools, V.: W.: William Valois and V.: W.: John Walti for the Questions and Answers, John Walti for the Charge, W.: Don Tiffany, Brother Steve Durso, V.: W.: Lowell Falkey and R.: W.: Robert Bird for their assist-

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tance, and to R.:W.: Clayton Ruggles for the Middle Chamber Lecture for a job well done. The pork chop Bar-B-Que was a success, thanks to all who participated in the event. A special thanks to Brother Steve Durso for heading the committee. Another job well done.

Hopefully everyone enjoyed the Holiday Season. December was a great month. We Raised four new Brothers on December 5th. Congratulations to Brother Nick Day, Brother Doug Galens (my son), Brother William Hargrove (my son-in-law) and Brother William Lally. It was pointed out that the average age of our new Brothers is 26. It's nice to see the younger generation is getting interested in our Fraternity. Welcome Brothers!

On a personal note, we now have three generations of Masons in our family; my father, son and me. The Degree went well, thanks to all who participated. It was nice to see so many faces on the sidelines. A special thanks to the Eastern Star Chapter for the excellent dinner they served. It added a special touch to our evening.

**Dates to Remember**

Our meeting on January 2nd is the Staff Officer Visit. January 16th will be our Re-dedication Night. Please bring your Bibles. Hopefully we have a large turnout for both meetings. Game nights are still going on, January 12th and January 26th, so come join the fun.

**From the Secretary's Desk**

Dues notices have been sent, but as of this writing, dues cards from Grand Lodge have not arrived. I hope this will be resolved soon. Again, please send your email address to cruggle1@rochester.rr.com. This is an excellent way of getting a message or last-minute changes to as many Brothers as possible.

**December Birthdays**

Happy Belated Birthday in December to Brothers John Bowles (1st), Richard Houle and James Piper (13th), Gary Yancey (14th), Everett Grimsley (21st), Ronald Galens (22nd), Harold Bloser (28th) and Ernest Day (30th).

**December Anniversaries**

Congratulations to Brothers raised in December:  
 12/03/02 - Gordon Campbell  
 12/17/96 - Kevin Fisher  
 12/05/95 - David Smith  
 12/06/94 - Perry Adams  
 12/04/90 - David Mowers  
 12/04/90 - John Sherman  
 12/01/86 - Craig Andrews  
 12/05/78 - Charles Anderson  
 12/05/78 - Ronald Rudson  
 12/02/75 - William Tatro IV  
 12/02/69 - John Carney  
 12/14/62 - William Dean  
 12/14/62 - William Goodman  
 12/01/61 - Robert Lannon  
 12/02/60 - Bernard Dell

12/02/60 - Everett Grimsley  
 12/07/56 - Howard Burgess  
 12/05/52 - Frederick Gifford  
 12/05/47 - John Record

**January Birthdays**

Happy January Birthdays to John Walti (7th), Tim Piper (17th), Elliot Schocken (15th), Lowell Falkey (18th), Dave Smith (21st), Bruce Andrews (22nd), Fred Gifford (25th), Tom Hudson and Steve LeRoy (26th) and Scott Upchurch (31st).

**January Anniversaries**

Congratulations to Brothers raised in January:  
 1/9/02 - Todd Ruggles  
 1/13/97 - William Sergeant  
 1/16/01 - Carl Carlson  
 1/16/01 - Greg Dell  
 1/16/01 - Rodney Wolfe  
 1/17/96 - Robert B. Taylor III  
 1/21/75 - Ken Overslaugh  
 1/25/75 - William Amber



Eagle Lodge and Eagle Chapter, OES, held a Hunter's Breakfast fundraising project in November, to coincide with the opening of deer season. Members of the Kitchen Crew who rolled out of bed real early to prepare the meal included (back row from left): Brother Terry Leonard, Brother John Williams and Brother Bob Helling. (Front row): Brother Bob Uderitz, Sister Barb Helling, Brother Ken Milner, Brother Leland Durkee, Brother Don Schneider, Sister Marge Schneider and Sister Elaine Milner.

ments, we plan to take yet another swing at this fundraiser next year.

A special thanks to all the Brothers who rolled out of bed at 2 a.m. to get the breakfast ready to serve on time. Also thanks to the Event Chairman, Brother Jim Boyer, who donated the supplies and Co-Chair, Brother George Romanynshyn for all their effort in advertising and planning this event.

Eagle Lodge sponsored a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night on November 28th. The evening began at 6:30 p.m. with a wonderful dinner provided by Eagle Star Chapter, who served 32 guests and members. At 7:30 p.m. we adjourned to the Lodge Room for a very well-coordinated and informative introduction to Masonry program. Our goal for this evening was to demonstrate to our guests that our Fraternal organization is truly worthy of their precious leisure time.

Each Lodge Officer was assigned a portion of the program to either plan or present. As

Master, I found the Brother Bring-a-Friend planning tool (downloaded from the Grand Lodge website) very helpful. The entire program lasted 90 minutes. At the conclusion, seven Petitions were handed out. We then adjourned for

coffee and cake in the dining room. Special thanks to all the Lodge Officers for their contributions to this very successful evening.

**Upcoming Events**

- January**  
 9th - Officers Meeting, 6:15 p.m.; Lodge Program—Masonic Local History (Presented by Brother Terry Leonard)  
 16th-1st Degree Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.  
 18th-Fundraising Spaghetti Dinner at Lodge  
 21st-1st Degree Rehearsal Sunday at 12 noon  
 23rd-Dinner at Lodge 6:30 p.m. (Caterer - Eagle Star Chapter); Lodge Program—1st Degree  
**February**  
 13th-Dinner at Lodge 6:30 p.m. (Caterer - Eagle Star Chapter); Open Lodge Meeting Program—Grand Lodge Flag Presentations  
 15th-Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser at Lodge  
 20th-2nd Degree Rehearsal at 7:30 p.m.  
 25th-2nd Degree Rehearsal at 12 noon  
 27th-Officers Meeting 6:15 p.m.; Lodge Program—2nd Degree

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November 16th Eagle Lodge and Eagle Star Chapter donated the proceeds of our monthly Spaghetti Dinner, \$245, to Habitat for Humanity. These funds will be utilized to assist the construction of a home being built right in Honeoye.

On November 18th, Eagle Lodge tried their hands at a new fund-raiser—a Hunter's Breakfast. This event was timed to coincide with the Opening Day of Deer Season.

Though we did not get the number of customers we had hoped for, we did learn a few things about putting on this type of event. With a few adjust-

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It is our hope all had a Holiday Season that will long be remembered and are starting a New and Prosperous 2007.

We are beginning our sixth year, as our Charter was signed on December 6, 2001. The presentation date was January 17, 2002, when R.:W.: Richard C. Friedman, then Junior Grand Warden, made the presentation to the Lodge with approximately 80 Brothers in attendance.

As this article is being written, the dues cards have not yet been received from Grand Lodge. For those of you who have or are planning to pay dues, your cards will be mailed as soon as the Secretary receives them. I have been in contact with other Secretaries within this and surrounding Districts; we all share in the same dilemma. Drumlin Square is not unique.

At our January 3rd Communication, the Junior Warden will confer the Fellowcraft Degree on our newly Initiated Brother. The Degree will be done in its entirety, as this Degree will be observed by our AGL, V.:W.: Robert Bittner. It would be our hope that as many of our members could support this Brother and the Lodge with a good turnout. Visitors are expected. There will be a dinner at 6:30 p.m. hosted by Tri-Star Chapter OES. Reservations are needed and can be made by emailing

wjones@rochester.rr.com or call me at (315) 986-9150.

It is always nice to see the sidelines full, not only on the occasions of Degree work, but at all times. There are many issues that come before the Lodge and your input is not only needed, but also wanted.

January 17th we will again open and invite our new Fellowcraft into the Lodge, after "stepping down" to the 2nd Degree for his observation of the business of the Lodge, and also the third section of the Lodge System of Masonic Education (LSOME) tape.

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### District Deputy Grand Master



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The Christmas Season is now behind us and there is a long stretch until the next holiday. Many of our Lodges and Concordant Bodies had celebrations and some included our "significant others" who have been there supporting us in our Masonic endeavors. It was good to take the time to get together, relax and rejoice in that great fellowship.

Many of us participated in some form of charity during the Holiday Season as well. Some of the events included packing of food baskets for those less fortunate, support to the different food cupboards, the Red Kettle Campaign, delivery of Poinsettias, holding Child ID events and various visits by Santa. These are all positive ways that we interface with our local communities and help support them.

During this time, have we also taken the opportunity to support the Masonic Brotherhood Fund? Now is the time to make your contribution to the selections of your choice, if you have not already done so. This is one way we need to support our Craft.

I recognize that we are all busy with the different activities in our life; however, every month there are about one to three Lodges that miss the opportunity to communicate with all their Lodge Members. This is through an article in the *Masonic Times*.

As I have traveled about our District, I'm seeing, on average, only about ten percent of our Lodge Members attending our meetings. By providing an article, you have the ability to communicate with the majority of our membership. Keep them aware of what has just happened and what is to occur next. If your Lodge article is missing, please contact your Master. Then find out why and offer any assistance you can. We do not have to be great writers; however we do have a responsibility to communicate with all of our members.

Has your Lodge sent a letter or given a phone call to the local members not seen recently and asked them to join us? Have you offered to provide transportation for them or see if they need some kind of support? This is another form of communication that helps gets members to attend Lodge. We need to make that new Brother say "wow" when he rises from the Altar and is able to see everyone there to support him.

The Ritual that we practice is only one form of communication. We could all do a better job of communicating with each other, thus helping us understand who we are. Please remember one key to help in keeping our Brothers active and participating in Lodge is good Ritual, programs, activities and support. Remember to keep the new

members, that all of your Lodges are raising, active and ensure that they have mentors to help them in their education of our Fraternity.

If there is anything that we, as your Grand Lodge Officers, may do to help support you in these or any other activities, please let us know.

### Grand Director of Ceremonies

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Over the next two years, you will probably hear the rubric CCER=M many times. It stands for Communications + Community Involvement + Education + Ritual = Membership. The Grand Lodge Staff Officer's main responsibility is Education, both for individual Masons and their Lodges. His primary function is to coordinate, promote and build a Team, which will carry out Education, Leadership and Program Planning in his District. The goal is to give our Brethren the desire to have a lifelong association with the Fraternity.

My duties as a Grand Lodge Staff Officer are outlined on pages 135-137 of *The 24-Inch Gauge Masonic Reference Guide* which has been updated this year. This book is the "cook book" and "how-to-do-it manual" for every New York State Mason. It is the duty of the District Deputy Grand Master (p. 131) to see that every Master, Warden and Deacon has his own copy of *The 24-Inch Gauge Masonic Reference Guide*, available from Grand Lodge Services at: [LodgeServicesNY@aol.com](mailto:LodgeServicesNY@aol.com). *The 24-Inch Gauge Masonic Reference Guide* costs \$45 plus \$6 shipping. For Brothers just starting out this book can help you plan your Masonic career, pointing out the many resources that are available to you, helping your ambitious feet tread rung after rung of the ladder that leads to fame in our mystic circle.

My first District-wide education program was the *Masonic Development Course* which was taught on October 6th, 13th and 20th—three consecutive Friday evenings from 7-9 p.m. at Unity Lodge. Cost of the course was \$19, which included a textbook, Grand Lodge Certificate and Pin, for successful completion of the course, and refreshments.

The next District-wide program will be *Road to the East* which will be offered starting in February 2007 and ending in March 2007 on three Saturdays—February 3rd and 24th, and March 3rd from 8:30 a.m.—1 p.m. at Eunice Lodge in Caledonia. This will be a joint effort with our Brothers in the Livingston and Genesee-Wyoming Districts. Any Warden must successfully complete this course before he can move up to the Master's chair.

The Leadership Development Course has been updated

and will be available through The Masonic University of New York on a correspondence-course basis. Contact MUNY through the Internet at [www.e-muny.com](http://www.e-muny.com).

The Leadership Development Course is in its second year. Our District Deputy Grand Master, Gary Sanford, is coordinating this course. The course includes training in planning skills, public speaking and writing skills, and public relations training. Everyone who takes this course and adapts the skills learned to his life process will be more productive and able to juggle a workload he may have thought impossible.

If you are a new Master or a Warden forming your Trestleboard for your term, you should know that MUNY also runs a Speakers Bureau that you can investigate at email: [www.e-muny.com](http://www.e-muny.com). Right Worshipful Steven King, Junior Grand Warden, has oversight of this team. He can be reached by email at [steveking1@mac.com](mailto:steveking1@mac.com) and by phone at (518) 489-1341.

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Each Master has the requirement to provide Masonic Education in his Lodge at each meeting. To assist him to meet this goal, a new book called *The Complete Master: A Primer for the East* has been, or will be, sent him by Grand Lodge. This book has 9 sections with 41 lectures covering the Three Degrees, Legends, Early Documents, Working Tools and Paraphernalia, Etiquette and Term, Freemasonry in Public History and Famous Masons. Get a copy for yourself from [LodgeServicesNY@aol.com](mailto:LodgeServicesNY@aol.com) for only \$12.50 (you have to purchase your own 3-ring binder). I have sampled several of the lectures and it is a dynamite book.

Another source for short, 5-6 page essays are the Short Talk Bulletins. Pages 283-294 of the *The 24-Inch Gauge Masonic Resource Guide* describe the bulletins, their topics, and availability from the Masonic Service Association, 820 Fenton Street, Silver Springs, MD 20910-4785, telephone (301) 588-4010 and the website [www.msana.com/downloads/catalog2005.pdf](http://www.msana.com/downloads/catalog2005.pdf); The MSANA website includes instructions for ordering back issues and receiving new issues of the Bulletin.

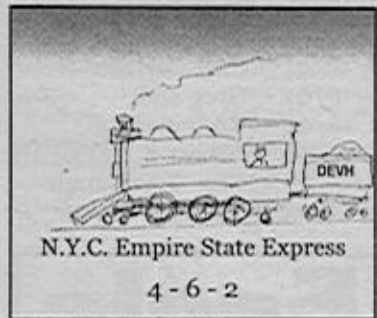
My goal in this article is to try and tell you some of the resources available to you and how to access them. If anyone desires assistance with a particular program you may con-

tact me by phone at (585) 621-5282 or send an email at [ggrape@rochester.rr.com](mailto:ggrape@rochester.rr.com).

### Grand Sword Bearer



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Our journey together continues as we head for new adventures in 2007 and we welcome two long-time Brothers to command our train as we are out of the mountains and heading for some easier travel. Thanks to Fritz and his fortitude in handling the awesome job of getting us through the snowy mountain passes. We're going to make a stop and pick up Brother Albert O. Schnabel of Seneca Lodge and Brother Robert Bueg of ERAC Lodge to help us break into the New Year.

Brother Schnabel has long been near trains as his business is located by the main line in Rochester. He will be our Guest Engineer for this segment of the trip. He's been a member of Seneca for 65 years.

Brother Bob Bueg will man our red caboose for this segment of the adventure. You may ask, "Why a caboose?" All I can say is, trains look funny without an end. Bob has been a member for close to 60 years and has played the trombone for 74 years.

We are adding three flat cars and dropping the Observation car for this segment of the trip. The three flat cars are for the Master and Wardens of each Lodge. They contain your New Year's Resolutions; hopefully you have made some that will be constructive for your members.

We would suggest that they contain, for the Master, the new requirement that at each meeting a lecture or an educational element be presented to your Lodge. This could be from the Two-Minute Short Bulletin or something chosen out of the new *24-Inch Gauge* or any of the Masonic works that you choose. To the Master: this can be delegated to others or you may do it yourself. Your Brothers are looking to you for leadership; this is an opportunity for you to provide your Brothers with material other than just having a business meeting.

To the Senior Warden resolutions to consider ... complet-

ments for your year, working on the Opening and Closing of Lodge, continuing to assist your Master in his programs, helping with the widows in your Lodge, firming up your programs for your term as Master. There are many others, but these will, hopefully, be memory joggers for you.

The Junior Warden also has opportunities to consider. The most important to "provide the Brethren with refreshment" and supervise them during the hours thereof. Assist the Master in planning his programs; learn the Ritual of Opening and Closing. Consult pages 261-262 in the *24-Inch Gauge* for additional opportunities.

To both Wardens to consider ... if you have not taken the *Road to the East*, please do so as it teaches the leadership skills you will need for the future. We realize, some of you have taken the course in recent years. Please encourage those in your line that have not, to attend. The overall performance of your leadership line will improve and your membership will appreciate your dedication to seek out this educational experience. Yes, it will cost you some money, but the return will far outweigh the initial cost. Actually anyone interested in learning more about Masonry can take the course. Give R.:W.: Tom Grape a call (621-5282) for further information.

As our train heads into the New Year, we look forward to the opportunities for our Lodges that lay along the way. We would encourage that each of us would try to set some type of resolution for 2007, as there are grains of sand on a beach so too are the endless kinds of personal goals or resolutions that we as a Craft can set. We leave it up to you to do that.

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#### NOTICE!

The School of Ritual is for all Master Masons, not just Lodge Officers!

The next Monroe District School of Ritual will be on Monday, January 29th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Lodge Room at the Shrine Center. The Potentate and his staff have made the Lodge Room available to us on a *pro bono* basis, since it will be used for Masonic education. With four of our 13 Master Mason Lodges in the Monroe District currently meeting at the Shrine Center, we (Assistant Grand Lecturers) are looking forward to a

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well-attended meeting. The work for the evening will be the duties and responsibilities of the "Conductor," an often-overlooked important part of Degree work; a short review of New Ritual followed by a question and answer period; closing will be at 9 p.m.

Before I close this article, let me bring something to your attention. I have recently returned to New York after five weeks at Atlantic Beach, NC. While there, I made a couple of simple phone calls and connected with a local Masonic Brother who just happened to be the immediate Past Grand Master of Masons of NC, which is 55,000 members strong and growing. All I said was that I wanted to attend a local Lodge meeting. This resulted in my visiting two local Lodges and attending a 2nd Degree. Several invitations to other local Lodges and a Shrine Center followed; these I had to decline due to returning home.

I am telling this so, if you are a snowbird or heading out somewhere for a week or two, think about making a visit to a local Lodge. It was such a simple thing, a phone call, and it led to several outstanding evenings. The dress code for a regular member attending Southern Lodges is usually slacks, sport shirt and maybe a jacket. The Grand Master made it known that he was not wearing a tie. In that case, I thought it best not to wear one either.

See "Y'ALL" on the 29th. ✕

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

The holidays are over and it is time to get on with the rest of the Masonic year. There are several opportunities to further your knowledge in Masonry in the coming months.

**Looking Ahead**

There are two Schools of Ritual planned. One is scheduled for January 29th at the Shrine Center and the other is on March 29th at Clio Lodge in Hilton. Both Schools will start at 7:30 p.m. They will be very interesting, instructive and there is always something to be learned at these Schools. If your Lodge has newly raised Brothers, this would be a good time to continue their Masonic education.

There is an education program called *Road to the East*. It is primarily aimed at Brothers who are on the path to become Master of their Lodge. To take this course you need to contact the Monroe District Staff Officer, R.:W.: Tom Grape. His contact information is on page 2 of this publication in the "Hot Numbers" Section.

There is a book called *24-Inch Gauge*. It was first issued in 1992 and has been re-written twice since that time. This book is an outstanding tool for planning a Lodge program. It describes how to set up a Trestleboard and gives many ideas for Lodge activities. To get this book for your Lodge all you have to do is call Tom.

Speaking of Trestleboards, now is the time to fine-tune your current Trestleboard. It is never too late to make

changes. Sometimes things don't go the way we planned them in September. Change is not a bad word. We get into a rut in our planning. A good program twenty years ago and scheduled every year since may not be a good idea today. Maybe it is time for a variation of that program or replacing it with a new one. If you have any ideas for a program, present them to your Lodge Master and Wardens.

Happy New Year to all and I hope to see you at the School of Ritual on January 29th. ✕

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Greetings and Best Wishes to you in this New Year!

Many of us look to the new calendar year to renew our passion in our daily interests. For some, it is the new start of a business year where we seek to increase business to a higher level than the previous year. Some look at being committed to a higher level of savings so they can take that special vacation, buy some new item or be better prepared for the years ahead. Others look more toward a closer relationship with God and family by getting to church more often or having more quality family time. Whatever your aspirations in 2007, I hope that each of you achieve your goals and enjoy a year filled with a plenty of nourishment, refreshment and joy!

**Holiday Events**

Thank you to all those who attended at the annual Holiday Dinner and the Breakfast with Santa. It is great to see such growing attendance at these and other events. I feel that the increasing number of people who attend these Masonic gatherings truly recognize the niceties of Friendship, Fellowship and Brotherhood which our Fraternity nurtures.

**Attention Past Masters**

In honor of your service to Seneca Lodge, we are planning a Past Masters' Night early in 2007. Keep an eye on your Trestleboard for the date. Thank you for your dedicated service.

**Seneca Lodge Shirts**

Come to the January meeting to see a sample of the Seneca Lodge shirt with an embroidered logo. The logo is full color and represents the Seneca Lodge image as noted at the head of this article. Order your shirt, and show your Seneca pride, for only \$17. If you are unable to attend and would like more information, please contact me at my home.

**School's Back in Session!**

If you have questions about the Seneca Lodge \$1,000 Scholarship or would like to receive an application, go to [www.seneca797.com](http://www.seneca797.com) website and click on "Scholarship" or contact our Scholarship Director, Rob Kost, directly.

**Brotherhood Fund**

Thank you to those Brothers who have donated to the

Brotherhood Fund this season. We have generated a respectable dollar amount for the first part of the campaign, but need to have a strong finish. Please see information in your next Trestleboard or contact me for information about how to make a donation. See you in Lodge! ✕

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**From the Secretary**

I am taking the time in this manner to keep you updated on what is on your Secretary's Desk. First, let me say thank you to the Brothers who have sent in their dues and made corrections or additions to their Masonic Profile. Some of you replied with lots of corrections and additions and, on the other side, some just sent in the check and invoice.

The most significant changes were the "date of birth." When I was preparing the list of birthdays for January, I went into the Grand Lodge Database and found January's list contained 40 Brothers with a birth date of January 1st of any given year. I went into my old MLSS records and found that there should only be about four Brothers with a January 1st birthday. I am looking forward to receiving your replies with corrections and additions.

Please include your Masonic history so I can get it on your records. We have added a few more names to our email list, and now we have 48% of the membership on email.

Here is another issue, "DUES CARDS." Grand Lodge is now in the process of printing them, and we should have them here by Christmas. What a nice present. By the time you read this, your dues card should be in the mail if you paid your dues. As of this writing, 33% of the members have paid their 2007 dues. However, we still have 11 Brothers who have not paid their 2006 dues.

Here is some good news. We have received a "Petition for Affiliation" from three Brothers of other Lodges. At our January meeting we hope to vote on these Brothers, and welcome them into Valley-Simes Lodge. Also, our hospitaler has been busy sending out cards from his ranch in Florida.

**January Birthdays**

I am pleased to announce our birthday wishes to the following Brothers:

Nelson Bertch, Robert Guilfoil, Douglas Spencer and Rob Steinorth (1st), James Woodruff (5th), Martin Suter (7th), Jose Diaz (12th), Robert Stear (14th), David Braun (19th), Howard Minsky (21st), Joseph Holt Jr. (25th), Robert Bishop (26th), William Babcock (27th), Irving Schuth (28th) and Melvin Corson (29th).

Your Masonic Brothers wish you a most Happy Birthday. Have a great day with good health and happiness. If you

**Attention Secretaries!**  
**Monroe District Secretaries Meeting**

By District Deputy Grand Master Gary Sanford

I have scheduled a meeting on Saturday, January 13th, 9:30 a.m. at the Fairport Masonic Lodge Hall for Lodge Secretaries. Refreshments will be provided.

At this meeting, we will review the different duties and paperwork required of your Office, including the timing of when these items need to occur, to whom they are sent and/or copied. We

will also review the MORI System and answer and questions you may have.

It has been a few years since our District has held one of these Workshops and I look forward to meeting and working together.

Please send me questions and or topics you would like discussed via email at: [ggsanford@aol.com](mailto:ggsanford@aol.com) or call me at 425-4240. ✕

see or speak to any of our birthday boys, don't forget to wish them a Happy Birthday.

Now that the Holidays are over and we have no more parties to go to, it's time to come to Lodge. First meeting of 2007 is on January 9th. I look forward to greeting each of you and breaking bread at dinner. ✕

are still family. Whatever differences we have, as Brothers, we are still family.

I extend my wishes for peace in the New Year for our family and for yours. I ask that you all join me in praying to the Great Architect for peace in the entire world.

**Sickness and Distress**

Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers: The Wihlen Family at the loss of Jo Carroll's father; our Senior Warden Sean McKenna's father continues on his road to recovery; Brother Mike Kennerson is finally recovering nicely. Go Mike!! Brother John Crough is now in good health and Brother Bill Zufall is home and doing very well. Brother Leon Perkins is still recuperating after his hip replacement. Brother Bob Bueg is still fighting his illness. Brother Joe Bogmis is doing quite well with his new pacemaker. Brother Jennerson is doing all he can, despite his health concerns.

**Reminders**

January 22nd—the Past Masters of ERAC will be doing the 2nd Degree.

February brings the Have-a-Heart Campaign for the Ronald McDonald House with ERAC, once again, working at Eastview Mall. Dates of coverage needed will come in the next article.

Remember to stay warm, dry and fed. Keep it simple and love one another. ✕

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As I ran my daughters from event to event and watched our family calendar get filled with recitals, parties, meetings and games, I sometimes lost sight of the spirituality of the season. I struggled to remember little things as the number of "big" things increased in my mind. Sitting down to read emails or make phone calls became harder to squeeze in before the next trip to the stores or taking my oldest to work. I got more annoyed at the Christmas music playing or the girls arguing once again over whose turn it was to do the dishes. But two things happened to change my focus.

First, Brother Pat Nicholson and his wife, Michele, welcomed a son into this world on December 6th. The amazing wonder of a life beginning always makes me excited. Life is so simple and wonderful at its start. Our problems are so small but necessary to life. Being warm, dry and fed are so important. Being loved, held and rocked in a quiet, nurturing environment is so comforting. So Simple; So Basic.

Finally, ERAC Lodge has initiated four Candidates who have completed their 1st Degree. I remember when I took my 1st Degree, ten years ago. I didn't know then that it would be the start of a new life and a new man would gradually be nurtured and supported in the quiet, nurturing environment of the Lodge.

I watch my Brothers before meetings—laughing, talking, quietly conferring and I realize that it is just another family. Whatever annoyances or arguments my girls have, they

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I am writing this article on the morning after our Official Visit from R.:W.: Gary Sanford, R.:W.: Derek Van Houten, and R.:W.: Tom Grape. The visit was informative and left us all with a good sense that the Fraternity is on the right road for longevity and growth. We had a great dinner and the attendance was such that it proved the Webster Members are supportive of the Lodge and eager to excel.

I was very pleased that we had three of our Entered Apprentices in attendance. We

### Webster Lodge Continued from Page 7

were told by our Grand Lodge Officers, that was a first and they were thrilled to be able to address the Entered Apprentices there. It has been, and will continue to be, my practice to lower the Lodge to the Degree necessary when any Brother has yet to obtain the 3rd Degree shows up. If they take the time to come to Lodge, they will certainly be welcomed with open arms. I feel that, the sooner they get into the habit of coming, the better they (and we) will be.

Our Spaghetti Dinners continue to grow and be a major source of income throughout the Webster Community. On December 1st, we were able to (I believe) set a record by handing \$902 to the Webster Police Explorers. These young men were so thrilled with our efforts that they have made a standing offer to help us, if needed, regardless of who the benefactors of the dinners are. We have actually called upon them in the past to help and they have made good on their word.

As the snow flies, we lose some of our hardest workers and that leaves fewer Brothers there to help us. I know, some of you would and could show up to help but, with your busy schedules, you may just not remember the date. We have promised to send out an email a week in advance to try to help you remember to attend. This continuing program is very important to our Lodge and our community and, if need be, we will start picking up the phone to ask for help. Please consider giving your Lodge a hand and joining us as we continue this worthwhile endeavor.

As I predicted in my last article, the Degree went fine with our Senior Warden, Ed Malchoff, in the East. It was well-attended and all did a good job. The new Brothers have mentors and we are on our way, making new Masons and fulfilling a portion of why we were granted our Charter.

I ask you, at this point, to consider sending a donation for the Brotherhood Fund as you write your check for the dues notice that has been sent. It was announced that we already have over \$600 donated by 25 Brothers. In the Masonic compact it states: I know that charity is the distinguishing human virtue, and that personal community service is the best demonstration of one's commitment to humanity; I acknowledge that words without deeds are meaningless, and I vow to work with my Lodge to provide service to the community, and to prompt charity, friendship, morality, harmony, integrity, fidelity and love. I believe that between the dinners and donations to the Brotherhood Fund, we each are well on our way to living up to this part of the Compact.

It is my sincere hope that you and your families enjoyed the Holiday Season and you all have a Healthy and Prosperous New Year.



Brother Cliff Andrews (right) was called Home by the Great Architect last month, shortly after receiving his 50-year Certificate and Pin, which was presented by Fame Lodge Brothers Keith Moore, John Rehbach, Doug Hunt and Tom McCullough.

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Happy New Year to one and all! I hope that 2007 will be a wonderful and prosperous year for us all.

As I wrote about last month, we are having a Brother-Bring-a-Friend Night on January 11th. There will be a dinner beforehand and our "meeting"

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I hope everyone had a great Holiday Season. May everyone have a Happy and Healthy Year in 2007.

At our November and December meetings, we balloted on five Candidates to join our Lodge; we will be balloting on a sixth at our first January meeting. We will conduct the 1st Degree at our second January meeting. I request that many Brothers come out to observe or participate in the Degree work and show our new Brothers the unity that we share as men and Masons.

At our December Business Meeting, we received all of our Annual Committee Reports. Thank you to all who took the time and hard work to prepare the very detailed reports and explanations to all who were there. We had a lengthy discussion regarding a dues increase to assist with the building maintenance. This proposal was tabled until a committee can be formed to review other options.

By now you may have received your Dues Notice that includes a letter explaining our

will be dedicated to introducing Freemasonry to the uninitiated. Please think about friends and sons or grandsons who are 21 or over and whom believe in God and the Afterlife. Most of all, those who you would be proud to call "Brother." The last detail about this is that the Lodge pays for your guest's dinner. As an extra incentive, if you bring a guest, your dinner is also free.

Last month I also mentioned that our Degrees will be in the first meetings of February, March and April. What I neglected to say was that the last meetings of January, February and March will be Degree rehearsals.

That's the news for now. Take care and remember that many hands make light work.

See you in Lodge.

desires for the increase and also asking for a donation to the Building Improvement Fund as a way to raise funds without raising dues. We have had Brothers who say it is time to sell the building and there are many who say no. I, for one, don't want to see this building leave our Masonic hands.

There are new Brothers coming in and Brothers who affiliated with our Lodge, which shows it continues to prosper. Many Brothers have called this building and this Lodge their Mother Lodge until the Great Architect has called them home. I want to be able to say the same; our Lodge and our Building are one. We must make every effort to keep them together.

During our December meeting we also had the honor of hosting a Jubilee Celebration for Willie McMahan from the Tartan Square Club who received a 50-year plaque from the Grand Lodge of Scotland. It was presented by R.: W.: Gary Sanford and celebrated with his Masonic Brothers from our Lodge and his Brothers of heritage from the Tartan Square Club. It was a privilege to be a part of this great milestone for Brother McMahan.

Our Lodge also reached out to some of our Brothers who are not able to get to Lodge meetings any longer by visiting them and giving them a Poinsettia plant for the Holiday Season. Thanks to the Brothers who volunteered to deliver these gifts.

Lastly, remember to be careful over the next few months as Winter sets in. Use caution on the roads and be mindful of icy conditions. If you want to come to Lodge, reach out to a Brother who may live nearby for a ride.

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I cannot express my gratitude enough for everyone who stepped up and filled in when I was called out of the Country last month. It is great to see brotherhood and friendship in action. A special thanks to our Senior Warden, George Foehner. He was left with the task of running our 1st Degree and putting on the dinner.

Monday, January 8th, is our Annual Communication. If you want to be involved with the future directions of the Lodge, this is a meeting that you should not miss. Please try to make it.

If all goes as planned, we will be having a 2nd Degree on Monday, January 22nd, for our three newly initiated Entered Apprentices. The Brothers involved in performing the 2nd Degree will be having practices after the January 8th meeting and on Monday, January 15th.

Sunday, January 21st, at 2 p.m. we will be having a family bowling event. If you would like to attend, and can't make the January 8th meeting, please contact Scott May or George Foehner.

Monday, January 29th, is the next School of Ritual at the Shrine Center. I've learned a great deal by attending these. I recommend that you take the time to improve yourself in Masonry. Because of the School of Ritual, we moved the 3rd Degree practice to Tuesday, January 30th.

Don't forget that we need to sign up for the Have-A-Heart Program coming February 3rd-14th. Let's make sure that we are supporting The Ronald McDonald House as it is a great charity.

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It has been an interesting month around Clio Lodge with goodwill abounding. We are happy to announce our new Brother had his 2nd Degree which was given by our Senior Warden, George Todd, on November 21st. The 3rd Degree on December 19th, was conferred by W.: Sean Noonan, with his band of Merry Men in attendance. A delicious meal was put on before the Degree, by our Fidelity Triangle Girls, which was enjoyed by all.

We had a team of Brother Elves gather up small gifts, which were presented to the residents of Hilton East, who appreciated them very much.

The Lodge will be closed on January 2nd, the normal first meeting date of the New Year, so we can recover from all the holiday cheer and play with our new toys.

Our thanks go out to the many Brothers who braved the weather to ring the bell for the Red Kettle Campaign and helped make it a success. Also, my thanks to the Brothers who have contributed to our Brotherhood Fund Campaign. I remind those who have not, to send in their envelopes and help out those in need.

It was good to see V.: W.: Harry DeHollander back from his month-long vacation in the South; we began to wonder if he was ever coming back. Remember, Brothers, we will be having two Spaghetti Dinners in January on the 10th and 24th. Please join us for a hearty meal that's free to those who lend a helping hand.

**Sickness and Distress**  
Worshipful Gerry Jones has undergone an operation and is home recuperating. Brother Denny Wright, DSA, is home and doing well. Please take a few minutes to contact our recovering Brothers and set up a brief visit.

This year has been an interesting one and I am sure 2007 will be the same. Special thanks go out to all my Brothers, along with all my line Officers, who have been instrumental in keeping Clio Lodge running like a top. The Spaghetti Dinners, our Ox Roast and special events that have taken place this year, prove that Masons are Brothers above all else.

Our Best wishes go out to Brother Skip Waterstreet and his Associates for doing an exemplary job with the *Masonic Times*.

Clio Lodge wishes a Happy New Year to all our Brothers and their families.

**Monroe District**  
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# Damascus News

Damascus Shrine Center No. 2

January 2007



**LANCE WARD, POTENTATE**

It is always difficult to write articles two to three weeks in advance of when they are published. There is always so much going on that I would like to tell you about, but when you get it, it is old news. Oh well. As Auburn's Shrine Club President Ted Tennant says, "It's time for old what's-his-name to speak." Thank you, Ted.

First and foremost, thank you to the Nobles and Ladies of Damascus, who have given Lynn and me their support and entrusted in me the leadership of our Temple for the past year. It has been a fun-filled year with many great events and memories. Many of the Nobles and Ladies whom we have met and worked with over the year have developed into long-lasting friendships. Without your help, it would have been impossible to accomplish the goals I set forth at the beginning of the year. My primary mission was to increase our membership by bringing forth to the public the great philanthropy we support, our Shriners Hospitals for Children. I am proud to list the names of the new Nobles who have joined our cause in 2006:

Patrick Mulrooney, Sean Noonan, Paul Lent, Terence Adams, Richard Batz, Gary Baxter, Vincent Costanzo, Richard Downs, Donald Fegley, James Fegley, Matthew Fero, Michael Fults, Vincent Garner, Richard Green, William Gurnett, David Hockenberry, Richard Howard, Jose Diaz, Michael Taylor, Terry Picket, William Jearn, David Locke, Eric



Illustrious Lance R. Ward, Potentate of Damascus Temple, carves the turkey on his table at the Harvest Dinner, held at the Shrine Center in November.

Lubbnerts, Richard Lumpkin, Stephen Mitchell, Gregori Monocko, Victor Nelson, Charles Skopinsky, Scott Waldeis, Ronald Williams, Jeffrey Wright, John Wright, James VanSickle, Glen Cone, George Stanton, James Miller, Bruce Warfield, Patrick McBride, Joseph Rosicka and William Benedict.

Second, thanks to my Divan, Committeemen, Office Staff and all who have worked with me to put together our great programs, fundraisers, and enjoyable Hospital trips. It is one thing to list a schedule of events and goals at the beginning of a year, but it takes teamwork and cooperation to make those goals and events become a reality.

During this past year of accomplishments, we:

- Purchased a new truck for the Mini-Car Unit
- Negotiated with the Town of Webster to repeal our tax assessment
- Took the Nobles, Ladies and some guests to visit the Springfield, Boston and Erie Shriners Hospitals
- Held successful Tool, Motorcycle and Sportsman's Raffles
- Raised money at our Annual Golf Tournament and the Wheeler's Ugly Run for the Hospitals
- Acquired a new-to-us Hospital Transportation Van

Our programs have included bringing in some of our hospital patients to tell the public why we are Shriners. We have also done what Shriners do best and that's to have fun. This was evident in the great Caribbean Experience enjoyed by more than 200 of our Nobles, Ladies and visiting guests, the Annual Family Picnic, trip to Old Forge, Halloween Party and Harvest Dinner. We have also given the children in our Finger Lakes Region another great Circus that, once again, demonstrated the teamwork of the Damascus Shriners, their Ladies and families.

Third, and not least, I congratulate our Potentate-Elect, Noble Donald Rose, and his Divan-elect. Change is inevitable, and with change comes learning. As in any organization, it is a constant struggle to keep up with the day-to-day changes in the world around us. This past year we, the Divan, have made many changes, and from them we learned what changes may have to be made in the future. I know that your Divan-elect will continue to make Damascus the shining star it is.

Lynn and I thank you again for making this past year one of our most memorable and we assure you we will continue to work for you and Damascus in the upcoming year. As Imperial Sir George Mitchell says, "Isn't it great to be a Shriner."



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

My thanks to everybody for re-electing me to the job of Recorder for 2007 and the confidence in me to keep things running smoothly for another year. I do know there have been some bumps in the road, but we have dealt with them one bump at a time.

I hope everyone had wonderful and Happy Holidays; they are what we make them. I truly enjoyed mine with my grandchildren.

It's a New Year and with it brings new challenges. We have to concentrate on

new members - to make them want to join the Shrine and share in the joy of helping the kids who need help getting back to health and into the mainstream with the other healthy kids. The Black Camel and the Dimits are running ahead of our new members applications.

**New Members**

Congratulations to the 41 new members this past year. Their names are in the news article from Illustrious Lance Ward. I hope they get involved in some of the available Clubs and Units. The Clubs and Units have also got to get out there and promote interest to new members and get them signed up to participate.

I would like to remind all the Nobles who are behind in their Dues, that if they are not paid I will have to drop them for Non-Payment of Dues. If you have a problem, please let the Office know so we can work with you to stay a Member. It is easier to work out something than to go through all the paperwork to Dimit and then Re-Affiliate later.

Thanks to everyone for their patience and understanding this past year. At times it gets real hectic in the Office and confusion sets in real quick. I especially want to thank Nicole for her patience and understanding.



Several memorial donations from Damascus Shriners, their friends and families, were presented to Erie Hospital by Jim Slocum (left), Damascus Recorder, to Illustrious Sir Art Smaltz, Chairman of the Board of Governors of Erie Hospital. The presentation was made at the November meeting of the Board of Governors.

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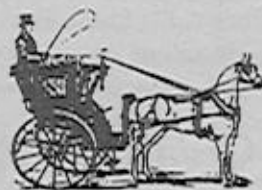
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## Photos from the All-Masonic Christmas Party!



## January Shriner and Shrine Center Scheduled Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		2 Clown Unit	3 6:00 p.m. Shrine Meeting	4 Valley of Rochester	5	6
7	Shrine Lunch Club' Fairport Village Inn <i>ERAC Lodge</i>	8 Valley-Simes Lodge	9 Legion of Honor	10 Fame Lodge	11 Private Party	12
13	Shrine Lunch Club' Ladies Day The Nutcracker Auburn Shrine Club'	14 Craftsman Robertson Lodge	15 Lalla Rookh Grotto	16 Valley of Rochester	17 Degree Team	18
19	Shrine Lunch Club' Fairport Village Inn <i>ERAC Lodge</i> Geneva Shrine Club'	20 Wheeler's	21 Directors Staff	22 Fame Lodge Perry Shrine Club'	23	24
25	Shrine Lunch Club' Fairport Village Inn School of Ritual	26 Valley of Rochester	27	28	29	30

1 - Off-site event; *Italics* - non-Shrine event Data current as of December 26, 2006

## More photos from the All-Masonic Christmas Party!



## WAYNE COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

By Bill Guinup

We met at Burnham's Red Rooster on October 19th. 23 Nobles and Ladies were present.

### Sickness

A card was signed by everyone and sent to Harold Glerum. Ronald Orbaker was present; it was good to see him back.

Lee Collier introduced Past Presidents and Officers for 2006. He was also the Divan Representative. He talked about joining the Geneva Christmas Party on December 16th. It was voted to do so.

The 50-50 raffle was won by Fred Ludwig.

A committee was appointed to get a slate of Officers for 2007.

In attendance were Bob Anderson and his Lady Alice.

The Potentate, III, Lance Ward, was introduced. He talked about upcoming

events, the Christmas Party and the December 6th Cold Sands.

### November

We called a special meeting on November 16th at Burnham's Red Rooster to elect 2007 Officers. 18 Nobles and their Ladies were present. Officers for 2007 were elected as follows:

President, Ernest Day;  
Vice President, John Ramsey;  
Secretary, Bill Guinup;  
Treasurer, Pete Adams.

The Club voted on giving \$500 to the Hospital Transportation Fund.

### Sickness

Get well cards were signed by everyone and sent to Lindy VanKouwenberg and Juanita Gorton.

Happy New Year to all from the Wayne County Shrine Club.

## Thank you, Damascus News Boosters

Bob & Betty Anderson  
Bob & Alice Anderson  
Bill & Diane Anderson  
Bryan & Cynthia Anderson  
Harvey & Marilynne Anderson  
Clifford Andrews  
Helen Barry  
Hartley & Virginia Bither  
Chapin Blake  
Carol Brickman  
Stuart Brickman  
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Vance & Judith Collom Jr.

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Henry & Shirley Funk  
Frank Ghyzel  
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John & Mary Jane Henderson  
Doris Hill  
Charles Holliday, Jr.  
Edgar & Mary Louise Hollwedel  
Larry & Margaret Hood  
Lutgarda Houston

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Douglas & Ruth Hunt  
Betty Kascher  
Don McDill  
Joe & Barbara Minas  
AJ Neracker  
Joseph Nye  
Roland Orbaker  
Rose Paprocki  
In Memory of Eva Patterson  
Warren & Gladys Pearse  
Mrs. Mildred Reynolds  
Arthur Schuster, Jr.

Norris & Annette Shapiro  
Dale Shatzer  
Gordon Smith  
Evelyn Smith  
Irving Spalty  
Frederick Stahl  
Ron & Mary Sterling  
Shirley Van Den Bergh  
Floyd Vick  
Wayne Wagner  
Lance & Lynn Ward  
John Wihlen  
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By W.: Skip Waterstreet, DSA  
 Happy New Year! It really doesn't seem possible that the year 2006 is over. If I were to recap the events, it would prove to be a less than stellar year for our Lodge. So, let's move forward and work towards improving our lot.

We did Raise three new Brothers, have another Brother going for his 2nd Degree and one Petition being investigated. These are good signs, but we could (and should) do better.

**Birthdays!**

Oh, my! I forgot those celebrating in December. While many of you may prefer that I forget that event all together, I don't want to do that. Birthdays are good for you! The more you have, the longer you live!!! With that in mind, we hope Brothers John Auer, Richard Gundry, Earl Pearce, John Smith and George Wyatt enjoyed their day to celebrate and trust the following Brothers with January birthdays will do the same: John Bardo, James Clark, Roydon Guess, Franklyn Morse, Robert Ogden, Dirk Oukes, John Sanna, Kenneth Skidmore, L. Edward Walker and William Wimberly.

**What we did**

Once again, Denny and her Escorts provided the holiday music for our December dinner, much to the delight of those present. It is an enjoyable evening to be together for a fine meal and entertainment.

Several Brothers and their families enjoyed the All Masonic Bodies Children's Christmas Party at the Shrine Center.

This is such a terrific affair and the kids - infants to 10 years old - have a wonderful time with the games and the visit from Santa Claus. Once again we provided the table snacks (potato chips, cheeze doodles and pretzels) and the ice cream cups. These are an especially big hit!

Poinsettias were delivered to several of our Brothers and Widows. Thanks to R.: W.: Derek VanHouten and W.: Bill Hook for arranging for the deliveries. This year we purchased the plants from a Boy Scout Troop, to help them with a fundraising project.

**Upcoming**

As I write this column, we expect to have another dinner and program on January 2nd. Serving will begin at 6:30 p.m., with the program to follow. Even though it is close to the holidays, we hope you will be able to join us. Be sure to call your contact person for reservations, if you don't hear from him. You can always call me at the Masonic Service Bureau - 671-9730 - if there is any doubt.

**Sickness and Distress**

Brother Bob Traub suffered a heart attack, spent some time in a nursing facility to regain his strength and is now back home under the watchful eye of his son, Brother Barry. We extend get well wishes to him.

W.: Clyde Siverd had a brief bout, but is back on his feet. He and Mrs. (Connie) have taken turns being up and down since early Summer. It's about time to change the routine!

Sue Kendig was back out for a fish fry in mid-December, and does she look terrific! She's feeling great and has that infectious smile that just lights up the room. She also was in attendance at the Christmas Party with her grandson, Vincent, daughter, Gail, and son-in-law, W.: Joe Steffen.

My apologies if I have missed mentioning anyone in this column or in previous issues. I can only write about what I hear! If you, or someone you know, is down and needs our support, please call and let us know. We don't want to slight anyone.

The Degree schedule is up in the air at this time. With a Petition investigation underway, we may try to work it so we can have both new Brothers do the 2nd and 3rd Degrees together. We'll keep you posted.

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The hustle and bustle of the Holidays have come and gone and we have entered into a new year. Hopefully you all enjoyed the Holiday Season and have enjoyed a happy and healthy start to the New Year. I just can't believe that we have started a New Year. It just seems like yesterday we were celebrating the start of 2006.

The Officers of Oakland Lodge traveled to Olive Branch Lodge on November 15th to attend the Grand Lecturer's Convention. I'm sorry to report that we fell one officer short of qualifying for the Potts Award. Hopefully we can gather everybody next year so that we can, once again, qualify for this award. This was a very informative convention and showed all the Brothers present the proper Ritual for opening Lodge.

In December, we were very busy, helping Warsaw Lodge in

**School of Ritual**

Officers in particular, but all Brothers are invited to attend the School of Ritual. It will be held at the Shrine Center on Monday, January 29th. More

the conferring of the Entered Apprentice Degree. Congratulations to Warsaw Lodge on the 7 Candidates they have joining our Fraternity. Hopefully we will be able to get our Entered Apprentice to join in with Warsaw when they are conferring the Fellowcraft Degree.

I congratulate the following Brothers who were Raised during the month of January:

- 1/11/95-Daniel B. Hamilton
- 1/24/98-Thomas L. DeLude
- 1/24/98-Thomas L. Kemp
- 1/31/04-Arthur D. Robinson

**Development Course**

The Genesee/Wyoming District will be offering the Masonic Development Course this year during the months of February and March. The dates for this course are: February 3rd, February 17th and March 10th. Each session will run from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The first session will be held at Hesperus Lodge. The location for the last two dates has yet to be determined. The cost of the course is \$26 per Brother and the deadline to sign up is January 19th. The focus for this course is to inform Brothers on the meaning and history of our Ritual and the proper presentation of our Ritual. All three Degrees will be covered during this course.

Oakland Lodge will only have one regular Communication for the month of January. It will be Tuesday, Janu-

detailed information is available elsewhere in this issue of the *Masonic Times*, so check it out, mark your calendar and plan to attend.

That's it for this month. I hope to see you in Lodge. ✕

ary 2nd. This Communication will be a regular business communication.

The Brotherhood Fund Campaign is once again in full swing and Oakland Lodge has had a wonderful start. Thanks to all the Brothers for their generosity extended so far this year. I am the Brotherhood Fund Chairperson this year. The best place to make your contributions to this campaign is to give them to me at our monthly Communications. For those Brothers who are unable to make the monthly Communications, donations can be sent to: Kenneth E. Smith, 137 Lake Street, LeRoy, NY 14482.

Hopefully this article finds my Brothers enjoying a happy and healthy start to the New Year. Even though the Holiday Season has passed, let's not forget those less fortunate families and those whose families are in harms way. Never forget those who have and are still fighting to keep this great nation free.

May the blessings of Heaven rest upon all Masons and their families wherever they are throughout the world. ✕

**Visit a Masonic War Veteran** 



Worshipful Brother Joe Steffen, Master of Craftsman Robertson Lodge (right) works with son, Vincent, to assemble toy brought by Santa Claus to the All Masonic Bodies Children's Christmas Party. His wife, Gail, converses with her mother, Sue Kendig (widow of our late Secretary W.: Tom Kendig), and Diane Waterstreet, wife of W.: Skip Waterstreet, Treasurer.



Brother Richard Smith (left) chats with his son-in-law, Steven Kirwan, and his daughters, Karen Young and Kristina Ledgerwood, at the All Masonic Bodies Children's Christmas Party, while games were being conducted for the kids in attendance.

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# Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

Legion  
Clowns  
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Historian



Monarch  
Kenneth R. Milner

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



Kenneth R. Milner  
Monarch  
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Thank you, Prophets, for electing me as your Monarch for 2007. In 1979, 28 years ago, I served as your Monarch for the first time; the second time was in 1990. Each time it has been a great pleasure to serve as your Monarch.

My thanks to Past Monarch Robert Chapman of Zuleika Grotto, President of the Empire State Grotto Association, for attending our December meeting and installing the Officers of Lalla Rookh Grotto for 2007. Thank you to Past President Michael Bell, the Installing Marshal, and Past Monarch Alfred Pulcino III, Installing Chaplain. Also, and most important, thanks to all of the Prophets who said "yes" when I asked them to serve as Officers, Trustees or on the Board of Governors.

### 2007 Officers

The following is the list of Officers for 2007. Notice how many are Past Monarchs (PM) serving again.

- Monarch**  
Kenneth R. Milner, PM  
**Chief Justice**  
Ronald Morthorst, PM  
**Master of Ceremonies**  
Richard Topel, PM  
**Venerable Prophet**  
Joseph Minas, PM  
**Secretary**  
Kenneth V. Hutchinson, PM  
**Treasurer**  
Brian Bills  
**Chaplain**  
Richard Bull  
**Marshal**  
Alfred Pulcino III, PM  
**Captain of the Guard**  
James Toogood  
**Orator**  
Ernest L. Swan  
**Seward**  
Gregory Ludwig  
**Inside Sentinel**  
Frank H. Ghysel  
**Outside Sentinel**  
William Fredenburg
- Board of Governors**  
Robert Bueg, Heinz Gunkel, Bernard Lazerson, James Toogood, Luigi Campaniello, Gregory Ludwig, William Fredenburg, Frank Ghysel and Richard Bull

### Trustees

Easton Kelsey, Alfred Pulcino III, PM, Ernest Swan and Norman Austin

At our first meeting, on January 17th, we will be discussing our plans for meetings and other activities to be held in 2007. If you have any suggestions for meetings, entertainment following the meetings or other activities that the Grotto can do, please attend and let us know your thoughts. We will try to make our meetings interesting; possibly have some speakers and entertainment after some of the meetings.

There are two events taking place this year that need to be marked on your calendar. They are the Empire State Grotto Association Spring Meeting on April 20th and 21st to be held at the Canandaigua Inn. Lalla Rookh Grotto will be hosting this event.

The second is the Supreme Council Sessions June 3rd - June 9th in Niagara Falls, Canada. These Sessions are not far from home and, if you have never attended, this is a great opportunity for you to see how your Supreme Council operates.

I hope to see you often this year.

### Secretary's Column

By Kenneth Hutchinson, PM

The year is done; the work is nearly completed. It has been a good year — one filled to overflowing — all due to the efforts of Monarch Norm Austin and those who labored with him so faithfully and so well. To him and them are due all praise, gratitude and honor.

Our Monarch for 2007 will write the articles on upcoming events. The Chief Justice will write on the out-of-town activities and the Master of Ceremonies on the entertainment. I will continue to write the History article, as well as, draw the Grotto cartoons.

As Grotto Secretary, I have endeavored to maintain the dignity of the position and kept the Secretary articles interesting and informative. I offer my humblest and most sincere thanks for the opportunity to serve during these past few years.

To my Fellow Prophets and your families, it is my wish that the future years be ever bright, that your lives may be joyous and happy, and that long life and prosperity may attend you all.

## Grand Historian



Kenneth Hutchinson, PM

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As we completed another Children's Christmas Party, it is of interest to mention one done by Long I Grotto of Brooklyn, instituted on February 14, 1912. PM Eugene Carlson, Secretary, stated Long I Members are unaware of the long-ago event, or time of occurrence.

### Prophets Holiday Carnival

Christmas was celebrated in a unique way by Long I Grotto of the M.O.V.P.E.R. of Brooklyn by entertaining thousands of children with a long procession of Uncle Sams, Santa Clauses, Indians, cannibals, apes, don-

keys, ponies and clowns making merry with antics about the Circus Ring. This Grotto opened its Carnival and Holiday Celebration for the children of Brooklyn, in the 23rd Regiment Armory, Bedford and Atlantic Avenues.

More than 9,000 persons, with fully 6,000 of the throng children, crowded the main floor and galleries of the Armory to witness the opening performances. They were heralded by Long I Grotto's Band playing The Star Spangled Banner, followed by many old-time favorites, interspersed with popular airs.

Troops of professional performers entered the Circus Ring, the sides of which (contrary to custom) were not roped off, but formed a living ring of children, who crowded forward as close as safety and their bravery to encounter the wild beasts and funny men who danced about or performed tricks on one another, permitted. Santa Clauses distributed presents to all the children.

The above was taken from an undated article. Today, Long I Grotto numbers less than 100 Members.

### Caldron News

By Beverly Murray, MCO

To one and all, Happy New Year!

May this "New Year" bring you happiness and cheer,

As we celebrate friendships that are ever so dear.

It was nice to enjoy a Christmas Dinner together; there will be another dinner in June, if you missed this one. All proceeds will go towards an Enchanted Lantern or two.

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.

Prophets, we hope you can join us for this Celebration. An official letter will be forthcoming for this date. We hope "all" of you can attend and partake.

January will be our first attempt for our new Drill Team. It is structured along the lines as a "Clown Patrol." Everyone is more than welcome to join us. If you get winded or tired - just sit for a while and then join in again. With this set-up all can join in and all of us will have some fun.

**Sickness and Distress**  
Sunshine Chairperson is Joan Palmer at 663-8593.

Jan Porter is anxious to get rid of the cast on her foot and Annette Towle broke her arm.

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 on January 11th at 7:30 p.m.

## CHRISTMAS PARTY PHOTOS



Two together! Santa and Mrs. Claus, aka Alfred Pulcino III and Shirley Kothiringer (upper left), paid a visit to the combined Children's Christmas Party on December 9th. (Upper right) Ken Rhodes and Marilyn Morthorst greeted arriving children. Santa and Mrs. Claus receive a wish list from Logan Sutton of Albion (center). Santa's Elf, Brian Bills (right), took complementary individual photos of each child with Santa.

## GROTTO HUMOR



Remember!

"Close.... You Won by 2 Votes!"





**Please!...Please!...Please!  
Make Reservations On Time!**

**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](mailto: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?

**College of Freemasonry  
March 30th and 31st**

Tickets available from  
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Friday—AASR Member Night - \$15  
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**Valley of Rochester, AASR  
Honors Masonic Veterans**



Along with a Table Lodge, the Valley of Rochester, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, paid tribute to their many members who have served their Country over the years. In these photos are some of those honored, a couple who spoke of their experiences in the military and the Masonic War Veterans Color Guard, who also participated in the program.

**National Heritage Museum**

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

**Journey Out of Darkness Exhibition  
Featured on WBUR Radio's "On Point"**

The National Heritage Museum's Exhibition *Journey Out of Darkness: The Real Story of American Heroes in Hitler's POW Camps* was featured August 24th on the WBUR Radio Show, "On Point." Three POWs from the exhibit are interviewed about their POW experiences.

Go to the website [www.nationalheritagemuseum.org](http://www.nationalheritagemuseum.org) to listen to the interview. Click on "On Point" Interview on WBUR.

On October 15th, David Hackett Fischer, author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning book *Washington's Crossing*, discussed many meanings of "liberty" and "freedom" and how they have changed throughout history. Co-sponsored by the Massachusetts Foundation of the Humanities, the lecture can be listened to on the website at [www.nationalheritagemuseum.org](http://www.nationalheritagemuseum.org). Click on the link for the lecture; it may take a few minutes to download.

**Handled With Care: The Function of Form  
in Shaker Craft at the Museum**

More than 150 stunning examples of the Shaker dedication to simplicity and function are on display in the exhibition, *Handled with Care: The Function of Form in Shaker Craft*, at the National Heritage Museum through April 22nd.

From dustpans and brushes to baskets and buckets, the exhibition celebrates the beauty of everyday objects that are at once utilitarian, artful, and expressions of the Shaker faith. Many pieces included have a handle of some sort, demonstrating the usefulness of the objects and the care with which they have been "handled" since they were made. The handles show how these objects connected not only to Shaker ideas, but also to the real people who built and ran Shaker communities. Shelves, tables and chests on which these objects would rest or be stored will also be presented.

"Handled with Care" works to illustrate how the Shakers' quiet devotion to purity and utility in all things, no matter how humble, created useful objects that, through their simplicity and efficiency, transcended their purpose to become acts of faith. It was their quest to live in a heaven on earth with a distinctive material world reflecting that duty. Spared from extraneous ornamentation seen in worldly goods, the functional objects made by Shaker hands are of clean lines and unexpected grace.

Round baskets of white ash, carriers of maple and pine, a deeply varnished hat form, iron work, and graceful table swifts for winding yarn are just a few of the objects on view. The simplicity of the pieces, and the perfect connection between design and the task for which the objects were made, will allow the visitor to experience the grace and visual sensuality the Shakers brought to their day-to-day tasks. The deeper significance of Shaker-made objects will also be explored.

The Shakers were founded in England in 1747, and they arrived in America in 1774. The tenets of the religion are based on the confession of sin, communal life, and celibacy. Shakers also believe in gender equality, pacifism, and a dedication to creating Heaven on earth. Today, four remaining Shakers live in Sabbathday Lake, Maine.

"Handled With Care" is drawn from the private collection of M. Stephen and Miriam Miller and the permanent collection of Hancock Shaker Village. Before the exhibition opened at the Village in the spring of 2006, many of the objects had never been exhibited. The Museum is the only eastern New England venue.

A full-color Exhibition Catalogue, authored by collector M. Stephen Miller and Christian Goodwillie, Curator of Collections at Hancock Shaker Village, will be on sale in The Heritage Shop. The publication features several essays by the curators, and by noted Shaker Scholar Glendyne Wergland. A copy of the publication can be ordered by calling (781) 457-4108 or online at [www.nationalheritagemuseum.org](http://www.nationalheritagemuseum.org); click on "The Heritage Shop".

**The Liberty Tree**

The Museum invites you to pay tribute to a loved one, past or present, or honor a special person in your life by adding their name to a leaf on the Liberty Tree. The Liberty Tree Memorial, along with the *Liberty Tree Book of Honor*, is a meaningful way to recognize someone who has impacted your life. It is also an opportunity to call attention to someone who may have been forgotten with time and is a lasting tribute to the one you honor.

Acknowledging or memorializing someone special during this Season can add a unique touch to the Holidays, or make a very special gift at other times of the year.

The Liberty Tree is on permanent display in the Museum's Lobby. The name of your honoree will be displayed on a leaf for a period of up to three months. A page dedicated to the honoree will be permanently kept in *The Liberty Tree Book of Honor and Remembrance*. The Book will become part of the Museum's Library collection.

**Who Can You Honor?**

Dedicated Masons – Honorees who may have:  
-served their community and their Brothers  
-supported charitable causes  
-exemplified Masonic ideals

Defenders of Freedom – Honorees may have:  
-served in the Armed Forces  
-fought for Civil Rights  
-worked for humanitarian causes

Seekers of Freedom – Honorees may have:  
-immigrated for a better life  
-personified the American Spirit  
-championed their ideals

Heroes and Guardians – Honorees may have:  
-sacrificed for others  
-guided others to achieve their potential  
-helped their communities develop and grow



**Donation**

A donation of \$25 per Honoree is requested. Please consider a larger gift if you can. Your generous donation will allow the Museum to continue to serve the public by telling America's story and emphasizing the themes of liberty, patriotism, and personal and civic virtues. For more information on the Liberty Tree, and to request a brochure please call the front desk at 781-861-6559, or contact Ethie Slate at the Museum at (781) 457-4131 or [www.eslate@monh.org](mailto:www.eslate@monh.org). Wishing you all a Happy New Year!

24th, 25th, 27th & 29th Districts - RAM  
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# York Rite NEWS

York Rite College  
Judas Maccabeus

## District Deputy Grand High Priest

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### Happy New Year!

Do you believe that 2007 will be lucky and full of good fortune for Royal Arch Masons or that we have to earn good fortune by working a plan?

In either case, High Priest E. David Rising of Palmyra Eagle Chapter has taken the lead in developing a team to present the Fervency and Zeal Program in Wayne District Masonic Lodges this Spring. The team plans to practice in the month of January and be ready to present it to our Masters and Wardens Association in February. Then out to Lodges that invite the team to present the program in their Lodge. Thanks, David, for taking the bull by the horns to take action and to the Companions who so willingly agreed to participate.

As Winter settles in, Newark Chapter is taking their Winter Recess as members travel South to warmer weather. They will be in recess for the months of January through March. April 9th will be their next Convocation. Their relocation to the Newark Grange seems to be working. They are being careful to listen to any concerns Grange members make to them. Masonic belongings are being stored away after meetings so as not to make waves in the local Grange organization.

Companions remaining in Newark for the Winter are certainly welcome at Palmyra Eagle and Wayne Chapter meetings. Palmyra Eagle will be in recess on January 1st and open again on Monday, February 5th. Wayne Chapter remains open throughout the Winter, meeting on the 4th Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Sodus Masonic Lodge.

According to M. E. Alan Morgan the local government is purchasing a dryer to match our donation of a washing machine for an orphanage in Russia! He feels that our generosity spurred the government to action. Any remaining donations to the High Priest's Allocation will be directed toward purchasing some gifts for the orphans. He sincerely thanks all Companions who have donated toward his project's success.

### Grand Chapter Meeting

January is the time to make hotel reservations and purchase meal tickets for the Grand Chapter Meeting March 2-3, 2007, in Albany. I am the District point person to get your reservations and collect meal money, so call me at 483-2745 as soon as possible. Let's make a good showing for the 24th Capitular District. David

Rising is waiting for the "Old Saratoga" Degree this year; let's all support him!! The ladies program or mall shopping is always available for our Companions.

Companions, try to keep warm and dry and I can't wait until we meet again. ✕

## Palmyra/Eagle Chapter No. 79

1st Monday, 7:30 p.m.



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Our meeting in December turned out just like our November meeting. This was our Annual Meeting and it was a Summation Meeting. There were four Companions from our Chapter present and two visiting Companions from Sodus Chapter. Needless to say, we did not have a quorum and couldn't carry on business, including Election of Officers. We also have to elect three Representatives to Temple Association to represent the Chapter and we have to elect R. W. Cy White as our Treasurer. As you can see, there was a lot of business not conducted.

I was able to discuss the Fervency and Zeal Program and we discussed our approach on how we were going to present it. It was decided that we would present the first program to the Wayne District Masters and Wardens Association. I will be contacting the President to make arrangements.

Parts were assigned and scripts were distributed. I am very excited about this program and plan on contacting the Masters of the Lodges in the District about allowing us to put our program on in their Lodges. I am also going to approach the president of the Wayne District Masters and Wardens to see if we could put the program on for them.

We are going to have to get serious about the fate of our Chapter. At our next meeting we will be taking suggestions on how we may keep going along with the two other Chapters in the Districts.

I hope everyone had Happy and Joyous Holidays! ✕

## District Deputy Grand Master 8th Cryptic District



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I wish for you a very Happy New Year and may 2007 be an especially prosperous year! Patti and I have had a very fruitful year and have good reason to believe another one

is on the horizon. May yours be equally enhancing.

Although this is a Cryptic Masonry article, I will discuss the Blue Lodge and other Bodies as well. Masonry is one body, and never should be considered otherwise. Since my last article, I went to East Aurora for the presentation of R. I. Jeffrey Williamson's District Deputy Grand Master's Apron. We were also treated to watch the Royal and Select Master Degrees. I was privileged to do the part of Hiram in the Royal Degree. A group of 16 Candidates took part representing two Councils. Congratulations to all.

On November 11th, Palmyra Commandery presented the Orders. They did the work with help from the District. Congratulations to Palmyra Commandery and the 14 new members. It might be noted that Unity and Hesperus Lodges have raised a slew of Brothers in the last couple of years. I'm simply using these two Lodges as examples. Other Lodges have had good success, also.

You will note the surging numbers of the Lodge, Chapter, Council and Commandery. Something very good is happening in Western New York. An example of this is Warsaw Lodge, which has five new Candidates after going a few years without one. Many of the Brothers joining the Blue Lodge have also joined the Council. Congratulations to all the Masonic Bodies, which have grown.

After having presented the Degrees successfully, the Councils of the area are again gaining Candidates and are preparing to put on the Degrees once more. Keep on helping the Blue Lodges to get Candidates; then tell them about the Council.

On November 25th, the Orders of the Commandery were presented in East Aurora. Thirty-two Companions became Knights. Congratulations, again. Your work was done very well and the new Sir Knights expressed exactly that. Keep it up!

On November 27th, V. I. Norman Austin and I made an Official Visit to NunDaWaga Council. We were treated to dinner at the D & R Depot Restaurant. As always, the food was very good. Since V. I. Austin was also making an Official Visit, he was introduced in the East. He spoke on the work of NunDaWaga Council and also on future work in the District. Afterward, the Grand Master's message was delivered, and a copy left with the Recorder. Dates were set for offering the Cryptic Degrees. See their article for those dates.

My next Official Visit was to Palmyra Council on December 7th. We were treated to a very fine dinner at the Yellow Mills Family Restaurant. Palmyra Council lived up to their reputation of being a good host. Good conversation lasted for more than an hour. Remember, good fellowship is an essential and desirable part of Masonry.

In Council, V. I. Austin talked about the Ritual and

also dates for Council events. After the Council business was completed, I delivered the Grand Master's message. I believe the message is clear. We need to use our imaginations better. We need to come up with better ideas on how to get more Candidates and also how to take better care of financial responsibility for our organizations.

Some ideas of the past may not have worked, but today may be a better time. Something that was too hard may not be too hard now.

### Concordant Bodies

Statistics show that the longer you wait to tell someone about the Council, the more difficult it is to get Candidates. The sooner you tell Brothers about the Chapter, Council and Commandery, the greater the rate of success. However, do not neglect to tell everyone. There is always someone willing to tell potential members not to listen to anyone about Concordant Bodies. You should be just as willing to tell them the truth as you see it. Just be sure that what you tell them IS the truth. You will be justified, and you will get Candidates.

You have a worthwhile cause. We have beautiful Ritual and Degrees. I have confidence that you will succeed. ✕

## Doric Council No. 19 Cryptic Masons (Chartered 1861)

3rd Wednesday



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I hope everyone had a great Christmas and Santa was good to you. May 2007 be a great New Year. Now that the Holidays are over, we are going to hit the ground running.

Our District Deputy Grand Master, Ruel Lovett, is making his Official Visit at our January meeting. Also, our Assistant Grand Lecturer, Norman Austin, has asked to do the Grand Lecturer's Convention that night. It's going to be a very busy night.

I will be putting on a Roast Beef Dinner that evening, so please let me know if you can come to the dinner.

We wish all our Snowbirds well in all the sunshine and hope to see them in the Spring. ✕

## Palmyra Council No. 26

Cryptic Masons  
1st Thursdays, 8:00 p.m.

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The Officers and Companions of Palmyra Council were hon-

ored by the Official Visit of R. I. Ruel R. Lovett, District Deputy Grand Master, on December 7th. V. I. Norman Austin, Associate Grand Lecturer, accompanied him. All enjoyed a festive meal at the Yellow Mills Family Restaurant prior to the meeting. Not only the Message of the Grand Master was presented, but several good ideas to promote membership and understanding of our Rite.

The meeting on January 4th will be a practice for the meeting in February. The February meeting will be in the Masonic Temple in Shortsville. More details next month. ✕

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

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As most of you are aware, the Annual Inspection will take place on Saturday, April 21st, at 10 a.m. The next three Conclaves will, in addition to 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. With your help, we will give it a good go.

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 and 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 three Conclaves. If you are unable to attend any of these, give me a call at (315) 597-9546.

The Annual, and next, Conclave will be on Saturday, January 20th, at 9 a.m. in the Phelps Masonic Hall. This will be a Summation Meeting. 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 from yours truly to come to the Conclave and 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. ✕

Give to the  
Knights Templar  
Eye Foundation

**Cyrene-Monroe**  
**Commandery No. 12**  
Chartered 1993  
3rd Monday

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we have Knighted another Mason who is now a Member of Cyrene/Monroe Commandery. At the Western New York Pilgrimage, several Sir Knights accompanied our newest Candidate to nearby Zone 12 for the Orders. Welcome Sir Knight Donald Darrohn when you see him. He is our eighth new Member this year!

Secondly, since Sir Knight Donald Brugger has undergone back surgery, and is now on the mend, he has asked to be replaced as our Standard Bearer. I have appointed recently Knighted Jeff Ross to the position. He will be taught his role under the capable hands of our Sword Bearer, Sir

Knight Charles Roberts, and our Warder, Sir Knight Arnold Palmer. He will begin his new duties at our January meeting.

The practices begin anew for all of us as we prepare for the March Inspection when the new Grand Sword Bearer, Sir Knight Kenneth Sussman, will make his visit. We have only January and February to fine-tune our work.

Please plan to be with us at all Conclaves as we labor to strive to do our best. We have a very fine line and I know we can shine forth with excellent Tactics.

Happy New Year to all! ✖

# In Memoriam

## November

### Connors, Elmer H.

Elmer Connors, age 78, went Home to his Lord on November 17th. His wife, Virginia, two sons, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild survive him. As a lifetime member of Eagle Lodge, he will be truly missed. He was a proud World War II Navy Veteran. Tenderly we treasure the past, with memories that will always last.

### Lawrence, Leon L.

At age 70, Leon passed away after a sudden illness. He was a member of Wakan/Hubbard Lodge. He is survived by his wife, Suzanne, three children and four grandchildren. May the trumpets of the Lord welcome Leon home.

### Perry, Robert F., Sr.

Robert Perry, Sr., age 89, passed away November 19th. He was a 61-year 32° Member of Milnor Lodge, and the Damascus Shrine. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Jean, and two children. May Robert find peace with the Great Architect of the Universe.

### Burleson, Allan W.

On November 22nd, Allan Burleson passed away at the age of 94. Ark Lodge was his Masonic home and his life will be remembered by all who knew him.

## December

### Grosshans, Raymond A.

Raymond Grosshans, age 74, met his Maker on December 6th. Unity Lodge will truly miss him. His wife, Marilyn, three sons, a daughter and eight grandchildren survive him. He was a Veteran of the U.S. Army.

### Singer, Robert E.

Robert, age 81, died December 6th. He was an active member of the Scottish Rite and Masons in Rhode Island. He was among the Founders of the 32° Masonic Learning Center in Rhode Island and a decorated World War II Veteran of the European Theatre. His widow, Eleanor, two daughters and two grandchildren will miss him.

### Kennedy, Ralph M.

On December 8th, the loving arms of the Lord embraced Ralph Kennedy, age 85. He was a Member of Union Star Lodge. Two daughters, a son and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren are left to remember his life.

### Murray, Raymond C.

Raymond Murray, age 88, left our Earthly family to join his Heavenly family on December 12th. He was a 50-year Member of Unity Lodge, a World War II Navy Veteran and a Pearl Harbor Survivor. His wife, Virginia, children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, friends and family will remember his life.

### Andrews, Clifford E.

On December 13th, Clifford Andrews passed away at age 87, leaving many friends and family to remember his many contributions in life. He was a 50-year member of Fame Lodge, a Shriner and supported numerous organizations and charities.

### Melville, Raymond A.

Raymond, 85, went Home to his Lord on December 16th. He was a Member of Unity Lodge and Scottish Rite. He is survived by his wife, Frances, a son and grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

# Taxes! Taxes! Taxes!

By Tom Michielsen

"Taxes are what we pay for a civilized society."  
By Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes

## Home Office Deduction: Basic Requirements

Generally, expenses related to the rent, purchase, maintenance and repair of a personal residence may not be deducted as a business expense. However, taxpayers who use a portion of their home for business purposes may be able to take a home office deduction if they meet certain requirements. Expenses that may be deducted include the business portion of real estate taxes, mortgage interest, rent, utilities, insurance, painting, repairs and depreciation. Note: The amount of depreciation deducted, or that could have been deducted, decreases the basis of your property.

In order to claim a deduction for that part of a home used for business, taxpayers must use that part of the home:

- A) Exclusively and regularly as their principal place of business, as a place to meet or deal with patients, clients or customers in the normal course of their business, or in connection with their trade or business where there is a separate structure not attached to the home;
- B) On a regular basis for certain storage use such as inventory or product samples, as rental property, or as a home daycare facility.

In addition, taxpayers working as employees can claim this deduction only if the regular and exclusive business use of the home is for the convenience of their employer and the portion of the home is not rented by the employer.

"Exclusive use" means a specific area of the home is used only for trade or business. "Regular use" means the area is used regularly for trade or business. Incidental or occasional business use is not regular use.

Non-business profit-seeking endeavors such as investment activities do not qualify for a home office deduction, nor do not-for-profit activities such as hobbies.

Example: An attorney uses the den in his home to write legal briefs or prepare clients' tax returns. The family also uses the den for recreation. The den is not used exclusively in the attorney's profession, so a business deduction cannot be claimed for its use.

The Social Security Administration has announced that the wage base for computing the Social Security tax in 2007 rises to \$97,500.

- Standard Mileage Rates:**
- (1) Business miles is 48.5 cents per mile
  - (2) Charitable contribution miles is 14 cents per mile

(3) Medical and moving miles are 20 cents per mile.

Form 1099INT used to report interest income to payees has been updated to include account codes for tax-exempt interest and private activity bond interest.

## Where's My Refund?

One of the Internal Revenue Service's most popular online features—gives you access to information about your individual federal income tax refund, regardless of whether you or your tax professional asked the IRS to direct deposit your refund to one, two or three accounts or to mail you a paper check. Other features let you:

- Initiate a refund trace to re-issue lost or missing paper checks; and
- Update your mailing address if the Postal Service returned your check to the IRS as undeliverable.

You can access *Where's My Refund?* at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). If you don't have Internet access you can get the same information by calling the IRS' Refund Hotline at 1-800-829-1954.

## Taxpayer Due Dates

Upcoming calendar year taxpayer due dates:

- January 15—December Payroll Taxes
- January 15—Fourth Quarter IRS Estimated Tax
- January 31—W2s and 1099s mailed to recipient

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



Photo above, submitted by Brother John Dudley, shows the members of Northfield Lodge who participated in the Raising on December 7th, 2006, of several new Brothers. The Degree was witnessed by V.W. John Dyer, to comply with the Grand Master's Edict. No caption identification information was provided.

## Position Wanted

Tired of being a road warrior! Position wanted from which I could retire. Experienced in sales and sales service in the retail as well as wholesale distribution channels. I also have backgrounds in purchasing and accounts receivable departments. I'm a detail-orientated, self-motivated individual who would be of benefit to any organization.

For further discussion, contact me: [gary\\_burke@frontiernet.net](mailto:gary_burke@frontiernet.net); cell phone (585) 455-5179; home phone (585) 865-4940

## Aurora Grata Day Star Lodge No. 647

Cordially and Fraternally invites you to attend  
A Lecture and Discussion

By: **Dr. Tim Wallace-Murphy**  
Author of: *Templars in America, Custodians of Truth, Rosslyn 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 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007, at 8.00 p.m.**

Where: **Masonic Hall, 19<sup>th</sup> Floor American Room  
71 West 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 Rosslyn 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](mailto: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](http://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*
- *Rosslyn 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*



