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Coming Soon ... 2008 Individual Development Course

By R.:W.: Gary Sanford

For many years, the Grand Lodge of the State of New York has led the Craft in educational opportunities designed to enhance the knowledge and talents of our Brothers. Now an opportunity lies before you – the opportunity to sharpen your skills through a course that will lead to success in life. With over three hundred participants trained to date, the Masonic University of New York, MUNY is pleased to announce **iDC 2008**.

The *Individual Development Course* has been designed to aid participants in developing as a person, building character and crafting success as an individual – both within Masonry and in the wider world in which they live. It does not focus specifically on Masonry, but rather on personal skills that can be used in all areas of everyday life – Professionally, at Home, with your Family, in your Community, and any Organization to which you belong.

The major goal of the *iDC* is to mentor the course participants as they learn, use, share and refine a diverse range of tools in the areas of personal development, community and group building, group process, interpersonal communication and project implementation.

The course is designed to mirror professional management development training, offered in the corporate world at a cost of

thousands of dollars. The course includes specific topics like vision, goals and time management; public speaking, writing skills, team selection and building; mentoring, coaching and empowering; social marketing and effecting change.

Through a blend of at-home instruction, workbooks, classroom small group discussions, hands-on exercises, field experience, small group projects and presentations, lessons are made real and useable. The class is taught by those who have taken the *iDC*.

This year's course is scheduled for the third Saturday of each month, starting in September 2007 and running through February 2008. The Rochester *iDC* will be held at the Damascus Shrine Center located at 979 Bay Road, Webster. The class will start at 8:30 a.m. and is planned to be completed by 3 p.m. For the 2008 Class, MUNY is opening registration up to Masonic Ladies. This should add an interesting new dynamic.

Register Now!

This course will be available for a cost of \$189 per participant or just \$289 for participant and spouse. The price is subsidized because we recognize the value this class will return to the Craft and our Brethren.

You may register by contacting R.:W.: Gary Sanford at 425-4240 or by email at ggsanford@aol.com.

A Special Announcement Richard C. Anderson for Grand Council Line



By Vernon G. Rupert, Recorder

The Companions present at the March 26th Stated Assembly of Nundawaga Council unanimously voted to support Illustrious Companion Richard C. Anderson as a candidate for the Grand Line of the Grand Council of Cryptic Masons of the State of New York.

Richard was Raised in Triluminar Lodge No. 543, Pike, NY, in 1988; served as Master in 1992; Grand Sword Bearer

1996-1998; and has served the Lodge as Secretary for the past 14 years.

He was exalted as a Royal Arch Mason in Arcade Chapter No. 322, Pike, in 1993; served as High Priest 1997 & 1998; AGL for the 29th District 1999 & 2000; 29th District DDGHP 2001 & 2002; and has served as the Chapter Secretary for eight years.

Greeted in Nundawaga Council No. 92 in 1998 and served as Illustrious Master in 2006. He has taken part in Degree work since joining the Council.

He was Knighted in Batavia Commandery in 2006 and presently serves as Standard Bearer.

Richard received the York Rite Mason of the Year Award from Genesee York Rite College in 2000, and became a member of that College in 2007.

Richard has been married to his wife Kathryn for 46 years and has three children and seven grandchildren.

Illustrious Companion Anderson has served all Bodies of Masonry well and would be an asset to the Grand Council.



Do you know who stole the show???

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Masters/Secretaries

Have you submitted your new Officers list to the *Masonic Times*? We need the names, names of spouse (if there is one), address, home telephone, work/cell phone (or both) and an email address. Tell us if we should not publish any of this information. Please email to: bmasonic@rochester.rr.com. Thank you.

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Grand Lodge Tour



Prior to the 226th Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, several Monroe District attendees availed themselves of the opportunity to take a tour of the building. (From left) Linda, Lindsey and Dan Walker; Mike Di Cataldo; Dave Adams; Mark Edgecomb; Herb Spencer; and Rich and Meg Greenaway. Turn to page 3 for more pictures and see Lodge articles for Howard V. Potts Award recipients.

The Masonic Care Community is proud to announce that it is sponsoring a major benefit performance, featuring comedian **Mark Russell**, America's foremost musical satirist, at 8:00 p.m. on **Thursday evening, June 21st** – the night before the St. John's Masonic Festival which annually takes place on the 400-acre Campus of the Masonic Care Community. Mark Russell's one-night-only performance will be held in the new 900-seat Clinton Performing Arts Center in the Village of Clinton (which is only 10 miles south of the Masonic Care Community campus in Utica).

Mark Russell is well known for performing political satire on PBS-TV and throughout the nation. With his trademark piano in tow, he is famous for skewering official compositing and spotlighting the utterly outrageous, wielding his wit as deftly as a surgeon wields a scalpel. In presentations reflective of the day's headlines freshly crafted for each event at which he performs, he turns the Washington, DC, scene into



a musical comedy tour-de-force that leaves audiences rolling in the aisles.

Tickets Available

Tickets for the June 21st performance are \$25, \$35 and \$50 and are now available through the Stanley Theater Ticket Office on Genesee Street in Downtown Utica, by phone at (315) 724-4000, or at any Ticketmaster Office or online at www.Ticketmaster.com. For further information, please contact Ira Cooperman, (315) 798-4703, or toll-free at (800) 593-3353.

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Dated Material



Editor's Corner

Where does the time go? Already the "year" has come to an end, so here is my annual thank you. Thank you to all the correspondents who so faithfully contributed the news articles from their organizations. Without your input, our publication would be very thin and, more importantly, your members would not have the knowledge of the events and activities conducted by your group.

Thank you to all our Advertisers. You help keep our publication going, and it is deeply appreciated.

Thanks to the Staff here at the Service Bureau. Jan Porter has stepped in for Barbara and done a magnificent job typesetting and proofing submitted material. Our proofreaders are vital to the quality of each issue we publish, and I can't thank Barbara Goodrich (I wouldn't let her get away!), Brenda and Erwin Newell, Herb Spencer and Beverly VanHuben enough for their dedication. Mat Gingold still does the bulk of the paste-up work, and we would be hard pressed to meet the deadlines without his expertise. Dave King has been terrific on the computer outputting the photography, which adds so much to each issue, picking up fine points from articles to add to the calendar and overseeing the final assembly. I have a marvelous team!

My thanks comes from the kind words spoken by you, my Brothers and Sisters, who appreciate what the Masonic Times does and express those thoughts to us as opportunity permits. It makes us all feel really good about our efforts.

We appreciate your comments, thoughts and ideas for ways to improve our publication or on articles to feature in future issues. Feel free to call or email them to us.

Meanwhile, enjoy the Summer! We get a couple of months off now to rest and relax a little. Be smart, play safe and come back refreshed in the Fall ready to begin labor in the quarries of Masonry once again.

As usual, thanks for reading.

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By James Ghent, President

On May 9th, the Masonic Service Bureau held its monthly meeting at Damascus Shrine Center. Grand Lodge Officers in attendance included R.:W.: Gary Sanford, R.:W.: Paul Gleason and R.:W.: Richard Snyder. We welcomed Sue Ross back from Florida and introduced Dale Polmateer of Clio Lodge and Denise Washburn, who lives next to Camp DeMolay.

As usual, we started our meeting with a prayer, led by R.:W.: Rev. Gleason, established whether there was a quorum and approved the minutes from the previous meeting, with any necessary corrections.

Sickness and Distress

Robert Pettit was reported to be at the Episcopal Church Home on Mt. Hope Avenue and Terry W. Wihlen, Sr. was reported to be at home, recuperating from surgery.

Reports

The agenda for this meeting included a Financial Report by Treasurer Bill Lindsay, Masonic Times report by Dave King, Executive Director's report by Skip Waterstreet, which included the fact that volunteers have opened Camp DeMolay.

Committee reports included the Widows Luncheon by Herb Spencer; Charity Grants by Ramona Dimino; Scholarships by Beverly VanHuben; Dress Code for recipients of Scholarships and Grants by Jan Porter; and a reminder for the Interfaith Service and Brunch, to be held October 28th at the Country Party House, 321 East Linden Avenue, East Rochester.

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Camp DeMolay At the April meeting, further discussion on Camp DeMolay was tabled until this meeting. A committee consisting of Paul Gleason, Chairman, Robert Anderson II, Gary Burke, Don Darrohn, John Rogalski, Glenn Stahl and Skip Waterstreet provided a written report on the Camp. It was the recommendation of the Committee that it continue to operate at current levels, make necessary repairs so that the Camp can be used safely, and to market the Camp to New York State DeMolay Bodies, other youth organizations and local (Wayne County) Masonic Bodies. The recommendation of the Committee was adopted by a majority of the voting members present.

Time to Volunteer Volunteers are needed for work at the Camp and for other Service Bureau activities. If you are able to assist, please contact the Service Bureau office at 671-9730. Thank you.

Masonic Service Bureau Scholarship Awards and Charitable Grants Thursday, June 21st Shrine Center

Appeal for Relief - Kansas By Richard E. Fletcher, PGM A tornado has completely destroyed Greensburg, Kansas. Destruction in that area has left utter devastation in the wake of this tornado. The need is urgent. Please forward to the Masonic Service Association (MSA) such funds as you feel will be appropriate to help our devastated Brethren in this stricken jurisdiction. Please make checks payable to the MSA Disaster Relief Fund and send to 8120 Fenton Street, Suite. 203; Silver Spring, MD 20910-4785. Remember, all monies received - 100% - go to the Grand Lodge of Kansas! Thank you very much for your help!

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St. John's Weekend! Make plans for St. John's Weekend NOW! If you're a Mason you should plan to be a part of the biggest Masonic event that takes place on your campus! Your Masonic Festival, with a parade, great food, rides, entertainment, tours, leadership and brotherhood will take place Saturday, June 23rd, on the Campus of the Masonic Care Community, 2150 Blecker Street, Utica. Don't miss this fun-filled day for the whole family. It's a great opportunity to meet your Grand Master, District Deputies and Staff Officers, as well as tour the Masonic Care Community's new 24-hour Skilled Nursing Health Pavilion and Wiley Hall, the new Adult Care Facility. For additional information call Angie Caiola, Director of Community Relations at 800-322-8826 or (315) 798-4768.

150th Anniversary Upcoming Wayne Lodge in Ontario will be celebrating its 150th Anniversary on June 9th. We still have room for Brothers to attend. The Re-dedication is at 4:00PM at the Lodge Hall (1932 Ridge Road, Ontario). It is open to the public and free-of-charge. The Celebration Ball is at 5:30 p.m. at the Brookwoods (formerly the Ontario Golf Club) with dinner and music for \$40 a ticket. The Grand Master of Masons for the State of New York, Most Worshipful Neal Bidnick will address us. Tickets may be purchased by contacting Kevin Faro via email: Skins6603@aol.com with your phone number and I will call you back or call (315) 524-4472.

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persing and receiving equipment from our Loan Closet, provide assistance to Secretaries of all Masonic Organizations in the immediate area with membership lists, publication of the *Masonic Times*, annual publication of the Monroe District Masonic Directory and other incidental projects that come along.

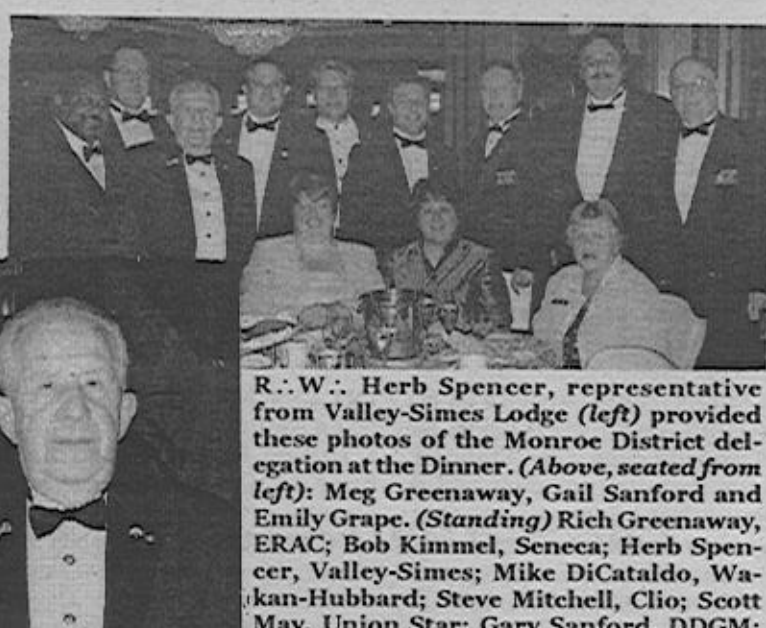
We believe everyone who contributed, either through our solicitation letter or directly to the Service Bureau, from May, 2006, through April, 2007, has been listed above. Donations made through the United Way Campaign are reported to us later this Summer, and will be published in the Fall.

Should you discover any errors or omissions, please bring them to our attention. We apologize in advance if name(s) have been overlooked. We encourage you to consider a favorable response to our 2007 solicitation letter, which is expected to be mailed in early October. Once again, thank you all. ✕

Grand Master's Dinner during Grand Lodge Session



Gail and R.W. Gary Sanford
District Deputy Grand Master, Monroe



R.W.: Herb Spencer, representative from Valley-Simes Lodge (left) provided these photos of the Monroe District delegation at the Dinner. (Above, seated from left): Meg Greenaway, Gail Sanford and Emily Grape. (Standing) Rich Greenaway, ERAC; Bob Kimmel, Seneca; Herb Spencer, Valley-Simes; Mike DiCataldo, Wakan-Hubbard; Steve Mitchell, Clio; Scott May, Union Star; Gary Sanford, DDGM; Ron Bryant, Webster; and Tom Grape, GDC.





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Widows Luncheon Report



Widows attending the Luncheon were greeted at the door by Roger Lynch and then presented corsages, which were pinned on by Janet Porter, Diane Waterstreet and Karen DiCataldo.



Members of the James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post No. 12 Color Guard attended and presented the colors. (From left) Heinz Gunkel, Brian Bills, Gregory Ludwig, William Fredenburg and John Ponschock, Jr., did the honors.

By Herbert Spencer

The Monroe District Annual Widows Luncheon was held in April at the Burgundy Basin Inn. There was a total of 124 persons in attendance, of which 89 were Widows. This year's event, sponsored annually by the Masonic Service Bureau, was co-chaired by Herbert Spencer and Angelo DiCataldo.

The Chairmen acknowledge and give special "THANKS" to

all who helped make this year's event successful. They are: Jan Porter, Skip and Diane Waterstreet, Joy Woodley, Karen DiCataldo, Roger Lynch, the Masonic War Veterans, Damascus Shrine and the management and staff of the Burgundy Basin Inn.

Mark your calendar for next year's event. The date will be Saturday, April 26, 2008, at the Burgundy Basin Inn.

Communications

R.: W.: Ron Steiner, Chairman
Grand Lodge Communications Umbrella

The theme of the Summer issue of the *Empire State Mason* magazine is "From Labor to Refreshment" and is certainly appropriate as the calendar signals that this is the time of year when we pause in our usual labors and enjoy a more relaxed time of leisure and vacations with our families and loved ones. However, this is also a time for Masonic planning for our coming community outreach programs at the Lodge and District levels. And, it is very important that we remember to plan how we can maximize the time spent, energy expended, and the effectiveness of our programs with good communications.

Don't forget to plan your Public Relations efforts in advance... not as an afterthought! Prior planning for publicity will assure maximum participation

and attendance. Use all of the tools available... letters, posters, email, Trestleboards, websites, telephone squads, electronic newsletters, daily and weekly newspapers in your community, radio and local TV... and perhaps most important and often overlooked - word of mouth.

Each of us, in our own sphere of influence, has the ability to reach out to family and friends and business associates to help spread the word. If we do it with enthusiasm and feeling, it can go a long way towards convincing the listener to be motivated to action.

As Freemasons we have much to point to with great pride. As Masons in New York State we have so much in meaningful community involvement that we may sometimes forget that we should be reminding the public of our Masonic affiliations by linking those efforts we

Antzelevitch Presented American Physiological Society Honor

Dr. Charles Antzelevitch, Executive Director and Director of Research of the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL) was presented the Carl J. Wiggers Award of the American Physiological Society (APS) at the Experimental Biology Scientific Sessions in Washington, DC on May 1st.

The prestigious Carl J. Wiggers Award is named after the founder of *Circulation Research*, a premier research journal, and is presented to a scientist who has made outstanding and lasting contributions to cardiovascular research.

Dr. Antzelevitch's consistent and cutting edge contributions to the body of scientific knowledge concerning heart disease, particularly in the field of cardiac electrophysiology and arrhythmias, along with his deep and passionate involvement in training promising young scientists and physicians, were cited as he received the Society's Lifetime Achievement Award, its highest honor, from APS President, Dr. David Gutterman.

In his nomination letter, Dr. Serge Sicouri of the MMRL said, "Dr. Antzelevitch is widely regarded as one of the finest scientists and experimental cardiac electrophysiologists in the world. His body of work has made an important impact on the progress of science and medicine, particularly in the areas involving the electrical function of the heart and factors that contribute to the development of abnormal rhythms of the heart including sudden cardiac death."

Dr. David Rosenbaum, Chief of Cardiology and Director of Heart and Vascular Research Center at Case Western Reserve University, said in his recommendation letter, "Dr. Antzelevitch's contributions are distinct and in many ways un-

are generating in the community with the Masonic logo... our familiar Square and Compasses.

This may simply be reflected by the ring on your finger or a pin on your lapel. It might be a sticker or decal or license plate on your car. It may be a banner or poster above a Blood Bank Collection Station, or at a Child ID or a printed brochure about the Masonic Student Assistance Training Program... or a Veterans or Military Outreach effort... or a Boy Scout or Girl Scout Awards presentation... or a Ladies Night or Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. I could go on and on. But the point is...

COMMUNICATIONS is the first C in CCER=M... and the formula is working.

You, my Brother, are the keystone; you are the most important player in our communications effort... you are an integral member of our Grand Lodge Communications team. Have a healthy, safe and enjoyable Summer... and I hope you return to our labors with renewed energy.

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ique in the manner in which he has meticulously weaved together the fields of molecular, cellular, and clinical electrophysiology to derive novel scientific insights well ahead of others in the field. I cannot think of any other scientist who has so skillfully brought together apparently disparate disciplines of science to form unique, novel, and practical insights which have so importantly shaped cardiovascular scientific thinking." He went on to say, "his discovery of what is now known as Phase 2 Reentry may well be the mechanism responsible in patients with Brugada syndrome. What I find so remarkable is the almost prophetic insight required to recognize the potential importance of a disease mechanism 20 years before the disease was identified. The ability to "connect the dots" in this manner required a special mind. A brilliance that is analogous to DaVinci's invention of the parachute more than 100 years before man's first flight. While many other investigators of Dr. Antzelevitch's stature are often concerned with self-promotion, personal accomplishment, and attracting laurels, Antzelevitch is all about substance. In his uniquely reserved and humble style, Dr. Antzelevitch has unselfishly (and perhaps at times unknowingly) served as an outstanding role model for numerous junior faculty and trainees. He has carried the torch passed to him and has used it to illuminate the field of cardiovascular physiology, and ignite a passion for science in everyone he has touched along the way."

The American Physiological Society (APS) is a non-profit devoted to fostering education, scientific research, and dissemination of information in the physiological sciences. The Society was founded in 1887 and



Dr. Charles Antzelevitch

has over 10,500 current members. APS is a member of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB), a coalition of 18 independent societies that plays an active role in lobbying for the interests of biomedical scientists. The meeting brought together over 12,000 scientists and medical professionals from throughout the world.

The Masonic Medical Research Laboratory is a premier basic medical research institute and has served as one of the foremost international authorities on the mechanisms by which abnormal rhythms of the heart arise and the genetic factors involved in the development of these life-threatening arrhythmias. The MMRL is dedicated to improving the health and quality of life for all humankind. The Laboratory's primary mission is to conduct high quality basic biomedical research aimed at generating knowledge and information necessary for development of the medical cures and treatments of tomorrow. The Laboratory is also committed to providing education and training to basic scientists and clinical researchers who would perpetuate and extend the fight against disease.



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By Don Brugger

Getting the Message Out

The Tall Cedars Story, for presentation at local Lodges as part of our Membership Program for this year, is about complete. A letter for distribution to the individual Lodges offering this as a Lodge program is going out soon. We have one Lodge tentatively scheduled for a presentation in December; hopefully, more will follow. An abbreviated presentation about Rochester Forest and The Tall Cedars of Lebanon was made at Wakan-Hubbard Lodge's Concordant Bodies Night (about 15 minutes long). If you would like to find out more about this program, or obtain petitions, please call the Grand Tall Cedar, Don Wright (621-5764).

Looking Ahead

The Degrees were presented at the May 23rd meeting, as required by Supreme Forest TCL of NA, but at this writing we have no prospective candidates. Any Woodsman who has a person whom they think would be interested in joining our fun

and frolic, and of course support of our charitable objective, please let me know ASAP at 458-6125 or djbrugger@juno.com. The next opportunity for initiation will be at our October meeting

Our Annual Sausage Roast will be on June 27th at Camp Smile at the end of Shangrila Lane in Webster. Please call if you need directions. We will be open about 5 p.m. and plan on eating around 6:15 p.m. Bring your spouse or a friend and a dish-to-pass. Guests or prospective members and their wives are welcome; please let us know. We are still looking for volunteers to help procure and transport the beverages for our Sausage Roast. If you are interested, call Don Wright at 621-5764 or me.

Sickness and Distress

Vern Bishop has entered St. John's Home and his wife, Jane, has many bruises from a bad fall. We should have more information by the time you read this article. I am sure they would be happy to hear from you. If you know of a Woodsman or Cedarette who is ill or in need of our aid or sympathy, please call one of the Officers or me.

Enjoy

Plans are in the works for our participation in the local Labor Day Muscular Dystrophy Telethon on Labor Day Weekend. Keep this in mind while you enjoy our all-too-short Summer. And don't forget, this is your Forest, it needs You to reMember it.

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By Debi Burke

I am writing to let you know that there is a girl's organization that has been around for 80 Years and we are having a Birthday Celebration on **June 30th!** The members are working very hard to make it memorable and I hope the Eastern Star and Masonic community will reserve this day to come out and show their support.

The girls are preparing for their convention in October. It's a fun-filled weekend - full of competitions, ritual, renewing friendships and making new ones.

Recently they have been serving dinners for Clio Lodge, where they are currently having their meetings. They have slumber parties, where they use this time to prepare for the Birthday Celebration and Convention, watch movies and enjoy their friendship.

In April we took a road trip to Angelica for a pancake break-

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fast with freshly made maple syrup. Fidelity Triangle members attended the installation of Amethyst Triangle on April 22nd in Fredonia. The girls truly enjoy the trips they take, whether it is just a day trip or a visitation to another Triangle, because they get to do it together.

As with all the organizations, we are looking for new members. If you know a young lady between the ages of 10 and 21 whom you believe might be interested in joining, we would love to hear from you. Feel free to contact us by calling: Wendy Burrows (638-6915) or Debi Burke (455-5181).

1986 Masters Meet



(Front, l to r) Cindy Whited, Sharon McComber, Doris Robertson, Pat Uderitz, Betty Zillman (Back, l to r) Warren Patterson, George Bundoc, Paul Robertson, Bob Uderitz, Joe Privitera

By Joe Privitera

The 1986 Masters and their ladies held a social meeting on Saturday, May 14th. We have met like this for twenty years, gathering several times a year. In the Fall, we have our Clambake; in late November, we get together for Christmas. About this time of year we see a play at the Penfield Players and during the Summer we have a picnic. We talk about Masonry, how our Lodges are doing and our families. We usually don't talk about 1986 but when we do, it is not for very long.

I guess our objective is to renew long friendships and get caught up on how we are all doing. When we were Masters, we were a very cohesive group. We shared ideas and had great parties and good times. That

year was topped off with a five-day trip to New York City to attend Grand Lodge. We went out to see the sights as a group. When our term as Masters ended, you would think that would be the end of our group; however, we stayed together and still share the good moments.

Other active members of the '86 Masters (not pictured) are: Alex Arthur, Lou Campaniello, Herb Hirsh, Paul Krueger, Dave King, Paul Vick, Marty Zillmann and the 1986 District Deputy, R.W.: Marty Reitz.

Installations

Your Lodge should be installing Officers soon. I hope you can attend, meet your new Officers and find out what the Trestleboard holds for the new Lodge year.

Hope to see you in Lodge. "

**Fame Lodge Hall's Antique Theater
Seats Find a New Home!**

Reprinted with permission of Linda Quinlan, "Irondequoit Messenger Post" Staff

A set of about 70 vintage theater seats! That's what organizers of the Irondequoit Community Cupboard found when they moved into an old Masonic Lodge Hall at 4275 Culver Road last year. (That's the old home of Fame Lodge and Irondequoit Chapter, OES).

Unable to use them and needing the space for shelving for storage, Cupboard Board members made several attempts to find a buyer. They even posted them on eBay, but found no takers.

Then they went to CraigsList. It was on that on-line classified advertising network that Kastan Molstad spotted them.

Now, the seats have found a new home, with a good use. Molstad belongs to Ant Hill Cooperative - a small, Rochester-based cooperative of artists, who are in the process of building a small theater.

"It just seemed like it would be a cool addition (to the theater), to have official seats," Molstad said.

One of Ant Hill's residents purchased a projector and screen and plans are underway for a theater in the attic of one of two houses the Cooperative rents on South Plymouth Avenue in Rochester.

"We needed to get them out and the Ant Hill members did all of the labor," said Debbie Evans, President and Founder of the Cupboard. The Cupboard gave the seats to Ant Hill, which in turn made a \$100 donation to the Irondequoit-based organization. That donation will



Photo by Diane McHale-Mix

support the Cupboard's mission of providing food and other necessities to Irondequoit residents in need.

We're very glad the seats went to a group that will put them to good use," Evans said. "We're also very grateful to the Ant Hill Cooperative for their contribution.

The seats appear to have a history dating back to 1927. Cupboard volunteers did some research and discovered that the seats were considered top-of-the-line when they were made by the American Seating Co., 80 years ago: The cushions are green vinyl, the framework is cast iron with engraved design work and end pieces are equipped with fixtures for aisle lighting.

Ant Hill members were even more excited about their new theater when they found out about the seats. The Cooperative hopes to open to the public.

This article appeared in the February 22nd issue of the Irondequoit Post. Many often wonder what happened to the Fame Lodge Hall when it was sold. The Irondequoit Community Cupboard, a non-profit organization, purchased the building and works to meet a variety of needs for families and individuals in Irondequoit. It helps about 57 Irondequoit families a month, providing food for an average of 2,800 meals each month. The Cupboard accepts donations of food, health and hygiene items, school supplies and financial assistance.

Donations are accepted on-site on Thursdays and Saturdays between the hours of 10 and 11 a.m. There are several local drop-off points. For information, call the Cupboard at 336-9107 or email: info@irondequoit-communitycupboard.org

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This will be the last article before September and many, if not all, Lodges will be dark for the Summer. As this Masonic year comes to a close, I look up wondering where the time went. I blinked and suddenly last year's Grand Lodge Session turned into the 2007 Session. By most all accounts, those who went on this year's Grand Lodge trip had a wonderful time. The entire trip ran smoothly and without a hitch and the Hospitality Suite provided a great forum for lively discussion. We have already begun plans for next year's trip - please consider coming with us!

There is not much to report from the actual Grand Lodge Session itself. The controversial ballot on lowering the Petition age to eighteen did not take place. Instead, it was referred to the Jurisprudence Committee for review and possible resolution status and a vote next year. The ballot envelopes were not used and the inclusion of a line on Petitions for a Candidate's email address was not even discussed.

The partnership between The Firemen's Association of the State of New York (FASNY) and our Grand Lodge is now official. We need to make contact with the volunteer fire departments in our respective areas of O/S/Y District on running joint Child ID Programs. More to follow. I did get word that a second Child ID system is being sent to us, so please get busy with plans to run Child ID Programs. We will have the capability to handle larger groups.

The Traveling Trowel is now at John Hodge Lodge and you can expect a visit from the

Brothers there soon. The Traveling Gavel is at Pocahontas Lodge - why not get seven Brothers together, pay them a visit and seize it for your Lodge!

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

June

2nd - Wayne-O/S/Y Golf Tournament; Taranwould Golf Course, Newark; 7a.m. start
- Child ID session at Penn Yan Elementary school by Seneca Lake Lodge

22nd-24th - St. John's Weekend, Utica

21st - Mark Russell, comedian and musical and political satirist will be appearing Thursday evening for a benefit performance. All NY Masons should come to St John's Day activities and see the Utica campus and all it has to offer as concrete examples of what your Freemasonry is doing today. It was confirmed at Grand Lodge that there will be a rather large party on the Great Lawn Saturday night. Tents, live music and food for all. The intent is to bring everyone together, so I hope to see you there!

July

7th - Geneva Fireman's Parade
28th and 29th - O/S/Y Camp-out; Contact R.: W.: Bill Colin for details

August

19th - O/S/Y Golf Tourney - Seneca Lake Country Club
Please ask your Lodge to sponsor a hole this year; this event is the major fundraiser for O/S/Y District charitable activities.

September

8th - O/S/Y Association; Geneva Lodge; Breakfast at L&R Restaurant at 8 a.m.

8th - Ark 33-200th Anniversary, Club 86

Ark Lodge will be celebrating their 200-Year Anniversary on Saturday, September 8th at Club 86 in Geneva. The Grand Line, including the Grand Master, will be in attendance. Please come and support the Brothers of Ark Lodge on this important occasion. Tickets are available now for a \$30 donation. Please

contact W.: Bob Mattick or me for more information. Two hundred years of Freemasonry in our District is a huge milestone and deserves the attention of all Masons. Please help generate a capacity crowd at Club 86 on September 8th.

15th - Geneva Lodge & Ark Lodge Walk for Cystic Fibrosis
21st - Masonic Vision Fair - (Location to be determined)

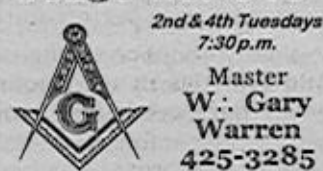
The "vision" statement for this event: *To highlight everything Masonry has to offer and to inform all who work and live in the Ontario/Seneca/Yates District of the good things we do.* This event will run "convention" style and feature (hopefully) our Grand Master as Guest speaker. There will be something for Masons and non-Masons alike. The event will also resemble a large "Brother Bring-a-Friend" Program with all O/S/Y Lodges represented. There will be a running Child ID session and Blood Drive session. All major Grand Lodge committees and programs will be presented either convention booth-style or through video projection. It may be possible for individual Lodges to serve food as fundraisers.

Please send your ideas for this event to me ASAP. If you can volunteer to help plan and execute this event, please call me (315) 585-6360. Thanks!

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 to be added to the O/S/Y District email list.

Eagle Lodge No. 619



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Summer is finally upon us. May all have safe journeys while we are enjoying our vacation travel plans.

On April 24th Eagle Lodge presented the 3rd Degree Historical Lecture. Brother Lowell Falkey from Garoga-Sincerity Lodge honored us with a wonderful presentation of this inspirational work.

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This is my last news article as Master of Eagle Lodge. It has been a true honor to serve as Master of our Fraternal Organization. I especially thank my Masonic Brothers for their patience, knowledge, time and enthusiasm. My year as Master has been an experience I will always treasure.

Upcoming Events June

12th - Lodge Program - Installation of Officers

21st - Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser at Lodge, 5-7 p.m.

28th - Eastern Star/Mason Picnic, Sandy Bottom Park, 6p.m.

July

Lodge Cleaning - Tom Shafer, Jill Skinner, and Russ Coon

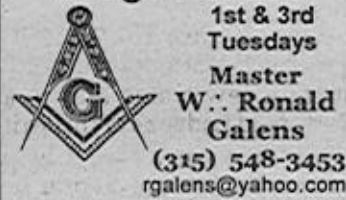
August

Lodge Cleaning - Michael and Karen Dick and Bob and Ann Thompson

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

25 - Annual Steak Roast Fundraiser, Chair: Ed Hudson

Garoga-Sincerity Lodge No. 200



1st & 3rd
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Another month has come and gone. This season went by fast. My first year as Master has been very interesting and entertaining. I've learned a lot and hopefully have done a decent job. Brothers have been very patient and have given me some very helpful advice. The Trestleboard for next year is almost full. I have three meetings open. If anyone has any ideas for those dates, please let me know. Move-up Night went well. Thanks to all who helped.

Congratulations to Brother Ken Gibbs, who received a Certificate from V.: W.: Edwin Carris for completing the *Road to the East Course*.

June 5th is the installation of Officers. Please plan to attend, if possible.

June 19th is our Annual Lodge Steak Roast. Please call the Secretary or me for a reservation.

June Birthdays

Ranse Brooks (1st), John Sherman (7th), Dan Guth and Paul McIntyre (11th), Tom Pardington (16th), Aaron Dell (19th), George Landstrom (22nd), Isaac Hessney (23rd), Bill Goodman (24th) and Barney Wandell (29th).

July Birthdays

Ken Gibbs (7th), Ernie Bishop (12th), Chris Howard (17th), Nick Day (29th) and Rick Kauder (30th).

August Birthdays

Kevin Fisher, Ken Over-slaugh and Fred Wheeler (3rd), Gary Curtiss (19th), Shawn Grube (24th) and David Williams (26th).

Masonic Anniversaries June

1948 - Harold Bloser
1953 - David Retchless
1958 - Lloyd Akin
1959 - Roy Farnsworth and Elmer Smith

1969 - David Sainsbury
1972 - Larry Gelder
1976 - Lowell Falkey
1996 - Peter Cheney

July

1958 - David Williams

Milnor Lodge No. 139



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The Trestleboard is full at Milnor Lodge, with work that requires completion before the Lodge is darkened for the Summer.

Volunteers are needed for the Car Show, which has been traditionally scheduled for the first weekend in June. This would require Brothers to occupy a table and serve coffee, donuts and other refreshments to patrons of the Car Show.

Volunteers are also being sought to prepare or provide dinner for our June meeting - the last one of the season. Milnor has a tradition, dating to 1981 or 1982, of an evening meal for the Craft on the first meeting of the month. The June dinner has traditionally consisted of Great American Picnic fare - grilled hots and hamburgers with picnic salads.

Yet another Volunteer Call is for the Brothers of Milnor Lodge to participate in the O/S/Y Charities Golf Tournament, which will be held in Geneva in August.

Other work on the Trestleboard at Milnor includes locating and communicating with sources concerning the disposition of our Lodge building. Conversations are being conducted ranging from repair to sale of the current building.

In the midst of all this work, Milnor is also grieving the loss of two Brothers - Worshipful M. Sherman Cotton and Brother Al Miller, both of whom laid down their working tools this Spring. Sherm Cotton, a 68-year Mason, was born March 31, 1912, Raised April 14, 1939, and died April 15th of this year. He served twice as Master of Milnor Lodge. Alan Miller was born June 30, 1937, Raised December 18, 2003, and died March 18th of this year.

Still, work goes on as we prepare for Installation of new Officers on June 14th.

Canandaigua Lodge No. 294



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there wasn't a lot going on because most of our meetings were canceled due to severe weather. As I write this, I have just returned from Grand Lodge. I encourage you all to read the Grand Master's Address. There are some great things that have been accomplished and there is more in the works. It's a great time to be a Mason.

Our Brother Bring-a-Friend Program was a hit! We received two Petitions and have interviewed one of the prospects already. The consolidation with Rushville Lodge is progressing and, with any luck, it should be completed soon. I presented the Douglas MacArthur Award to Susan Rene Connely, on behalf of the Lodge, for her outstanding commitment and years of dedicated service to the Boy Scouts of the Arrowhead District. She was presented the award at the District Dinner in Bloomfield and it was a complete surprise. The look on her face was priceless and I was honored to be able to show her how much her efforts are appreciated.

Continuing with our tradition of supporting the Boy Scouts, we helped an aspiring Eagle Scout in completing his community service project by hosting a Child ID Program in West Bloomfield. Aside from some technical difficulties with the new equipment all went well. I had the opportunity to speak with several of the parents and they had nothing but praise for the program and couldn't thank us enough. They are amazed that we do all of this work voluntarily and for no charge.

I'll end by thanking you all, my Brothers, for giving me the honor and privilege of being your Master for the last two years. I have learned so much and I am truly grateful. God bless you and your families. Have a safe and fun-filled Summer. ✽

District Deputy Grand Master



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This first year as your District Deputy has gone by very fast. I have had the opportunity to meet many within our Masonic family. It has been a very enjoyable and educational year for me. I have learned a lot about the many Lodges within our District and those next to us. I have had the opportunity to meet and visit with some of our Ladies' organizations as well. I have learned much about how the Masonic Service Bureau operates and the many ways it supports Masonry in and around

our District. The most enjoyable part of all, though, has been meeting and interacting with you.

Congratulations to all of the Lodges within Monroe District. All of the Lodges held a Degree for viewing by one of our AGLs this past year. All of you had your Annual Reports and per capita dues in on time and everyone took in Brothers this year. This is what helps to make my job easier and more enjoyable. We have a great benchmark to live up to.

We have many new Masters of our Lodges to guide us and they will need our support as we go forward this coming year. They will learn to sway with the changes that will occur in their Trestleboards.

This year I would like to see an increase in the number of Howard V. Potts Awards presented within our District. The Grand Lecturer's Convention is scheduled for Tuesday, October 23 and I'm sure that, with a little planning, we will be able to have more Lodges obtain them. It is a pleasure to have your Lodge's name called within Grand Lodge and an honor, as Master, to receive them.

This past year the Traveling Gavel had the opportunity to move a few times and is at Northfield Lodge as of this writing. This is part of what helps to provide for interaction between Lodges and make a donation to our Brotherhood Fund.

We look forward to working with you this coming year. Please remember to send me a copy of your Lodge's Election Form. I have to have it mailed to Grand Lodge by June 30th.

The District kick-off event has been scheduled for Wednesday, August 15th and invitations will be mailed out.

If you have any questions or feedback for us, please contact us and remember that we are here to support you. ✽

Grand Director of Ceremonies

Monroe



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Grand Lodge is over! It was very enjoyable to be with old friends and to make some new ones. It is a well-organized blinding blur of activity. Emily and I arrived early Sunday and managed to take in a New York Yankees baseball game vs. the Seattle Mariners. The Yanks won 5-0 and I finally got to the big ballpark, "the house that Ruth built." It was so cold in our shaded left field box seats, that

I almost thought I was in Buffalo for a Bills game.

We learned after the game that the Yellow Cabs do not have any taxi pickup stands in this area; our "independent" driver charged us twice what the Yellow Cab fee was to get there and had to keep cell phoning to find out how to get us to our destination. We made it! When we got back I found my wife and Gail Sanford had plans for us to go to Little Italy for dinner. This event blossomed into dinner for 12 which took 2 limousines to and fro. Traffic was terrible and considerable walking was involved in finding the great restaurant whose name no one could remember! We took dessert at another "must do" eatery before securing transport to our lodgings, arriving about midnight.

Breakfast was at 6 a.m. Monday, as we had to be in our assigned positions at 7:30 a.m. Grand Lodge convened on time at 8:30 a.m. and only closed a half hour late at 4 p.m. Lunch was reduced from one hour to 45 minutes. I did not keep notes on the sequence of speakers who varied in content from a brief explanation of their work and a printed handout of their Annual Report to the Necrology Committee which read the name of each of the 109 deceased Brothers who passed away in the last twelve months.

Over Monday and Tuesday morning, 48 reports were introduced and received into the proceedings of this Grand Lodge. The Volunteer Firefighters Association of New York has petitioned to ally their Child ID efforts with us. One prime reason was to share resources in manpower and sites along with our new hardware/software, which greatly facilitates the processing time per child and ties in with police agency data needs and rapid entry to the Amber Alert Program. A concordant has been achieved in regard to their request.

Monday evening was the Grand Master's Ball at "Russo's on the Bay." Our bus driver (who did not speak English) got lost and one New York City Brother finally stepped in to help him. Our purported 30-minute ride took 1 hour and forty minutes so the grazing tables were pretty well picked over. The meal was very good and beverage service was superb. When the evening ended there were not enough buses to take us back so some of us had to wait until a bus returned.

Tuesday's session was as jam packed as Monday's, but it ended almost on time. Traffic slowed our return to the Crown Plaza where we retrieved our wives and belongings and went to LaGuardia Airport. US Air managed to re-book my flight from 9:50 p.m. to 4:40 p.m. at no charge. Unfortunately we had to wait for another pilot to arrive to take the plane on from Rochester so it was 6 p.m. before we flew home. It was the quietest, smoothest propeller aircraft ride I have ever had and we were on the ground in Rochester shortly after 7 p.m., with no lost luggage on either of our flights.

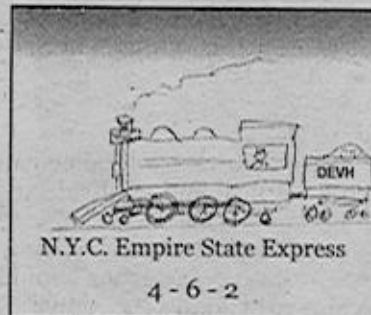
I am sure that next year, with open elections, we will have a much longer Tuesday as there will be votes to tally and results to be reported. ✽

Grand Sword Bearer



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Down in the depths of Penn Station where multiple tracks receive daily trains from all points of the compass and thousands of people anxiously await the announcements for their respective departures, sits our train. It's patiently awaiting the return of the Masters and Wardens of the Monroe District after the adjournment of the Grand Lodge Sessions for 2007. Every once in awhile a spurt of steam hisses from her mechanical heart as the great engine awaits our return.

Meanwhile, above the darkness, the hectic life of the city rushes on — honking cars and a river of yellow taxis flowing through the arteries of New York, depositing and picking up passengers. The din of the traffic was all but forgotten as your leaders joined several hundred of their fellows in the Grand Lodge Hall to hear and pass legislation and hear reports from the Grand Master and the leadership of Grand Lodge.

There was a display of several historical items, including the Washington Bible on which the Grand Master took his oath of Office. As many of you know, our Brother George Washington and many other Presidents took their oath on this Bible. Today one cannot touch it or take pictures of it, as it is very fragile. At the opening of the Session, the Grand Tiler carried a gavel carved from a block of granite (made by the designer of Mt. Rushmore), another Bible (called the Holland Bible) that is over 425 years old and the Grand Sword.

Reports were made from approximately 30 Committees that make up Grand Lodge. Reports from the Community Involvement Umbrella were made. This year we are joining with the Firemen's Association of the State of New York to assist in the Child ID program. Reports were given from the Charters Committee; Technology Committee reported how well the MORI System is assisting our Lodge Secretaries; report from the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL) on research of atrial fibrillation was presented.

Also on a lighter note, the MMRL will have a series of four shows at Radio City Music Hall on May 4, 2008, to raise funds for the Lab. It will be titled DIVA's and features Dionne Warwick, Roberta Flack and Gladys Knight, to name a few. They played some of their hit tunes and the room was rocking. I even saw a couple of past

Grand Masters move to the music in their chairs.

We left late in the day and, as we headed alongside the Hudson River, the outgoing Masters enjoyed the tranquil scene that spread out before them. Yes, it has been an enriching year for them. It has been a year of growth and renewal; sometimes frustrating, but also with high goals that have been met. They have grown closer and many will remain friends for years to come. Their years have gone faster than they believed and they have learned much.

Our train is headed back toward the Rochester area for the Summer break. We can't believe it's almost that time again. To get us home W. : Ron Bryant and W. : Steve Mitchell will be in the cab of our engine for this final leg. Brother William Scheer and W. : Herb Spencer, of Valley-Simes, will oversee the train from the rear.

It's been a fun and educational ride so far this year for those who have planned the activities for your Lodge. We of the leadership have broken bread with you and joined with you in your Lodge activities.

Enjoy the Summer; shortly the trip will once more thunder across the steel ribbons of your heartstrings, as we explore together our beloved Craft. Who knows who will be aboard or what special cars will be hooked up. ✽

Area 15 Brotherhood Fund

R. W. :
Derek VanHouten
Monroe District

Congratulations to all the Area 15 District and Lodge Chairmen — especially to the many contributors who helped make this year's Brotherhood Fund Campaign a very successful one. We could not have done it without you.

As of April, the Brotherhood Fund Campaign had collected \$1,140,214.89 from 11,913 statewide contributors. Needless to say, your Lodge Chairman spent a lot of energy and time encouraging you to give to this very noble cause. Many of you took advantage of ordering the 225th Anniversary Crystal that you now can display in your home or office.

Grand Lodge Charities operate from the monies that are received from this Annual Campaign and, because of your generosity, we have been successful this year. As of April 2007, the totals of Area 15 are:

- Monroe District \$31,094.26
- Wayne District \$4,355.50
- Livingston District \$6,640.50

Additional numbers show room for improvement or opportunities in the future. The number of contributors versus Lodge membership indicates that many did not take advantage of, nor were induced to, contribute to the Campaign this year. This is of some concern since the BFC is a 501c3 tax-deductible program.

Here are some other interesting numbers that will illustrate what I mean. Total membership of Area 15 is 3205 Brothers, but only 935 Brothers and others (widows, friends) saw fit to rise to the challenge of giving. This

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indicates that many opportunities exist for next year's Campaign.

I would encourage the District Chairs to occasionally write articles relative to their re-

spective Districts for the *Masonic Times*. It's an opportunity to explain some highlights in your District to contributors.

Take the Summer off, relax and get ready for next year's Campaign, with the challenge to improve the overall results. As one Brother has said recently, "LET'S DO IT." ❧



Deputy Grand Master, R. W. Edward Gilbert, and Grand Master, M. W. Neal I. Bidnick, congratulate R. W. Herbert Spencer upon receiving the Howard V. Potts Award. Brother Spencer represented Valley-Simes Lodge at the Annual Session.

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Brethren, shortly after you read this newsletter, my year as Master of Valley-Simes Lodge will be over and the new Master, W. Dave Mura, will be installed. It has been a very rewarding and eventful year for me.

As most of you know, my wife and I are building a new home in Spring City, TN, for our retirement years. The weather is better and the property taxes are quite a bit cheaper than New York State. I think we will be able to survive in Tennessee. I am losing the name of "Boss Hogg" in Tennessee as most people call me Yankee. I've been told that when we move in, they're going to start calling me a "Damn Yankee."

Well, so much for moving. I take this opportunity to thank everyone who stepped up to the plate and carried the Lodge for the several months that we were in Tennessee building; we had an opportunity to move forward with building in March of this year; if we did not start then, we would have had to wait until September to get our masons and framing crews in to start our project.

Thank you, W. Nelson Berth, for taking over the Master's chair in my absence and carrying on the work of Valley-Simes Lodge and to our superb Secretary, R. W. Herb Spencer, for his dedication and hard work to keep things flowing. An additional thank you to our new Master W. Dave Mura, for all his help. W. Mike McBride, if I had it in my power and could afford it, I would get you a gold-plated traveling coffee mug. Last of all, our new Head Chef,

Chuckie. I have finally found someone to take over cooking so I could get a break from the dishpan hands, and from all reports you have done a super job. Thanks for covering for me!

Brethren, you will all be missed, but you most definitely will not be forgotten. Thank you for your dedication and help this year with all that you have done to make my year a rewarding one.

I remain in your debt.

From the Secretary

First, I encourage all the Brothers of Valley-Simes Lodge to attend the meeting on June 12th if at all possible. We have a lot to bring before you. We will be having our Nominations, Election and Installation of your Officers for the 2007-2008 year. There will be the Annual Reports and the approval of the Lodge Budget for the ensuing year. I will also give my report on the Grand Lodge Communication that I attended. We plan on having a sumptuous dinner and refreshments that night. Reservations are required.

Our Master, W. Richard DeCroce, will be there to conclude his year. He is looking forward to celebrating the evening with his Brothers.

Sickness and Distress

It is my sad duty to report the passing of Brother Jesse Mickelson on May 6th. Brother Jesse was 91 years old, and was a Mason for 52 years.

W. Gary Caswell was scheduled to undergo back surgery on May 16th.

My Brothers, please contact me if you know of any sickness or distress. I hear from some Brothers or their families wondering why the Lodge did not contact them while they were in need of our aid or sympathy. It is really your responsibility (or some member of the family) to contact us so we may reply and react.

On the same note, we need to hear about the good news you may enjoy. How about sharing it with your Brothers?

Since we do not meet, nor is there a *Masonic Times* for July and August, I have included the Brothers celebrat-

ing their Birthday and Years of Service, in this issue.

Congratulations to the following Brothers on their June, July and August Birthdays. If you see any of these Brothers, don't forget to wish them well. Also, don't forget to call or write these Brothers and let them know you are thinking of them. If you need addresses or phone numbers, call me.

June Birthdays

Thomas J. Steele (1st), George D. Hornung (3rd), Myron L. Dox (4th), Paul R. Gleason, Jr. (6th), Bruce A. Harrison (10th), Richard J. Beyer (17th), Robert L. Anderson (19th).

July Birthdays

Thomas Belt, Richard Crockett, and Raymond Sterling (1st), Samuel Bogorad (3rd), Wallace Wagner (6th), Litch Toland and Richard VanZandt (11th), Richard Geiwitz (21st), Arthur Hill (22nd), Joseph Bishop (25th) and Norman Gross (30th).

August Birthdays

Mathew Gingold and Ronald Schiffler (2nd), Rand Gee (3rd), Robert Peace (8th), Jon Spencer (15th), John Faro (20th), Donald Johnson (21st), George Bundoc, Gary Caswell and Michael McBride (25th), Carl Klein (28th) and Charles Fornataro (29th).

Masonic Anniversaries

Congratulations on Masonic Anniversaries for the months of June, July and August:

1939 - Howard Minsky

1947 - Irving Schuth

1953 - Arthur Teamerson

1957 - Erich Postler

1958 - Solomon Shinder

1959 - Arthur Cohen

1974 - Bruce Harrison and

Allen Luccitti

1977 - John Faro

1981 - Ron Rogers

1984 - Robert Stear

1985 - Graht Romer

2000 - Michael Hueston

2001 - Scott Herzog

At this time I say thank you to all the Brothers who have helped me serve as the Secretary of your Lodge for the past years. I could not have done this job without lots of feedback and encouragement from you, the Brothers, of this great Lodge. I hope to serve you for the ensuing year, if allowed.

Reservations for the June 12th dinner are to be made to Herb Spencer 334-7493 / hspence1@rochester.rr.com; Dave Mura at 637-8695 / bigdave@rochester.rr.com; or Mike McBride 315-904-4024 / mcbride1@rochester.rr.com. Dinner cost to Valley-Simes members is \$5 per person.

Please read your *Masonic Times*. There are many, many activities going on in the Monroe and surrounding District that you may wish to attend. There are also many interesting articles to read. I look forward to breaking bread and greeting each of you in Lodge.

Note: Dress code for the June 12th meeting is Tux or dark business suit for all Officers, outgoing and incoming. Everyone else it is Masonic Uniform.

Come out and help greet, meet with and show support for your Officers and your Lodge. I personally will be there to shake your hand and say, "Greetings, Brother." I believe we will have a great evening of fellowship.

I wish you all a great Summer and let me hear from you with news. ❧



Northfield Lodge Brothers, their family and friends, met at the Lodge Building, donned safety vests, gathered tools and plastic bags and took to the roadside as part of the Adopt-a-Highway Clean-up Program. Participants included W. John Dudley; Brother Jim Deasey with his fiancée, Amy, and her three children: Jamie, Matt and Jake; Brother David Adams; Brother Josh Loepker; Brother Mark Edgcomb; Brother Todd Enright; and Brother Erik Loepker with his wife, Tatjana, and son, Romans Janovics.

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By Erik Loepker, Junior Deacon

Indulge me for a moment, if you will, but there is relevance to what I am about to write. I am currently reading a book entitled, *The Art of Medieval Hunting: The Hound and the Hawk*, by John Cummins. So, why is this important, you may ask? In the book, the author wryly points out that medieval authors seemed to be in love with lists - their commentaries, palimpsests, scrolls, manuals, and more are filled with lists of names of people who did exciting things, animal breeds (and sometimes names) that accompanied them, places, dates and so on. He proceeds, then, to give several examples - take my word for it, our forebears must indeed have been accountants without peer!

But, the relevance, you ask? Ah, well, Mr. Cummins seems to want to share a nudge and wink with his audience as to the

apparent foolishness of this practice. But, he is taking this in hundreds of years after the dates involved. Without a doubt, those authors of antiquity were writing for the benefit of their contemporaries; not necessarily for their great-great-great-great-(and so on)-grandchildren.

For the most part, people love to see their name in print, or at least be able to point a name out to a friend or loved one and say, "Hey, I know that person!" It lends magnitude to themselves and the tasks that they undertake. To this day, we indulge in the same, and it is still important. Within the pages of this very periodical, we often share with each other lists of names of people who are involved with our activities. Will our great-great-great-great-grandchildren mock us for this? Assuming that they find some of these ancient issues of the *Masonic Times*, perhaps they will. But, for now, we reveal and revel in names that are both familiar and new - welcoming all to our Brotherhood.

One list that should be enormous from everyone is our respective manifests of ladies who attend our Widows Luncheon. We do everything within the length of our cabletow. But let's face it, for many of us, much of our length of cabletow is given us by those who love us. We always cherish those close to our hearts, and this appreciation

extends also to those who gave until the working tools fell from grasp. These ladies are an integral part of who we are, and so it is with pleasure that I can give the names of the ladies that attended Northfield's Luncheon on April 21st - Lucille Adams, Elizabeth Bishop, Jean Brandshaw, Doris Cooley, Jean Covell, Mary Foss, Dorothy Luke, Norma Phelps, Ruth Stone, Rose Thibaut, Mary Reynolds, Doris Weick and Jean Olando, a guest. Additionally, ladies who could not attend should receive their fair mention - Barbara Brown and Linda Zahn. W.: Glenn Hedges put forth enormous effort to set this up, and both he and R.: W.: William Spillane collected the ladies and transported them to and from the Burgundy Basin Inn where, the repast was enjoyed by all.

In other "list" news, last year our Lodge adopted a section of road as part of the State's Adopt-a-Highway Program. Once more, we had incredible attendance from Brothers, friends and family. W.: John Dudley; Brother Jim Deasey, with his fiancée, Amy, and her three children Jamie, Matt and Jake; Brother David Adams; Brother Josh Loepker; Brother Mark Edgecomb; Brother Todd Enright; and Brother Erik Loepker, with his wife, Tatjana, and son, Romans Janovics. We received several kudos from passing motorists, thanking us for policing the road. We never expect thanks for what we do, but it is certainly appreciated when it is given!

In a very bright piece of news, Brother Clark Panzer was married on May 5th. We trust that he and his betrothed will have a long and successful life together, filled with happiness and love.

Recently, we had our Awards Night. I've heard that many Lodges conduct this in the Autumn, but I suppose that we just like to save the best for last, eh? This year, R.: W.: Raymond Beardsley was awarded a Certificate for 55 years of service in the Lodge. Likewise, Brother Andrew Campbell received a Certificate for lengthy years of service. W.: Randall Griswold was awarded Mason of the Year. Brothers David Adams and Erik Loepker were awarded Pins and Certificates for completing the *Road to the East* by R.: W.: Tom Grape.

At the risk of gloating too much, we feel compelled to announce that we still retain possession of the Traveling Gavel. As you read this, only one regular meeting remains before we close down for Summer. Will it be left in our possession for that long?



Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: Edward Gilbert, offers his congratulations for Wakan-Hubbard Lodge's efforts in earning the Howard V. Potts Award to W.: Mike DiCataldo, Master. Worshipful Mike had just received the congratulations of Grand Master Neal I. Bidnick.

Once more, we invite any who are interested to attend our 2nd and 3rd Degree Rituals that will be conferred this Summer. The 2nd Degree will be on June 30th, at 11:00 a.m., and the 3rd Degree is tentatively scheduled for July 21st, also at 11:00 a.m. Please call, write or email for specifics as we close in on those dates.

I trust that you've not been overburdened with my lists here, but, as I'm sure you'll agree, the lists are as important now as they've ever been. At the very least, I'm sure that there will be those in years hence that will be delighted to see the name of a relative from their long past in print.

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Wakan-Hubbard has a number of activities coming up over the Summer months. Preliminary information on all of these activities is listed below. For those of you who will be in town over the Summer, we look forward to seeing you as frequently as possible.

Fellowcraft Steak Roast
The Fellowcraft Steak Roast will be held on Saturday, July 21st, in the Open Pavilion Upper Shelter at Channing H. Philbrick Park, 1 Linear Park Drive in Penfield. The Steak Roast will begin at 1 p.m., and is open to Brothers and friends.

Please put it on your calendar, and plan to join us for an afternoon of fellowship. More details will follow as they become available. If you have any questions, please contact Michael DiCataldo at 737-7137 or email nyra@frontiernet.net.

Annual 9-Hole Golf Scramble
Wakan-Hubbard's Third Annual 9-Hole Golf Scramble will be held at 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 4th, at Shadow Pines in Penfield. The cost per person is \$23, including cart. The scramble will be followed by a trophy presentation and fellowship at the Clark House Pub. Space is limited, so contact Hugh Woodside at 246-2106 or email hww@rochester.rr.com or Michael DiCataldo soon with your name and or your four-man team. I can be reached via email at nyra@frontiernet.net or at my home at 654-5866.

Clambake 2007
As of this date, we have not finalized plans for a Clambake yet. So please look for information to come from the new Master of the Lodge.

June Meeting
Our last meeting of the year is June 11th. It will be the Installation night of our New Master, Ron Lalik, and the Officers for the ensuing year. The meeting will start at 7:30 p.m. There is no dinner planned, but there will be a dessert celebration of Strawberry Shortcake and cake to celebrate another year of new leadership, growth and positive direction as we continue to take on the challenges we face as Masons.

Stay safe, happy and healthy through the Summer months and I look forward to seeing you at our Summer events.

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They say time flies when you're having fun. Well time has flown and I am having fun. I apologize for not getting an article in last month. I really don't have an excuse. Time just passed me by and I am sorry for that. OK, Charly? (He! He!)



W.: Ron Bryant, Master of Webster Lodge, is congratulated by M.: W.: Neal I. Bidnick for receiving the Howard V. Potts Award. Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: Edward Gilbert, waits to offer his congratulations as well.

As I reflect back on my year as Master, I look at it more as an educational period than a period of being in charge of the Lodge. I find that it was a time of constant learning about the Fraternity and the operation of the Lodge. The in's and out's of handling a budget and scheduling and planning programs and dinners. Making sure parts were properly filled for Degrees and rehearsals were scheduled and well attended. The job is a lot of work but I feel I'm more organized and a better man for it. I look forward to serving the new Worshipful Master and Webster Lodge for many years to come. I realize now how important the help and guidance of a Past Master can be and I, too, want to offer and provide that support if needed and wanted.

Last night I attended the Annual Past Masters' Night and as I was not yet a Past Master, I could not be afforded the privilege of being elected to membership in that elite group. It was a nice evening and gave us all a rare chance to hear wisdom imparted from such eloquent gentlemen as we in Webster have in our ranks. The evening ended with a few humorous stories and a great time was had by all.

I'm sure I speak for the group in giving thanks to W.: Bernie Russell and his wife, Lori. Bernie's wife prepared the meal that Bernie served and the only thing better than the taste was the cost.

At our May 3rd meeting we also had our infamous "Stink Night" and Past Master's meeting. We did not have any of them in the chairs but we did ask each to stand up and give the year he was Master as well as anything they felt worthy of saying. Believe it or not they were brief. It was really nice to have my father-in-law, W.: Verne Collier, in attendance. He was the Dean of Past Masters at that meeting, having been Mas-

ter in 1957. We also had a surprise visit from W.: David Allen who was Master in 1965. It was nice to have both of them, as well as all of the Past Masters who were there.

Grand Lodge
On May 6th, I flew to New York City to represent you at the Annual Grand Lodge Session. It was an interesting time and I thank you for allowing me to represent you. I had an extremely tight schedule and I was taken by surprise because I wasn't able to do some of the things I had planned like visiting the library and looking at some of the Webster Lodge history that I've been told is there. I will have to go again when I can make my own schedule because that was something I wanted to do. I did receive the Howard Potts award, which is granted to a Lodge that has all its Officers at a Grand Lecturer's Convention. That was a proud moment for me, as it should be to you to hear "Webster Lodge No. 538" called out in the huge room in which Grand Lodge is held. I thank all the Officers for being at the Grand Lecturer's Convention so I could get that award for you. I also was able to see the Holy Bible that belongs to St. John's Lodge, which is the same Bible on which George Washington and a number of other United States Presidents took their oaths of office. I have a picture of myself alongside that famous piece of history and it is one I will cherish.

The W.: Master-Elect, Ed Malchoff, was installed as Master of Webster Lodge at 11:30 a.m. on May 26th. I hope you can all attend. Ed is having a Public Installation so bring anyone who may be interested in seeing this historic ceremony.

My sincere thanks to each and every one of you for allowing me to serve as Master of Webster Lodge for the past year. I hope to see you in the quarries.

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Grand Lodge

I had the honor and pleasure of attending the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge where our Grand Master, Neal I. Bidnick, communicated his vision of Masonry in New York. It is hard to summarize two very full days of information, but I can assure you that Masonry is very alive in New York State and across the world. I will share some of this valuable information and a few of my

personal thoughts at the beginning of our next meeting.

Elections & Installation June 12th

Due to requirements from Grand Lodge, our Annual Election and Installation of Officers will take place at our June meeting. We have had an excellent line of Officers this year. I expect that we will be in very good hands next year and that our leaders will continue the upward trend of fellowship and festivity!

Thank You

My thanks to each of you who have contributed in your own way to Seneca Lodge and to Masonry on the District level. I also recognize and thank our Secretary, Fred Norter, for doing such a great job in keeping the bricks and mortar of our Lodge together so effectively over this past year.

Summer Events

Keep an eye on your Trestleboard for Summer event details! Have a great Summer! "

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W.: Rich Greenaway, Master, and wife, Meg, pose at the Grand Master's Dinner held at Russo's on the Bay last month.

men every day. Linked by a common bond of faith in the goodness of man and faith in our own personal God.

We, my Brothers, will go forth and do our work in the quarries of life never forgetting that we are not alone and always pursuing the higher ideals. As was discussed at Grand Lodge, let us remember our duty to our youth, Veterans and the pursuit of education. We are an educational group who must maintain that ideal to protect our great future. "

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First off, please join me in welcoming the two newest Brothers to our ranks. They are Brother Jason Gartland and Brother Charles Zlotkus. They were Raised on Thursday, May 10th. The Master Mason Degree was conferred by the Brothers of Union Lodge, Lima. We (the Brothers of Fame Lodge) filled in with a few bit parts and R.: W.: Don Krech portraying a certain "King." A huge THANK YOU to R.: W.: Joe Shanks and his crew for an excellent Degree.

We are anticipating that another Brother will take his 3rd Degree soon. Stay tuned for the latest details, as they become available.

Upcoming Events

The only confirmed date is Thursday night, June 14th. This is our Annual Strawberry Social. The menu consists of strawberries, shortcake and ice cream, among some other munchies. We will have a regular, albeit, short meeting; ladies are most cordially invited. This includes our widows, children and/or grandkids. If you need a ride for this event, please contact me, Dan Walker at 429-6572, or Dave Foster at 244-0194. We will see to it that you get to and from this event. Also, it is Wacky Shirt Night, so wear your brightest, grooviest, most hip, cool shirt. Ladies wear something comfortable.

There will also be a Corn and Sausage Roast this July or August. Invitations will be sent.

Grand Lodge went well, as far as Grand Lodge Sessions go. The train still runs well in New York City. There were some memorable speakers and, from my viewpoint, the youth organizations were the best. These include the Girl Scouts, Constellation of Junior Stars, the International Order of Rainbow Girls, the Organization of Triangles and the Order of DeMolay.

The State Master Councilor of New York, Mr. Nathaniel Liberty, represented DeMolay. He gave a first-hand account of his joining and ascent in DeMolay. If there was a dry eye in the place after he gave his account of this, you fooled me. Not only this, but after he spoke, he delivered a flawless rendition of The Ceremony of Light, which is a beautiful public ceremony of the Order.

Other speakers of note were the Firemen's Association of the State of New York, Mr. Michael Wutz, the Grand Master of the Grand Orient of Italy, Gustavo Raffi, and the National President of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Brother John Rowan. Yes, I said Brother John Rowan as he was Raised on April 23, 2007. Best punch line goes out to the Grand Royal Matron of the New York Grand Court of Amaranth, the Honorable Lady Margaret Kenney. I won't reprint the joke, but it was about mis-communication.

My daughter, wife and I had a wonderful time in New York City and we'll remember it for years to come.

Finally, remember that many hands make light work. See you in Lodge. Peace. "

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By the time you read this, my year as Master will be over. Wow, I cannot believe how fast it has gone! My thanks to everyone who supported me throughout the year.

Grand Lodge was great! I was very impressed with our youth organizations and the speeches their members made. It was great to spend time with our Brothers from the Monroe, Livingston, and Ontario/Seneca/Yates Districts. All had great fun. It was a most memorable trip.

The Lodge has been turned over to our new Master, W.: George Foehner. Special thanks to our DDGM, R.: W.: Gary Sanford, for being the Installing Master. I know from all the talks that George and I had that he will do a great job. I look forward to his leadership and will stand by him with my support.

Although we have a new Master, we still have several more planned activities to complete before the Lodge goes dark for the Summer. I request your attendance at our Sport Shirt Night on June 11th. You can hear what our new Master has planned plus show your support. Please make sure you are signed up to help at our Annual "Festival on the Green" Fundraiser, June 15th-17th. We need to make sure all shifts are filled on Saturday and Sunday. These are long days and if everyone pitches in for a couple of hours, it will be enjoyable for all.

Our year will end on Monday, June 18th with our Annual Fellowship Steak Roast. It should be another great event. You need to be signed up ahead of time for the Steak Roast so we know how many steaks to order. If you want to sign up for either event, please call George Foehner at 586-5255. "



M.: W.: Neal I. Bidnick congratulates W.: Scott May, Master, who accepted the Howard V. Potts Award for Union Star Lodge at the Grand Lodge Session last month.

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Thank You for a year of learning experiences, for helping me along the way, and standing beside me in times of need. I especially thank you for your undying faith and trust. This is my last article as Master.

On May 5th we held our Annual Ox Roast with much success. Many thanks to our Brothers and family members, the Triangle Girls and everyone else who worked very hard serving our guests. We appreciate all those who sat down, from the Square Dancers to the Wheelers, and enjoyed dinner with us.

I had to leave before the night ended to pack for my trip to New York City for Grand Lodge. The two days of Communications were quite interesting, including the election of the Grand Line.

The Grand Master's Dinner was at Russo's on the Bay. We had an array of hors d'oeuvres, followed by a wonderful meal. The Grand Lodge Distinguished Achievement Award was given to Brother and Honorable Tommy G. Thompson, who delivered a very poignant message sprinkled with humor. Everyone enjoyed the evening except V.: W.: Harry De, who telephoned at home in Rochester, to let him know that we were enjoying his steak.

I visited the Livingston Library on Tuesday, after Grand Lodge was adjourned, to view Clio Lodge's folder from the archives and place a small token artifact in it.

On the train ride home, I enjoyed an interesting conversation and a pleasant meal with R.: W.: Derek VanHouten.

Our Lodge meeting, on May 15th, was a Summoned Meeting with Election of Officers. The Master-elect, George Todd, has requested to have an Open Installation at our Lodge meeting on June 5th. Family members and guests are invited; refreshments will follow.

The other Line Officers elected and appointed are: Senior Warden, Jeffery Ross, PM; Junior Warden, Frank Celona; Senior Deacon, Mike Postilli; and Junior Deacon, Nathan Thompson. The Secretary-elect is Sean Noonan, PM, and the Treasurer is Frank Sassone.

We may have one more Spaghetti Dinner to close out the season. This information will be posted on our sign in front of the Lodge Hall.

Our last meeting of the year will be Sport Shirt Night on June 19th with a Beef Dinner at 6:30 p.m. and meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Congratulations to all the incoming Worshipful Masters and their new Line of Officers. I wish you much success and good luck. Most of all, I want to congratulate and thank all the past Worshipful Masters on a job well done. "

**More Lodge News
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Damascus News

Damascus Shrine Center No. 2

June 2007



DONALD ROSE, POTENTATE

It's the beginning of warm-weather events and, with that, Parade Season! To help those who will be joining us at the parades, we are preparing a list of all parades the Shrine is involved with for 2007. This list will be available at the June meeting. The "Lilac Parade," though a little cool, was sunny and well attended. The Shrine needs to participate in these functions, since this will be the major way we will be appearing to the public this year. The parade was marked by the first of many appearances of "Fez Head Fred," a new tool for the Membership Committee's use.

The Membership Committee prepared an excellent program for the "Brother Bring-a-Friend" event. The Wheelers prepared over 170 excellent meals, which were enjoyed following the presentation of Shrine, Masonic and Nile narratives.

These were followed by an endearing patient presentation. Usually it's an impressive story and that is exactly what we were privileged to hear. I was able to witness two such events. The Auburn Shrine Club, at their monthly meeting, also had a patient presentation that was warmly received by those present.

The Potentate's Reception will be at the Shrine Center on Saturday, June 23rd, beginning at 4 p.m. Entrée selections are either Beef or Chicken Cordon Bleu. The event is aimed at giving the membership an enjoyable experience at nominal expense. We hope to see many of our Nobles present.

The reception will follow by a day, one of the most important events this year for hospital fundraising, *Damascus Duffers Golf Tournament to Benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children*. This event, on the 22nd, has been well prepared and features great food and fine golf at an excellent facility. It's an opportunity to have a fun time and contribute to a worthwhile cause. See the ad in this *News*.

Another important fundraiser is the *Tool Raffle*, which runs from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. on August 18th (note change) at the Shrine Center. There is a great selection available for your \$20 chance. We need your support for this event.

We will be holding a *Hot Sands Ceremony* to initiate our newest Candidates on September 5th. Petitions need to be in to our Recorder for voting approval at or before this meeting. June would be better!

Please read the *Damascus News* and *Masonic Times* for other events going on this Summer, not only in the Shrine, but other organizations. It is a wealth of information.



JAMES SLOCUM, RECORDER

The Golf Tournament is fast approaching and we are looking for a big turnout for the hospital fundraiser.

The Tool Raffle tickets are moving and as we get closer to the date, we are looking for a faster pace. As I said, for the investment of \$20, there are some real nice tools to be had.

Beverly and I traveled to Indianapolis for the International Legions of Honor Convention as a Delegate. The Convention was good, the food was excellent,

the fellowship was great, and the weather was good for a change.

The plans for the Convention were started three years ago and, as usual, everything falls into place or falls through the cracks. The buses were hired for the tours well in advance. The day of the tours, (May 3rd), the bus company said the reservations were for May 8th and they had no drivers or buses for us to use. Tours were canceled! Bev and I were fortunate enough to have her brother (who lives North of Indianapolis) take us on a tour of the city and point out the highlights the day before. We probably saw as much or more than we would have on the bus. We went on our own tour with a couple from Buffalo, and the highlights were the Scottish Rite Temple and the Murate Shrine Center in Indianapolis. Anybody who travels to that city and doesn't visit them is missing a beautiful sight.

Indianapolis is second in the nation to Washington, DC, in having the most memorials to servicemen and women or veterans. The speaker at our luncheon was Brigadier General J. Stewart Goodwin of the Indiana Air National Guard and Executive Director of the Indiana Memorial Commission. He reminded us of the

importance of the mission the soldiers are on and who, by the way, volunteered for service. They were not drafted, but raised their hand and said they wanted to be there and do their part.

One of the biggest problems for the soldiers who are fighting today is their constant contact with their families by email or cell phones. It gives them more to think about than when we were in the Service. We would have heard from our families once in two, three or sometimes six months. The General was very much against the draft as he wanted people who wanted to be there. The men said they didn't mind being there if they had the proper equipment and technology to do the mission they were asked to do.

We lost two very good Nobles last month - John Warder, avid outdoorsman, a member of Ark Lodge, Geneva Shrine Club and a Veteran. Also, John Werner, a member of Garoga-Sincerity Lodge passed away.

The delinquent dues are coming in and I thank everybody who is taking care of that detail. I know how sometimes it is easy to overlook or it gets to the bottom of the pile of things to do. I appreciate you taking care of it.

Erie "Hospital Day" Set for August 5th

By Bob Howden (814) 875-8782

An antique car show, health screenings, entertainment and hospital tours are just some of the activities planned for this year's "Hospital Day" Open House at the Shriners Hospitals for Children in Erie.

"Hospital Day" will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, August 5th on the Shriners Hospital property at 1645 West Eighth Street, Erie, and will mark the 80th Anniversary of the Hospital's opening in 1927. All events are open to the public at no charge. Refreshments, hospital clothing and gift items will be available for purchase.

The Erie Shriners Hospital is one of 22 facilities in North America providing free orthopedic and burn care for children. "Hospital Day" is an opportunity for the public to tour the state-of-the-art hospital and learn more about the expert medical care available at the facility.

In addition to hospital tours, many other activities are planned for the public to enjoy. There will be an antique/classic car show in the hospital parking lot from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., musical entertainment (approximately 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.) and free health screenings. Call (814) 875-8782 for more specific information.

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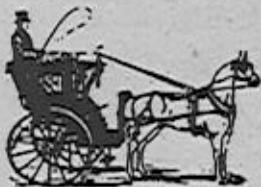
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Attention all Shriners!

The Duffers met at DiPacific's and are planning an active Summer. The first morning golf outing occurred on May 9th. The Duffers are planning on monthly local golf outings. If you are interested in hearing about these events, make sure that you are on the email list by emailing your address to Bob Anderson at treasurer@damascusshriners.org.

The next event is the 5th Annual Tournament for the benefit of the Hospitals. It will occur on the June 22nd at The Brookwoods (formerly Ontario Golf Club). There is still space for golf and/or dinner. See the advertisement elsewhere in this issue. If you know of someone who would be interested in sponsoring a hole at this event, please contact Bob Anderson.

We are planning a Couples Weekend Outing in July. In addition, there are road trips planned to golf outings, sponsored by the Shrine Centers in Watertown, Syracuse, Utica, and Buffalo. Additionally, we will enter foursomes in the Masonic Golf functions within our territory.

Become a part of these outings. Tell Bob Anderson to add your name to the Duffer Notification List.

Thank you, Damascus News Boosters

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Shriners at Lilac Parade





At the May Shrine Meeting, Illustrious Potentate Donald Rose invited Noble Kenneth Milner, Monarch of Lalla Rookh Grotto, to the East (photo above) and publicly thanked him for the generous donation the Grotto gave Damascus Shrine. Illustrious Don was invited to the Grotto Meeting in April where charitable contributions from Lalla Rookh were distributed. The Damascus Shriners Transportation Fund was one of the causes selected by the Grotto Committee. Monarch Milner was warmly greeted by the Nobles present.

Noble Thomas Vasile, Assistant Rabban, presented a program on Neurolinguistics and how it is used by Law Enforcement personnel to deal with interviewing suspected criminals. He began with "volunteers," who were asked a specific group of questions while Nobles observed the proceedings. Noble Ron Weber (photo below) was "interviewed" by Illustrious Bruce Chilton. The Nobility had been coached in what to observe during the "interviews" to help determine the truthfulness of the answers. He closed the program with portions of a videotaped confession showing the use of this tool.



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Wheeler's Unit Cleans Up Camp DeMolay



Finished with his stump grinding chores, Ron Mack chats with Bill Gurnett as he packs up his equipment (top left). (Above) Scott Marsucci and Greg Monenko watch loaded dump truck they filled head for the bonfire site. (Top right) Jack Steinkamp dumped the load of scrap brush to be burned. Tom Parrone (middle right) cooked the hots and hamburgs for lunch. Ron Weber (far right) strung a new raised power line to the upper cabins. Mack and Gurnett, using chain saws (right), cut felled trees into manageable sections.

By Skip Waterstreet

Blue skies and sunshine greeted the members of Damascus Wheelers as they traveled to Camp DeMolay on Lake Ontario in the Village of Sodus Point for a work day on May 5th. Opening up the Camp for the season is a huge undertaking, and the number of people willing and available to help is dwindling. Up stepped the Wheelers! Trees were taken down and sectioned; stumps were ground up; fallen branches and brush were gathered and burned. The electrical wire to the upper cabins was replaced and raised to avoid the possibility of anyone grabbing it. The kitchen was scoured and many of the old utensils removed. It was really sparkling when we closed up for the day.

Tom "Too Tall" Perrone, President of the Unit, gathered his crew around the Camp to perform their chores. Under the direction of Richard Snyder, Camp DeMolay Committee vice-chairman, who was assisted by Committee member

Jack Steinkamp, a huge bonfire, fueled by the truckloads of debris, burned for more than three hours. Jack loaned the Camp the use of his dump truck and Bobcat loader to assist in gathering debris and hauling the material to the fire pit.

Noble Ron Mack brought his stump grinder to the grounds and made quick work of half a dozen remains of trees near Anderson Lodge, felled a couple of years ago. So quick, I didn't even have time to take a picture of his efforts!

In the kitchen, Jan Porter from the Service Bureau Staff, Denise Washburn (Jack's significant other) and Jacqueline Wihlen (wife of Ed) scraped, steam cleaned and washed the grill, stove, oven, refrigerators, cupboards and counters. I timidly walked through, fearful of messing up the scrubbed floor.

Debbie Bruegger was a one-woman dynamo, polishing the sinks and lavatories in the restroom building.

My thanks to those mentioned above and the following, for a great effort: Adam Barbato, Dan Burkhart, Bill Gurnett, Jeff Jolley, Scott Marsucci, Greg Monenko, Ron Weber, Cassie Wihlen, Ed Wihlen, Rachel Wihlen and Robert Wihlen. (I hope I didn't miss anyone!) Oh yes, I was there, too, making notes and taking pictures... trying to look busy and important.

Users of the facility this year can be very thankful for the hard work contributed by these people, who enjoyed a picnic lunch with hots and hamburgs cooked by "Too Tall." We hope to have a similar cleanup day in the Fall, before we close Camp DeMolay for the Winter.

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of the Masonic Service Bureau voted to continue Camp DeMolay operations at the same low level of services as has been the case for a number of years. Additionally, they approved spending, as necessary, the income from the endowment fund to help offset costs of operating and maintaining the Camp. Meanwhile, efforts will be extended to secure larger donations from organizations and individuals who use the facility, and some marketing measures developed to alert potential users of the availability of the Camp and possibly increase the use by appropriate groups. The Board will review the progress of these measures at the January, 2008, meeting and determine future plans for Camp DeMolay.

DONOR RELATIONS

By Derek VanHouten

I recently received the following update from Imperial Sir Ralph Semb - "I am very concerned about staffing in our hospitals. I have spoken on many occasions about our need for Pediatric Orthopedic Surgeons. Well, we are also looking for Anesthesiologists, Radiologists and Surgeons and have fifteen openings. We have many openings and we are concentrating on Erie at this time, as they

only have the Chief of Staff. The Board and Executive Committee are doing all they can to work with local hospitals and universities to get the much needed help."

We have also adopted a "Vision Statement" and two new core values:

1. Shriners Hospitals for Children will be the unquestioned leader, nationally and internationally, in caring for children and advancing the field in its specialty areas.

- a) Innovation - Continuously seek to improve the services we provide and be a leader in specialty pediatric health care.

- b) Stewardship - Responsibly manage and apply our resources to maximize the benefit to our patients, their families, employees, fraternity members and donors.

2. We are in the process of finalizing the purchase of the property for the St. Louis Shriners Hospitals for Children. This will be an exciting time in that City. An Imperial Session is coming up in 2008 and the possible ground breaking of this unit around that time.

These are some of the activities that are going on in YOUR Hospitals. Thank you for all that you do for Shriners.

SHRINE LUNCH CLUB

By James Toogood

The next Shrine Lunch Club Ladies Day will be Monday, June 18th, at the Nutcracker Restaurant. There are no Ladies Day Lunch Club meetings during July and August. The regular Lunch Club will continue to meet during July and August at the Fairport Village Inn.

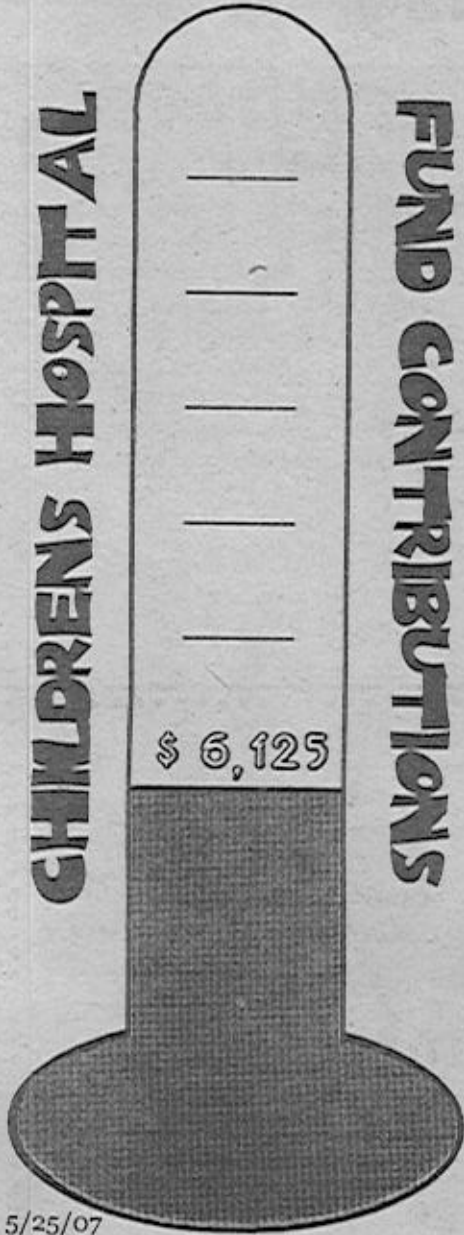
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PERRY SHRINE CLUB

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By Ed Hollwedel

The Perry Shrine Club Meeting, held April 26th, was very well attended and all were impressed with a presentation by the Genesee County Sheriff, Gary Maha.

The May 24th meeting was at The Hole in the Wall Restaurant in Perry.

The June 28th meeting will be at The Lake House at Silver Lake (Country Club) in Perry. It will be Ladies Night and will start at 6 p.m. for cocktails and 7 p.m. for dinner. As you may recall from past dinners at this location, the view is magnificent. The total, all-inclusive cost will be \$20 per person. There are three choices of entrée and a selection must be made with your reservation:

1. Beef Burgundy- Beefsteak sautéed with herbs de province, red wine, pearl onions and potatoes

2. Chicken Cordon Bleu- Served with a starch and vegetable

3. Broiled White Fish- With rice and vegetables

All entrées will be served with a spring salad, strawberry torte for dessert, along with a beverage of your choice - coffee or tea, hot or iced. It is very important that you call in your reservations along with your entrée selection to Ed Hollwedel at 584-3066 by Monday, June 25th.

August 26th (Sunday) will be our Great Summer Outing in Pavilion at the Hollwedel's, located at 7080 York Road (Corner of Rt. 63 and York Road). More information to follow.

As always, wives and visitors are welcome. Please contact Ed Hollwedel with any suggestions or questions by phone 584-3066 or email:

ehollwedel@rochester.rr.com

By Vance Collom, Jr.

The members of the Directors Staff enjoyed a good meal at DiPacific's Restaurant on April 25th. We congratulate Illustrious Sir Don Rose for winning the 50/50 raffle.

We had our first fundraiser of the year, selling apples at the Bay Town Wal-Mart in Webster on May 5th. For the first time in three years, we had a warm, sunny day for the sale and ended up making \$350. A tip of the Fez to Director Lee Coller, Sr., who obtained the apples from J.H. Verbridge & Sons Inc. as a donation! The Empire apples were of excellent quality, crunchy and delicious to eat. A big thank you goes to the six members who sold apples: Lee Coller, Jr., Lee Coller, Sr., Joe Minas, Al Mallaber, Norris Shapiro and Vance Collom, Jr.

We are planning another fundraiser in November and hope to have fruit from Florida (oranges and grapefruit) delivered in time for Christmas.

Todd Statt requested our help for October 13th when the Honeoye Fire Department will be receiving burn training from the Boston Shrine Burn Hospital. Keep the date open. If you can, please come and help serve food donated from Damascus Shrine while the firemen and EMTs are in training classes.

May 23rd was our last official meeting before the Summer break. We wish everyone a great Summer and encourage you to take part in as many of the Summer Shrine activities as you can fit into your schedule.

Until next time, God Bless.

SHRINEABILIA

By Derek VanHouten, PP

Thanks to Illustrious Sir Erwin Newell for passing on a large quantity of pins that he collected over the last twenty some years. At the next Shrine Meeting, June 6th, we will offer each Noble up to five pins or buttons, as supply lasts. The remainder will be sent to one of our Shrine patients who was at Illustrious Sir Lance

Ward's Potentate's Reception last year. These pins were from various Potentates and functions that Erwin attended and they amount to about 15 pounds of very interesting history. So when you see him after June 6th, say thank you.

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*Jesse Mickelson
May 6, 2007*



June Shriner and Shrine Center Scheduled Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 <i>Private Party</i>
3	4 <i>Lalla Rookh Grotto</i>	5 <i>Craftsman Robertson Lodge Clown Unit</i>	6 6:00 p.m. Shrine Meeting	7	8	9 <i>ERAC Lodge</i>
10	11 <i>ERAC Lodge</i>	12 <i>Valley-Simes Lodge</i>	13 Legion of Honor	14 <i>Fame Lodge</i>	15	16 <i>Private Party</i>
17	18 <i>Auburn Shrine Club¹</i>	19 <i>Craftsman Robertson Lodge</i>	20 <i>Lalla Rookh Grotto</i>	21 <i>Masonic Service Bureau Awards Night</i>	22	23
24	25 <i>ERAC Lodge Geneva Shrine Club¹</i>	26 <i>Wheeler's¹</i>	27 Directors Staff	28 <i>Fame Lodge Perry Shrine Club¹</i>	29	30

¹ - Off-site event; *Italics* - non-Shrine event

Data current as of May 23, 2007



**Zama Temple No. 14
Queen Carolyn Noble**

By Ellie Canfield, PQ

Zama Temple No. 14 held their first Stated Session with our newly installed Queen, Carolyn Noble, and her Officers on April 14th. We had business as usual and the members voted, with two-thirds majority, to change the time of our Stated Sessions from 1 p.m. to 10 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month, with exclusions of June, July, and January. This time change will not take effect now as it must be approved by Supreme Temple.

Our May Stated Session was May 12th. Queen Kitty asked that all Officers, Ladies of the household and Past Queens wear a hat. We celebrated a "Hats on Parade for Mother's Day."

Queen's Luncheon

Sunday, June 3rd. - Queen's Luncheon at Lake Shore County Club, 1165 Greenleaf Road, 12:30 p.m., Cost for the luncheon is \$20 and the men are invited.

DAMASCUS LEGION OF HONOR

By Vance Collom, Jr.

June will be a very active time for everyone; we hope you come out and enjoy the good weather and fellowship. We need your help to support the June 6th Shrine Meeting when the Legionnaires will put on a Chicken and Biscuit Dinner for the Nobility. We will need people to help get ready on June 4th and 5th and to serve and help clean up on June 6th. Please contact the Commander if you can help in any of these areas.

The next Legion of Honor meeting will be at MacGregor's Grill and Tap Room (1129 Empire Boulevard, Penfield). Cash Bar - 5:30 p.m. and Dinner at 6:30 p.m. We will order off the menu. Dinners average \$7 for a large variety of sandwiches to \$15 for steak. The scheduled speaker is Deputy Pete Scorsone from the Webster Police Crime Prevention and Safety Unit.

Please mark your calendar so that you don't miss some of the fun Legion activities coming up this Summer:

June 18th - Dinner Cruise on the Harbor Town Belle. It's an authentic paddlewheel cruise on Lake Ontario and into Irondequoit Bay. Ismalia Legion of Honor, Masons, Ladies and Guests are invited. The total charge for the evening will be \$25 per person. This includes the cost of the cruise and dinner. The Dinner will be a Chicken and Ham Buffet with tossed Salad, Potato and Beverage. The two-hour Cruise departs from Charlotte Pier, Port of Rochester promptly at 6 p.m. For more information and reservations, contact Past Commander, Fred Cornell at 352-6477.

July 25th - Summer Corn and Steak Roast (stag) at the Shrine Center starting at 4 p.m. All Legionnaires are invited.

September 19th - Dinner Meeting at The Red Osier Landmark Restaurant; 6492 Main Street (Route 5), Stafford. Ismalia LOH, Guests and Ladies invited. Cash Bar - 6 p.m.; Dinner - 7 p.m. Choice of Prime Rib of Beef, Almond Chicken or Baked Atlantic Salmon w/ Lobster Brandy Sauce. Cost will be \$30 per person. Reservations by September 12th.

Reservations are to be paid to our Recorder, Carol Colegrove, PQ; make check payable to Zama Temple No. 14. The menu is as follows. Prime Rib, Lemon Broiled Haddock or Chicken French. Please join us to wish Queen Kitty a wonderful trip to Supreme Sessions in Springfield, MA.

After Queen Kitty returns from Supreme Sessions, she is planning a Game Day and Lunch on Saturday, July 21st. It sounds like a lot of fun. More information will be shared in the near future.

More Information About Nile

I have previously written about the history, Convalescent Funds and Membership in Daughters of the Nile. Now for the very last bit of information I have for you ...

How many active subordinate Temples of Daughters of the Nile exist and where are they? There are 148 Temples throughout the North American Continent - 136 in the United States and 12 in Canada.

How do interested ladies become Daughters of the Nile? Proposals for membership are signed by two members who are personally acquainted with the lady or woman being proposed. A letter of invitation is then issued and Candidates are conducted through the initiatory work at Ceremonials.

What are the benefits of belonging to Daughters of the Nile? The members of Daughters of the Nile, from coast-to-coast, share a special bond of fellowship with each other. There is pride in our efforts toward supporting the great philanthropy of Shriners Hospital for Children.

What is the Daughters of the Nile emblem? The emblem is a scimitar with a suspended golden crescent whose center is a white rose. The colors of the Order are green, gold, and white.

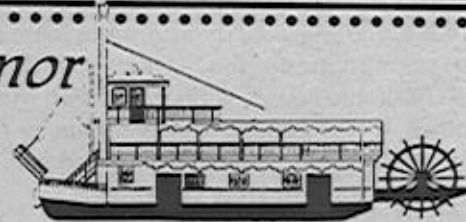
What is Supreme Temple? Supreme Temple is the Governing Body for our international organization. The Supreme Temple Officers, Board of Directors, and delegates from subordinate Temples comprise the Supreme Temple.

Is Daughters of the Nile affiliated with a specific religion? This organization is founded on a belief in the Fatherhood of God and the Sisterhood of women; however, the organization is non-denominational.

I hope you have enjoyed the information I have shared with you in the past few months. The best way to sum all this information is to say, *Daughters of the Nile are Working Together for the Children*. We pledge to make a difference as a society for women who care enough to extend themselves beyond the limits of our own personal world to assist in the world's greatest philanthropy - Shriners Hospitals for Children!



**Legion of Honor
Spring Cruise**



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Monday, June 18th

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Noble Bring-a-Brother/Friend



Who stole the show?...

Over 180 people were in attendance at the Noble Bring-a-Brother/Friend event on May 19th at the Shrine Center. The overall purpose was to create new Nobles, and Masons, by informing them of the various activities of the Shrine of North America and the charitable causes supported by all Masonic Bodies. It was a successful event, under the direction of Oriental Guide, Noble Rich Friedman.

...Emma Barush stole the show!

This 23-month old beauty danced across the rostrum of the meeting room, upstaging the speakers, from Lyle Maldoon, PP; Ellie Canfield, PQ; Master of Ceremonies, Rich Friedman; and even her mother, Erin, who related the wonderful care and support Emma had received at the Shriners Hospital in Erie. It was an emotional presentation.



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By W.: Skip Waterstreet, DSA

What a thrill it was to see five Candidates kneel at the Altar to take their Entered Apprentice Obligation. I can't remember when our Lodge last had a full class. I reported last month that there would be four Candidates, but we had another to vote upon that evening and, with the successful ballot, were able to initiate five.

We have requested dispensation to Pass and Raise eight Brothers this month and in September. Two other Lodges have asked us to confer these Degrees upon their Entered Apprentices, so they will be Master Masons in the Fall. Since we meet at the Shrine Center, the approval should be granted.

Help Needed

Again, I appeal for help! We need sideliners to help as Conductors, not to mention how nice it would be to have a full house on both occasions to greet these new Masons. If transportation is a problem, please contact me or one of the Officers. I'm sure we can arrange to get you to the meeting and back home afterwards.

The last scheduled First Tuesday Dinner/Program with our ladies was held last month. From Rural Opportunities, Inc., the Reverend Stuart Mitchell showed images of the conditions under which migrant laborers live and explained how their organization endeavors to help ease their plight. His presentation provided an inside look at the hardships these (mostly) illegal aliens endure to provide for family members left behind in Mexico. There were several lively discussions carried on that evening.

Financial Obligations

Discussion was held at the Officers' Dinner regarding dues and the budget, as well as preliminary information on Annual Reports. These items were then presented at our Annual Meeting, where all were approved as submitted. So you are not surprised when the Dues Notice comes next Fall, there is a \$5 increase in all paying categories to help us continue to operate without substantial withdrawals from our Reserves.

As the man responsible for the finances of the Lodge, I made a couple of statements that I feel are worth repeating here. Grand Lodge Assessments now total \$30 per member. That fee is assessed based on the year-end totals of the previous year. You may recall these fees were increased over a three-year period from the former rate of \$17.50 per member. At that time, Lodge Brothers voted to remain with our old dues structure, choosing to pay the extra from the funds received when the Temple Civic Center was dissolved. With expenses - rent, postage, member recognition items, etc. - ever increasing, I proposed this change.

That being said, and Masons being proud individuals, please do me a favor. If this poses a financial hardship for any of you, PLEASE contact me or one of the Officers. We do not want any of our long-time members to suffer ill affects from this change. We also need to know if you have major health issues or circumstances whereby the Lodge can offer aid. If you or a family member doesn't inform us of these situations, we have no way of knowing.

I also pointed out that over \$1,000 was still outstanding from the 2006 Dues Notices sent out several months ago. We have struggled this year to get back up to speed, following the passing of W.: Tom Kendig. There was no backup and no one in our Lodge REALLY knew how much this Brother did for the Lodge. I worked with him as closely as anyone, but I had my own little gig, as did Tom, and we just worked to assure the records were accurate.

Now that we think we know what to do and have almost learned the new *Masons Online Registry Interface* being used for much of the reporting work to Grand Lodge, we have been able to obtain reports faster and more easily. That's why I know what is still outstanding money-wise. This means we had to send out a second mailing to those who had not paid as a result of the original Dues Notice. That costs time and money...precious commodities in this day and age.

Choices

Please send in your check to pay your dues as promptly as you can when you receive the Notice. If you are unhappy with the Fraternity (or us!) and no longer wish to belong, ask for a Dimit. You are obligated to pay any current or arrears to the Lodge, but after that we can remove your name from the roles without penalty. And, should you decide to re-join later (either this Lodge or another), your record will be clear. If you wait, in two years (after the Lodge has paid your Grand Lodge Assessments of \$60), you will be unaffiliated for non-payment of dues. That leaves a bad taste in our mouths, and a blemish on your record at Grand Lodge.

Election

The bright side of the meeting was the smooth election of our Line for 2007-2008. Unanimous approval was given to the following slate:

Master **Ralph Jurgens**
Sr. Warden

Kenneth Schumacher
Jr. Warden **Thomas Benson**
Treasurer

Charles Waterstreet
Secretary **David King**
Trustee **Joseph Steffen**

The Installation will be held on June 5th. There will be a Roast Beef Dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by the ceremony. The cost to you is \$12 per person and dinner reservations were due by May 30th. If you did not make one and would like to come, please call me at the Masonic Service Bureau (671-9730). I will attempt to add you to the list. This Dinner is catered, so you won't be able to walk in, sit down and eat without a reservation. Of course, you can come for just the ceremony at 7:30 p.m.

Sickness and Distress

Our Chaplain, W.: Volney Frankel, DSA, was back in due

form after a lengthy absence while he and Dot recovered from various ailments and injuries. Getting a little stir crazy, they were finally able to go outside and enjoy the beautiful weather that day.

W.: William Shelby underwent some tests, but seemed to be improving, while his wife, Roberta, continues to suffer from her medical problems. He expressed appreciation for the concern of the Brothers.

Brother Bill Wimberly was back in Lodge after quite some time. He is almost recovered from his knee replacement surgery and expected to get rid of his cane the following week.

Brother Earl Pearce is still in great pain following his surgery and complications thereof. He was undergoing a procedure that day, which Doctors hoped would reveal the cause of his discomfort.

I apologize if I have missed anyone. We hope all of you have a speedy recovery.

Updating Information

If you have received this issue of the *Masonic Times*, we can feel fairly certain that we have your correct name and address in our database. We work with the staff of the Masonic Service Bureau to maintain an accurate mailing list. If you have an e-mail address, would you be kind enough to email me (skipsora@rochester.rr.com)? We want to establish as complete a file listing as we can. More and more, electronics is becoming the most efficient and fastest way to reach Lodge Brothers (not to mention inexpensive!). I don't anticipate Craftsman Robertson Lodge will have a website in the very near future, but it would be nice for those with computers to be able to communicate when or as necessary. Please include your current telephone number, too. We have numbers for some of our Brothers that no longer work. And Ladies, that means you, too. If your husband won't cooperate, maybe you can do it for them. We also want to keep our widows list accurate to invite you to Lodge functions, especially the Annual Widows Luncheon (next year it is April 28th, 2008).

Lost and Found?

As I prepare for the Investiture of another Master of the Lodge, I look sadly into the box of implements for our Square and Compasses. Brothers of the former John A. Robertson Lodge should remember them very well. These were custom-made one-piece units with "1032" stamped near the angle of the Square. The Compasses were riveted to one arm of the Square, with the other point movable. Where once there were five, there now is only one. I believe in the last few years of the Lodge, these were taken for Master's Investiture Services but never returned to the Lodge cabinet. They may have been borrowed for other purposes, as well. Some may even be in the possession of Members of the current merged Lodge. Regardless, I'm asking anyone who, after strict search in and among the several compartments, discovers one of these priceless items to please return it. No questions will be asked. I would like to get them all back, but will be happy if I can retrieve any of them. Please (ladies, too) look through any Masonic Regalia you might have to see if you dis-



W.: Joe Steffen, Master, is congratulated by Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: Edward Gilbert, on receiving the Howard V. Potts Award. M.: W.: Neal I. Bidnick had just extended his kudos.

cover one of these implements hiding there. Thanks.

Brotherhood Fund

Once again the Brothers (widows and friends) of Craftsman Robertson Lodge can be proud of their generosity. We have a very high percentage of participation, thanks to the efforts of Brother Ralph Jurgens. He received high praise from R.: W.: Derek VanHouten, Area 15 Chairman of the Brotherhood Fund Campaign, for his outstanding achievement.

Birthdays, Birthdays

Since this is the last column until Fall, I traditionally run the list of Brothers who have birthdays throughout the Summer. Here they are:

June

6/2, Thomas Benson; 6/5, Vincent Costanzo; 6/6, Alan Goodrich; 6/10, John Meier; 6/13, John Brown; 6/15, Philip McCaskill; 6/25, Ralph Jurgens; 6/26, Kenneth Mertz; 6/27, George Reiber; 6/28, Charles Strickland; 6/29, Paul Abbey, Michael Schum; 6/30, Leonard Schmeer.

July

7/4, Charles Waterstreet; 7/6, Russell Rines; 7/8, Franklin Suhr; 7/12, Paul Lockhart; 7/14, David King; 7/19, William Hook; 7/20, Volney Frankel; 7/21, Wesley Trendell; 7/22, Sidney Horton; 7/25, Arnold Ford; 7/28, David Lerner, Eugene White; 7/29, Rene Van DeVeire.

August

8/5, Terry King; 8/6, Lester Nelson; 8/7, Barry Traub; 8/14, Malcolm Nulton, Kenneth Pearce; 8/20, Albert Neracker, Kenneth Schumacher; 8/21, James Causey, William Shelby, Herbert Young; 8/24, Duane Smith; 8/25, Warren Doerrer, Nicholas Eull.

Greetings from your Brothers! We hope each one of you has a wonderful day.

Well, the Editor told me there was a lot of space to fill this month. I did my best. If you are still with me, I hope you have a great Summer and I look forward to seeing you back in Lodge in the Fall.

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I just can't believe that I'm typing my last article for the *Masonic Times* as the Master of Oakland Lodge. I don't feel that I could even come close to putting into words the honor I have felt over the past two years. I was afforded the privilege that not many Masters get to experience. The Brothers of Oakland Lodge entrusted me with the direction of our Lodge for two years. I will be forever grateful for this opportunity and hope that I have served this Lodge in the manner that was expected and set forth by those who were Master before me. I'm pleased to announce that Oakland Lodge will be in good hands next year.

Oakland Lodge held their Election of Officers at the May 15th Communication. The following Officers were elected and appointed to serve Oakland Lodge for the ensuing Masonic year:

Master	Robert Kemp
Sr. Warden	Arthur Robinson
Jr. Warden	Kenneth Smith
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Jr. Deacon	Richard Robinson
Sr. MC	Michael Rhodes
Jr. MC	Tom Kemp
Steward	Thomas Scott
Marshal	Daniel Hamilton
Tiler	Ray Wood

The Installation of Officers will be held on Tuesday, June 5th, and will be a joint ceremony with Warsaw Lodge. Oakland Lodge will be hosting the event. Lodge will be opening at 7:30 p.m. with Installation starting around 8 p.m. I would encourage all the Brothers from both Oakland and Warsaw Lodges to come and show your support for the Officers who will be leading your Lodge next year.

Masonic Anniversaries

I congratulate the following Brothers who were Raised in the month of June:

1958 - Richard Zonneville
1965 - Larry P. Francis, Freeman R. Shaw and Ray H. Wood
1966 - John S. Coffey
1970 - Edward L. Heineman
1983 - Gerald R. Watson
1990 - Jeffrey L. Marcy and Thomas L. Scott

My thanks to all the Brothers from Oakland Lodge who made donations to the Brotherhood Fund this past year. We had the highest amount turned in since I became the Brotherhood Fund Chairman. This just goes to show why this is the greatest Fraternity in the world and how we reach out to support our fellow Brothers in need.

I hope all the Brothers of Oakland Lodge have kept the evening of June 16th open on their calendars. This is the evening that Oakland Lodge has been asked to travel to the Batavia VA Hospital and host Bingo night. The Veterans are always grateful for the time that we spend with them. It is also a

way for us to say thank you for the sacrifice they have made for us and our freedom.

Oakland Lodge will have another event on June 19th. It will be our Annual Ladies Night Out. The time and location of this meeting has yet to be decided. This is always a fun-filled evening and a great way to thank those who put up with us being gone throughout the year, traveling around the District.

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

May this article find my fellow Brothers having a wonderful start to the Summer season. Once again, from the bottom of my heart, thanks for allowing me the opportunity to be your Master for the past two years. Have a great Summer and see you in September!

**West Star
Lodge No. 413
F. & A. M.**

1st & 3rd
Mondays



Master
R.: W.: Kenneth
Kohlhagen
591-9598

Secretary
W.: Steven M. Sharman

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I believe this is the last newsletter for the year. West Star has had a great year. We have seen some new and some old faces. Friends we haven't seen in a while have ventured out and visited Lodge. Like always, we enjoyed each other's company and shared a few laughs. Summer will be here in a few days and then September will be here to start the new year.

To finish this year, we had a Moving Up Night on May 7th. The Master was in New York for Grand Lodge, so the Officers moved up to their next station in line. The Junior Warden enjoyed the experience of moving up to the Master's station. Brother William Gerhardt sat in the East and did an excellent job. The next day he was reminded that it was just a memory. All Brothers who moved into a new place in Lodge also did a fine job. We look forward to next year with a new Line of Officers.

Election of Officers was held on May 21st with a full Line of Brothers to fill the Chairs. We also hear the Master's report on his visit to Grand Lodge and the Grand Master's message.

The date for Installation of Officers has not yet been decided. We will have to inform the members by email and by phone. June 4th is a tentative date for now.

May 22nd was West Star's night to visit the Veterans Hospital and help the Veterans play Bingo. We had a lot of fun and the Veterans enjoyed the Bingo and ice cream cones.

On June 9th, we will have our Gordan M. Brown Scholarship Chicken BBQ. We will serve 150 dinners at the same location. There will also be a Child ID Program the same day at the Varysburg Fire Hall. The Fire Hall is at the intersection of

Route 98 and 20-A. Chuck's Chicken will be ready to serve at 11:00 a.m. 'til gone. It's my opinion that Chuck's Chicken is the very best. Come and see for yourself.

At this moment everyone is doing well and there's no sickness or distress to report. This is good news!

May everyone have a safe and enjoyable Summer vacation. See you in September!

1st and 3rd
Thursdays

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Master
W.: Cortney Gale, 637-7761

Secretary
Leo E. Vainio, Jr., 548-2470

This is my last article as Master of Hesperus. I can't believe how quickly the year went. I thank everyone for their support and hope I did a sufficient job. Overall, the job was different than I thought. I believed the Lodge basically ran itself and that I would have time to do interesting programs, but I spent much of the time managing and attending to details. By the time I was comfortable and understood how things worked, the year was more than half over. It was a great learning experience that I am sure will benefit me throughout my life.

As I look back there are a few things I would have done differently, but for the most part, I feel good about the decisions I made. I am looking forward to being a Past Master and supporting the next Master. Knowing I won't be able to do it again, I am a little sad it went by so quickly.

I give a special thanks to the Ladies of the Eastern Star for all their help and support. I don't think we would have gotten so many people at dinners if it weren't for their delicious meals. I really appreciate all the hard work that goes into those dinners - especially this year, since we had so many.

Congratulations to the Worshipful Master-Elect, Don Kunego, and all of the elected and appointed Officers. I hope you have a wonderful and fulfilling year. Try to take things slow and soak in and appreciate everything. If there is anything you need, don't hesitate to ask. Good Luck!

Thirteen Brothers made the trip to New York for Grand Lodge. We all had a wonderful time. I don't think the Worshipful Master-Elect will ever be the same after the ride to the hotel from the Grand Master's Dinner. There was very little that happened in Grand Lodge to report, mostly Annual Reports.

There was only one resolution proposed - to change the age to join from 21 to 18. It was referred to the Jurisprudence Committee for their examination. It may be voted on next year.

See the Lodge website for photos of the trip - including one with me giving the Grand Master his Hesperus Lodge Dues Card.

As this is the last article until we reconvene on September 6th, there are a few dates to put on your calendars. Installation

of Officers is June 10th beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the Lodge. The Genesee-Wyoming Purple Apron Club will oversee the Installation.

June 9th, at Bergen Park Days, we will be marching in the parade and hosting a Child ID Program immediately following.

The 7th Annual Van Hulbert Golf Tournament is August 16th at the Batavia Country Club. The Tournament begins at 12:30 p.m. If you have any questions, contact Tournament Chairman Marshall Krause at 494-2147.

The new Master has scheduled the 104th Annual Hesperus Lodge Steak Roast and the 1st Annual Hesperus Lodge Family Camp-Out for August 19th at 1:00 p.m. It will be held at Lei-Ti Campground, 9979 Francis Road, Batavia. To rent a camping site or cabin call 343-8600. For more information, click the link to their website from our website -

www.hesperuslodge.com

We will have access to all amenities of the campsite - including a pavilion, bathrooms, playground, miniature golf, a lake with sand beach, fishing, horseshoes and more! Many of us are already planning to set up camp Saturday night. Please join us. I have no doubt it will be a great time!

Thanks again for all the support this year, it was a great experience.

**District Deputy
Grand Master
Livingston District**R.: W.:
**Richard
Trescott**
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The 226th Grand Lodge Annual Communication is over and we had a great time. The ruling for 18 year olds to join has been tabled until next year. Many other things were discussed and decided. We received new Masonic Memorial Service books with a Graveside Memorial book as well. The experience was memorable.

Genesee Lodge presented the Brodie Trowel to Grand Lodge to be put on display in the Robert Livingston Library. They showed the Trowel in Grand Lodge and that was impressive. All the Lodges in the Livingston District have done a great job keeping their Lodges up-to-date with Grand Lodge. No Livingston District Lodge names were read in Grand Lodge as being delinquent with any of their work.

This year one of the Grand Chaplains read some names of our departed Brothers and I was glad to hear the names of Brothers John and Raymond Woolston, and Brother Francis Oberer. I know there were more from Livingston District, but I recognized these and this was very impressive to me!

The Grand Master, with a few Brothers and their wives from the Grand Line, was our Guest speaker at our Communion Breakfast in Mount Morris on May 20th. He also had a Town Meeting in Livonia on May 19th and was scheduled to lay a cornerstone at Vosler Park the same day. This is a new Park in Livonia, dedicated to Brother

Forrest L. Vosler, who was one of a very few Medal of Honor winners from the Army Air Corp and a Brother of Livonia Lodge.

I hope that all the Masters, elected and installed, will share with me their Trestleboards for the Summer so our District Team will be able to show them our support for these events!

May you all have a great Summer and no one gets hurt over the Summer. Stay Safe, Brothers!

**Grand
Steward
Livingston**R.: W.:
**K. Rick
Howe**

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As my first year of service, as your Staff Officer, winds down, let me say it's been a rewarding year. Thank you all for your cooperation and support. We have raised many new Brothers, so let's be attentive to our duties and keep them interested in the Craft. The Degree work that I have seen is excellent. As many of us work at picnics, chicken barbecues and carnival booths this Summer, let us shake the hands of some good men and encourage them to join our Fraternity.

Many Lodges have to do Elections and Installations in June, due to our new ruling. Of these, many are doing Public Installations. Let us turn out and support each other on these occasions. Invite a friend to come and witness what we do. By the time you read this you will have been informed of the dates.

Don't forget St. John's Weekend in Utica. R.: W.: Trescott, R.: W.: Moses and I will be installed for our next term. We hope to see many of you there.

Nunda Station Lodge will be manning a booth at Nunda Fun Days, May 31st thru June 2nd. Our Association Brunch Benefit for the Theresa House will be at State Street Station in Nunda on June 3rd. Many of us have committed to work at the Brunch. I hope many of our Brothers from the surrounding Districts will take a ride to Nunda with their families and dine with us. It's always a great time with plenty of good food. Also, Mount Morris Lodge will be having a Chicken Barbeque at the dam site on July 7th. Come and enjoy a great barbeque and watch the fireworks with us.

It has been brought to my attention that the VFW and (we) Masons will be providing picnic outings at both VA Hospitals this Summer (Canandaigua and Batavia); dates to be announced. Yours truly will be providing the entertainment. I hope to see many of you there, to help with the cooking and serving or just to chat with the Veterans. They really enjoy having someone to listen to them tell their stories.

Have a safe and enjoyable Summer. I'll see you in the quarries.

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R.: W.: Gerald J. Hussong
476-2739

Brothers it was an honor and a privilege to have the Livingston District Youth Talent Show on May 4th right in our own Keshequa School auditorium in Nunda. The Talent Show was proudly sponsored by the District Lodges - Geneseo, Union-Lima, Nunda Station, Mt. Morris, Avon Springs, Livonia, Eunice, Phoenix and Caledonia.

- The winners were -
- Division K-5
 - 1st - Madeline Fridler, guitar Geneseo Lodge
 - 2nd - Sabrina Curtis, vocal Phoenix Lodge
 - 3rd - Kaileigh Carol, vocal Geneseo Lodge
 - Division 6-8
 - 1st - Michaela Hiller, vocal Nunda Station Lodge
 - 2nd - Kristen Jackson, vocal Nunda Station Lodge
 - 3rd - Kelsey Wise, vocal Avon Springs Lodge
 - Division 9-12
 - 1st - Scott Gray, piano Nunda Station Lodge
 - 2nd - Lauren Berger, piano Mt. Morris Lodge
 - 3rd - Rachel Sawtell, vocal Geneseo Lodge

Master of Ceremonies was R.: W.: K. Rick Howe, Grand Steward, who did a bit of entertaining on his own! Other District Officers assisting were: R.: W.: Richard J. Trescott and R.: W.: Roy Moses. ALL the Brothers who worked that evening - from Judges to Admission ticket takers - are to be applauded.

It all started at the Local Talent Shows, with cooperation between the Lodges and School Districts, months before the District Talent Show. Without this kind of support, none of the above winners would have had a chance. Once again, we thank the Keshequa School District for the use of their auditorium.

I thank the Lodge for giving me the opportunity to go to Grand Lodge in New York City. As many of you know, I have been a member of the Operative Masons for 57 years and I was totally impressed with the building that houses Grand Lodge. The masonry, brick, tile, terrazzo, plastering and woodwork totally amazed me. This building is truly a monument to the Brotherhood and to the Craft. If you ever have the opportunity to visit New York City, a visit to Grand Lodge should have high priority.

The meetings we attended were real international events, with Brothers coming from all over the world. The power, the resolutions and the awards showed me, and others in attendance, that we belong to a true Brotherhood.

The Lodge held the Election of Officers in May. The Annual Communion Breakfast for the District was held, too.

Coming Events

- June 4th - Steak Roast and Installation of Officers;
- July 15th - Picnic at Hussong's - Rushford Lake.

Livingston Hosts Grand Master, Grand Line



Processing to begin the ceremony were R.: W.: Edward Gilbert, Deputy Grand Master; Deputy Grand Marshal, R.: W.: Robert Finley; R.: W.: Robert Glace, Junior Grand Warden; and acting Senior Grand Warden, R.: W.: James Sullivan, Grand Lecturer.



At the laying of the Cornerstone at Forrest T. Vosler Veterans Memorial Park, participants included R.: W.: Paul Barerra, Jr., Deputy Grand Standard Bearer; Mr. Cal Lathan, Mayor of Livonia; Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: Edward Gilbert; and M.: W.: Neal I. Bidnick, Grand Master.

The re-elected Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, M.: W.: Neal I. Bidnick, fresh from the 226th Grand Lodge Session, spent a busy weekend in Livingston District last month. It began with a Town Meeting at Livonia on Saturday afternoon and concluded with a Church Communion Service and Breakfast in Mt. Morris Sunday morning.

Cornerstone Ceremony
In between, M.: W.: Bidnick and the Grand Line went to the newly created Forrest T. Vosler Veterans Memorial Park in Livonia, where they laid the Cornerstone. Participants included R.: W.: James Sullivan, Grand Lecturer, who acted as Senior Grand Warden; R.: W.:



Dignitaries and past recipients of the Dedicated Service Award on hand to congratulate Brother Cox included R.: W.: Rick Howe, Grand Steward; R.: W.: James Slocum; R.: W.: Gerald Pease; R.: W.: Eugene Hill; Grand Master, M.: W.: Neal I. Bidnick; R.: W.: Philip Cox; W.: John Gallant; R.: W.: James Bailey; R.: W.: Richard Trescott, DDGM; and R.: W.: Robert Ossont.

Robert Glace, Junior Grand Warden; Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: Edward Gilbert; and Grand Master Bidnick.

Livingston DSA Presented

At the Breakfast, the James Lee Dedicated Service Award was bestowed upon a hard-working member of the Craft, R.: W.: Philip Cox, of Nunda Station Lodge, by Grand Master Bidnick on behalf of the Livingston District.



Measures of corn, wine and oil were poured over cornerstone.



R.: W.: Philip Cox, Nunda Station Lodge, received the Livingston District James Lee Dedicated Service Award from M.: W.: Neal I. Bidnick. Observing (left) is the 2006 recipient, R.: W.: James Bailey.

Wendell K. Walker Award to W.: John Gallant



W.: John Gallant, Past Master of Union Lodge, was surprised with the Wendell K. Walker Builder of Men Award by the Grand Master, M.: W.: Neal I. Bidnick at his Town Meeting.

Excerpts from the nomination letter submitted by R.: W.: Richard Trescott:

W.: John Gallant was raised in Union Lodge No. 45 on April 9, 1987. He has a wife, Debbie; son, Joseph, who was Raised on April 27, 2006; and daughter, Lara. He is a Software Engineer.

John has been Master of Union Lodge No. 45 twice and has led the Youth Talent Show and Lodge fundraisers for a number of years, as well as instituting Table Lodge meetings. He is also the Lodge Lecturer.

John is a fantastic mentor for new Brothers and old ones as well. He also makes sure that each new Brother has a basic knowledge of the Ritual that they just went through before they leave for home that night, and works with them to help them learn the Ritual until they are proficient.

He has been president of the Livingston Masonic District Association twice. John has been instrumental in the Livingston District, with the Road to the East, the Masonic Develop-

ment Course, and is now an instructor for the IDC. He has helped me as Staff Officer by teaching these courses from 2004-2006, and still does them for the Staff Officer for the 2006-2008 term. His communication skills are exceptional!

John is a member of the Royal Arch Masons. He has held an Office up until this year. He spends many hours away from home helping out a Lodge or a Brother who might need some assistance. He is one of the most giving Brothers I know.

John was a Cub Scout and Boy Scout leader for eleven years. He is a supportive member of Temple Beth Am.

John has been a great asset to Livingston District. I know that without him, I would not have been as successful in doing my job, as well as Grand Sword Bearer from 2004-2006. He is a great supporter of my Office. As DDGM, he is a person whom I depend on in the District.

John Gallant is one of the most deserving Brothers; I know he deserves this Award.

Signed by R.: W.: Richard Trescott, DDGM.

Wendell K. Walker Builder of Men Award

In recognition of Masons who have and continue to work as Master Builders, the Wendell K. Walker Builder of Men Award was created. It is a living memorial to a most distinguished and honored Mason who served and helped to guide our gentle Craft through six decades of the 20th Century. Most Worshipful Wendell K. Walker was one of the very few to ever have bestowed upon him the rank and title of Honorary Past Grand Master.

He is probably most remembered as the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York for a period of 28 years. Prior to that he was associated with the Grand Lodge Library (whose contents are now on display at the Chancellor Robert R. Livingston Masonic Library of the Grand Lodge) for more than three decades as Librarian and Director.

He was a Masonic scholar, an advisor, a confidant, a wise counsel and a true leader. He was, and still is, renowned as a man among Masons wherever Masonry flourishes.



Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

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Kenneth R. Milner
Monarch
346-6018

Sunday, July 15th, will be the Day at the Races which will be held at Finger Lakes Race Track. Contact Brian Bills at 388-0913 if you wish to attend. This is a very pleasant afternoon starting with a brunch at the track.

On Wednesday, August 22nd, I am working on a sunset cruise on the Canandaigua Lady on Canandaigua Lake. The cost for this will be \$24 per person, which includes hors d'oeuvres and one drink. This will be an open evening and you may invite your friends to join us. All must make reservations with me or my wife, Elaine, 346-6018 and all reservation must be made and paid by July 20th. All reservations must include your check. If I don't receive payment, you won't have a reservation.

Just a Reminder

The Empire State Fall Convention will be held September 27th-29th at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center, 30 Lakeshore Road, Dunkirk. Zuleika Grotto will be the host. You will find registration forms in the Grotto Office. Contact the Secretary or any of the top three Officers and they will see that you receive one. All hotel reservations must be made by August 26th.

I hope that you have a pleasant Summer. Please return in the Fall. Our meeting on September 19th will be an open meeting. It will be preceded by a dinner and Ladies are invited. We will be honoring all Past Monarchs and presenting Service Awards. Let me remind you, this will require you to make reservations with our Master of Ceremonies PM Richard Topel, and he will tell you that your check is your reservation as these dinners are catered and no one will be served without a reservation. You can contact PM Dick at 663-2547.

A reminder to all Officers, Board of Governors and Trustees: mark your calendars for the September Board meeting that will be held on August 27th at 7 p.m. in the Grotto Office. ✕

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Deadline is June 17th. Golf Hotline: 663-2547. ✕

Aahmes Caldron. Once again, thank you for going with me. Your help was much appreciated by everyone!

*Friendship is a beautiful thing,
It can't be bought nor sold,
It is actions and kind words to behold.*

I think that I can safely say that Winter is behind us. The trees and flowers are coming out of hiding, and Summer is just around the corner.

Our plans are to sell water and pop at the Spencerport Canal Days on July 28th and 29th. We hope to see you on one or both of those days. We expect to be right in front of the Lodge - will have to wait and see.

Before I forget ...

*I wish each of you a warm and wonderful Summer,
And look forward to being back together in September.*

No matter when your birthday is, I hope it is or was a wonderful day for you. Celebrate by counting your blessings each and every day! God Bless You and Happy Birthday with wishes for Good Health and Happiness.

Supreme Caldron

The Elected Officers of Supreme Caldron wear the White Fez with a Gold Tassel. Rodeval (Secretary) and Zulaika (Treasurer) are elected annually for a maximum of five terms. The elected Line Officers are Lalla (Vice-President), Yusuf (2nd Vice-President), Namourna and Zulette.

The Supreme Mighty Chosen One is given her Purple Fez with a Black Tassel when she is installed. As of 2005, the Purple Fez became a replacement for the Gold Fez with a Black Tassel. (We cannot get the Gold Fez any longer.)

Appointed Supreme Officers wear the White Fez with a Gold Tassel for one year. The Purple Tassel is put back on her Fez before Installation of the new Supreme Officers.

As MCO, I am once again wearing the Red Fez. When I am installed into another position, I will go back to the Purple Fez.

Next Meeting

June 14th is our next meeting. We will have a Picnic Supper at 6 p.m.; Cost \$5. Meeting at 7:30 p.m. with Initiation of Marjorie Harding of Canada (if she can make it).

Hope you can join us! ✕

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June 20th
Grotto Meeting
Picnic, Shrine Center
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June 23rd
Grotto Golf Tournament,
9:30 a.m. Tee Time
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June 26th
Legion of Honor &
Masonic War Veterans
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July 15th - Noon
Day at the Races
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August 22nd
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Caldron News

By Beverly Murray, MCO

Supreme Mighty Chosen One, Sandy Crawford, enjoyed her short stay.
The time goes much too fast, and then she was on her way.
Our Supreme Visit is behind us now, and I must say that I am proud of each and every one of you. Your willingness to help and to do is GREAT!
We had six Daughters travel to Binghamton to help out

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Continued ... Part II

When Harry first met Bess, at age five, he was so first impressed with her "golden curls" and "the most beautiful blue eyes," there was never another girl for him. As a girl, she was described as a marvelous athlete, the best third baseman in Independence, superb tennis player, tireless ice skater and she was pretty, besides.

She also had many strong opinions and stated them straight from the shoulder. Harry adored Bess, but she did not seem to return his adoration. It took him years to win her over. He proposed and they

became engaged before he left for France and the battlefield in World War I.

Returning home in April, 1919, the only injury Truman sustained in World War I happened when Battery D advanced during the Battle of the Argonne. The men marched under an embankment where a French 155 Battery was located. The French let loose with a barrage that left Truman with a hearing loss for the rest of his life.

Bess and Harry married in June 1919, after he returned from the War. Truman then attended Kansas City Law School for two years in the early 1920s. He was the last of the U.S. Presidents who did not graduate from college.

Truman remained in the Army Reserve, rising to the rank of Colonel on June 17, 1932. Between 1922 and 1932, he attended two-week Summer Camp until he ran for the U.S. Senate. When he became the 33rd U.S. President, he was still a Colonel in the Army Reserve.

Political Career

Active in the Democratic Party, he was elected Eastern District Judge of the Jackson County Court in 1922. He subsequently served two terms as Presiding Judge. Truman became a U.S. Senator in 1934 and became active in monitoring the War effort. Brother Franklin D. Roosevelt chose him to be his Vice-Presidential candidate in

the 1944 elections, which they won.

Truman saw little of Roosevelt and was not briefed on the development of the Atomic bomb or the Russian situation. On April 12, 1945, Roosevelt died and Truman became the 33rd President.

Presidency

Truman made some of the most critical decisions in history. His legacy can be traced to many foreign policy decisions, blocking Communist's expansion and advances in human and political rights at home. He oversaw the charter-writing meeting of the United Nations, Germany's surrender and the dropping of the atomic bomb on Japan.

Truman won a second term in 1948, beating Republican candidate, Brother Thomas E. Dewey. The next four years saw the establishment of the Truman Document, the Marshall Plan and NATO. During those years, a leg of his beloved piano fell through the floor of the White House, which was 140 years old. Major renovations followed during which time the Truman's resided across Pennsylvania Avenue in the Blair House.

The Truman's had one child, Margaret (1924) and she published biographies of her parents. She also published a series of successful murder mysteries. She married Clifford Daniel, Jr. and they had four boys.

Prophet-President

Truman completed his membership of all Masonic organizations when he joined the

Kallipolis Grotto in Washington, DC. Much later he became a member of Ankara Grotto, Shawnee, KS. There are no known photos of Truman wearing a Grotto Fez (per PGM Phillip A. Gicalone, Secretary of Ankara Grotto or the Truman Library).

Deciding not to run for another term, he retired in 1953

and returned to the family home in Independence, MO, where he died on December 26, 1972, at the age of 88. He will be remembered for his decision to drop the atomic bomb and firing Brother Douglas MacArthur for insubordination during the Korean War.

To be continued with Franklin D. Roosevelt in September.

GROTTO HUMOR



"A Ball?" "No, CJ's 4 Iron!"

Prince Hall Affiliates Hold Annual Galas

Estella Chapter No. 7, Order of the Eastern Star, held their 33rd Annual Spring Banquet. This acknowledges the work of the Sisters and acts as a fundraiser to support their projects. They also help raise funds for the Ronald McDonald House. The Grand March, identifying all members of the Chapter, included Past Master Calvin Hubbard and Past Matron Evelyn Hubbard; followed by Past Matron and founding Most Ancient Matron, Zipporah Court, Heroines of Jericho (sister organization to Royal Arch Masons), Cynthia Tarver, and James Ghent, founding High Priest of Haggai Chapter, Royal Arch Masons and Grand Scribe; then Edna Majors, Conductress with Eugene D. Crews, Master of Eureka Lodge; followed by Carol Battles, Associate Matron.

Flowers were presented to Conductress Edna Majors by Worthy Matron Barbara Tisdale. In back is Associate Conductress Joyce Young, while seated are Eugene Crews, Worthy Patron, and Associate Patron James Tisdale.

Worthy Patron Eugene Crews received a plant from Joyce Young, Associate Conductress, as a token of gratitude for his participation. Seated: Worthy Matron, Barbara Tisdale, and Associate Patron, James Tisdale.

Haggai Chapter No. 41

At the 7th Annual Social and Community Awards Dinner, R.: E.: James A. Ghent, Jr., 33°, who served as Master of Ceremonies, presented plaques to Dr. Frederick C. Jefferson and Dr. Melva L. Brown for their outstanding Community Service. Brother Ghent is also the President of the Masonic Service Bureau.



Masonic Influence in America

Editor's Note: To fulfill an American History Studies assignment, Cory Drexel, a 16-year-old Junior at Greece Odyssey Academy, prepared the following paper on How Masons Affected our Country using many resources, including pamphlets available from the Masonic Service Bureau. A message left at the school for the teacher was unanswered, so no background information on the class was available. Cory is the grandson of W.: Harold Metzler, ERAC Lodge, who was proud to make this available for publication in the Masonic Times.

The Masons are the oldest and largest fraternal organization in the world. Masonry is thought to have started in the Middle Ages. In North America alone there are over two million Masons. Every Mason comes from a different walk of life and follows a different religion, but come together to serve the common good. Many famous men in history were Masons as well. Through the acts of certain Masons our country was able to become what it is today.

Many of our Presidents, Pioneers, Generals and Revolutionists were Masons. To start, the Masons helped our country back in the Revolutionary War. First of all, John Hancock and

Benjamin Franklin, both signers of the Declaration of Independence, were Masons. That is a huge example of a contribution of the founding of our country. The Declaration is the reason that we are no longer under Great Britain's control. Both Paul Revere and President/General George Washington who fought in the Revolutionary War were Masons. They both helped to fight the British. Also in that time the Masons helped to establish The Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Since Declaring our Independence many Masons have been President such as Harry Truman, Gerald Ford and even Theodore Roosevelt. Famous musician Wolfgang Mozart was a Mason as was the author Rudyard Kipling. It is not so much that the Masons conspired to help our country, it's that the men who were Masons helped to create our country as well as the common good.

Through the acts of certain Masons our country was able to become what it is today. As of today the Masons support over nineteen crippled children's hospitals which children can go to for free. Funding is provided by members of Masonry/Shriners. The Masons also support four Burns Institutes.

Grand Master's Family Day Saturday, July 14th at Camp Turk



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



Scottish Rite NEWS

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Lodge of Perfection

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Spring Reunion

On April 29th, the Valley concluded its Spring Reunion by conferring the 32° on 23 new Sublime Princes of the Royal Secret. It was an exciting day for me as Commander-in-Chief and, I hope, for the new 32° Masons. The work was well done and the addition of music and special lighting enhanced the presentation of the lessons of the Degrees conferred.

Many thanks to the Directors of the Degrees - Brother Mike McBride for the 15th Degree, Brother Mike Knolla for the 18th Degree, Brother John Faro and Ill.: Mike Dox for the 20th Degree, Brother Rick Howe for the 31st Degree and Ill.: Charlie Hancock, Ill.: Bob Pedersen and Ill.: Rod Rittenhouse for the 32nd Degree. These directors and their casts worked hard to present the rituals well.

Special thanks goes to Brother Norris Shapiro and his team of Brother John Faro and Ill.: Mike Dox for handling the costumes for the Degrees, to Brother Rick Howe for supplying the music and renting the lighting for the Degrees, and to Brother Jim Slocum, our Engineer and Seneschal for getting all the properties ready and set up for the Degrees. There were many others in the background helping where needed. Thank you to all who did their part to make the Reunion as successful as it was.

The Reunion Banquet was held on May 11th at the Diplomat Party House. A good contingent of the new members was there and enjoyed the evening. Rick Howe supplied music before dinner, which was enjoyed by all. The M.: W.: and Ill.: Edward Trosin 33°, Active Member of Supreme Council, was in attendance with his wife,

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Barbara. He spoke to the assembly and encouraged the Valley to continue its outstanding work, and welcomed the new Brothers to the Rite.

The Reunion Banquet is also the time when the Commander-in-Chief announces the names of Brothers to be awarded the Ill.: John B. Mullen, 33°, Distinguished Service Award. The Valley presents this award to Brothers who have served the Valley with distinction, sometime in the background. It is my pleasure to announce that the awardees for this year are Brother Joseph Bourcy and Brother William Jones. Both of these brothers have done more than their fair share to help the Valley in its work. We congratulate Brother Joe and Brother Bill on this honor and will be presenting them their hats and name badges at the Annual Outing on August 17th at the Wildwood Country Club.

Endings and Beginnings

The Valley ended May with the Election and Installation of new officers for the Lodge of Perfection, the Council of

Princes of Jerusalem and the Chapter of Rose Croix. The new Presiding Officers, and the Officers of the Consistory, will be working with their Officers and the membership in putting together the Valley's programs for the coming year. The programs include the Symbolic Lodge Awards evening, Veterans Recognition, the College of Freemasonry and the Degrees. I encourage members, if asked to participate in an event, to seriously consider becoming involved. As I mentioned at the Reunion Banquet, you will get out of the Rite more than what you put into it. There is much that can be gained by our self and family by participating in the activities and events of the Valley.

As the heading of this section states, we are ending one Masonic year and starting a new one and we do not need to wait until September to start. The Summer gives us the time to relax and think about new and better ways to do things and to start the planning for the full Masonic year that traditionally starts in September.

Feast of the Pascal Lamb

As a Memorial Service to our departed Brothers of the previous year, the Chapter of Rose Croix of the Valley of Rochester, presented the beautiful and symbolic Feast of the Pascal Lamb on April 15th at the Damascus Shrine Center in Webster.

Our departed Brothers have given unselfishly of their time, talents, and/or support to our Fraternity for many years. Thank you to all family members and Brothers who attended this moving ceremony.

The celebration of the Feast of the Pascal Lamb reminds all Masons that the Covenant between God's mercy and his children's needs is a Thanksgiving for blessings received.

From the earliest human history, the period of the Spring full moon has been a time of real thanks giving, when the firstlings of the flock and the fruits of the soil have been offered in grateful sacrifice to the Giver of all Good. The observance of the Pascal Lamb is sacred to Jews and Christians alike. All people, all religions have observed a like festival.

To the Jew, the feast commemorates the deliverance of the Hebrews from Egypt when God, smiting the first born of the Egyptians, passed over the dwellings of the Hebrews - a symbol of God's redemption.

The divine ordinance of the institution of the Feast of the Passover is recorded in Exodus 12:14 - "and this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it as a feast to the Lord throughout your generations; ye shall keep it as a feast by an ordinance forever."

It was the feast of the Passover that Jesus, in humble obedience to Jewish Law, was observing with the Disciples on the night of His betrayal, and a new meaning - "The Last Supper" became part of the traditional Spring Rite.

It is this multi-symbolic Spring Rite that we perpetuate in our fraternal celebration. Present day Rose Croix Knights celebrate this feast symbolically; they invite friends, Brothers, and families to offer thanks for the bounties of Life, pay respect to the memory of departed Brothers and to seek Divine guidance for renewed Faith, Hope, and Love.

Our Departed Brothers

Joseph A. Gillotte
Warren J. Hopkins
Clinton Clark
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Neil B. Langworthy
Arthur C. Sheeler
Paul R. Fisher
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Norman W. Brown
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William F. Dean
Robert H. Freitag

Lawrence Audlin Elliott
Richard Earl Krusemark
Patrick J. Shelby McNenny

Rite Events Calendar

See article for details.

(All events at Shrine Center unless otherwise noted)

June 16th - Summer Clambake/Steak Roast

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Scottish Rite Prepares for Joint Session

For the first time in history, the two Scottish Rite Jurisdictions in the United States will come together for a joint meeting in August. The special event is expected to attract more than 3,500, 33° Masons and their Ladies from 50 states.

The meeting will take place in Washington, DC, August 26th-28th. Among those in attendance will be Grand Masters from most states, as well as representatives from many Scottish Rite jurisdictions throughout the world.

John William McNaughton, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, and Ronald A. Seale, Sovereign Grand Commander

of the Southern Jurisdiction, will jointly welcome visitors to a special open session for men and women on Monday morning, August 27th. A luncheon will follow.

The Monday session will be preceded by a vesper service on Sunday afternoon. Both jurisdictions will be conferring the Thirty-third Degree on a class of Candidates. The Northern Jurisdiction Degree is scheduled for late afternoon on Monday. The Southern Jurisdiction Degree will take place on Tuesday morning. The 33° is awarded for outstanding achievement in the Fraternity or for significant contributions to others, reflecting credit on Freemasonry.

The Scottish Rite Research Society will hold its Annual Meeting on Tuesday afternoon when Arturo deHoyas and Martin R. Starr will present the SRRS Lecture. The three-day event will conclude with a gala banquet on Tuesday evening. All of the main events will be held in the International Ballroom at the Washington Hilton Hotel.

The meeting in the Nation's Capital takes place in conjunction with the Biennial Meeting of the Supreme Council for the Southern Jurisdiction, Ancient & Accepted Scottish Rite, and the Annual Meeting of the Supreme Council for the Northern Jurisdiction, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite.

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

York Rite NEWS

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By David Rising

The May Assembly was the Annual Meeting. The reports of the Treasurer and Recorder were given and accepted. V.: Ill.: Companion George Stanton conducted the Election of Officers for the ensuing year. Companion David R. Rising was elected Thrice Illustrious Master, Ted Powley as Deputy Master, Vincent R. Garner as Principal Conductor of the Work, George Stanton as Treasurer and David Taber as Recorder. The newly elected Officers and those appointed were duly installed by R.: Ill.: Companion David Taber.

No word as to the dates or location of the Annual Assembly of Grand Council. I assume it will be about August 17th and 18th in the Lower Hudson Valley.

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Have a great Summer! We will gather again on October 4th. ✕

District Deputy Grand Master 8th Cryptic District



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I have stated in previous articles that the Ritual Work is much better when done from memory. I've also stated that we should show some generosity to those who pro-tem or some who cannot or don't want to learn the Ritual. You need every one of your members. This seems to be conflicting suggestions. It certainly is, but try your best to balance "book use" with memorized work. Suggest to your members that memorization is far better.

When one particular Body was being formed, the members were asked, "what kind of Masonic group shall we be? Shall we meet for fellowship only? Shall we be a group that does the work as well as it can be done? Shall we be a group that takes a lot of pride in all our work?" Needless to say, the group wanted to do all of the above. I might suggest that you put it to your members. What kind of Council do you want to belong to?

Let your members take part in decisions. Let the members

be a part in the direction that your Council takes. Of course you run the risk of becoming a "dinner club." Isn't it worth the risk to have a Council that takes a lot of pride in their organization? If you are able to accomplish this, you will have an organization that members attend. They will do the best work possible. They will have excellent fellowship.

Let's sum up previous articles:

1. Plan your entire year.
2. Make a "Trestleboard" and distribute it to every member.
3. Appoint proper committees.
4. With the Finance Committee, make a budget for the year and present it to the members for adoption.
5. Talk to the members about pride in belonging, and pride in doing the work well. Ask the members what kind of Council they want to be in the coming year. Don't be afraid to ask them to be a part in everything. Don't be afraid to ask them for their support.
6. Meet with your "Long-Range" Planning Committee. See that they understand the short-range need of the Council. Then take on the Long-Range needs. Ask the tough questions. Does this building serve our best needs? Can we pay for being at this facility? Do we have plans to obtain funds to operate the council? If this facility was sold, do we have a place to move? Are we serious about these plans? Are we prepared to support the Illustrious Master in keeping within the budget? Have we talked to the Budget Committee about our long-range plans?

These are a few of the questions you should ask. You can easily make your own list. Make sure your plan calls for fellowship and social activities. Isn't that what we are all about? It's time for elections. There should be a Nominating Committee. This Committee should be careful in their selections. It is not wrong for this Committee to help the Ill.: Master select the appointed Officers, if he asks for help. Be willing to help, but it is his responsibility. Talk to those who are being nominated. Are they willing to take part? You don't want to be surprised with a "NO" when presented in Council.

All this being said, take part in your council. Take pride in all your work. Be willing to help the Ill.: Master in the discharge of his duties. And above all, make this a fun year for all. ✕

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The year is winding down and we are going to go dark for the Summer at the end of June. It has been a great year for me as Master. We have had a Table Lodge, a speaker from the *Democrat and Chronicle* and a visit

from our Grand Line as well as several dinners this year.

We have given one Candidate the Royal Master Degree in May and also held our Election of Officers. We will have our Installation in June. We will also do the Select Degree, ending our year with a bang.

At this time, I thank all the Officers for their help. I could not have had as great a year as this without it. Also, a special thanks to our District Deputy Grand High Priest, Ruel Lovett, and Companion, Jim Mac-Connell for their special help throughout the year. I wish the incoming Master and Officers all the best for next year. God bless. ✕

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Cyrene-Monroe Commandery No. 12

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New Templar Year Begins

As we enter the Summer of 2007, a new year for Templar Knights begins in the Rochester Area. As you read this article, Sir Knights, Cyrene-Monroe Commandery will have had Election and Installation of Officers for the 2007-2008 Templar year. I am proud and humbled to have been elected

and installed as Commander of Cyrene-Monroe Commandery for the year of our Lord: 2007 - 2008. I am honored to be serving with the following Sir Knight in the Officer Corps of our Commandery:

- Commander
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David L. Thers
Captain General
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Donald Wright
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Raymond Beardsley
Trustee
Charles Roberts

Please join me in thanking these Sir Knights for devotion and service to our Commandery, and please congratulate them when you see them.

Plans for 2007-2008

It is my plan to insure that we, as a Commandery, are going to have a Templar year that is 1) Enjoyable; 2) Educational; and 3) Raises the bar on our Ritual and Tactics.

First, we will be considering the following changes.

A) There is interest in returning to meeting two nights per month. Whether this comes to fruition or not, I plan to use the first Monday evening of each month as a "Drill" Meeting, so that we can become excellent in our Ritual and tactics (including floor work).

B) Due to the heavy Winters that we experience in the Rochester area, and the comments I have had from some of our senior Sir Knights, there is interest in going dark from January 1st thru the end of March. Sir Knights, I hope we will have considered these issues by the time you read this article.

At each Conclave, I plan to have an educational program. Many of these programs are audio/visual in nature. Here are some of the programs I have planned:

The Lost World of the Knights Templar, History of the Knights Templar, The Templar Code, and George Washington visits his Lodge, just to name a few.

Besides the Christmas and Easter observances, we will be having a meeting in November that will focus on giving thanks via a Table Lodge format. Our Ladies and friends will be invited.

There are two events that I would like to attend together as a Commandery. The first is on the weekend of September 21-23, in Canton, Ohio (Road Trip!!). It will be a Knights Templar weekend and the event is a re-enactment of President and Sir

Knight William McKinley's Funeral. This event will consist of Knight Templar parading with a similar horse drawn caisson that was used at the actual funeral procession. Additionally, there will be a re-dedication of President McKinley's resting place. As a history note, more than 2,000 Knights Templar escorted the caisson at the actual funeral procession.

The second is the Grand Encampment's Sunrise Easter Observance in Washington, DC. I have had the pleasure of attending one in the past and it was impressive, solemn and joyful, reminding us all of our salvation. Additionally, all had fun. This event is scheduled for the weekend of March 21-23, 2008.

So please mark your calendar for both of these events. Begin to think about arranging for these trips. Ladies are invited.

Holy Land Pilgrimage

Finally, Sir Knights, I want you to consider that Cyrene-Monroe Commandery participate in the Grand Encampment's Holy Land Pilgrimage. This consists of a sponsorship of a trip to the Holy Land for a deserving Theologian in our area. The Grand Encampment plans this trip, so it is a group tour. In my readings of information from the Grand Encampment, they are planning a Pilgrimage this coming Templar year.

I hope to see all Sir Knights in the Asylum this coming Templar year. May our Lord and Savior bless you and your families this Summer. ✕

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To the Officers and Frater of Sagoyewatha Commandery, I thank you for giving me the opportunity to be your Commander for this past Commandery year.

Please give our incoming Commander, Sir Knight Ted Powley, and his Officers our total support.

I look forward to seeing you, and I do mean you dear reader, around the many Altars of Freemasonry. ✕

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The Official Visits are almost completed and each one has been a wonderful evening. Each evening brings something different to make it special and unique. Thank you to all the Chapters for their efforts.

Date Change!

Mark your calendar ... Due to illness of both the Worthy Matron and the Worthy Patron, Etolian Chapter's Official Visit had to be rescheduled. It will be on Monday, June 4th at 8 p.m. Hopefully Rt. Wthy. Ken and Rt. Wthy. Doreen Rhodes will be feeling better by then. Please come out and join us.

Lilac Luncheon

It's not too late to sign up for the Lilac Luncheon on June 7th. We will again be having a bus this year. The cost for bus transportation is \$20 per person; the lunch costs between \$11-\$13, depending on your choice. Please talk to your Chapter Secretary to obtain all the information.

District Project

We are also continuing with our monthly donations for Cameron Ministries. This month we are collecting towels, both new and used. We will take bath, hand or kitchen towels. Also, we are requesting new bathing suits for elementary-school-size children. During the Summer, Cameron runs a Summer Youth Program and swimming is one of the favorite activities. But bathing suits - for boys and girls - are always needed.

Oriskany Pilgrimage

July 28th - Don't forget about Oriskany this year! Rt. Wthy. Bill Mattern has also sent information regarding the rooms for those wishing overnight accommodations in Oriskany.

M. Wthy. Wanda has been asking people to donate jewelry

in good repair, craft items, yarn, books (hardcover and paperback) and unused cosmetics. New stationery is also always welcomed as well. All of these items will be placed in the various booths that are on the grounds. Your Worthy Matrons will be happy to take your donations and we will make arrangements to get the items to Oriskany.

Chicken Bar-B-Que

August 11th, Noon 'til gone - Monroe District "All Stars" Chicken Bar-B-Que at Webster Firemen's Field. This is a major fundraiser for the District and we would appreciate support from Chapters and Lodges in Monroe District. You don't necessarily have to work - come and eat to show your support. There will be barbecued chicken dinners, the best peach shortcake around and other peach sweets will be available.

District Picnic

Rt. Wthy. Bill Mattern has also sent information about the District Picnic on August 19th at Chili Town Park.

As you can see, we have many things going on that you don't want to miss! Join us for the making of great memories in the Summer of 2007.

Thanks again to everyone for all your support.

May God bless each one of you and may His light shine through you to others. "

NOLATKA Chapter No. 320

Order of the Eastern Star

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

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By Kim Robinson

Sickness and Distress

Nolatka Chapter extends our thoughts and prayers to Lee Van Grol, Felicia "Bo" Clark, Kathleen Skelton and Family, Wilda Robinson and any other members of whom you know. Please remember those who cannot attend our meetings

with a small token of friendship, a card or phone call. Whether they are a shut-in or absent due to illness, keep them in your thoughts and prayers. It may just brighten someone's day, more than you realize.

Upcoming Meetings

You are cordially invited to join us for our Official Visit on Tuesday, June 5th, at the Bergen Masonic Hall (Hesperus Chapter), 122 North Lake Street, Bergen. Officers wear white formal with gloves and Matron's corsage; men wear tuxedos. There is a chair lift available for those who may need it.

For those who are unsure, or do not know, Hesperus Chapter is located above the insurance office in beautiful downtown Bergen. We are hopeful to share our evening with a good turnout of members and friends of Nolatka Chapter. This is also an awesome way to get to know our neighboring Chapter members, as they will be in attendance as well. Please feel free to contact your current Officers for any further information if needed. Thank you.

Nolatka Chapter expresses our deepest thank you to our friends at Bergen's Hesperus Chapter. Thanks for letting us

step in and use your facility. You are all very special to us and we are so appreciative of your extreme kindness!

Fundraising

Good news! Thanks to our Sister Pat Daylikus and her expert salesmanship, we were pleased to find out our grand total for Entertainment Book sales was 42 books sold. Pat has placed our order for next year's books and we eagerly wait to see what bargains may be found. Thank you, Pat, for your dedication to and constant support of our Chapter!

Looking Ahead

Please stay tuned for further details on the following events that are in the planning stages. Committee sign-up sheets will soon be passed out for the following, so please sign up early to secure your spot. Thank you.

- A combined Garage Sale at the Gates-Chili Community Church
- A Winery Tour by limo to the Seneca Wine Trail
- The Madrigal Dinner (November and December dates)
- September 18th - Our first meeting in our new location. This will be a very special evening so save the date and plan to be there.

Let me remind you of our Worthy Matron Felicia "Bo" Clark's special items for the year -

- Word - Love
- Motto - Charity, Truth and Loving Kindness
- Flower - Pansy
- Colors - Yellow and Violet
- Music - "America the Beautiful," "Auld Lang Syne" and "Kum by Yah"

Bible Verse of the Month

Psalms 55:17 - Evening, and morning, and at noontime, will I pray and cry aloud. And He shall hear my voice.

In closing, I urge you to remember and practice the Golden Rule. May God bless you until we meet again. "

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Did You Know That?

By Phillip R. Hurwitz

- An unaffiliated Mason is one who has been dropped from membership for non-payment of dues. HBML §23
- A non-affiliated Mason is a Brother who has either failed to sign the By-Laws of the Lodge to which he has been accepted, or one who has dimitted from a Lodge in good standing (e.g. Dues are paid-in full), and has not affiliated with another Lodge. HBML §16
- The Petition of a non-affiliated Mason for membership must be accompanied by a Dimit or a Certificate of the Grand Secretary, showing the Brother's status as a non-affiliated Mason. Const. §340

- If, after a Brother has been accepted for Affiliation, and before he has signed the Lodge By-Laws, a new ballot be demanded, it must be taken, and if such ballot results in a rejection, it shall have the same effect as if it had occurred before such Brother was accepted. Const. §348
- A non-affiliated Mason who has voluntarily withdrawn from his Lodge (dimitted), may seek re-affiliation to the same Lodge at any Stated Communication by a majority vote taken by a show of hands, provided the current year dues are paid in full. No non-affiliated Brother can be restored after five or more years, unless a ballot is taken at a Stated Communication, and the Petition is not blackballed (3 or more black cubes). Const. §348-A, 349 "

Union Lodge

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

No. 45

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I thank you, my Officers and Brothers, for all your help. You made my year as Master go by fast. My Trestleboard was a mess but we had a successful year by Raising five new Brothers.

Speaking of Degrees, our 3rd Degree went very well on May

24th when we Raised four new Brothers. Congratulations to Dave Hanson, Dave Shanks, Tim Harvey, and Paul Smith. It was great to Raise my own brother after asking him to join for over 20 years. Welcome to Union Lodge.

The Eastern Star Chapter served a great supper for us. Many thanks, ladies, for a job well done. All the new Officers were installed on May 31st; our new Master is Mike Grady. He is a very devoted young man with new ideas. I hope you support him as you did me.

June 2nd we will have road-side pick up of trash. Meet at the Lodge at 8 a.m.

June 14th will be our last meeting before we go dark for the Summer. I have scheduled a Walk-About and Historical Date Change Lecture.

June 20th will be our Annual Steak Roast.

August 4th will be Crossroads Days in Lima where we'll have a Chicken Bar-B-Que. A sign-up sheet will be at our Steak Roast.

Again, thanks for your support over the past year. "

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Taxes! Taxes! Taxes!

By Tom Michielsen

Summer is about to begin. Most of us have turned our thoughts to golf, fishing, yard work and vacations. The governments have not stopped working and the tax laws continue to evolve. Therefore, I will continue to monitor them and publish, as much as space allows, those changes that might be of use to most of you.

The State of New York, New York City and the Federal Government all offer a wealth of tax credits, designed to provide real tax relief for taxpayers. These credits help families meet day-to-day expenses as well as future needs such as higher education. We encourage all taxpayers who qualify to apply for the credits and help build a brighter future for their families.

With these tax credits, some taxpayers may receive a sizable and welcome tax refund. However, you should be careful not to hand over your refund by entering into a rapid-refund agreement that carries a high interest rate. While rapid refund agreements are enticing because they get you your money a few days sooner, they tend to cost you money in the long run because these are essentially high-interest loans. As a result, you may end up with a bill for hundreds of dollars in interest costs that will take a bite out of your refund.

Knowing that you qualify for a particular credit can increase your weekly paycheck, if you adjust future withholding. Below is information about the most popular tax credits available to families. Some of these credits are "refundable," meaning that you could be eligible for a refund even if you owe no tax.

Earned Income Tax Credit

This refundable credit is available to working families with incomes up to \$36,348 (\$38,348 for married taxpayers filing jointly), depending on the number of children in your household. Taxpayers with no dependent children can earn no more than \$12,120 (\$14,120 for married taxpayers filing jointly). Recent changes have increased the amount of the credit and expanded eligibility. To qualify for these credits you must have worked at least part of the year. Beginning in 2006, certain non-custodial parents may claim an enhanced EITC in place of the regular State EITC. This innovative credit is designed to encourage non-custodial parents to play an active role in the financial support of their children and to keep current their support orders as determined by the courts.

Child and Dependent Care Credit

Working parents who pay for childcare may be able to claim some of those expenses as a credit on their federal and state tax returns.

Empire State Child Care Credit

Beginning in 2006, resident taxpayers may claim a refundable credit equal to the greater of \$100 times the number of children ages 4-16 who qualify for the federal child care credit or 33 percent of the allowed federal child credit for children ages 4-16.

College Tuition Credit/Itemized Deduction

If you, your spouse, or your dependent(s), were a student at an institution of higher educa-

tion, you may be entitled to the college tuition credit.

Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers

I've had a few volunteer firefighters ask about a new credit New York is offering. Unfortunately, it's not available until taxpayers file their 2007 tax returns next year. Here's a quote from the "Summary of Tax Provisions in the State Fiscal Year 2006-07 Budget" publication.

"Part U of Chapter 62 of the Laws of 2006, as amended by Part N of Chapter 61 of the Laws of 2006, creates a \$200 refundable credit for residents serving as active volunteer firefighters or volunteer ambulance workers. To receive the credit, the taxpayer must be an active volunteer for the entire taxable year and must not be receiving a real property tax exemption relating to such service. In the case of a husband and wife filing jointly who both qualify for the credit, the amount of the credit is \$400. The credit is effective for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2007."

Watch out for fraudulent e-mails that appear to be from the Internal Revenue Service. The information fraudulently obtained by scammers is used to steal a person's identity and financial assets.

The Internal Revenue Service does not send out unsolicited e-mails or ask for detailed personal and financial information. Additionally, the IRS never asks people for the PIN numbers, passwords or similar secret access information for their credit card, bank or other financial accounts.

Taxpayer Due Dates

- June 15 - May Payroll Taxes Due; Second Quarter Estimated Taxes Due
 - June 20 - Sales Tax Due
- If you have any tax questions, please forward them to tmichie1@rochester.rr.com. ■

July Birthdays

Philip Kates and Bill Nardone (1st), Fred Edgecomb (2nd), Brian Alexander (4th), Scott Pellegrino (6th), Bernard Parry and David Stein (9th), Richard Scott (10th), Dennis Finucane (11th), Jasen Scheerens (12th), David Coon (14th), Hyman Graver (23rd), Dwight Turner (25th), Jerry Bills (26th), Wayne Montague (27th), Ted Summers (28th), Isaac Sarfaty and Richards Downs (29th) and Larry Hood (31st).

August Birthdays

Halford Johnson (1st), Cy Kloner (3rd), Lee Rosenthal (5th), Mark Soeth (9th), Herb Ross (13th), Ed Wheeler (14th), Ralph Kraft and Greg Whitney (17th), Harvey Nusbaum (22nd), Bill Burgess (23rd), Sreeram Dhurjaty (26th) and Bruce Turner (30th).

We wish each of them a happy and healthy year ahead.

We did have some email addresses, but apparently they were deleted. I would appreciate the members sending ME your email address at dwtaber@frontiernet.net. The Internet could allow us to get out a quick change of plans, funeral alert, and solicitation of Degree participants or Canal Days workers. The addresses would only be used for Lodge business. If you have something to share with the Lodge and cannot make it to the meetings, send me an email.

Have a great Summer. See you around the Altar. ■

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As I reflect on this past year, and this last article I write, I am feeling many emotions - some good and some I am disappointed weren't accomplished. I believe every Master has these same feelings as his tenure comes to a close. That being said, it would be my hope that all Brothers will support the new Line of Officers, in their endeavors. There are many things to be done, and this year suggestions and ideas have been set before you, with the hope they will be discussed and acted on in the future.

We had far too many NPDs and requests for Dimits. Why? The eight deaths we could not control; nine NPDs were hard to understand. Personal letters were written to these Brothers and some were called. The three Dimits were understandable, but sad; I talked with each one. We have Raised one and restored one, plus one affiliation. Our total membership now stands at 128.

On a brighter side, we have two Petitions that were assigned to the Investigating/Interviewing Committee on May 16th. It would behoove all of us to seriously think about replacing ourselves. I would charge each and every Brother of this Lodge to do so in the very near future. If you know of anyone you'd like to sit in Lodge with,

make it known as soon as possible. There will be a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night early in the Fall. With the help of all and a little effort on your part, we can start to increase the membership of the Lodge and see new Officers in Line.

I personally thank all the Officers who supported us this past year, and would remind those who are about to become Officers for the ensuing year, please find a replacement should you not be able to attend a certain Communication. Most of the Officers this past year did; some did not, nor make any effort to notify anyone that they were unable to come.

Later this Summer or early Fall, the Lodge will hold a Widows Program. Should you have any suggestions, ideas or want a type of program you feel would interest the Lodge, make your thoughts known. If you would like to serve on a Committee or participate in a particular program, tell us. Your participation is important and wanted. I hope to incorporate some things this next year that haven't been done in the past. It's time for change.

In the words of a Past Staff Officer who is a member of this Lodge, "if it is to be, then it's up to me." He made this statement in the late 70's; I heard the same statement this past week as I sat in Grand Lodge. It came from the Grand Master. It is up to you, my Brothers, if this Lodge is to become the Shining Star in Wayne District. Together we can do it.

The Installation of Officers for 2007-2008 will take place on June 6th at 7:30 p.m. It will also be the last Communication before the Summer. The Lodge will resume its labor on September 19th. Make an effort to attend, take part and start to support the new Officers. ■

Fairport/Flower City Lodge No. 476

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

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Congratulations to our new Brothers, Corey McNeil and Sean Miller, who were Raised on April 30th. We welcome them and will personally greet them at the first opportunity.

Canal Days

The Canal Days Food Stand will be set up on Friday, June 1st and be open for business on June 2nd and 3rd. Sign up with Brian Bills to volunteer (388-0913). We hope to have enough manpower to run one or two Child ID Programs.

The new Officers of the Lodge will be installed on June 11th. The Lodge will open at 7 p.m. and then be opened to the public for the Installation at 7:30 p.m. Come out to support your Officers, both young and old.

Masonic Anniversaries

The following Brothers will be recognized for membership anniversaries: 60 Years - George Bluhm; 55 Years - Philip Averbach, Ernest R. Politz, Warren Reigelsperger and Chester Ru-

bin; 50 Years - Stuart Bobry, Bill Burgess, Harold Chait; 45 Years - Jeremy Leichtner; 40 Years - John Leonard and Lawrence Schulman.

We hope many will come out. Fairport-Flower City will join with the Grotto Honor Guard on a bus trip to the Masonic Care Community in Utica on June 21st. Entertainer Mark Russell will perform his political satire to benefit the Community. Contact Brian Bills (388-0913) if interested.

June 25th will be Sport Shirt Night. The Officers will conduct a Walk-About for our new Brothers. This will be the last meeting until September 10th.

It is not too early to talk about picnics. The Lodge is planning one for July 18th in Perinton Park along the Canal. At this point it will be a bring a dish-to-pass meal; meat provided by the Lodge. Call Brother Sy Kopen (377-4435) for further information or so indicate you plan to attend.

The following Brothers will celebrate birthdays during the months of June, July and August:

June Birthdays

Bill Laird (2nd), Ernest Politz (4th), Phil Averbach (5th), Morton Sarachan and Tommie Richenderfer (6th), Larry Bleichfeld (8th), Steve MacIntyre (11th), Tom Gilchrist (14th), George Bluhm (18th), Eric Dreeson (19th), Frank Kazdan (26th) and Bob Hess (29th).

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It is my sad duty to report the passing of Brother John L. Warder, who laid down his working tools on April 27th. John was a 30-year Mason and an active member of Ark Lodge and the Geneva Shrine Club. A life-long resident of Geneva, graduating from Geneva High School and Nichols College, John also served in the U.S. Army. He was a member of various Geneva community groups including the American Legion and the Hydrant Hose Company of the Geneva Fire Department. John was an avid outdoorsman, conservationist and member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church. John Warder touched many lives - whether through his devotion to family, his community activities, or his charitable works. Ark Lodge mourns his loss and will remember John for his personal character and the honorable way he conducted himself.

Grand Lodge was held on May 7th and 8th with a number of issues discussed. The one most "heated" revolved around allowing eighteen-year-olds to apply for candidacy. The most moving part of the Convention was the presentations by the young people of Rainbow, Constellation, Triangle and DeMolay. DeMolay's Master Councilor was a reminder of what we hope all of our young people would strive for. He left not a dry eye in Grand Lodge, a truly inspirational speech.

Election of Officers

At May's Summated Communication, Elections were held for the Officers of Ark Lodge for the coming year: Master **Anthony Khoury** Sr. Warden **Thomas Smart Jr.** Warden **Thomas Abraham** Treasurer **Jed Brandow** Secretary **Lance Ward**

August 19th is the O/S/Y Golf Tournament. Brother Brandow and I are looking for two other Ark Brothers to help us defend the "Golden Golf Shoe Award."

Upcoming Events

June 20th - Regular Communication-Installation of Officers

July 7th - Geneva Firemen's Parade

August 19th - O/S/Y Golf Tournament, Seneca Lakes Country Club

September 8th - Ark Lodge 200th Anniversary Celebration, Club 86. ■

In Memoriam

Werner, John F.

We have just received word that John F. Werner, a member of Garoga-Sincerity Lodge, passed away December 14, 2006. No further information is available.

FEBRUARY

Allen, Robert F.

On February 26th, Robert F. Allen, 74, went Home to his Lord. He was a member of Northfield Lodge and a U.S. Army Veteran of the Korean War. His wife, Shirley, survives him.

APRIL

Cotton, M. Sherman

On April 15th, Sherman Cotton, 95, passed away leaving his wife of 72 years, Esther, two daughters, three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren to miss him. He was a member of Scottish Rite and Shrine.

Warder, John L.

John Warder, 66, laid down his working tools on April 27th. John was a 30-year active member of Ark Lodge, Scottish Rite, the Geneva Shrine and a U.S. Army Veteran. He was an avid outdoorsman, conservationist and devoted to family and community activities. Ark Lodge mourns his loss and will remember John for his personal character and the honorable way he conducted himself.

Neeley, Warren

We have received notification that Warren Neeley, a member of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge, passed away April 11th. No further details are available.

Brewer, Allen M.

Allen M. Brewer, 89, said goodbye to his Earthly home. He was a 53-year member of Seneca Lodge, serving as Master in 1968. He supported the Lodge's printing requirements for many years. He was a World War II U.S. Army Veteran. His wife of 65 years, Louise, will remember and miss him with each page in their book of memories.

MAY

Constantine, Lloyd H.

Lloyd, 87, passed on to his Heavenly home on May 2nd. He was a member of Unity Lodge. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Dorothy, a son and five grandchildren.

Wecker, Samuel J., Jr.

The Great Architect of the Universe embraced Samuel Wecker on May 4th, leaving his wife, Maxine, three children and four grandchildren to miss him. Sam was a member of Webster Lodge, Coast Guard Auxiliary and World War II Veteran. You left us with a garden of beautiful memories sprayed with a million tears.

Mickelson, Jesse

At 91 years of age, Jesse Mickelson entered Eternal Rest with our Lord on May 6th. He was a 52-year member of Valley-Simes Lodge. He is survived by two sons and four grandchildren. May he be at peace.

Lowe, Robert O.

A faithful 59-year member of Drumlin Square Lodge, Robert Lowe, 83, laid down his working tools on May 11th. He was a former Palmyra Town Historian, Army Air Corp Veteran and Eagle Scout. His Brothers will miss him.

A Widow to Remember

Wilmot, Dorothy, widow of Herbert Wilmot (Clio Lodge), passed away April 20th.

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Stutzman, Rowe Mack

On May 17th, Rowe Mack Stutzman, 85, went to the Celestial Lodge leaving his Brothers of Fairport-Flower City Lodge to remember him. His wife, Helen, three children, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren survive him. He was a Past Master, serving the Lodge in 1956, a World War II Veteran and a founder of CURE.

Bareham, J. Robert

Bob Bareham, 89, went Home to his Lord on May 21st. He was a 45-year member of Unity Lodge, Lalla Rookh Grotto, Greece Post American Legion and a U.S. Army Veteran of World War II. He labored hard for those he loved, then left two children, four grandchildren, Fraternal and church families to remember.

Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

July

- 7 OSY - Geneva Firemen's Parade
- 28-29 OSY - Campout

August

- 15 MON - DDGM Kickoff event, Shrine Center
- 18 SHRINE - Tool Raffle
- 19 OSY - Golf Tournament
- 19 SHRINE - Ugly Run

September

- 5 SHRINE - Hot Sands
- 8 OSY - Ark Lodge 200th Anniversary
- 8 OSY - Association Meeting

October

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

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CALENDAR FOR JUNE 2007

Gem - Pearl
Flower - Rose

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 OSY/WYN - Golf Tournament
3 Hesperus - Bergen (I)	4 Canandaigua - Shortsville West Star - Varysburg RAM - Palmyra/Eagle KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford Shrine Lunch Club - Fairport Village Inn	5 Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson (I) Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps (I) Nunda Station Oakland (I) - Castile OES - Fairport, Nolatka, Starlight	6 Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy Damascus Shrine OES - Lilac Star	7 Eunice - Caledonia Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster RSM - Palmyra Council	8	9 G/W - West Star - Chicken BBQ for Scholarship Fund, Varysburg Fire Hall
10 Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinner Weds 13th & 27th 287 East Avenue, Hilton	11 ERAC, Shrine Center Fairport/Flower City Union Star - Honeoye Falls Unity - Spencerport Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield RAM - Excelsior - Shortsville Shrine Lunch Club - Fairport Village Inn	12 Eagle - Honeoye Seneca - Webster Valley-Simes (E & I), Shrine Center RAM - Dansville OES - Leah - Hilton, Mary Jane Holmes - Brockport	13 Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Masonic Service Bureau Monthly Luncheon Meeting OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville, Corinthian Fellowship	14 Fame, Shrine Center Milnor - Victor (I) Union - Lima Webster Fellowcraft RAM - Hiram Lalla Rookh Caldron Flag Day	15	16
17 Father's Day	18 Canandaigua - Shortsville West Star - Varysburg KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford Lalla Rookh Grotto Legion of Honor Shrine Lunch Club - Ladies Day, The Nutcracker	19 Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson, Shrine Center Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps Nunda Station Oakland - Castile OES - Nolatka, Starlight	20 Ark - Geneva Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy RSM - Doric Council (I), Pittsford Lalla Rookh Grotto OES - Lilac Star	21 Eunice - Caledonia Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster RAM - Western Star Masonic Service Bureau Awards Ceremony Masonic Care Community presents Mark Russell First Day of Summer	22	23 Lalla Rookh Grotto Golf Tournament, Old Hickory Golf Club, Livonia St. John's Day
24 Eagle Lodge Eagle Chapter Spaghetti Dinner Thursday, June 21st 4994 County Rd 36 Honeoye	25 ERAC, Shrine Center Fairport/Flower City Union Star - Honeoye Falls Unity - Spencerport Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield Shrine Lunch Club - Fairport Village Inn	26 Eagle - Honeoye RAM - Dansville, LeRoy OES - Leah - Hilton	27 Churchville Oatka - Scottsville Tall Cedars of Lebanon OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville, Corinthian Fellowship	28 Fame, Shrine Center Milnor - Victor Union - Lima RAM - Hiram James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post	29	30