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## Widows Luncheon Saturday, April 21st Burgundy Basin Inn

Save the date! The Annual Widows Luncheon will be held on Saturday, April 21st, at 12 Noon at the Burgundy Basin Inn, 1361 Marsh Road in Pittsford. The doors will open at 11:00 a.m.

Sponsored by the Masonic Service Bureau, this event pays homage to the women who supported our departed Brothers Masonic endeavors. There are some Lodges that have their own programs honoring widows of their former members,

but this is a District-wide event, which we encourage all Lodges to support.

Tickets for the sit-down dinner are \$15.00 per person. A supply of tickets will be sent to the Secretary of each Lodge. You may also secure them from the Masonic Service Bureau by sending a check for the number required to the office, 979 Bay Road, Suite 2, Webster, NY 14580-1736. Additional information may be obtained by calling the Bureau at 671-9730.

## Comedian Mark Russell Headlines Performance for Masonic Care Community on June 21st

MCC News Release

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

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



**Entertainer Mark Russell** is well known for performing his political humor on TV and in concert halls throughout the nation. With his trademark pi-

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

**Tickets on Sale in May**

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

## Scholarship Applications Available!



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

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

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

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

## Charity Grants

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

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

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

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## Masonic Care Community Now Tobacco-Free Facility

William J. Luley, Executive Director of the Masonic Care Community, announced that as of February 14, 2007, the Masonic Care Community became a tobacco-free facility.

According to Mr. Luley, "The mission of the Masonic Care Community is to provide the highest quality of healthcare for our residents. By becoming completely tobacco-free, we are furthering this mission and, in doing so we are setting an example of wellness and prevention that is important to the health of our residents, employees, medical staff, volunteers and community."

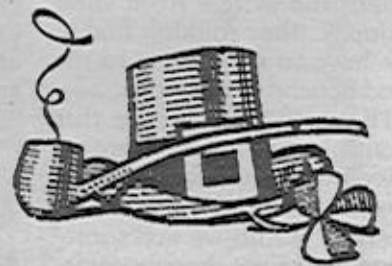
Tobacco use is the leading preventable cause of disease and death in the United States. "By making our environment entirely tobacco-free, we are addressing the number-one health risk today," Mr. Luley added.

"In addition, many people are not aware of how tobacco use

affects their health and their ability to recover from illness and surgery. We hope to educate people on the health risks linked with tobacco use at the same time we make all of our long-term care facilities -- skilled nursing care at our new Health Pavilion, adult residential care at Wiley Hall, and independent living for active seniors at Acacia Village -- tobacco-free," he concluded.

To ease the transition to a tobacco-free environment, the Masonic Care Community's Wellness Committee is offering cessation programs including individual counseling, low-cost nicotine replacement and group cessation classes.

The new Tobacco-Free Policy has two goals: to remove tobacco use from the Masonic Care Community's 400-acre Campus to help those residents and staff who are trying to quit, and to clearly state that good health and quality healthcare do not include the use of tobacco.\*



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## Need a Program for Your Trestleboard?

Angie Caiola, Director of Community Relations, Brother Rob Lauducci and Brother Ira Cooperman are eager to give a presentation at your Lodge. They will provide a very informative program regarding the health care options at the Masonic Care Community. All New York State Masons need to be informed of what services are available to them and their families.

Call toll-free, (800) 322-8826, or phone Rob Lauducci directly at (315) 798-4828, Ira Cooperman at (315) 798-4703 or Angie Caiola (315) 798-4768 to schedule a program for your Lodge.

# Damascus News - See Page 9



**Editor's Corner**

I was a bit concerned last month when I completed my column and saw the amount of space it used. Briefly, I thought I would split it into two separate months. Then I decided the information mentioned was worth the space, and proceeded with the article. From the positive comments received, at least a few of you waded through it and appreciated the material shared therein.

Dave and I have tried to be positive promoters of all the Masonic Organizations in the five Districts we serve. All our volunteer proofreaders and production personnel question any controversial submissions to determine if they should be published. Some messages are better sent as personal mail.

Any subscribing Body is entitled to publish an article of their happenings. We can't publish material we don't receive. Occasionally, we hear from members who wonder where the article from their group is...they couldn't find it. We have to refer them to the head honcho of the group.

That will be the case this month, as two articles were received way after the deadline (one by eight days, and one by twelve). While we are sometimes able to fit them in someplace, the amount of text this time did not permit it.

On the Big Calendar on the back page, a date is circled. That is the deadline for the next issue of the paper. (The exception is the June issue, when the next deadline isn't until August.) Currently the deadline is usually the second Monday of the month prior to the date of the publication. This gives us the two weeks we need to get our finished product to the printer.

Empire State Weeklies on Empire Boulevard, also known as Webster Printing, handles the production and distribution of the paper for us. They give us fantastic service. Unfortunately, we sometimes get bogged down in the Postal Service and the paper arrives in your hands later than we had hoped. You can be sure we try very hard to be on time.

Thanks for reading.

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**By James Ghent, President**

The Election of Officers for the ensuing year was carried out by recommendations of the Nominating Committee, consisting of the three immediate Past Presidents - Linda Zahn, Angelo DiCataldo and Jay McCullough. They and the Board of Directors voted on the slate of officers, per the By-Laws and Constitution of the Masonic Service Bureau. R.: W.: and Rev. Paul Gleason installed all Officers and Directors for the year 2007 at the January meeting.

Also, at the January Masonic Service Bureau meeting, the Board of Directors approved changes to the By-Laws and Constitution that removed liability from Board Members, acting in good faith, on Masonic Service Bureau business.

**Review of Mission**

At the request of the Executive Committee, John Dudley, has agreed to Chair a committee that will review the mission of the Masonic Service Bureau and make recommendations to the Board as to which functions should be deleted, on which functions more emphasis should be placed and what functions should be included. All recommendations are to be in accordance with the intent specified in the founding documents.

Terry Wihlen is chairing a committee on the Policies and Procedures of the Masonic Service Bureau. At its last committee meeting, the Policies and Procedures for several committees were approved and will be presented to the Board for their consideration. The purpose of the committee is to put in place a Manual of Procedures that governs our actions, all within the By-Laws and Constitution, and allows new volunteers to have some guidance as to the activities of the various committees. We are always interested in having new volunteers participate in the Masonic Service Bureau. Please feel free to attend our meetings, which are held on the second Wednesday of the Month, at noon, at the Masonic Service Bureau, located in the Damascus Shrine Center in Webster. Please contact the Masonic Service Bureau Office for more information at 671-9730.

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**Local Teachers, School Districts Benefit from Masonic Student Assistance Training**

Teachers from Fairport and Livonia attended a recent Masonic Student Assistance Training (MSAT) Program. Their mutual consensus, at the conclusion, was that they felt empowered with new spirit and hope, energy and strength, desire and compassion ... wanting to teach better. Wanting to do more and be more for their students, children, family and friends.



Jefferson Avenue Elementary School, Fairport, teachers who attended the MSAT Program. (Front, L-R) Kristen Pellerite, Jamie Tarmino, Lisa Herninger, Kelly Janieck; (Back, L-R) Marlene Motkowski, Christine Pusloskie, Lynne Manuel



Livonia Central School teachers who attended the MSAT Program. (Front, L-R) Scott Cripps, Dan Kashorek, Anne Mosher; (Back, L-R) Chuck D'Imperio, James Lynch, Bobby Schoener

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# Order of the Eastern Star

you have never been hurt before, SING as though no one can hear you and, most important, LIVE as though heaven is on earth! *Author: Souza* ✕

gen on Monday, March 26th at 7:30 p.m.

Perry's Official Visit is April 3rd, Stebbin's (Pike) on April 11th, Batavia's on April 25th and Vernon's (Java) on April 27th.

In May, Olive Branch (LeRoy) will have their Official Visit on May 7th and Centennial's (Warsaw) Official Visit is on May 21st.

### Spring Activities

I believe Bergen will be having a Reception for our new Grand Representative of West Virginia, Harry Tyson, in March.

Sunday, April 29th, we are having a Jamboree at the South Byron Fire Hall on Route 237 from 1 p.m. 'til 9 p.m. Proceeds will go to children with cancer (the Grand Matron's project) and research for Autism.

The Grand Matron's Official Visit is May 17th and will be held at the Day's Inn in Batavia with a cash bar at 5 p.m., dinner at 6:30 p.m. and meeting at 8 p.m. We are keeping the cost down in hopes that more of our own District will come. There is a choice of Ham or Turkey for dinner and the cost is \$17. Please try to attend!

### Upcoming Events

For a little fun and activity in June, join a Mystery Day Bus Trip that's scheduled for June 9th.

July will bring the Pilgrimage to Oriskany; August 12th is a picnic at Genesee County Park; then to September and the completion of our year. The Grand Chapter Sessions are October 22nd, 23rd and 24th in Saratoga Springs. Motels are reserved for both Oriskany and Grand Chapter Sessions, if anyone is interested.

Our Motto this year is *Git Er Done*, and we hope to!!! ✕

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The Line Officers' Meetings have gotten off to a great start. Our plans for the year are in full swing and everyone seems very enthusiastic.

Each month we will collect a selected item for Cameron Ministries, as they request. We will keep you informed of what they need. Of course, any of the items can be donated at any time, but we're focusing on the monthly requests.

### Cameron Ministries Project December - Seasonings

I must thank everyone for their support of our "District project" ... Cameron Ministries. We started out in December by donating lots of "Seasoned Greetings," for which they were so appreciative.

### January - Winter Coats

In the beginning of February, a total of sixteen Winter coats were donated and delivered. With the weather we have had, one of the ladies at Cameron said that we must have heard their prayers.

### February - Paper Products

We are now collecting paper products in the form of disposable diapers, baby wipes, toilet paper and 6" Styrofoam (for rigidity) dessert plates.

If you have missed one or more of the monthly projects, just contact either Rt. Wthy. Bill Mattern or me and we will gladly make arrangements to pick up any donations you may have and see that they get to Cameron. As always, monetary donations are always accepted; just send those, as well, to either Rt. Wthy. Bill or me.

### Date Changes

I do want to let you know about a few date changes that we must make in our District Official Visit Plans:

Rochester Chapter's Official Visit has been changed to May 5th.

Corinthian-Fellowship's Official Visit is now May 23rd.

Nolatka Chapter will have their Official Visit on June 5th.

Please note the changes. We hope that you will be able to join us.

### Official Visits

Upcoming Official Visits are:  
April 10th - Leah Chapter  
April 17th - Starlight Chapter

### Other Dates

Saturday, March 3rd - Line Officers' Meeting at Webster Lodge Hall.

While I was vacationing in Florida, I was excited to be able to attend the Florida gathering in Sarasota on January 22nd. It was fun to see all the New York State Snowbirds and some of the members who have permanently moved to Florida. It was a fun day.

I am happy to report that on my way back to New York State, I saw a whole flock of Robins on the side of the road in South

Carolina. So, they are making their way back to us. Try to stay warm. Remember that the Robins are on the way and I always feel we get at least of glimpse of Spring in March. So we will be seeing April showers and sunshine before you know it.

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

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### Reminder

Don't forget to send your Annual Dues along with any changed information (address, telephone number). This will help keep our records up to date and make it easier for our Secretary to keep in touch with you.

### Sickness and Distress

Remember those who are not able to come out to our meetings with a "thinking of you" card.

Our condolences and prayers of comfort to the family of Barbara Spano, who passed away February 16th.

Brother Raymond DiJames is having back problems. Your prayers and cards are appreciated.

If you know of any sickness and distress (or happy news), contact the Matron or Secretary.

### Upcoming Events

#### March

6th - Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m. We will make plans for our future. Dress warmly, as the Chapter rooms are very chilly.

20th - Summoned Meeting at 7:30 p.m. for discussion about our upcoming relocation.

#### April

3rd - Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Bring two boxes and help us sort and pack!

17th - Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Of all the things a person has no matter how rich or poor, everyone can afford to give a smile away! Just think of its outcome.

### Official Visit Changed!

June 5th - Official Visit, 7:30 p.m. Committee - TBA; Dress Code - White formals and Tuxes

### Congratulations!

We were all proud to see our Past Patron Robert Crystal's photo on the front page of the January issue of the *Masonic Times*. We know the work you do with DeMolay is fulfilling and rewarding. We are all very proud of you! Keep up the good work!

### Bible Verses of the Month

*Proverbs 3: Verses 5-6 - Trust in the Lord with all thy heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.*

*Note: This verse is also found in our Ritual, but do you know where?*

*Romans 8: Verse 28 - And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to His purpose.*

Our Worthy Matron is currently having Official Visit Rehearsals during the meetings. What a brilliant idea! At a recent meeting, we practiced marching in and out. This idea seems to help us remember something that we only do once in awhile! This is a good thing!

A lot of other surprises are in store for us this year in our Chapter. Why don't you turn the tables and surprise us with your presence at a meeting or two? The camaraderie is always phenomenal! We are still meeting at Churchville Masonic Lodge Hall at 7:30 p.m. Our meetings are normally about an hour and a half to two hours long. Afterwards we gather for coffee and fellowship.

In closing, I wish you all to DANCE as though no one is watching you, LOVE as though

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We are hoping to have a fun and active year. We have already had to cancel our *Bug a Deere's Study Club* meeting due to Winter, but will soon have another to catch up on news. We will also have a School of Instruction in the near future.

### Official Visits

Our first Official Visit will be at Hesperus Lodge Hall in Ber-

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### Have-a-Heart

Thanks to all our Masonic Fraternity for helping to make this year's Have-a-Heart Campaign successful. Teams from not only our District participated, but from many of the surrounding Districts as well.

A special thanks to the three Mall Coordinators - Richard Greenaway, Eugene Crews and David Sylvester - and our Chairman, George Foechner, for their dedication, service and hours of time that made this event a success for the local Ronald McDonald House.

### Results of Celebration

By the time this article is published, all eight Lodges that sent me their "In Lodge Re-dedication" attendance forms, will have received their 225th Anniversary Pins.

In total, our District had about 200 Brothers participate in this Program. These Lodges also participated in the Interfaith Service Program that recognized and distributed American Flags to many of the different groups that help support

the community which share the same values that we as Masons do.

**College of Freemasonry**  
The Scottish Rite Valley of Rochester will be hosting the "College of Freemasonry" on March 31st at the Damascus Shrine Center. This event is open to all Masons, as well as non-Masons, and has proven to be a great learning opportunity for all.

Our Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, the M.:W.: Neal I. Bidnick, will be one of the featured speakers at this event. Please see the Scottish Rite article in the *Masonic Times* for making your reservations to this event.

Winter has finally arrived. We knew it would; however, we were hoping it would hold off a while longer. We have had the opportunity to visit many of the Lodges a second time and will continue until we visit them all. We are seeing them all grow and improve. Please continue working together by supporting each other in the Degrees and social events that I see different Lodges participating in. This is a part of the Masonic Compact ... friendship, fidelity and family that helps to make our Fraternity great.

### Individual Development Course

On February 17th, we graduated eleven Brothers from the *Individual Development Course* held in Rochester this year. We had five attending from Monroe District - Garry Cranker, George Foechner, Phillip Hurwitz, John Jamele and Patrick Mulrooney. Charles McDonald attended from Niagara-Orleans District.



Some of the graduates of the *Individual Development Course*, held monthly since last September, are shown with part of the staff who made presentations at the sessions. (From left): Michael Grady, Robert Seils, Cortney Gale, Phillip Hurwitz, Kenneth Richard Howe, Patrick Mulrooney, Michael Rhodes (back), Garry Cranker, Charles McDonald, George Foechner, John Jamele, Tom Grape and Robert Glace. R.:W.: Robert Glace, Junior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, was there to present the Graduation Certificates and Pins.

We also had five from the Genesee-Wyoming District - Cortney Gale, Chris Kremer, Donald Kunego, Michael Rhodes and Robert Seils.

These Brothers met on the 3rd Saturday of each month for six months. They started in September, 2006 and completed the Course on February 17th. The Course covered these specific topics: identifying core personal values, vision, goal and time management, public speaking, writing skills, email, press releases, team selection and team building, dealing with difficult people, prioritization and managing projects, social marketing and effecting change, and interviewing of different youth organizations.

They, as a group, had to decide what specific topic to work on as a team. The project they

chose to work on was the Rochester Chapter of the Order of DeMolay. This is an organization of young men, ages 12 to 21, that provides the opportunity to have fun, learn and lead while developing friendships.

The topic they chose was to make the community more aware of this organization. They worked with the Rochester Chapter in assisting them to put out an open invitation to the community, which was held at Clio Lodge. The members of the DeMolay put on "The Ceremony of Light," which defines what they are all about. The IDC team then put together a presentation of their project that could be used for other DeMolay Chapters.

Our Junior Grand Deacon, R.:W.: Robert Glace, was

there to make the presentation of "Graduation Certificates and Pins" to the class graduates. A "Certificate of Appreciation" was presented to Joy Woodley, who provided the lunch and snacks for all the classes. Also, a "Certificate of Appreciation" was presented to the Empire State Carpenters for the use of their facilities for the classes at no charge to the Fraternity.

Thanks to the facilitators - Jim De Lorenzo, Mike Grady, Rick Howe, William Lindsay and Cliff Short for their time, service and dedication to making this a successful course.

My understanding is that the IDC will be offered again this coming year and the forms for sign-up should be out by May.

Please remember, we are here to help you and your Lodge. ✕

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The *Road to the East Course*, jointly hosted by the Genesee-Wyoming, Livingston and Monroe Districts' Staff Officers, held Sessions 1 and 2 on February 3rd and 24th at Eunice Lodge, Caledonia. Session 3 will be March 3rd from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Coffee and snacks will be provided.

The class syllabus and lesson plans provided to you in January by your District Staff Officer have been updated to the page numbers in the August 2006 Version of the *24-Inch Gauge*. This material will be provided to you by Rick, Marty or myself.

Our instructors for the first sessions were well prepared and delivered their material in dynamic style that encouraged class participation. Derek Van Houten reviewed how to use the *24-Inch Gauge*, Phil Hurwitz had a dynamite presentation on Masonic Law, Rich Friedman related how Grand Lodge really works and how we are a part of it. Mike Grady covered Masonic Educational Opportunities available, Bill Jones discussed the duties and prerogatives of the Worshipful Master and Rick Howe reviewed the checklists for Master and Senior and Junior Wardens.

The time flew by! The Instructors took questions from the class and gave straight answers. The rapt attention of the class and their interaction with the instructors made it clear that a lot of learning was taking place. I felt we were accomplishing our Mission in preparing the fourteen men in class to be Masters of their Lodges. On behalf of our District Officers, I thank Livingston District and Eunice Lodge for providing the facilities and equipment, which allowed us to hold these classes.

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

Our Brothers in Ontario/Seneca/Yates District are holding their *Road to the East Program* March 3rd, 17th and 24th so makeup potential exists. DDGM David W. Locke has graciously extended an invitation to our District Brothers to join in their sessions, as required. Please note there is a date conflict with our last session and their first.

If you have any questions, contact your District Staff Officer.

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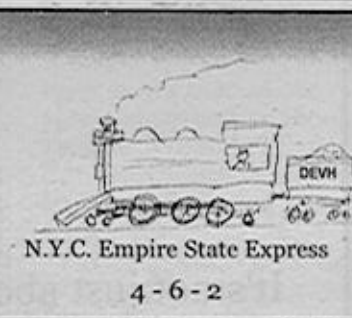
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Recently, I received a very positive report from R.:W.: Robert Stack. Let me quote him.

"The latest figures are wonderful at this time in the Campaign indicating a possible million-dollar year. This may be due, in part, to an early start in July or the crystal premium. Whatever the reason, I am delighted as YOU should be also.

"BUT, the average NUMBER of contributors is at about 15% right now. Not so good. We have four months left in the Campaign, and it's time for another solicitation by the Lodge Chairman. We have the supplies in-house now.

"I would like to see DOUBLE our participation percentage and have a banner year. I look forward to your cooperation. THANK YOU."

"I thank all the Lodge Chairmen in the Area 15 Jurisdiction for their hard work. My thanks also to the Master of the Lodges allowing these Brothers to take a portion of meetings to explain the great and noble work of the Brotherhood Fund."

An interesting quote from Ethel P. Andrus seems to fit the above, "The human contribution is the essential ingredient. It is only in the giving of oneself to others that we truly live." ✕

## Brotherhood Fund

R.:W.:  
Derek VanHouten  
Monroe District

Even in the Southland, where many have never seen icing conditions, snow and inclement weather, people are feeling Winter's wrath. When we headed for warmer climes we did not take into account this current weather and we need to thank our engineering crew for getting us to our destination.

A relief crew is now heading for the Heartland and Brothers George Todd and Donald Hunter, both Senior Wardens of their respective Lodges, are at the controls of our mighty mechanical horse as we fly through the countryside. We have added several flat cars and our "theme" for this month would be "tolerance."

R.:W.: Bob Zabel has been instrumental in observing the overall operation of the train from his observation post in the

caboose. Riding shotgun this time around will be W.: Clyde Siverd and Brother Earl Pearce both "old salts" can handle any situation for this leg of the trip.

There are several key words or phrases that we, as Masons and Brothers, consider to be key elements of our great Fraternity. In no particular order, and one flat car for each - friendship, morality, brotherly love, faith, hope and charity - volumes probably could be written about each of these. Suffice it to say that we hold each of these words and what they mean dear to us and the values that they portray are who we are.



As we attend Lodge, we set aside the stresses and problems of the day and meet on the level with our friends and Brothers in a place where we find comfort and support. We do not want, nor should we find, discontent, negative attitudes or foul language. We need to leave those at the door. We hope that, as you read this, we will consider our future conduct to reflect the high ideals that made us who we are and who we represent.

The Masters of the Lodges are in control of their Lodge and should not let the aforementioned actions repeat themselves. The use of the Gavel should be used by the Chair to control the situation if warrants.

All this discussion and the hooking up and taking off of cars, sure builds a man's appetite. As we read the different articles in the *Masonic Times*, we observe there are at least three Lodges in our area that serve Spaghetti Dinners during each month. There are also various Shrine Clubs offering Dinners that you can inquire about attending.

Now we leave you to contemplate what has been said and we look forward to seeing you down the line.

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Our last School of Ritual will be March 29th at Clio Lodge in Hilton. This should be a fun night. We will be working on the 1st Section of the 3rd Degree. Although, for a change, you will be the AGLs for the night. Study up and be prepared to fill any of the chairs. As you discover someone's errors or omissions you will then replace that person in his chair. As we come close to completing this year, remember that

the attendance banner is still up for grabs. This is the last opportunity to earn the banner and receive it at the Grand Lecturer's Convention in October.

Grand Lodge meets May 7-8 in New York City. Remember that your Lodge is required to elect new Officers "at the FIRST Stated Communication of such Lodge that shall be convened on/or immediately after the second Monday in May..." With this in mind, the Joint Investiture Ceremony for the newly elected Masters will be May 25th at Fairport-Flower City Lodge Hall.

A Steak Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., with the Investiture beginning at 7:30 p.m. The attire for the evening will be black tie for Outgoing Masters and Masters-Elect. This event is open to all Masters and Past Masters of your Lodges.

Please come out and show your support for your incoming Master. Dinner reservations will be required, and I will send out a letter to each Lodge with the Proxy Statement and reservation requests.

spective activities, thus eliminating conflicts in dates. The GLSO is also required to visit each Lodge within the District at least once each calendar year. These dates may or may not coincide with the DDGM's visit. It is the hope that the District Deputy Grand Master and Grand Lodge Staff Officer(s) work closely together as a Team to coordinate and administer all Grand Lodge Programs during their terms in office.

**The Process**

Just how does one go about becoming a Leader of the Craft?

The process for becoming a District Deputy Grand Master or Grand Lodge Staff Officer is the same. The only requirement is that a Brother must be a Past Master of a Lodge before being appointed, which happens on St. John's Day each year in Utica. Each position serves a two-year term, which coincides with the term of a Grand Master. By the end of June, Grand Lodge will send each Lodge Secretary several applications for these positions. If interested, a Brother can fill out one of these applications and then submit it to the Purple Club for consideration.

It is the duty of the Vice-President of the Purple Club to choose a District Selection Committee that will review all applications as well as interview each applicant. After the interviews are concluded, this Committee will address the Purple Club Members and, after discussion, a ballot of the potential Candidates is taken. The Purple Club then recommends those individuals they believe will best fulfill these positions to Grand Lodge for the Grand Master's consideration.

If you are considering applying for one of these positions, I can assure you that if you ask any Brother who is a "Purple," he will inform you that he found his term in office to be a learning, busy and enjoyable experience; and one that he will cherish for the rest of his life.

I can think of no other time in my Masonic career that I enjoyed more than when I had the opportunity to represent you, the Brothers of the Monroe District, during my term as Grand Lodge Staff Officer. I would encourage any Brother who meets the requirements to seriously consider this opportunity.



**Lodge Secretaries Meeting**

By R.: W.: Gary Sanford

I have scheduled another meeting for Lodge Secretaries on Saturday, March 17th at 9:30 a.m. This will be held at Union Star Lodge, which is located at 3 North Main Street in Honeoye Falls. Refreshments will be provided for your nourishment.

At this meeting, we will be "live" with the MORI System so all may see the different areas and get a chance to ask any questions they may have. This is being set up based on your response to the first meeting we held in January. This is open to all Lodge Secretaries who wish to attend. Please email me at [ggsanford@aol.com](mailto:ggsanford@aol.com) or call me at 425-4240 to let me know if you plan on attending. We need to know this so we may have the area set up for everyone and also have enough refreshments.

searching to find different items and places. Many Americans could learn a great deal by spending a little time here.

**Upcoming Events**

March 17th we are planning another Game Night.

March 26th we are planning to put on our own 3rd Degree. I look forward to Raising our new Brothers. We are planning a dinner before the Degree. If you are interested please sign up at our March 12th meeting or contact the W.: Master, Scott May. Don't forget the last School of Ritual on March 29th at Clio Lodge in Hilton.

tions must be postmarked by MONDAY, APRIL 30th. The Lodge Trustees will review all applications and notify recipients. Scholarship checks will be presented at the Lodge Family Picnic in July.

Thank you, Brothers, for your support once again.

**News from the Purple Club of the Monroe District**

By R.: W.: James De Lorenzo  
**The Purple Apron**

Have you ever thought about wearing a Purple Apron? Are you ready to accept the challenge to lead the Monroe Masonic District during the next administration?

Leadership is the key. Every family, business, organization, community, state, etc. will not survive without individuals with strong leadership capabilities. The Masonic Fraternity has that leadership base. It is called "The Purple Club." This is a group of Brothers who were not asked to lead but sought out leadership roles. They had a vision of a clear direction for the Monroe District and enthusiasm for the Craft when they stepped forward.

If you believe that you have the desire to:

- Increase your Masonic knowledge foundation
- Visit many new Lodges
- Meet many new Brothers with the same ideals and principles
- Increase the Masonic knowledge of all Brothers

Then, you should seriously consider strapping on a Purple Apron.

**DDGM**

The District Deputy Grand Master is probably the most recognized position within any given Masonic District in New York State. He is the Brother who has been designated, by the Grand Master, to act on his behalf for his respective District.

He has the responsibility to implement the Grand Master's Plan and coordinate the Grand Lodge Committee Chairmen within the District. He is obligated to visit each Lodge within his assigned District at least once a year in order to convey the Grand Master's Message and he can issue Dispensations to Lodges for various reasons on behalf of the Grand Master.

**GLSO**

The Grand Lodge Staff Officer carries different responsibilities than the DDGM. He is also appointed by, and works directly for, the Grand Master. His primary responsibility within the District is Masonic Education, i.e. the *Road to the East*, the *Masonic Development Course* and LSome.


In the Monroe District, the Staff Officer works with the AGLs to coordinate their re-

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I am writing this month's article from Zhuhai, China. Zhuhai is located about one hour from Hong Kong and next to Macau. I have been here several times, but one thing I have found is that many of the people in China have some of the same convictions that we believe in. That may seem a little strange, but I have never met a person here who wasn't willing to help. The English language isn't found in many places, but that didn't stop people from trying to help us when we were

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The Have-a-Heart Campaign has again been another rewarding experience. Brothers, those who have volunteered your time and money have once again done a wonderful thing. The magnificence of giving with out expectation is among the things that make me proud to be a Mason. The new Brothers whom I met from Wayne Lodge (and had the pleasure of working with for the first time) were an added benefit.

I didn't witness the DeMolay event at Clio Lodge, but I have heard nothing but wonderful things about it. I remind everyone that we need to support our children's groups, if for no other reason than to protect our future. Keep this in mind when the young men of DeMolay and young ladies of Triangle ask for our help.


We have the 3rd Degree coming up on March 26th. We still have our monthly visits to Ronald McDonald House on the third Thursday of every month thru August 2007. I am inviting all Brothers to join me in visiting Wayne Lodge on the February 28th to witness the 2nd Degree.

**ERAC Lodge Scholarship Grants**

We are getting ready for our Scholarship Program.

Information and applications for ERAC Lodge 2007 Scholarship Award Grants will be mailed to Lodge Brothers in March. Lodge Sponsors should complete their section and immediately send it to their college student family member to complete and return the application. REMINDER ... applica-

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By George L. Todd

At our January 16th Regular Communication, DDGM, R.: W.: Gary Sanford presented the Grand Lodge 225th Anniversary Pins to the Brothers who had participated in this grand event. Also in attendance was Grand Director of Ceremonies R.: W.: G. Thomas Grape.

Heartfelt thanks to R.: W.: Joe Privitera for the great job in presenting the Historical Lecture for the 3rd Degree. Our newly Raised Brother, Scott Rice, thoroughly enjoyed it, as did the rest of the Brethren present.

**Sickness and Distress**

It was good seeing W.: Gerry Jones back in attendance. We missed you during your illness. Worshipful Steve Mitchell developed a staph infection in his leg and was hospitalized for a few days. He is back home administering intravenous antibiotics to combat the infection. Your thoughts and prayers would be greatly appreciated.

In spite of the cold and wintry weather, we had a great turnout for the Spaghetti Dinner on January 24th.

The night of February 6th was very wintry but that didn't stop approximately 50 Brothers from coming out for the DeMolay's "Ceremony Of Light." I, for one, was very impressed with the Ritual work by the young men putting on the ceremony. They will make outstanding Master Masons. If you meet the following young men, congratulate them on their performance - Zach Buell, Alexander Walts, Justin Mulrooney, Ben Short, Ian Grady, Sean Goodrich and Mike Bailey.

**March Birthdays**

Alan H. Gray, Allen Charles Mercer and Merle A. Wallace. I apologize if I have missed anyone.


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I am happy to announce we have four new Brothers progressing through their Degrees. The 1st Degree was held on February 28th and it was my pleasure to sit in the East. Please mark your calendars for the 2nd Degree on March 28th and the 3rd Degree for April 25th. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Things at Oatka Lodge have been very busy trying to set

the way for the years ahead. As I have mentioned in past articles, we have a new tenant in the building and are looking forward to a long and mutually beneficial relationship with them. We hope that, with this relationship, we can return our focus back to our Craft and growth of Fraternity. The addition of four new Brothers is a big step in the right direction.

Another step I would like to see us make is a re-connection with our Brothers whom we have let drift away from us over the years. Over the next couple of months, I will be working with my Wardens and our Secretary to try to reach those Brothers we have not heard from in awhile. We look forward to hearing from you again.

At the same time, we are working to make the upstairs - including the Lodge Room - more accessible for all and to remodel the upstairs space as a place of fellowship.



Seven Brothers of Northfield weathered a stormy night to get the Traveling Gavel from Valley-Simes Lodge. (From left to right): Brothers Dave Adams and Glenn Schaefer, R.: W.: William Spillane, Master, Brother Erik Loepker, Master of Valley-Simes, W.: Richard DeCroce, W.: Randy Griswold, W.: John Dudley and Brother Clark Panzer.

and Brother Daniel Medwin. Both Brothers bring with them fresh enthusiasm and are beginning to take active roles within the Lodge. Also in December, we had our annual Holiday Party, allowing us to celebrate with Brothers and loved ones - the old and young - to mingle more socially.

With the coming of the New Year, we thought it would be appropriate to review some history. We invited Audrey Johnson, Historian for the Town of Pittsford, to come and give a lecture on the history of Pittsford, Northfield Lodge, the Caves of Pittsford and Masonic involvement in the area. Having several history buffs among the Brethren, this proved to be a lively evening of discussion, exploration, and reminiscing.

Mrs. Johnson was able to fill some gaps in our knowledge as well as bring to light new information; through a fair exchange, we had the pleasure of being able to supply her with some details and trivia to supplement her data. As a small follow-up, we celebrated our Brother Bring-a-Friend

Night and, although we had only a small turnout, our minutes reflect on the general success of the evening.

Most recently, my thanks to the following Brothers for their help in the Have-a-Heart Fund-raiser supporting the local Ronald McDonald House and for making it the success that it was - R.: W.: Raymond Beardsley, W.: Glenn Hedges, W.: John Dudley, Brother David Adams, Brother Pierre Dubé and Brother Erik Loepker. Additionally, friends of Brethren, Sarah Katy Lim and Deb Harris, volunteered their time to working the booth, and contributed greatly as well.

**Looking Ahead**

For a quick look ahead, we are gearing up for presenting our Spring 2nd and 3rd Degrees in March and April, respectively; our annual Widows Luncheon; and, being that this year is our Lodge's 150th Anniversary, we will be performing the Rusty Nail Ritual on April 28th; but I don't want to give away all our surprises now, so you'll have to wait for more on all of that in later editions.



W.: Tim White, his wife, Shelly, and Evar Miller (from left) work the Have-a-Heart Campaign booth at Marketplace Mall.




Phillip White, son of Tim and Shelly White, displays heart for posting Have-a-Heart message, while donors sign theirs.

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In looking back over the past two months, I note that my submissions to this illustrious paper have fallen outside the length of my Cabletow, and thus have not been here. Rest assured, however, steps have been taken to alleviate this in the future. In the meantime, I'm sure you are eager to hear of our doings.

On a solemn note, our respected Brother, W.: Willis N. Pierce, has passed on. Born March 14, 1924, Initiated Feb-

ruary 21, 1974, Passed March 21, 1974, Raised April 18, 1974, Master of Northfield Lodge in 1980; died January 28, 2007.

Brother Pierce worked for the local telephone company, maintaining and operating switches for 40 years, and has the singular distinction of having been awarded an Honorary PhD in Switches from the University of Rochester upon his retirement.

The Degree was an acknowledgement of a Lifetime of Service (he never missed a day of work), and for his assistance to emergency crews during times of crisis. Before caller identification became a routine, digital process, he would backtrack switches to the source to identify emergency callers that needed on-site assistance.

The altar was draped in due form, and we mourn the loss of his light, but rejoice in the knowledge that he now joins the Celestial Lodge.

On a lighter note, two new Brothers were raised in December 2006 - Brother Erik Loepker


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Thanks to all the Brothers who made the 2nd Degree a great success. Everyone who participated did an excellent job with his part. It was nice to have so many Candidates.

Our 3rd Degree will be the 4th Monday in March and will be put on by the Shriners 3rd Degree Team. All Brothers should consider attending to see this Degree put on in full costume. Let's show our support to our new Brothers on being Raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason. W.: Angelo DiCataldo is

encouraging all father-and-son Members of our Lodge to come out for this 3rd Degree.


We had our Ladies Night on February 24th, at Red Fedele's Brook House, with our Brothers from Valley-Simes Lodge and their significant others. Thank you to all the Brothers who participated.

The Have-a-Heart Campaign was a huge success. A generous thank you goes to Brother Sean Brown and W.: Angelo DiCataldo, along with all the Brothers and family members who helped staff the booth for this great cause.

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

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

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

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I generally don't comment on the weather but, with the extended cold and with my mind on those Brothers who are in Florida, I can't help but think of them in the Sunny South while we suffer in the single-digit temperatures of the good old Rochester Winter. Someday, I too will join my host of Brethren who migrate to the warmer climates for the Winter months. We miss your presence at Lodge and can feel your absence in our regular work.

I find it hard to believe that I am already in the tenth month of my Mastership. Where does the time go? Although I look forward to passing the baton in May, at the same time I am saddened by the fact that I am just starting to feel comfortable in the role as Master. I'm sure the Past Masters reading this are smiling as they can truly relate to what I'm going through.

**Table Lodge**

I bring your attention to two upcoming events to which I am really looking forward. The first will be on March 15th and that is a Table Lodge. For those of you who have joined us for one of these, I'm sure you will attend. You already know how much fun and inspirational they can be. For those of you who have NOT attended one, I highly recommend that you take this opportunity to do so. A Table Lodge is an event that is reminiscent of the way Lodges used to hold their meetings. Masonry has never been far away from the dinner table and a Table Lodge is the taking of dinner, wine and fellowship - all at the Proverbial Table. We will have a delicious Dinner, toasting and camaraderie where you will leave feeling great about your membership in the greatest Fraternity in the world. Reservations are a MUST and can be made to our Junior Warden.

**Awards Night**

The next event is April 5th when we will have our Awards Night. This program will be preceded by a dinner and family and friends are encouraged to join us. On an Awards Night we honor our Brothers for their many years of service and give them an opportunity to reflect on their past experiences. It is a rewarding evening for all involved to see these fine men receive the wages of recognition they truly deserve. I ask that you attend this evening; the more people in attendance giv-

ing homage to these gentlemen, the more rewarding the experience will be for them. The dinner will require RSVP to our Junior Warden.

As I have in the past, I again quote a part of the Masonic Compact.

**Because I am a Freemason...**

*"I know that Masonry's power is best exercised when its Light is shared with the world at large; I therefore vow to bring the best of myself to my Lodge, in order that my growth might be fostered and nurtured, and to present myself to the world as a working Freemason, on the path to building a more perfect Temple."*

I look forward to meeting and greeting you in the months ahead and hope you will come out to support your Lodge in these upcoming events. ✕



Rita and R.W. Richard Snyder, along with Florida visitor, R.W. Herbert Spencer, entertained R.W. George Stear for dinner and conversation last month.

with Brother Dayne Tharrett. He is going to assist me in the building of a new home on the Tennessee River, just about five miles from his home. My wife and I are going to relocate to Tennessee this Fall when our home is completed.

I should be back sometime in May and will be looking forward to seeing all of you. I will have my cell phone with me and will keep in touch.

W.: Nelson Bertch will assume the East in my absence and I know he will do a great job. Just don't give him any free time because he most definitely will run out for a SMOKE. R.W.: Herb Spencer is going to assist the Senior Warden in running the Lodge in my absence and will do a great job as always.

God Bless.

**From the Secretary ...**

Well, here I am, back from my travels through Florida, and welcomed to the Ice Age. I landed in Tampa after a direct flight from Rochester, which took only 2 hours and 35 minutes. Picking up my car and driving to Port Charlotte, I spent five days with my daughter, Sandy. I also had a great visit with Wayne and Ginny Engbrecht (Master, with me, in 1989). We had lunch at the Elks Club and they took me on a tour of Punta Gorda. I saw some of the remnants of Hurricane Charlie, still very much visible.

Then I drove across Alligator Alley (none to be seen) to Boca Raton where I spent the next ten days. I saw some of my friends from the old days in New York City and some new ones. Did some visiting with family (cousins) and saw Brother Masons.

One evening I had dinner with Dave and Gail Clarke. They are both doing well and send their greetings to the Brothers. We had lots of discussion on what is going on in our Lodge. R.W.: Brother Dave and Gail keep busy with church trips and sunny days at the beach. They are only 300 yards from the Ft. Lauderdale Beach. He teaches one day a week at the Covenant House, which is a home for run away kids. He has also taken on a job at the church as a volunteer coordinator of Adult Ministries (the paid Director resigned) for the winter months. He also teaches a course in Ancient Egyptian History at a local community college. He will be joining a Lodge in West Palm Beach so he can stay active.

I also went to the Grand Masters Sojourners Luncheon in Lake Worth, where I saw many Brothers I know from my travels.

I then drove up to see Richard and Rita Snyder in Zephyrhills, where I stayed overnight. Both warmly greeted me and we talked a lot. That evening we went to see our Brother, R.W.: George Stear, who is in a Senior Retirement and Assisted Living Facility. Brother George is wheelchair bound. The four of us went out for a great dinner and we conversed. Brother George may be handicapped physically but in no way mentally.

The Grand Master presented R.W.: Brother George with his 50-year Certificate, Pin and Medallion at the Grand Master's luncheon in Tampa. I was told by R.W.: Richard Snyder and Rita that it was an impressive ceremony. Our Brother George is a Past District Deputy for the 1st Monroe District in 1980. Hopefully, a photo taken there will be in the next issue of the *Empire State Mason*. Our Brother Richard is actively working to revise our By-Laws.

The good news I have is that I have no deaths or sickness to report this month. Please let me know if there is some news to list on these topics. Let me know so we can report it and

take action were it applies. Also how about some good and happy news events to report. Let's hear from you.

**March Birthdays**

Congratulations to the following Brothers on their March 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. Need addresses or phone numbers? Call me. Harvey Anderson (1st), Wallace Roworth and Irving Spalty (2nd), Paul Chechak and Harry Coates (3rd), Paul Wood (7th), Nelson Bertch, Our Senior Warden (8th), William Carr (10th) and Carl Ester (31st).

**Masonic Anniversaries**

We congratulate the following Brothers on their Masonic Anniversaries of 50-plus years:

Harvey Anderson and Myron Biggar (52), Gerald Merzke and Jack Palmer (54), Mathew Gingold (56), Litch Toland (59) and Howard Belt (60).

As for Dues, during the past 30 days I only received Dues from six Brothers. Where are the rest of you?

Please read your *Masonic Times*, lots of activities going on in the Monroe District. Looking forward to meeting and greeting each of you in Lodge.

Stay warm and healthy! ✕

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**Attention Past Masters**

In honor of your service to Seneca Lodge we are planning a Past Masters' Night, on our regular meeting night April 10th at 6 p.m. We are blessed to have nearly 25 Past Masters who still reside in the area and about 5 others who are living across the country from Oregon to New Jersey. I would encourage each Past Master to come out on this special evening to be recognized for your dedicated service to Masonry.

**Have-a-Heart Benefit**

Thanks to all the Seneca Brothers who participated in this wonderful event. Seneca's efforts at this event are commendable. The teamwork and attitude that we display when we are active in the community is exemplary. Great job!

**Called to the Great Architect**

R.W.: James B. Scobell left his earthly labors on January

7th. Brother Scobell was a Member of Seneca since 1954, a 33° Mason and Past Potentate of Damascus Shrine. Because of his faith, love of family and philanthropy, he will be greatly missed. Thank you to the Brothers who attended the service to pay their respects.

**Seneca Tea**

March 24th - We have ordered nice weather and a lot of wine for this day. I look forward to sharing a wonderful afternoon together with great people. Festivities will begin at 2 p.m. and finish up around 4:30 p.m. We will be honoring several members for their exemplary service to our Lodge. Please keep an eye on your Trestleboard for further details.

**School of Ritual**

March 29th - The next School of Ritual is March 29th at Clio Lodge in Hilton, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The main focus of this meeting will be to review the 1st Section of the 3rd Degree. This event is for all Masons. If you are interested in riding together, please give me a call. Please make time in your schedule to attend and learn about those intricate details of our Ritual and Craft!

**Ladies Night**

April 14th - Bring your Lady to the pinnacle event of this Masonic year. Come and enjoy an elegant evening at the Shadow Lake Golf Club (Five Mile Line Road) beginning around 6 p.m. You can expect live entertainment, an exquisite meal, and great company! Please keep an eye on your Trestleboard for the menu and prices.

**Seneca Golf Outing**

On (or around) May 5th - Let's keep our fingers crossed for a nice dry Spring! These outings have been so much fun in the past, so let's do it again. Keep an eye on the Trestleboard for further details, weather permitting. Remember... all vows taken on a golf course shall be valid only until the sunset of that same day. So, please let me know if you are interested and we can begin the "Duffer" list. See you in Lodge! ✕

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Brethren, the weather we are having is the PITTS. I feel like I am living in a refrigerator, but in another six or eight weeks it will be gone. Thank God.

By the time you read this, a lot of events will have happened. Our 1st Degree will have taken place and was done very well. Thanks to W.: Bruce Chilton for taking on the Master's part and assisting me with the Degree. Also, thank you Brother Pat Mulrooney with our rehearsals, your input was gratefully appreciated.

On the evening of February 24th, we had our Ladies Night at Red Fedeles Brook House — a joint venture with Wakan-Hubbard Lodge and Valley-Simes Lodge. All had a super time. The buffet dinner was excellent and the music was outstanding. Valentine gifts of small ceramic hearts, that were beautifully handmade by Norma Gingold, were given to the Ladies. Thanks, Norma, for all your work on them.

I am leaving on March 4th for Spring City, Tennessee, where I will be spending a few months

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By W.: Skip Waterstreet, DSA

The weather has played havoc with our schedule this year. Our January meeting, which was to include the 2nd Degree, was cancelled due to inclement weather conditions. The Fellowcraft meeting in February, where we were to rehearse suffered a similar fate, although it was combined with the unavailability of several of the junior Officers.

### Have-a-Heart Campaign

Our days as staffers of the booth in the Mall at Greece Ridge Center were very successful, especially on Sunday. Even though it was the same day as the Super Bowl, attendance was quite good in the Mall and when Smirky, the Clown, showed up and began to pass out balloons, kids (and their parents) stopped and contributed.

The Steffen family was well represented with Gail, Vincent and Adeline helping Worshipful Joe, and his mother-in-law, Sue Kendig, widow of our late Secretary, W.: Tom, R.: W.: Derek VanHouten, Richard Smith, Roy Guess, John Bardo and W.: Ken Schumacher.

The Monday crew consisted of W.: Clyde Siverd, Tom Benson, W.: Gabe Milonni, W.: Ken Schumacher, W.: Skip Waterstreet and W.: Joe Steffen. Monday evening we were assisted by Rt. Wthy. Jan Porter, Past District Deputy Grand Matron of the Monroe District, Order of the Eastern Star. Our Senior Warden, Brother Ralph Jurgens, coordinated the schedules and stayed on the scene both days. Our total amount raised was \$1,028.50, which is spectacular. Thanks to all who supported this worthy cause.



Unidentified contributors to the Ronald McDonald House Have-a-Heart Campaign deposit quiet money in the jar at the booth at the Mall at Greece Ridge Center.



Posing for a photo during a break in the action were (from left): Ralph Jurgens, Lodge coordinator; W.: Ken Schumacher; Rt. Wthy. Jan Porter, Starlight Chapter, OES, who stopped by to help Craftsman Robertson Brothers, and W.: Joe Steffen.

Not to ignore them, we were joined by a couple of Brothers from other Lodges who stopped by to support the fundraiser, too. We thank them for their help.

Eloise Mulligan (I had the name wrong in last month's column) was the speaker at the February Dinner with our Ladies. Her topic, "It's About Time," gave us food for thought on several different aspects of TIME. She has a variety of programs in her repertoire, so maybe she will visit us again. For March, we will be visited by Alice Calabrese Smith, the President and CEO of Lollypop Farm. She should have an interesting presentation. Someone will have to fill me in, as I will be out of town that week.

### Birthdays

March 1st, W. Duane King and Patrick McWhinney; 8th, Leon VanHuben and Clyde Siverd; 15th Jay Rodgers; 19th, Richard Howard; 20th, Ronald Freida; 21st, Douglas Fix; 23rd, Clifford Hayner II; 30th, Richard Barth. Happy Birthday to you all.

### Fellowcraft Dinner

Mark Tuesday, April 10th on your calendar. That is the date of the Annual Fellowcraft Dinner at Rick's Prime Rib on Buffalo Road. Leon VanHuben will be soliciting reservations, but feel free to call him to make yours. We will try to mark you down on a list at the March 20th meeting. The price of the ticket includes your dues for the year, but depends on which entree you order.

### Sickness and Distress

Remember in your thoughts and prayers the following who are having health issues or recovering from surgeries: Alida Doud, Volney and Dottie Frankel, Charles Freida, Glen Ide, Sue Kendig, Dave and Edna King, Duane King, Ken Mertz, Bob and Jayne Ogden, Arnold Raymond, Clyde and Connie Siverd and Bob Traub.

These are the individuals who I have learned have experienced some difficulties in the last couple of months. I'm a little negligent on reporting this information. If I have missed anyone, my apologies...and please let me know, so I can report the same next month.

### Happier notes

R.: W.: Paul and Doris Robertson welcomed a new great-grandchild. I know that, because I bumped into them on the way out of the Maternity Ward at Strong Hospital. I was there visiting my daughter, Nancy, who gave birth to our (Diane and me) newest grandson. There could be other happy events to report, but they have not been brought to my attention.

See you in Lodge. \*

**HESPERUS**  
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Watch for a change next month. I will be changing the picture on the top of this article. Instead of the sketch of the Lodge building, look for the Lodge's new logo. It is the Square and Compass with a Sunburst behind it and a ribbon in front with Hesperus Lodge No. 837 F&AM on it. Brother Mike Sukhenko designed the new logo. We are currently ordering t-shirts with the logo on them. If you are interested in purchasing one, please contact me. We recently put the logo on the front door of the Lodge; it really looks nice and is easily noticed when driving by.

### Degrees

We have once again started Degree work. We had three Candidates take their 1st Degree February 15th. The 2nd Degree is scheduled for March 15th. A dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m.; Degree at 7:30 p.m. The 3rd Degree is set for April 19th, also a 6:30 p.m. Dinner and 7:30 p.m. Degree. If all three Candidates make it through, we will have Raised eleven new Brothers this year.

### Grand Lodge

It is time to start thinking about our Grand Lodge trip. This year Grand Lodge will be held May 7th and 8th. We have a large group going again this year; fifteen Brothers are signed up for the trip. There is still room for more so, if you are interested, please let me know.

### Wild Game Dinner

Tickets are now on sale for our annual Wild Game Dinner. It will be held Saturday, March 31st, from 2-6 p.m. at the Lodge Hall. The price is \$10, which includes food and beverage. We have a good variety of game this year - Venison, Elk, Moose, Perch, Caribou and Squirrel to name a few. I brought Duck Blood Soup last year, but it wasn't a big hit. People are finicky! It didn't have THAT much blood in it!

There will be a number of raffles with some nice prizes. The main prize again this year will be a muzzleloader. The dinner is open to friends and family.

I looked back at some of my articles and I noticed the word "Fun" used a lot. I hoped you noticed it as well; it is in there for a reason. If you look at all the Lodges that are struggling, and there are a lot, you will notice one common thread. They

don't enjoy themselves! If they are not enjoying themselves, they're not looking for potential members or keeping current members.

Most people don't want to attend meetings that consist of reading minutes, business, paying bills and reading more minutes. There needs to be more. That is one of main reasons Hesperus is so successful. We enjoy Ritual, we enjoy each other, and we enjoy Lodge functions. Events like the Wild Game Dinner, Degrees, Ladies Night Out, packing Christmas baskets, or hosting Bingo at the VA are fun and make us stronger as a Lodge. They spread the cement of Brotherly love and affection!

**Olive Branch**  
Lodge No. 39, F. & A.M.

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We hoped Winter would bypass us this season. Once again, this has proven to be wishful thinking. Heating bills for the Lodge are such that if we do not come up with some energy conservation plans, we would have to (at least) triple the dues! Not a fun prospect.

So, we are coming up with plans. They will require both fundraising and actual sweat equity. It is far beyond what our endowments, which are steadily being depleted by energy bills that some months run over \$1,000 are capable of supporting. These efforts are vital if the Lodge is to have its own home.

This building has no insulation! We are proposing:

- Adding three inches of foam sheeting to all outside walls and covering it with new dry wall.
- Add several inches of insulation to the attic.
- High efficiency furnaces will also help.

We are looking for further suggestions and any help would be appreciated.

Not all news is bad. Our rehearsal nights are helping us all. It is good fellowship and educational. So we are holding out an "Olive Branch" to those who have not been to Lodge in a while, to come out to these nights. See you at Lodge! \*

**Oakland Lodge**  
No. 379, F. & A.M.

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I must have jinxed Western New York with how I started my article last month or else Old Man Winter finally woke up and decided to cast his evil spell upon us. Some of our Brothers have migrated South for a few months and I can't blame them.

The rest of us must just weather the cold and be jealous of those who are basking in the sun.

The cold and blustery weather conditions caused Oakland Lodge to cancel the Regular Communication for the month of February. Although things have been cold and slow during the month of February for our Lodge, there has been a lot of activity throughout the District. Many Lodges have been conferring Degrees and some of the Officers of Oakland Lodge have had the privilege of assisting in the conferring of these Degrees.

I thank Constellation Lodge for inviting Oakland Lodge to a Fellowship Dinner on February 1st. This was a fun-filled event with great conversation and dinner provided by the Brothers of Constellation Lodge. We were also invited to stay for a presentation on the Masonic Care Community. The representatives from MCC should be commended on the presentation they gave on this great facility. Constellation Lodge is planning a bus trip to the facility on Saturday, May 5th.

Oakland Lodge has only one scheduled Communication for the month of March. The Communication will be on March 6th. I had originally hoped to have a Brother Bring-a-Friend Program at this Communication. At the writing of this article, we have had no Brother communicate to me that he had somebody to bring to Lodge. If no interest is shown for this program during the month of February, this will be just a regular business meeting.

### Council Fish Fry

The Genesee-Wyoming Council of Masonic Activities will be holding their Annual Fish Fry on Friday, March 16th. For the second year in a row, this event will be hosted by Constellation Lodge in Perry. The dinner will start at 5 p.m. and the cost is \$9. This dinner was such a huge success last year that each Lodge was able to discontinue the fundraiser of selling candy bars. The Council is hoping for the same support from each Lodge once again this year, therefore avoiding the candy bar sales for a second straight year.

The Dues Cards have arrived from Grand Lodge. Each Brother should already have received their Dues Notice for this year. The Lodge thanks all those Brothers who have already submitted their dues. I would encourage those who have not to get your dues in as soon as possible. This will prevent you from falling behind a year having to double up next year.

Oakland Lodge has had a tremendous start to the Brotherhood Campaign. We have already reached the highest total contributed since I became the Chairman some eight years ago. Thanks to all the Brothers who have contributed to this Campaign so far. Your generosity is greatly appreciated by your Lodge and the Fraternity, as a

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# Damascus News

Damascus Shrine Center No. 2

February 2007



**DONALD ROSE, POTENTATE**

Nobles, the schedule of things going on this month is available in our Event Calendar, which is being handed out by the Divan as they make their monthly rounds. Please use this handy form to keep abreast of the activities of the Shrine.

Unfortunately, this does not include a Circus for 2007. Following the unprofitable Circus held last Fall, I felt moving the event back to a Spring date might generate increased attendance. Many felt this was too soon and not enough time remained to exercise the different areas of concern held by many in the Shrine and, rather than step into a repeat of last year's Circus, it is better to stand down for this year. We are still working to establish some fundraising event to generate income for the Shrine.

I was fortunate enough to be at the Winter Party held in Punta Gorda, Florida, on February 6th and see many of our members. The Super Bowl had just been held the previous weekend, but over fifty of our Brothers came out to celebrate. The weather was moderate, but compared to New York, it was balmy. McKinley Gath and his wife, Dee, did an excellent job of hosting this year's event. It was good to see our friends who are just visiting for a few months, as well as those members who now reside in Florida year 'round. It was a fun day.

### Trips Planned

We are planning three trips this year. The first will be in the Spring and includes an overnight visit to the Shrine Hospital in Montreal, Canada, on April 14th and 15th. More information will follow, but it should be noted that this will be the last trip to Canada you will be able to make without a passport.

Our second trip is a day trip on Sunday, August 5th, to visit the Shrine Hospital in Erie, Pennsylvania. This trip will coincide with the celebration of "Hospital Day" and the Shrine will absorb the expense of this trip.

The last trip will be in the early Fall and consist of fraternizing with one another in Niagara-on-the-Lake, Canada. Remember, passports will be required.

Please support the activities of Damascus, and its Clubs and Units.



**Menu**  
for March 7th  
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**JAMES SLOCUM, RECORDER**

To the person who has been messing with Mother Nature, please step forward! I have something that will take care of your frustrations!

I traveled to Oklahoma City to attend the Recorders' Seminar and when I attempted to return on February 13th frustration took over and everything went south from there. I was told Chicago O'Hare Airport was shutting down and nothing was going out to the East and Northeast. I stayed in Oklahoma for an extra night, versus sitting in O'Hare. On Wednesday morning, I got out around noon because they said O'Hare was opening up slowly. We got into Chicago around 2:30 p.m. to discover over 1,200 flights were canceled. The flight to Rochester was supposed to leave at 4:20 p.m. At 11:00 p.m. they decided to cancel the flight, so I ended up spending the night sitting in a seat ... not comfortable. By getting onto another airline, I arrived back in the Rochester office at 1:15 p.m. A happy camper, I was not!

The seminar was informative and interesting. Imperial is working on a new Membership Card and a Dues Notice system, hoping to make it more user-friendly. The Recorder's signature is no longer required but will have a signature from Imperial. There was an excellent program on the Laws of Leadership. All Chief and Assistant Rabbans receive this program in preparation for their term as Potentate.

Looking ahead to Spring, we are planning a bus trip to Montreal to see the new construction at that facility. It will be a two-day trip. I hope we can fill a 55-passenger bus, as that will determine the cost per person. Also, there will be a one-day bus trip to Erie Shriners Hospital for Children in August.

The dinner at our next Shrine meeting, on March 7th, is going to be Stuffed Pork

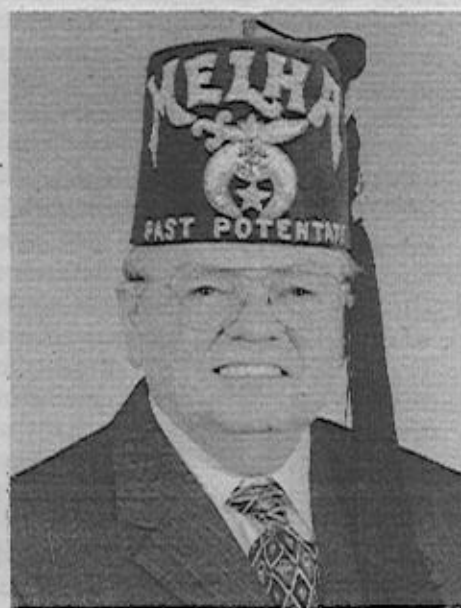
## Philip E. Thomas Chairs Springfield Hospital Board

Shriners Hospital for Children in Springfield, Massachusetts, welcomes Philip E. Thomas, PP, of Enfield, Connecticut, as the new Chairman of the Board of Governors. Phil has been a Board Member since 1999 and most recently served as Vice-Chairman from 2004 through 2006.

Phil was born in Lynn, Massachusetts, and graduated from Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston. He spent his career at Hamilton Standard of Windsor Locks, Connecticut, a Division of United Technologies. While there, he held many management positions, working on space-related programs, such as the Lunar Module Missions, Apollo, Skylab, Shuttle, Space Station, Extravehicular Mobile Units (Space Suits) and numerous other Space Satellite Rocket projects that have advanced communication technology. He retired in 1999 after 37 years of dedicated service.

In addition, Phil volunteered with the Hazardville Fire Department and progressed to the position of Deputy Chief. He received the Distinguished Firefighter of the Year Award and is now an Honorary Member. He was appointed Fire Marshal by the Fire Commissioner and worked under the Commissioner of the State Police. Phil served on the Governor's Arson Task Force and was instrumental in creating a local Arson Task Force. He chartered the town's Fire Marshal's Association and created an in-school fire prevention curriculum for students in kindergarten through sixth grade. He was elected to the Board of Commissioners in 2003 and now serves as their Chairman.

In 1998, Phil was elected Potentate of the Melha Shriners and in 2002 became the Recorder and Office Manager. He is also a member of the Vintage Autos Unit and served as Club President in 1988. Also, in 1998, he served as President of the Northeast Shrine Association representing the 15 Shrine Centers in the



**Philip Thomas**

Northeast Section of North America, including the Maritime Provinces of Canada, with a membership of over 32,000 Shriners. He was appointed by Imperial Potentate Ralph W. Semb to be his Deputy Director General for the 2000 Imperial Convention Session in Boston. He is a Charter Member of the Order of Quetzalcoatl #269, and holds membership in the Royal Order of Jesters Court #144.

Phil is an Honorary Life Member of DeMolay and a life member of Mount Carmel Masonic Lodge of Lynn, Massachusetts. He is also a member of the Elm Belcher Masonic Lodge in Agawam, Massachusetts. In 1967, he joined the Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Norwich, and Sphinx Shrine Center, later joining the Valley of Springfield and the Melha Shriners in 1985. He also was appointed Chairman of Melha Shriners Screening Clinics, Chairman of the Boxing Programs, and Chairman of many other social committees. In 2006, he was appointed an Imperial Potentate's Aide and a member of all Shrine Clubs.

Chops. Please call in your reservation ... early ... to me at the Shrine Center. There will not be extra for the walk-ins. We do not want to turn anybody away for lack of reservations.

There are a few out there who have not sent in their Dues for 2006. Anybody who owes for more than one year will be receiving a letter from Imperial, and/or will be dropped for Non-Payment of Dues.

**Dedicated to the Memory of Nobles**

**Howard Evans**  
January 10, 2007

**Norman Brown**  
January 23, 2007



William R. Zufall, who spoke at the February meeting on "The Morgan Affair," prepares to answer a question from one of the Nobles on the sidelines. Ill.: Donald Rose, Potentate, stands behind Brother Zufall. The program was arranged by Larry Canfield, Chief Rabban.

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## DIRECTORS STAFF

By Vance Collom, Jr.

The Directors Staff had a good turnout for our January meeting with 21 members and guests in attendance. We thank Vice-President, Carl Mason, for keeping the meeting running smoothly while our President, Ron Edwards, is vacationing in warm, sunny Florida. A tip of the fez to Director Lee Coller for providing our invocation and benediction. Lindy Vankouwenberg had another stroke in January and is still having a few problems. He would appreciate a telephone call or visit from some of our members.

The Directors Staff National Convention will be held April 25th-29th in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina. This year there is an added incentive for us to bring new skits and ideas to the Convention. The SDA will award \$100 to the Directors Staff that demonstrates the best new skit. For more information about the Convention itinerary, skit presentations and registration forms, check out: [www.shrinedirectors.com](http://www.shrinedirectors.com). Early registration has started and you can sign up now to attend a fun-filled weekend at the Convention.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday March 28th at DiPacific's Restaurant. New members and guests are welcome. Social hour is 5:30 p.m. and dinner is at 6:30 p.m.

Until next time, God Bless.

## DAMASCUS LEGION OF HONOR

By Vance Collom, Jr.

We are looking for all Veterans who have received the Purple Heart award. Did you know that a National Purple Heart Hall of Honor was constructed ten miles north of West Point and dedicated on November 10, 2006? This building was built in the area where General George Washington awarded the first Purple Heart at the close of our Country's War of Independence. To honor the service of his troops, General Washington chose a select few to receive a small purple cloth Badge of Merit. In 1932 a new Purple Heart Medal was presented to 150 veterans of World War I on the same historic grounds.

By an act of Congress, the New Windsor Cantonment State Historic Site was established to research, collect and preserve the personal histories of America's Veterans. The Hall of Honor is a 7,500 square foot facility, which has multimedia, exhibits, theatre and the "Role of Honor," which is a history of Purple Heart recipients from our country that will continue to be a work in progress. The roll is a computerized database in which pictures, as well as a one-to-three-page history of a veteran's story, will be recorded.

If you are a Purple Heart recipient or know of a Purple Heart recipient, you are encouraged to have your name and story entered in the Purple Heart Hall of Honor. For more information and enrollment forms contact Commander Collom or contact the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor, New Windsor Cantonment State Historic Site, 374 Route 300 or PO Box 207, Vails Gate, New York 12584. More Information is available at website: [www.thepurpleheart.com](http://www.thepurpleheart.com).

If you are on vacation this Summer, and traveling near West Point, drop in and check out the interesting and educational Purple Heart Hall of Honor.

Many of our Legion Meetings will be at local restaurants this year, so check your news articles, post cards and call me for directions to the next meeting, if needed.

Our next Legion of Honor meeting will be at the Nutcracker Restaurant located at 2159 Empire Boulevard, Webster. Cash Bar at 5:30 p.m. and Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Speaker scheduled - Military Soldier - Rebuilding Iraq.

Until next time, Semper Fi.



April 7th

### Shrine Table Lodge

The first ever ... Shrine Table Lodge!

Join us on April 7th for Shrine Table Lodge. The dinner will feature a Steak with all the trimmings. The beverages will be included and will consist of wine and grape juice, for those who do not indulge.

The format will be the same as a Lodge Table Lodge but the wording will be rewritten to accommodate the Shrine.

Come out and have a lot of fun at our first Table Lodge - Shrine Style! RSVPs are a MUST.

### PERRY SHRINE CLUB

By Ed Hollwedel

The January 25th meeting was well attended and all enjoyed a program presented by Steve Rigoni on the use of wind power and sawgrass pellets as alternative energy sources.

The February 22nd meeting at the Hole in the Wall Restaurant in Perry at 6 p.m. featured Shawn Tiede, the Cooperative Extension 4-H Agent, to explain the Wyoming County 4-H Camp.

The March 22nd meeting at the Lumberyard Restaurant in Perry at 6 p.m. will have Patrick Weissend, Curator of the Holland Land Office Museum in Batavia, unfold some Genesee County History.

The speaker for the April 26th meeting at BW's Restaurant in Pavilion at 6 p.m. will be the Genesee County Sheriff, Gary Maha, to enlighten us about Computer Identify Theft and other public safety issues.

As always, we will order off the menu and wives and visitors are welcome.

Keep watching for our Program and location updates. Please contact Ed Hollwedel with any suggestions or questions by phone 584-3066 or email: [ehollwedel@rochester.rr.com](mailto:ehollwedel@rochester.rr.com).

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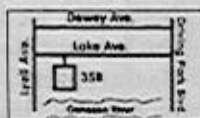
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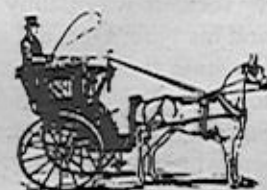
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By Derek VanHouten

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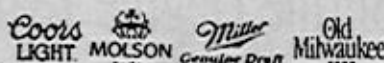
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CANANDAIGUA SHRINE CLUB

By Jim Slocum

The Canandaigua Shrine Club met in spite of the weather at Cheap Charlie's in Bloomfield. Vice-President George opened the meeting with ten members present.

Noble Larry Hood reported that President Ron Edwards, who is in Florida, had a slight stroke and is recuperating and doing well.

Noble Lee Shanks said that the Steak Roast is a go for Saturday, August 4th, and will be open for any and all Shriners. More information to come in the next newsletter.

Noble Joe Shanks, our Divan Representative, also is recuperating from a fall on his backside; I hear he is not sitting too well. Get well, Joe.

I know we are working on obtaining a speaker for our next meeting. It should be a good program and hope to have a good turnout by the Members.



Zama Temple No. 14
Queen Debi Burke

I will explain. Any women 18 years of age and older, who are related by birth or marriage to a Shriner, Master Mason, or Daughter of the Nile, are eligible for membership. You might ask, what is the purpose of Daughters of the Nile? We were founded for character building among women, social interaction and service to others.

Earlier in this article I mentioned about Convalescent Relief Fund. This is a working fund from which contributions are made to Shriners Hospitals for Children to assist outpatients with orthopedic equipment and other required items.

Next month I will explain the Convalescent Endowment Fund and some other interesting facts. Why am I doing all this? It is very simple! Zama Temple would like to see more ladies join us, not only for the fun, but also for helping to work for the children.

The month of March will be another exciting event, with the Installation of a new Queen and her Officers.

You are cordially invited to attend the Open Installation of Officers of Zama Temple #14, Daughters of the Nile. For details, please refer to the Invitation featured on this page. For dinner menu and reservations you may contact Carol Colegrove, PQ at (315) 789-7956. Formal attire requested.

As I prepare to end this lengthy article, again I say, if anyone should need a ride, or if you know of someone needing a ride to Sessions or any function, please call a member of Zama Temple. Check your Roster for a person who lives near you and call them. We miss seeing a lot of our members who are not able to come for one reason or another. REMEMBER what I have said before "If you don't ask, we don't know."

Thank you for reading. Stay warm, healthy and may God bless everyone.

By Ellie Canfield, PQ

Where did the year 2006 go? It seems like just a few days ago Zama Temple was preparing for the Installation of Queen Debi, and now we are preparing to install a new Queen. I guess time flies when you are having fun.

Just to reminisce a while Queen Debi had quite a few new and exciting events this year. She had an Easter Bonnet Parade, Funny Shoe event, Red Hat event, Spaghetti Dinner, Garage Sale and a trip to the Windmill. These are just a few of the happenings in Zama Temple.

We had our Official Visit in August, when Supreme Queen Alyce S. Thomas visited our Temple. That was a very enjoyable day and exciting for our new Candidate, Princess Marjorie Williamson.

November 11th, we had the privilege of two more ladies joining Zama Temple and they are Princess Gail Sanford and Princess Roe Hornung.

December 3rd was our Holiday Tea, which was prepared by our Princess Tirzah, Ann Mollon, and Kitty Noble, PQ. Ladies, you did a wonderful job.

At our December Stated Session we had our annual toy and gifts collection for the Erie Hospital. We also have our collection of monies for the Convalescent Relief Fund, which goes to the Shriners Hospitals for Children. We also thank Finger Lakes Nile Club for their contribution of toys and gifts. So you see, the ladies of Zama Temple are doing great things for the children.

For the Nobles and Ladies who do not know what the Daughters of the Nile is,

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4	Divan' Shrine Lunch Club' <i>Lalla Rookh Grotto Board</i>	5	6 Clown Unit	7 6:00 p.m. Shrine Meeting	8 <i>Fame Lodge</i>	10
11	12 Shrine Lunch Club' <i>ERAC Lodge</i>	13 <i>Valley-Simes Lodge</i>	14 Legion of Honor	15 <i>Valley of Rochester</i> Wayne Shrine Club'	16	17 Wheelers Euchre Party
18	19 Shrine Lunch Club Ladies Day' Auburn Shrine Club'	20 <i>Craftsman Robertson Lodge</i>	21 <i>Lalla Rookh Grotto</i>	22 <i>Fame Lodge</i> Perry Shrine Club'	23	24
25	26 Shrine Lunch Club' <i>ERAC Lodge</i> Geneva Shrine Club'	27 <i>Valley of Rochester</i> Wheelers'	28 Directors Staff'	29	30 <i>Valley of Rochester</i> College of Freemasonry	31 <i>Valley of Rochester</i> College of Freemasonry

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**SHRINE LUNCH CLUB**  
 By James Toogood

The Shrine Lunch Club regularly meets on Mondays at the Fairport Village Inn. The next Shrine Lunch Club Ladies Day will be on April 16th at the Nutcracker Restaurant, 2159 Empire Boulevard, Webster. (There is not sufficient room at Fairport Village Inn for them to host our Ladies' Day functions.)

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1/2	055	Beverly Kondolf
1/3	746	Damascus Shrine
1/4	681	Beverly Sheldon
1/5	717	Tom Baroody
1/6	388	Mindi Collom
1/7	171	Alan While
1/8	592	Jim Kerr
1/9	923	Don Griffny
1/10	072	Leon Behnke
1/11	999	Damascus Shrine
1/12	442	John Enrich
1/13	098	Damascus Shrine
1/14	501	Steve Hook
1/15	504	Jeff Davoli
1/16	179	Gene Hall
1/17	351	Damascus Shrine
1/18	853	Bob Hall
1/19	672	John Roden
1/20	065	Skip Waterstreet
1/21	937	Damascus Shrine
1/22	558	Rob Bonddgren
1/23	862	Joe Capitano
1/24	507	Fred Lockamveir
1/25	478	Vance Collom
1/26	208	Mary Burgess
1/27	782	Mary Shaw
1/28	338	Richard Reppert
1/29	335	Karen Colton
1/30	913	Fred Cornell
1/31	636	Molly Tyson

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**Masonic Development**

The Genesee-Wyoming District will be holding a *Masonic Development Course* during the months of April and May. The actual dates of the Course are April 21st, April 28th and May 12th. The first class will be held at Hesperus Lodge in Bergen. The location of the other two classes will depend on the number of Brothers attending and from where they are traveling. This class is designed to help all Brothers in their knowledge and presentation of our Ritual. I need to know by March 1st if anybody would like to attend this Course.

May this article find all of my Brothers staying warm and healthy during this Winter season. May the blessings of heaven fall upon all Masons and their families wherever they are throughout the world. ✕

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By W.: William R. Geitner

The first week of February has been like the Winters we used to have years ago. There is no global warming in Varysburg this week. Western New York needs this cold to make us enjoy the Summer even more. This extreme cold weather keeps the bugs from biting. Personally, I love it. Soon we will be walking the creek, trying to catch a trout for supper.

The first Monday in January was New Year's Day. Many had plans, so our meeting was canceled. That Saturday a few Brothers met at the Lodge and we had a little clean-up day. We cleaned out the closet in the Preparation Room and moved some furniture. We poured a gallon of vinegar through the coffee pot and now it runs a lot faster. Coffee is good, too! Before Spring we will need another clean-up day. It's always a good time to get together.

At our January 15th meeting there were ten Brothers present. We had a few visiting Brothers from Attica, but Molly still resides at Varysburg.

On January 16th, we went to Warsaw again to witness another 2nd Degree. It has been a long time for me, but Brother Doug Kelly performed the Middle Chamber Lecture. He also did an awesome job. Even after several years, each time I hear this Lecture, I learn something new.

On February 5th, we planned to have dinner at Durfee's Diner, but we had to cancel. It was a good thing because the weather was so bad you couldn't see across the street. We ended up canceling dinner and the meeting. Master Kohlhagen couldn't get out of his driveway and couldn't see if he did. We all felt that it was better to cancel and stay home where it was warm. We didn't want anyone

to get hurt or stuck in the snow. I forgot to mention the -20° wind-chill factor.

I'm pretty sure Constellation Lodge will be visiting soon to take Molly back to Perry. To have Molly traveling again is a good thing. While Molly was here at West Star we started a new book with pictures and print. This will be nice to keep a new record of Molly's travels. If you visit a Lodge with plans to take Molly, remember to take your camera and take pictures for Molly's Diary.


At the present time I think we have email addresses for 23 of West Star's Members. This is working very well to keep you informed. I'm not up-to-date with the upcoming events at Lodge, but we will get you the news by email. I do know that the 630 Chub Club wants to meet at Durfee's, maybe the 5th of March. We will let you know.

**Sickness and Distress**

Brother Don Strang is doing much better. W.: Steve Licht is recovering from his knee operation and R.: W.: Dennis Turton is feeling much better after his operation. Brother Gary George is home resting after his back operation. I haven't heard how W.: Doc Benn is doing since his eye operation, but I'm sure he is fine also. To the best of my knowledge, all the Brothers are home and doing fine. You still have time to call or send a card.

Dues are coming in and Membership Cards are being sent out. If you have any questions, please feel free to call. Even better, come to Varysburg on the 1st or 3rd Monday at 7:30 p.m. Please drive carefully. ✕

**District Deputy  
Grand Master  
Livingston District**



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It seems as though we are getting a lot of practice on our Funeral Ritual. Unfortunately that means we are losing Brothers. I was proud of our District for all the Brothers who turned out to pay their respects to V.: W.: John Woolston. I am sorry to report the passing of Brother John and R.: W.: Raymond Woolston within the last three months. I am sure their family and our Lodge will greatly feel the loss!

The *Road to the East* will be completed on March 3rd and I am impressed with the quality of the instruction and the number of Brothers who are taking the course. Our Staff Officers are doing a great job this year; the ability of the instructors is hard to beat. Thank you all for your efforts!

We have a trip to the casino in Niagara Falls, Canada, on March 2nd. W.: Ken Buckley did a great job getting this organized.

Also, don't forget to send your deposit for Genesee Lodge's trip to the National Museum of the United States Air Force at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio on April 18th and 19th. We will be riding down with Kemps Bus Service and staying overnight.

This trip should be exceptional and I, for one, am looking forward to going and seeing this exhibit!

It's time to start thinking about the Livingston District Annual Ladies Night at the Conesus Golf Club. It will be held on April 21st, so please, if at all possible, start thinking about this event and plan on coming. Bring your significant other and let's not forget the widows. This should be a very special event.


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

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

R.: W.: Roy Moses and I went to Syracuse on January 31st for the re-taping of the LSome Tapes. We both had small parts in it. This was a lot of fun. Getting together with Brothers from different parts of the State and taking part in something so meaningful was fellowship at its best!

Thank you. ✕

**Grand  
Steward  
Livingston**



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A great portion of work is behind us; however, there is still much ahead. The *Road to the East* Course is all but finished. March 3rd is the last day. We are blessed to have so many talented and knowledgeable teachers and speakers in our area. Also, I must mention what a pleasure it has been to work with my fellow Staff Officers from Genesee-Wyoming and Monroe Districts. I look forward to working together again next year. To all who missed out on the program, I strongly urge you to make plans to get involved next year. It is both engaging and informative.

The *Individual Development Course* was finished on February 17th. This year's class project was a program on DeMolay. The February 6th class sponsored a presentation known as "The Ceremony of Light" at Clio Lodge in Hilton. It was well-attended and well-presented by the young men of Rochester Chapter, Order of DeMolay. A great job by all who were involved! I would also say what a pleasure it has been to be involved with the IDC Program as a facilitator for this year's class.

I am pleased to hear that many of us from the District participated in the "Have-a-Heart" Campaign. I know next year we will make a concerted effort to have an even larger presence for this very worthy effort to raise money for the Ronald McDonald House.

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**Talent Shows**

The District Talent Shows have already begun. I attended the first one at York Central School on January 24th. It was sponsored by Genesee Lodge and was very entertaining. The Livingston District is blessed with excellent music programs, dedicated teachers and many talented students. There will be two shows on March 16th. One at Honeoye Falls-Lima School, sponsored by Union Lodge and one in Avon Central, sponsored by Avon Springs Lodge. We will keep you posted for shows in Mount Morris, Keshequa, Livonia and Caledonia. The District's Show is tentatively scheduled for Friday, May 4th. Let's have a large Masonic turnout for these events and show our support for our children and for our Fraternity.

**Batavia VA Home**

On March 22nd, the Mason's and the VFW will be trekking to the Batavia VA for an ice cream social. I'm sorry that I, and my guitar, cannot go this time as we will be in Tennessee on vacation with Lady Catherine. I urge all who can make it to Batavia to attend. It's so gratifying to see our Veterans light up. They do enjoy the visits.

Masters, please get your numbers in for the Associa-

tion Meeting at Livonia on March 26th. Start talking about our Ladies Night in Conesus on April 21st and our Communion Breakfast in Mount Morris on May 20th.

I would like to make a brief comment on the Ritual work I am seeing in the District. The work is excellent and the support from all the Lodges is commendable. Good work, Brethren.

**Upcoming Events**

There are a couple of events that bear mentioning on the Concordant front. Keep your calendar open on March 30th and 31st as the *College of Freemasonry* presents its 2nd Annual Education Fair. This year's theme is "The Masonic Compact: It's About Time." Tickets will be available through the Scottish Rite (see me). March 30th will be opened to Scottish Rite Masons and their ladies. There will be many nationally recognized speakers to engage you and provoke thought and discussion about our Fraternity and its future. Also, on Sunday, April 15th the Rochester Valley Chapter of Rose Croix will be presenting the Feast of the Pascal Lamb. Several Brothers from our District will be involved. Please see my article in the *Scottish Rite Section of the Masonic Times*. ✕

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## District Deputy Grand Master

Ontario/Seneca/Yates  
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Freemasonry is happening in the O/S/Y District, Brothers! Brother Bring-a-Friend Programs have been presented and the Petitions and Degrees are flying.

The Traveling Gavel is doing what it is supposed to do - travel. The Traveling Trowel has also been moving of late. It is very good indeed to accompany R. W. Ed Carris on his visits and see the sidelines filled - even if part of the reason is to drop off the Trowel! The true purpose of the Trowel and Gavel is being fulfilled nonetheless. It seems that the missing "log book" has been found and a committee of Brothers is re-writing new and improved By-Laws to govern both the Gavel and Trowel. If you have any suggestions, please send them to me.

Also up for revision are the By-Laws governing the O/S/Y District Masonic Charities Corp. I welcome any comments or suggestions you may have. A small committee will be meeting soon to craft language updates. Remember Brothers, your Masonic Charities Corp raises funds on a District level, and should be disbursing those funds where it is felt (by you) that they will do the most good. Your input on income and disbursement is essential.

I recently mailed a letter to all the Lodges with notification of several important upcoming dates. They are included here for the widest possible distribution:

### Reservations Due Now!

- Grand Lodge Trip - New York City - Five-Day Excursion
- Saturday, May 5th - Bus Departs at 8 a.m. from Phelps
- Wednesday, May 9th - Bus Returns at approximately 5 p.m.
- Accommodations at the Hotel Edison; 228 West 47th Street
- Single (1 person) - \$780 P/P 4 nights
- Twin/Double (sharing) - \$394 p/p 4 nights
- Triple (Sharing) - \$295 p/p 4 nights
- Quad (Sharing) - \$240 p/p 4 nights
- Bus rate of \$133.60 is based on a minimum of 25 passengers. Refund of the difference in the event of more passengers payable once underway.
- Alternate transportation and stays less than 4 nights Ok
- Masons and non-Masons, family, and friends cordially invited

### March

3rd, 17th and 24th - Road to the East at 8 a.m.

The Road to the East (RTTE) will be held March 3rd at Garoga-Sincerity Lodge, on March 17th at Pocahontas Lodge and March 24th back at Garoga-Sincerity. Wardens and prospective Masters should attend. Registration is open to any Brother. Please do not be deterred from taking the Course just because the dates conflict with your schedule! Reminder ... Please be sure

to have your copy of the newly revised 24-Inch Gauge with you. There is plenty of time to order your copy prior to the course. Act now! The 24-Inch Gauge is available for \$45 plus tax and \$6 shipping from Grand Lodge Services at: LodgeServicesNY@aol.com.

9th - O/S/Y Charities - Dinner Out 7 p.m. at Garoga-Sincerity Lodge in Phelps. Bring a Dish-to-Pass

10th - O/S/Y Association Meeting at Eagle Lodge in Honeoye. Breakfast at Aces at 8 a.m.

Please make an effort to attend these O/S/Y Association Meetings, Brothers! Many issues are discussed affecting Masonry across the District.

17th - Road to the East; Pocahontas Lodge, 8 a.m.

24th - Road to the East; Garoga-Sincerity Lodge, 8 a.m.

31st - Masonic Education Fair, Rochester Shrine Center. Registration at 8 a.m. Please turn out to support our Grand Master as he speaks about the Masonic Compact that he authored.

### April

16th - Deadline for reservations for Surviving Spouses Luncheon

21st - 5th Annual Surviving Spouses Luncheon.

This luncheon is to be held April 21st at the Ramada Inn in Geneva. Even if your Lodge holds its own Widows Program, please make it possible for the widows from your Lodge to attend the District function by providing their names to R. W. Eldon White or R. W. Bob Ruggles.

### May

5th-9th - Grand Lodge NYC Trip

The 226th Grand Lodge Session will take place May 5th through May 8th and reservations are due now! We will share the bus with Brothers from Cayuga-Tompkins and Wayne Districts. Our accommodations will be at the Edison, which is about as fine a hotel (and affordable) as you will find in Manhattan so close to Broadway.

Please get your calendars out right now and consider making this trip. As is the case every year, I am requesting that the Master (or representative) from every Lodge in our District make the trip and attend Grand Lodge. For those Brothers who are not Masters of Lodges this year, please consider making the trip for the fun of it. Grand Lodge Session attendance is not required! Mention the trip to family and friends now! Please go to OSYDistrict.org for details.

20th - O/S/Y District Memorial Service, St. Peters Church, Geneva at 2 p.m. This will be the 50th Annual Memorial Service; please make an effort to attend and provide a good show of support for the families of Masons who have laid down their Working Tools this year.

### August

19th - O/S/Y Golf Tourney at Seneca Lake Country Club. Please be sure your Lodge sponsors a hole this year. This event is the major fundraiser for O/S/Y District charitable activities.

### September

8th - Ark Lodge's 200th Anniversary at Club 86. They 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 atten-

dance. Please come and support the Brothers from 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.

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

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

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

## Milnor Lodge No. 139



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We don't have the final tally in yet on the Annual Turkey Dinner, but everyone there enjoyed their meal and it was certainly nice to see Brothers from other Lodges supporting our fundraiser. If anyone went away hungry, it was their own fault. I can't thank our Brothers Nick Cretekos, Gary Bliss and John Purdy enough for all their work putting this together as they have done so well for many years. Also, my thanks to all the Brothers who gave their time that night and the next day for clean-up duty. The more hands we have helping, the easier and faster it goes.

Unfortunately, our second January meeting had to be cancelled due to the weather. Have-a-Heart Campaign, Staff Officer visit, balloting, Brotherhood Fund, Brother Bring-a-Friend Night and other topics had to be moved for discussion at our February meeting. We look forward to seeing as many Brothers as possible at each meeting for their insights, comments, and help.

Our first meeting in March I would like to have a Euchre Tournament, after our business meeting is finished. This is to give you enough notice so you can brush up on your skills and methods of cheating or should I say cross-boarding. We will choose partners that night from the available pool of players. Please, let me know. Call or email [nsmith@marzetti.com](mailto:nsmith@marzetti.com) if you will be attending the meeting and the tournament so we can plan for that evening's meal, to be put on by Brother Gary Bennett.

I am hopeful we will be able to have an Awards Night the first meeting in April, if we can get the paperwork completed and awards received in time.

After our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night, I hope to have some Candidates ready to go through the Degrees so we will be working on these for the better part of the rest of the year.

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## Garoga-Sincerity Lodge No. 200



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By R. W. Clayton Ruggles

Winter is definitely here. Thanks to everyone for coming to our February 6th meeting on such a cold night. We had some scheduled and unscheduled visitors at that meeting. First, the O/S/Y District Staff Officer, R. W. Edwin Carris, delivered information on Masonic Education. He highlighted various programs available to us. These included the *Masonic Development Course*, *Leadership Development Course* (under revision), *Mentoring*, *Road to the East*, *Individual Development Course*, and *MUNY* (Masonic University of New York).

He also spoke about *MSAT* (Masonic Student Assistance Training) for school personnel. It was very interesting and informative.

We also received the Traveling Trowel from Geneva Lodge. We all had a good time with that. Just remember, Geneva ... paybacks!

Unfortunately, I cannot attend Grand Lodge this year, but W. Brother Robert Lash is filling in. Thanks so much for the help. Several things were discussed at our February 6th Communication. We have an estimate for the new roof and are expecting a second one soon.

### Coming Events

The Roast Pork Dinner will be March 10th at 4:30 p.m. Hope all will attend.

The Annual Blood Drive is scheduled for May 9th, and we are in need of volunteers. Please call me if you can help.

Ritual books and *The 24-Inch Gauge* are on order and should be received soon.

### March Birthdays

We send March Birthday greetings to Brothers Gregg Dell (2nd), Robert Taylor (7th), Charles Anderson and Ramon Howard (22nd), Garry Clock and Clayton Ruggles (23rd) and Howard Burgess (31st).

March Anniversaries  
Congratulations to these

Brothers raised in March:  
3/16/1954 - Nelson Gulvin  
3/16/1954 - Robert Lash  
3/17/1998 - Vincent Rozella III  
3/18/1981 - Stephen Phillips  
3/21/1989 - Robert Patrick, Jr.  
3/23/1972 - Norman Schafer \*

## Eagle Lodge No. 619

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

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Eagle Lodge kicked off its first Lodge meeting of the year on January 9th with a very special Lodge program. Our own Brother, Terry Leonard, an avid history buff, presented a lecture on the history of local Masonry. The lecture included the Masons who settled the Honeoye area, how their contributions influenced our local history and where the early Lodges met. Many of the early Masonic meeting locations are still standing today.

On January 23rd, Eagle Lodge conferred the 1st Degree for two new members. The evening began with a wonderful dinner put on by our very own OES Eagle Star Chapter.

This Degree was organized by Brother George Romanshyn, Junior Warden. He did a great job presenting the Master's work for this Degree. My thanks to everyone who took part in the Degree. I extend a special thanks to Brother Raymond Howard from Garoga-Sincerity Lodge, who assisted Eagle Lodge with the 1st Degree, Lecture of Reasons.

On March 13th, our Lodge Program will be the 1st Degree Historical Lecture, presented by Brother Jim Kirkwood from Lima Lodge. This is always an inspirational presentation and very well received. Please consider attending this lecture.

Our monthly Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser is March 15th (5-7 p.m.). This fundraiser supports capital improvements for our building. You will receive a great dinner and, in turn, will help us maintain and upgrade our facility.

March 27th, Eagle Lodge will be conferring the 3rd Degree. It

# Spaghetti Dinner

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ter Mason. If you are not a member of Eagle Lodge, please call 425-3285 for a dinner reservation.

### Upcoming Events

**March**  
10th—O/S/Y District Meeting, 8 a.m. at Aces Restaurant; 9 a.m. at Eagle Lodge  
13th—Officers Meeting, 6:15 p.m. - Lodge Program, 1st Degree Historical Lecture  
15th—Spaghetti Dinner Fund-raiser at Lodge, 5-7 p.m.  
20th—3rd Degree Rehearsal, 7:30 p.m.  
25th—3rd Degree Rehearsal, 12 Noon  
27th—Dinner at Lodge, 6:30 p.m., Catered by Eagle Star Chapter. Lodge Program, 3rd Degree

**April**  
10th—Dinner at Aces, 6 p.m. Lodge Program - Official Visit of R.: W.: Edwin Carris, Grand Director of Ceremonies  
19th—Spaghetti Dinner fund-raiser at Lodge, 5-7 p.m.  
21st—Widows Luncheon at Ramanda Inn Geneva  
24th—Officers' Meeting, 6:15 p.m., Lodge Program, 3rd Degree Historical Lecture

## Drumlin Square Lodge No. 1180

1st & 3rd Wednesdays

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On March 7th, the Lodge will confer the Master Mason Degree on one Brother. We have been asked by Springville Lodge if they can participate in the work of the evening. In view of the fact that our new Brother was born and raised in that area, he has many Masonic friends and his father is a two-time Past Master of that Lodge, we have agreed and welcome their participation. I look forward to working with Springville Lodge in the conferring of this Degree and fore-

see an exciting outcome, not only for the benefit of our Brother, but for our Lodge and theirs as well.

That being said, we still need help and encourage participation of our own Membership. There is a need for many Craftsmen to fill the cast. We will hold a rehearsal on Sunday, February 4th, at 2 p.m.

We will open at 6:30 p.m., break for dinner, and start the work and business of the evening promptly at 7:30 p.m. Due to it being a long evening and a longer trip for the Brothers of Springville to return home, we will have the Historical Lecture at the following Communication on March 21st, as well as showing the last Section of the LSOME tape.

My Brothers, reservations for dinner are a must! They can be made through me or the Secretary and have to be received no later than February 28th. Our telephone numbers and email addresses can be found at the top of this article.

At our meeting of February 8th, one Brother was restored to Membership; we welcome him back to the Fraternity.

We wish Brother Charles Hargrave, Marshal, a speedy recovery from his recent surgery. To our Junior Warden, Brother Alan Friedman, and his wife, Michelle, our congratulations on the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Rachael. We understand mother and daughter are both doing well, but father is losing a lot of sleep!

### Upcoming Events

At our second Communication in May, we will see the presentations of Years of Service Awards and the Election of Officers for the ensuing year. There are many projects yet to be addressed, once we have completed the Master Mason Degree. Your help, input and ideas are wanted and needed. Unless you attend Lodge or make your thoughts known on various subjects, we cannot continue to build and grow. WE WANT YOU!

## Rochester Forest No. 133

Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America

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

Donald W. Wright, GTC  
621-5764

Donald C. Bell, Scribe  
334-7768

By Don Brugger

Each month I usually have to prognosticate on the happenings of that month's upcoming meeting. This void is filled with any corrections in the prognostications from the previous month's message, along with those about the following month's meeting. I hope this will clear up any questions about this message.

The dinner to honor The Lilac City Cedarettes, as well as our Ladies, was well attended. The Cedarettes presented a short history of their group, after which the GTC, Don Wright, expressed his appreciation for their support of Rochester Forest. He expressed the hope that there would be a renewed cooperation between the two Bodies for the advancement of our mutual philanthropy, "Muscular Dystrophy Research."

A Committee, Co-chaired by Brothers Cy White and George Springett, has been activated to explore new ways to augment our contributions to the Tall Cedar MD Foundation. We ask that you support these Woodsmen in accomplishing their important objective. And, don't forget, we hope to participate in the local Labor Day Muscular Dystrophy Telethon.

### Getting the Message Out

Don Wright has asked for volunteers to present, "The Tall Cedars Story," to the Monroe Masters and Wardens Association. It is hoped that this presentation could be used as a Tall Cedar Membership Program for individual Lodges. If you would like to find out more about this program, please call me at 458-6125.

### Looking Ahead

All those who have participated in the Degrees, please study your parts for a Spring Conferral. All those who would like to participate in the Degrees, please contact me or one of the Officers. We need backups for the principle parts. Any Woodsmen who would like to volunteer for the Degrees or the Calling Committee, please contact me at 458-6125 or [dbrugger@juno.com](mailto:dbrugger@juno.com). We need your help.

Reservations for our Annual Sausage Roast and Steak Roast have been confirmed for June 27th and September 26th, respectively. We are looking for volunteers to help procure and transport the beverages for these two events. If interested, call Don Wright at 621-5764.

### Sickness and Distress

We were saddened by the passing of Woodsmen, Jim Scobell. Jim passed away in Florida after a long bout with respiratory problems.

If you know of a Woodsmen or Cedarette who is ill or in need of our aid or sympathy, please call one of the Officers or me.

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

# Taxes! Taxes! Taxes!

By Tom Michielsen

The Wearing O' the Green is prevalent and I see Leprechauns everywhere. Even the streets are putting on the green. The aroma of corned beef and cabbage is in the air.

### Per Diem Reimbursement

The Internal Revenue Service issued guidance emphasizing the need for employers to track the amount of expense reimbursement allowances paid to employees on a per diem basis. Revenue Ruling 2006-56 tells employers that if they routinely pay per diem allowances in excess of the federal per diem rates, but do not track the allowances and do not require the employees either to actually substantiate all the expenses or pay back the excess amounts, and do not include the excess amounts in the employee's income and wages, then the entire amount of the expense allowances is subject to income tax and employment tax.

Generally, amounts employers pay employees to reimburse them for substantiated business expenses are not subject to income tax or employment tax. For reimbursements for expenses for meals and other incidentals associated with business travel, employees get this exclusion for reimbursements for each day of travel up to the federal per diem rates without having to actually substantiate the amounts of the expenses. However, if an employer pays expense allowances that exceed the federal per diem rates, the excess amounts are subject to income tax and employment tax if they are not repaid to the

employer, unless the employee actually substantiates all of the expenses covered by the per diem allowance.

### Non-Custodial Parents

New York State taxpayers who are non-custodial parents may be eligible to claim a new refundable tax credit if they meet all of the requirements. They must be at least eighteen, a full New York State resident, be a parent of a minor child with whom they do NOT reside, have a support order in effect for at least half of the year through a Support Collection Unit, and be current in their payment of child support.

### Internet Sales

More and more people are using the Internet as a place to sell goods. In some cases, these are sales of the seller's personal used items and the seller realizes no profit. In other situations, however, online sellers are pursuing a profit and earn income from this activity. Online auction sellers must report gains from Internet sales by including those earnings in income for tax purposes.

If you're like millions of Americans, you work hard but you don't earn a high income, and want to keep more of what you earn. The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is a credit for people who earn low-to-moderate incomes. EITC can reduce your taxes, and can mean a refund. In simple terms, working families and individuals may keep more of what they work for.

### Will you qualify for EITC this year?

Find out if you are eligible for

the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) by answering some questions and providing basic income information.

You must meet the following EITC requirements:

- Must have a valid Social Security Number.
- You must have earned income from employment or from self-employment.
- Your filing status cannot be married, filing separately.
- You must be a U.S. citizen or resident alien all year, or a non-resident alien married to a U.S. citizen or resident alien and filing a joint return.
- You **cannot** be a qualifying child of another person.
- If you do not have a qualifying child, you must:
  - Be age 25 but under 65 at the end of the year,
  - Live in the United States for more than half the year, and
  - Not qualify as a dependent of another person
- Cannot file Form 2555 or 2555-EZ (related to foreign earned income).

### Taxpayer Due Dates

Upcoming calendar year taxpayer due dates:

#### March 15th

- February Payroll Taxes
- Corporate Tax Returns

#### March 20th

- December thru February Sales Tax Returns
- Annual Sales Tax Returns

#### March 31st

- Electronic W2's and 1099's must be forwarded

#### April 15th

- March Payroll Taxes
- Individual Tax Returns
- Federal First Quarter Estimated Taxes for Corporations
- Federal and State First Quarter Estimated Taxes for Individuals

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

## Did You Know That?

By Phil Hurwitz

1. Unless the Grand Master grants dispensation, a Lodge cannot:
  - Initiate/Pass/Raise more than five Candidates/Brothers at a time
  - Confer more than one Degree within seven consecutive days
  - Pass, then Raise a Brother within two weeks from the preceding Degree. *Const. §361, HBML §201, 638*
2. Visitors must be announced in Open Lodge and either vouched for, or must present his present Dues Card. *Const. §505*
3. No Lodge or Brother shall directly or indirectly use, or attempt to use, Freemasonry for or

against any political activity. It shall be unlawful for any such Lodge or Brother personally, or by written letter or circular, or in any manner, whether directly or indirectly, to solicit or attempt to obtain votes for or against any Candidate for political office, on the grounds of, or for the reason that such Member is or is not a member of the Craft. Violation is a Masonic offense. *Const. §509*

4. Brother in arrears must be placed on written notice, so as to clear up his arrears and avoid disaffiliation. *HBML §§689-692*
5. Reasons for arrears must be investigated. *Const. §367*

- (1) Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New York (Const.)
- (2) Handbook of Masonic Law (HBML)



(L-R) Senior Deputy Grand Tall Cedar George Springett, Grand Tall Cedar Don Wright, Junior Deputy Cy White.



# Scottish Rite NEWS

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Lodge of Perfection

## Commander-in-Chief



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**College of Freemasonry**  
It's coming! What's coming? The Valley of Rochester College of Freemasonry, that's what's coming. This is our second year sponsoring the College. Last year was a success and this year is shaping up to be even more successful. We have received national attention for last year's College and this year we have received prime billing in the February Issue of the *Northern Light*.

What is the *College of Freemasonry*? It is a forum where guest speakers talk on Freemasonry and related topics. The basic theme for the College is focused on the Grand Master's *Masonic Compact* and where the Fraternity should be heading in the future. This year we will have the Sovereign Grand Commander of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction and the Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York in attendance.

### Friday

The College starts on Friday evening, March 30th, with a dinner for Scottish Rite Members and their Ladies. The dinner will be at the Damascus Shrine Center. The Sovereign Grand Commander, Ill.: John William McNaughton, will deliver the keynote address. The cost for just the dinner is \$15 per person.

### Saturday

We commence on Saturday morning, March 31st, at the Shrine Center with a light continental breakfast followed by our first speaker. A "box lunch" will be served. The Grand Master, M.: W.: and Ill.: Neal I. Bidnick, 33°, will deliver his address.

In addition, Dr. William Cook, from SUNY at Geneseo, will be speaking on the building of Cathedrals. He is an acknowledged expert in the Middle Ages and Cathedral building.

Other speakers include Ill.: Richard Curtis, 33°, who recently retired as the long-time Editor of the *Northern Light* and Ill.: Richard Fletcher, 33°, Executive Secretary of the Masonic Service Association and Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Vermont.

During the day there will be a silent auction of Masonic material. There will also be someone in attendance who will take orders for Masonic books.

The cost for Saturday is \$15 per person, and it is open to the public; i.e., bring a non-Mason to learn more about the Craft.

This will be a fantastic event. Tickets are available through Lodge Secretaries or Masters and from the Scottish Rite Of-

## Rite Events Calendar

See article for details.

(All events at Shrine Center unless otherwise noted)

March 15th - 4th and 8th Degrees

March 27th - Rite Nite at the Movies

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

March 31st - College of Freemasonry

April 15th - Feast of Paschal Lamb

April 19th - 14th Degree

April 27th - 15th Degree

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

May 11th - Reunion Banquet at The Diplomat

May 17th - Elections Meeting

May 29th - Rite Nite at the Movies

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

rice. Don't wait to get your tickets, as the Shrine Center will be filled to capacity and you may miss out, especially with out-of-town Masons buying tickets to attend.

### Cost Per Person

\$15 - Friday Dinner

\$15 - Saturday Program

\$25 - For BOTH Events

See our ad in this issue of the *Masonic Times* for more details.

### Thank You

Thank you to all the Brothers who have worked hard in the conferral of our Degrees this Winter. Not only for being a member of the cast or directing the Degree, but preparing the costumes and properties for each Degree, shepherding the Candidates, arranging food, etc. I am proud to state that we have improved and are improving in Degree conferrals and you, the members, have found excellent Candidates for the Degrees.

### End Notes

Well, the Indianapolis Colts won the Super Bowl. Whether you watched the game or not, or were a Bears fan, the game showed that teamwork is key to winning in anything. We, my Brothers, must work as a team to show the men around us what a Freemason is and how Freemasonry has improved our lives and to show them the way to becoming a Freemason. With teamwork we can make positive changes in society and help more men learn how to benefit society and build a good life for themselves through the teaching of the Craft. This will help society and build our Craft.

Lastly, invite a friend to attend the College of Freemasonry with you. You both will not regret the experience. ❧

## Most Wise Master By Kenneth R. Howe

It is the time of year when we start looking forward to our work in the presentation of the Feast of the Pascal Lamb. It will be held, once again, at the Damascus Shrine Center on Bay Road in Webster on Sunday, April 15th. The presentation will be at 3 p.m. and dinner will be at 5 p.m. It is open to the public, so tell your friends and get your reservations in by calling the Scottish Rite Office at 264-1160. Dinner cost is \$10 and entrée choices are Chicken French or Roast Beef.

The Feast is set in the Middle Ages and is a forum used to say goodbye to our departed Brothers and to share condolences with their loved ones. The Hilton High School Choir will again bless us with their music. Our special guest speaker will be Reverend Charles Roberts.

The Feast ties the history of the Feast of the Passover from its inception in Egypt by the Jews, through turbulent struggle to the Exodus, to the time of David and Solomon and the erection of the first temple. It

progresses to the Temple's subsequent destruction and its re-building by Zarubbable after the exile in Babylon. The program culminates in the time of Jesus, the Last Supper and the institution of the Christian Holy Communion.

If you have never witnessed this solemn program, I urge

you to come on April 15th, bring your friends and loved ones, and be witness to this presentation as it is performed by the Officers of the Rochester Valley Chapter of Rose Croix, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite. Enjoy the fellowship at a tasty catered repast afterwards. ❧

## John B. Mullan 33° Medallion



A jewel worn by John B. Mullan, 33° when he was Deputy for New York was presented by Derek Van Houten and Damascus Shrine to the Valley of Rochester. Shown here, it is being received by Edward R. Trosin, 33°, Active for New York and Stephen R. Whittaker, 33°, Deputy's representative to the Valley of Rochester.



Members of the Valley of Rochester, AASR, 16th Degree east who performed in costume for the Paul A. Gleason, Jr., class were (from left): Joe Bourcy, Mike McBride, Dave Taber, John Faro, Mike Fazio, Craig Mollon, Frank Ghysel, Mike Knolla, Larry Hood, Derek VanHouten, Pat Mulrooney, Angelo DiCataldo, Bill Zufall and Jim Pray.



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# Scottish Rite and York Rite – What are they?



What are the differences between the Scottish Rite and the York Rite? Many Symbolic Lodge Master Masons ask this question and few obtain an entirely satisfactory answer.

In attempting to provide an answer, political correctness often tempers the response. It is usually a membership recruiting appeal.

This is a disservice to the questioner. Any meaningful answer, if attempted without limitation, soon bogs down in a myriad of details. For example, in the intricacies of each Rite's Rituals there are hundreds of differences.

To inform the Blue Lodge Freemason considering continuation of his search for Masonic Light requires backing away from the details and providing the bigger picture. My perspective is from having membership in the two Rites.

### Similarities

First, the overriding similarities should be noted. Both Concordant Body Rites are Masonic Organizations dedicated to the benefit of society through improvement of the individual. By morality lessons and peer association, they promote behaviors which civilize the man and strengthen his society. This is consistent with the Blue Lodge lessons which teach a man to be a better husband, father, son, neighbor, church-goer and citizen.

### Objectives

It is in the focus of their objectives that the two organizations can most easily be seen to differ.

**Scottish Rite Masonry** is the champion of individual freedoms and citizenship rights as well as responsibilities. **York Rite Masonry** in its concluding Degrees or Orders of the Commandery is the champion of Christianity. A man must pledge to defend Christianity to become a Knight Templar Freemason in the York Rite.

Good men of other religions (Jews, Moslems, Hindus, etc.) believing in Deity may elect to become Scottish Rite Masons and/or Chapter/Council York Rite Masons. They will be urged to take an active leadership role in the promotion and protection of individual rights:

- Government by democracy, free speech and press
- Equitable treatment before the law
- Freedom of religion and the individual
- Separation of church and state

### Other Differences

York Rite Freemasonry has three separate and autonomous Bodies – Chapter, Council, and Commandery.

These Bodies each have Ritual and Conduct Meetings. The Officers' lines are not much different from Blue Lodge, but with differing titles. The top Officers in the three Bodies are respectively formally called Excellent High Priest, Illustrious Master and Eminent Commander.

As the title Brother is used in the Blue Lodge, the title Companion is used in the Chapter and Council and the title Sir Knight is used in the Commandery.

Scottish Rite Masonry has four coordinate Bodies – Lodge of Perfection, Council of Princes of Jerusalem, Chapter of Rose Croix, and Consistory. The top officers in the four Bodies are respectively formally addressed as Thrice Potent Master, Sovereign Prince, Most Wise Master and Commander-in-Chief.

### Attire

While some Blue Lodges use costumes, most do not. But both the Scottish and York Rites emphasize the theatrical by use of elaborate costumes, stage props, and often actual stages with scenery backdrops to heighten the dramatic im-

pact of each Rite's morality lessons. This Degree work tends to be done by men well rehearsed in the roles they are performing rather than by the current Lodge Officers.

Another noticeable difference from Blue Lodge is the attire sometimes worn by the ordinary members. Most striking of these are the uniforms worn by York Rite Commandery, complete with ceremonial swords. The uniforms are reminiscent of what was worn on formal occasions by naval officers a century ago. The chief characteristic is a large, folded-brim hat, called a chapeau, with ostrich plumes. The other two York Rite Bodies sometimes use modern blazer jackets, red for Chapter and purple for Council.

Scottish Rite limits its non-Ritual attire to a hat with ornamentation including the symbolic double-headed eagle and gold-colored braiding. The hat is of the pillbox type without bill or brim. Black is the basic color of the hat worn by the majority of the Scottish Rite members who are 32° Masons.

The three honorary classes have different identifying colors. Blue is used for those men locally recognized for their faithful and dedicated participation. Red is used for the man distinguished as a Meritorious Service Award recipient by the New York State Council of Deliberation. The supreme honorary recognition of 33° Freemason is titled Honorary Member of Supreme Council (NMJ) and includes the identification of a white hat. The white Scottish Rite hat is rare, representing about one percent of the total membership. In even smaller numbers are the purple hats worn by the 33° Active Members of the Supreme Council (NMJ).

### Charities

Both of the Rites practice charity and have their favorite projects. York Rite Masons have several charities, among them the Royal Arch Masons Auditory Research Assistance Program and the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, which makes it possible for needy persons with sight problems to get medical help.

The Knights Templar also support a Holy Land Pilgrimage program which sends ministers on tours dedicated to the locales important to Jews, Christians and followers of Islam.

Scottish Rite Freemasons support their 53, 32° Masonic Learning Centers for Children, Abbott Scholarships for students benefiting from college or university learning opportunities, the Van Gordon/Williams Library and National Heritage Museum, plus Schizophrenia research grants.

### Administration

The Administrative structure also differs. The Scottish Rite has a strict hierarchical organization having a national Supreme Council (Northern Masonic Jurisdiction) under the leadership of the Sovereign Grand Commander, a state-wide Council of Deliberation under the leadership of the Deputy for the state, and a local Valley under the leadership of the ranking Body presiding Officer at the several levels.

The York Rite has a less rigorous structural organization beyond the local Chapter, Council or Commandery.

In the final analysis both groups are champions, like Blue Lodge Masons, of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth.

*Adapted and modified from an article by J. Howard Duncan, 32°, K.C.C.H.; Leocompton, KS, Scottish Rite Journal, September 1997 SMJ*

*By Charles O. Hancock, 33°, Valley of Rochester, NY (NMJ)*



## A Masonic Compact: It's About Time

Damascus Shrine Center

March 30, 2007

6:00 p.m. Social Hour

7:00 p.m. Dinner

Dinner will be followed by a presentation by  
Ill. John W. McNaughton 33°,  
Sovereign Grand Commander of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America.

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

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

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March 31, 2007

8:00 Registration and Continental breakfast

Open to Masons and Nonmasons; cost is \$15 per person

9:00 Program begins

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

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

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

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

Silent Auction and bookfair

The Thomas Jackson Masonic Education Award



## 2007 Abbott Scholarships

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

York Rite College  
Judah Maccabeus

## District Deputy Grand High Priest

24th  
District  
RAM



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Companions, what a change in the weather! Last month as I wrote, it was almost 60 degrees outside and this month it's below 10°. Variety like this is what makes us love our four seasons and, I think, visiting other Chapters.

### Grand Chapter

Grand Chapter is fast approaching on March 2nd and 3rd at the Turf Inn, Wolf Road in Albany. Another opportunity to experience variety, to see old friends and make new ones. Once again, I invite you to join us for just a day, if that fits your schedule.

### Sickness and Distress

Our wishes for a speedy recovery to our friend and companion, R. E.: L. Ronald Edwards, DDGHP of the 25th District. Ron had a mild stroke while vacationing in Florida. We pray that you are good as new real soon, Ron.

### Change of Date

V. E.: Gene Ellis, Grand Lecturer, has notified me that he made a scheduling error for his Spring visit. He booked two Districts for the same night. He has asked that we change our District Convention to May 24th, the fourth Thursday. Please mark your calendar now. I am hoping that it will not conflict with the Wayne District Investiture Service for new Masters of Lodges. I know that we want to support that event as well.

V. E.: Lloyd VandeViver and I have been re-appointed to our respective District Offices for the year 2007-2008. We thank you all for your confidence in us and pledge to do our best for Royal Arch Masonry.

I fervently look forward to seeing you soon and hope that the temperature outside has warmed up somewhat. ✕

## Hiram Chapter



No. 62

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

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This year started with many plans that had to be arranged in a short time. I apologize for the delay in transmitting information needed for the smooth operation of the Chapter to you.

My thanks to the following Companions for accepting these positions for the ensuing year and helping to make your Chapter a success.

High Priest **George Springett**  
Scribe **John E. Zabel**  
Treasurer **James Nersinger**  
Secretary **Charles Roberts**  
Captain of the Host  
**Michael Adamus**  
Principal Sojourner  
**Ernest Stelianou**  
Royal Arch Captain  
**Richard Horton**  
Third Veil **John Dudley**  
Second Veil **Mark Arlauckas**  
First Veil **Ken Howe**  
Currently the Trestleboard looks like this...

### March

2 - Grand Chapter  
3 - Grand Chapter  
8 - Mark Master Degree and AGL review  
22 - Past Master Degree

### April

12 - TBA  
26 - Most Excellent Degree

### May

10 - District Deputy Grand High Priest Visit  
24 - Holy Royal Arch Degree

### June

14 - Annual Chapter Picnic  
We have a busy schedule ahead; the balance of the Trestleboard will be published later. I will see you in the quarries. ✕

## District Deputy Grand Master 8th Cryptic District



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

We had a fine AGL Convention at Doric Council. The work was well done and everyone had a good time. A big thank you to the Members and Officers of Doric for being the host, and to all who participated and attended. Also thanks to Ill.: Garry Hutchurson for putting on the dinner. Congratulations to V. I.: Norman Austin, AGL, for overseeing the event.

The Royal Master Degree was performed at NunDaWaga Council in LeRoy. Congratulations to the Officers for a job well done. Ill.: Dennis Turton is home recuperating after surgery. He wasn't able to attend, but Ill.: Garry Hutchurson filled in. We're all ready to welcome you back, Dennis.

Let's do some supposing. Let's suppose you own a Pizzeria. To keep it simple we'll suppose you have only one size pizza, no other product. The rent is \$1,000 per week, electric bill is \$100, gas bill is \$200, plus there is the cost of insurance. The average cost to make one pizza is \$4 and you sell your pizzas for \$6 each. You work seven days per week and average 100 pizzas per day. You have two employees, one baker and one on the cash register. You pay state, local and federal taxes. You started with \$10,000 cash. What is the outcome?

You will remember last month's article talked about fiscal responsibility in the Lodge as well as the building which houses the Lodge. My point is this. The Lodge, the

building and the contents of the building cost money to operate. You cannot operate very long if you take in less money than you spend. Some organizations get into so much trouble, they spend their time and efforts trying to save what they have. More often than not, they neglect the "actual" or the "envisioned membership," (the envisioned being future members). I don't want to say you should spend all your time and efforts on finances. I do think you should spend at least some time on this subject. Take care of business before it gets out of hand. At that time, it's often too late.

Now, back to Cryptic Masonry. It's a well-known fact that some people can do the Ritual better than others. I feel good for those who do well with seemingly no effort. I have to spend a lot of time and effort learning the work. So naturally, I have a little envy for them. You know, I might be wrong. It could be that they have to spend the same time and effort to do as well as they do. Do you suppose that most of us could do the Ritual well if we spent quality time learning it? I'm not sure, but it may be possible. What do you think?

Only one Official Visit is left for this year, but I would like to visit your Council. If you need help in Opening and Closing, let me know. I'm sure some Companions will want to join us for the evening. If it's not a good time for visitors, please let us know that also. We don't want to seem "pushy," but we do want to help if we can. I'm having fun; I hope you are, too. Isn't that an important part of what we do??? On to the trenches! ✕

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



3rd Wednesday

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Easter is coming and Spring can't be far behind. As Winter is starting to end, so should our Degrees. We will be looking for our Snowbirds to be coming back and to seeing some new faces.

January was a great success with R. Ill.: Ruel Lovett, our District Deputy Grand Master, and his Official Visit. He brought us kind words and advice on the future of our Order and how we may help ourselves with membership.

Also, we had the Grand Lecturer's Convention conducted by V. Ill.: Norman Austin, in which we presented, symbolically, the Royal and Select Degree. V. Ill.: Norm complimented the Council on how well we did and encouraged us to keep up the good work. There were several Councils in attendance who helped us with this Degree. A Roast Beef Dinner preceded and was a success. Thanks to Compan-

ion George Springett for his help.

God bless everyone and I hope to see you in Council. ✕

## Palmyra Council No. 26

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

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By David Taber

The Table Council in February was a great success. It was well attended, in spite of the Wintry weather. The meal was excellent. I am afraid the burden fell on the Master and his good wife, Charlotte. We thank them for their efforts.

Table Meetings vary from body-to-body and area-to-area. This was a version right out of the wilds of Canada with its military formality. It was mentioned by one of our old-timers that it was the best Table Meeting in which he had participated. The Canadians will be so notified.

There will not be an assembly in March, as many of our Officers and Members will be in Albany attending the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter. One of our Officers must receive the Order of Old Saratoga.

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

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. ✕

## Cyrene-Monroe Commandery No. 12

Chartered 1993  
3rd Monday

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Recorder  
SK Lawrence W. Dunn  
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Our year together is moving along quickly. There are only three Conclaves left in the 2006-2007 Templar year. Yet, there is much to do! Some of the busiest times of our year lie before us.

• March 19th is our Annual Inspection.

• April 16th is our Annual Easter Observance (details on this event will be found in next month's article).

• May 21st is our Annual Election and Installation of Officers

Yet, this is not all! We have the honor of having one of our own Cyrene-Monroe Knights in line to be Master of his Symbolic Lodge come June. If so, we will be there to form an Honor Guard for him on that night.

There are Zone opportunities coming our way as well.

• April 26th is the Zone School

of Instruction at 7:30 p.m. at Batavia.

• April 28th is the Western Regional Seminar from 8 a.m. until Noon at Bergen.

Finally, this year's Annual Zone Meeting will be on June 10th at the Jones residence.

As you can tell from these lists of activities there is something for each and every one of us to participate in and enjoy as the year progresses.

See you soon on a third Monday evening. There is always something going on and these nights are always an enjoyable Christian Masonic evening. ✕

## Sagoyewatha

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The Annual Inspection will take place on Saturday, April 21st, at 10 a.m. The next Conclave on March 17th will, in addition to the regular business, be a "Dress rehearsal" in preparation for the Inspection.

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

- Open in full form, receive the Visitors and the Inspecting Officer through the lines
- Ritual requirements
- Inspection and Sword Manual
- Close per the *Tactics*.

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

The cast has been established and they are:

Sovereign Master - **Cy White**  
Prince Chancellor - **Ron Edwards**  
Prince Master of the Palace -

**Ernest Day**  
Zerubbabel - **Ted Powley**  
Master of Dispatches -

**David Rising**

The Captain General, or Drill Master, will then line up the Officers and complete the Sword Manual requirements per the *Tactics*. To accomplish all of this, the full support of the Elected and Appointed Officers, as well as all Frater, will be necessary. Therefore, I am asking all Officers to make every effort to attend the Dress Rehearsal and Inspection Conclaves. If you are unable to attend any of these Conclaves, please call me at (315) 597-9546.

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

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

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



# Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

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



**Kenneth R. Milner**  
Monarch  
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Here we are, already in the third month of the New Year and I wonder where the time has gone. The Grotto meeting on March 21st will be a short business meeting, followed with a guest speaker from the Scottish Rite. I hope you all can attend so you can learn what some of the other Bodies of our great Fraternity do.

### Bring-a-Brother Night

A reminder to everyone ... our April meeting will be Prophet Bring-a-Brother Night. This year will be different from the past, as we will have dinner first and the Ladies are invited. When you invite a Brother, also invite his Lady. You will be hearing more on this at the March meeting.

Remember, we would like to have a Short Form Ceremonial in May. To do that, we need new members. Look at the members in your Blue Lodge and see if there is someone who you would like to invite to join you in your Grotto.

### Empire State Spring Meeting

Let me remind everyone that Lalla Rookh Grotto will host the Empire State Grotto Association Spring Meeting on April 20th and 21st at the Canandaigua Inn on the Lake, 770 South Main Street in Canandaigua.

If you have not yet made your reservations with the hotel, do so now. All hotel reservations must be made by March 20th in order to receive the Grotto rate. Also, get your registration forms for the Convention returned to me as soon as possible. The deadline for Pre-Registration is April 1st. If you wait, you will pay the Convention rate. We need a good showing of Prophets from Lalla Rookh Grotto because we are the host Grotto. I look forward to greeting you in Canandaigua.

### Supreme Council Sessions

June is just around the corner and you can attend the Supreme Council Sessions in Niagara Falls, Canada, from June 3rd-9th. If you do not wish to attend for the whole week, maybe you could go for part of the time. You can take your Lady with you and enjoy the sights and the wonderful companionship of your fellow Prophets and their Ladies. Where else could you go and have such a good time? Make your reservations now!

Lalla Rookh Grotto will have a Golf Tournament on June 23rd at Old Hickory Golf Club in Livonia. Get your team or partner lined up to come out and enjoy the day. If you can't

### Monarch Kenneth R. Milner

find a partner, come anyway. I'm sure Past Monarch Dick Topel will find someone to join you and make up a team. \*

### A Note from Bev VanHuben ... Attention Prophets!

If any of your Ladies would like to donate to, and/or help at the Spring Convention in Canandaigua, please have them contact Bev VanHuben at 647-1391. Thank you for your cooperation. \*

### Master of Ceremonies By Richard Topel, PM

We are going to have chili after the March 21st meeting. Bring a large appetite! There will be bread and hot pepper for those who like it. \*

### Caldron News

By Beverly Murray, MCO

Winter took its time to hit, But, as you now know, February was not a miss,

Old man Winter has been blowing without remiss.

We canceled our February Meetings to stay home where it was warm. We will try for a make up meeting on Saturday, March 17th at 10 a.m. I will supply lunch and dessert. Afterward, we will have our Executive Meeting. I know that our Patrol practice has slipped; hopefully, we can get back in step soon.

Merline Bueg and I thank all who attended our 59th Birthday Banquet. Approximately 30 of us braved the cold to cel-

brate. It was a good time had by all and well worth the effort to get there.

Once again, congratulations to Daughter Pearl Smith on her 100th Birthday. Way to Go PEARL! As the rest of us celebrate our Birthday in 2007, may you find happiness and joy on your special day.

I think I forgot to wish all of you a Happy Valentine's Day, So I'll do the correct "Irish thing" and wish you all a Happy St. Paddy's Day! Even if you are not Irish, you can still celebrate life and all the gifts that have been given to you.

For those of you who have not been able to attend, we miss you and wish you happiness and the best of health. We hope to see you at a near future meeting or other function.

### Sickness and Distress

Please report sickness and distress to Joan Palmer, Sunshine Chair, 663-8593. Our thoughts and prayers are with Bob Bueg. To all - May the Lord bless you with his healing touch, and comfort you until you are feeling much better.

### Join Our Order!

Any lady who is interested in joining the Daughters of Mokka, please don't hesitate to ask a Caldron member about a Petition. Requirements are that you be related to a Master Mason.

I'm looking forward to seeing "YOU" at our next meeting on March 8th at 7:30 p.m. \*

### LALLA ROOKH CALENDAR

Monday, March 5th  
Board of Governors  
7 p.m., Shrine Center

Saturday, March 10th  
Farrah Grotto  
Monarch's Ball  
Warren, PA  
Reservations by  
March 1st

Monday, March 19th  
Legion of Honor  
6:30 p.m. Dinner at  
Nutcracker Restaurant

Wednesday, March 21st  
Grotto Meeting  
7:30 p.m.  
with speaker  
Shrine Center

Information  
Hotline  
585-334-4196



## Wish List for Ronald McDonald House

- \* Dishwasher detergent
- \* Laundry detergent, pre-wash treatments and bleach
- Disinfectant wipes
- Trash bags (8-gallon and 50-gallon sizes)
- Soft scrubbing cleanser
- \* Toilet bowl cleaner
- \* Spray bathroom cleaner
- \* Window cleaner
- \* Sponge mops and brooms

- ### Paper Needs
- Storage bags (all sizes, including 2-gallon and 2.5-gallon sizes)
  - Styrofoam "take out" containers and disposable plastic containers
  - Paper towels
- ### Linen/Personal Supplies
- \* Standard-size white pillow cases
  - Feminine supplies and shaving needs
  - Beige colored bathmats and towel sets
  - Heavy duty blankets, all sizes

- ### Other Essentials
- \* Light bulbs (25W, 40W, 60W, 75W, 100W, 3-way)
  - Nightlights and flashlights
  - Gift cards to Wegmans, Target, Wal-Mart, etc.)
  - \* **most needed items**

The "needs list" is also registered at the following stores: Target, J C Penney, and Bed Bath & Beyond. For more information, call 422-5437. \*

### Ark Lodge No. 33, F. & A.M.



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February was a very busy month for Ark Lodge. The Officers met and reviewed the status of the 200th Anniversary Event. Brother Abraham has nearly finished with the anniversary booklet. He was able to review and highlight many articles from Doc Stelter's newsletters, giving us an excellent record of Ark Lodge and its accomplishments.

Brother Brandow is designing and securing Commemorative Lapel Pins for our Members and participants. Brother Ward and I will be sending out 200th Anniversary invitations to Ark Lodge Members and Brothers of other District Lodges. There will be opportunities for businesses to advertise in our anniversary booklet.

At February's Communication a rousing game of Masonic Jeopardy was played, testing the level of Masonic knowledge of the Brothers who were present. The knowledge contained in our Members is truly a valuable asset and should be considered a source of pride.

The Officers are starting to travel to O/S/Y Lodges this

month to promote the 200th Anniversary; we will be meeting at the Lodge to carpool. These visits are an excellent way to see other District Lodges and there is always lots of good fellowship. Members are encouraged to accompany us. The various dates are in the Upcoming Events Section and members can contact me to get the times we will be leaving.

On March 21st, Ark Lodge will be holding its Lodge Re-Dedication Ceremony. The purpose of which is to return each of us to that spirit of dedication, which stirred us all when we first took our Degrees, reminding us that, as then candidates and now Master Masons, we should not lose the value and true meaning of that experience. Members are encouraged to bring the Bibles they received when entering the Fraternity, so the Master and Secretary can sign them attesting that you were part of the 225th Anniversary In-Lodge Re-Dedication Program of Grand Lodge.

### March Anniversaries

John H. Stelter	1944
Lloyd A. Johnson	1946
Harry George	1951
James R. Broody	1952
Howard C. Colegrove	1958
J. Andrew Foster	1962
Robert H. Schwarting	1970
Roger D. Haich	1975
Myron G. Dox	1981
James W. Vanhouten	1981
Christopher J. Spina	1987
Howard W. Keeney II	1991
Michael J. Baroody	2003
Thomas N. Baroody	2003
John W. Girard	2003
John L. Malyj	2003
Horace E. Riddle	2003
Richard P. Rockefeller	2003

Thomas J. Smart 2003

### March Events

- 7th - Officers Meeting
- 12th - Visit Dundee Lodge
- 13th - Visit Eagle Lodge
- 14th - Visit Seneca Lodge
- 21st - Re-Dedication Program
- 22nd - Visit Geneva Lodge
- 31st - College of Freemasonry, Damascus Shrine Center

### Union Lodge No. 45

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

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Lima Masonic Temple  
1891 Rochester Street, Lima 14485

On February 22nd, Brother Steve Martucio received the 3rd Degree. Everything went very well. Many thanks to the Officers plus all who came to witness this successful Degree.

### March Meetings

- 8th - Balloting on two Petitions for membership in Union Lodge. There will be a program after our Communication.
- 16th - We will have a Talent Show at Honeoye Falls School, Auditorium No. B. This should be a fun event.
- 22nd - The 1st Degree will be conferred on our two Candidates. Lodge will open at 6 p.m. Supper will be served at 6:30 p.m.
- 26th - An Association meeting will be held at Livonia.
- 31st - College of Freemasonry at the Shrine Center in Webster. \*

*Editor's note: We don't have the final tally of the Have-a-Heart Campaign, but if you still want to help, here's how.*

In Rochester, there are two Ronald McDonald Houses to care for families of very ill or hospitalized children. Within these facilities, are four kitchens, multiple dishwashers, ten washers and dryers, 27 bedrooms and 25 bathrooms!

Now imagine the amount of staple foods, laundry soap, toilet paper and other necessities we need to keep these Houses stocked. This is where YOU can help! Keep them in mind as you shop for your everyday needs.

All items should be new for the health and safety of our families and volunteers.

### Food

- Snack foods (all kinds of individual sizes)
- Fresh & frozen fruits, vegetables and meats
- Juice boxes
- Coffee creamers and sugars
- Spaghetti O's
- Mayonnaise, salad dressings (NOT Italian, please!!)
- Granola bars, breakfast bars and cereal
- Individual-size microwaveable meals

### Cleaning Supplies

- Liquid hand soap
- Disposable cleaning gloves

# In Memoriam

Memories are like threads of gold, they never tarnish or grow old.

## JANUARY

### Brown, Norman W.

Norman Brown, 92, went to the Great Architect of the Universe on January 23rd, leaving his wife of 67 years, Ethel, a daughter, grandson and great-grandson to remember his life. Norman was a member of Unity Lodge.

### John E. Woolston

John Woolston, 76, departed for his home with the Lord on January 24th. John was a very active member of Livonia Lodge. His wife, Sylvia, four children, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren survive him. His Brothers and family will miss him.

## OCTOBER

### Pease, Bruce

We just received word that Bruce Pease, 70, passed away October 26, 2006, in Defuniak Springs, Florida. Bruce was a member of Union Lodge No. 45.

## NOVEMBER

### Fulmer, Edward P.

Edward P. Fulmer, 94, passed away November 13, 2006, in Florida. Edward was a member of Craftsman Robertson Lodge and Scottish Rite. Survivors include his wife, Mary, a son, two daughters, 11 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

### Pierce, Willis N.

On January 28th, Willis Pierce, 82, went to his Heavenly Home. He is survived by his wife, Molly, several children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was a member of Northfield Lodge.

## FEBRUARY

### Buchanan, John R., Jr.

We have received notice that John Buchanan, Jr., 89, died in Heflin, Alabama on February 2nd. He was a 54-year member of Olive Branch Lodge, LeRoy Chapter RAM, Nun-da-Waga Council and Shriners. May he find peace with the Great Architect of the Universe.

Crockett, Elizabeth, 83, widow of Colin (Seneca Lodge) passed away January 31st.

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# Masonic Activities Looking Ahead

## April

- 15 Valley of Rochester, Feast of the Paschal Lamb, Shrine Center
- 21 Monroe District Widows Luncheon, Burgundy Basin Inn, Noon
- 21 Genesee-Wyoming District, *Masonic Development Course*, Hesperus Lodge, Bergen
- 21 Livingston District Ladies Night, Conesus Golf & Country Club
- 21 Ontario/Seneca/Yates District Surviving Spouses Luncheon, Ramada Inn, Geneva
- 28 Genesee-Wyoming District, *Masonic Development Course*; location TBA

## May

- 4 Haggai Chapter's 7th Annual Social & Community Awards Dinner
- 7-8 226th Grand Lodge Convention - New York City
- 12 Genesee-Wyoming District, *Masonic Development Course*; location TBA

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

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Deadline for the Masonic Times

# BIG CALENDAR FOR MARCH 2007

Gem - Aquamarine  
Flower - Jonquil

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				Eunice - Caledonia Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster  RSM - Palmyra Council	1  2  Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m. \$7 adult; \$4 Child 30 Orchard Street  RAM Grand Chapter Convocation - Albany	3  OES - Rochester Chapter Unity - Spencerport  Road to the East - Eunice Lodge - Caledonia (G-W, LIV and MON Districts) - Session 3  OSY - Road to the East - Garoga-Sincerity Lodge  RAM Grand Chapter Convocation - Albany
4  Purim	5  Canandaigua - Shortsville West Star - Varysburg  RAM - Palmyra/Eagle  KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford  Shrine Lunch Club - Fairport Village Inn	6  Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps Nunda Station Oakland - Castile  OES - Fairport, Nolatka (OV), Starlight	7  Drumlin Square - Palmyra, 3* Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy  Damascus Shrine  OES - Lilac Star	8  Fame, Shrine Center Milnor - Victor Union - Lima  RAM - Hiram  Lalla Rookh Caldron	9  10  Daughters of the Nile, Zama Temple - Fairport  OSY - District Association meeting - Eagle Lodge - Honeoye	
11  Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinner Weds 14th and 28th 287 East Avenue, Hilton  Daylight Saving Time Begins	12  ERAC - Shrine Center Fairport/Flower City Union Star - Honeoye Falls Unity - Spencerport Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield  RAM - Excelsior - Shortsville  Shrine Lunch Club - Fairport Village Inn	13  Eagle - Honeoye Seneca - Webster Valley-Simes, Shrine Center  RAM - Dansville  OES - Leah - Hilton, Mary Jane Holmes - Brockport	14  Churchville Oatka - Scottsville  Masonic Service Bureau Monthly Luncheon Meeting  OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville, Corinthian Fellowship	15  Eunice - Caledonia Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster  Scottish Rite, 4* & 5*	16  17  KT - Sagoyewatha - Phelps  MON - Lodge Secretaries meeting - Union Star Lodge - Honeoye Falls  OSY - Road to the East - Pocahontas Lodge  St. Patrick's Day	
18  Eagle Lodge Eagle Chapter Spaghetti Dinner Thursday, March 15th 4994 County Rd 36 Honeoye  Milnor Lodge Gah-A-Yan-Duk Chapter Spaghetti Dinner Wednesday, February 21st 21 Maple Avenue, Victor	19  Canandaigua - Shortsville West Star - Varysburg  KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford, Annual Inspection Lalla Rookh Grotto Legion of Honor Shrine Lunch Club - Fairport Village Inn  St. Joseph's Day	20  Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson, Shrine Center, 1* Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps Nunda Station  OES - Nolatka, Starlight  First Day of Spring	21  Ark - Geneva Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy  RSM - Doric Council, Pittsford Lalla Rookh Grotto  OES - Lilac Star	22  Fame, Shrine Center Milnor - Victor Union - Lima  RAM - Hiram  James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post	23  24  G-W - Masonic Development Course - Hesperus Lodge - Bergen  OSY - Road to the East - Garoga-Sincerity Lodge	
25  Daughters of the Nile, Zama Temple - Fairport, Open Installation	26  ERAC - Shrine Center, 3* Fairport/Flower City Union Star - Honeoye Falls, 3* Unity - Spencerport Wakan/Hubbard-Penfield, 3*  RSM - Nundawaga Council LIV - District Association meeting - Livonia  Shrine Lunch Club - Fairport Village Inn	27  Eagle - Honeoye, 3* Valley-Simes  RAM - Dansville, LeRoy  OES - Leah - Hilton  Valley of Rochester, Night at the Movies - Shrine Center	28  Churchville Oatka - Scottsville, 2*  Tall Cedars of Lebanon  OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville, Corinthian Fellowship	29  30  MON - School of Ritual - Clio - Hilton  Valley of Rochester, College of Freemasonry - Shrine Center	31  Valley of Rochester, College of Freemasonry - Shrine Center	