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Veterans Day

*They Gave Their All,
Let Us Not Forget Them*

By R.:W.: Thomas M. Paglia

We, of the Masonic Veterans Service Committee, Masonic Service Association and Masonic War Veterans, have been remembering our Veterans with visitations by our representatives and deputies at the VA Medical Centers in New York State on a continuing basis for many years. In New York State, we visit a combined 15 VA Medical Centers and New York State Veterans Homes. Many hours are donated by these Brothers to visit patients and distribute

gifts. Funds are donated and expenses incurred by all without asking for reimbursement.

Our deepest thanks go to all who support the above. Without your direct contributions, and those made through the Brotherhood Fund, we could not continue giving services.

Try to visit the Veterans at one of the VA Medical Centers. They enjoy visitors and will be glad to see you.

Our Veterans, who are involved in conflicts all over the world, will need our support when they return home. ✕

135TH GRAND CONVOCATION OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS (PHA)

By R.:E.: James A. Ghent, Jr.

The 135th Grand Convocation of the Most Excellent Chapter of Holy Royal Arch Masons of New York and its Jurisdictions, Prince Hall Affiliated, was held last month in Albany. Grand High Priest Edward Stephens and the assembled members were delighted to receive the Most Excellent John S. Jones, Grand High Priest, Grand Chapter State of New York, Royal Arch Masons.

He was accompanied by a delegation consisting of: R.:E.: Aldo A. Ghirarduzzi, Grand Treasurer; M.:E.: James W. Hemstrought, Jr., Grand Secretary and Grand High Priest 2004; R.:E.: Raymond Roche, Grand Master of the Second Veil; R.:E.: Ralph H. Rosenthal, Grand Sentinel; R.:E.: Francis K. Wilcox, Grand Musician; M.:E.: Edward S. Newsham, Grand High Priest 1998; M.:E.: David F. Stoy, Grand High Priest 2003; M.:E.: Alan J. Morgan, Grand High Priest 2006; R.:E.: George F. Prentice, District Deputy Grand High Priest, 12th Capital District; and R.:E.: Curtis Alan Banks, Grand Representative to

the Most Excellent Prince Hall Grand Chapter, Holy Royal Arch Masons, State of New York and its Jurisdictions.

Grand High Priest Stephens cordially and fraternally received Grand High Priest Jones and his delegation. M.:E.: Jones was escorted to a seat in the East, where he received Grand Honors. Several in his delegation joined him in the East, while others were seated in the front row near the East. GHP Jones had warm words of cooperation and the respective Grand Masters exchanged tokens. A draft of Prince Hall Royal Arch Masonic history, from 1774 to 1994, was presented to R.:E.: Curtis Alan Banks, Grand Representative.

The delegation joined the Prince Hall Grand Officers for lunch, where I had the privilege of discussing Masonry and the F&AM Grand calendar events with GHP Jones. This was an historic moment in the annals of our respective organizations. Past Grand High Priest Albert J. Lewis, Jr. has been appointed Grand Representative to the Grand Chapter State of New York, Royal Arch Masons. ✕

Local Masonic Leaders Honored



These recipients were among the 174 Freemasons selected to receive the Thirty-third Degree, the highest honor of Scottish Rite Freemasonry. The ceremony took place recently in Washington, DC, during the Annual Meeting of the Scottish Rite Supreme Council (Front, l-r) Ronald H. Noll, Latham; Gary A. Brenchly, Clarks Summit, PA; Edward G. Gilbert, Buffalo; David F. Schneeweiss, Williamsville; Ronald L. Pigman, Frewsburg. (Back, l-r) Ronald A. Sablosky, New York; Charles M. Roberts, Rochester; Charles V. Bunton, Smithtown; Robert J. Cave, Ridge; Roger H. Pelham, Ballston Lake; Craig E. Cobb, DeWitt; and Sandy F. Samson, Cortland.

More than 3,500 Thirty-third Degree Masons and their ladies gathered in the Nation's Capital recently for a unique meeting of Scottish Rite Masons.

For the first time since their founding in the early 1800s, the Northern and Southern Jurisdictions met in joint session. Sharing the platform were the leaders of the two Scottish Rite Supreme Councils in the United States, John William McNaughton, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, and Ronald A. Seale, Sovereign Grand Commander of the Southern Jurisdiction.

Those in attendance included Grand Masters from the Grand Lodges in most states and 46 representatives from Scottish Rite Jurisdictions around the world.

Although many events during the weeklong meeting in Washington, DC, were held jointly, each jurisdiction independently conferred the Thirty-third Degree on a limited group of Masons who were selected for dedicated service to Scottish Rite Freemasonry or service reflecting credit upon the Masonic Fraternity.

Five new members were elected to the governing board of the Northern Supreme Council. The new Active Members are M. Ray Bradford, Jr. of Bangor,

ME; Jeffrey W. Coy of Shippenburg, PA; David R. Bedwell, Sr. of Superior Township, MI; C. Keith Hoskins of Angola, IN; and William R. Powers, Jr. of Cincinnati, OH. Retiring to Active Emeritus status is Verdon R. Skipper of Burlington, NJ.

New Officers include Robert F. Ogg, Jr., Deputy for Rhode Island; Michael A. DeWolf, Grand Keeper of the Archives; Robert E. Godbout, Jr., Grand Master of Ceremonies; and David P. Spencer, Grand Standard Bearer.

Grand Commander McNaughton presented the Medal of Honor to C. DeForrest Trexler, Active Member for Pennsylvania and Chairman of the Rituals Committee, and Richard H. Curtis, Retired Editor of the *Northern Light*.

The meeting concluded with a joint Gala Banquet at which former U.S. Senator and astronaut John Glenn was presented the Gourgas Medal from the Northern Jurisdiction. Glenn is among a group of 36 distinguished Masons who have received this award since its creation in 1938. The medal is given in recognition of notably distinguished service in the cause of Freemasonry, country or humanity.

The Northern Jurisdiction will hold next year's meeting in late August at Providence, RI.

The names of 105 Scottish Rite Masons have been selected to receive the Thirty-third Degree at that time. The Degree is awarded for outstanding service to Freemasonry or for significant contributions to humanity that reflects credit upon the Fraternity. The 2007 recipients were chosen from 15 northeastern and Midwestern states that comprise the 230,000-member Northern Jurisdiction of the United States. ✕

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(Left to right) R.:E.: Wilbert Spencer, Sr., Deputy Grand High Priest; M.:E.: Edward Stephens, Grand High Priest; R.:E.: Charles Gillum, Jr., Grand King; and R.:E.: James A. Ghent, Jr., Grand Scribe prior to election of Officers for 2008.



(Front row, left to right) R.:E.: Francis K. Wilcox, Grand Musician; R.:E.: Ralph H. Rosenthal, Grand Sentinel; R.:E.: Raymond Roche, Grand Master of the Second Veil; and R.:E.: Aldo A. Ghirarduzzi, Grand Treasurer.

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Editor's Corner

We have welcomed a new crop of writers. It must be time to present this request again. For a number of reasons, not the least of which is the costs involved, we are using older versions of software.

As individuals invest in new computers with newer versions of these programs, we are receiving articles we are unable to open. Therefore, I ask once again, if you send information to us electronically, including it in the body of an email message may be the best way if you have updated software.

We can also use Word documents or Rich Text Formatted documents attached to an email message. In the case of the former, we need you to save the document as a Word 2000, not the newer versions some of you may be using. You are able to save documents so they can be opened by an older version of software, but those of us with the older versions are not able to open newer products.

Photographs

You hopefully have noticed the increased use of photos in the *Masonic Times*. I love to publish pictures of members of the Fraternity receiving awards or involved in activities and I really appreciate the people who take them and take the time to send them in. However, we need them also attached to an email message in JPEG format.

Many of you are now involved in Web-based picture storage programs. In some cases, when we receive an email message allowing us to view your albums, we have not been able to extract the picture(s) so we can publish them. This is frustrating and wastes a lot of time.

I have also been invited to view an album containing hundreds of photos. While this is not a normal situation, I don't have time to wade through anything that elaborate or extensive. We need you to pick the best few shots...how many I can't really say, as it would depend on the event and how much space I have to fill.

Please help us in both these areas to do the best job we can for you.

Thanks for reading.

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By James Ghent, President

The Masonic Service Bureau's Board of Directors held its second meeting at Camp DeMolay on September 29th. The Officers and Directors present were: James Ghent, M. Donald Darrohn, William Lindsay, Charles Waterstreet, Barbara Goodrich, Ramona Dimino, Paul Gleason, Richard Snyder, Herbert Spencer, Joy Woodley and Angelo DiCataldo. The meeting was opened with a prayer by R.: W.: and Reverend Paul Gleason. Sick and distressed members were noted. Each member received a folder containing copies of the minutes of the meeting from last year, the Agenda and a copy of the Policies and Procedures Manual, which is 99 per cent complete.

A Policies and Procedures Manual was started under the direction and leadership of our late past Executive Director, R.: W.: Vernon Goodrich. A committee is reviewing the last - and probably one of the most important items - the activities of the Service Bureau. It is preparing a recommendation of which activities in the old mission of the Service Bureau should be continued and if others should be added. Another issue is determining the location and status of burial plots listed in the Service Bureau records, which is being undertaken by another committee of the Service Bureau.

The Directors' meeting has been held at Camp DeMolay to provide the Directors with an opportunity to observe its beauty and get a report on what has been done and what is left

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to be done to maintain the Camp in safe working order. On behalf of the Officers and Directors, I express our gratitude for the fine work that has been done at the Camp, those who have assisted in the work, those who prepared the Director's folders and to Joy Woodley, et. al., who prepared the magnificent lunch.

The Camp is underutilized. We need help to maintain the grounds and buildings. It was suggested each Lodge, Chapter and/or Concordant Body make reservations and pay for a weekend, or more, of use at the Camp. This will assure enough funds will be available for Camp operations and maintenance.

We can always use help to maintain the facility. Volunteers are always welcomed. Please contact the Service Bureau office for more details if you are willing and able to help.

Chairman of the Masonic Veterans Service Committee (227-2046); Moe Schirano, PC (265-3932); Fred Cornell, PC (352-6477); Vance Collom, Adjutant; or me. This initiative is well received by our veterans and is heartwarming for us, the volunteers. Please join us; you'll be glad you did.

Gil Gelasch, PC and his committee - Moe Schirano, PC and John Ponschock, 2nd Lieutenant Commander, were presented a "Certificate of Appreciation" from Operation Support Airlift Command - Operation Iraqi Freedom, by Brian Bills, PC. (See picture). This is a very worthwhile program for our troops. Please give us your softcover books and Gil and his committee will make sure they get to our troops in Iraq.

The Veterans Day Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, November 11th, at the War Memorial in the Blue Cross Arena. I urge all members to support the Veterans Day Wreath and Plaque service at 11a.m. We should muster at 10 a.m. (free coffee and donuts) and wear

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Picture #2 from left to right: Cy White, Cmdr, Greg Ludwig, Capt. CG, Dennis Finucane, 1st Lt Cmdr, Bill Fredenburg, Moe Schirano, PC, Brian Bills, PC, Luigie Campaniello, PC, John Ponschock, 2nd Lt Cmdr, Vance Collom, Adjutant, and Heinz Gunkel.

your cap and as much of your uniform as you have. Lunch (wives invited) will be served at the Clarion Hotel (across from the Convention Center).

There is no meeting scheduled for November - have a Happy Thanksgiving. As always, I hope to see you around the Holy Altar of our Order.

Light in Masonry!

By R.: W.: Anthony Kouhry

Who needs it? Those of us who aren't proud to be called a Master Mason. Those of us who don't feel that "we" can identify with our Masonic Fraternity. Those of us who can't talk proudly about Masonic Order, not even to our wives, families, relatives, or friends, because we don't know what to say or how to say it. Those of us who don't know about Masonry and don't ask questions about our Masonic Fraternity, but almost never want to receive meaningful answers from those Brothers who do know the answers.

Contentment tends to breed acceptance of things as they are; happy, as well as the unhappy, people are generally people and Brothers who prefer year after year to stay in the "rut," they now enjoy in Masonry. When this is permitted to take place, the rut can become so deep it will be difficult to get out. Effective planning sometimes can reverse this trend, and the Lodge can get away from stagnation and become a successful place to be.

Why must the Lodge have a plan for action? For two reasons — because it is successful, or because it is unsuccessful! This sounds like a contradiction. Actually, it isn't. If the Lodge is successful, it must plan to keep its Members from becoming overly content and not overly stagnated.

How do we achieve more light in Freemasonry in each Lodge? With meaningful, realistic goals that work. Unless the Lodge knows where it is going, its Members might become discontented and lost. They can't be expected to act enthusiastically if its leadership and Officers do not. If we will work together and participate together, we will set realistic goals and follow them through to completion and thereby brighten the Light of the Lamp of the Lodge and Freemasonry.

What will make your Lodge different from other Lodges? Brothers properly balanced

with all Brothers of differing opinions, ideas and knowledge of Masonry. That will move a Lodge forward to a dynamic, coming on strong, driving vigorous future in Masonry. That will set future goals for the Lodge that no Master, or any other Lodge can ignore! To reach those goals will create an exciting Lodge.

What are some of the ingredients to bring more light into a Lodge? Fun! That's what we need! We have to make it something enjoyable and worth being a part. I don't mean undignified foolishness. I mean sharing our Christian and Masonic philosophical values and ethics in such a way that it leaves Brothers with a sense of well-being, joy, learning, wisdom and understanding of what Masonry is.

Why is Masonic information a light for our road to success? Because we need new leaders to nourish and grow to new greatness in the District. To obtain this leadership, Masonic Education of the Brethren and dedication to the principles of Masonry are vital and necessary to continue successfully for years to come.

What is it I'm trying to say? If a Lodge is truly to be a leader instead of a follower in Masonry, we must be united and espouse the universal hope and aspiration of the Brotherhood of Man under the Fatherhood of God; we must look for good men and, through our Rituals and teaching, deliberately practice Brotherly love in our families, communities, State and Nation. A Masonic love is made up of kindness, forbearance, forgiveness, patience, sympathy and much understanding of our fellow man. This good Candidate will become a great Master Mason who will make a Lodge better; a Brother who will radiate through his every thought and action an aura of sincere Masonic love and Fraternalism to his fellow Brothers and others who are not Masons.

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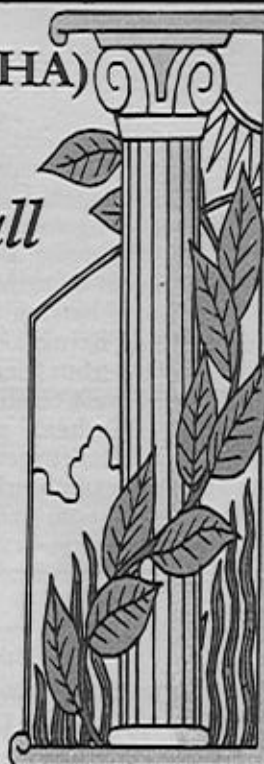
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It's hard to believe the weather Western New York has been experiencing. It almost feels like we should be entering Summer, not Fall. I'm sure it won't be long before our luck turns and Mother Nature gives us a good stiff Northern wind. It has allowed great traveling conditions to the start of this Masonic year.

We were honored with the presence of R.: W.: Robert Strange, our current Assistant Grand Lecturer, at our October 2nd Communication. R.: W.: Strange was happy with the Opening and Closing Ritual performed by the members of Oakland Lodge. He reminded us of the October 17th Grand Lecturer's Convention for the Genesee-Wyoming District at which the program included the 1st Section of the Fellowcraft Degree, along with the Grips and Words of this Degree. Hopefully, next month, I will be able to report that Oakland Lodge, once again, qualified for the Potts Award.

Brother Fred Hance gave us a report on his trip to West Point for Grand Master's Day. This was the first year that Army has won the football game in the nine years that Brother Hance has been attending this event.

It was reported that Brother Ray Wood was in Buffalo General Hospital for an infection. He may have a spinal tap to diagnose the cause of the infection. All our prayers go to Brother Wood and his family. Hopefully, I will be able to report that Brother Wood is home recovering next month.

The Brotherhood Campaign is underway and Oakland Lodge already has a good start. I thank all the Brothers who have extended their generosity already and to those who will throughout the year. The Brotherhood Fund Chairperson for Oakland Lodge is Kenneth E. Smith. The best place to make your contributions is at our monthly communications. For those members who are unable to attend our monthly communications, please send your contributions to: Kenneth E. Smith, 137 Lake Street, LeRoy, NY 14482. If you are sending your contributions by mail, please include a note indicating to what category you would like your contribution designated.

Oakland Lodge will have two regular communications during the month of November - on the 6th and 20th. I hope to see all our members at these communications. If you haven't been to Lodge in awhile, your presence will be greatly appreciated.

I hope this article finds my fellow Brothers enjoying a happy and healthy start to the Fall season. Keep saying your prayers for all those young men and women who are fighting to keep our great Nation free and safe. May the blessings of Heaven rest upon all Masons and their families wherever they are, throughout the world.

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September was a very busy time at Hesperus Lodge.

On September 16th, Brother Harris Wilcox, of Bergen, received the Dedicated Service Award. He is the fifth Brother to receive the honor in the history of our Lodge.

The distinctive white apron with purple trimming proudly worn by recipients of the Dedicated Service Award is a coveted symbol of special recognition. Its recipients have earned the right to receive and wear it by virtue of their acts and deeds. Those who have received it have had their Masonic careers reviewed on several levels before receiving approval by the Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

Brother Wilcox has made Masonry a lifetime commitment; he walks-the-walk and talks-

would be an understatement. Our Public Open House showing the documentary "The Strange Disappearance of William Morgan" went well. Looks like we may have some good prospective members. Thanks to the Eastern Star for the wonderful snacks.

We need to honor several Brothers for their accomplishments. At the Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Awards Night, Brother Clayton Dimick, DSA, was honored for his faithful service to our Lodge and will be honored at our own dinner hon-

oring our Membership Awards and Masonic Widows.

Masonic Anniversaries

Franklin Davis II - 55 years
Robert G. S. Nicoll - 50 years
John Flint - 45 years
James Nielsen - 35 years
Congratulations to these Brothers who keep our Lodge running smoothly.

A Reminder ...

It's important that Brothers be attending - especially now. With all the activity involved in selling the building it is much easier for the Officers to have

many helping hands. There are plenty of jobs for everyone.

Lastly, our research in LeRoy Masonry is very interesting. Supposedly, Masonry went dark in LeRoy from 1826 - 1848 when Olive Branch moved here. Yet many of the former members of LeRoy Lodge had Masonic symbols on their tombstones. While it may have looked like there was no activity, it was actually continuing. Even in those dark days, Brothers remembered their obligations. This is a lesson for our current Brothers.



(l to r) W.: Donald Kunego, Master of Hesperus Lodge; Mrs. Wilcox, Brother Harris Wilcox; Genesee Wyoming District Officers, R.: W.: Harry Tyson, District Deputy Grand Master and R.: W.: Marshall Krause, Grand Steward; and Past Masters, W.: Cortney Gale and W.: Dick Sands.



(l to r) Glenn Adams, President of the Board of Crossroads House; Elizabeth Webber, Board of Directors of Crossroads House; W.: Ralph Marsocci, Past Master Hesperus Lodge; Marilyn Drilling, Director of Development for Crossroads House; Helen Hulbert, R.: W.: Marshall Krause, Grand Steward, Genesee-Wyoming District; W.: Donald Kunego, Master of Hesperus Lodge and W.: Dick Sands, Treasurer Hesperus Lodge.

the-talk. As a respected member of our community he has made a positive impact on many of our lives and has served as a role model for many of our youth. We may never know how many Brothers decided to join our great Fraternity just because of his lifetime dedication to the Craft. He is a Mason's Mason.

On September 20th, we were proud to present The Crossroads House in Batavia with a check for \$4,000 to continue their great work for the community. Over the last seven years, Hesperus Lodge has raised over \$17,000 for the Crossroads House.

The Crossroads House is an alternative to a hospital or nursing home stay when care can no longer be provided in a patient's own home. It provides a home filled with love and support, with staff providing care to those who have been medically determined to be in the last three months of their lives.

The gift was made possible by the Hesperus Lodge's hosting of the Annual Van Hulbert Memorial Golf Tournament at the Batavia County Club. R.: W.: Marshall Krause, Grand Steward, Genesee-Wyoming District, has been the Tournament Chairman for 7 years and has put in place the plans to continue this great annual event for years to come.

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



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I opened my email and there was a note from the *Masonic Times* that the deadline was now due. Where did the month go? Just yesterday we were getting ready to go back to school and today the trees on the back hill are just beautiful with their Fall colors. You can hardly get through town with all the traffic on their way to Letchworth Park to peep at the leaves. Not a big problem, as long as they don't peep and drive. After the leaf peepers are gone, we all know what is going to happen next.

As you know, we have been all Summer getting ready for the Grand Master's visit. Well, all the preparation paid off. On September 15th, The M.: W.:

Grand Master, Neal I. Bidnick, and his Grand Line, visited West Star Lodge for its 150th Anniversary and Re-Dedication of our Lodge Charter. A lunch was served before the ceremony. Sixty-five people, including Brothers and their families, were present. This was the first Re-Dedication I've seen and I was very impressed. I'm sure that everyone present was also impressed. The Grand Master is a great speaker and when I got to talk to him personally, I thought I had known him all my life. He is a nice person and it was an honor to meet him. I wonder if he was born and raised in a small town like Varysburg. I look forward to meeting him again.

Dennis Parmeter had a commemorative coin made for our Anniversary and there are some coins left to sell. You can get one at Lodge or get in touch with Dennis or myself. We will see that you get one. R.: W.: Kohlhagen also had an Anniversary pamphlet printed and we have extras to put in your scrapbook.

We have had two meetings and Molly is still residing at West Star. Maybe at our next

meeting we will have company to take Molly home to stay at another Lodge. We were happy that she was able to be at Varysburg for the Grand Master's visit.

West Star is doing very well with attendance at our meetings. We have 14 Brothers present at meetings and that is very good considering we only have 50 members.

On October 1st, I had to congratulate our young Officers on the fine Ritual work that they are doing. West Star is very proud of their hard work.

Sickness and Distress

I'm glad to report that R.: W.: Vern Rupert is home from the hospital recovering from a knee operation. R.: W.: Jerry Brade is also home from the hospital. My wife Lorrie is rapidly recovering from her operation. To the best of my knowledge, everyone is recovering or doing just fine.

West Star is looking forward to having a Bring-a-Friend Night. Talk to your friends and see if we can find a candidate for Masonry. It's been a short while, but it's time to get sharpened up for Degree work.

Recently, my wife and I went to a family wedding. I ran into a

West Star Brother whom I haven't seen in awhile. We talked about work, family and eventually, Lodge. As we talked, his wife mentioned that she really enjoyed reading my article in the *Masonic Times*. Of course, that made me feel good, but now that I think about it, several Masonic wives tell me that they read the *Masonic Times*. My wife, Lorrie, reads it. This is good news. Some night, just before your husband falls asleep in his recliner, read to him an article that you find interesting. Maybe he will pick it up and look at it also. When you're done reading the paper, don't throw it out, leave it in the Doctor's office or in the hospital waiting room. Better yet, send it to Mom or Dad; they miss good old Varysburg. There's no place like home.

That's about all for now. If you make it to Lodge for our next meeting, we might have 15 members present and that would be almost 33% attendance. That would be great, something for me to write about and something for those big Lodges to beat. Stay healthy and we will see you soon.

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On September 22nd, Livonia Lodge held a Golf Tournament to raise money for their new property taxes. I personally thank all Brothers who attended or sent a sponsorship to make this tournament a success. With the other fundraisers done this year, we have made our goal. I hope you all had a good time. I know we had a good time hosting and we look forward to seeing you there next year! Again, thank you.

- Tournament Results**
- 1st Place - R. W. Gary Sanford's group, George Foehner, with sons, Allen and Rob.
 - 2nd Place - Brothers Mike Rhodes, Bob Miles, Robert Anderson and Joe Bourcy.
 - Longest Drive - Rob Foehner
 - Highest Score - Brothers Gordon Lawrence, Michael Grady, and Jim and George Smith.

Thank you to all our sponsors, of which the Masonic Service Bureau was one. We had support from a lot of Monroe District Lodges and the Livingston District Lodges. We can't thank you enough!

We had the Grand Lecturer's Convention at Mount Morris Lodge on the 10th of October. We had a great dinner and the Convention was very enlightening! We are working on our Official Visits and having a great time doing them. I was glad to see that all the Lodges in the Livingston District presented a Brother for the Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Award. Thank you for your support of all Masonic functions.

On October 14th my wife, Vilma, and I joined the Geneseo Lodge on a Fall Foliage tour that ended up at the Sprague House in the Southern Tier. This was a beautiful trip, the food was outstanding and with the fellowship, this was a GREAT trip! Thank you for inviting us.

"The Quest" has been woven into the fabric of the human experience since before the beginning of history. Jason's quest for the Golden Fleece, Homer's *Odyssey*, Virgil's *Aeneid*, Dante's *Divine Comedy*, King Arthur's quest for the Grail, the *Lord of the Rings*, or *Star Wars* quest for freedom. The quest usually has a hero, a mentor and a friend - a devoted companion. The quest has a goal and a purpose, and in the process the hero changes, grows and learns a life lesson. The idea for this article was gleaned from another article written by Brother James Tresner in the *Short Talk Bulletin* dated August, 2007. (Vol. 85, No. 8).

Freemasonry is a quest per-

sonified. It takes a good man, and symbolically reduces him to his basic being and then sets him on a self actualizing quest of self-development of an intellectual and spiritual nature. It teaches self-control and a development of insight through use of symbols and allegory. Each man interprets these symbols for himself.

We do not know where Freemasonry originated. It is a topic that has generated and estimated 75,000 to 110,000 titles. Consensus has the Fraternity evolving from the Stonemasons of the Middle Ages, with the added influence of the Crusading Knights Templar. These Knights were responsible for commissioning more buildings in the 1100's and 1200's than any other group. Brother John Robinson suggests that when Phillip the Fair and Pope Clement set out to destroy the Knights, many of them joined their friends in the Masons' Guilds. The blending of the two Fraternities combined to develop the ritual of the Speculative Freemasonry that we know today.

The oldest document found, on the subject of Freemasonry, is the *The Regius Poem*, written in 1390. It harks back to a time in the Ninth Century. However, it was in 1717 that Freemasonry

became organized as the Grand Lodge of England. A constitution was drawn up in order to give structure to the Government of the Fraternity. From there it grew and spread throughout the known world.

Our quest is to grow, with help of a mentor, a faithful and devoted friend, to set upon a moral and virtuous path. We learn important duties, to God, to our neighbor and ourselves and to set an example of a well-lived life for those in that circle within which our life is lived. Our quest is to feed an unquenchable hunger for knowledge and share what we learn with those around us.

I am reminded of a story I heard many years ago. The story is paraphrased thus: A particularly gifted student graduated from one of the world's great universities. Upon graduation he was asked what he would do with his life. His answer was that he would go out and change the world. Ten years later he was asked how his quest was going and he realized that it was a big undertaking and decided that he would just concentrate on his own hemisphere. Ten more years went by and he realized that he should merely concentrate on his own country. On and on this went until, in the waning years of his life, he was

asked what had he learned. His answer was this: "If I had spent the time and energy attempting to change the whole world and just worked on changing myself, I may not have wasted my life."

As Masons, we are taught to live a life worthy of emulation in order to affectively influence those around us. Our influence passing through and from those whom that circle surrounds will reach farther than we can imagine. The songwriter wrote, "It's not what you take when you leave this world behind you, it's what you leave behind when you go." Our life in Freemasonry allows us to be the hero (learner), mentor (teacher) and friend. If we influence just one person in a positive way, then we have left the world a better place. To teach we must first learn, and in your quest for more Masonic knowledge, let me urge you to subscribe to *The Short Talk Bulletin*. It is a great resource to learn more about our Fraternity.

Let me also remind you that the *Masonic Development Course* is another great resource.

The first session will meet on November 28th at 7 p.m. at Eunice Lodge in Caledonia. I promise this will be an opportunity to discuss and learn about our Craft.

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November is here and Fall is upon us. I think we have all been spoiled with the Summer-like weather we had in October. I know some have a difficult time putting on that suit to go to Lodge when it feels like Summer outside. Well, as each day passes, we don't have any more excuses! What better way to spend a mere evening or two out of an entire month than with your Brothers?

Union Lodge was busy last month. We had our annual Master Mason night with the ladies from the Order of the Eastern Star. If only we could have cake like that at all our Lodge meetings! Our Grand Lecturer's Convention was well attended on October 10th. A great meal and a great session with our Grand Lecturer. I thank all the Union Lodge Brothers who attended. We had all our Officers present to qualify for the Howard Potts

Award, as well as additional Brothers for a total of 14. Great job guys!


Our big event coming up this month is our annual Table Lodge on November 15th. This is always a really fun time. Our guest speaker for the evening will be our Grand Lecturer, R. W.: Jim Sullivan. We always sell out, so if you would like to come, please contact me as soon as possible to get a ticket.

Nunda Station Lodge No. 682

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

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My apologies for not putting an article in last month.

We had our first meeting on September 4th and got off to a great start for the coming year.

On September 18th, we had our Official Visit of the District Deputy Grand Master, R. W.: Richard Trescott. Also visiting was Grand Steward, R. W.: K. Rick Howe and R. W.: Roy Moses, Assistant Grand Lecturer. They brought much information from Grand Lodge and also news from around the Liv-

ingston District. Prior to the meeting, we had a wonderful meal, supplied by the Brothers. We thank our spouses for helping us again.


We have a 3rd Degree scheduled for Saturday, November 24th. We will be opening at 5 p.m.; Dinner at 6 p.m. and the 2nd Section will start at 7:30 p.m. We will need help, for which I will be calling on some of our District Brothers.

Congratulations to Brother Donald B. Cox for his Disting-

guished Service Award! He received a Distinguished Service Award Apron and Certificate, presented by R. W.: Richard Trescott. Brother Donald, you are appreciated for your hard work.

In closing, I want all of the Brethren to think ahead to December 18th when we will have a Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. It would be great to have some new friends there to make "Good Men Better" and also to enjoy the Oyster Stew we will have to cap off the evening.

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We now have a date for the O/S/Y Masonic Information Fair and Expo and we have the Grand Master as keynote speaker. Many alert readers will note that the date of April 26, 2008, conflicts with the Shrine Circus in Rochester. It remains to be seen if this would have an impact on attendance for a Masonic event such as ours in Ontario, Seneca and Yates counties - stay tuned.

There is a recent report of an event similar to the one we are

planning - a "Mason's Showcase" that was held in Clifton Park near Albany. Many Masons attended and several Concordant Bodies were represented. By all accounts, it was a huge success, with Petitions actually being filled out on the spot!

O/S/Y Masonic Information Fair and Expo - Saturday, April 26th (location to be determined).

The "vision" statement for this event - to highlight everything Masonry has to offer and to inform all who work and live in the Ontario/Seneca/Yates District, of the good things we do. This event will be run "convention" style and will feature M. W.: Neal I. Bidnick, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, as keynote speaker. There will be something for Masons and non-Masons alike. The event will also resemble a large "Brother Bring-a-Friend" program with all O/S/Y Lodges represented. There will be a running Child ID Session with Shrine Clowns (from Syracuse) and a Blood Drive Session. All

major Grand Lodge committees and programs will be presented either convention-booth style or through video projection. Individual Lodges may be able to serve food as fundraisers.

The annual O/S/Y District Apron Presentation was held October 5th at DiPacific's in Farmington. The event was well-attended with nearly 50 Brothers and spouses on hand to see the presentations. Congratulations again to the Dedicated Service Award recipients: W.: Kenneth Milner, Eagle 619; W.: Donald Tiffany, Garoga-Sincerity; and W.: Lee Van Delinder, Pocahontas 211. Also recognized were V. W.: Lance Ward, Ark 33, as Grand Representative to El Salvador (pending official announcement), V. W.: Thomas Good, Eagle 619, as AGL, and R. W.: Clayton R. Ruggles as AGL. For another year in office, R. W.: Ed Carris as GDC and yours truly as DDGM. This year's E. Platt Soper Fellowship Award went to R. W.: Clayton R. Ruggles.

A word on the E. Platt Soper Fellowship Award - the details of this Award may not be widely known as they usually appear only in the annual Apron Presentation programs. To be selected for this prestigious Award, the recipient will:

- Be recognized as having an understanding of - and exhibiting an unselfish commitment to - the ideals and principles of Freemasonry.
- Be recognized as one who is always available to support the Fraternity in understanding the value of living his life by those principles and ideals.
- Be that person who stands out among his fellows as a true builder of men and who is often seen as a mentor.
- Be actuated by a deep and abiding love for the Craft as demonstrated by his thorough knowledge of the tenets of the Institution.

Soper Fellowship Award Recipients to date:

- 2000 Richard Bellows
- 2001 Lance Ward

- 2002 Donald Dill
- 2003 Sam Sedam
- 2004 George Stanton, Jr.
- 2005 Bruce Huie
- 2006 James H. Rice
- 2007 Clayton R. Ruggles

Community Involvement
Brothers, don't forget to get a Child ID Session on your Trestleboard this year. We have two of the new computer-based Child ID systems available for our use in O/S/Y - let's use them! Contact your District Child ID Chairman, R. W.: Don Dill and/or the Child ID Coordinators in each county: R. W.: Bob Ruggles, Ontario County; R. W.: Don Dill, Seneca County; and R. W.: Herb Goodman, Yates County.

Also, don't forget to schedule a Blood Drive. As already reported, this activity does not require a large number of Brothers and does a great public service. Your Blood Donor Program Chairman is W.: Fred Newton.

DDGM O/S/Y

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R.:W.: Ed Carris is currently running a *Masonic Development Course (MDC)* that is being conducted by R.:W.: Bruce Huie, R.:W.: Terry Leonard, and R.:W.: Bob Ruggles at the Seneca Falls Masonic Temple on Route 414. R.:W.: Ed Carris is also planning a *Road to the East (RTTE)* training program for early 2008 – any Brother, especially Lodge Officers currently in Lodge chairs, are strongly urged to attend.

Ritual

Your District Assistant Grand Lecturers, R.:W.: Bob Ruggles and V.:W.: Tom Good, have just conducted a School of Instruction that was well-received by all Brothers in attendance. The next one will be held November 26th.

Membership

Brother-Bring-a-Friend (BBF) Programs are working, Brothers! Many Lodges are doing Degrees now for candidates who signed Petitions as a result of BBF Programs. In fact, Dundee Lodge assists the candidates in completing the Petition at the end of their BBF Program. This avoids procrastination on the part of the candidates. As a result, Dundee Lodge is doing a 1st Degree for two candidates on November 19th!

Fellowship

Our Grand Master has added "F" for Fellowship to that CCER=M acronym for which you should now all be familiar. Holding a Table Lodge can be a great way to involve members of your own Lodge, as well as others. Please make an effort to get a Table Lodge on your trestleboard this year. Milnor Lodge and Canandaigua Lodge do these events – call an Officer for details!

Veterans Service

How are we doing with getting the names of all active-duty Brothers in the Armed Forces to our webmaster, R.:W.: Ken Hall, for posting on our website? Your District Veterans Service Chairman, Brother Warren Jordans, is organizing the collection of "comfort items" to be shipped at Christmastime to our Brethren fighting in Iraq (and elsewhere in the war on terror) please contact Brother Jordan at 374-1306 and offer your support. To our Brothers reading this who live out-of-state; here is an excellent way to be involved and help your Lodge and Masonic District to help our Active-Duty Brethren. Why not send an email to: warrenjordans@aol.com?

Youth

Brothers, please take the first action step and reach out to the local Boy Scout and Girl Scout Troops in your area. The Grand Lodge of New York has recognition awards for Eagle Scouts and girls who earn their Gold Award – we need to be presenting these awards! Please see your District Youth Co-Chairmen, W.: David Mason and W.: Vern Trickey.

Correction

In my article in the October *Masonic Times*, I announced that our Grand Master had appointed V.:W.: Lance Ward as the Grand Representative to El Salvador. It turns out that the congratulations were slightly premature. When a Grand Master of our jurisdiction nomi-

nates a Brother to be a Grand Representative to another jurisdiction, the Grand Master of that jurisdiction must approve the nomination before it becomes official. That said, we will recognize V.:W.: Lance Ward as a Right Worshipful properly when it does become official.

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

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Our first Lodge communication, featuring a delicious Steak, Corn-on-the-Cob, Salad and Dessert Dinner, was well attended. The Communication also marked the Official Visit by our District Deputy Grand Master, R.:W.: David Locke, and our District Grand Director of Ceremonies, R.:W.: Ed Carris. Brother Charles White provided musical background for our meeting.

A Table Lodge was held at our communication on October 11th. More on this in the next article.

Our own W.: Phil Trautman was honored at the October 18th Symbolic Lodge Awards evening at the Shrine Center in Webster.

Len Lisenbee was our featured speaker at the October 25th communication. Len writes an outdoors column for the *Daily Messenger*, and is a former Game Warden.

A program of Masonic Music will be presented at our November communication. Check the Trestleboard on the Milnor Lodge page of the O/S/Y website at: <http://www.osydistrict.org>.

A reminder to all Brothers that Milnor Lodge puts on a great Spaghetti dinner on the third Wednesday of the month. The price is right, the meatballs are the best around and we're located in the village of Victor on Maple Avenue. Look for the sign in front of the Lodge.

Look to the O/S/Y website and the Trestleboard at the Milnor Lodge page for information con-

cerning other upcoming events at Milnor Lodge over the season. As I have mentioned several times in this communication, all Brothers are invited to attend the events at Milnor Lodge.

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Congratulations!

On October 5th, W.: Ken Milner was honored with the Dedicated Service Award. We had an excellent dinner at Di-Pacific's before the awards were handed out.

Sickness and Distress

W.: Gary Warren's wife, Holly, had surgery on October 4th. Brother Harry Dainty was hospitalized for a time at Strong Hospital. All our thoughts and prayers go out to them.

Degrees

Eagle Lodge conferred the 1st Degree on October 9th for one Candidate. A thank you to all who participated in the Ritual work and a special thanks to W.: Gary Warren for filling in for me while I was on vacation.

Fundraisers

In September, Eagle Lodge assisted the OES Eagle Star Chapter at the Naples Grape Festival. Hot dogs were a hot item; it was a good fundraiser for all. The weather was perfect for the festival.

The Citrus Drive is in full swing and Entertainment Books are for sale. Let's sell, sell, sell.

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Upcoming Events November

1st - Grand Lecturer's Convention at Pocahontas Lodge; Dinner preceding
6th - 2nd Degree Rehearsal, 7 p.m.
11th - 2nd Degree Rehearsal, 12 noon.
15th - Spaghetti Dinner, 5-7 p.m.

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No. 33, F. & A.M.

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WOW!!

On September 8th, Ark Lodge celebrated its 200th Anniversary at a public ceremony. We had the Re-Dedication of the Lodge and a memorial tribute for R.:W.: and Dr. John Stelter. Sitting in the East were: M.:W.: Neal Bidnick, Grand Master; R.:W.: Edward Gilbert, Deputy Grand Master; R.:W.: David Locke, DDGM; and R.:W.: Anthony Khoury, Master.

I welcomed the Grand Master Grand Line and all present.

Before I get to the 200th Anniversary celebration, there are the precious few, who over five years planned, developed and organized this great, magnificent and wonderful celebration. Most of all was V.:W.: Lance Ward, who became the Master of Ceremonies by default and was the main glue to all our meetings. W.: Thomas Abraham, wrote the booklet and the history over our 200 years. W.: Jed Brandow, our Secretary, took the great labor of our cost and expenses and paid them in full. W.: Charles Rouse took it upon himself to get Club 86 to give us the most delicious meal possible, the wine and champagne, corsages for the ladies, proper tables and centerpieces. W.: Howard Colegrove gave much time and effort to do all that was needed. W.: Robert Mattick spent much time and effort to get all the Masons and Lodges of O/S/Y to come to our celebration. Last, but not least, we thank our Senior Warden, Brother Thomas Smart, for all his knowledge, wisdom and understanding for all that needed to be done. We thank Yolanda Schofield for her magnificent and wonderful collages of Dr. Stelter and Ark Lodge, which were stupendous!

Every ticket holder was given an Anniversary Book, a pin, a program book, and the ladies were given corsages. The Grand Master and Grand Line was introduced by V.:W.: Lance Ward, our MC.

Past Grand Masters, M.:W.: Bruce Widger and M.:W.: Calvin Bond were introduced, along with New York State Senator Michael Nozzolio; head of the Geneva Historical Society, Charles Bauder; and President of the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory, Brother David Schneeweiss.

The Invocation before dinner was given by R.:W.: and Rev. Richard Hart, Grand Chaplain, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. After dinner, Senator Nozzolio presented Ark Lodge with a certificate from the Governor of New York State with a State Seal on it. Speeches were given by Charles Bauder and Calvin Bond. On behalf of Ark Lodge, I presented the President of the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory, David Schneeweiss, a check for \$5,000, who then spoke about Dr. John Stelter, a renowned Trustee of the MMRL. R.:W.: George Peter, Grand Historian, R.:W.: David Locke, DDGM; R.:W.: Edward Gilbert, Deputy Grand Master, and M.:W.: Neal Bidnick, Grand Master, all gave great talks about our anniversary celebration.

The Benediction was given by our Chaplain, R.:W.: Roger Haich. The entertainment was by the one-man band, Pinky. Many Ark Lodge Brothers and their wives joined my wife and me for a long day of work. I thank you all, Brothers, Grand Master and Grand Line, and to all who attended this magnificent event. God bless you all! I asked my wife to rate the event from 1 to 10 and she replied, "It was a 100."

Masons Meet, Act and Part

The following Brothers have November anniversaries for joining Ark Lodge: Gary Baxter, Harold Comstock, Peter Olav Einset, James Richard Hart, Joseph Nessney, Jr., Charles Jenkins, Robert Meeks, Jeffrey Merrill, Donald Randall, Rene Reynolds, Charles Rouse, Jr., Walter Strong, George VanSickle, Lance Ward and Edwin Watling. Add Brothers William Kashouty and Stanley Welty, Jr. to the October list.

It was a great privilege and honor to have Charles Waterstreet, Executive Director of the Masonic Service Bureau and Editor of the *Masonic Times* and the Service Bureau Office Manager, Janet Porter, at our Anniversary celebration.

We thank the staff of the *Masonic Times* for the wonderful

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pictures of the celebration in the paper. Thank you so much.

I received a beautiful thank you card from Nancy Taylor, who helped us in our celebration. She said, "Everything that night at Club 86 was so fitting (the pins, corsages, booklet and table decorations). Everyone did a magnificent job and I won the table flower decoration and took it to my mother, who was so touched by it. A job well done, Ark Lodge."

I also received a card from Brother Stephen Phillips of Sincerity Lodge, who thought our Memorial for Brother John Stelter was so well done.

The Symbolic Lodge Award presentation from the Valley of Rochester Consistory was given to W.: Robert Mattick. He is well deserving of the Award.

The Grand Lecturer's Convention for O/S/Y will be held at Pocahontas Lodge on November 2nd. The dinner will be at 6:30 p.m., before the meeting.

Please, Brothers, give a donation to the Brotherhood Fund and send it to V.: W.: Lance Ward, 3394 Sutton Road, Geneva, NY 14456. Make our Lodge be a leader in the O/S/Y/ District Brotherhood Fund drive!

Keep Brothers Max Kaufman, Ramon Baroody, Lloyd Hilmire, Horace Riddle and Joseph Michaels in your prayers.

The DDGM made his Official Visit on October 17th. R.: W.: Ed Carris accompanied him.

The silent majority of Ark Lodge (absent non-participants) receive our thanks for spiritually being present. If they were not there, we would not be here at our meetings. The Masonic Fraternity never was, never will be and never can be composed entirely of active Brothers. Thousands join Freemasonry and continue to join for one reason or another. They truly want to belong and to be loyal to something bigger than themselves; a Masonic Fraternity that is local, state, national and worldwide, which has an air of mystery, history and Ritual about it. It is a highly respected society of Brothers that has a future beyond our lifetime. I feel this silent majority takes great pride in their Masonic membership. They are the solid foundation of our Masonic Fraternity; we should thank them and should not forget them.

Trestleboard November

- 1st - Grand Lecturer's Convention, Pocahontas Lodge
- 7th - Officer's meeting
- 21st - 2nd Degree

Leave a Loving Memory Remember the Masonic Service Bureau and the Camp DesMoines Endowment Fund in Your Will.

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We are now into November and I'm sure that the temperatures have started to cool down, although it has been great having Summer around a while longer. Many Lodges have held their Brother Bring-a-Friend programs, completed interviews and have scheduled or started Degrees for the coming year. Masters, be sure that you have contacted one of our Assistant Grand Lecturers and scheduled them for viewing one of your Degrees for this year. Remember, one of the first impressions that we make on these new Brothers is the way in which we perform our Ritual. This needs to be done in a way that makes a positive, everlasting impression on them.

How are our newly raised Brothers from last year doing? Are they attending Lodge, are you keeping them active with some responsibility? Do they have a mentor and does that mentor know them, their occupation, their hobbies and their family members' names? It will take some time for them to understand our customs and Ritual. However, I'm sure they share the same values we do. They are a value to our institution and we need to know them and be there to answer their questions, guide them and support them.

As we move forward to the new calendar year this is a good time to be planning for those Fellowship activities that include all of our Lodge family. Our families support us in our Masonic endeavors throughout the year and we should be there to celebrate with them as well. Our values as Masons bring us together as Brothers to help improve ourselves and our communities, and I'm sure that our families feel the same way. Have some form of Lodge get-together, an evening out at some local event, go bowling, have a pot luck dinner at Lodge; don't be afraid to try something new. The object is to have some fun and fellowship with those who share the same beliefs as you.

I thank all who have been hosting and supporting our Masonic Child ID program. Our new partnership with the Volunteer Firemen's Association of the State of New York has already increased the number of ID's done this year. I'm sure that it will continue to grow as the word spreads. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Don Tubman or me.

As we continue to move forward and make positive progress, please contact us if we may be of assistance to you or your Lodge.

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On Sunday, October 7th, my wife, Emily, and I participated with seven other Masons to setup and conduct a Child ID program at the Annual Open House of Barnard Fire Department. The team of volunteers representing five Monroe District Lodges was lead by Richard Downs from Fairport-Flower City Lodge, who made the arrangements and carted the equipment; tables, chairs, copying facilities and marker pens were provided by the Barnard Fire Department. Don Tubman, Oatka Lodge, Monroe District Chairman for Child ID, came with another printer and supplies including CD discs and printer ink cartridges. Leon Randall, Unity Lodge, acted as Marshal directing the public and keeping good order in the long line that formed. My wife, Emily, and Sherm Safford, of ERAC Lodge, helped parents to fill out the data sheets for each child, as well as the permission slip, which is the only record the group maintains. Barnard Fire Department provided the bathroom scale to weigh the children. Sean Brown, Wakan-Hubbard Lodge, brought a tape measure which was pressed into service by Sherm Safford to get children's height. Andrew Tascione, Unity Lodge, tirelessly typed on one system most of the afternoon. I relieved him for five or six kids, but I think my slow typing and deliberate search of the program for the next step frustrated him and he jumped back in after his break, which was really a teaching time for me. I think I can function in this area if called upon again.

The other system was manned by Mike DiCataldo and Sean Brown, both of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge; Sean's daughter, Jessica, also assisted her father with form control and fingerprints. The session was scheduled from 2 to 4 p.m. At 4 p.m. the line was still across two bays of the fire hall. We checked with Barnard Fire Department authorities for permission to continue; they gladly assented and were pleased at the turnout, commenting that we could not turn away parents who were concerned about their children to the extent they would stand in a long line to safeguard their kids. We did not turn anyone away, but stopped registration and told everyone in line that we would stay until every child was processed. Amazingly, no one left or complained and we worked both systems until 5:45 p.m. Sixty-one children were processed which, is 7.377 minutes per child.

The only problems with the equipment were the slow speed of the printers and their single sheet capability and the taking of small children's fingerprints. The smaller fingers of three year-olds and under would not process without repeated attempts, which in one or two

cases were no prints at all or prints of only the thumb, index, and middle finger.

What could we do better? For well attended events such as this and FFC Canal Days, we should at least double our systems from two to four to cut process time in half. Unfortunately, the systems cost \$2500 each. I would hope that the Brothers of the thirteen Monroe Lodges could pool their resources to purchase two more systems.

Brother Richard Downs, who as a Policeman, sees the agony a missing child can cause has taken a leadership role in Child ID. Give him, and the team he is putting together for the Monroe District, the funds needed to get the job done and the Monroe Team will make it happen! They also require paper, ink cartridges, small sharpie felt pens to id discs, ball point pens, registration forms, permission slips, clip boards to write upon, extension cords, an easily read weigh scale and a height check station, a light weight card table and two chairs for every system and for registration.

It would heighten our visibility in the community if we had a banner or signs relating that the disc produced for each Child ID recipient provides the input to Amber Alert; that data on a missing child goes nationwide in two hours after reporting with disc to a police agency.

We also need a contact with Messenger-Post Newspapers for the area publications to announce planned Child ID events. Who is the Mason who can be that communicator? We need to hear from you and all the men who want to work on these events. We'll give you the training and the tools. Every Lodge in our District should be sponsoring a Child ID.

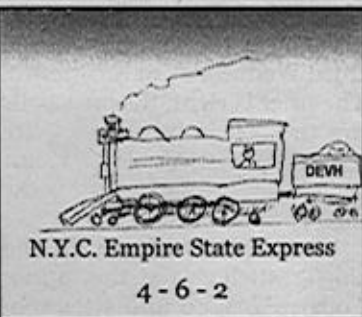
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During the past month we really enjoyed coming out and presenting the Grand Master's message to Clio, Valley-Simes, Union Star, ERAC and Oatka Lodges. Besides, we probably added a few inches to our waist-lines with the great meals prepared by the Lodge chefs. Speaking of one of my favorite pastimes, let's return to our coach on our imaginary transportation and find out how the "boys" are doing.

I can almost hear the announcement, "last call to dinner, last call to dinner." Come along to join me for dinner on our train as we head for yet another destination of our mighty 789 as it makes its way through your memories of yesterday and

today. We head for the warmth of the dining car, thankful that we are not driving this night; we pause in the vestibule before stopping briefly in our roomette to wash up and refresh ourselves. Then we walk up thru two sleepers and to the door labeled "DINER." The aisle leads around the galley where some of the cooking staff are preparing the evening meal. Chief Cook, James Pray, Nick Haldoupis, Norris Shapiro, John Clapp, and Fred Cornell at the ice cream counter, are preparing a feast for the guests. W.: George Foechner, Union Star Lodge, is a hidden talent in the kitchen. He cooked a great Pot Roast dinner for our Official Visit in October. The Chief Steward, John Jamele, welcomes us. "Good evening, sirs. Table for four? Right this way." There is nothing comparable to a diner - the sparkling silverware, the vase of cut flowers, the starched tablecloth and napkins and the glass pitcher of "pure spring water." I'll let your imagination go from here. Take your time in enjoying your dinner and I'll meet you in the Lounge Car for some additional thoughts. Oh, before I go, just let me say that there are many hard-working Masons who create and prepare tasty meals for their Brethren around the *Masonic Times* area. One could go most any week to different Lodges for great meals, whether it is to the Scottish Rite, Shrine or local Lodges serving tried and true Spaghetti Dinners.

Now that you have enjoyed a great repast, maybe you would indulge in a fine cigar or pipe, accompanied by an aged Brandy or Port. Settle down in a comfortable chair and watch the fields and countryside zip by as I let others know where we are going in November.

November 1st is the Official Visit to Northfield Lodge, followed by Fame on the 8th and Unity on the 12th. Then there is Seneca Lodge on November 13th, Webster on the 15th, Craftsman Robertson on the 20th and Fairport-Flower City on the 26th. After all that we will take a well-deserved rest for a few days. We still have the Educational Programs to present and R.: W.: Thomas Grape is doing a great job in that area.

As our mighty engine heads toward the next destination, we thank the "crew" for their efforts. At our next station the crew will consist of Brothers Ken Milner and Jeff Ross in the cab, and Rick Howe and Joe Shanks in the little red caboose. 'Til then, when you hear a train whistle, remember the above.

Area 15 Brotherhood Fund

R.: W.:
Derek VanHouten
Monroe District

Over the next year I hope to visit all the Districts to introduce myself and encourage your Lodges to participate in making this year the best they can be in our search for contributions for the programs of Grand Lodge.

You may have heard of the following items that you should consider and you probably know or do these, but I wanted to share them with Lodge Chairmen.

Brotherhood Fund

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1. Ask your Lodge Master to allow you to make a BHF report at each meeting.
2. Fill out the report form with all required information.
3. Do not mail yellow copies to me; they go to your District Chairman only.
4. ALL DONATIONS are tax-deductible.
5. Remember that you work for your Brothers, your Lodge, your District and our Grand Master.
6. Your Brothers want to donate. Don't let them down with a poor performance on your part.
7. Do not hold checks; mail them in on a monthly basis.
8. Do not send material orders with reports.
9. Always remember that our Brotherhood Chairmen are members of the largest and most dedicated Committee in Grand Lodge: they are the Grand Master's Ambassadors of Charity and Benevolence. Our Success is Vital; our Charities are in need.

If any of you have found other material that would benefit the rest of us, please send it to me at: hooter95@rochester.rr.com
We would be happy to share them in future articles. ✕

Member Development

R.:W.:
Joseph Privitera
Monroe District

Masonic Education

It is that time of year when most Lodges are processing new Brothers through their Degrees. I hope that the LSOME training is being used for their Masonic Education. For those of you who are not familiar with the LSOME (Lodge System of Masonic Education) program, it consists of four sessions - one before the 1st Degree and the others after each Degree. There is also a book and a CD for each session. The symbolism for each Degree and what it means are reviewed. The result is that you have a Brother who has been trained, educated and receives the basics for further study.

If you need the materials such as the LSOME book or CD you can call R.:W.: Tom Grape or myself. Contact information is in the Hot Numbers on page 2 of this publication.

A Great Loss

A good friend and Brother recently passed away. R.:W.: Harold Bolotin died on September 16th. I have many memories of Harold at Schools of Ritual, as "Professor Korn" at Children's Christmas Parties, the Past Masters Degree Team and many other occasions. Harold was at his best when he was visiting the VA Hospital in Canandaigua. He and his wife, Sylvia, had volunteered their time and talents for more than 25 years at the hospital. I remember Harold at the wrapping of Christmas presents and the Christmas parties and playing Bingo where there were only winners and the prize was a candy bar. My best memory of Harold was talking one-on-one very patiently to the Veterans. He was a great guy and I will miss him.

Happy Thanksgiving to all and I hope to see you in Lodge. ✕

Monroe District Chairman Child ID

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On October 10th, a joint Child ID was conducted at the Barnard Fire Department, Dewey Avenue, Greece, with FASNY, the Greece Police, Greece Auxiliary Police and several Masons from four Lodges from the Monroe District. Nearly 70 children were ID'd using two units from the Erie and Wyoming District.

Photos furnished by R.:W.: Donald Tubman, District Chairman, from the October Child ID session at Barnard Fire Hall.



The event was scheduled from 2-4 p.m., but everyone stayed until nearly 5:30 p.m. to accommodate all the children. We need additional EZ Child Units, but they are expensive.

Those coordinating and assisting were Sgt. Rick Downs, Greece Police and Fairport-Flower City Lodge; R.:W.: Tom Grape and his lovely wife, Emily, from Unity Lodge; Mike DiCataldo and his son, David, Greece Auxiliary and Wakan-Hubbard Lodge; Sean Brown of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge; and Andrew Tascione, Unity Lodge. Leon Randall and I talked with many children. How good it is when Brothers work together as a Unit. ✕

Blood Donor

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Blood Donor Program

By John Jamele

The goal of the Masonic Blood Donor Program is to maintain, or increase, District and Lodge support for community blood drives.

Three of thirteen Lodges in the Monroe District - Clio, Unity and Webster, currently have a Blood Drive Program in co-operation with the American Red Cross. If more Lodges were to sponsor Blood Drives, we would be making progress toward attaining the goal of the District to increase support.

Earlier this year, I surveyed the Masters or Senior Wardens of the District Lodges regarding Blood Drive Programs. Among those not having these programs, all thought it would be a good thing to do. The most frequently mentioned obstacles to sponsoring blood drives were: lack of suitable facilities for drives and difficulty of recruiting volunteers to work on a drive.

One goal, then, is to have more Lodges sponsor blood drives. The strategy for attaining this goal will be to identify, and arrange to use, suitable facilities in the community of each of the various Lodges. This will be accomplished by direct contact with individual Lodges.

When a Lodge is ready with a site and a team of workers, it can then proceed to schedule and promote blood drives in cooperation with the Red Cross.

Recent Blood Drives

July 5th - Webster Lodge, Chairman Peter Bowers collected 32 pints of blood.

July 7th - Clio Lodge, Chairmen Gordon Smith and Steve Mitchell collected 29 pints of blood.

Upcoming Blood Drives

Unity Lodge will sponsor a Blood Drive at the Ogden Community Center on November 27th, 2:00 to 7:00 p.m., Andy Tascione III, chairman.

Please Contact me with questions or comments at: 637 5643 or email: john1@jamele.com. ✕

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With this edition of the *Masonic Times*, as President of the Masters and Wardens group, I will endeavor to keep you informed of what is going on with your group. Our first meeting of the new Masonic year was held at the Village Country Restaurant on Long Pond Road in Greece on September 19th.

W.: George Foehner gave an update on the Have-a-Heart Campaign. In answer to your question, NO it's not too early to start planning for this great

fundraiser. As you know, all the money collected goes to both Ronald McDonald houses in Rochester. Yours truly, along with Senior Warden John Jamele, will be the Coordinators for The Mall at Greece Ridge. If your Lodge would like to man a table at Greece Ridge, contact me with the dates. For the other malls, please contact George Foehner. Oh yeah, the Campaign runs February 1-14, 2008.

DDGM, R.:W.: Gary Sanford, reported as a District we only had five Lodges last year to qualify for the Potts Award. He was pushing to double that number for this year. We needed to get the required Officers to the Grand Lecturer's Convention on October 23rd.

The Child ID Program is now partnered with the Firemen's Association of New York (FASNY). This initiative is being supported by the Grand Lodge.

R.:W.: Kurt Ott, Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of New York, was our scheduled speaker at the October meeting. He was to speak on Etiquette and Protocol.

Our next meeting will be December 19th. There will be no meeting in November due to the closeness of Thanksgiving to our regularly scheduled meeting. Have a Happy Thanksgiving.

If the Master or Wardens are unable to attend our meeting, the Lodge can send a representative. This is your organization and only you can make it good or better. I hope to see you in December. ✕

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Well, my Brothers, the 2007-2008 Union Star Masonic year is off and running. Our first "welcome back" meeting on September 10th was a huge success. There was plenty of food and your Master outlined Union Star's plans for the year.

Our September 24th meeting was Brother Bring-a-Friend Night. Many turned out, including some old friends who have decided to return to the fold. Our thanks to the Junior Warden, Gene Gordon, who planned and ran the meeting.

On September 22nd, a golf team from Union Star consisting of Gary Sanford, Allen Foehner, Robert Foehner and myself, had the honor of participating in the Livingston District Golf Tournament, sponsored by Livonia Lodge. We had a great time of food, golf and fellowship with our Livingston Brothers and look forward to next year's event.

Official Visit

R.:W.: Gary Sanford, DDGM, made his Official Visit to our Lodge on October 8th. He was accompanied by R.:W.: Derek VanHouten, Grand Sword Bearer and R.:W.: Thomas Grape, Grand Director of Ceremonies.

October was a busy month with the Lodge conferring two, that's right, two 2nd Degrees.

The first was on the 22nd at our Lodge and the second at the Grand Lecturer's Convention at Fairport-Flower City Lodge on the 23rd. All were led by our Junior Warden, Gene Gordon.


Future Events

The 3rd Degree will be in November and our first Ladies Night Christmas Party will be held at Norton's Grill on December 15th.

That's all for now. ✖

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Here we are into the second month of the Masonic year and my hat is off to all Past Masters. It's not that easy to come up with new topics each month. That being said, be warned not everything I write is original material. I will freely beg, borrow and, yes, steal to keep you informed, energized and/or educated.

Last year I had the occasion to visit Observance Lodge No. 686 in Nashville, Tennessee, and was warmly welcomed by the Brothers of that Lodge. Since that time the Secretary of Observance has included me on their mailing list. I share the following with the Brothers of Clio Lodge, as well as others who

may read the *Masonic Times*: "Every member is needed. Yes! Every member of [Clio] Lodge is needed. Yes, we need each of YOU active and involved. We need YOU working and serving. It is time for each one of us to get off of what we are down on, and get on what the Lodge is up to. It is time for [Clio] Masons to come alive! It is time for us to get busy. Yes, we need YOU. You may be only one, but you are one. And one plus one equals two. We need you. We need you to get involved, active and busy. It is the desire of all of us that [Clio] be a community-oriented Lodge reaching out to meet the needs of our communities. We are also a community of Masons who seek to draw folk from throughout the community. All are NEEDED!! If you are inactive—GET ACTIVE; if you are lazy—GET REVIVED; if you are timid—GET BOLD; if you do not know what to do—do something, anyway. Every member is needed. You don't have to be at every meeting or fundraiser; it's what your cabletow will allow."

Since the last newsletter, a Masonic Funeral Service was held at Thomas Burger Funeral Home for Brother Leslie Merritt. The Altar has been draped for the next 30 days out of respect for him.

September 29th, the Lodge videotaped 54 children for the Masonic Child ID Program at the Hilton Apple Fest. Thanks to the following Brothers for all their work: W.: Steve Mitchell, W.: Jeff Ross, Brother Scott Rice, Brother Dale Waterhouse, Sister Debi Burke and several Triangle Girls, Samantha Smith

(W.: Mitchell's stepdaughter) and her friend, Caitlin.

On Tuesday, October 2nd, we had our Official Visit by DDGM, R.: W.: Gary Sanford, and Staff Officers, R.: W.: Derek VanHouten and R.: W.: Thomas Grape. I thank R.: W.: George Simon, V.: W.: Harry DeHollander and Brother Dale Waterhouse for escorting our esteemed visitors into the Lodge. Thanks also to those who ably provided refreshments and food for the evening: Frank Celona, Garry Cranker and Gary Richardson — atta boy.

We had a surprise visit from Brother and Lt. Tom Kasper who is being mobilized to Iraq. It was great to see this Brother and we wish him the best and God's speed during his tour of active duty.


W.: Jeff Ross sat in the East for the 1st Degree. We have an applicant who is being mobilized prior to our next 1st Degree. If any Lodge is going to have a 1st Degree prior to November 20th, please give me a call. He would like to be a Master Mason prior to being mobilized into active duty with the National Guard in January, 2008. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

I thank the following Past Masters who regularly attend our stated communications: Dave Goodrich, Sean Noonan, Gerry Jones, Stu Brickman, Steve Mitchell, Harry DeHollander, Jeff Ross, and George Simon. Thank you for your continued leadership and guidance. We are very proud of our Past Masters.

Keep the faith and I will see you in the quarries. ✖

Wakan/Hubbard
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We are off to a bumpy start this year. We are presently in need of a Treasurer; the Brother who currently holds this office is not well and will be unable to perform all of his duties. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

We also have a Brother in a destitute situation who very much needs a car to travel to work. If anyone may own a car and has been considering donating it, this Brother could really use your help.

Upcoming Events
November

11th - 2:00 p.m. - 1st Degree Rehearsal
25th - 1st Degree Rehearsal
26th - Dinner and 1st Degree
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Brothers, the month of October was incredibly busy and the month of November has even more to offer. Since we will be starting our Degree work soon, I will keep my comments short and follow them up with a few notes on upcoming events.

This communication was written in advance of our trip to Canada to visit St. Andrew's Lodge. I am planning to provide some additional details on the trip in the November trestleboard, so stay tuned.

Brother James Holzgartner was presented with the Symbolic Lodge Award for his outstanding service to our Lodge. It was a great evening with an award presentation by R.: W.: Neal Bidnick. Congratulations, and keep up the good work, Jim!

My two brothers and I recently lost a close friend of our family in a car accident. A young man at the age of 33, with two little girls, ages 6 and 8. He was an extremely bright individual who was always happy to help out, share a laugh, or even get a project completed. It's so sad to see such a good man taken from us so early in life, but we don't get to call the shots. His name was Cory Spackman and I am sharing this with you because of the kind of man I knew him as, a 'brother' in every sense of the word. In life you only meet a few men whom you think of like a brother, someone who you would open your home to, someone who you would give the shirt off your back and for certain would do the same for you.

I'm sure each of you has had a time in your life when things have been turned upside down. Maybe you've thought there was no way to make your situation better. Maybe you found your self-searching for a way to fix your problems only to find no clear solution. When your situation is grim, I urge you to reach out to a Brother and ask for help.


As Masons, I wanted to remind you that a Brother is always there and ready to help. He will not judge, and is prepared to assist you through those difficult moments. If you're the Brother lucky enough to be called into action, be steadfast and support your Brother.

Upcoming Events

November 13th - Official Visit
December 8th - Breakfast with Santa
December 11th - Christmas Party ✖

FAME
Lodge No. 722

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



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Greetings to one and all; I have good news to report to you. After many months of waiting, we have received the large payment from the Irondequoit Community Cupboard. This is a great thing, as we were able to pay our realtor and our legal counsel.

Now it is time to get down to the work at hand. The trestleboard is complete and will be mailed to you, along with a list of Officers. Also included will be an invitation to contribute to the NYS Masonic Brotherhood Fund. This year there are some new ways to allocate your donation.

At our first Lodge meeting there was some discussion about the quality of our Ritual work. I encourage each Brother to review the Ritual and please ask if you need help. We need to get our work back up to the level it was five years ago. Our Ritual is what makes us different from the Lions Club and Rotary International. While these are good organizations, we have our Ritual that gets us all on the same page when we meet.

November

Don't forget to vote on Tuesday the 6th.

Our first meeting in November will be on Thursday the 8th. The work on the trestleboard will be the Official Visit by our DDGM, R.: W.: Gary Sanford and his Staff Officers. We will also have the Awards Night. We have many awardees this year and our ladies are invited. There will be a Turkey Dinner at 6:30 p.m. featuring potatoes, stuffing, squash, etc. The cost for dinner is \$8 per person. I hope to see you all there.

A reminder that there is no 2nd meeting in November, as that is Thanksgiving Day. With that, I wish you all a reflective Veteran's Day and a delicious Thanksgiving feast.

Peace be with you all and remember that many hands make light work. See you in Lodge. ✖

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Awards Night

ERAC held its Awards Night on September 24th. Brother Lew Perna was the Master of Ceremonies and did an outstanding job. Lew brought a human touch to this night. Every Brother who received an award – whether present or not – was recognized. For those who were absent, an update on that Brother's whereabouts and goings-on was provided. Many Brothers expressed their very positive feedback to Lew's human touch. Excellent job, Brother Lew!

Brother Bring-a-Friend

On October 8th, Michael Knolla hosted ERAC's Brother Bring-a-Friend Program. This program was based on the Masonic Compact in a Table Lodge format – no alcohol provided. Locally grown/made fruit juices were provided for the toasts. One Brother mentioned this was the best Brother Bring-a-Friend Night he had attended in almost 45 years of being a Master Mason. Excellent job, Brother Mike!

Upcoming Events

November

12th – ERAC is hosting a Table Lodge to celebrate the Holidays.
26th – North Side of the Lodge Presentation.
Cheers to all!

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Greetings Brethren! Thanks to all of you who sent your email address to our Secretary, Brother George Bracht at:

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By using email, we will be able to keep you up-to-date on the latest events and happenings.

Work on the Fairport-Flower City website is progressing well. The IP address for the web site is <http://fairportflowercity.org>. The basic framework for the site has been completed, and we are currently in the process of preparing the content for the various pages. We should be able to go live with the site soon.

This month our "Dinner with Our Ladies" night will be held Thursday, November 8th at FDR's Restaurant, located at 3933 East Henrietta Road. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. For dinner reservations, please contact Brother Bernie Lazerson at 271-7446 or email: Lazerbd12@aol.com by Tuesday, November 6th.

At our regular meeting on November 12th at 7:30 p.m., we will be presenting the 1st Degree

for our new candidates. Our Junior Warden, W.: Sy Kopen, will be in the East for the Degree. I hope you are able to attend, as I know the candidates would appreciate your support. On Monday, November 26th, we will have the Official Visit from our District Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: Gary Sanford.

November Birthdays

Wishes for a "Happy Birthday" to our Brothers who have birthdays in November:

James Scheerens and Ruby Baker (11th), Gary Gray (12th), David Andrulis (13th), David Zon (16th), Greg Ludwig (19th), Irving Starr (22nd), Robert Johnson and William Lozon (26th), David Averbach (27th) and Brian Bills (30th).

Masonic Anniversaries

Best wishes to the following Brothers who were raised during the month of November:

- 1948 Charles Blazey
Burton Gordon
- 1950 Carl Mosher
- 1952 Fredrick Reigelsperger
- 1952 William Laird
- 1955 Alan Libglid
- 1957 Stuart Bobry
Robert Fisher
- 1959 Lawrence Bleichfeld
Harold Feinberg
- 1963 James Comstock
William Hockenberger
- 1965 Frank Kazdan
- 1966 Bruce Budd
Murray Kellogg
Martin Lukacher
- 1968 Robert Cameron
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John Lindsay
- 1969 Fredrick Ogborne II
- 1970 Hyman Graver
- 1973 William Gerber
- 1974 Roy Forest
- 1976 Thomas Gilchrist
- 1977 David Mawhiney
- 1979 Gregory Hampton
- 1980 James Scheerens
Brett Schulman
- 1984 Michael Despain
Peter Moore
- 1985 Brian Alexander
Carl Dattel
Eric Dreeson
- 1986 Morton Stein
- 1989 Greg Ludwig
- 1990 Tom Richenderfer
- 1991 Robert Johnson
- 1992 Brennan Coon
- 2003 Dennis Finucane

As always, if you have any questions, suggestions or comments, or know of a Brother in need of our aid or sympathy, please let me know at: 223-2828; or email:

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At our regular communication on September 26th, the Monroe County Sheriff, Patrick O'Flynn, gave a great presentation on his Department and the Deputies who keep us safe in Monroe County. He elaborated on the many divisions within the Department stating there are approximately 370 Deputies on patrol throughout the County. The largest contingent of Deputies, though, is within the



Sheriff Patrick O'Flynn (left center) receives a Certificate of Appreciation for his presentation on the Monroe County Sheriff's Department to Oatka Lodge from W.: Larry Blazey, Master, and the Brothers of the Lodge.

County Jails, guarding the nearly 1,500 prisoners housed at the facilities Downtown and on East Henrietta Road.

The Sheriff has been with the Department since his early days as a college intern and recruit, and he served many years as the Under Sheriff to former Sheriff Andrew Meloni. Since becoming Sheriff, he has seen his Department change in many ways – the latest of which was the change in the color of the patrol cars from the red and white units to the new black and gold cars now seen throughout the County. He also commented on the combined efforts of the

State Police, the City of Rochester Police and his Department in fighting crime.

Following his talk, W.: Larry Blazey presented the Sheriff with a Certificate of Appreciation and a Masonic coffee mug.

Within Our Building

The Community Gospel Church has occupied the first floor of our building. Rev. Greg Mullin, Pastor, and other members of the congregation, have transformed the lower two rooms into the chapel and a Sunday school. The church is a component of the Elam Gospel Church located in Lima and has ap-

proximately 40 members. Their first service was held September 30th with Children's Services held in the dining area. The parishioners are also looking forward to holding Sunday evening adult and youth groups and other special events at the Lodge building.

Degree Work

Oatka Lodge has seven Petitions for Membership and the first set of Degrees began October 10th. The plan is to break this group into two nights of Ritual work for each Degree. The AGLs will be visiting the Lodge for the Fellowcraft Degree in November.

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Hey there, Brothers!

We had a busy week at the beginning of last month. There were Degree practices, Officers' meetings, Trustee meetings and we had three candidates take their 1st Degree. V.: W.: John Dyer sat in the East and served as Master for the Degree work, so you know it was faithfully done!

Recognition

R.: W.: Cliff Short was in town from Colorado at the end of September to attend to his daughter's wedding. He wouldn't miss an opportunity to attend Lodge, of course, so he was able to make a special award presentation on behalf of the Lodge. W.: Donald P. Fox received his Dedicated Service Award Apron. W.: Fox has been a Freemason since March 20, 1950. In his remarks, Brother Fox said he had really been a Mason for so many years that, in fact, he recalls when our Country's first president, George Washington, became a Mason! Now that's longevity, and he remained dedicated during all the intervening years. He continues to respond on short notice to fill any of the chairs as needed with a firm grasp of the work required of him. His claim is that it's easy to remember by attending Lodge regularly and absorb-

ing the words through the repetition from the Officers stations.

School of Ritual

V.: W.: Harry DeHollander and V.: W.: John Dyer were on hand at Unity Lodge at the end of September to skillfully guide all through the time-honored tradition of teaching all Brothers who attend how to improve their skills and stay up-to-date with the current work.

Got Some Costumes?

W.: Bill Mitchell (no, he's not the one who flew B-25 bombers in WWII) is looking into the purchase of new costumes for the Craftsmen performing in the 3rd Degree. Any ideas out there are welcome and you can contact Bill through Lodge Secretary, R.: W.: David Jones, whose numbers are in the logo at the head of this column.

Sickness and Distress

Brother Art Maupin suffered a broken leg and Brother Orlo Noxon had knee surgery since our last column. Brother John Bennett suffered a mild stroke. R.: W.: Jim De Lorenzo continues on the road to recovery from abdominal surgery. I ask that each one reading this, please remember the tenets of Freemasonry and place a call to our ailing Brethren or send a card. The Secretary can oblige you with telephone numbers and addresses.

Past Masters

We did all we could to avoid embarrassing the host of Past Masters who are regular attendees at Lodge, coming from the several Bodies that have merged into Unity Lodge. We treated them to the opportunity to fill the stations and places of the Lodge at the end of October, asking that they "shake off the rust and dust" and instead of murmuring the words and shaking their heads at the work being performed, to "show and tell" the way it should be done. Several volunteered to rise and shine and we commend them for the effort.

Elevator

The Trustees tell us they are zeroing in on a date for a contractor to begin building the shaftway that will house the elevator that will carry all who choose to use it from the ground level to the second floor of Unity Lodge. The elevator company has been selected and informed they can expect to commence work in another three to four weeks. The car will carry up to four people at a time between floors at a round trip rate of 2 to 3 minutes. We are told the number lifted may be fewer since they are Masons who enjoy a fine repast at every turn!! We hope to have an in-ground heated access from the back village parking lot to the door leading us to the elevator entryway.

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Damascus News

Damascus Shrine Center No. 2

November 2007

Shrine and Divan Meetings:
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 Call: (585) 671-7701 or (585) 671-3565

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



DONALD ROSE, POTENTATE

The month of October was very busy starting with the Sportsman Raffle on the 13th, which we are pleased to say was a financial success. This being only the second such event, there is still a learning curve to be dealt with, but a profit is profit. Congratulations to the Chairman, Rick Ponticello.

The Fall NYOSA was held in Corning and at the business meeting Imperial Officers introduced us to the new Shrine "Logo." It resembles the old silent messenger, except for the Shriner carrying the pair of crutches in his right hand. This was explained to us since Shrine hospitals have now moved to encompass more than orthopedic concerns, it was only correct to drop the crutches from the logo.

A parade was held in Corning, and we had participants from the Divan, Wheelers, Perry Mini-Car Unit and the Legion of Honor. I thank all who came and marched.

On Saturday, November 3rd, we will again be having the Harvest Dinner, to be held at the Shrine Center. This will be a Turkey Dinner with all the embellishments. This includes excellent food and also the thrill of watching someone from each table carve the bird without injury to himself. Come out and see the brave chefs at work.

The November meeting will have some important legislation that will need to be voted upon. This will be followed by a presentation from a Springfield Hospital representative. This should be a very interesting meeting, so please bring the ladies.

I had the opportunity to visit Arthur Maupin, who was in the hospital after breaking his hip. He is now in a convalescent facility and I am sure he would appreciate a card. If you are aware of any Shriner who is in need of our concern, please notify the office.



JAMES SLOCUM, RECORDER

How about this Fall weather? I can take it right up to Springtime; in fact, the paper said it was going to be a mild Winter. I know the grape growers are real happy, as it might be one of their best years for wine.

The Sportsman Raffle had a real good turnout. See the results elsewhere in this issue.

The kids had a great time at the Halloween Party and enjoyed the spooky Hay Ride, hosted by the Wheelers, with the help of the youth of DeMolay and Triangle.

The Harvest Dinner is on November 3rd, so please make your reservations. Last year everyone who attended had a hearty dinner of Roast Turkey with all the trimmings.

Dues Notices

A reminder to all Nobles - 2008 Dues Notices will be coming out shortly. If anyone is two years in arrears, he will be dropped from the Rolls of the Shrine. Look at your Dues Card. If it doesn't read 2007, try to get it up-to-date before December. Remember, you cannot take advantage of the Buck Dinner in January unless your 2008 dues are paid.

New Shrine Logo

The new Hospital and Shrine logo is out; you will be seeing more of it soon. Because we now treat more than the crippled, including treating cleft pallets and burns, the crutches being held by the Noble holding the child have been removed.

Reminder...

Election of Officers will be held at the December meeting on the 5th. I hope to see all of you there.

Everett M. Evans

October 28, 1934 - September 3, 2007

*He walked through life and left his impress there;
 He still lives on in ways we cannot know.
 His love of life and living is not lost;
 His spirit carries on in those he loved,
 And reaches out to touch humanity.
 A heritage continuing through the years.*

Everett M. Evans, who served as the Shrine's Imperial Potentate during the 1992-1993 Imperial Year, passed away on September 3, 2007.

He was a member of St. John's Lodge No. 53, F&AM, for 50 years, and was created a Shriner on June 22, 1963. His Masonic memberships and honors include Scottish Rite, 33°, and honorary member of the International Association Legions of Honor; Red Cross of Constantine; Ascension Conclave; Royal Order of Jesters and York Rite.

Imperial Sir Evans was Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Shriners Hospitals for Children; a member of the Board of Governors for the Shriners Hospital in Galveston; Chairman of the Board of Governors for the Shriners Hospital in Houston; Potentate of Sharon Shriners; a Charter Member of Sharon Motor Corps; President of the Texas Shrine Association and Chairman of the Imperial



Public Relations Committee for nine years.

His wife of 53 years, Maxine, three children and six grandchildren survive.

PERRY SHRINE CLUB

The Perry Shrine Club had a great meeting on September 27th and learned all about alternative fuel systems from guest speaker, Steve Meyer, of the DEC. Thanks to all who attended.

On October 25th, at the Hole in the Wall Restaurant, Don Butler reviewed "What's New in Agriculture."

The Lumberyard Restaurant will be the site of our November 14th meeting. Lynne Belluscio, the Curator of the Jell-O Museum in LeRoy, will tell us about the history of Jell-O.

On Wednesday, December 19th, we will all gather at the National Hotel for our traditional Christmas Party and Dinner with all the trimmings.

Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan to attend. As always, spouses and friends are welcome to join us. We order off the menu. Attitude adjustment hour is at 6:00 p.m.; Dinner is at 7:00 p.m. Any questions, please call Howard Wood at 237-2453 or Ed Hollwedel at 584-3066.

See you soon.

Election of Officers
for 2008
December 5th, 7:00 p.m.

Healing is a Journey for Zhou Lin



Zhou Lin walking along the New England coast

Zhou Lin's frown caught the eye of Brecken Chinn Swartz, an American graduate student passing by on her way to meet with Chinese television executives. Compelled by a strong desire to help the desperate parents and their child, Swartz, who speaks fluent Chinese, stopped and listened as the girl described what had happened to her.

A faulty fuel mix caused a kerosene explosion in Zhou Lin's home one night while the family celebrated the Chinese New Year. The flames engulfed Zhou Lin and her younger sister. As her father rushed to save his youngest daughter, Zhou Lin stumbled outside - with pants ablaze - and lost consciousness. She was found on the concrete with third-degree burns to her hands and the entire lower half of her body. Her sister was burned from head to toe, but much less severely than Zhou Lin. The extent of Zhou Lin's care, which turned out to be substandard and incomplete, forced her parents to borrow money they did not have.

Swartz promised to help Zhou Lin and gave the family her business card, hoping they would stay in touch. She also gave them \$200 from HandReach, a humanitarian organization she co-founded, to support two years of education for Zhou Lin and her sister. After returning to the U.S., Swartz sent books, supplies and money to Zhou Lin and her family.

A year later, a chance meeting with a Shriner in Albuquerque provided Swartz with a possible way to help Zhou Lin even more. The man told her about Shriners Hospitals for Children and the expert burn care the organization provides to patients at no charge.

With the aid of HandReach, Swartz arranged for Zhou Lin and her mother to fly to the U.S., so Zhou Lin could receive treatment at Shriners Hospitals for Children — Boston. Since arriving in June 2006, Zhou Lin has had 11 surgeries, including the surgical removal of her feet. After a lengthy healing process and extensive rehabilitation, she learned to walk on prosthetic feet at the Springfield Shriners Hospital.

Despite her obstacles, Zhou Lin, now 15, has an optimistic attitude. While in

the hospital, her favorite activity was standing in the kitchen and cooking her favorite Chinese dishes to share with hospital staff. She also learned to play the dulcimer, a stringed musical instrument, and wrote a song about her hometown in China. She enjoyed the instrument so much that her music therapists would play it to help her relax before surgery.

Swartz, who was Zhou Lin's temporary guardian after the girl's mother returned to China, has made the guardianship permanent, so Zhou Lin can remain in the U.S. for her education and continued medical care. Since beginning the ninth-grade in January, Zhou Lin has shown remarkable progress academically and socially. She recently made the honor roll and is beginning to think about colleges. She is making friends, enjoying walking and will soon begin dulcimer lessons.

While lying in the hospital bed last year, Zhou Lin began dreaming of helping other children with medical difficulties. She and Swartz hope to find a way to help children in China get access to world-class care in the U.S., like Zhou Lin has received at Shriners Hospitals.

November Birthday Celebrants:

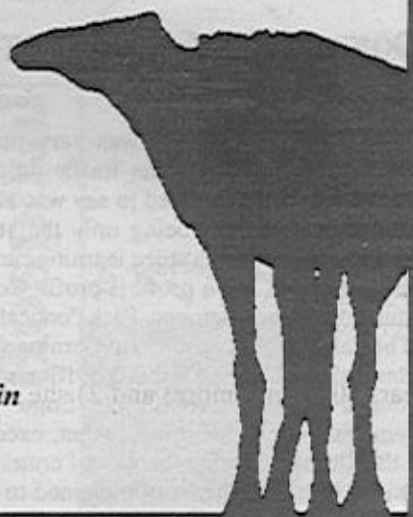
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AUBURN SHRINE CLUB

As we look at the calendar, we see Fall is here. That means it is a busy time for all Shriners. We just sold a van-load of tabs at seventy cents per pound which gives our hospitals \$389.30 this month - a total year-to-date of \$1740.25. Damascus Shriners can be proud of our increasing annual volume of tabs. All these tabs count up to provide our hospitals with additional funds. Our thanks to all who collect them for the kids in our hospitals.

The Springfield Shriners Hospital has a new Associate Member of the Board of Governors from Damascus Temple - Steve Sill from Sterling was approved at last month's Board Meeting. Steve has been a member of the Divan of Damascus Temple, the Auburn Shrine Club and is the head of Buildings and Grounds at the Butler Correctional Center. His expertise in construction, heating and air conditioning will be an asset to the Board and to the hospital. He and his wife, Candace, were instrumental in getting a patient to our Springfield Hospital. Welcome aboard, Steve.

Calendars

Don't forget our Calendar sales. If you have not received your Calendars, contact John Cambareri - 253-0997. This is an important part of the Damascus fundraising activities. I hope each member of our Club will at least buy one. That would be very helpful. It tears me up to see the monthly winners listed with so many being Damascus Temple. That means no one sold that calendar and thus our Temple did not benefit.

Sandy Schenck has at least two honors of which I am envious - 1) she sells a large number of Shrine Calendars each year (100 if not more) and 2) she (and Paul) have the biggest dining room table of anyone I know. I think it has 10 leaves. I tried to talk her into hosting a Shrine Club Meeting. She said she would get back to me on that.

New Advertising Campaign

There are new and important activities beginning that each of us should be excited about. As you read this, the Shrine is, for the first time ever, beginning a national advertising and public relations program to inform the public about Shriners Hospitals. There are four goals for this campaign -

1. Increase the number of patients for our Hospitals
2. Generate an awareness of the Shrine and its Hospital program
3. Attract donations/donors
4. Leverage relationships with Shriners.

The advertising effort will involve TV/ Radio/outdoor advertising; Trade advertising; direct mail and conferences; Physician referral program; Website enhancements; communications with the Shrine Fraternity; and a Patient Ambassador Program. This is starting in late October 2007 and the Upstate New York and the New England area will be the first to see it. Watch for it! We have a new logo that will initiate the \$12,000,000 effort. You will see it on Cable TV (HGTV, The Food Network, TLC and the Discovery Channel), National Public Radio, full-page ad in *People Magazine*, outdoor billboards, as well as an ongoing PR program.

This effort will emphasize not one hospital but an International Shrine Hospital Program. There is a completely new look about the Pediatric Specialty Care of our Hospital system - designed for children suffering with burns, orthopaedic, cleft/lip/palate, or spinal cord injuries.

I am looking forward to this new effort. I suggest we all get the Shrine information and facts straight so when a friend mentions this ad campaign, we will be able to present a very positive image for our Fraternity.

Our October meeting was well attended - over 50 came out to hear an interesting presentation about the immigration situation in our country.

Has anyone seen Burt Ward or Pete Russell?

I just learned that Bruce Christopher is very concerned about his mother who underwent a very serious operation. We will keep his family in our prayers.

This meeting may be the last for our Snowbirds (Ed Heselton, Joe Marshall, Bill Grow, Harry Dainty, Lyle Maldoon, Gordon Clarke, Sprague Wheeler naming a few) before going South or West.

Don't forget your Dues are due - \$10 per year. Send them to Ken Pollard, 5173 Plaster Point, Cayuga, NY 13034. If you have any question about Dues, call Ken at 889-5053. Also, consider an extra contribution for the McKelvey Family of Fulton, NY. This is the family who adopted the little Chinese Boy we met at the May meeting. He is working two jobs as an RN to cover the family's unusual expenses. I am hoping our Club will send them a cash gift this Holiday Season. Anyone who attended that brunch could not have come away without admiration for that family.

Until next month, remember blessed are those who can give without remembering and take without forgetting.



The Auburn Shrine Club is the oldest Club in Shrinedom and is enjoying a very successful year. Officers for 2007 are: (front, l-r) John Cambareri, Vice President, and David Bowman, Secretary; (back, l-r) Gerald Stanton, President, and Charles Minster, Treasurer.

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By Vance Collom, Secretary

Twenty-nine members and guests enjoyed a good meal of their choice at our September meeting at DiPacific's Restaurant. Many thanks to our Director, Lee Collier, for a fine job in opening and closing our meeting with prayer. Please keep Lenna Curtis and Lindy VanKouwenberg in your get well prayers.

President Ron Edwards reviewed the proposed fundraiser to sell fruit from Florida. Eldon White gave us his perspective of how this type of fundraiser has worked in the past and what would be required to run a successful sale. A motion was made to table the idea until next year.

Recorder, Jim Slocum, reported that he had plenty of calendars and the Clubs and Units make one dollar for each calendar sold. This could be used as a fundraiser if we all sell a few calendars. We could ask people we know if they would like to see if they can win a few dollars on a daily lottery calendar.

Our next meeting will be November 28th at DiPacific's Restaurant in Farmington. Cash bar at 5:30 p.m.; Dinner at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome and everyone orders off the menu.

Until next time - God Bless.

NOTICE

Election of Officers

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SHRINEABILIA

I am pleased to see that some of you are reading the Damascus News Section. Last month I asked a question: What Jeweler was featured in the early issues of the News and his namesake is in the business today? I received three replies and the correct guess was by Noble Harry DeHollander, who correctly identified William Scheer.

I realize that Warren Doerrer also is a prominent Jeweler in town.

Someone suggested that I place my name and phone number in the article so here it is: Derek VanHouten, 247-2920.

This month's question, and a free dinner if correct, is: WHAT YEAR WAS THE IMPERIAL SESSION HELD IN ROCHESTER?

I came across an interesting bit of history in the April issue of the *National Geographic Traveler*. The mention of the Intercontinental Chicago Hotel includes this: "elegantly combines a 1929 Shriners' men's club and a 1960s hotel next door."

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November Shriner and Shrine Center Scheduled Events Calendar						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 Harvest Dinner
4	5 <i>Lalla Rookh Grotto Board</i>	6 Clown Unit <i>Craftsman Robertson Lodge</i> Election-Polling Place	7 6:00 p.m. Shrine Meeting	8 <i>Fame Lodge</i>	9	10
11	12 <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 Grand Lodge iDC Course
18	19 Shrine Lunch Club Ladies Day Auburn Shrine Club [†]	20 <i>Craftsman Robertson Lodge</i>	21 <i>Lalla Rookh Grotto</i>		23	24
25	26 <i>ERAC Lodge</i> Geneva Shrine Club [†]	27 Wheelers [†]	28 Directors Staff [†]			

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

Data current as of October 24, 2007

DAMASCUS LEGION OF HONOR

By Vance Collom

The Legion of Honor has had a variety of activities, dinner meeting locations and speakers this year and I hope our members have enjoyed the programs. One of our best meals was at the Red Osier Restaurant with 59 members and guests in attendance. It was a pleasure having Commander Guy Ferrelli, and the Ismailia Legion of Honor, as our guests. A tip of the fez to Chaplain Richard P. Loring (PC Buffalo Consistory, AASR) for a fine job in providing our Invocation and Benediction. The speakers from the Western New York Veterans Administration Medical Centers gave us a good review of many new dental and medical procedures and new equipment that is available to our veterans.

The 2008 Lotto Calendars are available and one dollar for each calendar we sell goes to our Unit. This will make a good fundraiser if we can all sell a few calendars.

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

Planning Ahead

November 10th - Memorial Day Wreath Service - Arlington National Cemetery.

November 11th - Memorial Day Service - War Memorial at Blue Cross Arena. Wreath Service 11 a.m.; Lunch follows at the Clarion Riverside Hotel, 120 East Main Street. For lunch reservations, contact Rene at 586-6986

November 14th - Necrology Service, 40 & 8 Club, 933 University Avenue. Speaker: US Marine Corps 1st Sgt. Schauer.

November 28th - Veterans' Birthday Party, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Canandaigua VAMC Building 7

December 7th - Pearl Harbor Wreath Service, Charlotte Pier, 7:30 a.m. Breakfast, Legion Hall, 8:30 a.m.

December (TBD) - Holiday Party (Ladies invited); Shrine Center; gifts for Ladies, entertainment/music.

December 19th - Veterans' Birthday Party, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Canandaigua, Building 7.

Shrine Imperial Session

St. Louis, Missouri
June 29 - July 3, 2008

By Derek VanHouten, PP

From June 29th through July 3rd, the Imperial Session will be in St. Louis, MO. It promises to be a great time. We hope you can join us to participate with your fellow Shriners. We will be staying at the brand new Lumiere Hotel, which is the old Embassy Suites Hotel. They have recently spent over 415 million dollars in converting the facilities to a world resort and casino. In the lobby will be a four-story waterfall, next door they are completing a 75,000 sq.ft. Casino. A sky bridge will join the hotel to the Casino. In addition, a tunnel will take you to within one block of the Convention Center. The Hotel will honor the rates quoted at the old Embassy Hotel, \$159 per night. A Continental Breakfast will be served each morning; parking will be \$10 per day. A special casino buy-in coupon for each guest will also be offered. I will pass more information along to you as I receive it.

The Potentate's Dinner will be at Jake's Steaks, just down the block in the Historical Dock area of St. Louis. A very rough cost is tentatively \$1,900 per couple: \$159 x 5 nights = \$795, airfare around \$475 per person x 2 = \$950; plus food and incidentals.

If you want to join us, a \$20 deposit will hold a room for you. There will be an informational meeting later in the year.

I don't have access to the St. Louis Cardinals' schedule yet for 2008, but that's another option for things to do. We will look into tours of the city, including the area around the Gateway Arch.

SHRINE LUNCH CLUB

The Shrine Lunch Club's Ladies Day will be November 19th at the Damascus Shrine Center. Our cook, Rene, said he will serve Ham Loaf. Call 671-3565 with your reservation by November 16th. The cost is \$7 per person.

DONOR RELATIONS

My wife and I recently returned from a 12 day Trans-Atlantic cruise from England to Newark, NJ. One morning at breakfast I noticed an older gentleman sitting a few tables from us who was wearing a Shriners Hospital's shirt. After he was finished eating, I approached him and said, "Good morning, Noble." I was not prepared for his answer. "I'm not one of you. I wear this shirt because I'm so proud of what you do for children." To say the least, I was momentarily at a loss for words. He went on to say that his grandson was born with one little leg behind his head and the other one was also deformed. The family took him to the Erie Unit where Dr. Saunders and others evaluated and helped him. The young lad is now 10 years old and can walk. He mentioned that when Dr. Saunders saw him walk for the first time, he had tears in his eyes.

I never got the old man's name but I got his grandson's name and will go to Erie and pass the name and the story along. We can all be justly proud of the excellence that happens every day at our hospitals.



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2nd Annual Sportsman Raffle
 The Damascus Shriners thank all who participated in the 2nd Annual Sportsman Raffle. We especially thank Noble Rick Ponticello for all his hard work and tireless efforts to make this event the huge success it was.

Congratulations!
 The following people were winners:
 Bruce Hepburn, Fred Cornell, Bob Roth, Henry Funk, Richard Rockefeller, Nathan DeNagel, Connor Gorton, James Jolley, Mike Kulikowski, Ed Olczak, Jim Eichas, Walter Pawlovyeh, Karen Burkhardt, Albert Buell, Mike Norton, Steve Pratt, Michael O'Hare, Harry Coates, Pat Burns and Mitchel Buchinger.

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Calendar Winners
for September

DAY	NO.	WINNER
9/1	414	Deb Hill
9/2	424	Larry Cooper
9/3	275	John Schreiner
9/4	379	Damascus Shrine
9/5	189	Damascus Shrine
9/6	87	Lucinda Anderson
9/7	507	Fred Lockamyir
9/8	946	Ester Howe
9/9	223	Benjamin Merkley
9/10	289	Terry Blatchley
9/11	86	Bryce Solomon
9/12	420	David Swanson
9/13	173	Mary Colin
9/14	797	Dan Burkhardt
9/15	423	Damascus Shrine
9/16	936	John Steinburgh
9/17	275	John Schreiner
9/18	544	Damascus Shrine
9/19	147	Damascus Shrine
9/20	73	Shawn Ford
9/21	512	Jeff Stanton
9/22	398	Rose Collom
9/23	562	Gretchen Collins
9/24	641	Eileen Buckley
9/25	879	John Fitch
9/26	810	Damascus Shrine
9/27	184	Damascus Shrine
9/28	804	Joseph Burkhardt
9/29	314	Damascus Shrine
9/30	769	Kathi Tharrett

GENEVA Shrine Club
2007 Christmas Party

For all Shriners, Ladies and their Guests

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

5:30 p.m.
 Hors D'oeuvres and Personality Adjustment

7:00 p.m.
 Dinner Served
 Prime Rib
 Baked 1/2 Chicken
 Broiled White Fish
(includes soup, salad, dessert)

9:00 p.m.-12 midnight - Music and Dancing
 Nick Gillotte

10:30 p.m. - Venetian Table
\$70.00 per couple

Reservations by Monday, December 10th
 (Please get them in early - with dinner choices)
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Tuesday
February 5,
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Save the Date!
Damascus
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Winter
Picnic
 Punta Gorda,
 Florida

WAYNE COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

We met at Burnham's Red Rooster on October 18th. Twenty-seven Nobles and Ladies were present.

Sickness and Distress
 Cards were sent to Roland Orbaker and Lindy Van Kouwenberg who have been ill; both are doing better. The President acknowledged the past Presidents and the 2007 Officers.

Upcoming Events
 Wayne County Shrine Club is having a Christmas Party on December 20th. Details will be announced later.

Lee Coller, Divan Representative, spoke of the upcoming events - Harvest Dinner on November 3rd and the Circus in April, 2008.

Members of the Divan who were present were: Bob Anderson, Lee Coller and Larry Canfield. A speaker for the evening, Chris Edgar, spoke about illiteracy.

Larry Canfield spoke about a meeting he attended in Florida. He expressed the need for new members.

We are asking for gifts for the children who are in the Hospitals. These gifts are to be delivered to the Wayne County Shrine Club and we will deliver them to the Hospitals.

The meeting closed with a prayer by Jerry Rohrer.

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I held off writing this article until after Friday the 5th of October because I wanted to include the results of the Spaghetti Dinner that the Lodge held for the Friends of Webster Trails that night. I am glad I did, as we were able to hand over to this non-profit group which is developing and maintaining walking trails in the Town of Webster, over \$800. I do not remember a night where we made quite that much before. We served over 165 dinners.

While that is outstanding, Brethren, I do have to express a major concern that others and I have, and that is whether or not we can physically continue this wonderful program. I need help and ideas as to what we can do to man these dinners. The old faithfuls are either just plain tired, going South or all the above and the Lodge really needs help with this. I would hate to see this program discontinued due to our inability to man the event, but it may come to pass if there isn't a change in the number of Brothers who are able to help. I can't express enough how important some of us feel this program is to the Lodge. It is more than an organization receiving the profits of a dinner; it is multi-purpose:

- It gives our Fraternity much needed exposure in a positive light that we just wouldn't have without it.
- We have the opportunity to get to know and work with fine, non-profit, hard working cause committed groups, which we would not otherwise have the chance to meet and understand.
- It gives us a chance to work together as Brothers for a worthy cause and make a special use of the building.
- It shows the Town of Webster that Webster Freemasons ARE involved in the community and that we open our doors and give of our time for the betterment of the community
- People receiving the profits or just coming out to the dinner see our facility and recognize the fact that we, as Masons, are there and that we are an active, caring organization
- There is always the fact that the Town of Webster takes pride in what we do and in the long run that can only benefit our status in the community.

One Brother suggested that we start a list and make calls to sign Brothers up for the various jobs that need to be filled. We are willing to try anything at this point because losing this program should not be an option. I am reaching out to you Brothers. I need your help and advice. Please don't allow this program to die. I would be receptive to hearing any thoughts or ideas you may have. If I do not hear of any ideas, I will ask the committee to put together a job list and start making phone calls to ask Brothers to fill those jobs. I would ask your cooperation if

we do decide to do this and your phone rings asking for help.

Bring-a-Friend

We had a successful BFFN on September 20th in which we enticed five potential candidates. As of this writing we have three petitions and more on their way.

The October 6th meeting was instructional. As it is the time of year when we do interviews on potential members, we did an enactment of the Interview Process. Discussion followed. We discussed the shoulds and should nots.

The 1st Degree is scheduled for January 3, 2008, and I will be in the East. I look forward to an improved conferral over the last time I did it, as I have been practicing.

Again, if anyone needs a ride to Lodge or any help or assistance that is within the realms of what the Lodge can provide, don't hesitate to call upon us. ✕

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If you weren't at the October 9th Lodge meeting, you missed a very tasty meal and a great time. We had our yearly visit from the District Deputy Grand Master and his entourage. His team said many inspiring things and presented us with lots of information on upcoming activities. Although they presented a lot of material, it took much less time than we anticipated. One of the items he noted was that our books had not been audited for many years. We are working on a plan to have this done within a month.

Have I mentioned the meal? Oh, what a meal! If we keep this up, we will need to have Weight Watchers on the side with a scale at each Lodge meeting. Brothers Skopinski and Shapiro worked together to bring us homemade lasagna, and it was grand. Brethren who couldn't eat lasagna, had steak. If you haven't had the opportunity to taste these delicious meals that our Brothers are presenting us with, you are surely missing out.

We are getting ready for a 1st Degree on November 13th. All Places and Stations for the Degree are occupied and we are aggressively working to improve our Ritual for this Degree. We have had numerous practice sessions in Brother Bertch's barn, and to be honest, we are looking good! I thank Brother Bertch for allowing us the use of his facilities, as well as all the Brothers who have signed up for parts in this Degree.

A Reminder to All

We are presenting the Degree, not only to bring new members into our Lodge, but also to show new members that we are there to support them and present a feeling of fellowcraft. To do so, having a Degree Team is not enough. We need sideliners...as many as possible. If you haven't been to Lodge for a while, now is a great opportunity to show your support. If you don't have transportation, call me. We will

make every attempt necessary to get you to the Lodge meeting.

Finally, something a little off track for the history buffs. I was surfing the web one night for Masonic information and found this site from the Rochester Museum and Science Center. It was interesting because it was information about the opening of a Time Capsule within the cornerstone of the old City Hall laid in 1873. It showed pictures of documents and pamphlets from that era. Contained in it were the By-Laws and List of Officer's from Valley Lodge No. 109 in 1873. It was very interesting. Here is the web link: www.rmssc.org/capsule/.

From the Secretary

As I sit here writing this month's article, I am looking out the window and noticing that the trees look funny. At a closer view I see that the green is starting to turn orange. So my Brothers, it is time to mark your calendars with the dates of Lodge meetings and activities for the months ahead.

Good News/Bad News

As of this writing I have nothing to report. No one has contacted me with news they wish to relate.

Masonic Anniversaries for November

Carl Ester (61), Carl Pigage (60), Wallace Wagner and Douglas Torrance (59), Fredrick Stahl, Wallace Roworth, Richard VanZandt and Robert Anderson (56), Paul Wood and Harvey Stiles (55), Daniel Miller (47), Robert Knyrim (46), William Scheer (44), Robert Anderson II and George Gray (39), Herbert Spencer (38), Glenn Stahl, Melvin Corson and Nelson Bertch (34), Joseph Bishop (33), Robert Guilfoil, Rob Steinorth and Martin Suter (29), William Carr (23).

November Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following Brothers: Richard DeCroe (1st), Joe Weber (2nd), Vernon Saunders (13th), Arthur Cohen and Harry Steinorth Jr. (21st), David Ogden (26th) and George Stear (27th).

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

Congratulations to our chief cook, Brother Charles "Chuck" Skopinsky, on receiving the nomination for the Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Award, held on October 23rd. Brother Chuck has been around only a short time, but has shown his enthusiasm for being there when asked to do something. He also knows how to cook and has done many of our meals since becoming a member of this Lodge.

We have candidates! On November 13th, we will be conferring a 1st Degree in our Lodge. We have a full cast. Come out and support those Brothers who have taken time to do the work. Also, to show support to our candidates who are waiting to receive Light in Masonry.

Dinners

As always, we have a dinner before Lodge meetings. Cost for dinner at a Lodge meeting is only \$5 per person. Reservations are required so we can properly feed everyone. Call our Junior Warden, Mike McBride

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By Erik Loepker, Sr. Deacon

You may recall that in one of my articles last year, I drew a comparison between a treatise on Medieval Hunting that I was reading, and the lists that we share with each other in this periodical. I am moved once again to draw upon another published work. This time I call upon Thomas Cahill and his book *Mysteries of the Middle Ages*. (Yes, I know, it sounds like a hokey, late Thursday night T.V. re-run, but the full title runs on for quite a bit; you'll be glad that I cut it down. Besides, it is very well written, with wit as well as documentation, and I recommend it to you strongly, if you are interested in medieval history.)

One of the aspects that Mr. Cahill covers in his book early on is how the development of Western science and literature underwent a drastic, temporary downturn. We now call it the Dark Ages. Before this period, most of Europe (from Scotland to North Africa, Spain to present-day Israel) experienced a kind of enlightenment, fueled by the Greeks and spread by the Romans. After the Romans withdrew from the world stage, there was a catastrophic downward turn in literacy. The saving grace of this was the church; although it started small, over centuries it grew and helped to bring about the Renaissance.

What has this to do with Masonry? I'm glad that you asked. Since the 1700's, we have enjoyed widespread membership through our devotion to the concept of Fraternity; it's a glue that binds us. But, over the last few years, there have been a downturn in our numbers. Some dimit, others are released due to NPD, yet others have other obligations, then become ashamed that they can't remember the landmarks. Of course, we're only human, we eventually die. In the meantime, the number of incoming new Brothers has dwindled. With the advent of mass communication and a shift in our work ethics and personal goals, we attract less people to fill in the void. So, what happens? Lodges close or merge. Communications are held with just slightly more than the required number to open a Lodge. And so on.

Right now, at Northfield Lodge, we have a membership committee that we've put together for the purpose of not only helping us gain the attention of potential new Brothers, but also to retain our current membership. Very few things are as sad as having to NPD a Brother because he simply dropped away. On the one hand,

it can be said that he didn't have the commitment to the Fraternity; but on the other hand, to have someone silently drop away is a mark against us for not keeping in better touch with the Brother. I'm not talking about being like a pushy salesman trying to coerce the Brother back to Lodge, but rather just reaching out and lending a hand, an ear, or a shoulder where it's needed. There is no shame in having a cabletow that is too short, and sometimes life not only hands us lemons, but they can be too rotten to make lemonade.

Many Brothers are sojourners. I know that I am. There is a Lodge that is literally three blocks from where I live, but I drive to another town twice a month to communicate with my Brothers. So, we have begun to include a Sojourner's Night in our Lodge as a regular event. We seek out Brothers who are in close proximity to us that belong to other Lodges, and invite them in for a night of fellowship and fraternal love with Brothers whom they may never have met before, but were local to them.

So, what does all this have to do with the book that I mentioned? I believe that we are in a Dark Age for ourselves. Dwindling numbers and lost Lodges (along with their histories) are a bane to us. But, like history, I think that if we persist and are consistent to the virtues and values that we share, we'll recover, and achieve a kind of Renaissance of our own.

To that end, let me bring to your attention several items of importance.

First, it is with great relief and joy that we welcome back R.: W.: William D. Spillane. As we reported earlier, our Worshipful Master was out temporarily with what had been diagnosed as non-Hodgkins Lymphoma. We have subsequently learned that the official diagnosis is Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia. He continues to receive treatment at this time and your prayers are welcome and appreciated. In the meantime, R.: W.: Bill still has very high spirits, and was even able to participate with some Brothers (W.: Randall Griswold, Erik Loepker, Mark Edgecomb, and Josh Loepker) after our first Regular Communication of October to help instruct a new Brother in some of the finer points of Euchre.

Speaking of new Brothers, the Lodge most warmly welcomes Brothers Mark Edgecomb, Todd Enright Josh Loepker to the Fraternity. These Brothers, along with six other Fellowcrafts from other Lodges, were Raised at Craftsman Robertson Lodge, in September. Brothers Mark, Todd and Josh have been very active in the Lodge since being Initiated, and continue to bring enthusiasm with them as they now fill in more official roles. Brother Todd has accepted the role of Steward, while Brother Josh has been installed as Senior Master of Ceremonies, and Brother Mark as Junior Master of Ceremonies. Brother Josh has also taken over the Chair position for our Adopt-a-Highway Committee, which had been helmed by Brother David Adams up until now.

As a counterpoint, a staid member of our Lodge, Brother Walter Lee, a Brother in good standing for 20 years, has re-

turned to us after a brief hiatus. It was a pleasure and privilege to have him back with us, and he filled in the necessary role of candidate at our 1st Degree practice.

September 16th marked a sad day for us. Brother Harold Bollotin, an honorary member of Northfield Lodge, let slip the working tools of life. At this time, we are unable to share the landmarks of his development, but every loss is keenly felt. Please remember him in your prayers as his light helps to grace the Celestial Lodge.

On October 18th, I was awarded the Valley of Rochester Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Award. I must say, it feels strange to achieve such an Award, as the "dedication, service and commitment to the ideals of Freemasonry" that were cited as the reasons for the Award that I demonstrate is actually inspired within me by my Brothers, both in my Lodge and elsewhere. I am proud to have received this, and while I thank my Brethren for nominating me, I also wish for them to know that their presence and enthusiasm help to inspire not only myself, but others as well. This Award is easily as much theirs as it is mine, and I will always cherish what it represents.

Lastly, on a light note, I must point out that due to the way our Lodge is arranged, the Traveling Gavel is positioned to my right, just in front of our organ.

At the start of every Regular Communication, I quickly run a cloth over it to remove any dust and to polish it up a bit so that its shine might help to illuminate more. Yep, it certainly is a treasure for us. But, I fear for its existence. You see, with so much polishing from me, I think that it is beginning to wear away. Examples that lead me to this conclusion have been seen everywhere, from nature's scouring effects of water or wind-blown sand, to tiled floors that have worn away from the tread of feet over long periods of time. Yet, we are powerless to do anything about it. We can't simply give the Gavel away (alas, the rules established by the Wardens that put this together require others to come and get it), and so long as it sits next to me, I'll feel compelled to polish and admire it at each of our Communications.

It is in your power to stop this symbol of Fraternal Exchange from being worn to nothingness! Please, we ask you, come to our meeting with at least six of your Brothers, and wrest it from our grasp.

If nothing else, you'll get to brag in these columns how you saved it from the narcissistic predations of Northfield Lodge's Senior Deacon, and you'll have the privilege of having stopped my smug boasts. Well, for a while, anyway.

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By W.: Skip Waterstreet, DSA
Sickness and Distress

It grieves me to start this month's column announcing the death of our long-time Chaplain, W.: Volney Frankel. Brother Frankel went to bed on October 9th and passed to the Celestial Lodge on the 10th. He was ever faithful in attendance and performance of his spiritual duties, providing suitable, thoughtful invocations for Dinners and other Lodge functions.

Circumstances at that time did not permit us an opportunity to hold a Masonic Memorial Service. We will honor his memory on Tuesday, November 6th, at 7:00 p.m. His widow, Dottie, daughter, Carolyn, and son Paul, are expected to be in attendance. Friends and relatives are invited to join us as well.

1st Degree

That night we are also scheduled to hold a 1st Degree. We hope Brothers who attend the Memorial Service will consider staying for the meeting. You will witness a hard-working group of your Officers in a magnificent conferral of the Degree. The tiled meeting is scheduled to open at 7:30 p.m., but we may be slightly delayed.

A word of caution. That night is also Election Night. The Shrine Center lobby is a Polling Place, so there is apt to be an abundance of cars and traffic in the parking lot. I will see if we can make some arrangements to avoid forcing our Brothers to park too far away, but I can't promise anything as I write this.

More Distress

Brother Earl Pearce took a spill, I'm told. He was a little sore, but is recovering. John Walker also took a spill and was visiting the Doctor for a check-up. Bill Hook has been having a few problems. We hope he is feeling better and recovering.

We also hope that no news on the rest of our Brothers means things are going well with each one of you.

Celebrations

Five Brothers were recognized for 60 years of Service to the Fraternity, and two others for 55 years, at our Awards Night program on October 16th. Worshipful Glen Ide and Brother Donald "Jack" Conner received 60-year Pins and Certificates; Brother Eugene White received a 55-year Pin and Cer-



Brother Eugene White receiving his 55-year membership award, accompanied by his wife.



Brother Scott Rice, a Member of Clio Lodge, made sure Glen Ide was present to receive his 60-year Membership Award.



Brother Donald Conner was recognized as a 60-year member. His daughter shared the presentation.

tificate. Those who were unable to personally attend and receive their recognition will be receiving their Certificate and Pin separately. They include 60-year Brothers Robert Ogden, George Pasch and Robert Waldeck, and 55-year member, Brother Herbert Young. We congratulate them for their loyal participation in the Fraternity.

Official Visit

R.: W.: Gary Sanford, District Deputy Grand Master of the Monroe District, will make his Official Visit to our Lodge on November 20th. Expected to accompany him are the Staff Officers, R.: W.: G. Thomas Grape, Grand Director of Ceremonies, and our own R.: W.: Derek VanHouten, Grand Sword Bearer. In addition, he will bring with him a visitor from Ireland. Please join us in welcoming them, and the special guest, as they bring the message from Grand Master, M.: W.: Neal I. Bidnick. Lodge will open at 7:30 p.m.

By popular demand, Joy will provide a Swiss Steak entree

again. It will be served at 6:30 p.m. Reservations are required; the cost is \$10 per person. The Telephone Committee will be activated, but feel free to call Junior Warden, Tom Benson, 288-2661, to make yours.

Children's Christmas Party

Mark your calendar now for the annual Christmas Party on December 8th. For the past few years, we have participated with Lalla Rookh Grotto, Damascus Shriners, Valley of Rochester and the York Rite Bodies in this event for Children. My grandson has always enjoyed the festivities and games; I'm sure your children or grandchildren (age 10 and younger) would have a great time as well. It starts at 11:00 a.m. and ends at 2:00 p.m. The program is held in the dining room of the Shrine Center. Craftsman Robertson Lodge makes a nominal contribution of table snacks and ice cream cups. The latter are a big hit with the kids!

Dues

There are still a few Brothers who have not paid their 2007

dues. The 2008 Dues Cards are due to arrive any day, and will be sent out by our Secretary, W.: Dave King. He sure would like to have everyone caught up by the time that happens. Please check your current Dues Card. If it doesn't say 2007, why not send a check in today?

Happy Birthday

Here are the Brothers celebrating November birthdays: James R. Locklin (02); Wayne A. Gundry (5th); Gary A. LaShomb (7th); Clifford S. White (15th); George B. Lloyd (16th); George W. Pasch, Jr. (17th); Frank D. Zaffino (22nd); William G. Evert and Fouad Farah (29th). Why not give them a call and say hello?

Happy Thanksgiving! May you all enjoy a wonderful day! See you in Lodge.

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By Don Brugger

Our Annual Steak Roast was another successful outing. The event was attended by 29 Woodsmen, spouses, Cedarettes and guests. The steaks were delicious, as usual, expertly grilled by Chef Di-Cataldo. All had a good time and the rain stayed away.

At our October 24th meeting, the Prologue and Royal Court were conferred. The names of Candidates will be in the next issue of the *Masonic Times*.

Note

Thanks to Jared's grandmother, Nancy Wright, for her contribution to our October article. Well done, Nancy!

Sickness and Distress

Bob Zabel's condition has been stabilized and he is at home. In fact, he attended our Steak Roast and thoroughly enjoyed himself. Don Freeman is about the same. Gene Brown does not drive at night anymore and is having problems with his legs. Our thoughts and prayers go out to these Brothers and their families. I'm sure they would appreciate a call or card.

If you know of a Woodsman or Cedarette in need, or with health related problems, please call the Scribe, Don Bell, or me.

Listen up!

We are still looking for a few good Woodsmen to volunteer for our Communications Committee. The Forest needs you for this important service. This would involve making three to five calls a month. We now have three Brothers on our Calling Committee, but we could use more help. Why don't you join us?

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Happenings

September saw a successful Feast of Tishri, presided over by the Officers of the Consistory. This was followed by our Annual Meeting and Service Awards. Ill. Charles Roberts, 33°, was presented as the Valley's newest 33° Scottish Rite Mason and Distinguished Brother Gary Burke, 32° MSA, was introduced as the Valley's newest Meritorious Service Award recipient. We also announced that Brother William Lindsay, 32° DSA, was elected to receive the MSA next July at COD. Bill was the first-line signer for five of our newest Brothers. The new Brothers present were given their framed patent as a Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret, 32°, Scottish Rite Mason. This was a great evening with good food and fellowship.

The Valley has purchased a lighting system to be used for our Degree work, which will enhance the presentation and, in turn, help our Brothers to improve their understanding of the Ritual of the Degrees. We had rented lighting for our Spring Reunion, which proved to be very effective, so decided to purchase our own. Brother Rick Howe, 32°, defined the system requirements and purchased, with general committee approval, the lighting system.

Symbolic Lodge Award Night

If your Lodge was not represented at the Symbolic Lodge Award evening, it missed a great opportunity to present a workman in the quarry recognition duly deserved. We hope your Lodge will have an honoree next year. We work hard every year to have our Grand Master available to present the awards and give the keynote address. Every year, to date, the Grand Master has been present and has given inspiration to the attending Brethren for the coming year.

On October 21st, our Frank and Betty Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children held their 10th Anniversary Celebration at Casa Larga Winery in Fairport. This was a gala event and a fundraiser for the Center.

What's Coming

On November 15th, we will be holding our Annual Veterans' Recognition Evening. All the Valley's Veterans are encouraged to attend and be recognized for their contribution to our country and its armed forces. We are looking to have a super dinner and a great program for the evening. Watch for more information in the mail.

The Lodge of Perfection will be starting the Conferral of the 4th and 9th Degrees on Thursday, December 6th. Plan to attend and bring your passport to receive the stamp signifying that you have seen the Degrees. As a note for passports, another member of the Valley has joined the "seen them all" club. Distinguished Brother Jack VanElzakker, 32° MSA, has received recognition from Supreme Council that he has witnessed all 29 Scottish Rite Degrees. He joins Ill. Brothers Steve Whittaker, Charlie Hancock and John Zabel in be-

ing recognized as having seen all the Degrees. This is a goal that every Scottish Rite Mason in the Valley can achieve by attending the Valley's Degree programs over the coming years. We are on track for the second six-year time frame for presenting all the Degrees.

Musings

Why would a Master Mason want to become a 32° Scottish Rite Mason? To my mind there are several reasons. First, by being involved in Scottish Rite functions, a Mason will increase his Masonic friendships. A Mason starts building his Masonic friendships in his Lodge and, possibly, with men in neighboring Lodges. Through the Rite he can meet Masons from further a field without traveling.

Second, through drama, allegory and ceremony, the Scottish Rite Degrees build on the principles a Mason receives in the first three Degrees. The Mason receives light in the Lodge and can then learn to see in the light through the dramatic presentation of moral lessons of the Scottish Rite Degrees. The Rite augments and complements the Lodge and should never be considered as a replacement for the Lodge. As it has been said, the whole is greater than it parts. The Lodge and the Rite, when taken together, show us a code for our moral behavior.

There are many other individual reasons for becoming a Scottish Rite 32° Mason. Each Brother will find his own meaning in Degrees and ceremonies through which he passes in his Masonic career. The Scottish Rite has helped me understand the Ancient Craft Degrees and to build a better moral character. I know it can do that for any Mason who joins the Rite. See you in the quarries. *

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Rite Events Calendar

See article for details.

(All events at Shrine Center unless otherwise noted)

November 15th - Veterans Recognition Night

(Members, please invite a Veteran
as a guest of the Valley and
bring an item for our "Overseas" box)

December 6th - 4th and 9th Degrees

January 3rd - 14th Degree

January 17th - 15th Degree

February 12th - Have-a-Heart @ Marketplace Mall

February 21st - Tebeth and Public Degree / BBB

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

Learning Center 10th Anniversary Gala



Casa Larga Vineyards was the site of the 10th Anniversary party for the Frank and Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center. This was also a fundraising opportunity for the program, which assists children with Dyslexia. A former student made a presentation explaining her original problem and how much success she has achieved with the help of the Center. She is now helping other students she finds in a like situation.

Several people were honored for their dedicated service, including Ann Kaczka, the Director of the Center. Festivities were chaired by Ill. Charles O. Hancock, 33°. Ill. G. Michael Morris, 33°, Chairman of the Center narrated a power point presentation.

There were two auctions: a silent auction and a live auction as part of the program. Dana Cline, 32°, a trained auctioneer, did the honors, assisted by Ill. Robert Pedersen, 33°, and Robert Hartnett.

Patrons had the opportunity to taste several wines from the Casa Larga wine cellar and devour food from several grazing stations. *

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Alzheimer's Memory Walk

A perfect day for a walk ... 70° and Sunny!

On Saturday, September 29th, approximately 400 participants walked 2½ miles on the campus of the Masonic Care Community for the Annual Alzheimer's Memory Walk. The Memory Walk included residents, family members and employees walking around the "Great Lawn" where music filled the air from the speakers surrounding the area.

The event was kicked off and everyone was welcomed by TV personality Joe Kelly, Honorary Chairperson for the event. After the walk, participants learned about Alzheimer's Disease from the healthcare providers who participated in the Health Fair, located in the Fitness Center of the Masonic Care Community. The Ziyara Shriners Clown Unit and animals from the Utica Zoo entertained the children. Also members of the New York State Masonic Child ID Program Committee provided free videotaping of children.

The awards ceremony took place in the Fitness Center. This

year the Masonic Care Community was awarded the plaque for the healthcare facility that raised the most money from this walk for the Alzheimer's Association. The Masonic Care Community raised \$1,851.00.

There were several walks throughout central New York. The funds raised (\$36,994) far exceeded the goal (\$21,500) for this walk! Angie Caiola, the Site Coordinator for the Masonic Care Community, said, "This was a huge success. It was great to see the number of people who came out on this beautiful day to participate in this event. Smiles on the Masonic Care Community residents' faces as they proudly displayed their Masonic Care Community T-shirts walking around the Great Lawn was a wonderful sight."

This is the 10th year that the Masonic Care Community has hosted this event and looks forward to many more years of partnering with the Alzheimer's Association.

10TH ANNUAL WINTER FEST Sunday, December 2nd

By Angie Caiola,
Director of Community Relations

Friendship, family and community – that's what it's all about at the Masonic Care Community's Winter Fest. Come Join Us!

The 10th Annual "Winter Fest" will be held on Sunday, December 2nd, from 1 – 5 p.m., on the campus of the Masonic Care Community, 2150 Bleecker Street in Utica. Strolling street carolers, free wagon rides, the aroma of chestnuts roasting and people dressed in old-fashioned holiday costumes will help make this an event to remember. There will be so much going on for all ages and tastes that you will have a hard time deciding what to do first.

During this hectic time of the year, this premier holiday event will provide a way to revisit holiday traditions and will help remind us of the basics – friendship, family and community.

A wonderful journey through the fields on the Campus Tour Wagon to Acacia Village will be provided for the whole family so they can visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Santa's elves will greet you as you pose for your free photo with Santa Claus next to a cozy fireplace.

During this Winter Fest, the campus will take on a magical appearance, decorated in greenery and lit by hundreds of white

Masonic Care Community Residents go to College

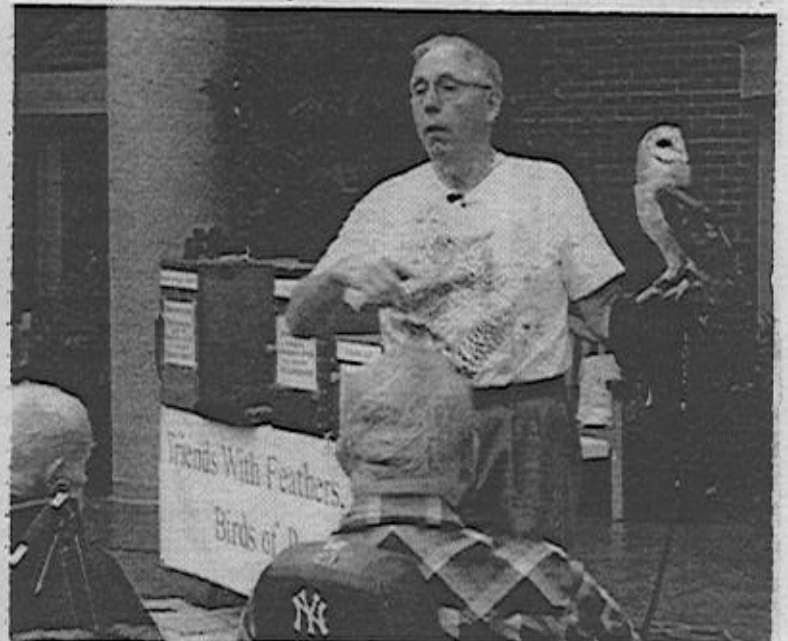
Never Too Old to Learn!

On September 26th, thirteen residents from the Masonic Care Community, started attending college at the State University of New York Institute of Technology (SUNYIT). At Orientation, they experienced their first taste of college life. Words cannot express the look on their faces as they received their very own student photo ID cards. They were so pleased!

This is a special college program the Mohawk Valley Insti-

tute of Learning in Retirement (MVILR) sponsors for senior citizens to take classes at the SUNYIT Campus. Seven residents from Acacia Village Retirement Community and six residents from Wiley Hall, the Adult Care Facility, will be hopping the "school bus."

The Masonic Care Community is very proud of the residents who are involved with this great educational program and wish them success!



Friends With Feathers Visit Residents at MCC

Ron Walker, of the Friends With Feathers Organization, presented the residents of the Masonic Care Community a special environmental program on live birds. It included the natural history of birds of prey, natural history of owls, bird migration, predators and endangered species. During the presentation the residents were very focused on the beautiful birds. A variety of programs are provided by the Masonic Care Community for the enjoyment of the residents.



Participants during Opening Ceremony.

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York Rite NEWS

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Companions, I have attended some Council meetings in September. There seems to be a good sense of "digging in" going on. I like what I see. I like seeing new members get into "line" such as is happening at NunDaWaga and Doric Councils. New blood brings a new excitement to the Council. Don't forget, you need to help them with their new assignments; help them to understand that this is a work of enjoyment, not a hard job. Try to put some enthusiasm into it.

I looked at the Grand Council Web and saw that there are many new members of the Councils. Congratulations to all who have stepped in. Please feel free to call on me if you need my assistance. There are several members who have expressed an interest in visiting other Councils. This will help you to be able to open and do business. Besides, you will enjoy visiting.

The "Become a Council Member in One Day" Program in Cheektowaga took place on Saturday, September 29th, at the Masonic Center on Union Road in Cheektowaga. R. I.: Jeffrey Williamson was the organizer. There was an abundance of help. All three Council Degrees were conferred, and a fine dinner was served. This was an important day for Cryptic Masonry. This shows what a little co-operation can do. Eight new Companions were brought into the Councils, and 24 Companions received the Super Excellent Degree.

It's important that each of us help the Blue Lodge and the Royal Arch Chapters to find candidates and help them through the Degrees. Without

those Bodies, the Council could not have any success at all. After successfully reaching this goal, don't forget to tell them about Cryptic Masonry. Let them know that they will understand the rest of Masonry much better. Let them know that some of the most beautiful work in Freemasonry is contained within the Cryptic Degrees. Because of the great number needed to perform the Super Excellent Degree, and the beautiful costumes that are worn, it is one of the biggest and one of the best dramas in existence. Each Candidate will get the most for his money. It might be noted, also, that Cryptic Masonry is not expensive. It is a bargain.

On October 13th, a Royal Arch Festival took place at Olive Branch Lodge Hall in LeRoy. This will have happened before you receive the *Masonic Times*, and is recorded here for your information only.

We hope there will be other Festivals during the Winter. Please publish information about your Festivals and Degrees to the other Councils. *

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Looking forward

What a wonderful Fall season. I love the warmth and continuation of "Summer-like" conditions. However, as we all know, the snow will be flying soon. November is a time of thanksgiving. Formally, with God's Grace, we all will be sitting down with family to celebrate our personal, as well as our corporate, blessings. To that end, Cyrene-Monroe Commandery will be providing a "Thanksgiving Agape Table" on Monday evening, November 19th, at the

Pittsford Masonic Temple (Northfield Lodge). There will be a social period at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. We will be serving a Thanksgiving traditional meal of Turkey, Dressing and all the fixings. All are invited - your Ladies, family, friends. As a tribute and a thanksgiving to those of our armed services who have given that last, full measure of devotion to our country, there will be a showing of the very stirring video *Arlington*.

In addition, November will be the month where the Grand Commander will hold his reception at Kutcher's Country Club in the Catskills. I do know that a few of our Sir Knights will be attending due to their service to the Grand Commandery Line. I hope to attend, myself. If I do, I will give a review of the reception at our Agape Table meeting on the 19th.

On Saturday, November 10th, the Zone Pilgrimage will take place. The location is the Hornell Masonic Hall, with festivities beginning at 8:00 a.m. All the Orders in our sacred Brotherhood will be bestowed on those worthy Knight aspirants during the Pilgrimage. Cyrene-Monroe Commandery will be performing the Order of the Knight of Malta. This Order requires a sizable cast, so if you can, please participate. Contact me at 313-4968 if you want to contribute. The Pilgrimage is expected to end around 3 p.m.

As to December, we will be holding our annual Christmas Observance on Monday evening, December 17th at the Pittsford Masonic Hall. Dinner will be included. We plan to begin at 7:00 p.m.

Something to think about

As Masons, the tenets of Faith, Hope and Charity are very important to us. I want to focus on Charity (Love) in this issue.

Love and Honor

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your mind, and with all your soul." This is the greatest commandment. And the second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22: 37 - 39). Loving God, loving others and

finding value in ourselves; without a doubt, these three aspects of love are the most effective weapons in living a straight and upright life.

Genuine love is a gift we give others. It isn't purchased by their actions or contingent upon our emotions at the moment. It may carry with it strong emotions, but it isn't supported by them. Rather, it is a decision we make on a daily basis that someone is special and valuable to us.

Like genuine love, honor is a gift we give to someone. It involves the decision we make before we put love into action that a person is of high value. In fact, love for someone often begins to flow once we have made the decision to honor the person. In fact, all of God's children are of high value, thus we, as Knights, are called to honor all.

How do we teach honor to others? Extending it first to our own family, especially our parents, helping others to find value in troubled times, showing a healthy balance in our lives, establishing loving boundaries in our relationships, building positive loyalties in our relationships, and offering honor to our God. (Note: This is based on a short article by Gary Smalley and John Trent.)

Another aspect of love is charity. As Knights Templar, we have the opportunity to extend charity via the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Please consider a contribution to this worthwhile philanthropy and extend your charity to those in need.

Knights Templar standard

A standard is a flag or ensign under which men are united together under some common ground. In medieval times each Baron, Army, Knight or Commander had their very own standard to identify them. They required all elements of their force to carry their standard. All of the Knightly Orders had a standard. The Knights Templar's standard was known as the Beauseant. This was the French term for the Standard of the Knights Templar. It was also known as the "Battle Flag" of the Templar. The Beauseant was a

flag of two colors - black over white.

When going into battle they would carry the Beauseant at the head of their troop. It had significant meaning to the Templar, for it signified that they were fair and favorable to their friends, but dark and terrible to all the enemies of Christ. It was the rallying point of Templar warriors. It did not leave the field as long as Templar warriors were engaged in combat, and no Templar left a field of battle until the Beauseant left the field. Thus either the Knights Templar won the battle or fought to the last man.

The design of the Beauseant, and its apparent meaning, is quite interesting. It is a square of cloth of two colors, black over white. To many scholars who have studied this design, there is a meaning. It reflects the duality of the world. There is an evil, dark, and frightening side; yet, there is a beautiful, glorious, and good side, as well. The black color - representing evil and the dark side - is on top indicating that this world of sin and transgressions seems to hold sway. However, underneath, the good is ever present and in the full blossom of time God will conquer evil and all who have fought against God or have done evil to man will be brought to justice.

Interestingly, the word Beauseant is derived from two French words - beau and seant. During the medieval period, beau meant "glorious" or "magnificent." The word seant means "the state of becoming." Thus, the word Beauseant can be interpreted as "Be Glorious."

My godly Knights, I admonish you to "Be Glorious" in all that you do. Be Glorious to your neighbor, to those less fortunate, to the down-trodden, the sick and the lonely. Moreover, when you "Be Glorious," remember to offer up that Glory to God and Our Lord and Savior. Be Glorious!

Information on the Beauseant was derived from an article by Sir Knight Dr. Gary D. Lemmons called, "The Lessons of the Beauseant," *Medieval Glossary; Templar Encyclopedia* prepared by Ray V. Derslow. *

Winterfest

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lights. Frosty the Snowman will greet the children to this magical wonderland.

Free musical entertainment will be provided in every major building on our entire campus. Performances will also be provided by local entertainers. An entertainment schedule will be available as you enter the campus. Food will also be available at a nominal cost.

The 70 arts and crafters will keep Mom busy and the children they enjoy a free train ride by Scotty's Express Train. Also, the children will have an opportunity to pet two beautiful oxen provided by Paul Credle.

The highlight of the day's activities will be at 4:30 p.m. when all lights on the campus will be lit and carolers will be outside singing around a magnificent Christmas Tree.

The only price of admission is a non-perishable food item from each family, for the Utica Community Food Bank, to be given to the needy during the holiday season.

So, please put this event on your calendar. If you would like further information regarding the Winter Fest, please contact Angie Caiola, Director of Community Relations, at (315) 798-4768 or 1-800-322-8826. *

Did You Know That?

By Phillip R. Hurwitz

- A Lodge may, at a stated or special communication, by a majority vote, elect one of its members who is a Past Master, as proxy to represent it, in the absence of the Master and Wardens, at the next succeeding communication of Grand Lodge. *Constitution, Section 106*

- The following are the Elected Grand Line Officers: Grand Master; Deputy Grand Master; Senior Grand Warden; Junior Grand Warden; Grand Treasurer; and Grand Secretary. *Constitution, Section 109*

- The following are the Appointed Grand Line Officers: Grand Marshal; Deputy Grand Marshal; Senior Grand Deacon; Junior Grand Deacon; Grand Standard Bearer; Deputy Grand Standard Bearer; Grand Historian; Grand Lecturer; Judge Advocate; Proctor; Grand Pursuivant; Grand Tiler; Grand Or-

ganist; a District Deputy Grand Master for each Masonic District; twenty-two Grand Chaplains, and such additional Grand Chaplains not exceeding twenty as the Grand Master may deem advisable; twenty-one Grand Directors of Ceremonies; twenty-two Grand Stewards; and twenty-two Grand Sword Bearers.

Constitution, Section 111

- At the third stroke of the Grand Master's Gavel, there shall be a general silence, and he who breaks silence without leave from the Chair, shall be subject to a public reprimand. *Rules of Order, I*

- The foundation of Masonic jurisprudence is the common law of Freemasonry, which is to be learned from the ancient usages of the Craft as developed and interpreted from and since the year 1721.

*Code of Procedure, Section 2 **

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all had a great time. A big thank you to our Chief Justice, Ron Morthorst, for helping to put together such a fine afternoon of hospitality and an evening of fine food and good Grotto entertainment.

Our November Grotto meeting, because of Thanksgiving the next day, will start with Pizza for Dinner at 6 p.m., followed by our meeting at 6:45 p.m. Remember, this is a change in time for this meeting only.

The Board of Governors will hold their December meeting in the Grotto office on December 3rd. We will start with Sub sandwiches at 6:15 p.m., followed by our meeting at 7:00.

I thank all who attended the Monarch's Ball this year, held jointly with Zuleika Grotto at the Holiday Inn in Batavia. We

Monarch Kenneth R. Milner

The Audit Committee will audit the books of the Grotto on Wednesday, December 12th, in the Grotto office. Please have your books ready and be in the office at 7:00 p.m. Thank you to Richard Topel and Jim Toogood for agreeing to be the Audit Committee this year.

Prophet Jim Toogood is the Grotto Chairman for the All Masonic Bodies Children's Christmas Party, which will be held at the Shrine Center on Saturday, December 8th. If Jim asks if you can help, please respond, "What can I do?" Remember, this is for all Mason's children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews. All you have to do

is bring them and a gift with their full name on it. The rest will be provided. I will let the committee tell you more.

Prophets, remember to mark your calendar for the December 19th Grotto meeting and Christmas Dinner of Turkey and all the trimmings. This is a free dinner and it will also be Election of Officers, followed by Installation. This will be a closed meeting.

My wife, Elaine, and I take this time to wish each of you and yours a Happy and safe Thanksgiving.

Attend Grotto Meetings

November 5th
Board of Governors Meeting
7 p.m., Shrine Center

November 19th
Legion of Honor
6:30 p.m. - Dinner at Nutcracker Restaurant
7:30 p.m. - Meeting

November 21st
Grotto Meeting
6:00 p.m.
at Shrine Center
Pizza Party
Short Meeting to follow.

Happy Thanksgiving to all our Prophets and their families!

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Caldron News

By Beverly Murray, MCO

This writing of the news article will be switching hands, Just like the Officers - as we move across the sands, And our new MCO, Marcia Morrison, in the East, stands.

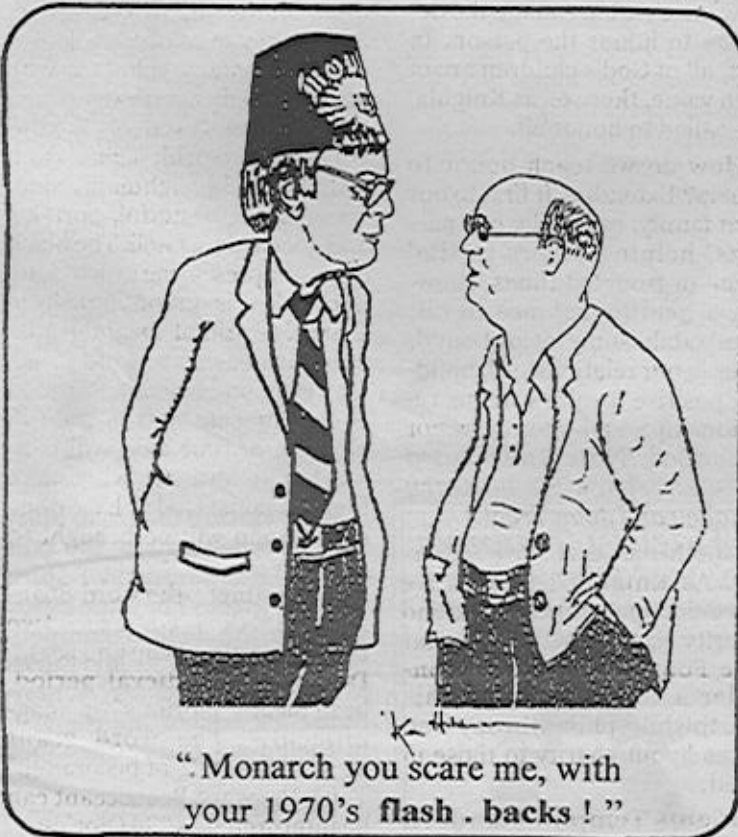
I wish all the Officers a wonderful year, May you find fun and laughter, along with cheer, As we start our march across the calendar of another year.

As last month's news stated, the travelers to Illinois are now back, For some the wheels and slot machines are hard to keep track, Good fortune was good to some and on others there was a slack, A good time was had and we're glad to be back in our own Pack.

Hear ye, Hear ye,
Come one, come all,
November 4th is the date if you recall!

It's the Reception of the Newly Installed Supreme Officer(s).
Daughter Betty Madison as Supreme Arrah
and Daughter Beverly Murray as Supreme Rodeval (Secretary)
Hope to see you at Spencerport Lodge at 2 p.m.

Our next Caldron meeting is November 15th at 7:30 p.m.



"Monarch you scare me, with your 1970's flash . backs!"

Newly Elected Line Officers of Empire State Grotto Association



Newly elected Line Officers of the Empire State Grotto Association for 2007-2008 are (from left): President, Peter Yanalavitchof, PM of Aahmes Grotto, Binghamton; Vice-President, Kenneth Hutchinson, PM of Lalla Rookh Grotto, Rochester; Marshal, John Scott, Monarch of Kaa Rheu Vahn Grotto, Albany. Also elected, but absent when the photo was taken was Kenneth Love, PM of Rani Ghar Grotto, Toronto, Canada. He is the new Captain of the Guard.

Camp DeMolay

By R.: W.: Richard Snyder,

Thanks to All Who Donate and Volunteer for Camp DeMolay!



Jack Steinkamp is shown preparing the site for a new building at Camp DeMolay. Thanks, Jack, for the work that you do!

We extend our sincere thanks to the following for goods and/or services given to Camp DeMolay: Architect, Tom Pellet, for new building plans; Herb Spencer for some tools he no longer needed; and Don Darrohn for two, 20' stainless steel flagpoles for installation overlooking the Lake.

Gary Burke donated three boxes of repair parts for toilets; Linda Zahn donated landscape blocks; drywall finishing in the sleeping cabins was completed by Ralph Jurgens; and Angelo DiCataldo refinished the floor in Anderson Lodge.

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The calendar says that it's Fall, but we wouldn't know it by the temperature outside. Whatever it is outside, the Order of the Eastern Star is back in full swing after the Summer break.

The 2008 Monroe District Grand Officers were installed at Grand Sessions, October 22-25 in Saratoga Springs. I'm sure that kicked off a great year for

not only the new Officers, but for our District and the Order as well. I always come back from Sessions very enthusiastic. Getting to see many old friends, finding out about the accomplishments of the past year and all the goals for the new year is always fun.

Banquet

Final plans have been made for the Monroe District Banquet to be held on Thursday, November 8th, at Rick's Prime Rib House on Buffalo Road. This is when the 2007 Grand Officers wrap up their year and complete the District project and the new Grand Officers are 'officially' welcomed by the District. We hope that you plan to be a part of this special event.

District Christmas Party

Sunday, December 9th, will be the District Christmas Party at the Webster Masonic Hall. We will gather at 2 p.m. and eat about 5 p.m. Bring a dish to pass and your table service. Just give either Sylvia Wolfe (359-3691) or William Mattern (594-4449) a call so we will know how many

are going to be there. We plan on having lots of fun.

In lieu of Holiday gifts, we offer an opportunity to kick off the new District Deputies' project - RAIHN. This is a Rochester organization that assists homeless families in getting back on their feet with housing, employment, etc. You will be hearing much more from the DDGM, but for now, she wants to collect materials to help these families get established in their accommodations. Items of need include, but are not limited to, paper supplies, cleaning supplies, personal hygiene products, baby diapers, etc. If you can't make the party but would still like to contribute, just give your donation to your Worthy Matron and she will get it to us so that we can take it to Cameron.

Thanks to everyone for all their donations this year to Cameron Ministries. YOU have really made a difference.

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



LILAC STAR CHAPTER #57 Order of the Eastern Star

Semi-Annual CARD PARTY and LUNCHEON
Monday, November 12, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Webster Lodge Hall
30 Orchard Street, Webster, NY



Taxes! Taxes! Taxes!

By Tom Michielsen

The leaves are falling faster than we can rake them. Halloween has passed and the children are stuffed with candy. Sweet smells of apple and pumpkin pies are in the air. Thanksgiving dinner will soon be cooking and we will all overeat and be stuffed for days to come.

Education Deductions

Teachers, parents and students are reminded that saving receipts and keeping good records can help them take advantage of various education-related deductions and credits on their 2007 Federal Income Tax Return. Good record keeping makes sense because it can help avoid missing a deduction or credit at tax time.

Deductions reduce the income on which tax is figured. Credits reduce the overall tax. Though both can lower a person's year-end tax bill or increase their refund, credits normally result in greater tax savings.

The educator expense deduction allows teachers and other educators to deduct the cost of books, supplies, equipment and software used in the classroom. Eligible educators include those who work at least 900 hours during a school year as a teacher, instructor, counselor, principal or aide in a public or private elementary or secondary school.

Worth up to \$250, the educator expense deduction is available, whether or not the educator itemizes their deductions, on Schedule A. Under current law, this deduction is scheduled to expire at the end of this year.

Three Key Tax Breaks

- 1) Tuition and fees deduction
- 2) Hope credit
- 3) Lifetime learning credit

These help parents and students pay for the cost of post-secondary education. All three are available, regardless of

whether an eligible taxpayer itemizes their deductions. Under current law, the tuition and fees deduction is scheduled to expire at the end of this year, but the two credits remain in effect.

Normally, a taxpayer can claim tuition and required enrollment fees paid for their own and their dependent's college education. A taxpayer cannot take both an education credit and the tuition and fees deduction for the same student in the same year. Income limits and other special rules apply to each of these provisions. Education credits are claimed on Form 8863, and the tuition and fees deduction for 2007 will be claimed on new Form 8917.

IRS Publication 970, Tax Benefits for Education, can help eligible parents and students understand the special rules that apply and decide which tax break to claim. The publication also describes other education-related tax benefits, including qualified tuition programs (also known as 529 plans), the student loan interest deduction, Coverdell education savings accounts and the education savings bond program.

Rising Age Limits

The 2007 Small Business Tax Act extends the reach of the "kiddie tax" by raising the age limit to include (1) all children under age 19 and (2) students under age 24. Both changes are effective for tax years beginning after May 25, 2007.

The actual computation of the kiddie tax remains the same. The net unearned income of the child is taxed at the parents' marginal tax rates, if the rates are higher than the child's tax rates.

College-age students will no longer be able to sell off their appreciated investment accounts set up by the parents to

cover current tuition. At a minimum, taking out student loans with interest until the year the student turns 24 will be necessary now to carry forward such a plan. However, the maximum tax of capital gains imposed on any stock sales might rise from 15 to 20 percent after 2010, adding another price tag to postponing income recognition.

The effective date for the new kiddie tax provision brings with it some good news and some bad news. For calendar year taxpayers, the higher age limit starts in 2008. Parents have the option to sell quickly in 2007, while the old rule is still in effect. However, because this provision is effective for tax years beginning after May 25, 2007, there is also some bad news. It is not until 2008 that capital gain for those in the 15 percent or lower tax brackets fall to zero rather than 10 percent. That zero no-tax rate remains through 2010.

If the earned income of a student over age 17 exceeds half of the student's support, the kiddie tax no longer applies. Scholarships are not counted in the support test for this purpose.

Taxpayer Due Dates

- Oct. 31 - Payroll Reports Due
- Nov. 15 - October Payroll Taxes Due

If you have any tax questions, please forward them to tmichie1@rochester.rr.com. *

Programs Available

Lifespan has several programs, which they would be happy to present to your organization. If you are looking for something to complete a meeting night, call Cindy Steltz, Manager, Lifespan Community Education, 244-8400, extension 160, or email her at: csteltz@lifespan-roch.org. *

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Since our last article, the girls have helped Leah Chapter OES serve coffee and donuts and Clio Lodge with the Child ID Program at the Hilton Apple Fest.

They held sleepovers to prepare for the Bi-Annual Convention, which was held October 5-8 in Ellenville. Every member of Fidelity Triangle attended this year's Convention. The girls had the chance to make new friends and renew old friendships with other Triangles from across New York State.

Many sincere thanks to Mary Hall who helped sew the tails on the Little Mermaid T-shirts for the girls. They took first place in the T-shirt competition. Also thanks to Mr. Burke, Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Waterhouse for supporting the girls in their fins! Didn't they look fine?

Membership

As always, if you know of any girls, between the ages of 10-21, who you think could be a Triangle girl, please contact Junior Deputy, Mrs. Eileen Waterhouse (621-6841), Senior Advisor, Mrs. Debi Burke (865-4940) or Senior Advisor, Ms. Wendy Burrows (773-6018).

Alumni

If you know of any former Triangle girl who is over 21 and has not joined the Alumni Association, please call Ms. Wendy Burrows for an application or log onto nytriangle.org to register.

Upcoming Events

November 10th - Annual Term Dinner and Public Installation of Officers *

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Annual Term Dinner

Saturday, November 10th

Hilton Masonic Lodge Hall

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Ham Dinner - 5:30 p.m.

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Personal Representatives of the Grand Master

How many who witness the reception of the District Deputy Grand Master upon his Official Visit know when the office of the visiting Craftsman originated or have wondered about its background? For there is a most interesting story behind it - a story that goes back as far as 1804, when on December 5th a resolution that was to be of far-reaching effect was presented to Grand Lodge. This resolution authorized the Grand Master to appoint Inspectors whose duty it should be to visit the several Lodges in their Districts for the purpose of promoting uniformity in the work, collecting their dues, and so forth.

The resolution was referred to a special committee, but nothing was done and another resolution was adopted on December 4, 1805, discharging the committee and appointing a new one. This new committee reported February 19, 1806, in favor of dividing the State into Districts and appointing for them Inspectors to be known as "Grand Visitors" ("visitors" is always the old-time spelling).

The grand Visitor system became at times a subject of criticism, and on December 1, 1818, communicants from several Lodges recommended alterations. These suggestions were read and referred to the Grand Officers, who reported, on June 1, 1814: "That, from a variety of causes, the system of District Grand Visitors has not realized the expectations that had been formed of it; that some of the Grand Visitors have declined acting, others have resigned and a few have attended to their duty." It was then decided to divide the State into three Grand Masonic Districts for visitation, the Grand Visitors in addition to their expenses to be allowed a suitable compensation, to be agreed upon by them and the Grand Officers. On June 18, 1817, the Grand Lodge complimented the work of the Grand Visitors, but suggested the propriety of some more economical plan for the collection of the dues of the up-State Lodges.

In 1819 a resolution was introduced into Grand Lodge to the effect that the State be divided into eighteen Grand Visiting Districts, with a Grand Visitor for each. The Grand Visitor in each case would be a resident of his respective District. A Presiding Grand Visitor was provided

for, his duty being to preside at the meetings of the Grand Visitors and instruct them in the manner of work.

On June 8, 1820, it was resolved "That it is at present inexpedient to make any alteration in the system of Grand Visitations," but on June 21, 1820, it was resolved "That the resolution of January 1, 1814, by which the State was divided into three Grand Masonic Districts for visitation be repealed."

On September 12 the subject of Grand Visitations was up again, when it was decided that on the following December the number of Grand Visitors and the determination of their Districts, duties and compositions would be submitted to Grand Lodge for final disposition.

So it was that on December 6, 1820, the following action was taken: "Resolved, That it be recommended to the MW Grand Master to divide the State into... Districts & by & with the consent of the Grand Lodge to appoint a Grand Visitor, who shall be a Past Master or Master of a Lodge; for each of the said Districts, whose duty it shall be to visit at least once in every year the several Lodges in the District for which he shall be appointed, and to collect the sums which are or may become due from the said Lodges to this Grand Lodge for Grand Lodge Dues and once in every three months transmit the same to the Grand Secretary; and on all such visits to give instructions to the different Lodges aforesaid as to the manner of work. And that the sum of Dollars per day be allowed to each of the Grand Visitors out of the Funds of this Grand Lodge, for every day necessarily spent in traveling to and from, and visiting the said Lodges allowing miles of travel for a day to be computed from the place of residence of such Grand Visitor."

Accordingly on December 16, 1820, a committee with the matter in hand submitted the following resolution and urged its adoption by Grand Lodge:

"Resolved, That it be and hereby is recommended to the MW Grand Master to divide the State into Three Masonic Districts: the First to contain the Lodges on Long and Staten Islands and in the Counties of Westchester, Putnam and Rockland, and the Second and Third Districts to contain the residue of the Lodges in the state except

those in the City and County of New York - That to each District there be appointed in the manner provided for by the Constitution and ordinances, a Grand Visitor, who shall be subject to all the provisions of the same, and shall perform all the duties required of Grand Visitors thereby, and by such instructions as shall from time to time be given to them respectively by or under the authority of the Grand Master." This resolution was accepted and approved.

In 1830 it was resolved: "That a Visitor be appointed in each county, whose duty it shall be to call on the several Lodges within his District to examine into their situations, to receive the amount of their returns or a surrender of their Warrants, jewels, etc., which Visitor shall not receive any compensation beyond his actual expenses, nor in any case exceeding fifty percent of the amount collected, after he shall have visited and made returns to the Grand Lodges of all the Lodges in his county."

In 1833 it was recommended that the Grand Visitor system be continued one year longer. On June 1, 1842, it was felt the Grand Visitor system could be made permanent and the duties of the Visitors defined by law, and in 1851 the Lodges were divided into eight Visitation Districts. The reader will have sensed how tentative and experimental the whole system of Grand Visitors really was; it never seemed to "jell," to take a logical form that met all points the needs of the individual Lodges. The system had one glaring fault; namely, that the Grand Visitor was essentially a dues collector, and as such not in a position to represent the Grand Master in his territory. A function that would humanize the relationship of the Grand Visitor to the Lodges was needed, and this was arrived at in 1855, when the present system of the District Deputy Grand Masters was started, the District deputies being assigned much the same duties as now.

On June 4, 1858, it was resolved "That the several subordinate Lodges within a radius of 10 miles of the City Hall of New York shall be apportioned into three Districts by the first five elective Grand Officers who may also alter and again apportion, rearrange and increase the number of districts at any succeeding Annual Communication."

In 1859 there were fifteen District Deputies and the Grand Master called particular attention to the fact that District Deputies were not, and were not

LET'S GO BOWLING

By Jay McCullough



We have eight lanes that we traverse in the Rose Garden Bowl in Bergen. We're not so young, we senior bowlers, so we take in two lanes a week as we work across the hall. We haven't found one pair of lanes better than another, so they must be well balanced. Sometimes we have to take an extra couple of minutes to let all the pins drop into the rack (you see their images in the shiny surface of the lane down near the end where you're supposed to be urging the ball into the pocket when you're trying to throw another strike - or the first one). If you don't wait, you have to call for service, since the pins won't re-rack.

Actually, we seniors are just having a good time in good company and we convince ourselves it's in the name of exercising these old bones. We have plenty of room for others who might like to join us. We come from a variety of Lodges in a couple of Districts. The senior ladies are welcome too, though perhaps they don't care to be identified as "old enough" yet to qualify (60 will do even if you call it 39).

Our regular league leader, Ron Starkweather, took a hiatus in October, boarding a bus with his wife and traveling to a number of places in the west as far as the South Dakota badlands. John Specht is starting to act like the flocks of geese at the Churchville Golf Course. He's flitting about getting up his strength for the annual flight to Valdosta, Georgia. Dick Giedd spends a lot of his time on Latta

Road at the Nursing Home where his wife, Molly, takes up residence these days. Don Jacobs has rejoined us after a recent accident. His wife had passed away a couple of months back and he decided to not only ride, but to speed on her handicap scooter. He ended up driving out of control, off the sidewalk, did a roll over, and made some fingers useless for a time. Boy, was he surprised! Til then, he hadn't realized what a safe driver his wife had been. His dog now controls his impulses to do wild and crazy things.

We lost Gary Cornelius for the rest of the season, when he and his wife, Annette, drove off to their "other home" in Harlingen, Texas. Our bowlers do get around.

All the bowlers seem to have an affinity to talk to themselves while on the lane returning from a misfire. You can see their lips move after the toss and you don't have to look to know there are still pins standing when they shouldn't be. John Mattern actually starts before he has the ball in his hand from the rack. He seems to lose track of the three holes in his ball. This is a new ball meant to overcome that problem but it persists.

If you've read this, you can see we're a group of laid-back elder Masons who don't take ourselves very seriously. If you are so inclined, come join us! We meet at 12:30 on Tuesdays. Brother Tom Sardou "mothers us" very well, and his able assistant, Harris, hovers about as always with a ready grin and laugh to make us all comfortable. Barbara keeps the coffee hot and it's part of the service we are given.

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to be, considered by the Lodges as Lecturers in their Districts, but that they were to check wrongs and irregularities. In 1873 there were twenty-eight Districts, and in 1876 twenty-nine Districts.

June 5, 1889, there were

thirty Districts, and today fifty-nine, in addition to the Syrian-Lebanon District.

(Reprinted from The New York Masonic Outlook, October 1933 issue. Submitted by R.: W.: M. Donald Darrohn.)

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Dinner - 5:30 p.m. (\$6.50 per person)

Open Meeting - 7 p.m.

Please RSVP by November 3rd
to Debi Burke (585) 865-4940

In Memoriam

May

Robinson, Donald, Sr.
Donald was a member of Oakland Lodge when he passed away on May 15th. May he find peace with the Lord.

Damascus Shrine, he leaves his three daughters and seven grandchildren. Beautiful memories are treasures forever.

September

Hoak, Everett E.
Everett was called Home on September 22nd. He was a member of ERAC Lodge, Unity Lodge, Rochester Consistory and Damascus Shrine. His wife, Shirley, one daughter, one granddaughter and three great-grandsons survive him. He will be missed.

Frankel, Volney B.
A Past Master and longtime Chaplain of Craftsman Robertson Lodge, Volney was called to the Celestial Lodge above on October 10th. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, two children and three grandchildren. Thoughts today, memories forever.

Merritt, Leslie W.
Clio Lodge lost a Brother with the passing of Leslie on September 22nd. He leaves three children, six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren to cherish memories of his life.

Wilson, Clyde A.
The arms of the Lord embraced Clyde on October 19th at the age of 94 years. He was a member of Fame Lodge. Survivors include his wife, Grace, one son, one daughter, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and step-children who will keep his memory in their hearts.

Porterfield, Stanley R.
Stanley met his Maker on September 22nd. He was a member of Drumlin Square Lodge and leaves his wife, Jean, six children, nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren to gently hold his memories.

Widow to be Remembered

Dorwald, Shirley Mae, (84), widow of Frederick Dorwald (Webster Lodge), passed away on October 6th.

October

Lumpkin, Richard
Richard was only 51 years old when he died unexpectedly on October 3rd. A member of

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CALENDAR FOR NOVEMBER 2007

○ Deadline for the Masonic Times

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Eunice - Caledonia Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford (OV) Webster RSM - Palmyra Council	2 Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner 5-7 p.m. \$7 adult; \$4 Child 30 Orchard Street OSY - Grand Lecturer's Convention - Pocahontas	3 Sirine Harvest Dinner, Shrine Center
4 Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinners Wed 14th 287 East Avenue, Hilton Daylight Saving Time Ends	5 Canandaigua - Shortsville West Star - Varysburg RAM - Palmyra/Eagle KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford	6 Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson, 1*, Shrine Center Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps Nunda Station Oakland - Castile OES - Fairport, Nolatka, Starlight Election Day	7 Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy Damascus Shrine OES - Lilac Star	8 Fame, Shrine Center (OV) Milnor - Victor Union - Lima Webster Fellowcraft RAM - Hiram Lalla Rookh Caldron	9	10
11 Spaghetti Dinner 3rd Thur. each month Eagle Lodge Eagle Chapter Honeoye Veterans Day	12 ERAC, Shrine Center Fairport/Flower City, 1* Union Star - Honeoye Falls Unity - Spencerport (OV) Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield RAM - Excelsior - Shortsville Lilac Star Luncheon, Card Party - Webster	13 Eagle - Honeoye Seneca - Webster (OV) Valley-Simes, Shrine Center, 1* RAM - Dansville OES - Leah - Hilton, Mary Jane Holmes - Brockport	14 Oatka - Scottsville Masonic Service Bureau Monthly Luncheon Meeting OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville, Corinthian Fellowship	15 Eunice - Caledonia Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster - (OV) Scottish Rite - Veterans Recognition Night	16	17
18 Spaghetti Dinner 3rd Wed. each month Milnor Lodge Gah-A-Yan-Duk Chapter	19 Canandaigua - Shortsville West Star - Varysburg KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford Lalla Rookh Grotto Legion of Honor Shrine Lunch Club - Ladies Day, Shrine Center	20 Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson, Shrine Center (OV) Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps Nunda Station Oakland - Castile OES - Nolatka, Starlight	21 Ark - Geneva, 2* Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy RSM - Doric Council, Pittsford Lalla Rookh Grotto OES - Lilac Star	22 Thanksgiving	23	24
25	26 ERAC, Shrine Center Fairport/Flower City (OV) Union Star-Honeoye Falls, 3* Unity - Spencerport Wakan/Hubbard-Penfield, 1*	27 Eagle - Honeoye RAM - Dansville, LeRoy OES - Leah - Hilton	28 Oatka - Scottsville Tall Cedars of Lebanon OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville Joint MDC, Eunice Lodge - Caledonia	29	30	

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12 Joint Masonic Development Course at Eunice Lodge in Caledonia
15 iDC at Shrine Center
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9 Joint Masonic Development Course at Eunice Lodge in Caledonia
19 iDC at Shrine Center
29 School of Ritual at Webster Lodge

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