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## 66<sup>th</sup> Interfaith Service, October 28<sup>th</sup>



**Father F. James Lawlor**  
(Photo by Mike Crupi courtesy of Catholic Courier. Reprinted from 05-02-2007 issue with permission.)

Recently retired as Pastor of St. Catherine of Siena Church in Mendon, Father James Lawlor has accepted our request to represent the Roman Catholic community and deliver the Meditation at the Interfaith Service on October 28<sup>th</sup>. Assisting will be R. W.: Herbert Spencer and R. W.: and Reverend Paul R. Gleason, Jr.

### Note the New Location!

Immediately thereafter, we will enjoy a Deluxe Brunch together, followed by the presentation of the Masonic Service Bureau's 2007 Distinguished Community Service Award to Brother George Huther, Jr. (See article below.)

The event has moved this year to the Country Party House, 321 East Linden Avenue in East Rochester. The Service will commence at 10:00 a.m.

Tickets are available, at \$13 each, from the Secretary of your Lodge or OES Chapter, or by sending your check to the Service Bureau, 979 Bay Road, Suite 2, Webster, NY 14580-1736. Call 671-9730 for additional information.



**George Huther, Jr.**

By Dr. Brett Huther  
(Recipient's Son)

Brother George Huther is this year's Recipient of the Masonic Service Bureau's Distinguished Community Service Award. He is not the first Huther to receive

an award from the Masons. George's grandfather, Warren B. Huther, was a Mason, a Shriner, and a Knights Templar and received a medal from Grand Lodge of the State of New York for a half-century of devotion to the Craft as a manufacturer of circular saws and other steel cutting tools.

George was born in the 19<sup>th</sup> Ward of the City of Rochester to George T. and Helen S. Huther. George's father was a successful businessman carrying on at Huther Brothers Saw Mfg. on University Avenue and George's mother was a Registered Nurse at Hahneman Hospital, which became Highland Hospital.

George was the elder of two boys and around the age of 12, the family moved from Wellington Avenue to Lake Road in Webster. George and his father enjoyed hunting and fishing together - activities he continues to enjoy and share with his family.

As a child, George and his brother, Bill, attended Nazareth Hall School for Boys where George became quite close to the Sisters of Saint Joseph who ran the Hall. When it came time for high school, George's Dad decided to send him to the prestigious Allendale School, where George enjoyed a fine education and played on most of the sports teams, including football, baseball, and track.

It was toward the end of his four years at Allendale that George attended a social engagement with the Columbia School for Girls. "It was a coming out party" George states, "and someone spiked the punch with some brandy and rum. We all got a little tipsy that night. Even though I got sick later on, I recall being enamored with that warm feeling it gave me and how it took away my shyness." George would go to drink alcohol again whenever the opportunity presented itself.

"What I certainly didn't know back then was that I had a physiologic disease that makes me respond differently to alcohol than those who don't have the illness." George believes that he was an alcoholic before the age of 20, and it began to cause problems in his life. George would drink for 22 more years before realizing that he needed help.

Upon his graduation from Allendale, George attended Hebron Academy for Boys in New England, then Colby College in Maine where he briefly flirted with the idea of becoming a Doctor. He went on to take business classes at RIT and then spent two years in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict. Upon his return to Rochester, George was invited to join the family business where he rose to Vice-President in charge of Pur-

chasing and Chairman of the Board. George was never too excited about industrial cutting tool production and states, "Perhaps God was preparing me during those years for my second career."

In 1955, George met his wife, Rosemary Larson, on a blind date and in April of 1957 they were married. "I give her credit" George states, "for slugging it out with me during those years of heavy drinking." George and Rosemary have three sons - George III, who is now the 4<sup>th</sup> generation to run Huther Brothers, Brett and Thomas, and one daughter Karianne. They also have two grandchildren - Sarah who is following her grandfather's legacy, starting an internship at Huther-Doyle and Jonathan.

In August of 1975, George had what he calls a "moment of clarity" and decided that it was time to do something about his drinking. After de-toxing at Rochester General Hospital, and through the help of a dear family friend, he wound up going to an in-patient treatment center in St. Paul, MN. There George was exposed to the family systems approach for treating alcoholism. This event would leave a lasting impression on George. He returned to Rochester and began living a sober life, one day at a time.

In 1977, George left the family business to begin his second career as a counselor helping recovering alcoholics and drug addicts. Through the help of a dear family friend, George founded the Huther-Doyle Memorial Institute. The name of the agency was a tribute to George's father who was responsible for his birth, and to John Doyle whose children, Greg and Eileen, shared responsibility for his re-birth. Huther-Doyle was the first agency in the Rochester area - perhaps even all of New York State - to treat teenagers affected by alcohol and/or drug abuse and addiction. Over the years George has dedicated himself to these young people and he is recognized Statewide as one of the leading experts in their treatment. Many of these "young people" have come back to see George years later with 10, 15 or 20 years of sobriety, sharing with him how successful their lives have become without drugs and alcohol.

In 1999, George "officially" retired from Huther-Doyle and was honored by the agency and its Board of Directors for Distinguished Service in pioneering the "Minnesota Model" of treatment in Western New York and his dedicated service to the community. But, after three or four months George became

## Eureka Lodge (PHA) Celebrates 82nd Thanksgiving Ball

By James Ghent

On Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, Eureka Lodge No. 36 will hold its 82nd Annual Thanksgiving Ball. Eureka Lodge has a distinguished history and is most proud of the role it played in establishing a monument to the memory of the late, great Abolitionist, Writer and Orator, Frederick Douglass, which now stands in Highland Park.



This event started at a regular meeting of Eureka Lodge on November 20, 1894, in Rochester. A motion was made that a committee be formed for the purpose of raising funds to erect a monument in memory of the African-American Soldiers and Sailors who had fallen in the wars of this country.

As a connecting link, the Rochester community mourned the passing of the honorable Frederick Douglass on February 20, 1885. The committee recommended that the monument be erected in memory of Mr. Douglass, who embodied all of the attributes of the African-American Soldiers and Sailors who had fallen in the service of this Country.

"un-retired" and returned to his passion of helping others. He continues to help out part-time doing evaluations for the Monroe County Bar Association, local schools and the Department of Probation.

George expresses gratitude for the accolades over the years, but says it is infinitely more gratifying to see people turn their lives around and become the person God meant them to be. George thanks God, his Brother Masons and Shriners for their steadfast support of him over the years in his mission to help others.

On July 20, 1898, at 3:30 p.m., the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the State of New York assembled with Eureka Lodge No. 36 and Estella Chapter No. 7, OES (PHA) at the Lodge room in the Durand Building. Accompanied by the 54<sup>th</sup> Regiment Band, they proceeded to Douglass Park (Central Avenue and St. Paul Street), where Grand Master E.R. Spaulding laid the cornerstone for the Frederick Douglass Monument.

The trowel that was used for laying the cornerstone (made of silver with an ivory handle) was appropriately engraved and presented to Grand Master E.R. Spaulding, by the members of Eureka Lodge No. 36. This information appears in the 1999 Masonic Directory of Eureka Lodge.

The 82nd Annual Ball will be held at the Double Tree Hotel, located on the corner of Jefferson and East Henrietta Roads. A Social Hour will begin at 6 p.m., followed by Dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per person and are available from Junior Warden, J.D. Jackson, Jr., Event Chairman, 729-2902, or Treasurer, William M. Davis, Jr., Ticket Chairman, 266-4500. \*

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Editor's Corner

October 23rd is the Grand Lecturer's Convention at Fairport Lodge Hall. I'm sure W.: Tom Goodrich and his crew are in charge of the famous Steak Dinner again, and it is always a treat. Serving will begin at 6:30 p.m., with the Convention to follow at 7:30 p.m. Please make your reservation(s) before October 19th with your Lodge representative or Tom at 442-8725. Remember, you are obligated to pay for all dinners you order!

Lodges can secure the Howard Potts Awards if the top seven Officers are present. This presentation at Grand Lodge is a thrill! I know from experience.

When you move!

We are getting more and more address corrections from the USPS. This costs your Lodge extra money, as we pass along these fees. Any changes to your address should be sent to all persons and organizations with whom you communicate on a regular basis. One notification does not cover everyone. The Service Bureau informs all the Bodies for whom we have you recorded as a member, but that list is not always complete either.

Snowbirds - we need to know the date you go South! We have addresses for some of you, but we really need to know where each issue should be sent. Please reverse the process in the Spring, when you return, and you will not miss a copy of the Masonic Times.

Vacation

I played hooky again for a couple of weeks, traveling to Disney World to umpire in two "USSSA World Series" slow-pitch softball tournaments with several fellow officials. The scheduling was better and erratic weather provided us with intermittent rain and lightning stoppages in play, allowing us to rest. We had fun! I was proud of our group's performances.

Meanwhile, the staff worked extra hard to cover for me and I thank them for their superb efforts in getting this issue put together. Dave, Jan, Mat, Barb, Bev and Herb deserve gold stars (and more) for keeping things moving forward.

Thanks for reading.

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By James Ghent, President

On Wednesday, September 12th, the Volunteer Officers and Members of the Masonic Service Bureau were called from refreshment to labor, to continue the work of the Bureau. The meeting was opened with a prayer from R.: W.: Rev. Paul Gleason. The Grand Lodge Officers were recognized and welcomed, followed by a report of Sickness and Distress.

The Nominating Committee was appointed to put forth a slate of Candidates for the ensuing year. The Committee consists of the three immediate Past-Presidents of the Bureau: Jay McCullough, Chair; Angelo DiCataldo and Linda Zahn.

The Policy and Procedures Committee, chaired by Terry Wihlen, Sr., met on Thursday, September 13th, to work on completing the Policy Manual for the Service Bureau. The target date for completing the manual is the October meeting.

Volunteers are always needed to work on the Loan Closet equipment, work on Camp DeMolay or other activity. Please contact the Bureau Office if you have some time that you can volunteer.

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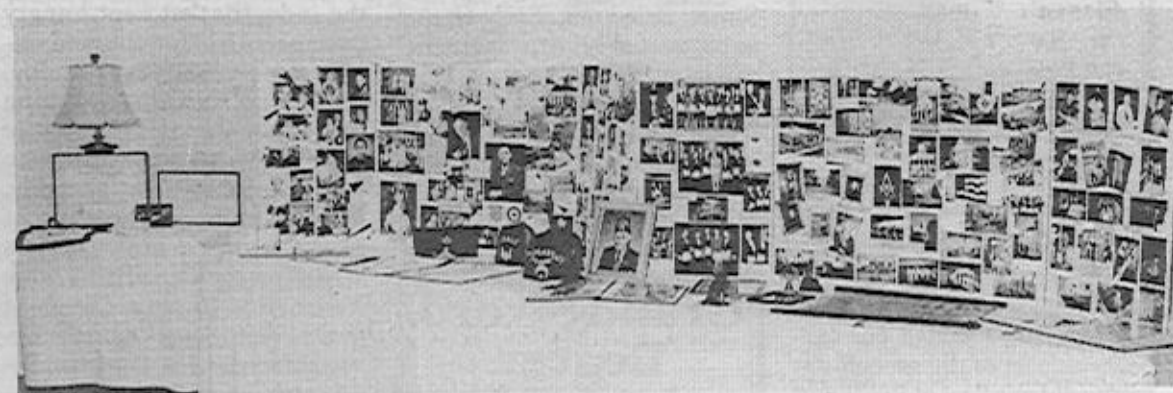
Pictured (front, left to right) Frank P. and Ray H. (Back row) Cy White, Fred Cornell, Emil Schirano and Tom Paglia.

On August 22nd, another Birthday Party was held at the VA Medical Center in Canandaigua. Ice cream, cake and soft drinks were served in honor of Frank P. and Ray H. "Happy Birthday" was sung by more than 25 attendees, both in and out of the Ward. The half-sheet cake and a barrel of ice cream

was gone in minutes. Vance Collom orchestrated the affair, along with Fred Cornell and Emil Schirano. The three of them are really getting to be Birthday Party professionals. The cake and soft drinks are contributed by the Masonic War Veterans. After the festivities, the four

of us visited about three hours with many of the Veterans. They reminisced about their experiences while they were in the Service. Often they talk about things they wouldn't discuss with non-Veterans. What a great group of Veterans these men and women are! Yes, there are women there. x

## Highlights of Ark Lodge's 200th Anniversary Celebration




In memory of Dr. John Stelter, Ark Lodge made a contribution to the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory. President David Schneeweiss gave a replica "Tree of Life" to the Lodge. New York State Senator Michael Nozzolio presented the Lodge with a Proclamation. Yolanda Schofield prepared a display table of Ark Lodge pictures and R. W. John Stelter memorabilia. Grand Master M. W. Neal Bidnick gave Lodge Master, R. W. Anthony Kouhry, the first copy of the new Lodge System of Masonic Education Program, and announced that R. W. Lance Ward was appointed Grand Representative to El Salvador.



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**82nd Annual Thanksgiving Ball**  
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Hopefully all Lodges are making plans to attend the Grand Lecturer's Convention on October 23rd at Fairport-Flower City Lodge. There will be a dinner at 6:30 p.m. with the Convention starting at 7:30 p.m. This is the one where we need the Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Deacons and Masters of Ceremonies so your Lodge may qualify for the Potts Award. It is nice for the Master of your Lodge to accept this Award from the Grand Master and Grand Lecturer during the Grand Lodge Session in May. Last year we had five of our Lodges in the District receive this. I know we can do better with a little planning, so be sure your Lodge is on the recognized list this year.

Another event that all Lodges should have on their Trestleboard is the Symbolic Lodge Awards, which is held at the Damascus Shrine Center on October 18th at 7:30 p.m. This is

where a member of our Craft is recognized by his Lodge for all he does for his Lodge. Our Grand Master, M.:W.: Neal I. Bidnick, will be the guest speaker for the evening and help personally deliver the Awards to the deserving Brothers.

On October 17th at the Master and Wardens meeting the Grand Marshal, R.:W.: Kurt Ott, will be attending to discuss Etiquette and Protocol. The meeting will be held at the Country Village Restaurant at 6:30 p.m. for dinner. Please be sure to make your reservation with W.: George Todd.

The Traveling Gavel is still at Northfield Lodge and has been there since February of this year. They meet on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month. Since 1995 it has been at Valley Simes Lodge for 1,039 total days on eight different occasions, the most of any. There are two Lodges within our District that have not yet obtained this treasure - not even once for a few days. This is a good opportunity for Lodges to visit with each other and enjoy the fellowship. Remember, if your Lodge has a Scottish Rite Ambassador, the Scottish Rite will donate \$25 to the Brotherhood Fund, in your Lodge's name, each time the Gavel changes homes.

We have started our Official Visits and look forward to seeing our many Masonic friends and meeting new ones this coming year. If we may be of any assistance please call on us. x

up a drive train to them and giving the capacity to travel on steel rails through the countryside, (developing pressures up to 300 psi to accomplish this) is extraordinary.

Last year we had several different types of carriages for our train - observation cars, baggage cars and coach cars, along with a caboose. Brothers were assigned to be engineers and observers in the caboose. Now that we are back to work in the quarries, we will continue to enjoy one another's company as we travel together along the railroads of our minds.

This month will commence with Brothers David C. Clarke and Jim Slocum as engineers and Brothers Scott May and Robert Sweeney will keep an eye on everything from the little red caboose.

### Official Visits

This is the season for Official Visits. From now until the end of the year, your District Leadership Teams will be visiting and breaking bread with Brothers in the several Districts that the *Masonic Times* serves.

### Monroe District

October 2nd - Clio  
October 8th - Union Star  
October 9th - Valley-Simes  
October 22nd - ERAC  
October 24th - Oatka

It will be a time for sharing the Grand Master's Message and a chance for you to meet and greet us, as we break bread with you.

Speaking of "breaking bread," one of the cars we have not mentioned is the Dining Car. We have found there is quite a colorful history and development of this service to the rail industry. Author James D. Porterfield wrote a delightful book, *Dining by Rail*, that describes, in detail, the story behind some of the best "eats" on the silver rail and the industry that kept hungry passengers comfortable and satisfied for years. Even today, some trains still have dining cars where the staff goes out of their way to feed the folks who take time to travel by rail today. I'll just mention a couple of made-from-scratch recipes served on the Canadian Pacific Railroad - Virginia Cream of Sweet Potato Soup, Lemon or Orange Meringue Pie, Canadian Pacific-style Roast Quebec Capon.

Until we see each other again in the *Masonic Times* for more thought-provoking discussions, we leave you to travel along life's roads of time. x

taking *Masonic Development Course*, scheduled for November 28th, December 12th and January 9th or for *Road to the East*, scheduled for February 2nd, February 9th and February 23rd. These classes will be held at Eunice Lodge, 3141 State Street, Caledonia. Early sign-up is requested so arrangements can be made.

Official Visits, Schools of Ritual, and Concordant Bodies events fill my schedule through November 2007.

I look forward to seeing you all in the quarries! x

## Grand Sword Bearer



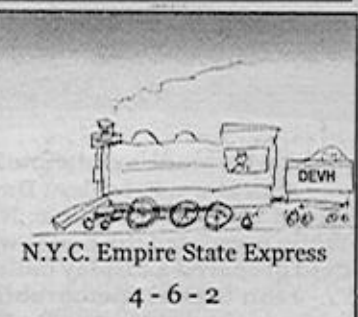
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When last we spoke, we had identified a real train with which to build a continuing dialog for our monthly discussions. The Nickel Plate Railroad was a major player in the mid-20th Century. For those of you out there in the quarries who either remember the steam trains of yesterday or have train layouts, I can now understand your appreciation of that era. When you think of the complexity of placing a boiler on wheels, hooking

year's Campaign. In addition, the Crystal Program will continue this year. This can be either an accumulated gift or a \$100 donation. Also new this year, is an engraved Masonic Watch for a donation to the new Benevolence Endowment Fund in the amount of \$500.

R.:W.: Robert Stack, our State Chairman, recently stated, "I would ask that if you are employed, you find out if your company has a Matching Gift Program for recognized charities. This means, they will match your donation to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund with one of their own. Give your Administrator a *People Helping People* brochure to help you qualify. Most insurance and pharmaceutical companies have these programs.

For our new Brothers, the Brotherhood Fund provides resources to the Grand Master whereby several programs of our Grand Lodge can function. The Masonic Medical Research Laboratory and the Livingston Library are two of the recipients of your donations for your consideration this coming year.

## Monroe District Brotherhood Fund "Stand Tall as a Mason"

By Ralph Jurgens,

As we kick off this year's Masonic Brotherhood Fund Drive, I hope we can all "stand tall" by the end of it.

Charity is one of the cornerstones of Masonry. We have sworn to help, aid and assist our Brethren and their families as well as contribute positively to our communities and Nation. The Brotherhood Fund is how we, as Masons, can do just that.

Our Annual Fundraiser is charity at its best. While other fundraisers are often fun by professional fundraisers who may take as much as 75-80% for "operating expenses," the Brotherhood Fund eliminates this expensive "middle man." As a result, over 90% of the funds contributed end up going directly to the charities selected by the do-

We thank all the Brothers who have stepped forward to be either Lodge Chairman or assumed added responsibilities of serving their Districts.

To give you some idea of what your District achieved last year, the following should give you a heads-up on the number of Brothers in the District, the number contributing, the overall percentage and the total funds raised:

### Livingston District

445 members  
203 contributed  
41.35%  
\$7,010.50 total raised

### Wayne District

745 members  
239 contributed  
28.59%  
\$4,546.50 total funds

### Monroe District

2000 members  
545 contributed  
23.70%  
\$33,169.26 total funds

From the above, it is realistic to see that we have many opportunities to increase on all fronts. I know we can do it. What do YOU say? Thank you. x

nors. We keep expenses to a minimum so each donor's contribution can do the most good.

Expenses do exist and need to be covered - printing, postage, banking expenses, etc.; however, we do not have that biggest detractor, the salaried fund-raiser. Our Lodge and District Chairmen for the Brotherhood Fund work for the satisfaction they get supporting Masonic ideals.

When you receive your notice requesting a contribution to the Masonic Brotherhood Fund, please remember that we are members of the Masonic Family. I hope each of us will be able to "Stand Tall" and demonstrate our pride in belonging to such an ancient and honorable Fraternity. x

## Grand Director of Ceremonies

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### End of Summer Ritual

Saturday, September 9th was a sad, but joyful, day for me. My son Eric and I pulled our sailboats as part of the second day hauling of our fleet at Brockport Yacht Club. The 33 boats on Friday and 22 on Saturday were down from our normal pull of 65 vessels. Some folks are going to Oak Orchard or Rochester. The Lake is down to a very low level, making our dredged harbor too shallow to get to our normal haul dates on the second weekend in October.

I had the usual troubles getting *Persephone* level in her inadequate cradle. I guess it's time to think about going to jack stands or possibly altering the cradle. I did get sailing in the afternoon with a friend who left his boat in and five other boon companions. It helped to take the sting away from feeling "land locked." As the Tommy Makem song "Carling Ford" says, "When the call of the sea gets in your blood, it's a call you must obey...!"

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Class started Saturday, September 15th, instructed by George Foehner and me. These classes will be held at the Shrine Center on the third Saturday for five months.

### Other Courses

I have not heard from any Brothers or Lodges regarding

## Area 15 Brotherhood Fund

R.:W.:

Derek VanHouten

Monroe District

I hope the Summer break is now a pleasant memory for most of us. Even though the days are getting shorter and the Summer warmth is waning, the work of the Craft continues.

This month starts the Annual Brotherhood Campaign for the 2007-2008 term. Just as a reminder, there are 35 Lodges in Area 15; they are located in the Monroe, Livingston and Wayne Districts. Overall, last year's Campaign raised \$1.2 million from 33 percent of the membership of the State.

Your District Chairman encourages you to search your own abilities to donate a "Tax-Deductible Donation" for this

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I believe our first Lodge meeting of the year was a resounding success. Chuck Skopinsky cooked a delicious Steak and Potato Dinner. Senior Warden, Mike McBride and Steward, Jose Diaz, were also instrumental in making the meal a highly enjoyable event. During our Lodge meeting, we accepted two Petitions for Initiation. The 1st Degree is scheduled for November 13th. We also accepted Affiliation of Brother Norris Shapiro. It is a great pleasure to accept these fine men into our Lodge. I also thank R.: W.: Derrick VanHouten for attending our Lodge meeting.

The meeting wasn't just an "eat and vote" event. Brothers were asked what activities they would be interested in pursuing as entertainment during and after Lodge meetings. We received a lot of great ideas, many of which we will try to incorporate into this year's activities. We also obtained names of Brethren who had proficiency as cast members of the 1st Degree. I would highly encourage you to call me if you are able to participate as a cast member for our 1st Degree.

Our October Lodge meeting is the Official Visit of the District Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: Gary Sanford. Although we need to practice our Ritual more to be proficient for October, I am confident it will be one of the best presentations we will have had in quite a while. If you are a Lodge Officer and feel you need to practice your lines, don't hesitate to call me at home.

My thanks to the Brethren who were at the first Lodge

meeting; I truly appreciate your attendance. If you were unable to make it, I hope you will find time to do so in the next few months. If you cannot attend due to transportation issues, give one of us a call. We will do our best to get you to the Lodge.

I am thrilled to be your Master for this term. If I do something wrong or if you have a better idea let me know. All suggestions will be considered.

Please remember that even though the Master of the Lodge can steer the Lodge on a set course for the ensuing year, it is your guidance, your expertise, and your participation that makes the lodge a success.

**From the Secretary's Desk**  
 By R.: W.: Herbert Spencer  
**Good News**

Congratulations to our W.: Michael Hueston and his bride. They were married on September 2nd. When you can, give Mike and his Lady your best wishes and congratulations.

Best wishes to our Junior Past Master, W.: Richard DeCroce, and his wife, Jeanne, on their new venture of being retired and moving to Tennessee. As most of you know, they just built a beautiful new home in Spring City, TN. I was told it's huge and beautiful. Richard, hope you don't forget to visit us once in awhile. You also have decreased the membership in the Saturday Morning Breakfast Club.

**Not-So-Good News**

Our W.: Carl Pigage is not doing so well. He is in St. John's Home Special Care Unit, Hastings Building Room 249. Cards and visitations are appreciated. That illness called Cancer has returned.

In case you haven't heard, your newly Elected and Appointed Officers for 2007-2008 are as follows:

- |            |                          |
|------------|--------------------------|
| Master     | <b>David Mura</b>        |
| Sr. Warden | <b>Glenn Stahl</b>       |
| Jr. Warden | <b>Mike McBride</b>      |
| Sr. Deacon | <b>Mike Hueston</b>      |
| Jr. Deacon | <b>Mat Gingold</b>       |
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| Jr. MC     | <b>Charles Skopinsky</b> |
| Steward    | <b>Jose Diaz</b>         |
| Marshal    | <b>Gary Burke</b>        |
| Tiler      | <b>Richard Giedd</b>     |
| Chaplain   | <b>Nelson Bertch</b>     |
| Secretary  | <b>Herbert Spencer</b>   |
| Treasurer  | <b>Howard Belt</b>       |

**Masonic Anniversaries**

This month of October are:

1976 Robert Bishop

1991 C. Michael Robinson

**October Birthdays**

Glenn Stahl (1st), Richard Snyder (2nd), Donald Petersen and Michael Batz (6th), Wesley Warren (9th), Myron Biggar (10th), Anthony Simonetti (11th), William Scheer (16th), Gerald Stahl (17th), Erich Postler (20th), Harvey Stiles (22nd), Ron Rogers (23rd), Howard Belt (27th).

Don't forget to give these Brothers a call, or if you see them, give them your Best Wishes.

Interfaith Service and Brunch tickets are available through the Secretary, Herb Spencer. Give him a shout and order your tickets. Cost is \$13 per person. Let us get two full tables. We almost did it last year!

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.

**Grand Lecturer's Convention**

October 23rd is the Annual Grand Lecturer's Convention,

where the selection to receive the Howard Potts Award is made. We must have the top seven Officers present. So, my fellow Officers, let us be there. We need the following to be there: Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden; Senior Deacon, Junior Deacon, Senior Master of Ceremony and Junior Master of Ceremony. The place is at Fairport/Flower City Lodge.

There will be a Steak Dinner before the Convention. Reservations for dinner are a must. Last year was the first time this Lodge received the honor. It was a most gratifying experience to go before the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Lecturer to receive this award.

Our October meeting will feature the Official Visit by our District Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: Gary Sanford and his Staff Officers. They will relate the Grand Master's message. As always, our October 9th meeting will include a dinner before Lodge. Cost for dinner at a Lodge meeting is only \$5 per person. Reservations for dinner are required. Call our Junior Warden, Mike McBride at (315) 904-9024 (this is a local call) or 722-7714.

We have Candidates! On November 13th, we will be doing 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.

An enlightening experience I am having is working on the *Masonic Times* as a proof-reader. I am learning what is involved to put this publication in your hands each month. We should all stand up and cheer the people who do such a great job!

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Last month really started our year off with a bang! We kicked off our new year with our Annual Steak Roast at the end of August. Our new Junior Warden, Don Jenks, did a fine job coordinating the activity and rallying the Brothers to attend. We were graced with a nice sunny day with around 60



Newly Raised Brothers of Northfield Lodge, who completed their Degrees in September at the Shrine Center are (left to right): Josh Loepker, Mark Edgecomb and Todd Enright.

people in attendance. A special thanks to Don's wife, Pat, and his dad, Don, Sr., for their help. Since our Stewards were not available to attend, we were fortunate to have Brothers Ken Gordon and Don Rose fill in; they did an excellent job.

Our Steak Roast was followed by our first regular meeting in September. I provided a list of projects for our labor this year and started to solicit committee chairs and members. This is where the fun begins, so please get your name on the list and bring your ideas and energy to the table. It will make these projects a success for our Lodge. We need as many of our members as possible to attend our meeting this month, so please make every effort to attend. I'll have more updates on our progress after our next working session at the October meeting.

Our Brother Bring-a-Friend Night presentation followed our business meeting. It was very successful and well attended. With any luck, we will have some new Petitions in no time. If you know a prospective member, talk to him today and let's get a Petition in his hand. There is still time to bring in new candidates before we start our Degrees.

On September 15th, we held our Child ID Program in Henrietta at the Pack 332 Cub Scouts Bike Rodeo. Thanks to Brother Kenneth Nelson for leading this activity this year. Hopefully we will be able to expand our role with the Child ID Program in Monroe County. Join our committee and help our Lodge become leaders with this initiative.

After our business meeting this month, we will have the opportunity to cut loose a little and have some fun. I'm looking forward to our visit to St. Andrews Lodge. This will be my first trip up North and based on the accounts of many of you, it's going to be a trip to remember.

Make it a good month and I'll talk to you again in November.

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By Erik Loepker, Senior Deacon  
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It's been a few months since I've had to write - whether for this periodical or anything else. Although my intentions were to write every month throughout the Summer - as my family didn't have any big plans this year - that quickly fell to the wayside as I succumbed to headiness of drowsy days, fretted over an escalating workload, and passed the time over my wife's "honey-do" list. As a result, my normal eloquence stagnated and my writing skills have rusted. I'm sure that you all know what I mean, as it holds true for any activity in which we do not routinely engage.

**Get Involved**

Take, for instance, Ritual work. Recently, W.: John Dudley, Brother David Adams, Brother James Deasey, and I had the pleasure of attending the School of Ritual at Wakan-Hubbard Lodge. It was exceedingly informative and we arranged for our Lodge Officers to review the Ritual prior to our Lodge going light so we could incorporate some nuances shared in the School, and really start the year off on a solid stride.

Still, there are Brothers out there who do not routinely attend Lodge. There is no fault implied with that statement; we do what we can within the length of our Cabletow. However, sometimes a Brother can be gone so long that, even when he can return to Lodge, he may feel ashamed that he can no longer accurately remember the Ritual; he may long to join in, but is afraid of embarrassing himself. Nobody would (or should) single him out for this, but it's simply our nature to feel that way.

As a result of this, we've decided to devote various meetings and practices to helping the Brethren strengthen their knowledge of Ritual and bolster their contact with the Fraternity. Last year, for example, we successfully performed the Rusty Nail Degree, which we will do again this year, as well as the fun-sounding "Surprise, You-Can't-Do-That" Night (read your 24-Inch Gauge to find out more about that).

We recently, and officially, appointed R.: W.: Raymond

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## Northfield Lodge

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Beardsley our Lodge Historian. He has been working through the Summer with our Worshipful Master, R.:W.: William Spillane, organizing and recovering historical documents and records connected with Northfield Lodge.

Additionally, Brother David Adams devoted the Master's Minute in our last meeting to encouraging the Brothers to take advantage of the various learning opportunities that the Fraternity offers: *iDC*, *MDC*, *RTTE*, the Masonic Library, etc.

Every month, I see empty seats in meetings and hear about Lodges merging or closing due to lack of membership. It behooves us all to ensure that we keep in touch with our Brethren and help/encourage them to attend: the benefits extend beyond the camaraderie offered by the Fraternity, but also with a solid membership, great attitudes, and good leadership, our communities are strengthened by our involvement.

As an example of community involvement, on September 8th, Brothers Josh Loepker, Todd Enright, and David Adams with his wife, Patricia, and children, Brittany and Jenna, participated in our Adopt-a-Highway Clean-up. It was a lower turnout than normal, but they still attacked the assignment enthusiastically and accomplished a task from which our community benefits.

### Sickness and Distress

On the topic of camaraderie and Fraternal spirit, we ask that you keep our Worshipful Master, R.:W.: William D. Spillane in your prayers. He has been diagnosed with lymphoma, and is on temporary hiatus as he undergoes medical procedures. R.:W.: Spillane has high spirits, is of good cheer, and has commented that he will not allow cancer to keep him down. He is kept up-to-date with the Lodge through frequent contact with the Brethren (as if we could get him to take a break). Meanwhile, Brother David Adams, Senior Warden, is sitting in the East.

On a much sadder note, we draped the altar for Brother LeRoy P. Wilson on September 6th for 30 days. Brother Wilson was born December 27th, 1915, Initiated on September 30th, 1946, Passed on November 11th, 1946, Raised on November 25th, 1946, and died July 22nd, 2007, at 91 years of age. His Memorial Service was held on August 22nd, at the All Season Chapel of White Haven Memorial Park. He was a dedicated Mason for 60 years, and while his light enriches the Celestial Lodge, he will be missed here. Please keep his family in your prayers.

### Upcoming Events

Looking ahead to October, we invite any who are interested to participate in our 1st Degree Ritual and Dinner on October 4th. We haven't any Candidates at this time, so it will be more of a rehearsal than an Initiation. On October 18th, we are hosting a Sojourner's Night; you don't need to be a local, we welcome all Brothers.

In an attempt to close on a fun note, I would like to take this opportunity to engage in some good-natured gloating. Our Lodge still possesses the Traveling Gavel. Our Secretary, W.: John Dudley, has organized the paperwork that was attached to

the back of the Gavel. The paperwork showed dates and Lodges, but some of the paperwork has gone missing - specifically, prior to 1995. However, he has managed to create a very nice looking log to include with the hand-written papers, and has calculated the "top contenders", so to speak, of who has had the Gavel most frequently, and the longest.

Topping the list of duration is Valley-Simes Lodge, with 1,039 days. You may remember them as the Lodge from whence we collected it, if you are a regular reader of this column. Second, is Fairport-Flower City Lodge who possessed it 925 days, but they only held it once (it sat, gathering dust, in their Lodge for some 2½ years). Finally, in third place, our own Northfield Lodge, has possessed it 709 days, as of Thursday, September 6th, and we're still counting.

If you'd like to see the full list, all you need do is show up at our Lodge to see the Gavel and paperwork...or, even better yet, bring six of your Brothers, attend our meeting, and wrest it from our grasp. x

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### Did I Forget Something?

By F. Jay McCullough

It seems that time is passing me by faster each year! I apologize to the Service Bureau Staff and, most of all, the Members of Unity Lodge, for failing to get a column in for the September issue of the *Masonic Times*. I will make every effort to see that this lapse does not recur!

The month of August brought together Brothers from Unity Lodge and Clio Lodge for our 1st Annual Dinner Boat Cruise along the Lower Genesee River. On this warm Summer night, we enjoyed the scenic view along this stretch of the River and, simply put, it was spectacular!

The Dinosaur Bar-B-Que provided the delicious dinner and our entertainment for the evening was a lesson in history with a reenactment of Mark Twain, portrayed by actor Tim McCormack. Laughter filled the air as the audience participated in the question and answer segment! All had a fantastic evening!



Those pictured are (from the left) Jim Toogood, Helga Jamele, Alice Brendel, Gene Brendel and John Jamele

Last month's Masonic activities resumed in Spencerport with the annual Table Lodge and its enticement of a great steak roast and accompaniments from Brother Edelman's "grill in the alley." A short meet-

ing was conducted and the Altar was draped in memory of a few of our recently departed Brethren.

### Coming Up Next Month?

On Saturday, October 6th, we will have a rehearsal at 11 a.m. for the Entered Apprentice Degree. Secretary Dave Jones has sent notices to invite all who are willing to play a role to join us at the Lodge that morning. We do, in fact, plan to conduct the Degree at our Regular Communication on Monday, October 8th. Your attendance is most welcome!

Then at our second Communication on Monday, October 22nd, we plan to honor the several Past Masters by asking them to fill the chairs and conduct a program. A large number indeed since the merger of Charlotte-Corinthian and Etolian! Others have joined us from several separate Lodges throughout the past few years as well, having moved into closer proximity to us than their home Lodges.

### Those to Keep in our Minds and Hearts

R.:W.: Jim De Lorenzo had surgery in August and is showing improvement each day.

R.:W.: Ruel Lovett likewise had his left knee replaced the beginning of September and he, too, is in good spirits and undergoing physical therapy.

Then, there are sad notes. W.: Jim Steuwe, passed away early in September. He had owned a dry cleaning establishment and a restaurant bearing his name on Spencerport's Main Street near the Canal. He was one of the regular morning "walkers" and greeted one and all as he traveled about the Village daily.

Most recently, R.:W.: Harold Bollotin passed away September 17th.

### A Little History

Have you ever taken a walk to the gazebo on the Southwest side of Union Street at the Canal and seen the "brick on the walk" that was purchased during W.: Brian Keery's reign as Master? And, the gazebo on Northeast side was installed through the largess of our Past Member Lester Merz, who had also served as Mayor of Spencerport.

### Now on to the Elevator

We have been promising the installation of a passenger elevator to get our members and guests to the second floor where the Masonic organizations and related women's groups meet. At this stage, our Trustees, who are tracking this, tell us we have contractors set to propose the shaftway, elevator installers set to propose the type of car that has been selected, and approval

### Other Facts of Interest

Our Senior Warden, John Jamele, has taken on a couple of tasks in the District. He is this year's Chairman of the District Blood Drive Committee and was elected Vice-President of the Masters and Wardens Association.

We do have some extra curricular activity of other members, too. Our two Grand Lodge Staff Officers carry a Masonic load. V.: W.: John Dyer continues as an Assistant Grand Lecturer. R.: W.: Don Darrohn keeps the Masonic Hall and Home in good shape as a Trustee and is Vice-President of the Masonic Service Bureau. R.: W.: Tom Grape is our District Grand Director of Ceremony. R.: W.: Derek VanHouten is the Grand Sword Bearer of Monroe District.

Jay McCullough is a Director and Editorial Board Chairman of the Masonic Service Bureau. R.: W.: Tom Paglia continues with Veterans Service and represents us on the Camp DeMolay Committee. R.: W.: Joe Privitera is District Chairman for Member Retention and Member of the Grand Lodge Lodges and Buildings Committee. Brother Andy Tascione is Webmaster of the District Website, trying to keep us up-to-date by way of the Internet.

In addition, some of these same Brothers and others are in leadership rolls in several of the Concordant Bodies. It's hard to say Unity is not involved!

### Merger Activity

Grand Lodge, Churchville Lodge and Unity Lodge Brethren are continuing to hammer out the final stages of the merging of the membership of Churchville Lodge into Unity Lodge. We look to a 2007 conclusion to this action. Several of the members of Churchville have already affiliated as Dual Unity members.


We'll continue to forge ahead on our Masonic endeavors in the Monroe Community of Lodges. Any and all ideas are welcome, of course; my email is dbhunter111@yahoo.com. x

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The following have been elected or appointed as your leadership team for the ensuing year. Feel free to contact me or any of the Officers with any comments or suggestions that

you may have.

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I have emailed the 2007-2008 Trestleboard; remember the Trestleboard is a guide for the year. If there are any major changes, I will contact you by email with those changes.

The Lodge Officers met on September 4th to practice Opening and Closing Ritual. All have been working very hard over the Summer on their parts. It was agreed that we would try having an early dinner at our next meeting. Hopefully, this will enable those who routinely leave Lodge at Closing to bond with their Brothers. This isn't a permanent change; we just wanted to see if more Brothers would turn out for the meetings. Share your opinion with me, good or bad, on periodically having dinner prior to Lodge meetings.

On August 27th, the following Officers attended the first School of Ritual held at Wakan-Hubbard Lodge: Senior Warden, Jeff Ross; Junior Warden, Frank Celona; Chaplain, David Goodrich; Senior Deacon, Mike Postelli; Marshal, Gary Richardson; and Steward, Dale Waterhouse. Thanks for the great turnout.

What do Richard and Mary Sue Caupp, Don and Nancy Wright, George Todd and Dody Ballard, Stu and Carolyn Brickman, Frank and Diana Celona, and Garry and Carol Richardson have in common? In fact, one of the ladies volunteered to throw me overboard. Ask one of them what the common thread is. *Hint: August 23rd.*

John Dianni and I attended the Brotherhood Fund Workshop held at Phoenix Lodge in Dansville. John will be contacting Lodge Members by letter, soliciting your donation to this worthwhile endeavor. Contribute what your Cabletow will allow.

Spaghetti Dinners are scheduled for the following dates: October 10th and 24th; November 14th and 28th, and December 12th. Come on out and have a great and reasonably priced meal.

Until next month, hope to see you in Lodge or at some other Masonic event. x

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**Our First Meeting**

ERAC Lodge held its first meeting on September 10th. The highlight of the meeting was Brother Dave Upham presenting a paper on "How Do We Take Good Men and Make Them Better?" Brother Dave's presentation was very well received. The content of the address is printed in this issue of the *Masonic Times*.



Brother Frank Panczyszn, Jr. was Raised on September 18th at Craftsman Robertson's 3rd Degree with the Shrine Temple.

**Sickness and Distress**

Brother William Jones' son passed away. The entire ERAC community offers its prayers to Brother Bill Jones and his family.

**Upcoming Events**

**October**

8th - Brother Bring-a-Friend Night, hosted by Brother Michael Knolla  
22nd - Official Visit

**November**

12th - ERAC is holding a Table Lodge to celebrate the surrounding Holidays  
Cheers to All!

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By W.: G. Michael Morris

Thanks to all the Brethren who sent updated information and email addresses to our Secretary, W.: George Bracht at [geobracht@juno.com](mailto:geobracht@juno.com). If you have not yet sent your email address and updated information to Brother George, please do so. 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 also in full swing. I will let you know when the site goes live.

We had a great turnout for the Brother Bring-a-Friend Night, held on September 24th. Thanks to Head Chef, Tom Goodrich, and Brothers Kel Kelsey and Sy Kopen for a wonderful dinner. Thanks also to Brothers Bernie Lazerson, Rick Downs and Tom Goodrich for doing an excellent job on their parts of the BBF Program. We hope to see several

new Petitions for Membership coming from the event.

**October Events**

At our regular meeting on October 8th, we will be showing a video of a lecture by Governor Lee Sherman Dreyfus, former Governor of Wisconsin and former Professor of History, entitled: "Free Masonry and the Fabric of America." This is an interesting video/lecture; I think you will enjoy it!

On Thursday, October 11th, we will be re-starting our monthly "Dinner with Our Ladies" nights. This month we will be having dinner at Stephanie's Ristorante, located at 84 High Street in Fairport. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. For dinner reservations, please contact W.: Bernie Lazerson at phone 271-7446; email [Lazerbd12@aol.com](mailto:Lazerbd12@aol.com) by Tuesday, October 9th.

On Thursday, October 18th, the Scottish Rite will be hosting its 23rd Annual "Symbolic Lodge Awards" Night at the Shrine Center, located at 976 Bay Road in Webster. The Social Hour begins at 5:30 p.m.; Dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by the Award presentations at 7:30 p.m.

The main speaker for the evening will be Most Worshipful Neal I. Bidnick, Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York.

This year the Symbolic Lodge Award for Fairport-Flower City Lodge will be presented to our Secretary, George Bracht. Brother George has served as Lodge Secretary 17 years. On behalf of the entire Lodge, "Thank you George for your dedicated service and for everything you have done for Fairport-Flower City Lodge." Brothers, please plan to join us at the Symbolic Lodge Awards to recognize and support George as he receives this well-deserved Award. For dinner reservations, please contact Bill Lindsay, phone 264-1190, email: [wrl@rochester.rr.com](mailto:wrl@rochester.rr.com) at the Valley of Rochester by Thursday, October 11th.

On Sunday, October 21st (2-5 p.m.), the Frank and Bette Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children will be holding its 10th Anniversary Celebration and Fundraiser at Casa Larga Vineyards. We will be making a

donation of \$250 to the Learning Center on behalf of the Fairport-Flower City Lodge at the event.

At our regular meeting on Monday, October 22nd, we will have a rehearsal for the 1st Degree, with the actual Degree taking place at our November 12th Lodge meeting.

Finally, on Tuesday, October 23rd, Fairport-Flower City Lodge will be hosting the Grand Lecturer's Convention. The now famous "F-FC Steak Dinner with all the Trimmings" will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by the Convention at 7:30 p.m.

We will be aiming to receive a Potts Award for the Lodge this year, which requires that the top 7 Officers from the Lodge be present (Master, Senior and Junior Wardens, Deacons, and Master of Ceremony). I see absolutely no reason why we cannot also win the award for the Lodge with the largest attendance at the Convention as well! So, mark your calendars and plan to attend. Let's give the Grand Lecturer and our Brothers from the Monroe District a true Fairport-Flower City WELCOME!

**October Birthdays**

I wish "Happy Birthday" to our Brothers who have birthdays in October: Ed Goodrich (1), Warham Quinlan and Paul Sultar (6), John Lenzi (13), Wayne Beckwith (16), Philip Neivert (18), Edwin Cornell (20), Allen Fowler and Bernie Lazerson (21), Michael Marks (24), Richard Bible (26), Stanley Chizuk (29), Stanley Friedman (30), and Samuel Beckley (31).

**Masonic Anniversaries**

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

- 1949 Maynard Hellman
- 1950 Issac Sarfaty  
Irving Starr
- 1957 Arthur Bennet  
William Burgess
- 1960 Arthur Friedman
- 1969 Ronald Freeling  
Paul Israel
- 1975 Robert Chappell

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: phone 223-2828; email: [morris@apolloptical.com](mailto:morris@apolloptical.com).

See you in Lodge!

**How Do We Take Good Men and Make Them Better?**

By Brother Dave Upham

WE believe that there is such a thing as honor, and that a man has a responsibility to act with honor in everything he does. Masons teach that principle. We believe that a life not founded on honor is hollow and empty - that a man who acts without honor is less than a man and he who cannot act with honor cannot become, or for that matter, cannot remain a member of this Craft. We teach - and we agree - that we stand, an UPRIGHT Man and Mason and are given it strictly ever to act as such BEFORE GOD and man. What better legacy can we request than we live respected and die regretted?

WE believe in God. No atheist can be a Mason. Masons do not care what a person's individual faith is - that is a relationship between him and his God (by whatever name he calls Him) - but we do require that a man believe in a Supreme Being and accept the immortality of the soul. We ask this question during the investigation of any Candidate to the rites of Masonry. We ask again during the 1st Degree. And we reinforce that requirement each time we open a Lodge or present a Degree. We open our meetings with a request of our Deity that all we do might be in accordance with His will, not ours; and, when we part, we ask again of Him that He keep us under HIS protecting care until we reconvene.

WE are willing to allow others the same right to their own beliefs that we insist on ourselves. Masonry insists on toleration - on the right of each person to think for himself in religious, social and political matters. And, to protect - perhaps even enforce - this principle, we allow no sectarian discussion within the Lodge, always remembering that we are a band of Brothers among whom no contention should ever exist, save the noble contention, or rather emulation, of who can best work and can best agree - within

the Lodge as well as outside our walls!

WE believe that we have a responsibility to leave the world a better place than we found it. Masonry teaches that each man has a duty not only to himself but also to others. We must do what we can to make the world a better place. Whether that means cleaning up the environment, working on civic projects, or helping children to walk or read or see - the world should be a better place because we have passed through it. If you think about it, this is a logical extension of the Golden Rule - to do unto others as you would have done unto you - not only for today but into the generations to come.

WE believe that it is not only more blessed to give than to receive, it's also more fun. Masons are involved with the problems and needs of others because we know it gives each of us a good feeling - unlike any other - to help. Much of our help is given anonymously. We're not after gratitude; that feeling which comes from knowing we have helped another person overcome some adversity so that their life can go on more than rewards us. But, let's step beyond that for just a moment. Think about one of our tenets - Charity. Right from the very beginning of a man's journey through the quarries, we introduce him to the idea of charity through the lesson of the penny. We teach him that when a Brother is without and in need, it is his DUTY to contribute to his relief as liberally as his circumstances allow. In that spirit, we, as Masons, support a whole bunch of Masonic Charities. There's the Brother-Brother, in the act of a hug, or with a loving whisper, we are taught to give from the heart with the bonds of Brotherly love.

WE are willing to give help to our Brothers when they need it - in fact, we vow to do just that, and to accept their help when we need it, though for some of us, that can be a tough lesson in humility - and when they pass, we continue to offer this help and support to their widows and orphans. Masonry is mutual help. Not hood fund, The Masonic Home, The Masonic Research Center, and for us who have traveled beyond the Blue Lodge, there's the Shriners' Hospitals, the Templar Eye Foundation, the 32° Learning Center, and on and on. We, as Masons, give millions of Dollars annually to support our own charities. And we are taught through example to reach beyond the Temple walls to contribute liberally to "outside" charities as well. Look at the work we do at the Ronald McDonald House.... Now, if you will, think back to our 3rd Degree and the symbolism of placing ourselves in the 'proper position'...and give as liberally as possible. We can take it one step further, too, if we think about all five, which teach a further Charity, the act of giving in the more ancient and accepted form of Forgiveness. On foot, on our knees, by putting our arm around a just financial help (although that's there, too) but help in the sense of being there when needed, giving support, lending a sympathetic ear. We've already discussed this a few moments ago, but think about this - we whisper wise counsel in the ear of an erring Brother not necessarily waiting for his request. We stretch forth a hand to support a falling Brother, not waiting for him to hit the ground. When, in life's journey, we meet a Brother in need, we don't walk away. Nor do we wait for him to ask or beg for help. We stretch out a hand and give it, even to just a penny. Does this lesson apply only to our relationships with our fellow Masons? NO! It teaches us to become charitable, responsible, caring and giving men in all our pathways of life!

WE feel that there's something more to life than just financial success. Masons know that self-development is more precious than money in the bank or social position or political power. Those things often accompany self-development, but they are no substitute for it. There's a reason we're called Masons...we work at building our lives and character, just as a stonemason works at building a cathedral, one stone at a time, carefully spreading the mortar that builds the stones into one common mass.

WE believe that a person should strive to be a good citizen and that we have a moral duty to be true to the country in which we live. Masons believe that a country is strong so long as freedom, equality, and the opportunity for human development is afforded to all. A Mason is true to his government and its ideals. He supports its laws and authority when both are just and equitably applied. We uphold and maintain the principles of good government, and oppose every influence that would divide it in a degrading manner. And, when it is time for a change, we work diligently within the laws of the land to help bring this change about.

WE agree that man should show compassion for others; that goodness of heart is among the most important of human values. We believe in a certain reverence for living things, tenderness toward people who suffer, a loving kindness for our fellow man, and a desire to do right for the simple reason that it is right. Masonry teaches that although all men are fallible and capable of much wrong, when they discover goodness of heart, they have found the true essence of virtue. Masonry helps men see their potential for deep goodness and virtue and teaches them to practice understanding and forgiveness.

WE believe that men should strive to live a Brotherly life. Masons see Brotherhood as a form of wisdom, a sort of bond that holds men together - a private friendship that tells us we owe it to each other to be just in our dealings and to refuse to speak evil of each other. Masons believe a man should maintain an attitude of good will, and promote unity and harmony in his relations with one another, his family, and his community. Masons call this way of life believing in the Brotherhood of Man. It really means that every Mason makes it his duty to follow the Golden Rule. This is why Masonry has been called one of the greatest forces for good in the world.

How do we take good men and make them better? We patiently teach all of our members to live by these principles that they may be a better example to the rest of the world - that they may become the type of person that others will emulate. How do we take good men and make them better? We teach them the ideals and then lead by example because for us, Masonry is a Self-Improvement Program.



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From Bill Flesher

Our first Regular Communication was well attended and it was a joy to see everyone again after the busy Summer. Oatka Lodge has a very busy year ahead with two sets of Degrees planned - one for October, November and December and the other set for January, February and March. That will certainly keep us on the go for this Masonic year. Brethren, please don't think Ritual work is all that we are going to do, though.

#### The Year Ahead

We have several interesting programs planned - first up was Sheriff Patrick O'Flynn, who was our guest speaker for the September meeting. Another good turnout was had for this event, demonstrating to the Sheriff the meaning of our Fraternal pride. After the meeting, the Junior Warden and the Stewards treated us all to a light evening snack with dessert.

This was a great chance to see what work has been done in the dining area and kitchen. Our new tenants are doing a fantastic job of cleaning the downstairs, and the job they have done on the floors is outstanding. Thanks to them all. Some of the Brothers have been engaged in bringing this part of our building back to life, as well.

There are plans, too, to have other guest speakers throughout the year as well. Two other Fun Nights are planned for November and April. These are "Brother Bring-a-Friend" Nights, which will help to add to our Fraternity. So everyone, think of someone to bring to these events; I am sure there are many good men interested in seeing what the benefits are to becoming a Mason. Hopefully by then, our kitchen will be fully functional and we will be able to serve an evening meal for these two events.

Our Chicken Bar-B-Que last month cleared over \$400. Great job! Many plans for other fundraising events were discussed at our September Communication. We all hope this will offset some of our expenditures, especially now that we have our dining area and kitchen back we can do some great dinners, etc.

#### In Memorium

A sprig of Acacia has been placed for W.: Harold Pearson, who has laid down his earthly tools and went to work with the Great Architect of the Universe on August 26th.

#### October Events

3rd - Education - Ritual and Training Night  
10th - Ritual: 1st Degree  
24th - Official Visit  
31st - Education - Ritual and Training Night

R.: W.: Jim Sullivan joined R.: W.: Gordon Bell, Eunice Lodge, AKA "Jingles the Clown" of Damascus Shrinedom and R.: W.: Don Tubman, Oatka Lodge in providing Masonic service flags to Town of Wheatland Supervisor, Roger Dewitt, and Geri Thomson, Wheatland Nutrition Center. Gordon was provided a flag as well for the Mumford Senior Citizens Center...for their newly completed Municipal Buildings.

We acknowledged the sacrifices made of the victims and to the rescuers on 9/11 at the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, and United Flight 93 in Shanksville, Pennsylvania. We prayed for our soldiers and for world peace.

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As promised in the last article, the September 6th meeting opened on time and did not run long.

Since then, we have interviewed a few Petitioners, so we will be holding Degrees and I expect a good class. We will mentor these Candidates and do our best to educate them. As of this writing, we have not held the Brother Bring-a-Friend Night.

The September 6th meeting featured one of our Brothers who read an article written by a Past Grand Master of another Grand Jurisdiction (the name escapes me). The gist of the article was that we can't expect to retain Brethren to whom we have not given the proper Education. The memorization of the Ritual just isn't enough. Too often we have Brothers who are classified as excellent Ritualists because they do a fine job in the

Degrees, but the truth is they don't have the slightest idea of the meaning of what they have memorized. We have to encourage our new Members to continue to search out knowledge. The more Masonic education they receive the better our chances of retention are. Your Officers will be committed to that end.

#### Raising Funds for Others

As mentioned in the last article, we will continue the Spaghetti Dinner Program. In October, our chosen beneficiary is an organization called the "Friends of Webster Trails." This organization is instrumental in clearing walking trails and putting benches and different things on them so that whoever chooses to can use them. The Webster Lodge Spaghetti Dinner Program was started in 2005 and has been a huge success. It has put the name of Webster Lodge and Masonry, in general, out to the public in a very positive way. We have had requests from outside Webster that we have unfortunately had to turn down.

#### Criteria for Program

The criteria for an organization to become the benefactor of this program are that they must be non-profit and they must serve the Webster area.

#### Copy Our Plan

It is my wish that more Lodges in the Monroe District would copy us and start such a monthly program. It really does show Masonry in a positive light and they also say that imitation is the greatest form of flattery.

On September 10th, we went to the Anthony Funeral Parlor to attend a Masonic Service for R.: W.: G. Robert Witmer, who was our most Senior Member having been Raised in 1932. His son, Robert, Jr. held his Lamb-skin and put it on the coffin of his departed Father and Brother. G. Robert was an accomplished and educated man and Mason and will surely be missed.

Masonry is everywhere I turn lately. On the History Channel, in the movies and books, and it is starting to show in the Lodges. Many Lodges are finding far more Candidates than they have been able to find in the past and I believe the positive image being portrayed in these vehicles has much to do with it. Webster Lodge is growing and our numbers at the meetings is in the area of 30 or more. Be a part of it, Brothers! Come out and see for yourself what Webster Lodge is and what it will do for you. I leave invigorated and ready for the next challenge. I come home with a little more education every time I go and a closer bond with my Brethren. Give it a chance. You have nothing to lose and everything to gain! See you in the quarries.

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Thank you for an excellent first meeting and special thanks to Brother John Zabel for his work in putting together the evening's program.

#### Upcoming Events

##### October

8th - 7:30 p.m., Masonic Word Scramble  
13th - Oktoberfest (Open to Brothers, Ladies and Friends)  
22nd - 7:30 p.m., Short Talk, wine and cheese to follow. Ladies invited.  
23rd - 7:30 p.m., Grand Lecturer's Convention  
28th - Interfaith Service and Brunch at Country Party House

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By W.: Skip Waterstreet, DSA

At the September 4th meeting, the Officers showed the results of their rehearsal sessions over the Summer with a smooth presentation of the Opening Ritual. I am convinced the return to two meetings per month (except for the Winter quarter) will be beneficial for everyone.

We sadly draped the Altar in memory of our four Brothers who passed away over the Summer. Much correspondence was covered, as were bills and other items of business.

Preparations were finalized for the September 18th dinner and 3rd Degree. I am told that everything went very nicely, the dinner was excellent and the Damascus Shrine Degree Team performed their usual outstanding portrayal of the Hiram Legend. We now officially welcome to our Lodge the following Brothers: Jim Greene, Charles Howell, Joseph LaRue, and brothers John and Robert Hughes. We also had Brothers from ERAC and Northfield Lodges taking their 3rd Degree with our class.

#### Sickness and Distress

We know that several of our Brothers and some wives have battled illness in the past few months. We hope they are recovering.

It was announced at our meeting on the 4th that W.: Joe Steffen's niece, Jacqueline, was diagnosed with brain tumors. Prognosis was not good. However, the results of the biopsy are now available, and it is not cancer. The tumors will be monitored and some form of treatment begun to reduce their size. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

#### October

The October 2nd Communication for a Walk-About the Lodge. This will provide an excellent opportunity for our new Brothers to learn, or our veteran Brothers to reinforce, their knowledge of the Lodge.

October 16th we will honor our long-time members with Certificates and Pins for their service. A Roast Pork Dinner, again sponsored by Masonic Service Bureau, will precede this Open Meeting. The cost per person is \$10 and the Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. The telephone committee will be making calls; a reservation made is a reservation paid.

#### Interfaith

Our Secretary, W.: David King, has tickets (\$13 per person) for the Interfaith Service and Brunch, which will be held on Sunday, October 28th. This year the event is being held at the Country Party House, 321 East Linden Avenue in East Rochester. There is additional information elsewhere in this issue of the Masonic Times. The Service begins at 10 a.m. and the Brunch will be held immediately following. Please consider attending to support the Masonic Service Bureau, the Fraternity and the recipient, George Huther.

#### Programs

It has been suggested that dinner with the Ladies be continued, either on the 4th Tuesday of the month or a different night. The consensus is not to drop the event all together. If you have any comments or suggestions, please speak with W.: Ralph Jurgens or Brother Tom Benson, our Junior Warden.

#### Birthdays

We extend greetings to the following Brothers who celebrate in October. May they have many happy, healthy returns of their day: Joseph LaRue (2nd); Raymond Ross (6th); Gabriel Milonni (11th); Leroy Forbes (13th); John Hughes and Joseph Roe (15th); Richard Smith (18th); Phillip Cissell (19th); and Kevin Hook (21st). Feel free to give them a call or send a card and extend your best wishes.



R.: W.: Jim Sullivan presenting Masonic service flags to (left to right) Gordon Bell, Roger Dewitt, Geri Thomson and Pastor Susan Hartley.

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September 18th at the Shrine Center, the Shrine Degree Team Raised a class of nine, including Brothers from Northfield and ERAC. From left, Jim Greene, Joseph LaRue, John Hughes, Charles Howell, Robert Hughes, Josh Loeper, Frank Panczyszyn, Mark Edgecomb and Todd Enright.



**West Star Lodge No. 413 F. & A. M.**  
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I hope everyone has had a nice Summer. October is here and the kids are back to school. In a few weeks the leaves on the trees will all be changing colors. Before you know it, the Snowbirds will be heading South for the warmer weather.

Since the last newsletter, we have been busy getting ready for the Grand Master's Visit and re-dedication of the Lodge Charter. A commemorative coin has been struck, a Lodge history was brought up-to-date and printed and complete details of the September 15th event will be shared in the November *Masonic Times*.

**Molly's Home**

On September 4th, ten Brothers from West Star Lodge traveled to Warsaw Lodge and retrieved Molly and brought her back to West Star for the Grand Master's Visit. We had a good time visiting Warsaw Lodge and look forward to their visit back to West Star.

On September 10th, several Brothers met at the Lodge for a clean-up party. Last-minute details were made for the following Saturday.

September 17th was our first official meeting of the year and our Official Visit of the District Deputy Grand Master, R.: W.: Harry Tyson.

This Summer, a large repair project was done at the Lodge. Total replacement of the plumbing was completed in the Lodge basement. All the sewer lines were plugged and had to be replaced. This was too much for amateurs to do and a local plumber had to be called. This should solve all the problems we've had and should last for many years.

There is not much else to tell at this time. By the time I get to write the next newsletter we will have met for three meetings and there will be lots to tell. So, for now I will close and we hope to see you at Lodge. We will be glad to see you!

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By W.: William R. Geitner  
 October is going to be busy around Olive Branch Lodge. We have several major events coming up and we want to have a good attendance.

**Public Open House**

On October 3rd, there will be a public Open House. We will be showcasing the Lodge and presenting the history the Masons played in Western expansion in the early 1800s. Olive Branch

Lodge has moved several times over the years. It was located in Batavia from 1811-1824. The Lodge then met in Bethany until 1847. After a short test in Attica, Olive Branch Lodge came to LeRoy in 1848. It has no connection to LeRoy Lodge No. 260 that met from 1816 until 1828.

The History of LeRoy Lodge No. 260 is being researched by Olive Branch to fill in the blanks of the history of Masonry in the area. Anyone with information about the Minutes books or references to LeRoy Lodge No. 260 in the news of the time, are requested to call the Secretary at 584-3601. This promises to be an interesting discussion of Masonic History. As an added attraction, the movie "The Strange Disappearance of Captain William Morgan," produced by Michael Keene, will close the evening. The movie presents evidence of one alternative to the common explanation of what took place in this major event in the history of Masonry and politics in the United States.

The evening is open to the public, all Masons, Eastern Star members, and their family and friends. If you have never seen our Masonic Hall, now is a good time. It may not be here much longer. On October 27th, we will present our Combined Service Awards, honoring the Widows and Brother Bring-A-Friend Night. There will be a Social Hour from 5-6 p.m. Dinner will commence at 6 p.m.

**Make Reservations**

Remember to RSVP to the Secretary at 584-3601 or: dspoole@frontiernet.net by Tuesday October 24th.

**Update on Sale of Building**

The developer has presented a concept to the Planning Board. This process can take several months. So we are preparing for that possibility.

**Oakland Lodge No. 379, F. & A. M.**  
 1st and 3rd Tuesdays (Jan., Feb., Mar.: 1st Tuesday only)  
 Master W.: Kenneth E. Smith 768-7731  
 Secretary W.: Richard L. Smith 493-5408  
 134 South Main Street, Castile 14427

My apologies to the Members of Oakland Lodge for not submitting an article last month. The Summer just seemed to fly by and I was out of town on business when the August deadline hit. I will certainly try to make that the only month that we miss this year. I realize how important and special this article is to those Brothers who live out-of-state or are unable to attend our Regular Communications.

Oakland Lodge has a new cast of Officers for the ensuing year. The Officers are as follows:

- Master **Robert Kemp**
- Sr. Warden **Arthur Robinson**
- Jr. Warden **Kenneth Smith**
- Treasurer **Frederick Hance**
- Secretary **Richard Smith**
- Chaplain **David Beardsley**
- Sr. Deacon **Henry Robinson**
- Jr. Deacon **Richard Robinson**
- Sr. MC **Michael Rhodes**
- Jr. MC **Tom Kemp**
- Steward **Thomas Scott**
- Marshal **Daniel Hamilton**
- Tiler **Ray Wood**

I encourage all Members of Oakland Lodge to come and

welcome the new Officers for the ensuing year. This Lodge will only strive and survive with the support of all our Members, not just the Officers.

**Brothers Passed Away**

It saddens me to report that Brother Donald G. Robinson, Sr. and Brother Gerald B. Watson have been called from their earthly labors to the Supreme Architect of the Universe.

Brother Robinson was a member of the Craft for over 65 years and a valued member of Oakland Lodge since January 1, 1970. Brother Robinson was Raised at Oriona Grove Lodge on November 2, 1946, which later became Maple Grove Lodge. Brother Robinson served as Master of Maple Grove Lodge from 1953 - 1954. Brother Robinson was called from his earthly labor on May 15th.

Brother Gerald B. Watson was a member of the Craft for over 25 years and was Raised at Oakland Lodge on June 2, 1983. He was a valued member of Oakland Lodge and the Castile community. Gerald was the owner of Harmon-Watson Funeral home in Castile. He was called from his earthly labor on August 8th.

I hope this article finds my fellow Brothers having a safe and healthy end to the Summer Season. The month of September will always remind me of where and what I was doing when history was made on our country. Hopefully we all can find some time to say a prayer for those who lost their lives and loved ones on September 11, 2001. I know I will be praying for those families and all our military personnel who have fought and are still fighting to keep our nation free and safe. May the blessings of heaven fall upon all Masons and their families everywhere.

1st and 3rd Thursdays 12 Lake Avenue Bergen 14416  
  
 Master W.: Donald Kunego, 494-1624 nanapopa@rochester.rr.com  
 Secretary Ted Habgood, 964-5862 triadv98@yahoo.com

What a terrific Lodge Picnic we had for the fun and enjoyment of over 60 attendees! The weather was outstanding, food was abundant and the steaks were done to perfection by our Grill Master, Dick Sands, and his many helpers.

When the Brothers attended our first Fall meeting, they discovered that the Hesperus Lodge Transformation Team had been at work. The team gave the Lodge social area a fresh coat of paint and rearranged to showcase past and present items of Lodge history.

We were honored to have R.: W.: Marshall Krause, Grand Steward, Genesee-Wyoming District, recognize recent Hesperus Lodge graduates of the Masonic Development Course and present each with their Pin and Certificate - Brothers Ted Habgood, Art Hansmann, Frank Kielbasa, Greg Kleisley, Chris Kremer and Mike Sukhenko.

Brother Mike Sukhenko, our Junior Deacon, became a Member of our Lodge only two short years ago, but has managed to bring us in to the 21st Century




Pictured here are the Hesperus Lodge MDC graduates: (front, l-r) Brothers Art Hansmann, Chris Kremer, Ted Habgood, R.: W.: Marshall Krause, Grand Steward of Genesee-Wyoming District. (back, l-r) R.: W.: Harry Tyson, District Deputy Grand Master of Genesee-Wyoming District; Brothers Frank Kielbasa, Mike Sukhenko, Greg Kleisley and W.: Don Kunego.

by accepting an appointment as our very own Webmaster and creating our outstanding Internet website at:

[www.hesperusLodge.com](http://www.hesperusLodge.com). Great job, Mike! Please review our Trestle-

board posted on our outstanding website. If you wish to join us, or participate in any of the activities, don't hesitate to contact us.

Enjoy the Fall season and stay safe.

**District Deputy Grand Master Livingston District**  
  
 R.: W.: Richard Trescott 226-9042  
 rtrescot@frontiernet.net

On August 26th the Livingston District had a Picnic at Ricky Greene Park in the Town of Conesus. This Park is centrally located in the District, a clean and very relaxing park! Thanks to the town of Conesus for letting us hold our District Picnic there!

Attending were 42 Brothers, wives, and children - that's 10 more than last year and all of us had a great time. Music was provided by R.: W.: Rick Howe and a guest from Avon, Irza Mendoza, who, for her size had a very nice voice. We were visited by V.: W.: Harry DeHollander and R.: W.: Harry Tyson and their Ladies. I thank these Brothers for sharing the day with us!

Genesee Lodge, with the Livingston District Masons, and the Genesee and York VFWs joined forces and put on a picnic for the Vets in the Batavia VA Hospital on July 26th and the Canandaigua VA Hospital on September 12th. You must go to one of these events to see just how much these visits mean to the Vets in the hospitals. It is one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. They all seem to want someone to talk to about their memories; they are so glad to have someone acknowledge them and the sacrifices they made for us and our Country.

All the District Summer activities were very interesting and I think we all learned something from them. We learned that fellowship with each other is the most rewarding part of life experiences we can all enjoy. I am very proud to be a Mason and belong to a Fraternity as great as this one. I owe a lot of people for helping me through the passages of the Craft and not letting me miss this knowledge of fellowship. Thank you and please be safe!

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Livingston District Masons enjoying camaraderie and a picnic with the Veterans at a VA Hospital.



Livingston District Masons with wives and children enjoy their Summer picnic at Ricky Greene Park in the Town of Conesus.



**Livingston DDGM**

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**Official Visits  
October**

1st - Mt. Morris Lodge; Dinner, 6:30 p.m.  
2nd - Phoenix Lodge; Dinner, 6:30 p.m.  
4th - Eunice Lodge; Dinner, 6:30 p.m.  
11th - Geneseo Lodge; Dinner, 6:30 p.m.  
17th - Livonia Lodge; Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

**District Meeting Schedule**

October 22nd - Phoenix Lodge  
November 26th - Avon Springs Lodge

**November**

8th - Union Lodge; Dinner, 6:30 p.m.

**Grand Lecturer's  
Convention**

October 10th - Livonia Lodge;  
Dinner, 6 p.m.; 1st Section of  
2nd Degree

**Livingston District  
Special Events**

October 18th - 8 p.m., Scot-  
tish Rite Symbolic Lodge  
Award at Shrine Center  
November 3rd - Livingston  
District Apron Presentation

**Schools of Ritual**

December 10th - Avon Springs  
Lodge (Host: Phoenix Lodge);  
1st Section of 1st Degree

**Masonic Development  
Course**

November 28th, December  
12th and January 9th

**Grand  
Steward**

Livingston



R. W. :  
K. Rick  
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Official Visits are underway as I am sure Brother Trescott will report. I would also remind everyone about the Grand Lecturer's Convention to be held at Mount Morris Lodge on Wednesday, October 10th. There will be a Dinner at 6 p.m. at the Universal Church. Please make your reservation.

Please remember the Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Awards. The program will be held at the Damascus Shrine Center on October 18th. If you haven't submitted your Candidate's name, please do so. Let us have a great turnout.

The Association meets at Phoenix Lodge in Dansville on October 22nd. Please call in your reservations.

I attended the Brotherhood Fund meeting in Dansville on September 8th. There were many in attendance. We were reminded of the Campaign to raise a million dollars over the next two years for the Endowment Fund. Livingston Dis-

trict's averages over the last several years have been consistently great. Let us make a concerted effort to do even better this year.

**Feedback Requested**

At the meeting, we discussed the Livingston Library and it reminded me of a thought I have had over the years and I would like to use this space to pose a question. *How many of us embrace the technology of audio books?*

I happen to listen to them daily. Part of my fitness regimen includes long walks when I listen to books. As Assistant Grand Lecturer and a Staff Officer, I log in many hours of cab time in my truck, where I also listen to books.

My question is, "Would it be worth the investment to have our reading programs put on audio?" How many others would use this technology if it were available? Please, let me know what your opinion is on this.

**Celebration Coming**

The Scottish Rite Learning Center is ten years old. We will celebrate at the Casa Larga Winery on October 21st. There will be food, wine sampling, auctions and fellowship. If you have Masonic memorabilia you would like to donate for the auction, and if you would like to attend or contribute in any way, please contact one of Scottish Rite Brothers in the District, or contact the the Scottish Rite Office. Thank you.

The train crawled along at a snail's pace to the next stop. Another delay and still dripping wet, we were off again with a stop in the middle of nowhere in between stops. A soggy mess and fuming at the delay, it was a miserable predicament.

Looking back between the smashed together bodies, I saw a Masonic lapel pin on a jacket that must have been the size of a fifty-cent piece. We were in Europe, but this guy was not hiding his secret. I bent myself around to see who it was. He looked very British, but he was too far away to talk to. I waved at him and got his attention. I pointed at his lapel and then at mine. He looked down at his pin before looking up to see me display my ring to him through the crowd. He winked at me and gave me a "thumbs up."

We reached as far as we could through the bodies and shook hands. I then went into my bag and pulled out one of my new blue Masonic wristbands. I stretched again and got it to him past the arms, elbows and shoulders. He looked at it and immediately slid it on his wrist. Another thumbs up and a silent "thank you, Brother" from a distance.

The crowd shifted as we progressed through the various stops. Either he got off or we did, and we never spoke a word to each other, yet we spoke volumes. Brother-to-Brother and friend-to-friend.

**Masonic Wristbands**

If you are interested in one of these wristbands for yourself, or if your Lodge would like a few to sell, please contact me. I have

many. It is royal blue with gold lettering. It has the Square and compasses with the phrase - "Freemasonry, Integrity as a way of life."

I look forward to seeing many of you in the coming months. Don't forget to make a Lodge night at Union Lodge in Lima.

**District Deputy  
Grand Master  
Ontario/Seneca/Yates  
District**

R. W. : David W. Locke  
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Ark Lodge's 200th Anniversary Celebration was very nicely done and a great time was had by all who attended. The festivities were more focused on being a tribute to our dear departed Brother, Dr. John Stelter, as evidence by many of the speakers. Our newest R. W. in the O/S/Y District, Lance Ward, was announced by our Grand Master, the Most Worshipful Neal I. Bidnick as the Grand Representative to El Salvador. Congratulations, R. W. : Lance Ward!

I also announced to the capacity crowd at Club 86 in Geneva that the O/S/Y District is re-starting what was the Geneva Masonic Study Club, founded by Dr. John Stelter in 1955. It will be known as the John H. Stelter Masonic Study Club. I will be looking for the support of all Brothers and Lodges in the O/S/Y District as we begin that Club again.

Some things are worth repeating. Last month in this column, I related to the Grand Master's message in the form of the new acronym,

**CCER=M****F**

where the "F" means Fellowship. Here it is again, with some news and progress.

**Communications**

Brothers, your O/S/Y Association met on Saturday, September 8th, at Pocahontas Lodge with 4 out of 14 Lodges represented. Now, as it seems Summer has left early, the "Masonic Season" is well underway, and in the interest of Freemasonry in the O/S/Y District, I **urgently request the presence of at least one Representative from each Lodge at the next special O/S/Y Association meeting.**

This meeting will be at Pocahontas Lodge in Seneca Falls on October 20th at 9 a.m. Breakfast will be at Penny's in the Kingdom Plaza (Routes 5 and 20) at 8 a.m. This meeting has been called with one objective - plan for the Masonic Expo and Information Fair next Spring.

One item discussed (and displayed) at the meeting, was the new O/S/Y logo. Some sample shirts have been ordered with the new logo and will be on hand at the October meeting.

**What's Your Email?**

The "Email Address Drive" continues and, while we have collected many of these addresses, there are many of you I am not reaching. Please email me so I can add you to the list: dwlocke@rochester.rr.com

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**A note from a Livingston District  
Brother ... serving in Iraq****Greetings Brothers,**

If you don't know me, my name is Ted Sargent, and I am a Brother at Avon Springs Lodge #570. Currently I am in Iraq, doing my third tour for God and Country. I wanted to take this chance to make a little request. I meant for it to go to my Lodge, but as this was easy to do, I thought I would take advantage. As we will be here until May, I have come to realize that we will be here through the Holidays, and I was hoping for a little help from the States.

I am looking for some old Christmas lights and decorations. Nothing expensive, but I thought it would do well to pick up the spirits for the Holidays. I know it would be good for ours. In exchange, I would be happy to pick up some US Flags, (they sell them at the make-shift PX) and have them flown here on Camp Taji. I will gladly return with a flag for your Lodge, and it will give me a chance to visit different Lodges. Just put a note in so I know which Lodge wants a flag.

If you are so inclined, I will also put down a few things that the guys can always use - AAA and AA batteries, almonds, coffee, creamer, Beef Jerky, Beef Stick/Summer Sausage, and hey, if you want to put in a small plastic bottle of Jim Beam or Jack, well, you will make my holiday! LOL. Well, sorry to ask like this, but we have five Brothers in our Unit, and I see at least five more potential members that have inquired. It would be nice for them to see us taking care of one another. I will place my address at the end, and I only ask that anything you do be within the length of your Cabletow. My apologies, thanks and best wishes.

Ted Sargent  
Avon Springs #570

**My email is:**

Theodore.sargent@us.army.mil

**Mail Address:**

BTB 4/2-ID; Civil Affairs  
Camp Taji  
APO-AE-09378

**Initial Response from  
Grand Lodge**

This is a response from our Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York.

This is why we are a Great Fraternity and hopefully why we will never disappear!

Good Afternoon, Brother Trescott,  
Please inform our Brother that we will send the lights -

let him tell us how many sets his unit may need.

We also have 2 x 3 American Flags in stock at Grand Lodge for our new Military Outreach Program. Ask him how many Masonic Brothers are with him and we will send what is needed.

Thank you for bringing this to our attention.

Best regards,  
Neal Bidnick  
Grand Master

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**FREEMASONRY** Integrity as a way of life

Union Lodge in Lima has Masonic wristbands for sale. It's a good idea for a fundraiser. You can buy them in quantity for \$.50 each. Contact Mike Grady.





# Damascus News

Damascus Shrine Center No. 2

October 2007

**Shrine and Divan Meetings:**  
Dinner Reservations Required  
Call: (585) 671-7701 or (585) 671-3565

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



**DONALD ROSE, POTENTATE**

We are celebrating the passage to membership of fifteen new Nobles. I take this opportunity to officially welcome our new members and to inform our seasoned members to be on the lookout for our new members and their red name badges. Make your own personal welcome and introduce the new members to Clubs and Units they may not have been informed about. This is a good time for all the Presidents of Clubs and Units to contact the Office and identify any new members qualified to join their group. I thank the Ceremonial Cast and the Directors for the excellent presentations.

As we welcome new members to the Damascus Shrine, we also congratulate Noble William Kuehne on being elected Assistant Rabban. If you see Bill at any of the Clubs or Units, please welcome him and use the opportunity to inform him of your ideas about the Shrine.

At the time of this issue going to press, the Shrine is participating in the Fall N.Y.O.S.A. in Corning, on September 28th-30th. I will report in my next article.

This is a new step up for the organization with the re-institution of Clown Competition. This is our Association and the first Association in Shrinedom. We are currently suffering the results of this situation in the fact that in the early years of the Shrine, a Club would wait until it had one thousand members and then be eligible to petition for its own Charter. Now our memberships have fallen off and our Association is composed of ten of the weakest Centers, but a light is emerging in the form of a stronger more active Association.

### Sportsman Raffle

The Sportsman Raffle is scheduled for October 13th at the Shrine Center and should be well attended and an entertaining day of food and presentations.

The Harvest Dinner is scheduled for November 3rd, at the Shrine Center at 5:30 p.m., with dinner at 6:30 p.m. Come join the festivities of the day. Reservations are a must.

### Sympathies

On a sadder note we wish to express our condolences to Ill. Sir Bruce Chilton and his wife, Dottie, at the passing of Bruce's mother and to Tom Vasile on the passing of his wife, Sue. Our deepest sympathy to them and their families.



**JAMES SLOCUM, RECORDER**

The September meeting was a little hectic and I didn't get see everyone and find out how their Summer went. Welcome back!

It felt good to get back into the swing of things, helping and supporting our philanthropy, which is helping the kids and supporting our hospitals.

### Upcoming Events

The Sportsman Raffle will be in October and by all indications it should be successful. Rick Ponticello is working hard to make the raffle a HUGE success. He needs everybody's help, so please sell those tickets! Nobles, we have a good supply in the office.

The Directors Staff did a great job with the Hot Sands for the new Nobles. Remember to approach these new Nobles, shake their hand and welcome them. They will have a lot of questions and do not assume they know the answers. Make them feel welcome.

We still have room for a lot of members in Damascus so do not think that new members are going to come rushing in unless we go out and let people know who we are, what we do, and what we stand for. We have new smaller Petitions that you can carry in your wallet, or the regular-sized ones in the Office. So stop in and pick up a few. You never know when you might have the opportunity to hand one out.

I must remind the Nobles that your Blue Lodge activities and obligations come first and foremost. If there are any questions, feel free to call me at the Office, at home or on my cell phone, 721-8808. **Remember, no question is too dumb or stupid.**

Remember, there are still a lot of fun things to do the rest of this year at the Shrine Keep watch of your Masonic Times for upcoming events.

## SHRINE LUNCH CLUB

By Jim Toogood

The next Ladies Day Shrine Lunch Club will meet on Monday, October 15th, at The Nutcracker, 2159 Empire Boulevard. No reservations required. I will not be there, but I have reserved table space.

## Wheeler Wagging's

Submitted by Kevin (Skins) Faro

### Toronto Trip

Reservations are due! If you're planning on going to Toronto for the Installation of Officers for our new Chapter at Rameses. We will leave Saturday, October 20th and return Sunday, October 21st. All Wheelers are welcome to attend and participate in the installation. But an RSVP is mandatory so contact Bruce at boxman@rochester.rr.com if you intend to go. It's guaranteed to be lots of fun, Wheelers' style.

### Upcoming Events

#### October

- 13th (Saturday) Sportsman Raffle (Shrine Center)
- 15th (Monday) - 6:30 p.m., Clown Training (Shrine Center)
- 27th (Saturday) - 5 p.m., Wheelers Halloween Haunted House and Hayride (Shrine Center)

#### November

- 19th (Monday) - 6:30 p.m., Clown Training (Shrine Center)
- December
- 8th (Saturday) - Childrens Christmas Party (Shrine Center)
- 15th (Saturday) - Geneva Christmas Party (Geneva NY)
- 17th (Monday) - 6:30 p.m., Clown Training (Shrine Center)

## Potentate's

Childrens Hospital

Fund Contributions

\$ 13,144

9/24/07



### Trowel Presentation to Degree Team

A very embellished trowel was recently presented to the Shrine Degree Team. We wanted to know "the rest of the story" behind its creation and Don Tubman offered this explanation.

The "Trowel" came about because we had received one to auction off at the Scottish Rite Masonic College held in March. W.: John Faro said he would love to have a similar one. I told him that I could engrave one because I can usually engrave anything. I just need my Dremel tool.

The Trowel that was being auctioned off was worth a few hundred dollars. From a photocopy of that Trowel, drew the pattern on a plain trowel and engraved it adding a few embellishments to personalize it for John. I made a similar one ten years ago for Oatka Lodge's sister Lodge in Canada, Ionic Lodge No. 229.

He wanted to present it to the Shrine Degree Team so that they would always have one with which to perform the "Working Tools." I gave it to him with permission of the Potentate, Don Rose, and John then decided to present it to his Co-Chair of the Degree Team, R.: W.: Joe Shanks.



# DAMASCUS LEGION OF HONOR

By Vance Collom, Jr.

I hope everyone had a lot of fun and enjoyed a great meal at the Red Osier Restaurant last month. It was pleasure to visit with so many Legion of Honor members from Ismailia. Ismailia LOH is close enough that we could have several combined meetings each year. Below is the Meeting Schedule for the remainder of 2007: Mark your calendar now and come to participate in all the activities you can work into your schedule. Join us for a Veteran Birthday Party sometime! Remember to have fun and support our Veterans whenever possible. Until next time, Semper Fi.

### Upcoming Events October

10th - Dinner Meeting; Past Commanders Night; Lodge on the Green (2888 Ridgeway Avenue near Elmgrove Road); Tuxedo for Officers. Ladies and Guests Invited; U.S. Coast Guard, Dennis O'Halloran - Middle East

17th - Veterans Birthday Party, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Canandaigua VAMC, Bldg. 7

### November

11th - Veterans Memorial Day Service, War Memorial Wreath Service, 11 a.m.; Lunch - Details TBA

14th - Necrology Service, Forty and Eight Club 933 University Avenue; Speaker, U.S. Marine Corps, 1st. Sgt. Schauer

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

### December

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

19th - Veterans Birthday Party, 2:30-3:30 p.m.; Canandaigua VAMC Bldg. 7

TBD - Holiday Party, Ladies Invi.ed; Shrine Center; Gifts for Ladies; Entertainment/Music

## New Physician Joins Shriners Hospital Staff



Kerry K. Armet, MD has joined the Medical Staff at Shriners Hospitals for Children - Erie, as a Pediatric Hospitalist.

Dr. Armet received her BA Degree in Biology, Summa Cum Laude, from Siena College and her MD Degree, Magna Cum Laude from Albany Medical College. She completed her internship and residency in pediatrics at Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, where she served as Chief Resident and Assistant Program Director of the Pediatrics Residency Program.

Prior to joining the Shriners Hospital Medical Staff, Dr. Armet was a Pediatric Hospitalist at Good Samaritan Hospital in West Islip, NY, as well as a General Pediatrician in private practice in Atlanta.



## Calendar Winners for August

DAY	NO.	WINNER
8/1	789	Steve Wright
8/2	547	Deborah Shanks
8/3	76	Damascus Shrine
8/4	625	Jane Elliott
8/5	347	Michael Rodriguez
8/6	211	Damascus Shrine
8/7	718	Dave Ogden
8/8	437	Bruce Riker
8/9	929	Damascus Shrine
8/10	246	Cindy Bodner
8/11	579	Fred Shelly
8/12	446	Ken Pollard
8/13	841	Damascus Shrine
8/14	433	Damascus Shrine
8/15	828	Leonard Borucki
8/16	669	Joe Rueby
8/17	9	Bob Stanton
8/18	849	Patti Donath
8/19	25	Barbara Robinson
8/20	721	Karren Hope
8/21	596	Damascus Shrine
8/22	714	Damascus Shrine
8/23	840	Delores Curtis
8/24	720	Joan Crawford
8/25	838	Al Widrick
8/26	626	Trudy Solar Peck
8/27	441	Damascus Shrine
8/28	822	Amanda Bowman
8/29	322	Damascus Shrine
8/30	878	Chad Widrick
8/31	944	Damascus Shrine

## Happy Birthday October Celebrants

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|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| James E. Aylesworth    | John G. Frazier        | James W. Nohle         |
| Keith Allan Banister   | McKinley H. Gath       | Richard M. Nuhn        |
| Michael G. Batz        | Richard A. Gilmore     | Clifford L. Orbaker    |
| Wayne A. Beckwith      | John William Girard    | David W. Parish        |
| Jack A. Bloom          | Kenneth R. Gordon      | Warren E. Pearse       |
| Scott A. Blystone      | Robert C. Green        | Lloyd W. Peelle        |
| Eugene G. Brendel      | Niketas J. Haldoupis   | Rene M. Reynolds       |
| Darryl J. Briggs       | Charles O. Hancock     | Raymond F. Ross        |
| Mark E. Brooks         | Robert E. Hayes        | William J. Scheer      |
| Philip V. Buckhout     | George T. Hessel       | Robert J. Scott        |
| William K. Buckland    | Gerald J. Hussong      | Norris P. Shapiro      |
| Wendell H. Burtner     | Philip Kaplan          | Ralph E. Smith         |
| Phillip X. Cissell     | R. Bruce Leclair       | Richard Snyder         |
| Melvin L. Clark        | Howard E. Lord         | Richard J. Spangenberg |
| James M. Cocca         | Thomas W. Maddicks     | Michael E. Spillane    |
| Vance R. Collom        | Albert C. Mallaber     | Glenn A. Stahl         |
| William D. Cram        | Raymond R. Martin      | Gerald A. Stahl        |
| Phillip M. Dean        | Joseph R. McAfee       | Todd M. Statt          |
| John B. Dobson         | Gabriel J. Milonni     | John H. Switzer        |
| Kenneth E. Dutteringer | Joseph Minas           | David C. Sylvester     |
| Howard T. Erdman       | Todd W. Moore          | Michael Taylor         |
| Anthony L. Felice      | James C. Murch         | George L. Tegart       |
| Matthew J. Fero        | Garth A. Murray        | Roy E. Vandelinder     |
| Roswell C. Fingar      | Philip Neivert         | James D. Waterman      |
|                        | James Edward Nersinger |                        |

## Thank you, Damascus News Boosters

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**DONOR RELATIONS**

By Derek VanHouten

An interesting story recently came my way that I wanted to share with you. Nobles that drive to Erie with our patients will find this interesting.

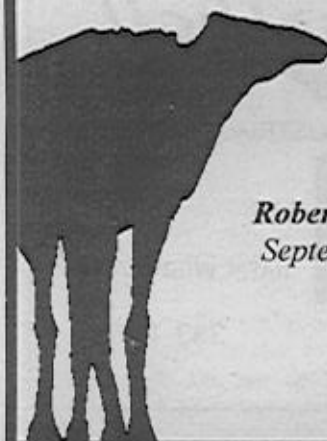
Two Nobles from Bedouin Shriners recently made the 800-mile, 12-hour trip from Muskogee, OK, to the Chicago Unit, bringing a young patient, his family and their smiles. Noble Chuck Wendland told this story of a recent golf outing, sponsored by the McIntosh Shrine Club of Oklahoma. They raised a hefty sum in the tournament. The President of the Shrine Club called on his friends in the Creek Nation for their contribution and they presented him with a check that tripled their income!

He then told of the Cherokee Nation, which is donating a Telemedicine Unit

at Bedouin Shrine, to link Oklahoma with all Shriners Childrens Hospitals. Noble Chuck then re-counted that the Chief of the Choctaw Nation has offered a private plane to fly children in need to any Shriners Childrens Hospital. The Creek, Cherokee, and Choctaw Nations donated the three Bedouin Shrine Vans.

The Indians are going to be the backbone of fundraising in Oklahoma in the years ahead. The men demonstrate with their tales what we see across the country...Shriners are reaching, in dramatic ways, groups from the Indians of Oklahoma to the Amish of Indiana. These groups are normally on the fringe of American society, and this is integrating them through their love of, and mutual concern for, children.

Is there a message here that we, as a nation, ought to be hearing more clearly? I think there is. Are we listening? I hope we begin to.



**Dedicated to the Memory of Nobles:**

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**PERRY SHRINE CLUB**

By Ed Hollwedel



(front, l-r) Lenna Curtis; Sandy and Bill Kuehne; Alice and Bob Anderson; Ed and Mary Louise Hollwedel; Dee Curtis; Avis and Ralph Cox; Joyce Kelly; Bobbie Kunego. (back, l-r) Derek and Judy Van Houten; Howard Wood; Harry Litz; Don Kunego.

The Perry Shrine Club had a great Steak/Chicken Roast on August 26th. The weather cooperated and all had a good time. The attached picture shows all of the participants except one. That is Bob Curtis. He was good enough to take the picture. As always, Howard Wood did a great job in planning and cooking. Everyone had more than enough to eat and plenty of room to walk it off looking at the lovely flowers. Thanks to all who attended.

**Upcoming Events**

October 25th - Meet at the Hole in the Wall Restaurant; Don Butler will review "What's New in Agriculture."

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November 14th - Meet at the Lumberyard Restaurant; Lynne Belluscio, the Curator of the Jell-O Museum in LeRoy will tell us about the history of Jell-O.

December 19th - Meet at the National Hotel for our traditional Christmas Party Dinner with all the trimmings.

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

See you soon.

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Until next time, God Bless.


**SHRINEABILIA**

**Does Anyone Read the Shrine News???**

I offered a free dinner to anyone identifying what Western Clint Walker played in and only one Noble took me up on it. Noble Glen Cone said "The Rifleman" which was a good guess, but not correct. Since he made the effort, I gave

him the free dinner by default.

We'll try again sometime, meanwhile... Ill.: Sir Robert L. Anderson passed along a copy of the 1947 *Damascus News*, which will be displayed in our Historical Cabinet. There is an ad in the back of the publication by a favorite jeweler in Rochester whose namesake is a current member. The first person to tell me who this is will get a free dinner at the next meeting!



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <i>Lalla Rookh Grotto</i>	2 Clown Unit <i>Craftsman Robertson Lodge</i>	3 6:00 p.m. Shrine Meeting	4 <i>Valley of Rochester</i>	5	6
7	8 <i>ERAC Lodge</i>	9 <i>Valley-Simes Lodge</i>	10 Legion of Honor <sup>1</sup>	11 <i>Fame Lodge</i>	12	13
14	15 Shrine Lunch Club <sup>1</sup> Ladies Day at The Nutcracker Auburn Shrine Club <sup>1</sup>	16 <i>Craftsman Robertson Lodge</i>	17 <i>Lalla Rookh Grotto</i>	18 <i>Valley of Rochester</i> Wayne Shrine Club <sup>1</sup>	19	20 <i>Grand Lodge Course</i>
21	22 <i>ERAC Lodge</i> Geneva Shrine Club <sup>1</sup>	23 Wheelers <sup>1</sup>	24 Directors Staff <sup>1</sup>	25 <i>Fame Lodge</i> Perry Shrine Club <sup>1</sup>	26	27 Wheelers Halloween Haunted House and Hayride, 5-9 p.m.
28	29	30 <i>Valley of Rochester</i>	31			

<sup>1</sup> - Off-site event; *Italics* - non-Shrine event

Data current as of September 24, 2007

## WAYNE COUNTY SHRINE CLUB

By Bill Guinup, Secretary

### Annual Bullhead Dinner

We met at Connelly's Cove on May 17th where 24 Nobles and friends enjoyed the Annual Bullhead Dinner and friendship. Lee Coller gave the blessing.

### Sickness and Distress

Roland Orbaker and Lindy Van-kouwenberg both have good and bad days. We must keep them in our prayers of encouragement.

Andy Orbaker has had some heart problems, but seems to be doing well now.

Our President introduced Past Presidents and 2007 Officers. Andy Orbaker won the Fifty-Fifty. He donated it to the Shrine Hospital Transportation Fund. Thanks, Andy.

Divan Lee Coller spoke about upcoming events, parades and raffles.

Potentate, Don Rose, was introduced. He spoke about the hospitals and some more of the events.

Our guest speaker was Frank Russell, a volunteer from the Arcadia Ambulance. Another volunteer was with Frank and also spoke. They told us about advanced life support and stressed how important it is to get the right help to a patient as quickly as possible.

Jerry Rohrer gave a parting blessing and a wish for a safe trip home.

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## LEGION OF HONOR

By Vance Collom, Jr.

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I hope everyone had a lot of fun and enjoyed a great meal at the Red Osier Restaurant last month. It was a pleasure to visit with so many Legion of Honor members from Ismailia. Ismailia LOH is close enough that we could have several combined meetings each year. Below is the Meeting Schedule for the remainder of 2007: Mark your calendar now and come to participate in all the activities you can work into your schedule. Join us for a Veteran Birthday Party sometime! Remember to have fun and support our Veterans whenever possible. Until next time, Semper Fi.

### Upcoming Events

#### October

10th - Dinner Meeting; Past Commanders Night; Lodge on the Green (2888 Ridgeway Avenue near Elmgrove Road); Tuxedo for Officers. Ladies and Guests Invited; U.S. Coast Guard, Dennis O'Halloran - Middle East

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17th - Veterans Birthday Party, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m., Canandaigua VAMC, Bldg. 7

#### November

11th - Veterans Memorial Day Service, War Memorial Wreath Service, 11 a.m.; Lunch - Details TBA

14th - Necrology Service, Forty and Eight Club 933 University Avenue; Speaker, U.S. Marine Corps, 1st. Sgt. Schauer

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

#### December

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

19th - Veterans Birthday Party, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.; Canandaigua VAMC Bldg. 7

TBD - Holiday Party, Ladies Invited; Shrine Center; Gifts for Ladies; Entertainment/Music

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

on Tuesday, October 23rd. Both will start at 7 p.m. sharp at Fairport Masonic Lodge. Officers, please try and make an effort to attend these rehearsals so we can be fully proficient in our work.

Zama Temple plans to participate in the garage sale at the Dome in Henrietta. Dates and times will be forthcoming.

**Supreme Appointments**

Zama Temple was honored with two ladies that received Supreme Appointments this year - Carol Colegrove, PQ, Supreme Goodwill Ambassador, Northeast Area, and Sharon Spencer, PQ Supreme Temple Escort to the Canadian Flag. Congratulations ladies.

**Scarecrow Day**

Zama Temple will participate again this year in the Annual Fairport Scarecrow Festival, which will be held on Saturday, October 13th, starting at 9 a.m. Our Stated Session will also be held that day. Should you have any small household items to donate, please contact Vicki Ball, PQ. All items must be in good condition. Examples of what she is looking for are china cups with matching saucers, knick-knacks, glasses and small Christmas decorations. PLEASE, NO lights.

**Other Important News**

Still have tickets from the Games and Cards event? Send them to Carol Colegrove, 8 Cynthia Dr, Geneva, 14456.

As I close this article I leave you with this little note - NEED A REMEDY FOR STRESS?

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In previous articles, I've explained how the Daughters of the Nile was formed, their purpose, how to become a member, our Convalescent Endowment Fund and Convalescent Relief Fund as well as other information concerning Daughters of the Nile. Is there anyone out there who is interested in becoming a Daughter of the Nile? If you are, PLEASE contact our Queen, Carolyn Noble, or Recorder, Carol Colegrove, PQ, or any other member of Zama Temple.

**Official Visit**

My article this month will be about our 91st Supreme Session in Springfield, Massachusetts. On Thursday, June 14th, our new Supreme Queen, Eleanor Green, was Installed along with all of her Supreme Officers. Supreme Queen Eleanor will be making her Official Visit to Zama Temple on Monday, October 29th. The Ceremonial will begin at 2 p.m. in the Fairport Masonic Lodge, 87 Main Street, Fairport. There will be a Reception and Banquet following the Ceremonial at 6 p.m. at the Green Lantern Inn, 1 East Church Street, Fairport.

There will be two Rehearsals for the Supreme Queen's visit. The first will be Thursday, October 16th and the second



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Monday, October 29, 2007

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Why not add the October 20th date of the next special O/S/Y Association meeting to your Trestleboard and **send me that Trestleboard!**

**Education**

Your Grand Lodge Staff Officer, R.: W.: Ed Carris, Grand Director of Ceremony, has scheduled the *Masonic Development Course (MDC)* for Saturday, September 29th and the next two Saturdays of October at Pocahontas Lodge. *Road to the East* is planned for February or March of 2008. Why not put the MDC dates on your Lodge Trestleboard and **send me that Trestleboard!**

**Ritual**

I hear of some Lodges already planning Degrees. Remember – please do not hold Degrees in a vacuum! Let me, your AGLs and the District Webmaster, Ken Hall, know of your Degrees and rehearsals. Add those dates to your Trestleboard and **send me that Trestleboard!**

**Membership**

The Grand Master has requested that every Lodge put on at least one Open House or Brother Bring-a-Friend (BBF) program this year. The Chairman of the Membership committee, R.: W.: Eldon White will be collecting the date of your Lodge's first BBF program. Schedule a BBF program far enough in advance so letters

and invitations can be sent. Add that date to your Trestleboard and **send me that Trestleboard!**

**Community Involvement**

Aside from the Blood Drive Programs and Child ID Sessions you will be doing this year, the premier event for Community Involvement will be the O/S/Y Masonic Expo and Information Fair to be held in the Spring of 2008. Much more information will follow!

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

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

**Save these Dates**

**October**

- 5th – O/S/Y Apron Presentation at DiPacifics Canandaigua
- 6th – MDC at Pocahontas Lodge
- 11th - Table Lodge at Milnor Lodge, Victor
- 18th - 22nd Annual Symbolic Lodge Awards, at Shrine Center, Webster
- 20th - Special O/S/Y District Association Meeting at Pocahontas Lodge; 8 a.m., Breakfast at Penny's Restaurant; 9 a.m. meeting to follow immediately. Special Topic: Masonic Expo and Information Fair

**November**

- 1st - Grand Lecturer's Convention at Pocahontas Lodge

**October Birthdays**

We send October birthday greetings to Craig Andrews (3rd), Robert Patrick, Jr. (5th), William Peterson (6th), and James Rodney (31st).


**Masonic Anniversaries**

Jesse Gillespie was Raised on October 26, 1976.

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We had a wonderful celebration for our 200th Anniversary on September 8th. (Editor's Note: You can read more about it in the article beginning on Page 3.)

Our first meeting for the 2007-2008 year was September 19th. We balloted on new Candidates, transacted other business and conferred the 1st Degree. W.: Tom Abraham was responsible for the Degree, assisted by several Brothers. John Keeton and Peter Einset did Questions and Answers.

**Knowledge**

Many Brothers have asked me how we have the low number, Ark Lodge No. 33, when Geneva Lodge has No. 965. The original number Ark Lodge received on its Charter (September 2, 1807) is No. 160. Due to the loss of

many New York State Masonic Lodges during the anti-Masonic period (1826-1845), the New York Lodges were re-numbered by Grand Lodge in 1839. Ark Lodge never lost its Charter and, because of its continued seniority, was given the number 33.

Other information gleaned in preparing for the 200th Anniversary Celebration:

- There have been 99 Past Masters of Ark Lodge;
- W.: Philetus Swift was the first Master in 1807;
- Among the Past Masters, W.: Richard Hogarth served as Master fourteen times and W.: Anthony Khoury has served nine times.

**Sickness and Distress**

Please pray for Brothers William Kashouty, Horace Riddle, Lloyd Hilimire and Ramon Baroody. Keep Brother Max Kaufman in your thoughts and keep in touch with him as he grieves the passing of his wife last year.

**Brotherhood Fund**

The Brotherhood Fund Drive is underway. Please send your 2007-2008 Brotherhood Fund donations to R.: W.: Lance Ward, 3394 Sutton Road, Geneva, NY 14456.

**Upcoming Events**

3rd - 7 p.m., Past Masters Dinner at Emiles Restaurant, Spouses invited.

17th - Communication; Visit of R.: W.: David Locke, DDGM of O/S/Y District

18th - Scottish Rite Symbolic Lodge Awards Night at Shrine Center, Webster

**Did You Know?**

M.: W.: Harry S. Truman served as Grand Master of the Masons in the State of Missouri

(1941) while President of the United States.

M.: W.: John Hancock, first signer of the Declaration of Independence, was also Grand Master of Masons of Massachusetts and Master of St. Andrew's Lodge of Boston, MA.

Brother Benjamin Franklin published the first Masonic book in America in 1734. It was an edition of *Anderson's Constitution*.

Brother Paul Revere led members of St. Andrew's Lodge of Boston, MA, to disguise themselves as Mohawk Indians in the Boston Tea Party escapade. All members returned to their Lodge Room in the Green Dragon Tavern.

Brother Joseph Brant, a great Mohawk Indian Chief, was made a Mason in London, England, on April 26, 1776. He rescued Brother John McKinstoy from being burned at the stake when Brother John gave the distress sign of a Mason.

Brother Lowell Thomas, a well-known lecturer and radio commentator, was made a Mason in St. John's Lodge in Boston, MA, on February 7, 1927. St. Johns Lodge is America's oldest Masonic Lodge.

Brother David Crockett, a well-known backwoodsman and Mason, was captured by Mexican General Santa Ana and ordered executed by him in 1836. General Santa Ana was a Mexican Mason.

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We are quickly approaching a very busy time in Lodge. We had a successful Steak Roast on August 25th. A thank you goes to W.: Gary Warren for a job well done. Thank you to all who helped on the fundraiser.

**Upcoming Events**  
**October**

- 9th - Entered Apprentice Degree; W.: Gary Warren in the East
- 18th - Spaghetti Dinner, 5-7 p.m.
- 23rd - Regular Meeting; Program TBA

We're back in the swing of things. The first meeting went well, officers doing well in their positions. A lot of business was taken care of. The trustees are looking at getting a shed for storing our supplies for our Bar-B-Ques. I'm going to see if I can get some supplies donated towards the new Bar-B-Que pit. Decisions should be made soon. Thanks to the Brothers who have been doing the yard work this season, there is a lot of pride and dedication among the Brothers to keep our facility looking the way it does. The driveway and ditch have been repaired and the funds dispersed. Hopefully the water problem is over.

The Trestleboard has to be redone. Changes had to be made. I will send it out ASAP.

We had several dinners this Summer; thanks to all that helped. We still need more volunteers for upcoming events. The more help we get, the easier it is on everyone.

We have one new Petition so far this season. It would be nice to have others. The 1st Degree won't be conferred until after the first of the year, so we have time. I'm going to have an Open House in November (date to be announced), so if you have anyone in mind please let me know.

**Spaghetti Dinner**

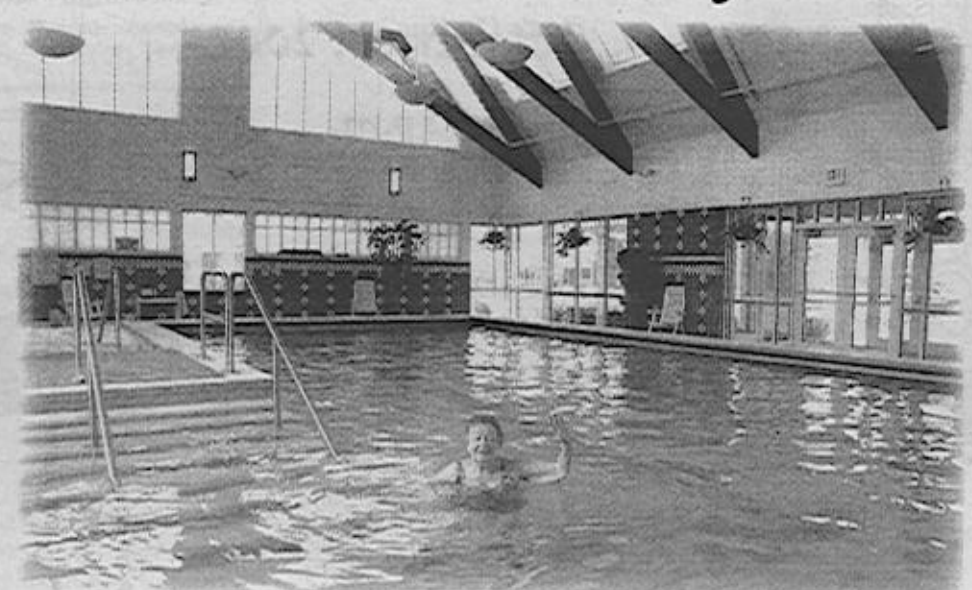
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## Supreme Council

The historic Joint Supreme Council Session was held in Washington, DC, on August 24th - 28th. The Session was held at the Hilton Washington Hotel. This is a very large hotel on Connecticut Avenue and was where President Reagan was shot years ago. The hotel was very nice. The majority of the hotel housed Scottish Rite Masons from the Northern Jurisdiction and was where all the Sessions and other functions were held.

The two Sovereign Grand Commanders presided over an Open Session. In attendance were 47 Grand Masters and 45 Grand Commanders from Foreign Scottish Rite and Swedish Rite Bodies. It was very impressive and we discovered how well the two Grand Commanders got along and can work together. There were no major announcements, but we learned a little about the differences and similarities between the Southern and Northern Jurisdictions. We also witnessed both 33° Conferals with the same similarities and differences.

Since we arrived in Washington on Saturday, we were able to take most of Sunday and see some of the city. Sheryl and I visited the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on the Catholic University Campus. It is very impressive and is the largest church in this hemisphere. We then went to the Mall and toured the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum. Part of the Smithsonian is being re-done so the Air and Space Museum has a small gallery called America's Treasures. It contained such things as Andrew Jackson's uniform (he was very small), George Washington's uniform (he was very tall), an ENIAC computer, R2D2 and C3PO with Kermit the Frog. We had a great time!

On Tuesday, we visited the House of the Temple, the Southern Jurisdiction headquarters on 16th Street. Talk about an unknown but very impressive building! It was built in 1911-1915 at a cost of \$2,000,000 and is irreplaceable because of the materials used in its construction, rare woods, marble, gold, etc. It also contains a library that is open to the public. The library is mostly Masonic books, but it does contain 989 volumes on Abraham Lincoln, a donation by a Brother Mason. This is well worth a visit whenever you are in Washington.

The highlight of the Session was the banquet on Tuesday evening. It was a joint banquet, attended by over 3,000 people and held in the Hilton Washing-

## Rite Events Calendar

See article for details.

(All events at Shrine Center unless otherwise noted)

### October

**4th - Public Degree and Membership Dinner**  
(Make reservations by October 1st)

**18th - Symbolic Lodge Awards Night**  
(Dress Code: Dark Suit or Tux)

**21st - Learning Center 10th Anniversary Celebration**  
(Gala Event at Casa Larga)

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**November 16th - Veterans Recognition Night**  
(Members, please invite a Veteran as a guest of the Valley)

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**December 6th - 4th and 9th Degrees**

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**January 3rd - 14th Degree**  
**January 17 - 15th Degree**

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

ton Hotel. The surprise was the keynote speaker. The speaker was former Senator and Brother Ill.: John Glenn, 33°. There was no pre-publicity about his appearance, and he was there. Brother Glenn talked about his impressions of the earth from space and his true Masonic feelings about the world today. He is a great speaker and we enjoyed his talk. Several of us sat with Brothers from Pittsburgh. The banquet ended with the two Grand Commanders doing their impression of Johnny Carson's "Carnack the Magnificent" satire.

In all, the Joint Supreme Council Session in Washington was a success and those who were privileged to attend had a great time. This may lead to more cooperative efforts between the two jurisdictions in the future.

### What's Coming?

October starts with our Bring-A-Brother event on October 4th. The evening starts with dinner followed by the Scottish Rite Public Degree, an introduction to the Rite and its rituals. All Master Masons are invited to attend, just call the office to make a reservation. The dinner is free to non-Scottish Rite masons and \$10 for members of the Valley. If a Sublime Prince brings a guest, the member's dinner for the meeting on December 6th will be free.

The second event on October 18th is the Symbolic Lodge Awards evening. This event, which was originated by Ill.: Robert Pettit, 33°, (recently deceased) allows Lodges in the area to honor one of their Broth-

ers for service to the Lodge or the Craft in general. The awards will be presented by the Scottish Rite Deputy for New York, Ill.: Harold Aldrich, 33°, and the Grand Master, M.:W.: Neal I. Bidnick. Plan on bringing a contingent of Brothers with you to support your Lodge's awardee.

On October 21st, the 10th Anniversary of the Frank and Betty Paul 32° Masonic Learning Center for Children will be held at Casa Larga Vineyards in Fairport. To attend, you must make reservations. It costs \$50 per person, but the proceeds are going to the Learning Center. This will be a great event and will help our kids in the Learning Center.

### End Notes

I was listening to the talk the M.:W.: Richard Fletcher gave at the College of Freemasonry last Spring. He made the point that the Craft's future is based on the Lodge. Therefore, we must all support our Lodge and its programs both as members and as Scottish Rite Masons. Encourage your Lodge to contact the Valley for assistance in programs or help in Lodge projects. Working together we can accomplish much. Freemasonry, in general, and the Scottish Rite, in particular, have much to give to help men build a better life for themselves. We, therefore, must work to make more men aware of the Craft and make the Craft, through the Lodges and our own actions, something that will encourage men to seek to join.

See you in the quarry. ✪

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## Scottish Rite Veterans Dinner and Recognition

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All Scottish Rite members are encouraged to attend and to invite a non-member Veteran (any branch, any era) as his and the Valley's guest. Uniforms are appropriate; reservations are required by October 8th.

### CARE Packages

Also, please bring an item to put in the overseas CARE package. This will go to Iraq for distribution by our members serving there. Books, magazines, wrapped hard candy (no chocolate), cookie packages and powdered items are all appropriate. Nothing that may spoil or melt, please.

Back by popular demand from

last year, dinner will be the famous "Wurst" Plate - goes well with your favorite refreshment and includes sides and dessert.

The "remembrance and recognition" program will follow in the Lodge room and will feature introductions, presentations and a guest speaker. Pictures will be taken and put on the Valley website. They will also be sent to the *Masonic Times*. Please mark your calendar and call in your reservation now (264-1160). Let the Office know if you need a ride.

### \*\*Request for Action\*\*

If you are a Veteran (any branch or era), a member of Scottish Rite and your name has not shown up on the Annual Scottish Rite Veterans List published in the *Masonic Times* each November, please call the Office, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 12 noon. ✪

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# Lalla Rookh GROTTO News

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



**Kenneth R. Milner**  
Monarch  
346-6018

Time sure flies fast these days! It seems that I just wrote the last newsletter and here it is time to write the next one. I hope everyone who attended the last Grotto meeting enjoyed dinner, meeting and entertainment. It's always a pleasure to greet our Past Monarchs each year on this special night. It was great to pass out the Service Awards and see Prophets that haven't been around for a while.

September was the month of the Empire State Grotto Fall Convention. Those who attended had a great time. As Secretary of the ESGA this past year, I had the pleasure of working with our President, Bob Chapman who did a great job representing the ESGA this past year.

Now we have a new President, Peter Yanalavitch, from Aahmes Grotto in Binghamton. I am sure he will also do a great job as I have been in contact with him often. He is reaching out to the Prophets in the Eastern part of our State to see if he can get them interested in the ESGA again. I am requesting that we all attend the functions of the ESGA and support our own Ken Hutchinson who was elected Vice-President. I have started working on the Fall Convention for 2009. Lalla Rookh Grotto will be the host and we will be honoring Ken Hutchinson who (at that time) will be the outgoing President.

Remember to attend the October 17th meeting as this will

be Nominations of Officers for Lalla Rookh Grotto for next year. The By-Laws, Article IV Sec.9, state that *only members nominated at the October meeting will be considered for an Elected Office at the December Meeting.* This is done in October so every member can be notified of the nominations in the December *Masonic Times*.

I hope you can attend the joint Monarchs Ball on October 13th at the Holiday Inn in Batavia. Contact our Chief Justice, Ron Morthorst, for reservations. I know he, along with Past Monarch and Past-President, George Abraham, of Zuleika Grotto have a great afternoon and evening planned for your entertainment. I, as your Monarch, along with my wife, Elaine, and Monarch, Ron Cramer, and his wife, Kim, look forward to greeting you and your lady. Come and enjoy yourself and our hospitality.

### Notice!

### Change of Meeting Time for November

Mark your calendar...Our November Grotto Meeting is the night before Thanksgiving so we will have a dinner of pizza at 6 p.m., **our meeting will start at 6:45 p.m., following Dinner.**

### Dues for 2008

The Secretary will soon be sending out the Dues Notices. According to our By-Laws, as approved on December 17, 2003, the Annual Dues are set at \$31 - except those with Enchanted Lanterns, Honorary and Life Members. Please help the Secretary by paying your dues promptly.

The December meeting is Election of Officers followed by the Installation. This meeting will be preceded by a Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings. This will be a free dinner but you must make a reservation with the Master of Ceremonies, PM Richard Topel, 663-2547.

See you at the meeting! ✕

## Grand Historian



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This is Part II and the final article of the FDR, Prophet - Presidents.



Roosevelt was elected New York State Senator in 1910, as a Democrat in his traditionally Republican home district. He was re-elected in 1912 and supported Woodrow Wilson's candidacy for President. As a reward for his support, Wilson appointed him Assistant Secretary of the Navy in 1913, a position he held until 1920.

In 1920, he was nominated for Vice-President headed by James M. Cox, popular sentiment against Wilson. The winner was Republican and Brother Warren Harding and Roosevelt returned to private life. In 1921, while on Summer vacation at Campobello Island, New Brunswick, he contracted Infantile Paralysis.

With courageous efforts to overcome his crippling illness, he never regained use of his legs. In time, he established a Foundation at Warm Springs, Georgia, to help other Polio victims and inspired and directed the March of Dimes Program that funded an effective vaccine. Children of World War II will remember taking dimes to school to do their part.

With encouragement from his wife, Eleanor and others, he resumed his political career. In 1924 he nominated Governor Alfred E. Smith of New York at the Democratic National Convention, but Smith lost the nomination. In 1928, Smith became the Democratic Candidate for President, and arranged for Roosevelt's nomination to succeed him as Governor of New York.

Smith lost the election to Herbert Hoover; but Roosevelt

was elected Governor. He served as Governor of New York from 1929 - 1933.

During that time, on October 30, 1931, Brother Roosevelt was made a Prophet at Sight by Tri-Po-Bed Grotto of Poughkeepsie, by Grand Monarch Charles Minsinger. (See photo)

A large group of Lalla Rookh Prophets and their Ladies, accompanied our Monarch Lessairl W. Murat. Also, Prophet George Knierim, reported he was ten years old and was there with his parents. George said there were two State Troopers (bodyguards) with FDR and a very large crowd in attendance. No record in our Minutes Book, but Grand Monarch Minsinger was at Lalla Rookh Grotto on November 12, 1931.

Also in 1930, FDR began his campaign for the Presidency. His activist approach helped to defeat Hoover in November 1932. Inauguration Day was March 4, 1933. He immediately initiated his New Deal. By 1935, he established the Works Projects Administration and the Social Security Act. Roosevelt went on to defeat Alfred Landon in 1936,

Wendell Wilkie in 1940, and Mason Thomas Dewey in 1944. Thus becoming the only American President to serve more than two terms.

The history of World War II is common knowledge. FDR gave priority to the Western European Front and planned a holding operation in the Pacific. By 1944, FDR successfully campaigned for a fourth term as President. His health was deteriorating; he died of a Cerebral Hemorrhage at Warm Springs, Georgia, on April 12, 1945, just a few weeks before victory in Europe. Roosevelt is remembered as a leader of tremendous significance in U.S. history. He was 63 and was buried in the Rose Garden of his estate at Hyde Park, New York.

Another Prophet, Vice-President Harry S Truman, followed him in office.

FDR was somewhat active, and very supportive of Freemasonry. This is the last in the series of former Prophet - Presidents, Harding, Truman, FDR, and Ford. At present, there are no Masons in line to become U.S. President. ✕

## Legion of Honor

By Brian Bills, Commander

We had our first meeting at The Nutcracker on September 18th. There were 14 members present including the Most Wise and ever-inquisitive Charlie White. We decided that we will continue to have our meetings at The Nutcracker but from time to time it may be moved to another location just to spice it up. Of course, Charlie is opting for somewhere in Fairport.

### Columbus Day Parade

It was announced that the Masonic War Veterans would be leading the Columbus Day Parade in Downtown Rochester. The Commander has offered an invitation to those Grotto Legion of Honor Members wishing to join them. The Parade will begin at 12:30 p.m. at East Avenue and Alexander Street. Plan to be there around 11:45 a.m.

### Toronto Trip Cancelled

It is with great regret we must cancel the trip to Toronto. Brothers, we had enough who wanted to participate, but by the time I got to 35 people, less than two weeks ago, there was not an

available bus around town. I will be happy to work on another one sometime early next year, but when it is announced you MUST respond immediately. I could not commit to the \$900, which would have been the cost of the bus without knowing we would have a good turnout.

Remember the Joint Monarch's Ball at the Holiday Inn in Batavia on Saturday, October 13th. Social hour begins at 5:30 p.m., Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Music will be provided for those who wish to risk a coronary after dinner. Later there will be a Hospitality Room - the time and location will be announced at the dinner. Dinner choices are Prime Rib, Stuffed Pork Chop or Grilled Salmon. Cost for dinner is \$28.50 per person. Contact Ron Morthorst 334-4196 to make reservations. To spend the night, rooms are \$69 or a suite is \$89, while they last.

Our next meeting will be on October 15th at The Nutcracker in Webster. The ladies are invited and we will order from the menu. There will be no formal meeting, but announcements will be made. ✕

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(l-r) R.W.: Gary Sanford celebrated with Marilyn and Ron Morthorst at a 50th wedding anniversary party, given by daughter and son-in-law Pam and Steve Reinhardt.

By Brian Bills

### Congratulations!

On Sunday, August 19th, there was a celebration marking the 50th wedding anniversary of Marilyn and Ron Morthorst.

The celebration was given by Ron and Marilyn's daughter and son-in-law, Pam and Steve Reinhardt. The celebration was well attended and everyone there had a wonderful time. ✕



# Caldron News

By Beverly Murray, MCO

I hope all who attended our September Dinner enjoyed it. My thanks to all who helped in any way. I also thank all of you for your support this year.

The time is drawing close at hand,  
Where we will have a new Ruler in the land,  
October 27th at 2 p.m., the Officers will move along the sand,  
And Marcia Morrison will, in the East, stand.

Those who attended Supreme Session had a good time. And this is when it would be nice to have a crystal ball. Since we have not left yet, but by the time this article is printed, We will have left and returned home once again.

So I hope and pray that everyone had a GREAT time, That all of us traveled safely and happily. Maybe that is where "Happy Trails to You" comes in.

November 4th is the date for a Reception for Betty Madison, Who will be installed as Supreme Arrah. Maybe we can get her to play "Chop Sticks" at one of our meetings.

This year as your MCO has just about come to a close, "Thank you" - to all of you for your help and support. Looking forward to next year - which is right around the corner.

Wishing Marcia and all of her Officers a wonderful year!

### Upcoming Events

Be sure to add these dates to your Calendars.

#### October

- 11th - Election of Officers, 7:30 p.m.
- 13th - White Fez Club Meeting, 12 Noon at Cartwright Inn
- 27th - Installation of Officers, 2 p.m. at Spencerport Lodge

#### November

- 4th - Reception for Betty Madison, 2 p.m. at Spencerport Lodge

## Rochester Forest No. 133

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By Don Brugger

We hope that everyone had a great Summer and are looking forward to another successful Fall Season for the Tall Cedars. Our Annual Steak Roast is on its way to becoming another successful outing. Reservations are being received at a rapid rate at this writing; more about that next time.

### Jerry Lewis Telethon

Unfortunately, we did not get in under the wire with volunteers for the Labor Day Telethon. Thanks go to Joe Oelgoetz and the Calling Committee, however, for a great effort. Next year we will just have to get an earlier start. It seems that the local MDA Volunteers were in abundance and we were not the only ones turned away. The Wright Clan, Don Wright's son and Jared, Don's Grandson, did make many appearances during the Telethon; hope you tuned in and saw them.

Nancy Wright reported that on September 3rd, with the aid of the Tall Cedars of Lebanon of North America (represented by

the Supreme Tall Cedar and the Tall Cedar Foundation Chairman) the National Jerry Lewis Telethon raised nearly \$64 million to fight Muscular Dystrophy and related Neuromuscular Diseases.

Don Wright's grandson, Jared, who is 8 years old, has Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. He has the honor of being the New York State Goodwill Ambassador for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. During the year, Jared and his family have worked to help raise awareness and money for Muscular Dystrophy. Jared appeared on the local portion of the Telethon seen on WHEC Channel 10. Along with many others, Jared and his family warmed the hearts of those who watched, helping to raise over \$485,000 to benefit the MDA in our area. The money raised supports research, provides flu shots, supports the loan of equipment such as wheelchairs, sends kids to camp and much more.

### Coming Events

Our first meeting will be on October 24th, at which time the Prologue and Royal Court will be exemplified. We ask that if you have any prospective members, you contact the Scribe, Don Bell, or me for Petitions. We urge all Woodsmen to remember the Forest and recommend at least one Brother for Initiation.

All those who were assigned parts for the Degree, which was postponed in June, will be expected to fill those parts. I ask

that all who will be participating, call me if they do not hear from me first. If you are not able to find a replacement or have any questions about the Degree, please call me as soon as possible at 458-6125.

### Sickness and Distress

We are saddened to report the passing of Bob North during our Summer Recess. Bob had been in poor health for some time; he will be missed. Don Freeman's condition has not changed since the last report. Bob Zabel has been in and out of the hospital recently for blood sugar problems. He was in St. Ann's Home for physical therapy to regain some strength in his legs and is now home. In calling for our next event, it was discovered that one of Ramona Dimino's sisters had passed away recently.

Our prayers go out to the families of these Brothers and Sisters. If you know of a Woodsmen or Cedarete 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 only involve making 3-5 calls a month. We now have three Brothers on our Calling Committee, but we could use more help. Why don't you join us? "REMEMBER" Rochester Forest. It is your Forest. If you want it to survive, we need Candidates!

### 2007 Golf Outing Results

By Dick Topel

What a day! The sun shined, the golf balls behaved and sometimes they found the hole when they wanted to.

The golfers had some of the best stories when they finished at the 19th hole.

The final results were as follows:

- 1st Place - Eliot Schwartz
- 2nd Place - Allen Foechner
- 3rd Place - Will Nersinger
- 4th Place - Bob Seils

Closest to the Pin - George Foechner - 14 inches

Longest Drive - Allen Foechner

All enjoyed great refreshments, food and fellowship.

If you missed this year, we are playing again next year! Watch the *Masonic Times*.

Thanks for coming.

## DeMolay International Announces Legion of Honor Recipients

By Gary Burke

At the Annual Session of DeMolay International, held June 13 - 16th in St. Louis, MO, four local Masons were elected to receive the DeMolay Legion of Honor. They are: M. Donald Darrohn III, Charles M. Roberts, Peter J. Van Elzakker and Charles N. Waterstreet, Jr. Each of these dedicated and outstanding individuals were elected by unanimous vote to receive DeMolay's highest honor. The Legion of Honor is awarded in recognition of outstanding adult leadership in some field of endeavor that serves God, country or humanity.

The Active Legion of Honor (LOH) is awarded to a Senior DeMolay over the age of 30 years of age. The Honorary Legion of Honor (HLOH) is awarded to a Master Mason, who has not been a member of DeMolay, for outstanding adult leadership and service to humanity.

M. Donald Darrohn III has been active in the Scouting program, Junior Achievement program, his church youth group, Ronald McDonald House Charities, Masonic Service Bureau of Rochester as well as the Masonic Hall and Home.

Charles M. Roberts, as a pastor, has certainly touched the lives of many through his ministry. He has an exemplary service record to the Livingston District with distinction through his involvement with their "Service Group" and Talent Show activities. His support for youth activities within his Church has been above and beyond.

Peter J. "Jack" Van Elzakker has been a life-long supporter of Boy Scout programs

and has served that organization in numerous and varied capacities with distinction. Just some of his accomplishments there include: Arrowhead District Committee, Assistant Scoutmaster, Scoutmaster, Unit Commissioner, Assistant District Commissioner and Merit Badge Counselor. Jack has been the recipient of numerous Scouting honorariums. The list of committees that Jack has either served on or chaired are too lengthy to mention here. Jack also has been very active in Shooting Club activities. Many of these activities have involved youth enrichment.

Charles N. "Skip" Waterstreet, Jr. has a long-standing involvement with youth-based organizations. His receipt of the Douglas MacArthur Service to Youth Award from the Grand Lodge of New York verifies that. Charles "Skip" has been a long-time supporter of youth hockey and has a particular interest in softball leagues. He was a major force in the formation of a youth softball leagues in the Rochester area. Skip has served on a number of Boards as a Director of both Hockey and Softball organizations.

Please join the Hadi-Ya-Saga DeMolay Preceptory on Saturday, October 20th, as we confer the Honorary Legion of Honor upon these outstanding members of our Fraternity.

Installation of Officers will commence at 2 p.m., followed by the Investiture Ceremony of the DeMolay Legion of Honor at 4:30 p.m. It will be held at Wakan-Hubbard Lodge, 1822 Penfield Road, Penfield. This is a public ceremony and is open to everyone.

## Hadi-Ya-Saga Preceptory DeMolay Legion of Honor

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Charles N. Waterstreet

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October 1st  
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7 p.m. at Shrine Center

October 13th  
Monarch's Ball  
Holiday Inn  
Batavia

October 15th  
Legion of Honor  
6:30 p.m. - Dinner at  
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7:30 p.m. - Meeting

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By Kim Robinson

### Sickness and Distress

Best wishes to Martha Loomis for a speedy recovery after her recent surgery.

Robert Crystal, I hope it helps to know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers at this time!

Our thoughts and prayers remain with Florence Thayer and her family during the recent passing of her brother.

Sula Baxter, you and your family remain in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Diane Maltese, may you be blessed with much happiness on your recent marriage to Bruce Whitmore. Congratulations from your extended family in Nolatka Chapter.

Tracy Dalykas, here's wishing you a speedy recovery after your recent surgery. May it strengthen you to know that you remain in our thoughts and prayers!

### A Reminder

Please do not forget to pay your Chapter Dues! Time is getting short, and our year will be coming to a close very soon! Thank you! Please direct any inquiries to Carol Wynings.

### Whoops...!

I inadvertently listed a date incorrectly in last month's ar-

ticle! Please note the correction below! Thank you!

The Winery Tour date should be October 27th.

### Year-End At-A-Glance!

#### October

2nd - Tureen Dinner and Initiation Meeting, Dinner at 6:30 p.m., meeting at 7:30 p.m.; Dress Code: Women - Long, White Formals, Men - Tuxedos

16th - Draping of the Altar (Closing of the books) Meeting at 7:30 p.m.; Dress Code - Street dress. \*DUES should be paid by this meeting.\*

27th - Seneca Winery Tour by Limo

#### November

6th - Annual Meeting, Reading of Reports and Election of Officers. Meeting at 7:30 p.m.; Dress Code - Street dress

20th - Installation of Officers for 2008 Term Of Office. Times and Dress Code - To be Announced

#### December

4th - First meeting for the New Officers. Come out and give them your support! Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

### Of Utmost Importance!!!

Please note...If you were given responsibility for "babysitting" a Chapter property over the move and Summer hiatus, PLEASE, bring it (them) with you for our first meeting at the new location! Thank you so very much!

### A Chapter Fundraiser!

Once again this year, we will be selling the awesome, money-saving coupon books called, "Rochester, Enjoy the City!" Within this booklet you will find money-saving coupons for a variety of businesses located in the Rochester and surrounding areas. The coupons can be used at the Zoo, sporting events, movies, various business, restaurants (fancy and casual) and

even to wash your car! Interested? They are a huge bargain for only \$20.00! So please give Pat Dalykas a call to have yours put on hold today! Her telephone number is 429-6565! Thanks and I hope this helps you "Enjoy the City" even more!

### From a Sunday Sermon

"You've got to have backbone, and not wishbone to get through life's little challenges!"

### Congratulations!

Please join me in congratulating two of our members for meeting a remarkable membership goal! Phyliss Boughner and Doris Ray are now 50-year members of Nolatka Chapter. We applaud you and all of the others who have exceeded this high standard in membership!

In closing, I extend a hand in friendship to my Sisters and Brothers of the Order! Without you, where would we be? Thank you for your dedication and camaraderie over the years. May the good Lord bless you and keep you, ALL, in the palm of his hands!

## Genesee-Wyoming District OES Highlights

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### I Think We Have Almost (Got R Did!)

As I write this, it is September! Our Homecoming is over and we are planning the trip to Grand Chapter that is coming up so quickly.

### Annual Jamboree

We have had a good year and it was fun! Our Jamboree in April was not only successful, but fun. We had a good time, good food and the basket giveaways went to some of our members. Rt. Wthy. Helen Forbes won two baskets and the afghan made and donated by Sister Laurie Fink, for Autism Speaks. From the profits of this Jamboree, we made a nice donation to our Most Worthy Matron Joanne's Projects; to Associate Grand Patron for phone cards and another for Autism.

### Official Visits

The Grand Official Visit at The Day's Inn in Batavia went well. Before dinner quite a few visited the New York State Veterans Home. The Grand Matron presented the Home with a \$1,000 check from Grand Chapter. Then we went to Oliver's Candy Store for a short tour and ICE CREAM! Rt. Wthy. Otis Maynard was given the Service Award for Genesee-Wyoming District. He is the backbone of our District!

Our own Official Visits went well. We have ten new members.

### Summer Fun

In June, we had a Mystery Bus Trip. About 36 enjoyed going to the Ridge Road Station on Route 104; we had a great lunch at Tilman's Village Inn; and then on to the Medina Railroad Museum. On the way home we had a sing-a-long and a hot Bingo game. I believe everyone had a great time.

We went to Oriskany in July.

We had a nice dinner with Quentin's Districts where we announced our new 2008 Officers. Wthy. Carol Whaley, will be Associate Grand Sentinel, Wthy. Janet Kingdon is going to be our District Deputy Grand Matron and Wthy. Adrian Miller District Grand Lecturer.

Again, we sold Maple Syrup and it was a sellout! We also tried selling candy bars from Oliver's; guess it was too hot there, but we have sold them all now. About 26 attended. A nice canopy has been donated to us by Rt. Wthy. Laurel Carney in memory of her father. We will use and enjoy it every year.

On August 12th, we had a District Picnic at the Genesee County Park. The small pavilion was overflowing when about 50 showed up. A good time of food and fellowship was had.

We are buying some large-print hymnals for the Oriskany Chapel in memory of M. Wthy Nelson Swartz.

### Winding Down

We had the last 2007 Study Club meeting on September 6th and finalized our year.

For Grand Sessions, we will be staying at The Community Motel in Saratoga Springs and will be gathering together one last time at the Circus Cafe on Tuesday Night before Installation.

I think after that we can say **WE GOT R DID!**

Remember, friends are like stars - you may not always see them, but you know they are there!

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## Taxes! Taxes! Taxes!

By Tom Michielsen

The leaves are turning bright colors and soon will be falling faster than we can rake them. The sweet smells of apple and pumpkin pies are in the air. Autumn must be here again. That means Winter is coming soon right after Halloween and Thanksgiving.

### Child Care

Here's a tax break for you to consider. Many working parents must arrange for care of their children under 13 years of age during the school vacation period. A popular solution - with a tax benefit - is a day camp program. The cost of day camp can count as an expense towards the child and dependent care credit. Expenses for overnight camps do not qualify. If your child-care provider is a sitter at your home, you'll get some tax benefit if you qualify for the credit.

The credit is generally 20% to 35% of non-reimbursed expenses; up to \$3000 in expenses for one child and up to \$6000 for two or more children. The actual credit is also based on your income.

You figure the credit on up to \$3,000 of expenses for one child, \$6,000 for two or more children. The credit rate ranges from 20% to 35% of expenses, depending on your income. The 35% rate applies if your income is under \$15,000, the 20% rate, if your income is over \$43,000.

### Charitable Contributions

Did you make a cash contribution to your favorite charity? Have you recently spent a weekend cleaning stuff out of your garage or basement and then donated the items to a local charity? Charitable contributions can be tax deductible, but you must have the proper records to support your deduction. Due to the Pension Protection Act of 2006 the rules on recordkeeping for charitable contributions became a little more strict beginning in January 2007.

### New Rules

To deduct a charitable cash donation, regardless of the amount, you must have a bank record or a written communication from the charity showing the name of the charity, the date and amount of the contribution.

Acceptable bank records would include canceled checks or bank or credit union statements containing the name of the charity, the date and the amount of the contribution.

Under the previous rules, records such as personal bank registers, diaries or notes made around the time of the donation could often be used as evidence of cash donations. Personal records like this are no longer sufficient.

Here are some additional tips to help you deduct your charitable contributions on your 2007 Federal Tax Return:

- Charitable contributions are deductible only if you itemize deductions using Form 1040.
- Contributions must be made to a qualified organization.
- Used clothing and household items such as furniture, linens and appliances must be in **good** condition.
- Vehicle donations are subject to special rules.
- To deduct charitable contributions of items valued at \$250 or more you must have a written acknowledgment from the qualified organization.
- To deduct charitable contributions of items valued at \$500 or more you must complete a Form 8283, Noncash Charitable

Contributions, and attach the form to your return.

### Taxpayer Due Dates

- October 15th - September Payroll Taxes Due

If you have any tax questions, please forward them to tmichie1@rochester.rr.com or Thomas Michielsen, 127 West Avenue, Spencerport 14559. \*

## Remember the Brotherhood Fund

Bus Tours Continue  
at the Masonic Care Community



By Angie Caiola

Thirty visitors from the Genesee-Wyoming District visited the campus on Saturday, June 2nd. Greeting the visitors were Angie Caiola and Cindy Dardano. This bus trip was the result of the presentation Angie and Ira Cooperman gave to the District on February 1st. As the visitors left the Campus they said, "Seeing is believing!" They were very happy they decided to take the bus trip because they saw for themselves everything that Angie and Ira spoke about in their presentation.

If anyone is interested in booking a bus trip, please contact Angie Caiola, Director of Community Relations at (315) 798-4768 or 800-322-8826.

## 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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# York Rite NEWS

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It is hard to believe it is October already and I have already missed the first newsletter of the year. This year I plan on getting into our Fervency and Zeal Program and hopefully presenting it in our home Lodge, or at least at Masters and Wardens.

We also have two Candidates for the Royal Arch Masons Degree. John Krest took the MMM and PM Degrees at Raymond's Pond on August 25th at the outdoor Degrees. This was most impressive. Our other Candidate will have to take them at the Festival in LeRoy, (date will be announced). The Officers this year will be learning a new sword procedure, hopefully to be taught by R. E. R. Stuart Smith, Jr. This will depend on when the instructions are received from the AGL.

I hope to see all of you at the first meeting on October 1st. Until then, Companions, may the Great Architect of the Universe be with you and yours. ✕

Hail Companions, and welcome to my first newsletter as your Illustrious Master. I know I missed last month's edition and I apologize for that.

First of all, I attended Grand Council at Fishkill, NY on August 17th and 18th. It was a very enjoyable experience for me and I renewed many old acquaintances from Grand Chapter. I received the Thrice Illustrious Master Degree so I may officially preside over the Council. I have a couple of Candidates in mind for Petitions so we may be in line for some Degree work this Capitular Year.

I hope to solicit ideas from the members for a fundraiser or two for the year and with the proceeds to be donated to our charity. I hope to see you all at our first assembly on October 4th, until then may the Great Architect of the Universe be with you and yours. ✕

from their banks) and sought the wealth for himself.

On October 13, 1307, Philip, with the help of Pope Clement V had the Knights Templar arrested on grounds of heresy. Interesting, that at that time a charge of heresy was the only charge that would allow the seizing of the Order's money and assets.

As an aside, Pope Clement V was the first of what became known as the "Avignon Popes." These Popes "ruled" Christendom from Avignon, France via Vicars, who would keep control in Rome. This lasted approximately 70 years. Many historians agree this was a result of the strength that the French Monarch held over the Popes. Moreover, that Clement V was nothing more than a puppet Pope for Philip the Fair.

With the backing of the Holy See, Philip was successful in riding the Knights Templar of their power and wealth. Additionally, he and the Pope were successful in convincing other monarchs to do the same in their respective countries.

Arrests of the Templar were carried out across most of Christendom on the morning of October 13, 1307.

### October 13, 2007

This October 13, 2007 marks the 700th anniversary of that dastardly event that almost removed our Order from the face of the earth. In tribute to that anniversary and in honor of those whose lives were lost, we the members of Cyrene-Monroe Commandery No. 12 will be holding a Medieval Feast and Celebration. As of this writing, I have secured a tentative reservation for this event to be held at the Damascus Shrine Center. The plan is to have a Medieval

Feast, along with some "jousting" and dance. Additionally, there will be a video presentation on the Knights Templar. Importantly, it is expected that those attending dress in Medieval garb. More to follow.

**Happenings in Templary**  
In addition to our tribute to the Order's fateful date of October 13, 1307, we will be having our Monthly Conclave on October 15th. We will be meeting at the Coal Tower Restaurant for fellowship and dinner prior to the opening of our Conclave. Plan to meet at 6 p.m. at the restaurant. We will be opening our Conclave at 7 p.m. The evening's program is an additional video presentation on the history of our Order.

On the weekend of November 2-4, the Grand Master will have his Reception in the Catskills. For more information, contact our Recorder, Sir Knight Larry Dunn at 594-8033.

I would like to hold Officers Meetings and Opening rehearsals on the first Monday of each month. Therefore, we will have a meeting and rehearsal on Monday, November 5th. Additionally, mark your calendar for our District Pilgrimage to be held on Saturday, November 10th from 8 a.m. until approximately 3 p.m. at Hornell.

Our Conclave for November will be one of thanksgiving. I plan to hold an Agape Table (similar to a Table Lodge) on Monday, November 19th. Spouses and friends are invited.

### A Sharing of Sympathy

As Masons, we hold Faith, Hope, and Charity as important elements that help us on our journey through life. Last month, I wrote a little on Faith. This month, I write on the tenet of Hope. I came across this short essay on Hope. It expresses the words for which I couldn't find a voice while attempting to console a good friend and Brother during a similar time and ordeal that happened just recently.

Have you ever been faced with the death of a child in your family, or know a close friend that faced this very tragic, very painful situation? I write this to a true man and Mason whom I dearly love and respect, who recently lost his son. The following comes from an article written by Mr. Gerald Oosterveen upon reflection on the day his 9-year-old son, Gerard, was buried after a courageous battle with cancer.

*Parents are not supposed to bury their children. The old are not supposed to stand beside the graves of the young. It is unnatural. One is not prepared for it.*

*The death of a child tears apart a family like uprooting of one plant out of a cluster that has been allowed to grow together in one pot. It cannot be done. All those roots become so intertwined over the years that nothing short of violence can separate them. And it leaves all the plants stunted...oh, yes, we mourn...but we have Hope - bright Hope for tomorrow, when all who trust in God will move beyond pain and grief forever because we shall be forever with God and those loved ones who passed before us. It is*

*not just some pipe dream, some opium to stupefy and mislead hurting people. It is real, because God is real. Because of*

*God's love for us, we have Hope when all things are made new and death shall be no more, nor grief, nor crying...."*



## Legend of a Small Antique Trunk

Every once in a while, a bit of history is uncovered in someone's estate or found at an antique shop. Such is the case of the small antique trunk recently presented to the Masonic Service Bureau.

Byrna Porter Weir gave it in memory of her father, Oscar B. "O.B." Porter, who died in 1955. He was a member of the Knights Templar, St. Aldemar Commandery No. 17, in Houlton, Maine.

She explained that Members once used the mini trunks to store items used at their meetings. When the owners of the trunks died, they left them for other members to use. Eventually, they were no longer used, but were kept as keepsakes. This trunk, which measures 12" x 18" x 11" high, is made of wood with metal strapping and a leather handle.

Inside, on the cover of the top storage section, is a picture of a lady with a fan behind her head. Beneath her is printed "M. C. Tilley & Co., Manufacturers of Military & Society Goods; Columbus, Ohio." ✕

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Last June, I had the opportunity to talk to our Grand Master M. W. Neal I. Bidnick. He was telling me that he expects a large influx of Petitions from Price Hall Masons to join the Masonic War Veterans. He went on to tell me that the Constitutions of Grand Lodge and the Masonic War Veterans do not forbid this.

### Prince Hall Brothers...

Therefore, to outline to our Prince Hall Brothers, here are the membership requirements of the New York State Masonic War Veterans.

- A Candidate must be a member in good standing in a Blue Lodge in this State or a Lodge of a sister jurisdiction which has fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of New York.
- A Candidate who was regularly enlisted, drafted, inducted or commissioned in the Navy, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, Air Force, Merchant Marine or any other Federal Armed Force, that by federal law or regulations or by the laws of the State of New York, may be accorded Veteran status.
- The eligibility status shall apply to Nationals of any other

country who, in alliance with the United States, participated in military or naval activity against a common enemy.

• Eligibility is in accordance with the Grand Lodge of the State of New York Constitution pertaining to the Masonic War Veterans of the State of New York.

Prince Hall Master Masons, please consider this an open invitation to petition the James A. Hard/Wayne Post No. 12 by contacting Cy White, Commander, or Vance Collom, Adjutant, at the above-listed phone numbers or email addresses or any member of this Post.

### Upcoming Events

We will lead the Columbus Day Parade in downtown Rochester, as noted in our September newsletter.

We will supply an Honor Guard for the Grand Master and will present the Colors at the Scottish Rite "Symbolic Lodge Service Awards Night" on October 18th.

Please join with other members in our once a month "Birthday Celebration" at the Canandaigua Veterans Hospital. More information can be obtained from Tom Paglia, Chairman of the Masonic Veterans Service Committee, Vance Collom, Fred Cornell, Moe Schirano or me.

### Project Paperbacks

Don't forget to bring in your paperback books for our deployed troops.

The next meeting of our Post will be October 25th at 7:30 p.m. preceded by a Meatloaf Dinner at 6 p.m. As always, a dinner reservation can be made through Vance, me or at the numbers listed above. ✕

## Cyrene-Monroe Commandery No. 12

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### A Historical Day October 13, 1307

At the beginning of the Fourteenth Century, the Order of the "Poor Fellow-Soldiers of Jesus Christ" had grown from its humble beginnings of a small group of nine Knights and poverty in 1118 to a vast network of castles and temples, support by the Holy See and the collective European monarchies, vast wealth, and to become known as The Knights Templar.

Besides the gifts of land and money, the Order became experts in commerce and banking. Additionally, since they had the support from Rome they were exempt from taxes and other tithes imposed on others. Their wealth was vast, and envied by many.

The Knights Templar, perhaps because of their wealth (some would say due to the fear of their limitless power) was a target for those that became jealous. It is generally agreed that Philip IV of France (also known as Philip le Bel, or Philip the Fair in English) was envious of the Templar wealth (he in fact owed the Knights Templar a great deal due to borrowing

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## Research Laboratory Appoints Advisory Committee

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The Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL) in Utica has announced the formation of a national Advisory Board. The Advisory Board will include corporate and civic leaders as well as medical and scientific professionals, who will offer advice and assistance in identifying potential sources of support for the pioneering research conducted at the MMRL focused on cardiac arrhythmias, sudden cardiac arrest, sudden infant death syndrome, and other cardiovascular diseases.



F. Eugene Romano

Steel and Piping, Inc. will co-chair the Advisory Board. Other members include George Aney, Esq., an attorney from Little Falls, NY; Edward Bradley, M.D., retired Medical Director of the Masonic Home in Utica, NY; Jeffery Brosemer, Ph.D., a patent attorney from Holmdel, NJ; Carlton "Bud" DeWolff, a world-renowned architect from Rochester, NY; Arthur Fisch, Esq., an attorney from Brooklyn, NY; Brian Gaffney, M.D., a cardiologist from Utica, NY; Richard Hanna, CEO of Hanna Construction, of Cooperstown, NY; Michael Kelberman, M.D., a cardiologist from Utica, NY; Murray Nusbaum, M.D., Founder and Medical Director of the Ferre Institute, headquartered in New Hartford, NY; Susan Matt of Utica, NY; David Schneeweiss, a financial portfolio manager from Buffalo, NY; Stephen Zabriskie, a Director of Cayuga Lake National Bank from Aurora, NY, and John Zogby, CEO of Zogby International headquartered in Utica, NY. Recently retired Congressman Sherwood Boehlert will serve as the Advisory Board's Honorary Chair.

Antzelevitch noted, "We are deeply honored that these distinguished individuals are willing to take time from their busy schedules to assist us in our mission. As we approach our 50th Anniversary, we will be celebrating five decades of dedicated service to humanity in which the contributions of our scientists have translated into renewed hope and a better quality of life for millions of individuals worldwide. With the assistance of our new Advisory Board, we can more effectively chart our course for the future with an eye at accelerating discovery and building on the momentum that we have been fortunate to enjoy."

David F. Schneeweiss, MMRL President, added, "It is heartening to know that people are beginning to recognize the extent to which the MMRL is international in mission, scope, and benefit. Few missions have such a global impact. We look forward to having our Advisory Board members serve as strong advocates for the enhancement of medical research and thus contribute meaningfully to a better quality of life for all of us and our loved ones."

The Masonic Medical Research Laboratory is world-renowned for its studies of the electrical activity of the heart, especially as it applies to abnormal heart rhythms known as cardiac arrhythmias. Over the past five decades, MMRL inves-

tigators have been credited with either discovering or unraveling the mechanisms of the majority of known cardiac arrhythmias. As a result of their scientific achievements and those of similar institutions, the practice of medicine has been revolutionized and mortality from heart disease has been greatly reduced. For its size, there are few laboratories worldwide whose cutting-edge research is as productive and influential in the field of experimental cardiology. The MMRL is leading the way in genetic screening of cardiac disease as well as in the development of innovative and effective pharmacologic treatment for atrial fibrillation, one of the greatest unmet medical needs in our society.

## Wiley Resident Reunites with Lodge Members



Frank Robinson looks over a shot during a game of pool in the second floor lounge in the new facility. This is just one of the many activities available to Wiley Hall residents.

Brother Frank Robinson came to live at Wiley Hall on August 23, 2004. He had been dealing with health issues for some time and was pretty sure the move to Wiley Hall was the right thing to do. As it turned out, he was completely right.

Frank holds Dual Memberships in Schenectady Lodge No. 1174 and St. George's Lodge No. 6, both located in Schenectady. He also is a member of Scottish Rite and Royal Arch, having actively served in a number of capacities.

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## Masonic Care Community Hosts Geriatric Scholar Program



(Left to right): Pam Mitchell, Director of Information Systems; Warren Mundrick, Director of Rehab Services; Angie Caiola, Director of Community Relations; Sharon VanKuren, Director of Social Services; Kevin McIntyre, Director of Food and Nutrition; and Regina Sokal, Director of Nursing, making last-minute preparations for the 2007 Geriatric Scholar Certificate Program held at the Masonic Care Community.

The Masonic Care Community will be hosting the 2007 Geriatric Scholar Certificate Program, bringing top healthcare leaders to its Utica Campus, according to William J. Luley, Executive Director of the Masonic Care Community.

"We are very proud and honored to be hosting, for the second consecutive year, the Geriatric Scholar Certificate Program, which is open to all healthcare providers regardless of where they are employed," he said. This five-day Educational Conference, held each Thursday for five weeks, beginning September 20th and ending October 18th, provides professional training in interdisciplinary geriatrics and gerontology.

In addition to the Masonic Care Community, the program is co-sponsored by the Columbia University Stroud Center's Statewide Geriatric Psychiatry Residency/Fellowship Program, Columbia-New York Geriatric Education Center in conjunction with the Upstate Medical University (Binghamton Clinical Campus), Slocum-Dickson Foundation, Utica College, Upstate Medical University Office of Continuing Education, UHS Hospitals, and the Greater Binghamton Health Center. Instructors will travel to Utica from New York City, Binghamton and Syracuse.

The Geriatric Scholar Certificate Program is primarily intended for healthcare professionals who care for the elderly, including physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, physician assistants, social workers, nurs-

ing home and other administrators, clergy, and other health-care/human services personnel. However, attendance in the program is open to anyone interested.

The cost for the five-day certificate program (which includes the annual Geriatric Mental Health Teaching Day on October 11th) is \$250. The cost for only the one-day Geriatric Mental Health Teaching Day (on October 11th) is \$95. This one-day program will address the medical and psycho-social conditions affecting care of the elderly. The Teaching Day is primarily intended for healthcare professionals who care for the elderly, including physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, physician assistants, social workers, administrators, and other healthcare personnel.

Christy Bond, Coordinator for Senior Services at Crouse Hospital in Syracuse, attended the previous five-day conference and said, "The course provided me with an excellent overview of current issues in geriatric healthcare. The instructors were obviously experts in their fields. I found the program to be well worth the five-day investment."

Registration forms for the 2007 conference can be downloaded from the Masonic Care Community's website:

[www.masoniccommunityny.com](http://www.masoniccommunityny.com)  
Conference dates are September 20th and 27th; October 4th, 11th and 18th.

For additional information, contact the office of Regina Sokal, R.N., Director of Nursing, Masonic Care Community at (315) 798-4892, or email:

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Dr. Charles Antzelevitch

According to Dr. Charles Antzelevitch, Executive Director of the MMRL, "Since our founding in 1958, the MMRL has been the beneficiary of expert governance and financial management from a dedicated Board of Directors. As our institute has evolved and its global reach expanded, the availability of government support in the form of research grants has continued to diminish. To remain competitive, it is essential that we have a broad-based group of advisors and supporters who believe in our mission and vision, and who can help us attract private sector support to grow our endowment so that we can withstand the fluctuations in government funding."



Dr. Theodore Max

While the Advisory Board is still being formulated, a number of community and industry leaders have been invited and have agreed to serve. Theodore Max, M.D., a retired vascular surgeon from Utica, and Eugene Romano, CEO of Pacemaker

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**Wiley Resident**

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A Mason for more than a decade, Frank said his proudest moment came when he received the Masonic Award for Community Service in August, 2002; his Certificate hangs in a prominent spot on the wall in his room.

When asked to tell some of the ways in which being a Mason has had a positive influence in his life, Frank's first response was, "Do you have a lot of time?"

Since the new Wiley Hall opened in September, 2006, residents have gone out of their way to comment on the new facility. When he was asked what

it's like living in this state-of-the-art building, Frank replied, "It's the Taj Mahal!" He added, "You have all the privacy you want, they promote independence, and when you want to be busy, there's always something to do."

Frank was pleasantly surprised when he found out that his Lodge, St. George No. 6, was planning a visit to the Masonic Care Community last February to perform an Exemplification of the First Degree.

"Seeing so many of my Brothers that day was the highlight of my stay here so far," he offered. "I'm looking forward to more pleasant memories to be made here at the Masonic Care Community." \*

**St. George's Lodge No. 6 Visits Masonic Care Community Residents**



Residents of Masonic Care Community are pictured with the Degree Team from St. George's Lodge.

On Saturday, February 10th, the Brothers of St. George's Lodge No. 6 in Schenectady, presented an Exemplification of the 1st Degree for residents of the Masonic Care Community. This was so well received that Bob McCloskey, Master of St. George's Lodge, is planning another visit to Utica to present another Degree Program. The Brothers were very enthusiastic and the residents were quite moved during various parts of

the program.

Lodge members and residents enjoyed lunch and fellowship together, discussing ideas and concepts about the Craft. It certainly was a special way to spend a Saturday afternoon. The Masonic Care Community staff and residents thank the members of St. George's Lodge for making the trip to the Utica Campus. This exemplifies the true spirit of Freemasonry. \*

**Regional Dialysis Center Opens at the Masonic Care Community in Utica**

The Regional Dialysis Center of Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare has opened a Dialysis Treatment Center at the Masonic Care Community in Utica. The new Dialysis Center is located on the first floor of the Soldiers and Sailors Building.

Dialysis is the treatment of cleansing the blood for patients who have kidney disease. About 20 million Americans suffer from kidney disease and of those patients, over 400,000 experience kidney failure.

The Masonic Care Community Dialysis Center has eight individual stations and serves 16 patients a day - an increase of 5,000 dialysis treatments in the coming year for the service.

"This new outpatient location will increase access of care to dialysis patients who live in the Utica area, as well as to our residents," said Brother William J. Luley, Executive Director of the Masonic Care Community.

"This type of collaboration is positive for our residents and the community. By partnering with Faxton-St. Luke's Health-

care, the Masonic Care Community is able to expand the array of services offered on our campus and provide a comfortable and safe setting for our residents," he added. "Prior to the opening of this new treatment center, we had to transport our residents back and forth to the Faxton Hospital for treatment. Having a location on our 400-acre campus is a tremendous benefit for them as they can spend the hours during treatment in a familiar place and one that is more accessible."

The Masonic Care Community has 475 residents and provides a wide range of continuing care services, including independent retirement living at Acacia Village, residential adult care at Wiley Hall, and skilled nursing care at the Health Pavilion.

This added service is another example of the commitment that the Trustees of the Masonic Hall and Home have made to provide the best quality of care for all the residents of the Masonic Care Community. \*

**Circulation Publishes Masonic Medical Research Laboratory Study Suggesting New Strategy for Treatment of Atrial Fibrillation**

A study led by researchers at the Masonic Medical Research Laboratory (MMRL) in Utica and published in the current issue of *Circulation* proposes a novel strategy for the management of atrial fibrillation.

Current medical therapies for the treatment of atrial fibrillation have substantial clinical limitations. Sodium channel blockers are contraindicated in patients with coronary artery or structural heart disease, potassium channel blockers can predispose patients to dangerous ventricular arrhythmias and mixed ion channel blockers such as amiodarone can be associated with multi-organ toxicity as well as ventricular arrhythmias.

There is a significant unmet medical need to find safe and effective new therapies for atrial fibrillation which are selective for the atria but do not have the unwanted clinical consequences in the ventricles seen with many current therapies.

The study by Alexander Burashnikov, Ph.D. and coworkers at MMRL and CV Therapeutics (CVTX, Palo Alto, CA) found major differences in the electrical function of the atria and ventricles of the heart. Ranolazine,

a drug currently approved as an anti-ischemic therapy to treat chronic angina, was found to take advantage of these distinctions and to produce a potent depression of the sodium channel current and related parameters in the atria, but not in the ventricles, leading to effective suppression of AF in two experimental preclinical models. Visit <http://circ.ahajournals.org/cgi/content/abstract/circulationaha.107.704890v1> to view an abstract of the article from *Circulation* (available online ahead of print edition).

"These data suggest that atrial-selective sodium channel block is a potentially novel strategy for the management of clinical AF and that ranolazine has exceptional atrial-selective properties which may make it a unique compound for the treatment of atrial fibrillation. Our observations with ranolazine are consistent with other pre-clinical studies from our laboratory and large scale clinical trials which also have shown it to be safe and possess anti-arrhythmic activity," said Charles Antzelevitch, Ph.D., senior author of the study and executive director and director of research at MMRL.

The prevalence of atrial fibrillation continues to increase with the aging of the baby boomer generation. It is estimated that one in 20 individuals will develop AF by age 65. The incidence increases to alarming one in five among individuals 80 years of age or older.

Funding for the study was provided by the National Institutes of Health, CV Therapeutics and the NY State and Florida Grand Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons.

The Masonic Medical Research Laboratory, located in Utica, NY, is an internationally renowned medical research and educational institute dedicated to studies of the electrical activity of the heart and the mechanisms responsible for abnormal rhythms of the heart and sudden cardiac death. The MMRL is also a center for genetic screening of inherited arrhythmic diseases. MMRL scientists have delineated the genetic basis for several inherited sudden cardiac death syndromes and uncovered the mechanisms responsible for many forms of life-threatening cardiac arrhythmias as well as the mechanisms by which drugs act to precipitate arrhythmias. \*



**LET'S GO BOWLING**

**We're Bowling Again!**

By Jay McCullough

The "teams of one" are still going strong at the Rose Garden in Bergen in the first half of the bowling season. The season began Tuesday, September 11th. Even though some have a three-week head start, any bowler or "wannabe" can jump in at anytime. We start to assemble around 12:30 p.m. so we can get a few practice rolls in before starting league play at 1 p.m. Having had knee surgery the end of August, Ruel Lovett may

join us later this year. President, Derek Van Houten, continues to improve at connecting with the pin that John Specht claims "nobody ever misses."

Ron Starkweather seems to be back on his game, trying to retain the league high average. He's always practicing to take his jaunt to the Annual National Tournament, heading out of Batavia. He and his teammates from the Batavia area take a few days away to enter events and he has often collected enough prize money to pay for the excursion. Of course, he needs the cash!

Dick Howard delights over "messy-messy" strikes. His lefty shots do just that for him very often, keeping his high average secure. Paul Reak arrives with three or four bowling balls and is still trying to find the right line with any one of them. Looks like he's packed for a great journey as he wheels his carts across the lobby!

Larry Belluscio still puts his

famous "English" on the ball, or is that "infamous?" John Mattern is often the first to arrive each week. Wants to be sure he's in the right place, I guess. He still takes his statuesque pose on the approach. But, he ends up with some unique hits that make the whole league give a loud hoorah and he turns, raises his arms and shouts "it's a miracle." Jack Spencer's cataract operations make him a high average contender this year.

All the while, Dave Liles smiles and laughs, Dick Giedd does the same and our Chef and pin tender Harris pops in now and again to brighten up the activity and action with his infectious good humor.

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

**Did You Know That?**

By Phil Hurwitz

- A Lodge can be dissolved only by the surrender or forfeiture of its Charter. *Const. Sec. 334*
- The Charter of a Lodge can be surrendered only when there cannot be found among its members seven Brethren, duly qualified, desirous of retaining the same. *Const. Sec 335*
- A Lodge may forfeit its Charter by:
  1. Contempt to the authority of the Grand Master or Grand Lodge
  2. Departing from the original plan of Masonry and its Ancient Landmarks
  3. Disobedience to the Constitutions or Laws
  4. Ceasing to meet for one (1) year
  5. Neglecting to make returns and pay dues for two (2) consecutive years. *Const. Sec. 335*

- Once a Lodge is dissolved, all members of that Lodge are deemed non-affiliated Masons, and all property having belonged to the Lodge, now belongs to Grand Lodge, and must be surrendered to Grand Lodge, or its authorized agent, upon demand. *HBML Sec 885*. A Lodge, which is about to surrender its Charter to Grand Lodge, cannot intentionally deplete its remaining assets. *HBML Supp, Sec 885*.
- The Charter of a Lodge, upon good cause shown, can be suspended by Grand Lodge or the Grand Master without a preliminary hearing, but after such suspension, a hearing should be held as soon as possible. Any such suspension cannot extend beyond the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge. *HBML Sec 881*

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## In Memoriam

### Pryor, Walter

We have received notice that Walter Pryor, 85, passed away December 14, 2006. He was a member of Scottish Rite. No further details were noted.

### Turner, Robert A.

On February 16th, Robert A. Turner, 85, a member of ERAC Lodge, laid down his earthly working tools. Two daughters, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren survive him. Thoughts today, memories forever.

### MacEwan, Carlton

Carlton MacEwan, 72, a member of Scottish Rite, passed away March 7th. May he find peace with the Lord.

### Woodhead, Eirik

Eirik Woodhead, 63, left his earthly home on April 19th. He was a member of Scottish Rite. Memories are like threads of gold, they never tarnish or grow old.

### JULY

### McClure, Theodore M.

Theodore McClure, 91, entered Eternal Rest with our Lord on July 17th. He was a 33° Mason in the Corning Consistory and member of Scottish Rite. A son, stepson, ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren survive him.

### AUGUST

### Stuewe, James R.

Unity Lodge bade farewell to a 32-year member and Past Master, James Stuewe, 58, who passed away August 28th. He is survived by a daughter. His Masonic Brothers and family will miss him.

### Pearson, Harold L.

Harold Pearson, 81, went home to his Lord on August 26th. Harold was a member and Past Master of Oatka Lodge, a self-taught Master Tinsmith and US Navy Veteran of World War II. He is survived by his wife, Helen, four children and seven grandchildren.

### Yauchzy, Frederick C.

At age 82, Frederick Yauchzy went to the arms of the Lord September 2nd. He was a member and Past Master of Constellation Lodge in Perry, Past District Deputy Grand Master of Genesee-Wyoming District, member of Shriners, Perry Shrine Club, Shrine Legion of Honor and Scottish Rite. Two daughters and seven grandchildren are left to cherish memories of his life.

### North, Earl Robertson

Earl Robertson North, 80, departed his very active life September 5th. Bob was a member of Wakan-Hubbard Lodge, Scottish Rite and Damascus Shriners. His wife, Patricia, two daughters, five grandchildren and one great-grandchildren survive him. He left us with a garden of beautiful memories, sprayed with a million tears.

### Witmer, G. Robert

The loving arms of the Lord embraced G. Robert Witmer, 102, September 6th. He was a Past Master of Webster Lodge and Past District Deputy Grand Master of the 1st Monroe District. His three sons, thirteen grandchildren and four great-grandchildren will remember his life.

### Sanford, William A.

William A. Sanford, 90, passed away September 12th. He was a member of Fairport-Flower City Lodge. His wife, Natalie, three children, eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren survive him. May he find peace with the Great Architect of the Universe.

### Bollotin, Harold

On September 16th, Harold Bollotin, 88, departed for his Heavenly Home. Harold was a 35-year, 32° Mason and member of Unity Lodge, Scottish Rite and Hiram Chapter (Royal Arch Masons). He volunteered at the VA Hospital in Canandaigua for over 25 years. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Sylvia, a daughter, son-in-law and two grandchildren.

### Widows to be Remembered

**Thompson, Marie**, (93), widow of Leon Thompson (Union Lodge), passed away May 17th.

**Staples, Nancy K.**, (71), widow of William Staples (Seneca Lodge), passed away August 25th.

**Marshall, Virginia L.**, (80), widow of Alexander Marshall (Craftsman Robertson Lodge), passed away August 26th.

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## Looking Ahead

### November

17 iDC at Shrine Center  
28 Joint Masonic Development Course at Eunice Lodge in Caledonia

### December

12 Joint Masonic Development Course at Eunice Lodge in Caledonia  
15 iDC at Shrine Center

### January

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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<p>1</p> <p>RAM-Palmyra Eagle</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Clio - Hilton (OV) Craftsman Robertson. Shrine Center Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps Nunda Station Oakland - Castile</p> <p>OES - Fairport, Nolatka, Starlight</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia Olive Branch - LeRoy</p> <p>Damascus Shrine</p> <p>OES - Lilac Star</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Eunice - Caledonia (OV) Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster</p> <p>RSM - Palmyra Council</p> <p>Scottish Rite - BBB Night</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>O/S/Y District MDC - Pochantas Lodge, Seneca Falls</p>
<p>7</p> <p>Clio Lodge Spaghetti Dinners Weds 10th and 24th 287 East Avenue, Hilton</p>	<p>8</p> <p>ERAC-Shrine Center, BBF Fairport/Flower City Union Star (OV) - Honeoye Falls Unity - Spencerport, 1° Wakan/Hubbard - Penfield</p> <p>RAM - Excelsior - Shortsville</p> <p><b>Columbus Day Observed</b></p>	<p>9</p> <p>Eagle - Honeoye, 1° Seneca - Webster Valley-Simes, (OV), Shrine Center</p> <p>RAM - Dansville</p> <p>OES - Leah, Hilton; Mary Jane Holmes, Brockport</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Churchville Oatka - Scottsville, 1°</p> <p>Masonic Service Bureau Monthly Luncheon Meeting</p> <p>OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville, Corinthian Fellowship</p> <p>LIV Dist. GL Convention- Mt. Morris</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Fame, Shrine Center Milnor - Victor Union - Lima</p> <p>RAM - Hiram</p> <p>Lalla Rookh Caldron- Election</p>	<p>12</p> <p><b>Columbus Day</b></p>
<p>14</p> <p>Spaghetti Dinner 3rd Wed. each month Milnor Lodge Gah-A-Yan-Duk Chapter</p> <p>Spaghetti Dinner 3rd Thur. each month Eagle Lodge Eagle Chapter Honeoye</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Canandaigua- Shortsville, BBF West Star - Varysburg</p> <p>KT - Cyrene/Monroe - Pittsford</p> <p>Lalla Rookh Grotto Legion of Honor</p> <p>Shrine Lunch Club - Ladies Day</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Clio - Hilton Craftsman Robertson, Shrine Center Garoga/Sincerity - Phelps Nunda Station</p> <p>OES - Nolatka, Starlight</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Ark - Geneva Drumlin Square - Palmyra Livonia (OV) Olive Branch - LeRoy</p> <p>RSM - Doric Council, Pittsford</p> <p>Lalla Rookh Grotto</p> <p>OES - Lilac Star</p> <p>GW Dist GL Convention</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Eunice - Caledonia Hesperus - Bergen Northfield - Pittsford Webster</p> <p>Scottish Rite - Symbolic Blue Lodge Awards</p>	<p>19</p> <p>KT - Sagoyewatha - Phelps</p> <p>DeMolay - Penfield, Installation (2 p.m) and LOH Investiture (4:30 p.m.) Pochantas, Seneca Falls</p>
<p>21</p> <p>10th Anniversary of Frank &amp; Betty Paul M.L.C. at Casa Larga Vineyards, Fairport</p>	<p>22</p> <p>ERAC, (OV), Shrine Center Fairport/Flower City Union Star-Honeoye Falls Unity - Spencerport Wakan-Hubbard-Penfield</p> <p>LIV - Association Meeting at Phoenix Lodge</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Eagle - Honeoye</p> <p>RAM - Dansville, LeRoy</p> <p>OES - Leah, Hilton</p> <p>MON Dist. GL Convention</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Churchville Oatka - (OV) Scottsville</p> <p>Tall Cedars of Lebanon</p> <p>OES - Canandaigua Fenogowone - Shortsville, Corinthian Fellowship</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Fame, Shrine Center Milnor - Victor Union - Lima</p> <p>RAM - Hiram</p> <p>James A. Hard/Wayne Charter Post</p> <p>Wayne Dist. GL Convention</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Lalla Rookh Caldron Installation, Spencerport</p>
<p>28</p> <p>MON - Masonic Service Bureau Interfaith Service and Brunch, Country Party House; East Rochester</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p><b>Halloween</b></p>	<p>NOV. 1</p> <p>Wayne Dist. GL Convention</p>	